



“Do you Love Me? Feed My Sheep.” Four New Priests for the Catholic Church in New Orleans



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In front of a standing room only congregation of family, friends and the faithful of New Orleans inside St. Louis Cathedral on May 30, Archbishop James Checchio ordained Father Brett Barrios, Father Will Sigl, Father Joseph Bui and Father James Vu to the priesthood of Jesus. During his homily, the Archbishop reminded the new priests that there is nothing you can do to earn the gift of the priesthood, nothing you can do to make yourself deserve this, but that it is a gift in response to God's love: His love for them and his love for His Church. Recalling the Gospel reading from the Gospel of John, the Archbishop went on to say that like Saint Peter, the new priests must stay close to Christ and to everyday recommit themselves to staying in love with Christ by telling Him that they love Him. Read more on p. 5 of this edition of the Clarion Herald and more photos at clarionherald.org.

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Archbishop Checchio preaches the homily at the Mass for the Ordination of Priests on May 30 at St. Louis Cathedral. During that Mass, the Archbishop ordained Father Brett Barrios, Father Will Sigl, Father Joseph Bui and Father James Vu to the priesthood of Jesus.

A Breath of Fresh Air in the Lungs of Our Archdiocese



Most Reverend James F. CHECCHIO, JCD, MBA
Archbishop of New Orleans

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This edition of the Clarion will be published just days before the consecration of the Archdiocese of New Orleans to the Sacred Heart of Jesus! Let us pray for graces to be abundant. Thank you to all for your prayerful participation.

Pope Pius XII taught that one of the greatest gifts from the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the sacred priesthood. It has been wonderful getting to know the priests of our archdiocese over the months since my arrival. I know, too, that our people love their faithful priests and deacons. I hear it all the time as I visit our parishes or meet people at different events.

One of the joys of being a bishop is to ordain priests and deacons. Thanks be to God, our archdiocese has recently been blessed with both new deacons and priests who were ordained at our St. Louis Cathedral in May. We have three new transitional deacons (although only two who will remain with us) and four new priests. The generosity and perseverance of these men in their preparation for ordination is something for which we should all be grateful to God! To have these seven men dedicate their lives to the service of Christ and His Church is a breath of fresh air for the lungs of our archdiocese.

At the ordination to the diaconate, I

encouraged our new deacons, who are now configured to Christ the Servant, to live that role with authenticity and joy. The chaste, obedient and prayerful living of their promises is a witness that will help the Church to build up the Kingdom of God in our day and likewise it is the clerics' road to their own salvation.

At our priesthood ordinations, I encouraged our new priests to always imitate our High Priest, Jesus Christ, who not only offered the sacrifice, but became the sacrifice. So, we priests are to live in imitation of Jesus, which is to live a life of sacrifice and not privilege. We have seen the damage done when that life of privilege is embraced rather than a life of humble service. The renewal of the Church in our day will come about in part by priests authentically living our call to follow in Christ's footsteps.

Yes, these two ordinations were a chance to thank God for the blessings He has provided for our local Church. Please God, may we have many more reasons to celebrate in the future.

The many good priests and deacons serving our archdiocese are an inspiration to me, and I know countless others too who inspire me in my priesthood. I was ordained a priest 34 years ago this June 20 and there has not been a day that I have ever regretted responding to our Lord's call. It has been a blessed, happy and fruitful life and I am honored and privileged to share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ. I cannot imagine doing something else with my life and I thank God for this privilege.

Likewise, I am blessed that the Lord has called me here to New Orleans to share in this presbyterate and the life of this good local Church.

Please join me in thanking God for these blessings and pray for our priests, deacons and me too! If you know someone who you think would make a good priest, tell them. Survey after survey shows that people do not think of becoming a priest, because no one ever asked them to consider it. Maybe you could be the one to inspire someone to prayerfully contemplate such a life of selfless service to God and His Church.

And as we celebrate our newly ordained deacons and priests, I would be remiss at this time if I did not offer my most heartfelt congratulations to all the recent graduates. In a particular way, I want to celebrate the New Orleans area's Catholic high school class of 2026 who are featured in this edition of the Clarion Herald. As a local Church we are proud of what you have accomplished and offer our prayers for you as you begin new chapters in your lives. Always remember to cherish your Catholic education, a gift from your parents and our local Church, and to carry Christ and His love in your heart wherever you go, so you are never alone! May you be blessed!

Know of my love and prayers for you, and God bless you as we enjoy the graces of these Spirit-filled days and experience the mercy of Jesus' Sacred Heart!



Find Archbishop Checchio's schedule on p. 12.

Official Appointments

In order to provide pastoral care for the people of God in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Archbishop Checchio has made the following appointments effective June 16, 2026 unless otherwise noted.

Pastors

In accordance with Canon 522 and the USCCB norms, all appointments for pastors are for a six-year term, which may be renewed.

Reverend Colin Braud as Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Folsom.

Reverend Clayton Charbonnet as Pastor of The Visitation of Our Lady Parish, Marrero.

Reverend Bartholomew Chukwuma as Pastor of St. Benedict Parish, Covington.

Reverend Joseph DiMaggio as Pastor of St. Christopher the Martyr Parish, Metairie.

Reverend David Frank as Pastor at St. Peter Parish, Reserve.

Reverend Raymond Igbogidi as Pastor at St. Angela Merici Parish, Metairie.

Reverend Mark Kramer, S.J. as Pastor at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, New Orleans, effective July 1, 2026.

Father Edward Murphy, C.M. as Pastor at St. Joseph Church, New Orleans, effective July 1, 2026.

Reverend Luke Nguyen as Pastor at Assumption of Mary Parish, Avondale.

Reverend Rodney Ricard as Pastor at Blessed Trinity Parish, New Orleans.

Reverend Binh Ta, C.Ss.R., as Pastor at St. Joseph Parish, Algiers, effective July 1, 2026.

Pastor Reappointments

Very Reverend Patrick Carr, V.E. as Pastor at St. Rita Parish, New Orleans.

Very Reverend Paul Clark, V.F., as Pastor at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish, Hahnville.

Reverend Patrick Collum, as Pastor at Holy Spirit Parish, New Orleans.

Reverend Daniel Green, as Pastor at St. Maria Goretti Parish, New Orleans.

Reverend Leon Poche, as Pastor at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish, River Ridge.

Very Reverend Gerald Seiler, V.F., as Pastor at St. Genevieve Parish, Slidell.

Reverend Joseph Man Tran, as Pastor at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, Metairie.

Parochial Vicar Assignments

Reverend Austin Barr as Parochial Vicar at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Metairie.

Reverend Daniel Dashner as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Slidell.

Reverend Ray Hymel as Parochial Vicar at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Destrehan.

Reverend Jeffrey Merritt as Parochial Vicar at St. Clement of Rome Parish, Metairie.

Reverend William Mumphy as Parochial Vicar at St. Anselm Parish, Madisonville.

Reverend Francis Sarpong, as Parochial Vicar at Divine Mercy Parish, Kenner.

Newly Ordained Priests:

Reverend Brett Barrios as Parochial Vicar at

St. Angela Merici Parish, Metairie.

Reverend Joseph Bui as Parochial Vicar at St. Rita Parish, Harahan.

Reverend William Sigl as Parochial Vicar at St. Philip Neri Parish, Metairie.

Reverend James Vu as Parochial Vicar at St. Dominic Parish, New Orleans.

Special Ministry:

Very Reverend Charles J. Benoit, V.E. as Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Planning and Executive Secretary of the College of Consultors.

Reverend David Doyle as Director of Catholic Identity for High School and Teaching, Archbishop Hannan High School.

Reverend David Ducote as Chaplain of Tulane Catholic Student Center, while remaining Director of The Office of Vocations, effective July 1, 2026.

Very Reverend Jared Rodrigue, V.E. as Episcopal Vicar for Evangelization and Communication, while continuing to serve as pastor at St. Luke Parish, Slidell.

Reverend Kevin Seay as Director of Catholic Identity for High School and Teaching, Pope John Paul II High School.

Reverend Bryce Sibley as Director of Campus Ministry at Tulane Catholic Student Center, while remaining as a faculty member at Notre Dame Seminary, effective July 1, 2026.

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Archbishop Checchio to New Priests: "Stay in Love with Jesus"

by Sarah McDonald

In front of a standing room only congregation gathered at St. Louis Cathedral on May 30, four men prostrated themselves on the altar and promised to live their lives as priests of Jesus. As Archbishop James Checchio ordained Father Brett Barrios, Father Will Sigl, Father Joseph Bui and Father James Vu priests of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, he reminded them there is nothing they could do to make themselves deserving of this gift of the priesthood, but that answering the call to this life is a response to the love of God for them and the love of God for His Church.

"You are here today because you, like in our Gospel today, Saint Peter, heard Jesus ask, 'Do you love me?'" said Archbishop Checchio in his homily. "Thanks be to God because of your parents and family and friends and those that have formed you, you have heard Jesus ask, 'do you love me? Feed my sheep,' so you respond like Peter did."

"Every life has challenges and the answer to all of our questions and challenges are through Him," said Archbishop Checchio. It's a great mystery to become another Christ. Like Saint Peter you are going to offer yourself as sacrifice. You are going to be able to do that if you stay in love with Jesus, so make time everyday to tell Him you love Him, especially in front of the Blessed Sacrament." "We look forward to seeing the beautiful fruits of what you do," said the Archbishop in concluding his homily.

After the homily, the Archbishop took his seat in the cathedra and the four elect were called forward for the Examination of the Candidates in which they responded they were freely and with full consent choosing the priestly life with all that is expected of them. Then, first together and individually, they made their priestly promises to dedicate their lives in service to the Church, to be obedient to the archdiocesan bishop, to preach the Gospel and teach the Catholic faith, to faithfully celebrate the sacraments,



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Just minutes before ordination, soon to be Fathers Brett Barrios, Will Sigl, Joseph Bui and James Vu prostrated themselves on the altar of St. Louis Cathedral for the Litany of Supplication during the Mass of Ordination of Priests on May 30.

to pray for God's people and to foster their own spiritual growth.

After making these promises, the four men prostrated themselves on the altar as a sign of their submission to the will of God and all present in the cathedral knelt as the cathedral choir lead the Litany of Supplication invoking the help of God and the saints upon the new priests and the Church.

After praying, the men rose and each went before Archbishop Checchio for the ancient ritual of Laying on of Hands and the Prayer of Ordination. In a sign of presbyteral fraternity, each priest present was invited to pray over the ordinands.

After all were seated, the vesting clergy came forward with the stole and chausable, the

priestly vestments for each ordinand. The vesting clergy are selected by the new priests for the impact each has made on their path to priesthood. Archbishop-emeritus Gregory Aymond vested Father Sigl, Father David Ducote vested Father Vu, Father Andrew Rudmann vested Father Barrios, and Monsignor Joseph Tri Trinh vested Father Bui.

After this visibly incorporation into the order of services as priests, Archbishop Checchio anointed the hands of each new priest with Sacred Chrism as a sign of the sanctifying ministry of a priest in service to his people. Then, fittingly, the Archbishop ceremoniously received the gifts of bread and wine.

The new priests were then joined on the altar by all the priests present to celebrate the (see [PRIESTS](#) p. 10)



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Pope Leo's Encyclical Imparts Teachings About AI and Responsibility

by Carol Glatz

Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – At a time when digital technologies are developing at a rapid and unpredictable pace, every single person must decide if she or he will be: a passive bystander; an unhelpful commentator; an avaricious architect of a new "Tower of Babel"; or a patient, hope-filled builder of a "civilization of love," Pope Leo XIV said in his first encyclical, "Magnifica Humanitas."

In the 82-page document, released May 25, the day after Pentecost, the pope also asked forgiveness for the Church's long tolerance of slavery, and he declared that its "just war theory" was now outdated.

"Today, more than ever, without prejudice to the right to self-defense in the strictest sense, it is important to reaffirm that the 'just war' theory, which has all too often been used to justify any kind of war, is now outdated," he wrote.

"Humanity possesses far more effective and capable tools for promoting human life and resolving conflicts, such as dialogue, diplomacy and forgiveness. The use of force, violence and weapons reflects a relational poverty that always has disastrous consequences for civilian populations," the pope's new document said.

The document, signed May 15, marked the 135th anniversary of his namesake's landmark social encyclical, "Rerum Novarum," which reflected on society, the economy and politics, and ushered in what is now known as the "Social Doctrine of the Church."

"When some objected that the Church should not waste energy on worldly matters, but instead focus on communicating the message of eternal life, Leo XIII responded with realism and wisdom, saying that the proclamation of the Gospel cannot overlook the concrete lives of people," Pope Leo XIV wrote.

While his turn-of-the-last-century predecessor focused on the industrial revolution's impact on the human being and society, Pope Leo looked at the consequences of the digital revolution in the 21st-century and how best to safeguard "the human person in the time of artificial intelligence."

Pope Leo used nearly the first half of the document to outline the role and development of the church's social teaching, and why and how it continues to be needed in a world facing both old and new challenges. "Today, the Social Doctrine of the Church is a legacy of wisdom, where we find principles for thought, criteria for discernment and judgment and concrete guidelines for action" to "clearly interpret the challenges of the present and identify appropriate ways for

living out a clear Christian witness, with joy and in service to the world," he wrote.

"It is not an inert set of concepts, but a living corpus of truth that safeguards and interprets humanity's vocation to a full and just life. I therefore wish to add my own voice to this living tradition," he added.

Listening to and engaging with the wider world, especially those active in the fields of science, technology, academia and politics, he wrote, is crucial to a process of "shared discernment" to identify and heal the spiritual and cultural roots of present-day problems rather than issuing reactive pronouncements or "risk letting the succession of emergencies dictate the direction of our path."

While the Church is concerned with theological, "anthropological" and social questions, it is also "necessary to establish adequate regulatory tools capable of upholding justice and curbing the distorting effects of technological power," the pope wrote.

"Nevertheless, the issue is not limited to regulation. As Pope Francis warned, we must realistically ask ourselves who holds this power today and how they use it," he added.

"Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together," he wrote. Every generation has the same duty of "guiding history to become a place where the dignity of every person is safeguarded, justice is promoted and fraternity is made possible."

While the document was embedded "in a time of artificial intelligence," it also included a wide gamut of ongoing, lingering ills such as: the exploitation of people and nature; war; the arms race; disrespect for human life; threats to democracy and the common good; discrimination against the poor and women; and new forms of slavery.

"Human trafficking must be recognized as a contemporary form of slavery and a grave violation of human dignity. Failing to respond firmly, or tolerating these practices in any way, is in some way to become complicit in today's sins, which are akin to those of the past when slavery was being concealed and justified," Pope Leo wrote.

While the Catholic Church constantly affirmed the dignity of every human being, he wrote, "neither can we deny or diminish the delay with which both society and the Church came to denounce the scourge of slavery," noting it wasn't until the 19th century "that a formal, absolute and universal condemnation of slavery was clearly articulated, notably under Pope Leo XIII."

"This development offers a clear example of the Church's growth in understanding the perennial truths of Revelation that she safeguards," he wrote, "even if it took 18 centuries for its full incompatibility with slavery to be explicitly recognized." "This constitutes a wound in Christian memory, one from which we cannot consider ourselves detached," he wrote, and "for this, in the name of the Church, I sincerely ask for pardon."

It is "a shared responsibility," he wrote, of all members of the human family to come together and discern "Where are we going? Toward what goal do we wish to orient ourselves? What direction should we choose as a people and as a human community?" "The search for the truth in public life, education in the digital environment, the transformation of work, the fragility of families and new forms of slavery are not isolated phenomena," he wrote. "Rather, they reflect a common underlying issue, namely that if technology becomes the ultimate criterion, the human person risks being reduced to data, a cog in a machine or a commodity."

"If, however, technology is integrated with a wise perspective, it can become an instrument of growth, justice and fraternity," he added. Innovation can genuinely serve integral human development and integral ecology, Pope Leo wrote, "rather than becoming a source of exclusion and dominance." Referring often to Saint Augustine's teachings, Pope Leo clearly defined the two "cities" people today must choose to contribute to: either a worldly, selfish land dedicated to building a "Tower of Babel" or a Christian "civilization of love in the digital age."

He decried today's "culture of power" that was "normalizing" war, ballooning military arsenals and fomenting fear and polarization; he reinforced the Vatican's long-standing opposition to leaving the decision to use lethal force to AI or "to opaque or automated processes."

The pope also condemned today's "false realism," calling it "truly irresponsible" to stoke resignation by pretending war is inevitable and peace and dialogue are "utopian or irrational positions that ignore the risks at stake."

"In fact, peace is neither a naïve hope nor merely the absence of war; instead, it is always possible as the fruit of justice and charity," he wrote.

Pope Leo underlined the need for everyone to take responsibility in building a better world by quoting the wizard Gandalf in J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings. The Return of the King." "It is not our part to master all the

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tides of the world, but to do what is in us for the succour of those years wherein we are set, uprooting the evil in the fields that we know, so that those who live after may have clean earth to till."

Pope Leo then proposed five paths toward daily and public responsibility: "the need to disarm words; building peace through justice; adopting the perspective of victims; cultivating a healthy realism; and reviving dialogue and multilateralism."

Fundamentally, he added, what is needed is the Christian view of humanity and understanding of God's plan for His creation. "As a believer among believers, I invite everyone to contemplate, in the face of the Son of God, the grandeur of humanity that shines a light also on the era of AI," he wrote. "In Christ, we are called to cooperate in the work of creation, rather than be disinterested observers of technological processes that limit our freedom and responsibility."

"The dignity inscribed in each of us by the Holy Spirit can also be seen in our capacity to reflect critically, choose and love freely, and form authentic relationships," Pope Leo wrote.

"No computational system, however

sophisticated, can create a heart that gives itself, or a conscience that discerns good from evil," he wrote. "Even when machines excel in efficiency, a human face that asks to be gazed upon remains the center of our history."

On the day of the encyclical's publication, New Orleans Archbishop James Checchio joined with fellow bishops across the country in sharing his reflections on the Holy Father's first encyclical.

"Today we welcome our Pope Leo's new teaching, a gift for our Church and world," said Archbishop Checchio. "With the advent of AI, Pope Leo XIV believes we are entering another era like the Industrial Revolution and wants to re-emphasize the dignity of every person and the need to see people not through productivity or usefulness, but through the lens of being loved by God."

The archbishop continued, "He also reminds us that the mission of the Church is done through relationships and communion, not simply programs or information transfer. People encounter Christ through authentic human relationships."

Taking the message to the local church, Archbishop Checchio added, "This is especially important for our Archdiocese of

New Orleans with our rich cultural identity and diversity. Our different communities and backgrounds are not obstacles to unity, but beautiful expressions of the universality of the Church. Our work of spreading the Gospel must embrace the unique history, culture, music, traditions, spirituality and relational nature of our local Church. Gratefully, New Orleans is so uniquely Catholic!"

"In an increasingly technological world, the Church must continue emphasizing accompaniment, mentorship, friendship and presence," said the archbishop in his conclusion. "These are realities that no technology or system can replace. Formation happens most fruitfully within communion: families, mentors, parish communities and spiritual friendships. Information alone rarely forms missionary disciples. Ultimately, the Church grows through encounter, belonging, accompaniment and lived witness more than through information alone."

The full text of Magnifica Humanitas ("Magnificent Humanity" can be found on links at nolacatholic.org. For more information and resources regarding Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical visit <https://www.usccb.org/magnifica-humanitas>.



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180 Adult Catholics Confirmed on Pentecost Sunday in the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Staff Report

On the Feast of Pentecost on May 24, 180 Catholic adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Louis Cathedral – marking the largest group ever of adults to be confirmed on Pentecost in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Archbishop James Checchio celebrated the Mass with Archbishops-emeritus Alfred Hughes and Gregory Aymond concelebrating.

Adult Confirmation is for practicing Catholics who were already baptized and received First Communion but missed the Sacrament of Confirmation. In contrast, Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is for unbaptized individuals or those from other Christian traditions seeking to join the Catholic Church. Over 800 individuals were received into the local Catholic Church through parish OCIA programs at Easter this year.



Archbishop Checchio confirms one of the 180 adults during Adult Confirmation on May 24.



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Archbishop Checchio delivers his homily to a full congregation at St. Louis Cathedral during Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, during which 180 adults were confirmed.



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Archbishop-emeritus Alfred Hughes, newly ordained priests Father Joseph Bui and Father Will Sigl, Archbishop Checchio, newly ordained priests Father Brett Barrios and Father James Vu and Archbishop-emeritus Gregory Aymond.

PRIESTS

Liturgy of the Eucharist for the first time. With the sacred music and readings in both English and Vietnamese and the St. Louis Cathedral full to capacity, the Holy Spirit was clearly moving throughout the Mass of Ordination.

At the conclusion of the Mass, Archbishop Checchio brought forth the new priests and announced where they would each, "get to

work saving souls," in their first priestly assignments.

Father Brett Barrios will begin his ministry as Parochial Vicar at St. Angela Merici in Metairie. Father Joseph Bui will minister at St. Rita in Harahan. Father Will Sigl's first assignment is Parochial Vicar at St. Philip Neri in Metairie and Father James Vu will take on the ministry of Parochial Vicar at St. Dominic in New Orleans.



Anointing of the Hands

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Handing Over of the Bread and Wine

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Solemnidad del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús Mateo 11: 25-30 Junio 14, 2026

Queridos hermanos: hoy celebramos la Solemnidad del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, una de las fiestas más profundas de nuestra fe. Contemplamos en el Corazón de Cristo el signo del amor inmenso, fiel y misericordioso de Dios. No se trata de una devoción meramente sentimental, sino de la manifestación de un amor que se entrega, perdona, acompaña y salva. Esta celebración tiene, además, un significado especial para nuestra Iglesia local, porque nuestro Arzobispo ha consagrado la Arquidiócesis de New Orleans al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, poniendo bajo su amparo a nuestras familias, sufrimientos, esperanzas y futuro.

La primera lectura nos recuerda que Dios eligió a Israel no por su grandeza, sino por amor. Comprendemos así que el amor de Dios es gratuito y fiel; no depende de nuestros méritos, éxitos o perfección. Él permanece fiel incluso cuando nosotros somos frágiles. El Sagrado Corazón de Jesús hace visible ese amor que nunca abandona a su pueblo.

El salmista proclama: "El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso." Aunque nosotros nos cansemos o endurezcamos el corazón, el corazón de Cristo permanece siempre abierto. Por eso, nuestra confianza debe apoyarse más en la misericordia de Dios que en nuestras propias fuerzas.

La segunda lectura nos ofrece una afirmación decisiva: "Dios es amor." No dice solamente que Dios ama, sino que Dios es amor en su misma esencia. En Jesús, ese amor se hace cercano, humano y visible. Contemplar su corazón es contemplar el amor mismo de

Dios, que nos amó primero y nos llama a amarnos unos a otros.

En el Evangelio, Jesús nos dirige unas palabras llenas de ternura: "Vengan a mí todos los que están cansados y agobiados, y yo los aliviaré." No se presenta como alguien lejano, sino como aquel que conoce nuestras cargas, heridas y cansancios. En un mundo donde tantos viven con ansiedad, miedo, soledad, enfermedad o incertidumbre, Cristo nos invita a acercarnos a Él. Y en el centro de este pasaje resuena una frase que ilumina toda la fiesta: "Aprendan de mí, que soy manso y humilde de corazón." Aquí contemplamos con claridad el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús: un corazón humilde, cercano y misericordioso. La grandeza de Cristo no está en el poder humano, sino en su capacidad de amar hasta el extremo.

La consagración de nuestra Arquidiócesis al Sagrado Corazón significa reconocer que necesitamos volver al Corazón de Cristo para encontrar unidad, esperanza y renovación espiritual. Consagrarnos a Él no es solo un acto externo; es una decisión concreta de vivir según el estilo de Jesús: amar más, perdonar más, servir más, escuchar más y confiar más en Dios.

Las lecturas de hoy nos aseguran que Dios nos ama con un amor fiel, misericordioso y cercano. Por eso, preguntémonos: confío de verdad en el amor de Cristo? Qué carga necesito poner hoy en su Corazón? Reflejo en mi vida su mansedumbre y humildad? Cómo puedo vivir concretamente esta consagración en mi vida diaria?

Hermanos, acerquémonos con confianza al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. En Él encontramos descanso para el alma, esperanza en medio de las pruebas y fuerza para seguir adelante. Que esta consagración de nuestra Arquidiócesis no se quede solo en una ceremonia, sino que se convierta en un verdadero compromiso de vivir unidos al Corazón de Cristo.

Que cada uno de nosotros descubra cada día que el Corazón de Jesús sigue abierto, latiendo de amor por toda la humanidad. Amén.

Archbishop Checchio's Schedule

Saturday, June 13 - 5:30 p.m. Mass, St. Mark Church, Ama
Sunday, June 14 - 9 a.m. Mass, St. Martin de Porres, New Orleans
Sunday, June 14 - 11 a.m. Mass, Consecration of the Archdiocese to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Louis Cathedral
Tuesday, June 16 - 9 a.m. Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, Executive Committee Meeting, private event
Wednesday, June 17 - 9:45 a.m. Mass, Daughters of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, New Orleans
Thursday, June 18 - 1 p.m. Priests' Meeting, private event
Friday, June 19 - Juneteenth Holiday
June 22 - July 2 - Pallium Pilgrimage to Italy
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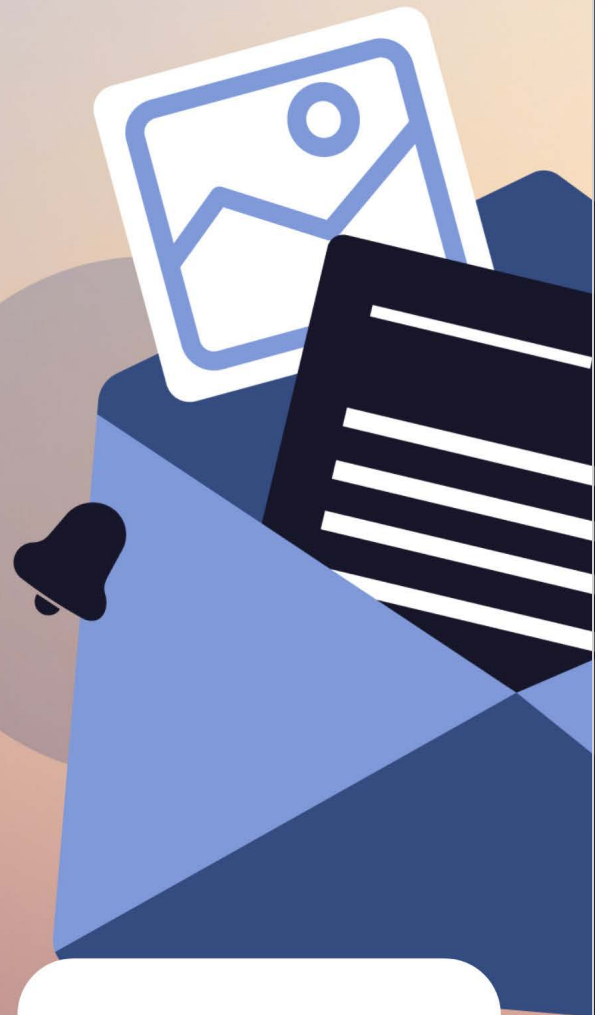
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The Prayer for the Act of Consecration

*Adapted from a prayer of
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

To You I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, and sufferings, that my entire being may only be employed in loving, honoring and glorifying You. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to You, and to do all for Your love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease You.

I take You, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Your Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in You, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Your infinite Goodness. Remove from me all that can displease or resist You. Imprint Your pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget You or be separated from You.

I beseech You, through Your infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Your Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Your devoted servants. May our parish be enflamed with your love, graced with zeal for souls, increased with conversions and consecrated to your Most Sacred Heart.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Oración para el Acto de Consagración

*Adaptada de una oración de
Santa Margarita María de Alacoque*

Oh Sacratísimo Corazón de Jesús,

a Ti consagro y ofrezco mi persona y mi vida, mis acciones, pruebas y sufrimientos, para que todo mi ser sea empleado solamente en amarte, honrarte y glorificarte. Esta es mi voluntad irrevocable: pertenecerte enteramente y hacerlo todo por amor a Ti, renunciando de todo corazón a todo lo que pueda desagradarte.

Te tomo, oh Sagrado Corazón, como el único objeto de mi amor, la protección de mi vida, la prenda de mi salvación, el remedio de mi fragilidad e inconstancia, la reparación por todos los defectos de mi vida y mi refugio seguro en la hora de mi muerte.

Sé, oh Corazón misericordiosísimo, mi justificación ante Dios, tu Padre, y protégeme de su ira, que tan justamente he merecido. Todo lo temo de mi propia debilidad y malicia; pero, poniendo toda mi confianza en Ti, oh Corazón de Amor, todo lo espero de tu infinita Bondad. Aparta de mí todo lo que pueda desagradarte o resistirte. Imprime tu amor puro tan profundamente en mi corazón que jamás pueda olvidarte ni separarme de Ti.

Te suplico, por tu infinita bondad, que concedas que mi nombre sea grabado en tu corazón, pues en esto pongo toda mi felicidad y toda mi gloria: vivir y morir como uno de tus siervos devotos. Que nuestra parroquia sea encendida con tu amor, colmada de celo por las almas, acrecentada con conversiones y consagrada a tu Sacratísimo Corazón.

Sacratísimo Corazón de Jesús, ten piedad de nosotros!
Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros!

Home Enthronement Ritual

At Masses on June 13-14, 8 x 10" images of the Sacred Heart will be blessed and distributed at all parishes for each household. The faithful are invited to enthrone the Sacred Heart in their homes that same weekend in the following manner. Prepare the image and by buying an 8x10" frame for the picture and selecting a prominent place in your home (living room or main gathering space) for the image to be placed.

Sign of the Cross and Apostle's Creed

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Reading from Sacred Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

R: At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

Act of Enthronement of the Sacred Heart

Reverently place the image in its chosen place. This act signifies giving Christ a place of honor as King of your home.

All: "We/I now Enthroned the Lord Jesus as our/my personal King and Friend."

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Multiperson Households

All: O Most Sacred Heart, we consecrate ourselves and our home to you. It is our desire to make a covenant of love with you. From now on, we are determined to live your life: a life of virtue and simplicity. It is our desire to keep far from us the spirit of the world which you have condemned. You will rule over our minds by the sincerity of our faith. You will rule over our hearts by our ardent love for you alone, and we will keep this fire of love ever burning in our hearts by frequent participation in the Celebration of the Eucharist and regular reading of the Sacred Scripture.

Please Divine Heart, guide and bless our every undertaking, both spiritual and temporal, ward off all dangers, sanctify our joys and lighten our sufferings. If we should have the misfortune of displeasing You, remind us quickly, O Sacred Heart, that You are full of goodness and mercy towards the repentant sinner. Glory to the Heart of Jesus, our personal King and Friend!

Single Person Households

R: O Most Sacred Heart, I consecrate myself and my home to You. It is my desire to make a covenant of love with You. From now on, I am determined to live your life: a life of virtue and simplicity. It is my desire to keep far from me the spirit of the world which you have condemned. You will rule over my mind by the sincerity of my faith. You will rule over my heart by my ardent love for You alone, and I will keep this fire of

love ever burning in my heart by frequent participation in the Celebration of the Eucharist and regular reading of Sacred Scripture.

Please Divine Heart, guide and bless my every undertaking, both spiritual and temporal, ward off all dangers, sanctify my joys and lighten my sufferings. If I should have the misfortune of displeasing You, remind me quickly, O Sacred Heart, that You are full of goodness and mercy towards the repentant sinner. Glory to the Heart of Jesus, my personal King and Friend!

Intercessions

R: Lord Jesus Christ, you are King of our Hearts: renew faith in your protection and providence in the faithful of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

R: Lord Jesus Christ, through you every dwelling is a temple of holiness: build those who live in this house into the dwelling place of God in the Holy Spirit. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

R: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may experience friendship and dignity. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

R: Lord Jesus Christ, you said, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few": increase vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our archdiocese and courage within the hearts of those who are called to respond generously. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

R: Lord Jesus Christ, you appeared to the frightened apostles and said, "Peace be with you": grant that your abiding peace may remain with the members of this household. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Our Father...

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Ceremonia de Entronización del Sagrado Corazón en el Hogar

Durante las misas de los días 13 y 14 de Junio, se bendecirán y distribuirán en todas las parroquias imágenes del Sagrado Corazón de 8 x 10" para cada hogar. Se invita a los fieles a entronizar al Sagrado Corazón en sus hogares ese mismo fin de semana de la siguiente manera: Prepara la imagen y el lugar

- *Compra un marco de 8 x 10" para la imagen*
- *Elige un lugar destacado de tu casa (la sala o el espacio principal de reunión) donde colocar la imagen.*

Signo de la cruz y Credo de los Apóstoles

Líder: En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.
Todos: Amén.

Lectura del Evangelio de Lucas 19, 1-10

Habiendo entrado Jesús en Jericó, atravesaba la ciudad. Había allí un hombre llamado Zaqueo, que era jefe de los recaudadores de impuestos y también un hombre rico; quería ver quién era Jesús, pero no podía verlo a causa de la multitud, pues era de baja estatura. Así que se adelantó corriendo y se subió a un sicómoro para ver a Jesús, que iba a pasar por allí. Cuando llegó al lugar, Jesús alzó la vista y dijo: "Zaqueo, baja pronto, porque hoy debo quedarme en tu casa". Y él bajó rápidamente y lo recibió con alegría. Al ver esto, todos comenzaron a murmurar, diciendo: "Se ha ido a alojar en casa de un pecador". Pero Zaqueo, de pie, dijo al Señor: "Mira, Señor, la mitad de mis bienes la daré a los pobres, y si a alguien le he extorsionado algo, se lo devolveré cuatro veces más". Y Jesús le dijo: "Hoy ha llegado la salvación a esta casa, porque también este hombre es descendiente de Abraham. Porque el Hijo del Hombre ha venido a buscar y a salvar lo que estaba perdido".

Acto de entronización del Sagrado Corazón

Coloca con reverencia la imagen en el lugar elegido. Este acto significa otorgar a Cristo un lugar de honor como Rey de tu hogar.

Todos: "Nosotros entronizamos/Yo entronizo ahora al Señor Jesús como nuestro/mi Rey y Amigo".

Todos: Creo en Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra; y en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, nuestro Señor; que fue concebido por obra y gracia del Espíritu Santo, nació de Santa María Virgen, padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato, fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado. Descendió a los infiernos; al tercer día resucitó de entre los muertos. Subió al cielo y está sentado a la derecha de Dios, Padre Todopoderoso; desde allí vendrá a juzgar a los vivos y a los muertos. Creo en el Espíritu Santo, la Santa Iglesia Católica, la comunión de los santos, el perdón de los pecados, la resurrección de la carne y la vida eterna. Amén

Acto de consagración al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús

Hogares con varios miembros

Todos: Oh Sagrado Corazón, nos consagramos a ti y te consagramos nuestro hogar. Es nuestro deseo establecer una alianza de amor contigo. De ahora en adelante, estamos decididos a vivir tu vida: una vida de virtud y sencillez. Es nuestro deseo mantener lejos de nosotros el espíritu del mundo que tú has condenado. Tú reinarás en nuestras mentes por la sinceridad de nuestra fe. Tú reinarás en nuestros corazones por nuestro ardiente amor solo por ti, y mantendremos este fuego de amor siempre encendido en nuestros corazones mediante la participación frecuente en la celebración de la Eucaristía y la lectura regular de la Sagrada Escritura.

Por favor, Sagrado Corazón guía y bendice todas nuestras promesas, tanto espirituales como temporales; aparta de nosotros todo peligro,

santifica nuestras alegrías y alivia nuestros sufrimientos. Si tuviéramos la desgracia de desagradarte, recuérdanos pronto, oh Sagrado Corazón, que estás lleno de bondad y misericordia hacia el pecador arrepentido. Gloria al Corazón de Jesús, nuestro Rey y Amigo!

Hogares de un miembro

Oh, Sagrado Corazón, me consagro a ti y a mi hogar. Es mi deseo establecer una alianza de amor contigo. De ahora en adelante, estoy decidido a vivir tu vida: una vida de virtud y sencillez. Es mi deseo mantenerme alejado del espíritu del mundo que tú has condenado. Tú gobernarás mi mente con la sinceridad de mi fe. Tú gobernarás mi corazón con mi ardiente amor solo por ti, y mantendré este fuego de amor siempre encendido en mi corazón mediante la participación frecuente en la celebración de la Eucaristía y la lectura regular de la Sagrada Escritura.

Por favor, Sagrado Corazón, guía y bendice todas mis promesas, tanto espirituales como temporales; aparta de mí todo peligro, santifica mis alegrías y alivia mis sufrimientos. Si tuviera la desgracia de desagradarte, recuérdame pronto, oh Sagrado Corazón, que estás lleno de bondad y misericordia hacia el pecador arrepentido. Gloria al Corazón de Jesús, mi Rey y Amigo personal!

Plegarias de los fieles

Líder: Señor Jesucristo, tú eres el Rey de nuestros corazones: renueva la fe en tu protección y providencia en los fieles de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva Orleans. Roguemos al Señor.

Todos: Escúchanos Señor

Líder: Señor Jesucristo, por ti toda morada es templo de santidad: haz que quienes viven en esta casa se conviertan en morada de Dios en el Espíritu Santo. Roguemos al Señor.

Todos: Escúchanos Señor

Líder: Señor Jesucristo, no tenías dónde recostar la cabeza, pero con espíritu de pobreza aceptaste la hospitalidad de tus amigos: concede que, con nuestra ayuda, las personas sin hogar puedan experimentar la amistad y la dignidad. Roguemos al Señor.

Todos: Escúchanos Señor

Líder: Señor Jesucristo, tú dijiste: "La cosecha es abundante, pero los obreros son pocos": aumenta las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida consagrada en nuestra Arquidiócesis y el valor en los corazones de aquellos que son llamados a responder generosamente. Roguemos al Señor.

Todos: Escúchanos Señor

Líder: Señor Jesucristo, te apareciste a los apóstoles asustados y les dijiste: "La paz esté con ustedes": haz que tu paz duradera permanezca con los miembros de esta familia. Te lo pedimos al Señor.

Todos: Escúchanos Señor

Padre nuestro...

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Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart

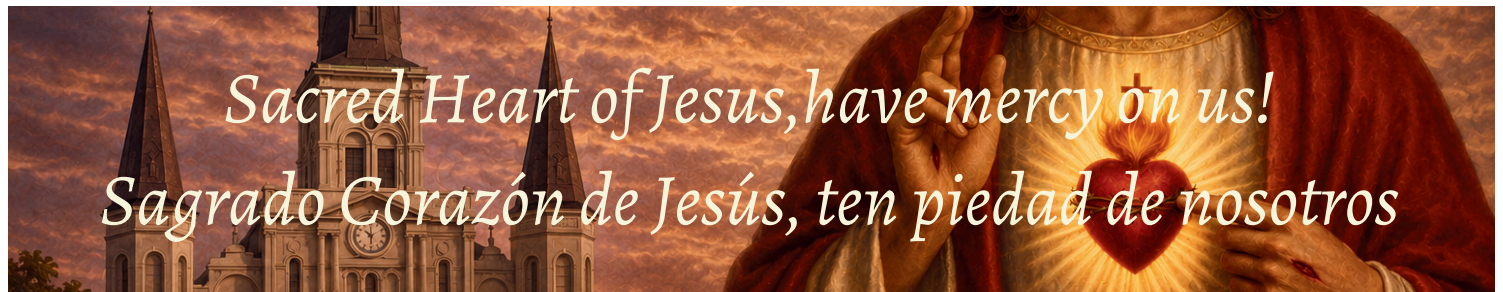
All: Most Holy Virgin Mary, tender Mother of men, to fulfill the desires of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the request of the Vicar of your Son on Earth, we consecrate ourselves and our families to your Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart, O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and we recommend to you, all the people of our country and all the world.

Please accept our Consecration, dearest Mother, and use us as you wish to accomplish your designs in the world.

O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and Queen of the World, rule over us, together with the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, Our King. Save us from the spreading flood of modern paganism; kindle in our hearts and homes the love of purity, the practice of a virtuous life, an ardent zeal for souls and a desire to pray the Rosary more faithfully.

We come with confidence to you, O Throne of Grace and Mother of Fair Love. In flame us with the same Divine Fire which has inflamed your own Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. Make our hearts and homes your shrine, and through us, make the Heart of Jesus, together with your rule, triumph in every heart and home. Amen.
(Venerable Pope Pius XII)

All: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.



Acto de consagración al Inmaculado Corazón

Todos: Santísima Virgen María, tierna Madre de los hombres, para cumplir los deseos del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y la petición del Vicario de tu Hijo en la tierra, nos consagramos a ti, junto con nuestras familias, a tu Corazón Doloroso e Inmaculado, oh Reina del Santísimo Rosario, y te encomendamos a todo el pueblo de nuestro país y a todo el mundo.

Por favor, acepta nuestra consagración, querida Madre, y utilízanos como desees para cumplir tus designios en el mundo. Oh Corazón Doloroso e Inmaculado de María, Reina del Santísimo Rosario y Reina del Mundo, reina sobre nosotros, junto con el Sagrado Corazón de Jesucristo, nuestro Rey. Sávanos de la creciente oleada de paganismo moderno; enciende en nuestros corazones y hogares el amor a la pureza, la práctica de una vida virtuosa, un ardiente celo por las almas y el deseo de rezar el Rosario con mayor fidelidad. Acudimos a ti con confianza, oh Trono de Gracia y Madre del Amor Justo. Enciéndenos con el mismo Fuego Divino que ha encendido tu propio Corazón Doloroso e Inmaculado. Haz de nuestros corazones y hogares tu santuario, y a través de nosotros, haz que el Corazón de Jesús, junto con tu reinado, triunfe en cada corazón y hogar. Amén.
(Venerable Papa Pío XII)

Todos: Dios te salve, Reina y Madre de misericordia, vida, dulzura, y esperanza nuestra! Dios te salve, a ti llamamos los desterrados hijos de Eva; a ti suspiramos gimiendo y llorando en este valle de lágrimas. Ea, pues, Señora abogada nuestra, vuelve a nosotros esos tus ojos misericordiosos, y, después de este destierro, muéstranos a Jesús fruto bendito de tu vientre, oh clemente, oh piadosa, oh dulce Virgen María.

Leader: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,

All: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Immaculate Heart of Mary,

All: Pray for us

Leader: Saint Joseph,

All: Pray for us

Closing Prayer

Leader: O Father of mercies and God of all consolation, Who by the exceeding love with which you have loved us, have given us the Heart of Your beloved Son so that having but one heart with him, we may love you perfectly, grant, we beseech you, that our hearts, being consumed in unity with the Heart of Jesus and with one another, may perform all our works in accord with his humility and charity and that, by his mediation, the just desires of our hearts may be accomplished, through the same Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Líder: Ruega por nosotros, oh Santa Madre de Dios,

Todos: Para que seamos dignos de alcanzar las promesas de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Líder: Sagrado Corazón de Jesús,

Todos: Ten piedad de nosotros.

Líder: Inmaculado Corazón de María,

Todos: Ruega por nosotros

Líder: San José,

Todos: Ruega por nosotros

Oración final

Líder: Oh Padre de misericordias y Dios de todo consuelo, que por el amor infinito con el que nos has amado nos has dado el Corazón de tu amado Hijo, para que, siendo un solo corazón con Él, podamos amarte perfectamente; te suplicamos que nuestros corazones, consumidos en la unidad con el Corazón de Jesús y entre nosotros, realicen todas nuestras obras de acuerdo con su humildad y caridad, y que, por su intercesión, se cumplan los justos deseos de nuestros corazones, por el mismo Cristo, nuestro Señor.

Todos: Amén.

En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo. Amén.

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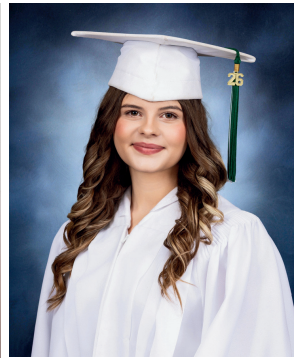
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Photo courtesy of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans

Students from St. Michael Special School recently visited the participants at the Shirley Landry Benson PACE Center for an afternoon of fun and Bingo. Learn more about PACE and other Catholic Charities programs at ccano.org.



Photo courtesy of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor

On May 22, Archbishop Checchio visited the National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor to learn more about its history and the impact of the Ursuline nuns in New Orleans. Here he is photographed viewing the statue of "Sweetheart" (Mary) the Ursuline nuns brought to New Orleans in 1788.



Photo courtesy of the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops

On May 27, Archbishop Checchio traveled to Baton Rouge to celebrate Mass for the Catholic legislators from the Archdiocese of New Orleans at St. Joseph Cathedral and then went to the State Capitol where he received a resolution commending him on becoming the 15th Archbishop of New Orleans.



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Over Mother's Day weekend, the St. Louis IX Art Society hosted its annual Louisiana Arts & Culture Festival. This two-day gathering brought together local and national Catholic artists with the wider community to celebrate the feast that is our Catholic faith and the visual arts.



Photo courtesy of Sail 250 New Orleans

Archdiocesan priest and Navy Reserve Chaplain Lieutenant Commander Father Kurt Young, New Orleans Mayor Helena Moreno and New Orleans Archbishop James Checchio attend the opening Gala of Sail 250 New Orleans on May 28.



Photo courtesy of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Violet

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 31, Archbishop Checchio celebrated morning Masses in "da Parish". He first visited Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Violet where the pastor Father Ken Smith gifted him some books about St. Bernard Parish and some of the best places to eat in New Orleans.



Photo credit: Chris Wiseman

On June 1, St. Louis Cathedral rector Father Patrick Williams (pictured center right) participated in the Closing Prayer Service of Sail 250 New Orleans. The Port of New Orleans was the first stop as America welcomes the tall ships of the world for a nationwide celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

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