

Flowers for Mary



Photo by Karen Baker | COURTESY MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH

Victoria Liberto, who completed the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program at Mary Queen of Peace Parish in Mandeville, places flowers on the statue of Mary Queen of Peace in front of the parish center. Liberto will be confirmed in the near future. See more May crowning photos from around the archdiocese on page 8.



Photo | COURTESY SENTILLES FAMILY

Identical twins Joseph and Kevin Sentilles donated their plasma after having developed antibodies to the COVID-19 virus. Kevin received plasma as a newborn in 2001 during a prolonged delivery.

Twins' crusading efforts

By Christine Bordelon
Clarion Herald

The answer was a no-brainer for identical, 18-year-old twins Joseph and Kevin Sentilles.

After the twins contracted and beat the coronavirus, they were asked to donate their plasma to help save others' lives. After all, their mother Nora, older sister Michelle and brother Julian also had tested positive.

"I never really considered 'no' for an option," said Kevin Sentilles, a Brother Martin senior. "Seeing my mom go through this and how sick she was, if someone could donate plasma and help her – now,

I could save someone else's mom or dad or son."

"We had no idea about the possibility we could help others with our antibodies," said Joseph. "We didn't know antibodies were a thing. We didn't know we could do anything other than stay away from people."

The twins donated their plasma May 1 at the blood bank of East Jefferson General Hospital, where they were born.

A personal connection

The Sentilles family ordeal began around March 23, when
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Churches permitted to use 25% capacity for all Masses

By Peter Finney Jr.
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Taking steps toward allowing more people to practice their faith publicly, Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards opened the door May 11 for churches in the state to offer worship services with congregations of up to 25% of their seating capacities, beginning Friday, May 15.

A day later, New Orleans

Mayor LaToya Cantrell announced slightly stricter reopening guidelines for Orleans Parish churches, which she said would take effect on Saturday, May 16.

Cap of 100 in N.O. churches

While agreeing with the state's 25% capacity requirement, the city of New Orleans's guidelines cap the congregation size at 100. Cantrell also said during this first phase
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Parents, teachers and students have shown great perseverance



Archbishop Gregory M. AYMOND

These last two months have been challenging for parents, teachers and students in keeping Catholic education going in a remote fashion. What are your thoughts about the sacrifices everyone is making?

I'm sure it's more difficult to teach virtually than it is to teach in the classroom. I've heard some teachers say that. And, it's certainly difficult for parents to homeschool their kids when that is something they're not accustomed to. The coronavirus crisis has caused all of us to expand our usual routines and responsibilities. I am deeply grateful to school administrators, teachers and all those who have made education possible, even though our physical schools are closed. Parents continue in their role as parents but now are taking on an unaccustomed teaching role and the challenging role of finding something for their kids to do all day and all night. It is in these moments that we are reminded of our vocation and our dependence upon the Holy Family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus, who can help us to have patience and to do the tasks that lie before us.

You have to feel badly about the graduating seniors this year.

My heart goes out in a special way to high school seniors and the seventh graders in our elementary schools who would have graduated this month. Their day of joy – a day to really look forward to – all of sudden has been taken from them. Parents have an important responsibility in helping their children cope with this by acknowledging their children's disappointment and helping them learn how to live with this kind of sad news. It's a teachable moment because similar situations will happen throughout life, and it will teach us how we deal with disappointment.



Photos | COURTESY ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL

Long-time educator's legacy is 'instilling faith'

By Christine Bordelon
Clarion Herald

School Sister of Notre Dame Marie Jo Lazzeri, born into a large Italian family in Illinois, was given the baptismal name of Dolores since her birth date – Sept. 21 – was closest to Our Lady of Sorrows feast, and Dolores means "sorrow" in Latin.

But the 86-year-old, who is retiring this year as religious director at St. Dominic School in New Orleans, has

lived a life of anything but sorrow.

Every morning since 1991, when she joined St. Dominic as assistant principal, she's led the faculty and student body in prayer.

"She is the heart and soul of our school," said long-time faculty member Amy Faciane, a second-grade teacher who now is in the resources department. "She is the spiritual director of faculty and our children. She has led by example and is led by faith."