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Be Sealed With the Holy Spirit!





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Another "first" for Archbishop Checchio on Sept. 12 as he celebrated the Confirmation Mass for 178 young people at St. Anselm Church in Madisonville – his first Confirmation Mass since becoming Archbishop of New Orleans. The Archbishop was the main celebrant, and Mass was concelebrated by St. Anselm's pastor Msgr. Frank Giroir and parochial vicar Father William Mumphrey as well as Father David Doyle, Director of Catholic Identity at nearby Archbishop Hannan High School. Approximately 1,500 teenagers will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in their home parishes during the 2026-2027 school year.

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The Blessing of a Catholic Education



Most Reverend James F. CHECCHIO, JCD, MBA
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I am always so grateful for the Catholic education I was blessed to receive first at the parochial school I attended and later at our local Catholic high school run by the diocese.The schools complemented the values my parents were striving to instill in my brother, sisters and me at home. This past week, I received the annual appeal request for a donation from my high school and feel blessed that I am able to support them now in offering scholarships for students to attend.

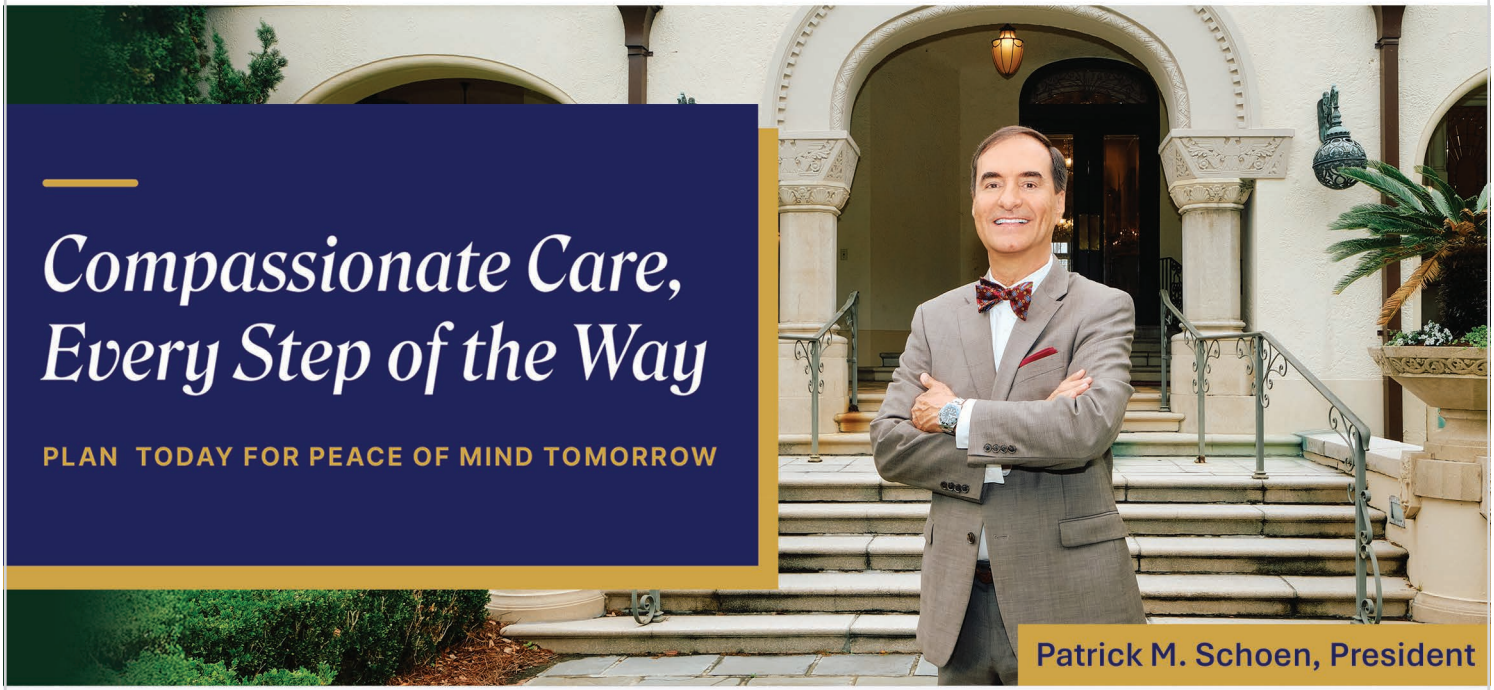
As Archbishop of New Orleans, one of my great joys is to be able to spend time with the young people of our archdiocese in many different settings. Each weekend, as I visit our

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parishes, I have the opportunity to see many families and hear from the children on any number of topics. They are always filled with questions!

My visits to our Catholic schools are always a great gift that brings me joy and hope for our world. Incredibly, we have 64 Catholic Schools run by the archdiocese, our parishes and religious communities. We have 32,000 students enrolled this year and gratefully that number has remained stable even while the overall number of school age children has decreased.

Like many of you, our Catholic school students participated in our Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, focusing on developing and deepening their own relationships with Jesus. Our Catholic schools exist. primarily, to teach the Gospel message and enliven each of our students to have a personal relationship with Jesus who is their hope and companion for life! Our Catholic schools are intended to be places where the everyday lessons of academic life are consistently taught within the context of the message of God's love for us and our expression of that love by our actions in the world.

The benefit of a Catholic school is that the message is for all of us – parents, teachers as well as students. When a student enrolls in a Catholic school, the entire family becomes part of that school community. Certainly, there are many activities in the schools but more importantly, there are opportunities for families to share in liturgies, prayer services, Stations of the Cross and May Crownings. Catholic schools are meant to assist parents/guardians in their important role as the primary teachers of their children's faith.

One of my goals for our schools is that they be intentional in their role of evangelization. Our new Vicar for Evangelization and Communications, Father Jared Rodrigue, was part of our beginning of the year Mass and meeting with all our teachers and spoke to our teachers about sharing Jesus more fully with our young brothers and sisters. Our Secretary for Catholic Education and Faith Formation, Dr. RaeNell Houston, shared beautifully on the mission of our schools that day too. We need to be very clear about what we are offering to families as Catholic educators: a thoroughly Catholic environment in which all students will be offered a privileged opportunity to know, love and serve Jesus Christ in the community of the Church and to achieve excellence in a range of academic disciplines and extra-curricular activities.

I'd like to share a word about two programs which make it possible for many of our students to attend our wonderful schools, giving assistance to parents and enabling them to choose where their sons and

daughters will be educated and formed. While we are very grateful for these two programs, we should work with all our legislators to expand these, as so many states, including those that are our close neighbors, have done. It is time for Louisiana to join their ranks!

I am profoundly grateful for the gift of ASPRIRING SCHOLARS. This program allows us to open the doors of a faithful, academically rigorous education to over 500 students whose families could not otherwise afford it, and it does so through a simple act of generosity by so many of our faithful: directing tax dollars you already owe toward a child's future. I say this not only as a matter of conviction, but of practice. I direct my own Louisiana tax liability to Aspiring Scholars, because I believe in what the program makes possible for our children. There are so many seeking an authentically Catholic education that need your help. We have to say no to so many students each year, as we wait for more to join this effort. Please consider donating your tax dollars to this incredible program.

I've seen firsthand what a Catholic education gives a young person: not just preparation for college or career, but a strong moral compass rooted in Christ's teachings. Education also remains one of the most powerful ways to break the cycle of poverty and create opportunities for future generations.

I encourage every Louisiana taxpayer, individual or business, to consider this opportunity. Your support costs you nothing beyond what you already owe the state, yet it changes a life, and in doing so, strengthens our schools, our parishes, and our whole community for generations to come. Please visit https://aspiringscholarsla.org or contact Dr. Mark Williams, State Director of the program, at (504)861-6234 or mwilliams@aspiringscholarsla.org to learn more about how easy, yet how impactful, this is to do. It would be a blessing for our students.

Nearly 2,000 of our students in area Catholic schools also benefit from LA GATOR which is a state-funded educational savings account program that gives eligible Louisiana families money to spend on approved K-12 education services like tuition, fees, or tutoring. Unlike Aspiring Scholars, which relies on donors redirecting their own tax liability specifically toward Catholic school scholarships, LA GATOR is funded directly by the state legislature and can be used more broadly across approved school partners.

We remain hopeful that this program will continue to grow to benefit more families across the area, and our state, so that families may more easily afford Catholic school tuition. I am holding this in prayer and ask you to join me in this intention. The Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops remains focused on this as a legislative priority, so whatever you can do as well to help with this effort would be a great benefit to our Catholic school families.

How grateful I am to our teachers, administrators, staff and our dedicated men and women religious who minister at our schools. As I continue to visit our schools, I hope I will have the opportunity to see some of you there. I am forever grateful to my parents for providing me with a Catholic school education. It was the perfect extension of my family life and an invaluable foundation for me.

I am keeping all of you in my prayers, and I ask you to pray for me as well as we thank God for our Catholic Schools and for all those who sacrifice to make them the great places they are – our parents, administrators, teachers, staff and generous benefactors.

Archbishop's Schedule

Sunday, Sept, 27 – 9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, Algiers
Tuesday, Sept. 29 – 8:30 a.m. Mass, New Orleans Provincial Council and Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops meetings, Lafayette, private event
Wednesday, Sept. 30- 4:30 p.m., Installation of Lectors, Notre Dame Seminary, private event
Thursday, Oct. 1- 6 p.m. Catholic Community Foundation 50th Anniversary Annual Dinner and St. John Paul II Award Presentation, New Orleans
Friday, Oct. 2 – 9:30 a.m. School Visit, Academy of Our Lady High School, Marrero
Friday, Oct. 2 – 10:30 a.m. Mass and School Visit, Archbishop Shaw High School, Marrero
Saturday, Oct. 3 – 4 p.m. Mass, St. Mary's Assumption (of St. Alphonsus Parish) -Blessed Seelos Shrine, New Orleans
Sunday, Oct. 4 – 9 a.m. Mass, St. David Church, New Orleans
Sunday, Oct. 4 – 11:30 a.m. Mass, St. Francis of Assisi, New Orleans followed by Eucharistic Procession, New Orleans
Monday, Oct. 5 - 9:30 a.m. Red Mass, Cathedral, Private Event
Tuesday, Oct. 6 - 5:30 p.m. Confirmation at St. Peter Church, Covington
Wednesday, Oct. 7 – 8 a.m. Finance Council Meeting, private event
Wednesday, Oct. 7 - 7 p.m. Confirmation at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Destrehan
Thursday, Oct. 8 – 10 a.m., Seminaries Board of Trustees Meetings, St. Joseph Seminary and Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans

Catholic High School Open House Schedule & Tuition Chart

Open House Dates

St. Augustine High School	Oct. 7
Mount Carmel Academy	Oct. 8
Archbishop Shaw High School	Oct. 8
Academy of Our Lady	Oct. 14
St. Mary's Dominican High School	Oct. 15
St. Michael Special School*	Oct. 15
St. Charles Catholic High School	Oct. 21
St. Therese Academy*	Oct. 21
Archbishop Hannan High School	Oct. 22
Cabrini High School	Oct. 22
Holy Cross School	Oct. 22
De La Salle High School	Oct. 27
Archbishop Rummel High School	Oct. 28
Pope John Paul II High School	Oct. 28
St. Paul's School	Oct. 29
Jesuit High School	Nov. 4
St. Mary's Academy of the Holy Family	Nov. 4
Archbishop Chapelle High School	Nov. 5
Brother Martin High School	Nov. 5
St. Scholastica Academy	Nov. 5
St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory School	Nov. 5
Academy of the Sacred Heart	Tours upon request
Ursuline Academy	Tours upon request

Coeducational High Schools

Archbishop Hannan High School
71324 Hwy, 1077, Covington 70433
(985) 249-6363
www.hannanhigh.org
Tuition: $12,105
Registration $400
Required fees: $700
656 students
73 faculty

De La Salle High School
5300 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans 70115
(504) 895-5717
www.delasallenola.com
Tuition/Registration: $13,030 (12th)
$12,905 (8th & 11th)
$12,805 (9th & 10th)
479 students
57 faculty

Pope John Paul II High School
1901 Jaguar Dr., Slidell 70461
(985) 649-0914
www.pjp.org
Tuition/Registration/Fees: $12,210
465 students
50 faculty

St. Charles Catholic High School
100 Dominican Rd., LaPlace 70068
(985) 652-3809
www.stcharlescatholic.org
Tuition: $8,875
Registration: $425
Fees: $ 1,000
416 students
34 faculty

St. Michael Special School*
1522 Chippewa St., New Orleans 70130
(504) 524-7285
www.stmichaelspecialschool.com
Tuition/Registration/Fees: $9,750
85 students
20 faculty

St. Therese Academy*
5601 *Elysian Fields Ave., New Orleans 70122*
(504) 513-4400
www.sttheresenola.org
Tuition: $14,765
Registration: $450



Fees: $1,410
47 students
14 faculty

Schools for Boys

Archbishop Rummel High School
1901 Severn Ave., Metairie 70001
(504) 834-5592
www.rummelraiders.com
Tuition/fees: $12,450
Registration $500
650 students
80 faculty

Archbishop Shaw High School
1000 Salesian Lane, Marrero 70072
(504) 340-6727
www.archbishopshaw.org
Tuition: $10,300
Registration fee: $1,000 (8th-11th)
$1,200 (12th)
535 students
39 faculty

Brother Martin High School
4401 Elysian Fields Ave., New Orleans 70122
(504)283-1561
www.brothermartin.com
Tuition/Registration/Fees: $13,222
960 students
103 faculty

Holy Cross School
5500 Paris Ave., New Orleans 70122
(504) 942-3100
www.hcnola.org
Tuition: $11,950
Registration fee: $500
Required fees: $2,825
445 students
47 faculty

Jesuit High School
4133 Banks St., New Orleans 70119
(504) 483-3937
www.jesuitnola.org
Tuition: $12,950
Registration fee: $350
1,306 students
121 faculty

St. Augustine High School
2600 A.P. Tureaud Ave., New Orleans 70119
(504) 944-2424
www.staugnolaola.org
Tuition: $10,950
Registration fee: $675
Required fees: $200 (8th-11th)
$400 (12th)
651 students
79 faculty

St. Paul's School
917 S. Jahncke Ave., Covington 70433
(985) 892-3200
www.stpauls.com
Tuition: $12,135
Registration fee: $400
Senior fee: $400
932 students
97 faculty

Schools for Girls

Academy of Our Lady
5501 Westbank Expwy., Marrero 70072
(504) 341-6217
www.theacademyofourlady.org
Tuition/Registration/Fees: $10,665
506 students
45 faculty

Academy of the Sacred Heart
4521 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans 70115
(504) 891-1943
www.ashrosary.org
Tuition: $25,805 (12th)
$25,505 (10th-11th)
$25,580 (9th) $25,685 (8th)
209 students (9th – 12th)
31 classroom teachers

Archbishop Chapelle High School
8800 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Metairie 70003
(504) 467-3105
www.archbishopchapelle.org
Tuition: $11,600
Registration fee: $700
735 students
90 faculty

Cabrini High School
1400 Moss St., New Orleans 70119
(504) 482-1193
www.cabrinihigh.com
Tuition/Registration/Fees: $13,575
300 students
55 faculty

Mount Carmel Academy
7027 Milne Blvd., New Orleans 70124
(504) 288-7626
www.mcacubs.com
Tuition: $11,700
Registration fee: $800 (one time)
1,250 students
151 faculty

St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory School
5116 Magazine St., New Orleans 70115
(504) 899-6061
www.drexelprep.com
Tuition/fees: $10,900 (12th)
$10,600 (11 th)
$10,250 (9th-10th)
$10,750 (8th)
143 students
19 faculty

St. Mary's Academy of the Holy Family
6905 Chef Menteur Hwy., New Orleans 70126
(504) 245-0200
www.smaneworleans.com
Tuition: $9,660 (12th)
$9,240 (11th) $8,925 (8th-10th)
Registration fee: $750
440 students
55 faculty

St. Mary's Dominican High School
7701 Walmsley Ave., New Orleans 70125
(504) 865-9401
www.stmarysdominican.org
Tuition: $11,780
Registration fee: $1,000
702 students
62 faculty

St. Scholastica Academy
122 S. Massachusetts St., Covington 70433
(985) 892-2540
www.ssacad.org
Tuition: $12,175
Registration fee: Varies per grade
609 students
70 faculty & staff

Ursuline Academy
2635 State St., New Orleans 70119
(504) 861-9150
www.uanola.org
Tuition: $13,635 (8th-11th)
Registration fee: $350
Required fees: $750
Network student fee: $300
Cafeteria fee: $1,200
200 students
25 faculty

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AT A GLANCE

Things you may not know about the day of prayer and sacrifice for the missions, held annually on the second-to-last Sunday of October.

World Mission Sunday is the Catholic Church's **only collection mandated** in canon law (Canon 791).



The proceeds fund the missionary work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies helping to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

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Tuesday, October 27 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	RSVP by October 23

Faith Drives Progress at Archbishop Chapelle High School

by Kim Roberts

Driving west down Veterans Memorial Boulevard, one can't help but notice the new construction taking place at Archbishop Chapelle High School. When the growing all-girls school began implementing its five-year strategic plan in 2023, leadership knew two important areas of growth would require them to think differently about their physical campus: enrollment and facilities.

Over the summer, crews began demolition of an existing structure on campus as part of a $10 million project that includes the new Incarnate Word Hall and more campus updates to improve student life and alumnae involvement.

"We have been blessed with continued interest in Chapelle and a growing student body, and we knew our facilities needed to grow alongside that enrollment. At the same time, we wanted to strengthen the heart of what makes Chapelle unique: our Catholic identity and faith formation. Building a larger chapel and dedicated theology classrooms became an important part of that vision," said Maria Eaton, Chapelle's director of advancement. "Ultimately, this project is much more than adding square footage. It is about creating a campus that supports the spiritual, academic and social development of our young women while providing faculty and staff with the spaces and resources they need to do their work well. We want our campus to offer a variety of spaces and experiences that honor Chapelle's history while preparing our school for the future."

Chapelle mounted a capital campaign with a goal of raising $10 million to build Incarnate Word Hall. To date, the school has secured and received $4.2 million in donations, along with an additional $4.2 million in pledges. That represents $8.4 million committed to Incarnate Word Hall: 84% of the $10 million goal.

"We have $1.6 million remaining to fully fund the project, and our hope is to reach our goal by the end of the 2027-2028 school year," said Eaton.

"This level of support is an incredible testament to the faith our community has in Chapelle's future. We are especially grateful because these commitments represent people investing not just in a building, but in the spiritual and academic formation of our young women," she said. "Fundraising will remain ongoing as we work toward our $10 million goal. The project will be completed in phases."

The project includes a new chapel seating approximately 260 guests, large enough to accommodate an entire grade level for Mass and other liturgical celebrations and six dedicated theology classrooms in the new building. The plans also incorporate an outdoor classroom, offering students and teachers another learning environment and revitalization of the school's grotto, which will take on renewed significance as it is incorporated into the new campus design.



An architectural rendering of the interior of the planned Incarnate Word Hall at Archbishop Chapelle High School in Metairie emphasizes the importance of the school's Catholic identity and role in the faith formation of their students.

It will also include a dedicated faculty and staff childcare center as well as additional parking spaces and improvements to traffic flow for arrival and dismissal patterns.

"We see the work that has already taken place as an exciting sign of progress. Students are beginning to see the physical changes happening on campus and understand what they are witnessing today is laying the groundwork for a facility that will serve generations of Chipmunks to come," said Easton. "Incarnate Word Hall will include approximately 17,620 square feet of new construction and several additional improvements designed to make our campus more functional, welcoming and supportive of the way our students learn and grow."

Because there are multiple components to the project, including site preparation and other campus improvements, the school is being thoughtful about the construction timeline and will continue to share milestones with the community as they are finalized. Once construction begins on the chapel, they anticipate an 18-month time frame until the project is completed.

"While there will be additional construction activity as we move into the next phases of the project, we are being very intentional about how we schedule and phase the work," Eaton added. "We know that construction of this scale will bring some disruption, but our goal is to minimize its impact on the academic day while keeping the safety and well-being of our students, faculty and staff at the forefront."

Chapelle credits parents and alumnae for being instrumental in moving this project forward.

Eaton said over the past three years, Chapelle has intentionally focused on donor engagement and building a culture of philanthropy around the vision for the school's future. This effort has resulted in the most successful fundraising campaign in Chapelle's history.

"Our alumnae understand the importance of leaving Chapelle better than they found it. They experienced the faith and education that Chapelle provided them, and now they have an opportunity to ensure those same experiences are available to future generations," she said. "Our parents recognize that they are investing not only in the school their daughters attend today, but also in the future of Catholic education."

In addition to parents and alumnae donations, Chapelle was also the beneficiary of a $3.5 million gift from Mrs. Gayle Benson.

"This gift was certainly extraordinary, and it is the largest single gift in Chapelle's history. We are incredibly honored to have established a relationship with Mrs. Benson over the last several years and to have had the opportunity to share Chapelle's story and our vision for the future with her," Eaton said. "We are incredibly grateful for the relationship that developed and for the confidence Mrs. Benson has placed in Chapelle. Her generosity has provided tremendous momentum as we move through construction, but perhaps even more importantly, it is a powerful vote of confidence in our mission and our future."
(see CHAPELLE p. 19)

Culinary Crusaders Cook From the Heart in the Crescent City

by Kim Roberts

What started 11 years ago as a Brother Martin High School teacher's personal passion, has led to the formation of one of the school's most popular clubs – Culinary Crusaders. Now 70 members strong, the Culinary Crusaders are comprised of seventh–twelfth grade students learning the art of hospitality from the ground-up.

"When I first started teaching at Brother Martin, I taught biology, and every Monday as sort of a warm-up for the week I would tell the students what I cooked over the weekend," said Don Midkiff, the Culinary Crusaders moderator. "One of the students, who happened to also attend NOCCA approached me after class and asked if I would mind moderating a cooking club. I said yes, we put something together and the club took off from there."

According to Midkiff, the students learn everything from writing and executing recipes to plating dishes, bussing tables and serving guests while gaining hands-on experience in every aspect of culinary service both on campus and off.
(see CRUSADERS p. 19)



A member of Brother Martin High School's Culinary Crusaders serves Archbishop Checchio his meal at the 25th Anniversary Mass of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Parish on Aug. 30. The Culinary Crusaders prepared the food, served the meal and bussed and cleaned up afterward essentially serving as a full-service caterer for the parish's milestone event.

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Saturday, October 24 - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
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"In Strength and Stillness" for Dominican High School Alumnae

by Lorraine Hess



More than 50 alumnae gathered for an evening of reflection lead by fellow alumnae at St. Mary's Dominican High School on Sept. 10

Since its inception in 1901, the Alumnae Association of St. Mary's Dominican High School (founded in 1860) has had the sole purpose of charity, education and spirituality for its alumnae. On Sept. 10, those goals were certainly met at the first annual "In Strength and Stillness" event held on campus in conjunction with the Sept. 8 celebration of our Blessed Mother's birthday.

Created by Alumnae Director, Celeste Anding '82, "In Strength and Stillness" was a faith journey designed to speak to women on prayer, faith, wellness, spirituality, community and service. It was led by three alumnae speakers from three different decades: Lisa Flood, Ty Salvant and Alexa Schexnaildre.

Lisa Flood '86 spoke on Ignatian Spirituality and the power of praying scripture by immersing ourselves in the gospel scene. Flood teaches Confirmation classes, leads bible study and mentors young women. She was the 2023 recipient of the CCSCC's Regina Matrum Award.

Ty Salvant '93 is a published author who creates family-centered resources and leads workshops including The Journaling Workshop, which helps individuals preserve their stories, values and wisdom for future generations. As a passionate advocate for intentional living, she spoke about spiritual wellness.

Alexa Schexnaildre '04, shared how her relationship with God has grown during more than two decades of physical suffering. Her message reminded us of what makes life worth living regardless of our age or circumstances. She is author of the blog, For the Greater Purpose and regularly speaks at parish events about redemptive suffering and the power of Mary's intercession.

More than 50 women attended the event from graduating classes 1964 to 2022. Each participant received a handmade bookmark with a beautiful prayer that was written by the Dominican student preachers.

I was blessed to provide the music which highlighted each extraordinary woman's message. An '86 alumna, I am a nationally published singer, songwriter and recording artist whose seeds of faith and love of liturgical music were cultivated while I was a student at Dominican High School. Like all the women gathered together, we attended the event as women who love God but still want to go deeper. Although stillness and strength were present in the room, the energy was infectious, and every speaker was captivating.

Also joining us was Holly Rantz '22, an artist who was our visual note taker. She created live art from the event as it was happening. She has experience in gallery work as well as live painting, workshops and teaching.

Anding's vision for this event was to feature alumnae who are real, normal, current and deeply spiritual. She nailed it. Flood, Salvant and Schexnaildre offered a diversity of perspectives in living our faith through intentional prayer, spiritual wellness and redemptive suffering.

As I sat listening to each woman speak, I had tremendous gratitude for having been invited to participate, and an even deeper pride as an alumna knowing that decade after decade, Dominican High School continues to form faith-filled women who are changing the world with their diverse charisms one soul at a time.

Anding hopes this will become an annual event. A night for the alumnae of Dominican to be still in the presence of God and grow stronger in faith through the inspiration of their sister-speakers who share their wisdom, humility, life experiences and love of God. I have no doubt our Blessed Mother enjoyed her birthday celebration.

To learn more about events sponsored by Dominican's Alumnae Association or about the school's programming visit https://www.stmarysdominican.org/.

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Celebrating 300 Years of Catholic Education at Ursuline Academy

Staff Report

Ursuline Academy of New Orleans officially kicked off its tricentennial year with Traditions Day, a celebration honoring nearly 300 years of Ursuline history, traditions and impact in New Orleans.

The day began with an Academy Mass at St. Louis Cathedral, bringing together the Ursuline community at one of New Orleans' most historic landmarks. Two third grade students led the precession before Mass with a presentation of lilies placed in front of the statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor.

Following Mass, alumnae second-lined to Antoine's Restaurant for a special luncheon where New Orleans Mayor Helena Moreno recognized Ursuline Academy's nearly 300-year legacy in the city, presenting a proclamation to the Academy and a key to the city to the Ursuline Sisters. The key was accepted by Sister Carolyn Marie Brockland, O.S.U., a longtime Ursuline educator and leader. Sister Carolyn has served Ursuline in New Orleans for decades, including as a teacher, high school principal, convent prioress and director of the National Votive Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor.



Ursuline Academy alumnae and student representatives unveil the commemorative streetcar sculpture.

The celebration brought together generations of Ursuline alumnae and community leaders, including former U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu '73, Madeleine Landrieu '80, Deb Augustine Grant '70, Academy President Laurie Leiva and Father Ajani K. Gibson, Ursuline Academy chaplain.

The celebration continued at Ursuline Academy with recognition of the historic marker in front of the Academy on State Street and the unveiling of a streetcar sculpture donated by the Patrick F. Taylor Foundation and designed and painted by Ursuline students. The sculpture will serve as a visible tribute to the Academy's tricentennial and its longstanding connection to New Orleans.



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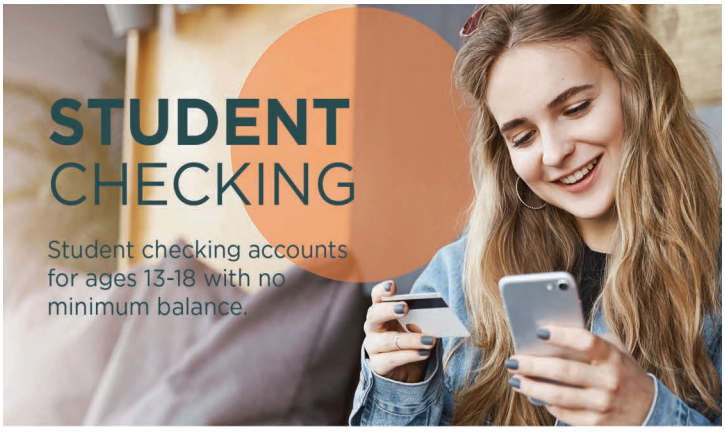
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Around Our Catholic High Schools in Pictures (Photos provided by each high school)



According to the Pope John Paul II Class of 2027, there's no better way to start the first day of school than by watching the sunrise with their classmates and celebrating the beginning of their final year at Pope with a long-standing senior tradition.



Emotions and excitement were high as the senior class at St. Katharine Drexel Prep prepared to meet their Little Sisters as the school year began.

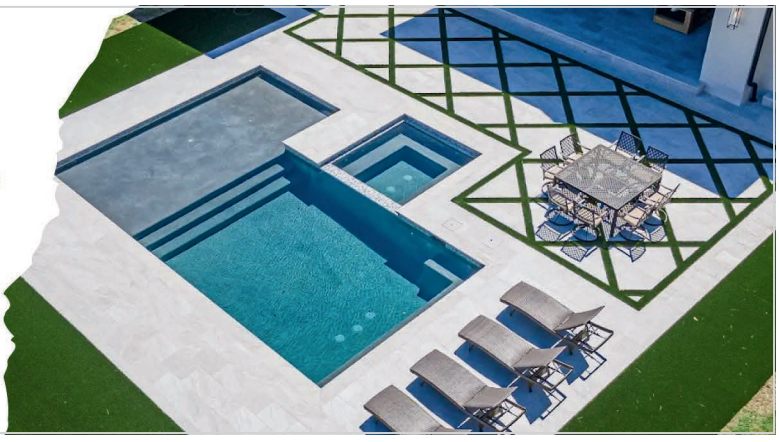


Food and Nutrition students at Mount Carmel Academy learned the proper placement of plates, flatware, glassware and napkins, then added their own creative spin to their table settings. Part etiquette, part design and a fun way to make it their own.



The St. Charles Catholic High School Comets kicked off football season in the school's chapel with the traditional Blessing of the Helmets lead by school chaplain Father Cyril Buyeera.

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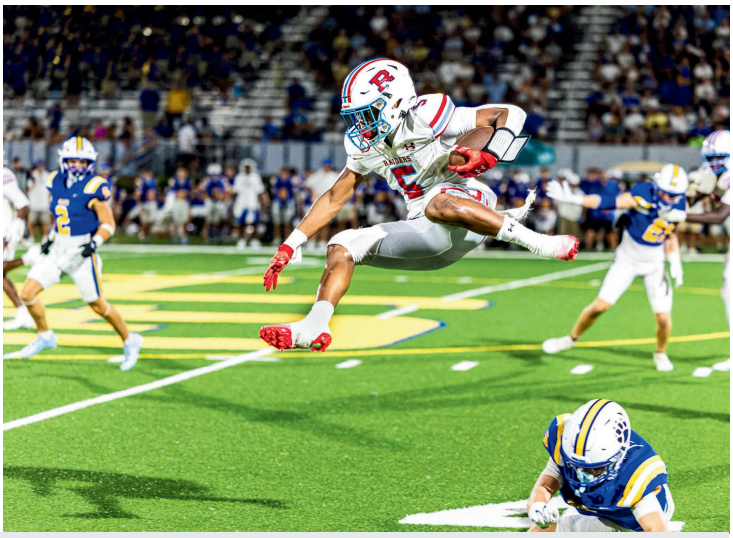
On Aug. 22, Archbishop Hannan High School hosted its annual gala where the students volunteered to work the food stations, raffle booth and more. Gala guests were treated to a surprise visit from Archbishop Checchio.



The first day was a good day at St. Paul's School in Covington. The tradition of taking time to really learn each another's name continues as CORE Pack mentors even shared the traditions with their CORE Pack mentees.



With the start of the new school year comes Club Day at Academy of Our Lady in Marrero. The young women at AOL had the opportunity to learn more and sign-up to get involved in over 30 different clubs and activities.



It was "Verso l'alt," ("to the heights"), as Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati would say, for the Archbishop Rummel Raider football team in their season opener against St. Paul School in Covington.



The Academy of the Sacred Heart Volleyball Cardinals opened the season with a three-set victory against McGehee in their home opener.



The Jesuit Blue Jays opened the 2026 football season with a 28-20 victory over powered by big plays and plenty of energy from the Blue Jay Marching Band, Jayettes, cheerleaders and the student section donned in blue and white.

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Happy Diamond Jubilee St. Augustine High School

Staff Report

St. Augustine High School officially kicked off its 75th Diamond Jubilee school year on Aug. 11, with the annual First Day celebration – an incredible tradition that brings alumni back to the school yard to welcome both new and returning students.

This special event brings alumni of all generations back to campus to share their love, energy and Purple Pride with the next generation of St. Augustine men.

Students were greeted by alumni who shared stories and reminisced about their own first days and experiences as students at St. Augustine. The excitement was contagious as students welcomed their alumni brothers back home and experienced firsthand the Purple Pride that makes the St. Augustine family so special.



Alumni gather on St. Augustine's campus for the traditional First Day activities to welcome students.





The St. Therese Academy Class of 2027 celebrated their Ring Mass with chaplain Father Francis Offia at St. Martin de Porres Church in New Orleans.



De La Salle's Class of 2027 started the school year with a Senior Retreat at The Cenacle on the Lake.



Bubbles, bubbles everywhere to teach basic science principles in chemistry class at Cabrini High School in New Orleans!

Voy, Señor



Fr. Manuel
SOLORZANO, O.P.

Read this reflection in English online at *clarionherald.org*.

26° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Mateo 21: 28-32
Septiembre 27, 2026

Queridos hermanos: La Palabra de Dios de este domingo nos recuerda que no basta con decir que creemos en Dios; necesitamos demostrarlo con nuestra vida. Dios siempre nos ofrece la oportunidad de cambiar, de volver a Él y de hacer su voluntad.

El profeta Ezequiel nos presenta a un Dios justo y misericordioso. El que se ha alejado del buen camino puede cambiar y volver a Dios. Esto nos recuerda que nuestro pasado no tiene la última palabra. Siempre podemos comenzar de nuevo. Dios mira nuestro corazón y nuestra decisión de cambiar.

El salmista nos hace pedir: "Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos." Esta debería ser también nuestra oración diaria. No siempre sabemos qué camino debemos tomar. Por eso necesitamos pedir al Señor que nos muestre su camino y nos dé la humildad para seguirlo.

San Pablo, en la segunda lectura, nos invita a vivir en unidad, humildad y servicio. Y nos presenta a Jesús como nuestro modelo: Cristo se hizo humilde y se entregó por nosotros. La vida cristiana no consiste en buscar ser más importantes que los demás, sino en aprender de Jesús a servir y a poner el bien del hermano por delante de nuestro propio interés.

En el Evangelio, Jesús cuenta la parábola de un padre que pide a sus dos hijos que vayan a trabajar a la viña. El primero dice "no", pero después se arrepiente y va. El segundo dice «sí», pero finalmente no va.

Jesús nos hace ver que Dios no mira solamente nuestras palabras, sino nuestras acciones. Podemos decir muchas veces "sí" a Dios: cuando rezamos, cuando participamos en la Iglesia, cuando hablamos de nuestra fe. Pero la pregunta importante es: estamos viviendo realmente aquello que decimos?
El primer hijo nos muestra que siempre es posible cambiar. Quizás al principio dijo que no, pero después reflexionó y fue. Esto es una invitación a no desesperarnos por nuestras debilidades. Podemos equivocarnos y alejarnos, pero siempre queda abierta la posibilidad de volver.

El segundo hijo nos muestra otro peligro: decir que sí con los labios, pero no con la vida. Por eso, la pregunta que nos deja Jesús es muy sencilla: cuál de los dos hijos soy yo?

También podemos preguntarnos: Mi sí a Dios se ve en mi manera de tratar a los demás? Se ve en mi servicio? En mi capacidad de perdonar? En mi preocupación por quienes sufren? Hoy el Señor nos invita a pasar de las palabras a las obras, de las buenas intenciones a una vida concreta de fe.

Y cuando descubramos que hemos fallado, no tengamos miedo de volver a empezar.

- Mi vida corresponde a lo que digo creer?
- Hay algo que Dios me está pidiendo y que todavía estoy evitando?
- Estoy dispuesto a cambiar cuando descubro que me he equivocado?
- Busco sinceramente que el Señor me muestre sus caminos

Hermanos, pidamos al Señor un corazón humilde y sincero. Que nuestro "Sí" a Dios no se quede solamente en palabras, sino que se manifieste cada día en el amor, el servicio y la misericordia. Y repitamos con confianza: "Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos." Amén.



The Feast of Saints Michael, Raphael and Gabriel, Archangels

Feast Day: September 29

Archangel Gabriel is most well known as the angel that visited Mary to tell her she would be Jesus's mother. The Archangel Gabriel, whose name means "Man of God" or "Strength of God" is known as God's messenger angel in both the Old Testament and the New Testament bringing the Good News of the coming of the Messiah, Jesus. He visits Daniel in the Old Testament, and Zechariah, the shepherds, the Wisemen and Mary, in the New Testament.

Pictures of Saint Gabriel often show him holding a lily, trumpet, or a lantern. He is known as the patron saint of messengers, telecommunication workers and postal workers.

Prayer to Saint Gabriel

O Blessed Archangel Gabriel, we beseech thee, do thou intercede for us at the throne of divine Mercy in our present necessities, that as thou didst announce to Mary the mystery of the Incarnation, so through thy prayers and patronage in heaven we may obtain the benefits of the same, and sing the praise of God forever in the land of the living.

Amen.

The **Archangel Michael**'s name means "Who is like God?" and he is known as a warrior Angel, defending against both spiritual and earthly enemies. Saint Michael's role as the defender of the Church is very well known. He has fought against Satan and his forces throughout history. He's also known as the "Angel of the Lord" in the Old Testament.

While Saint Michael isn't a human saint, he holds a special place as a powerful angelic leader and protector of humanity. His responsibilities include combating Satan, guiding souls to heaven, defending Christians and the Church and calling people to judgment.

Saint Michael is the patron saint of soldiers, paratroopers and police.

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Amen.

The **Archangel Raphael** is a prominent figure in the Old Testament in the Book of Tobit. His name means "God heals" because of his role as a healer and guide to Tobit and his family.

Saint Raphael is the patron saint of travelers, the blind and bodily ills, happy meetings, nurses, physicians and medical workers.

Prayer to Saint Raphael

O Raphael, lead us towards those we are waiting for, those who are waiting for us! Raphael, Angel of happy meetings, lead us by the hand towards those we are looking for! May all our movements, all their movements, be guided by your light and transfigured by your Joy.

Angel guide of Tobias, lay the request we now address to you at the feet of Him on whose unveiled face you are privileged to gaze. Lonely and tired, crushed by the separations and sorrows of earth, we feel the need of calling to you and of pleading for the protection of your wings, so that we may not be as strangers in the province of Joy, all ignorant of the concerns of our country.

Remember the weak, you who are strong – you whose home lies beyond the region of thunder, in a land that is always peaceful, always serene and bright with the resplendent glory of God.

Amen.

The Memorial of the Guardian Angels

Feast Day: October 2

The Catholic belief in guardian angels holds a significant place in the faith, offering solace to parents who believe the angels protect their children from harm. This doctrine, while rooted in Scripture, finds its foundation in the words of Jesus in Matthew 18:10, affirming the existence of angels assigned to individuals who represent them before God and watch over their well-being.

The devotion to guardian angels gained momentum with the rise of monasticism and was eloquently championed by figures like Saint Bernard of Clairvaux. The feast dedicated to guardian angels was officially introduced in the 16th century and added to the Roman calendar by Pope Paul V in 1615.

Sacred Scripture contains numerous examples of God sending angels to fulfill divine missions. Guardian angels are seen as participants in God's holiness and are believed to accompany the Church as a whole and individual believers, providing protection, guidance and enlightenment.

Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide.
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An architectural rendering of the exterior of the planned Incarnate Word Hall illustrates how the new building will completely change the view of the school from Veteran's Blvd. as well as the improvements to the parking lot and grounds.

CRUSADERS

"We started with four members, which quickly grew to 12, and after each event we worked we had more students interested in joining," he added. "We went from just teaching recipes to the boys to having the students work with people in the hospitality industry and working service and event prep and cooking for 400 people at a sit-down meal. It has been an incredible ride for the culinary group."

The Culinary Crusaders cooks and serves for many events on and off campus, including Elysian Fields Forever, the school's Alumni Plus 50 Mass and Reunion, Homecoming Tailgate at Tad Gormley, Notre Dame Seminary Gala, Louisiana Hospitality Foundation's Horses, Hops and Cops in City Park, the NJROTC's End of Year Gala and the Zurich Classic of New Orleans. The club cooks and serves for more than 25 events per year.

"I joined the Culinary Crusaders out of the interest to learn about cooking. I have always wanted to be dependent on myself to cook, whether that be a simple snack or a three-course meal," said sophomore member Carson Erdozain. "Out of everything about Culinary Crusaders, my favorite thing about the club is the active involvement we have towards Brother Martin and the surrounding community. It is so wonderful to be able to meet new people whether they are locals, alumni, staff, or students regardless of grade level."

Due to the number of events the group works over the course of the year, club members meet every single week to discuss preparations and make plans. Meetings are held in the auditorium with cooking happening in the school's state-of-the-art kitchen.

"The majority of students in the Culinary Crusaders don't have previous cooking skills, they have eating skills though," Midkiff said. "We teach safety, awareness, timing and cooking skills to these students and I don't do this alone. Food Service Director Drew Treuting is great with teaching the students safe kitchen skills."

According to Midkiff, the goal of the club is not necessarily to foster future culinary leaders but to allow students the opportunity to learn how to cook and move forward with skills that are transferable anywhere.

Though some students do go on to work in the culinary field.

"I like the community and professionalism I have learned through the Culinary Crusaders and that teamwork can be used to create great things," said senior member Michael Morris. "I plan to use the skills I've learned in the club in the future."

One of the most requested dishes that the Culinary Crusaders make is their butterscotch and white chocolate bread pudding. One of the dishes Midkiff said they have really "honed-in on" is the classic French dish potatoes dauphinoise, which is fun to say and a great teaching dish because of how it is prepared.

"But our most famous item, hands down, in the Brother Martin community is our smoked sausage sliders, which consists of a toasted bun, grilled sausage, spicy chipotle sauce and sweet honey sauce (crimson and gold sauces) that we serve at the homecoming tailgate and on the seniors' last day," he said.

In addition to working special events, they are currently working to add a Culinary Crusader prepared item to the school's lunch menu next semester. The goal is for the club to prepare a once-a-week special for students, and faculty, to purchase at lunch.

"I joined the Culinary Crusaders to have the ability to give back not just to the Brother Martin community, but to many communities all over the city of New Orleans," said sophomore member Spencer Hackett. "Food is one of my favorite things and being able to share it with others around me has given me such a sense of love and compassion. Food is a gateway that lets me interact and bond with so many people and Culinary Crusaders has given me just that."

To learn more about Brother Martin's Culinary Crusaders visit https://www.brothermartin.com/culinary-crusaders/.

BROTHER MARTIN

Around the Archdiocese

NOLA Catholic Youth Conference, "Made For More," Sept. 26 , 9 a.m.–5 p.m., at *Jesuit High School, 4133 Banks St., New Orleans*. The youth of the Archdiocese of New Orleans are invited to gather for the annual NOLA Catholic Youth Conference. Interested youth are encouraged to register through their church parish.

Catholic Community Foundation's Annual Dinner, Oct. 1, the *Hilton New Orleans Riverside*. Honoring the priests of the Archdiocese of New Orleans with the 2026 Saint John Paul II Award as the foundation celebrates 50 years.

Metairie Magnificat Chapter Breakfast, Oct. 3, 9 a.m.-noon, *St. Jerome Council #6746 Knights of Columbus Hall, 3310 Florida Ave. and 33rd St.*, Guest speaker Sadie Bonvillain, assistant director o the Marian Servants of the Word. Tickets $27, registration required. https://magnificat-ministry.net/

Seelos Healing Mass, Oct. 3, 4 p.m., St. Mary's Assumption Church, *923 Josephine St., New Orleans*. Archbishop James Checchio, presider and homilist. Confession and relic blessings before Mass; anointing of the sick after Mass; Shrine, Welcome Center and Gift Shop open before and after Mass.

Mass of the Roses, In Honor of St. Therese, Oct. 4, 9 a.m. Rosary, 9:30 a.m. Mass, *Carmelite Monastery, 73530 River Road, Covington*. Rev. Abbot Justin Brown OSB, celebrant. Homemade gifts and baked goods sold after Mass.

Annual Red Mass, Oct. 5, 9:30 a.m., *St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans*. The Saint Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association announces the celebration of the 74TH Annual Red Mass, invoking the Holy Spirit upon the bench and bar of the State of Louisiana. Archbishop James Checchio will be the principal Celebrant and Homilist. Members of the bench and bar of the State of Louisiana, as well as the public, are invited to attend.

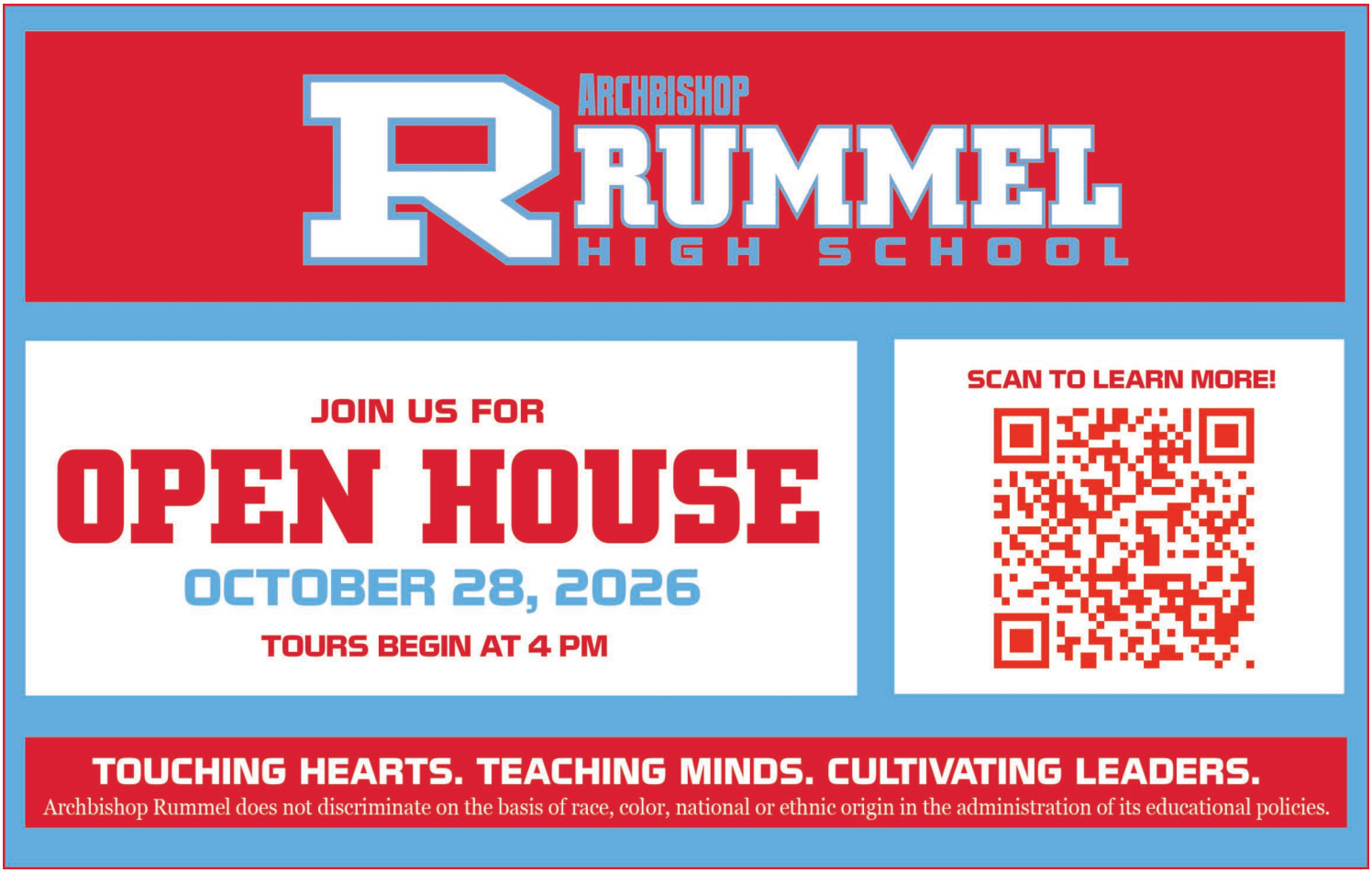
Rosary and Rose at The Cenacle on the Lake, Oct. 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., *5500 St. Mary St., Metairie*. Join the Cenacle on the Lake staff and friends to pray the Rosary and enjoy sips of rose wine. Reflection will be given by Deacon Julius and Mrs. Erin Laurent. Music for the evening provided by Lorraine Hess. Visit neworleansretreats.com to reserve your space.

Redbird Ministry for Grieving Parents, Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m., If you have lost a child from miscarriage, stillborn, infancy, young child or adult child please join us at *Our Lady of the Lake Church, Mandeville*, in the cafeteria. Grandparents are also welcome. For more information contact Jewell Bayhi at 504-330-5975

Sips with Seminarians Cocktail Competition, Oct. 9, 6:30-9 p.m. Schulte Auditorium. an unforgettable evening of handcrafted cocktails, friendly competition, great food, and fellowship – all in support of the seminarians of Notre Dame Seminary. For more information visit nds.edu/sips

Igntian Imaginative Prayer: Day of Prayer with Pam and Mark Truxillo at *The Cenacle on the Lake, 5500 St. Mary St., Metarie*. Learn more or register online at neworleansretreats.com or by calling (504) 267-9604.

Women of Faith of St. Clement of Rome Church, an evening with Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers on Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. in the church, *4317 Richland Ave*.Deacon Burke-Sivers has appeared as a guest on numerous international Catholic radio and television programs and is the host or co-host of several popular series on the Eternal Word Television Network. This is an adult-only event.



New Pastors Installed Across the Archdiocese


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Over the weekend of September 12-13, Archbishop Checchio installed two pastors—Father Raymond Igbogidi at St. Angela Merici Parish in Metairie and Father Luke Nguyen at Assumption of Mary in Avondale.

At the 4 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Angela, the Archbishop reminded the Father Raymond to always be a loving father, gentle shepherd and wise teacher of his people while leading them to Christ. And, he thanked the parishioners for their faithfulness and fidelity to Jesus.

The following morning during Mass at Assumption of Mary, Archbishop Checchio preached about an experience with Pope Benedict reminding priests that their first charge is "to believe". He told the people that Father Luke's, and all priests', first charge is to believe and to witness faith and belief as they celebrate the Sacraments and as they walk through life with their parishioners. The Mass was a bilingual celebration prayed in Vietnamese and English and featured traditional Vietnamese dress and song.



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Around the Archdiocese


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The annual Archdiocese of New Orleans Priest Convocation took place Sept. 9-11 in New Orleans. In addition to formation and fellowship, the local priests gathered daily for Mass and a Holy Hour to pray for the faithful and for God's guidance for one another.


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The Archdiocesan Mass Gospel Choir performs at the 2026 Bishop Fernand J. Cheri GospelFest on Sept, 12. The event brought choirs from around the archdiocese together for an evening of song and a food for Second Harvest Food Bank.



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On the evening of Sept. 12, St. Michael Special School hosted its annual Blue Rose Ball to support their sacred mission to provide a Catholic environment where students with intellectual and developmental disabilities are able to grow in faith and reach their full potential—academically, socially and physically.



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On Sept. 13, God's Special Children celebrated their 22nd Anniversary Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church in Metairie. Archbishop James Checchio was the main celebrant with Father Mike Mitchell, Father Joseph Palermo and Father Raymond Igbogidi concelebrating. Members of God's Special Children assisted in the Mass as altar servers, readers and performing in the bell choir.

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