

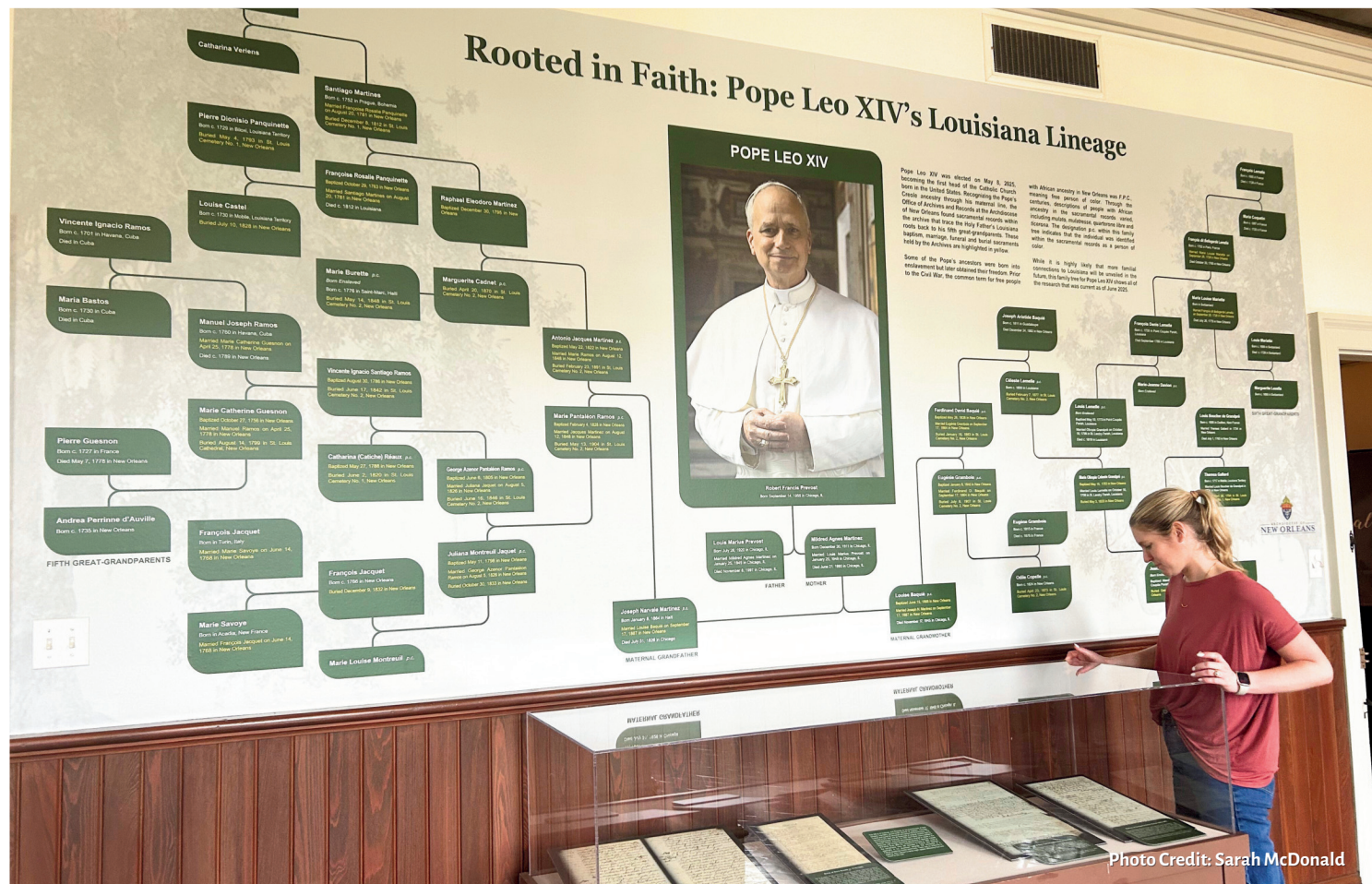


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Archdiocesan Director of Archives & Records Katie Beeman adjusts the exhibit case of the new installation at the Old Ursuline Convent Museum. "Rooted in Faith: Pope Leo XIV's Louisiana Lineage" traces the Holy Father's family connections to New Orleans back to his maternal fifth great-grandparents.

Rooted in Faith: Pope Leo XIV's Louisiana Lineage

By Katie Beeman & Sarah Waits

The Office of Archives and Records has installed a new exhibit at the Old Ursuline Convent Museum in the French Quarter, titled "Rooted in Faith: Pope Leo XIV's Louisiana Lineage." This installation features a

comprehensive family tree that highlights Pope Leo's Catholic connections to New Orleans through his maternal ancestors. Although both Pope Leo and his mother, Mildred Agnes Martinez, were born in Chicago, Mildred's family has deep roots in the Crescent City, with

generations having been born and raised here.

"Discovering the baptismal record of Pope Leo's great-grandmother was one of the most extraordinary finds of my career," said (see [POPE](#) p. 17)

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Jubilee 2025: St. Louis Cathedral Draws Jubilee Pilgrims



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St. Louis Cathedral sits in Jackson Square, New Orleans. As an icon of the city and symbol of the rich Catholic faith and heritage in the area, St. Louis Cathedral is a spiritual home for local Catholics and tourists alike.

Jubilee 2025

This Jubilee Year provides an opportunity to make a pilgrimage to various holy places throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans. In each edition of the Clarion through the end of the year, one local pilgrimage site will be highlighted. May the pilgrims who visit these designated sites during this holy year grow deeper in relationship with Christ Jesus and be strengthened in faith, HOPE and love.

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The Diocese of Louisiana was established in 1793, and the new Spanish Cathedral was completed and consecrated in 1794. In 1851 Archbishop Antoine Blanc blessed the newly expanded and restored Cathedral. Elements of the earlier churches are included in the present structure, and there have been many additions and improvements made throughout the years.

In 1964, Pope Paul VI raised the Cathedral to the rank of Minor Basilica, citing its splendor, antiquity, historical significance and pastoral zeal.

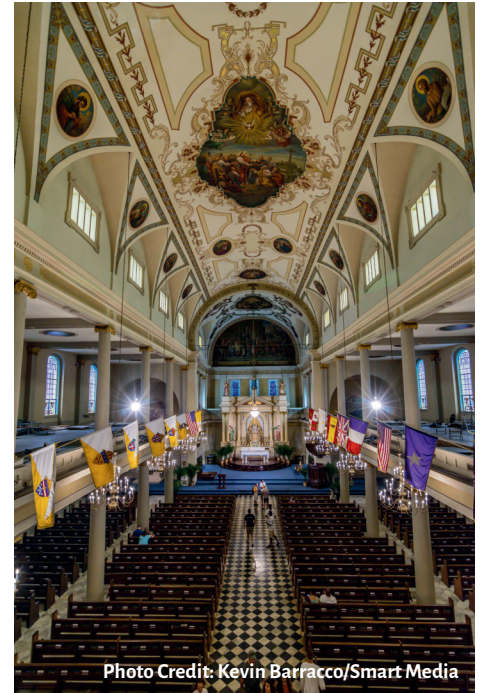


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Archbishop Aymond: A New Chapter for the Clarion Herald



**Archbishop Gregory
AYMOND**

Archbishop of New Orleans

Welcome to the first edition of the new Clarion Herald! It is my sincere hope that you will enjoy this publication: reading and seeing the news of the Archdiocese of New Orleans contained in this first one and those that follow.

In beginning anew, we look to honor the past. Words cannot truly express the gratitude I, and so many others, have for over 60 years of the Clarion Herald. I want to once again publicly thank those who have worked on the staff of the

Clarion Herald over the years, especially Peter Finney Jr. upon his retirement, for sharing the stories of our local church and their commitment to journalistic integrity.

Today we celebrate a new chapter for the Clarion Herald. Through the efforts of a small group, we have entered into an agreement with LPi to maintain a bi-weekly print presence in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This is indeed an innovative partnership that will benefit the people of the archdiocese. I am very excited about this partnership and that we are able to continue to provide for those who want to keep the Clarion Herald in their hands as well as online.

With this change also comes some exciting

digital rebrands to honor the legacy of the Clarion Herald and the Catholic media that has come before it. We are particularly excited about the digital rebrand of Kids' Clarion that will be distributed to our students in Catholic school and in our parish schools of religion along with a "leader guide" to help our young people engage with the content in ways that are aligned with using technology in education and faith formation.

I know change can bring along with it some anxiety, but we are able to move forward and build on a strong foundation for sharing our stories, the good news about the "Good News of Christ" and celebrating the stories of faith, beauty, tradition and inspiration that make the Catholic Church in New Orleans.

Louisiana Legislature Touts Pope Leo XIV's Louisiana Roots

By: Sarah McDonald

When local news outlets began reporting Pope Leo XIV, formerly Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, had connections to New Orleans, the Louisiana Legislature took notice.

Once the connections were confirmed by both records in the Archdiocesan Archives as well as genealogy research from the Historic New Orleans Collection family historian Jari C. Honora, the legislators from the New Orleans area moved quickly to officially recognize the connections with a formal House Resolution.

"Louisiana is a predominantly Catholic state with the second oldest diocese in the country here in New Orleans," said State Representative Michael Bayham, a parishioner at Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Chalmette, who spearheaded House Resolution 184. "We felt it appropriate to recognize and honor Pope Leo's family connections to New Orleans and the 7th Ward and Treme area."

On July 1, Representative Bayham and State Representative Shaun Mena formally presented the House Resolution to Archbishop Aymond.



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Representative Michael Bayham, Archbishop Gregory Aymond, Representative Shaun Mena and LCCB Director Tom Costanza with House Resolution 184 commending Pope Leo XIV.

After describing Pope Leo's connections to New Orleans and the State of Louisiana, the resolution in part reads, "Therefore be it resolved that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Robert Francis Prevost on his election to the leadership of the Catholic Church as Pope Leo XIV and does hereby express sincerest

wishes that he prosper in his endeavors as the Bishop of Rome."

"As a practicing Catholic and parishioner at St. Raymond-St. Leo, it is an honor to have partnered with Representative Bayham on this resolution," added Representative Mena. "It is always an honor to serve the Catholic (see [RESOLUTION](#) p. 17)

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New Door at Divine Mercy Parish is a Welcome for All



**Kristen
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Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities at Divine Mercy Parish

"Loving Mercifully, Living Marian" are the words printed on the welcome doormats of Divine Mercy Church in Kenner, sharing St. Faustina Kowalska's message of God's mercy extended to all who enter this sacred space. Now, thanks to the newly installed automatic door, the parish is better able to reflect our Savior's compassion and embrace this message from our Patron Saint who so eloquently said "All souls can find refuge in His mercy."

Enhancing Belonging for ALL

Divine Mercy pastor Father Luis Rodriguez and Parochial Vicar Father Austin Barr are committed to supporting people with disabilities, whom I prefer to refer to as "people who are challenged." The installation of the automatic door opener encourages a greater number of people to glorify God by fostering more inclusive worship participation for individuals who may have unique gifts to share.

Now, when anyone enters our church, regardless of ability, their first impression is one of belonging. With one push of a button, our church is better able to serve and minister to those who might feel isolated in the church environment or society at large. Not only does this assist individuals with disabilities, but it also helps parents with strollers, children who may require a bit more time to enter, or those who may struggle with opening heavy doors.

This new feature is an enormous blessing for all individuals and families who enter our church.

Community Support and Acknowledgments

The contributions from the Divine Mercy Parish Disability Ministry, a bake sale organized by the Altar Society and support from the parish community were pivotal in showcasing "disability awareness." The ongoing



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The new automatic door welcomes those of all abilities at Divine Mercy Parish. Pictured is Parochial Vicar Austin Barr with members of the committee that made the automatic door a reality.

support from the Archdiocesan Commission for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) is also vital.

A special thank you goes to all community members who purchased baked goods, everyone in the Altar Society who contributed to the bake sale's success, the installation company (Allegion) and the electrician, Ronnie Jouandot of Jouandot Electrical Services.

Particular recognition is due to Father Austin Barr, whose efforts were crucial in securing the automatic door opener for the parish. He coordinated the delivery and professional installation of the device and worked with the electrician to ensure it was powered. His contributions, alongside essential contacts from his family, make attending Mass easier for everyone, regardless of ability.

Living St. Faustina's Message

Accessibility efforts within the Catholic Church are progressing both locally and nationally. The National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) was established in 1982, and in 1995, the Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities were adopted. Since then, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has approved and passed pastoral statements to address the role of persons with disabilities in the life of the Church.

In the words that Jesus gave Sister Faustina to record for the first day of the Novena to the Divine Mercy: "Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon ALL MANKIND..." It is through the installation of the automatic door opener that our parish is better able to more fully welcome "all mankind" (everyone) to gaze at our Eucharistic Lord. Indeed, everyone is welcome at Divine Mercy Church.



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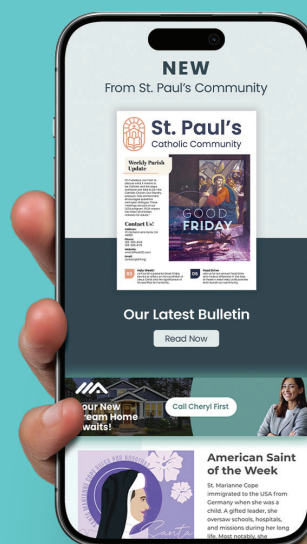
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Young Women's Pilgrimage: "On Fire" with Radiant Faith



**Aimee
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St. Anselm Parish

"Do you speak French?" the petite religious sister asked me beneath the soaring white arches of Sacré-Cœur Basilica in Paris. I thought quickly about the French classes I'd been taking uptown, but had to be honest.

"Not yet," I replied.

"This is okay," she smiled. "I just wanted to ask you - who are all these beautiful young women with you?"

The young women were 21 pilgrims whom my husband, Colin, and I were leading on pilgrimage through France. United through St. Anselm Parish, the pilgrims represented different Catholic high schools, public schools and homeschools. The sister, who had noticed them praying at chapels throughout the basilica and placing intentions before the Blessed Sacrament, was right - they were beautiful, indeed.

Together with our colleague Kadee Krieger, we began leading pilgrimages a few years ago to immerse young people in the beauty and universality of our Catholic faith. Pilgrimage draws us out of the familiar and into unique encounters with God and grace. In late May, our 2025 cohort embarked upon an itinerary that followed sacred places across France.

In Paris, we visited the newly restored Notre-Dame Cathedral, Saint-Sulpice and Sacré-Cœur, where perpetual adoration has continued for 139 years. We attended Mass in the chapel where Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Labouré and gave the design for the Miraculous Medal. We prayed at Notre-Dame des Victoires, a favorite of many saints and venerated relics and tombs of holy men and women like St. Genevieve, St. Louise de Marillac, St. Marguerite-Marie Alacoque, St. Vincent de Paul and the Carmelite martyrs of Compiègne. As Catholics, we believe the beauty and joy of life also reveal the glory of God. Our pilgrims pondered masterpieces in the Musée d'Orsay, strolled the Tuileries gardens and of course shopped and took plenty of selfies at the Eiffel Tower.

On our way to Lisieux, we toured Monet's gardens in Giverny - an intentional day of flowers to introduce St. Thérèse, the Little Flower. In Lisieux, we visited St. Thérèse's childhood home, parish church, her convent, a museum featuring artifacts from her life and celebrated Mass in the chapel where she is buried. Our Lisieux visit concluded with prayer among the incredible mosaics in the Basilica of St. Thérèse and the tomb of her parents, Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin.



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The young women pilgrims at the Lisieux Carmel, the hometown of St. Thérèse, the Little Flower.



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Two of the young women pilgrims pray at the tomb of St. Thérèse, the Little Flower in Lisieux, France.

From there, our journey continued to the ancient stone abbeys and winding passageways of Mont-Saint-Michel, the golden beaches and medieval walls of Saint-Malo and the Gothic spires of Tours. We stopped for delicious meals, historic churches and charming villages in Honfleur, Beuvron-en-Auge, and Angers.

Our final destination was Orléans - the namesake of our archdiocese and the city at the heart of St. Joan of Arc's mission. In Orléans, we visited the house where she stayed, the cathedral and chapel where she prayed and the river she famously crossed to lift the siege.

Our pilgrimage brought us many other gifts: sunsets on castle walls; late-night walks around winding village lanes; special meals and new French friends; breathtaking beauty in the poppy fields under sunshine and blue skies.

But, the pilgrimage's most important and lasting fruit was spiritual. In the months before departure, pilgrims gathered for several formation nights to prepare. We collected intentions from family, friends, our parish and clergy (including the archbishop) to deliver at sacred sites. Our daily ministry program of prayer, keynote talks, activities and small group

discussions connected our destinations to the pilgrimage theme, "On Fire."

Each pilgrim received a custom journal and playlist with reflections, readings and prompts for personal growth. Each evening, we gathered to share graces from the day.

The sister at Sacré-Cœur was neither the first nor the last to comment on the radiant faith of our group. The French faithful expressed deep joy at seeing their holy places honored, venerated and occupied with prayer. From silent cathedrals to sparkling Seine sunsets, the greatest treasure of the pilgrimage was the deep, joyful spiritual sisterhood that blossomed.

"The world is your ship and not your home," said St. Thérèse. On this pilgrimage, we discovered that setting sail through sacred places doesn't just take us away - it leads us home: to God, to our faith and to one another.

Save the date for St. Anselm Parish's next pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, open to all young men and women from the archdiocese (May 28-June 7, 2026). [Click here for more information](#). The next young women's pilgrimage to France will occur in 2027.

Calling All Married Couples to the Annual Supper & Substance

by Janice Charbonnet

Willwoods Faith & Marriage Ministry

Just because summer is busy with family vacations, kid's camps, projects around the house and getting ready for the fall, it doesn't mean your marriage should come last. Date nights are an important part of keeping a marriage strong and healthy. But in the heat of the summer, what's a couple to do?

How about bowling? Maybe you both love to dance? When was the last time you enjoyed dinner out, or enjoyed a glass of wine together? Or listened to an inspiring Catholic couple give a talk on the secret to keeping their marriage joyful?

Better yet, how about all those options combined with friends? The ultimate summer date night for Catholic couples is just around the corner at the 16th annual Diocesan Supper and Substance event at MidCity Rock n' Bowl on Friday, July 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Hundreds of couples from parishes all over the diocese come each summer to enjoy one another

and support the ministry of Willwoods Faith and Marriage Apostolate. Tickets include drinks and food, bowling and the dancefloor favorites of one of New Orleans' premier party bands, "After Party."

Troy and Kristy Bourgeois will provide the "substance" of the evening with a powerful sharing about their marriage and how they keep each other a priority in their busy family life with three girls and a physical therapy practice.

The evening is laidback, casual and full of fun! Many attendees come because they have experienced firsthand the powerful effect of attending a Willwoods marriage retreat with their spouse and are motivated to support the ministry through this event. Others come because it's such an inspiring evening that leaves them feeling refreshed.

The event also serves to encourage parishes to continue their own "Supper and Substance" ministries. Clergy who come will see many other priests at the event who have seen the positive effects of a vibrant "Supper and Substance" program at the parish level.



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Transforming Power of Liturgy: Source & Summit, Life & Action



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Devoted participation in the liturgy transforms the Christian faithful, and, having been transformed, they become capable of transforming the world.

This truth is expressed at every Mass, especially in the Prayer after Communion and the Dismissal. In the Prayer after Communion, the Church “turns to God to thank him for having shared the banquet and to ask that what was received may transform our lives” (Pope Francis, General Audience, March 21, 2018). In the Dismissal, the deacon invites the Church to live out the Prayer after Communion by going forth. That Eucharistic call to go forth manifests “the relationship between the Mass just celebrated and the mission of Christians in the world” (Sacramentum caritatis, no. 51).

It is important to understand more fully the relationship between liturgical celebrations and

the Church's life and mission. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council aptly describes this relationship: “The sacred liturgy does not exhaust the entire activity of the Church” (no. 9). This sentence echoes Venerable Pius XII's address to the Assisi Congress: “The liturgy is the work of the whole Church. But we must add: the liturgy is not, however, the whole Church; it does not exhaust the scope of her activities” (The Assisi Papers: Proceedings of the First International Congress of Pastoral Liturgy, Assisi-Rome, September 18-22, 1956, pg. 226). In particular, Pope Pius has in mind the Church's duties of teaching, governing and pastoral care. These activities of the Church, while related to the liturgy, extend beyond it. It would be inappropriate to confuse these distinct acts with the liturgical one or for one to absorb the other.

In what way is the liturgy related to these actions that extend beyond the liturgical sphere? Even though the liturgy does not exhaust the action of the Church, it nevertheless “is the summit (culmen) toward which the activity (actio) of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font (fons) from which all her power flows” (no. 10). The footnotes of this paragraph in earlier drafts of Sacrosanctum

Concilium make clear that the language of “summit” and “font” is derived from the Church's teaching about the relationship between the sacrament of the Eucharist and the other sacraments. The Eucharist is the font from which the other sacraments flow, and the other sacraments are ordered to the Eucharist as to an end or summit. Thus, as the Eucharist is to the other sacraments, so the liturgy, with the Eucharist at its center, is to the action of the Church. The liturgy is not the entire activity of the Church, but the entire activity of the Church flows from the liturgy as from a font and is directed to the liturgy as to a summit.

The Eucharistic “heart” of the liturgy is important to keep in mind.

The liturgy has power to transform us, not only by our participation in it, but by works inspired by faith, such as to:

- care for the sick and dying;
- cherish and cultivate vocations to Holy Orders and the consecrated life;
- go forth with the Gospel to those on the margins and peripheries of society;
- uphold the dignity of all races and ethnicities;
- care for our common home; and
- gladly receive migrants, refugees and the poor.

We bear fruit interiorly by being transformed by God's gift of grace operating through the liturgy, which leads us to prayer and devotion. We bear fruit exteriorly by moving to action, transforming the world around us, fulfilling the good works of faith communicated in the liturgy. In this way, the liturgy is the source and summit of Christian life and action.

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Making Sense of Bioethics: It's Not Just About the Frozen Embryos



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I remember a conversation I had with a married Catholic couple a few years ago. They were feeling lost and desperate over their inability to conceive a child. They were casting about for options. They understood there were moral concerns with doing in vitro fertilization (IVF), though they weren't sure about the specifics, so they asked: "Would it be OK for us to do IVF as long as we don't make any extra embryos and we're careful to implant all the ones we make?" The thinking behind their question was understandable and they clearly recognized it would be wrong to produce and then store their embryonic sons and daughters in the deep freeze. It's important to note, however, that the possibility of "spare" embryos ending up in "frozen orphanages" would not be the only reason, or even the main reason, that IVF is morally unacceptable. The immorality of IVF is primarily due to the fact that the process turns human procreation into a method of

production in which children are made, not begotten.

Embryos certainly face grave risks whenever they are cryopreserved, and a significant percentage of them do not survive the steps of freezing and thawing. The cryostorage of embryos is a form of "collateral damage" that routinely occurs when IVF is done. Ethically speaking, doing IVF and making extra embryos would be more offensive than doing IVF without making extra embryos, in the same way that stealing jewels out of the bank vault and shooting the guards on the way out would be more objectionable than stealing the jewels nonviolently. Yet the action of absconding with the jewels remains seriously wrong in either case, apart from any considerations about whether the guards are harmed. Similarly, IVF does not become morally acceptable merely by eliminating the collateral damage associated with the process, whether it's the freezing of embryos, the "selective reductions" of twins and triplets, or any of the other objectionable practices that tend to be part of the process.

The heart of the IVF process itself, the

practice of joining sperm and egg together in the fertility clinic, remains an intrinsic evil, flowing from the decision to allow our offspring to be "manufactured." The domain of procreation is a delicate arena, one in which our human vulnerability is uniquely laid bare. We have a particular responsibility to safeguard our own sexuality and the origins of our children from damaging forces in this arena, which implies a duty to respect the marital act as the unique locus and setting for the engendering of new human life.

IVF is not really a "treatment" for infertility, given that the couple remains as infertile after doing IVF as they were before they started the process, with the underlying cause of their sterility remaining unaddressed and unresolved. The procedure offers little more than a workaround to completely bypass the marital act — an expensive, complex, unwieldy substitute, not a genuine therapy.

Through IVF, husband and wife use their own (or even another person's) sex cells to become "donors", while constructing their own offspring through a kind of programmed project, (see [FROZEN](#) p 23)



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A local group of young pilgrims from St. Anselm Parish were among the first to visit the newly restored Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, France.



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St. Benilde pastor, Fr. Matthew Johnston, playing Cabbageball with parish youth after a Rooted Night, a parish wide formation night for all ages.



Photo Credit: Fr. Andrew Gutierrez

Students from Archbishop Rummel and Archbishop Chapelle High Schools traveled to San Marcos Village in Punta Gorda, Belize, for their annual mission trip. The mission includes evangelization and infrastructure projects for the church and school and home visits to the sick. Each day, the Missionaries began with a holy half hour of prayer with the Blessed Sacrament, reflecting on the Sacred Scriptures.



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The newest Archbishop Rummel Raiders spent the day growing in faith and brotherhood at their Summer Orientation retreat attending Mass and benediction at Notre Dame Seminary.



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Comet Baseball players coach a camper in the cages during St. Charles Catholic High School's mini baseball camp.



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Mary, Queen of Peace campus in Mandeville was bursting with energy, laughter and the joy of Vacation Bible School! From the moment the children arrived, they were captivated on their "Journey to Judea," where every lesson, skit, song and snack pointed back to one simple truth: Jesus invites us to sit with him and learn from him. Developed by Nicole Johnson, Co-director of Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation, the theme stretched over five days: At Jesus's table, all are welcome, there's more than enough, everything changes, he shows us love, and he asks us to invite others to the table.



Photo Credit: St. Joan of Arc, LaPlace

Summer camp fun has been bubbling over at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School in LaPlace where campers are taking part in many fun and exciting activities and building friendships.



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Youth and their families from Blessed Sacrament St Joan of Arc parish gathered for a Pilgrimage to the Blessed Seelos Shrine, a first for many. Participants visited the museum and watched an informative movie before going to the church for prayer and a presentation by a Seelos volunteer. It was a wonderful spiritual experience and all are looking forward to another Pilgrimage experience soon.



Photo Credit: Fr. Andrew Gutierrez

Fr. Andrew Raffanti from the Diocese of Memphis joined the Rummel and Chapelle Missionaries for home visits and mission work, hoping to bring the experience back to his own diocese.



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The youth of St. Jerome Parish attended the Steubenville South conference. It was a weekend of transformation, from June 20 to 22 as the group experienced powerful moments of joy and healing. The teens enjoyed praise, worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and more. "For the LORD, your God, is a consuming fire..." Deuteronomy 4:24

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What is “Living Liturgically”?

Staff Reports

The liturgical calendar has the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and ordinary time. It includes holy days: solemnities, feast days celebrating the saints, and important events in the lives of the Holy Family and the early Church. There are days for feasting and days for fasting, seasons for preparation, for penance, for celebration.

Liturgical living is the way we approach those days and seasons, particularly in regards to the Mass. Liturgical living in daily life means making those devotions associated with specific seasons and months and days part of our daily lives and into the life of our families. Liturgical living is truly living our Baptismal call to strive for holiness on a path to sainthood.

As we look ahead to the Church calendar into the month of July, let us reflect on the inspiring stories of saints like St. Kateri Tekakwitha and St. Mary Magdalen to pray for us and be an example for us in living liturgically everyday.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Patron Saint of Indigenous Americans

Feast Day: July 14

Known as the “Lily of the Mohawks”, Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 to a Mohawk chief and a Christian Algonquin woman. When she was four years old, a smallpox outbreak killed many in her village. Her parents and brother died, and Kateri herself was left with a scarred face and permanently darkened vision. She was adopted by her uncle, a powerful Mohawk brave who had a strong dislike for the Christian missionaries.

As the result of a peace treaty with the French, the Mohawk allowed Jesuit missionaries into their settlements. When Kateri was about 18, she began instructions in the Catholic faith. She was Baptized on Easter Sunday 1676.

It is written about Kateri that she did everything she could to stay holy in a secular society. Kateri refused to marry, taking a vow of perpetual virginity and living a life of prayer, virtue, sacrifice and penance for the sake of others.



Photo Credit: Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Saint Mary Magdalen

Patron Saint of Women and Repentant Sinners

Feast Day: July 22

Mary Magdalene, known for her deep connection to Jesus, is traditionally believed to have been from Magdala near Galilee.

In the New Testament, she is noted for her unwavering support of Jesus, being among those who ministered to him and who witnessed his crucifixion. Mary Magdalene was the first person to witness Christ's resurrection, a pivotal moment in Christian faith.

The identity of Mary Magdalene in biblical texts has been a subject of debate. Some propose she is the same as the repentant “sinner” who anointed Jesus' feet, while others associate her with Mary, sister of Martha and Lazarus. Catholic tradition often identifies these figures as one and the same, highlighting Mary Magdalene's transformative journey from a troubled past to becoming a devoted follower of Christ.

She played a crucial role in early Christianity, particularly as the first witness to the risen Christ, earning her the title “Apostle to the Apostles.” In subsequent Christian history, various traditions surround Mary Magdalene's life after Christ's ascension. Accounts differ on whether she traveled to Ephesus with the Virgin Mary or settled in southern France, where she devoted herself to a life of penance. Her relics were venerated in different places over the centuries, underscoring her enduring impact on Christian spirituality.



Mary Magdalene's story serves as a testament to the transformative power of faith and the central role of women in the early Christian community.

Patron saint of; against sexual temptation, apothecaries, contemplatives, converts, glove makers, hairdressers, hairstylists, penitent sinners, penitent women, people ridiculed for their piety, perfumers, reformed prostitutes, tanners, women and the Diocese of Salt Lake City.

Catholics can celebrate the Feast Day of St. Mary Magdalen by:

- Learning more about her life online by visiting <http://nolacatholic.org/livingliturgically>;
- Praying for those who live on the margins of society
- Visiting St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Metairie; or
- Attending Mass

Anima Christi Prayer

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Permit me not to be separated from you.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to
you that with your saints I may praise you
forever and ever.*

Amen.



El poder transformador de la liturgia

By: USCCB Committee on Divine Worship

Fuente y cumbre, vida y acción

La participación devota en la liturgia transforma a los fieles cristianos y, una vez transformados, se vuelven capaces de transformar el mundo. Esta verdad se expresa en cada Misa, especialmente en la Oración después de la Comunión y en la despedida. En la Oración después de la Comunión, la Iglesia “se dirige a Dios para darle las gracias por habernos hecho sus comensales y pedir que lo que hemos recibido transforme nuestra vida” (Papa Francisco, Audiencia general, 21 de marzo de 2018). En la despedida, el diácono invita a vivir la Oración después de la Comunión como Iglesia en salida. Ese llamado eucarístico a salir manifiesta “la relación entre la Misa celebrada y la misión cristiana en el mundo” (Sacramentum caritatis, n. 51).

Es importante comprender más plenamente la relación entre las celebraciones litúrgicas y la vida y misión de la Iglesia. La Constitución sobre la sagrada Liturgia del Concilio Vaticano II describe acertadamente esta relación: “La sagrada Liturgia no agota toda la actividad de la Iglesia” (n. 9). Esta frase se hace eco del discurso

I del venerable Pío XII en el Congreso de Asís: “La liturgia es obra de toda la Iglesia. Pero debemos añadir: la liturgia no es, sin embargo, toda la Iglesia; no agota el campo de sus actividades” (Renovación de la liturgia pastoral en el pontificado de S.S. Pío XII: Crónica y discursos del Primer Congreso Internacional de Liturgia Pastoral, Asís-Roma, 18-22 de septiembre de 1956). En particular, el Papa Pío tiene en mente los deberes de enseñanza, gobierno y cuidado pastoral de la Iglesia. Estas actividades de la Iglesia, si bien están relacionadas con la liturgia, se extienden más allá de ella. Sería inadecuado confundir estos actos distintos con el litúrgico o que uno absorbiera al otro.

¿De qué manera se relaciona la liturgia con estas acciones que se extienden más allá del ámbito litúrgico? Aunque la liturgia no agota la acción de la Iglesia, sin embargo “es la cumbre (culmen) a la cual tiende la actividad (actio) de la Iglesia y al mismo tiempo la fuente (fons) de donde mana toda su fuerza” (n. 10). Las notas a pie de página de este párrafo en borradores iniciales de Sacrosanctum Concilium dejan claro que el lenguaje de “cumbre” y “fuente” se deriva de la enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre la

relación entre el sacramento de la Eucaristía y los demás sacramentos. La Eucaristía es la fuente de la que manan los demás sacramentos, y los demás sacramentos están ordenados a la Eucaristía como a un fin o cumbre. Entonces, tal como la Eucaristía es a los demás sacramentos, así la liturgia, con la Eucaristía en su centro, es a la acción de la Iglesia. La liturgia no es toda la actividad de la Iglesia, pero toda la actividad de la Iglesia mana de la liturgia como de una fuente y se dirige a la liturgia como a una cumbre.

Es importante tener presente el “corazón” eucarístico de la liturgia. Los documentos que siguen a la Constitución sobre la sagrada Liturgia refinan su articulación de la liturgia como fuente y cumbre. En *Lumen gentium*, la Constitución dogmática sobre la Iglesia del Concilio Vaticano II: “Participando del sacrificio eucarístico, [sacrificio que es] fuente (fons) y cumbre (culmen) de toda la vida (vita) cristiana, [los fieles] ofrecen a Dios la Víctima divina y se ofrecen a sí mismos juntamente con ella” (n. 11). En *Presbyterorum ordinis*, el Decreto sobre el ministerio y la vida de los presbíteros: “Los demás sacramentos, al igual que todos los (see [LITURGIA](#) p. 23)

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POPE

archdiocesan archivist Katie Beeman, who is director of the Office of Archives and Records.

"His great-grandmother, Eugenie Baquie, was baptized in 1840 at St. Louis Cathedral. Learning that she was baptized in the oldest continuously operating cathedral in the United States is just the beginning of her family's deep connection to New Orleans," continued Beeman.

"We have traced Pope Leo's family lineage back to the 1750s, with many of the sacraments occurring at St. Louis Cathedral."

The Office of Archives and Records holds sacramental records of baptisms, marriages, funerals and burials dating back over 300 years. With nearly 3,500 sacramental record books, the archdiocesan staff has dedicated hundreds of hours to researching the lineage of Pope Leo XIV.

During this meticulous research, the archives team discovered many of Pope Leo's Louisiana ancestors, with the oldest record dated 1728, at a time when the budding French colony was just a small settlement along the Mississippi River.

While various news outlets have traced the Pope's lineage back to Europe, the Archives Office concentrated on exploring the extensive local Catholic records in our holdings to share his family's story. The family tree includes more than 50 of Mildred's ancestors, with nearly every individual linked to at least one sacramental record connecting them to New Orleans or Louisiana.

Among these ancestors, 19 were identified as free people of color in the sacramental records, indicating a mixed African and European heritage. Notably, three of these ancestors, Jeannette Glapion, Marie-Louise and Marie Burette, were born enslaved in the 18th century.

Scans of all the sacramental records used as



From start to finish, the staff of Uptown Graphics meticulously installed the elements to tell the story of Pope Leo's Louisiana lineage.



Photo Credit: Sarah McDonald

source material for the family tree will soon be available for viewing through an online exhibit hosted on the Archives' website at <https://nolacatholic.org>.

Coming Soon to the Convent Museum

"Rooted in Faith" is the first of several new exhibits coming to the Old Ursuline Convent Museum this Fall. The new exhibits are planned along with original programming to celebrate the legacy of the Catholic Church in New Orleans sponsored by the Catholic Cultural Heritage Center.

The Old Ursuline Convent Museum is located at 1112 Chartres St. in New Orleans. It is open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Those interested in setting up a group tour may call (504) 529-3040 or visit oldursulineconventmuseum.com/group-tours.

RESOLUTION

community and the community at large."

When presenting the archbishop with the resolution, both Representatives Bayham and Mena expressed hope that the new Holy Father's connections to the area would increase interest in the Cause for Canonization of Venerable Henriette Delille, a native of New Orleans and Free Woman of Color who founded the Sisters of the Holy Family.

They also expressed gratitude for the commitment of the Louisiana Bishops for their commitment to life, not just in terms of abortion, but particularly for their work together on the issue of maternal and infant wellness in Louisiana this legislative session.

The complete verbiage and an image of House Resolution 184 can be found online at clarionherald.org.



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Walking the Camino de Santiago with Intent and Intentions



**Vivian
MARINO**

NOLACatholic Parenting
Columnist & Blogger

Last year, I walked the Camino de Santiago, specifically the Camino Frances, with my siblings and close friends. This was a journey that left a deep and lasting mark on my heart so much so that when I returned home, I immediately booked my second Camino for Summer 2025. However this time, things would be a bit different.

My husband and two of our four children would be along for the journey. We would be doing the Portuguese route known as the Camino Portuguese. In addition, I added a visit to Fatima prior to starting the Camino. It has been my husband's dream to visit the site so my thoughts were go big or go home!

Before setting out on my first Camino pilgrimage, I gathered a small book of prayer intentions. These came from personal friends and members of the Many Hail Mary's At a Time online community, a spiritual family I hold close to my heart. My one piece of suggested advice was to ask big that way when the prayer was answered, they knew it could have only been because of God.

I carried those intentions with me throughout the Camino, each one a quiet companion on the journey. When I reached Santiago de Compostela, the final destination of the Camino, I placed the book beneath the relics of St. James at the Cathedral, offering every intention at his feet.

In January of this year, as I prepared for this pilgrimage to Fatima and the Camino Portuguese, I felt called to do the same. I began collecting intentions once again, starting with a single notebook. The same piece of advice was given: ask big.

As the months passed, the prayers poured in. By the time I was getting ready to leave, I had two books completely filled with intentions. In fact, the books were overflowing with handwritten prayers, names, and sealed envelopes entrusted to me with deep faith. Some requested their intentions remain unopened, and I honored that sacred trust by attaching them securely to the books.

Along with the two books filled with written intentions, I also carried a third book. This book was filled with the names of those who had submitted prayers, as well as individuals my husband and I were lifting up in prayer. The plan was to leave the first two books at the Chapel of the Apparitions in Fatima, the sacred site where Our Lady appeared to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco in 1917. The third book, holding all those cherished names, would be carried to the end of the Camino and left beneath the



Photo Credit: Vivian Marino

NOLACatholic Parenting columnist Vivian Marino celebrates after completing the Camino de Santiago in 2024. This year she is going back with her husband and two children armed with prayer intentions.

relics of St. James in Santiago de Compostela, a final offering of love, hope and intercession.

My husband and I were deeply moved by the outpouring of intentions. The intentions came not only from those nearby, but also from across the world, including Croatia, Australia, and the Philippines. As I gathered each intention, one word kept rising in my heart: hope. It reminded me of a quote I love from Pope Benedict XVI: "One who has hope lives differently." Carrying these intentions has shown me just how powerfully hope lives in the hearts of those who believe.

The beautiful mystery of prayer and offering petitions involves a few essential things. First, hope - the belief that your prayer will be heard. Second, trust - a quiet confidence that God will respond, though perhaps not in the way we expect. And third, surrender - the willingness to place your request in God's hands and let go. Once we offer our prayer, it becomes His business, not ours.

One thing is certain with prayer: the answer comes according to His will, not our own. Our part is simply to ask with faith, and that's exactly what each person did when they entrusted me with their intentions.

As I am writing this, I'm sitting near the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, quietly reflecting and savoring the grace and beauty woven into every moment of this journey. Just the day before, my husband and I placed the two books of intentions by Our Lady at the Chapel of Apparitions. It was a surreal moment, one that filled us with deep peace and quiet joy. In that

offering, we knew we had placed everything in Mary's loving hands, entrusting her to carry each intention to the heart of her Son and to intercede for us.

Now, we continue on to the Camino, carrying the third book of names to its final resting place beneath the relics of St. James. After that, we will return home with hearts full, spirits lifted and a renewed sense of just how powerfully hope and prayer move through the lives of those who believe.

In the end, this pilgrimage was never just about the places visited or the miles walked. It was about carrying the intentions, burdens and hopes of others with reverence and love. It was about letting Mary and the saints intercede, and about surrendering all we cannot carry alone into God's faithful hands.

May this be an invitation to all of us: to walk with faith, to carry one another in prayer and to never stop hoping. "For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear, I will help you." Isaiah 41:13

What is the Camino de Santiago?

The Camino de Santiago, also known as the Way of St. James, is a network of pilgrimage routes across Europe, all converging at the Santiago de Compostela Cathedral in Spain. Pilgrims journey to this cathedral to visit the shrine that houses the remains of the apostle Saint James. The Camino is popular for its historical and spiritual significance, attracting both religious pilgrims and those seeking personal reflection or a physical challenge.

Around the Archdiocese

God's Special Children Mass

Sunday, July 13 at 2 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 444 Metairie Road, Metairie. All are welcome to the celebration of the Eucharist with "God's Special Children."

Five Day Silent Directed Retreat

July 24-30 at The Cenacle on the Lake, 5500 St. Mary Blvd., Metairie

A directed retreat is a completely silent retreat. Each retreatant meets daily with a spiritual director, is given scripture to pray with and spends the rest of the day in silence, prayer and rest. Through scripture and reflection under the daily guidance of the Spiritual Director, the retreatant will become more aware of God's presence and action in their life. Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center. Visit <https://nolacatholic.org/registration> or call (504)861-3254 for more information.

Open House for Notre Dame Seminary Programs for Laity

Friday, July 25 at 6 p.m. at Notre Dame Seminary, 2901 S. Carrollton Ave., New Orleans. The Notre Dame Seminary (NDS) Programs for the Laity will host an Open House on July 25 and all are invited to attend. The seminary offers three programs for the laity: The Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry (ILEM), the

Master of Arts in Pastoral Leadership (MAPL), and the Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS). For more information or to RSVP email layprograms@nds.edu.

Hallelujah Workshop

July 21-26 at the Xavier University Institute for Black Catholic Studies, New Orleans

The Institute for Black Catholic Studies will present the 2025 Hallelujah Workshop from Monday, July 21 through Friday, July 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Workshops will close on Saturday, July 26 with a joyful celebration of faith and culture. Registration is limited.

Request more information by sending an email entitled, "Hallelujah Workshop" to: bridges.virtualassistant@gmail.com.

Solemn Novena to St. Ann

July 18-26 at St. Ann Church and Shrine, 3601 Transcontinental Drive, Metairie

Fr. Ricardo Pineda, CPM will lead the novena on the theme of "Go to Joseph". Weekday Masses at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Weekend Masses are Saturday at 10 a.m. & 4 p.m., Sunday at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., & 5 p.m. Healing Mass on Saturday, July 26 at 10 a.m. with Prayer Blankets available.

St. Jude Summer Novena

July 26-August 3 at Our Lady of Guadalupe/International Shrine of St. Jude, 411 N. Rampart St., New Orleans

Fr. Richard Sudlik, OMI will present on the theme: "Pilgrims of Hope". Masses are Saturday July 26 and August 2 at 7 a.m., noon, and 4 p.m.; Sunday, July 27 and August 3 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. (Spanish) and 6 p.m.; Monday, July 28 through Friday, August 1, 7 a.m. and noon. Call (504)525-1551 or visit www.judeshrine.com for more.

Charismatic Healing Mass at Center of Jesus the Lord

Saturday, July 26 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1235 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans. Praise and Worship at 10 a.m., Eucharistic Celebration at 10:30 a.m., and healing prayer following Mass. Please contact Helen Owens at (504)529-1636 for more information.

The Forge: The Fr. Chester P. Smith National Black Catholic Men's Conference

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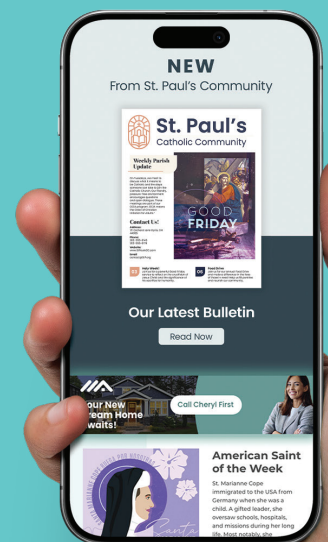
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St. Mary's Dominican High School's Summer Camps delivered a bounty of fun for campers in DominiCamp and Jumpin' for Joy. From singing and dancing to Joyful Noise and the faith-filled adventures in Bibleosity, to DramaRama, cooking and filming – each week was filled with fun, learning and making new friends.



Ursuline seniors Sloane Pierce and Estella Holland, and juniors Ava Dabon and Hallie Wangler traveled to Bethlehem Farm in West Virginia in June with Campus Minister and Ursuline alumna Beth Joubert '80. Bethlehem Farm is a Catholic Community in Appalachia that transforms lives through service with the local community and the teaching of sustainable practices.



The newest Ursuline Academy high school students learned the true meaning of Serviam during Meet UA, a week-long orientation for incoming high school students, on Ursuline Academy's campus. After starting the day off with a prayer service in the National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, the girls took a field trip to Sunrise Senior Living Center.



Laughter echoed across the fields of Archbishop Shaw High School as young campers dove into summer fun, teamwork and new friendships during a spirited volleyball game on the sand court. The scene, one of many energetic moments, was part of the school's annual Summer Camp, which continues to grow in popularity thanks to its focus on play, learning and community.

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ministerios eclesíasticos y las obras del apostolado, están unidos con la Eucaristía y hacia ella se ordenan. [...] Por lo cual, la Eucaristía (Eucharistia) aparece como la fuente (fons) y cima (culmen) de toda la evangelización” (n. 5). Esta refinada articulación –citando tanto Lumen gentium como Presbyterorum ordinis– es retomada por el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica en su artículo sobre la Eucaristía (n. 1324). Sin embargo, no hay contradicción entre esta refinada articulación y su expresión anterior en la Constitución sobre la sagrada Liturgia. De hecho, como se afirma en una observación explicativa del borrador de agosto de 1961 del Esquema sobre la liturgia, “Toda liturgia se ordena en torno al sacrificio eucarístico y se deriva de él, y el resto de la vida de la Iglesia se ordena en torno a la liturgia con el sacrificio eucarístico como su centro natural y se deriva de ella” (Angelo Lameri, La “Pontificia Commissio de sacra liturgia praeparatoria Concilii Vaticani II”: Documenti, Testi, Verballi, Bibliotheca Ephemerides Liturgicae – Subsidia 168, p. 508).

La liturgia tiene el poder de transformarnos, no sólo por nuestra participación en ella, sino por obras inspiradas por la fe. Nos convertimos en personas que:

- cuidan a los enfermos y moribundos;
- valoran y cultivan las vocaciones a las Sagradas Órdenes y la vida consagrada;
- llevan el Evangelio a quienes están en los márgenes y periferias de la sociedad;
- defienden la dignidad de todas las razas y etnias;
- cuidan nuestra casa común; y
- reciben gustosamente a inmigrantes, refugiados y pobres.

Damos fruto interiormente al ser transformados por el don de la gracia de Dios que actúa a través de la liturgia, que nos lleva a la oración y a la devoción. Damos fruto exteriormente al ponernos en acción,



Photo Credit: Alex Walters

St. Benilde CYO survived the relaxing tubing trip down the Bogue Chitto. All St. Benilde CYO events are rooted in prayer, formation and fun. The teens specifically requested Daily Mass to be celebrated at some point in the day.

transformando nuestro mundo, cumpliendo las buenas obras de fe comunicadas en la liturgia. De este modo, la liturgia es fuente y cumbre de la vida y de la acción cristiana.

FROZEN

with the marital act no longer an essential part of the equation. In the final analysis, however, only when the bodies of our children arise as the immediate fruit of our own bodily and spousal self-surrender can we say they have been freely and unconditionally received as gifts, rather than coerced into being as the result of human willfulness, financial planning, and scripted biological technologies. Only then can we say that we have not dominated the process of procreation nor preponderated over the origins of our offspring.

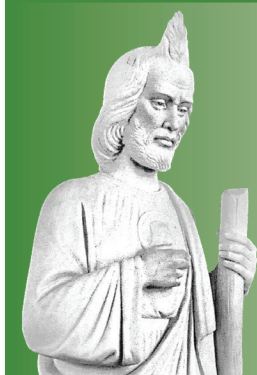
By yielding to the project of fabricating our children in the cold, clinical, and commercial venture that is in IVF, we act against the human dignity of our offspring by sanctioning inequality and setting up a subclass of those who originate in petri dishes and test tubes rather than in the intimacy of the mutual

spousal donation that receives life within the protective maternal hearth.

These various explanations of the wrongness of IVF can seem distant and hard for infertile couples to accept. They yearn intensely for a child. The infertility industry appeals to their desire to be in control in an arena where control has been elusive, and part of the allure is also the carefully choreographed assembling of babies who have been planned, screened and quality controlled.

It is a tragic step when spouses opt for the production of their own offspring in glassware, because they move forward and violate the deepest meaning of their marital union, rather than holding firmly to the truth that their one-flesh communion is the unique and privileged interpersonal sanctuary in which a new and unrepeatable person appears by a Power and a Will that is not their own.

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ST. JUDE 2025 SUMMER NOVENA

JULY 26TH – AUGUST 3RD | THEME: Pilgrims of Hope Guest Speaker: Fr. Richard Sudlik, OMI

Before his death, Pope Francis called for a Jubilee year with the theme of Pilgrims of Hope. Fr. Richard Sudlik, OMI will return to New Orleans to reflect on this gift of Hope. Our Hope is not wishful thinking but a call to have confidence that God will calm the deepest fears of our lives—does my life have meaning—what is my destiny. Throughout the Novena we will be reminded of the words of St. Paul—Hope does not disappoint.

2025 Summer Novena to St. Jude - Scheduled of Devotions

Saturday July 26th and **Saturday** August 2 7:00 AM Mass and Novena 12:00 PM (LIVE STREAM)

Mass and Novena 4:00 PM Mass and Novena **Sunday**, July 27th and

Sunday, August 3rd 7:30 AM Mass and Novena 9:30 AM (LIVE STREAM)

Mass and Novena 11:30 AM Mass and Novena 1:30 PM (Spanish)

Mass and Novena 6:00 PM Mass and Novena **Monday - Friday** July 28th - August 1st 7:00 AM Mass and Novena 12:00 PM (LIVE STREAM) Mass and Novena

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