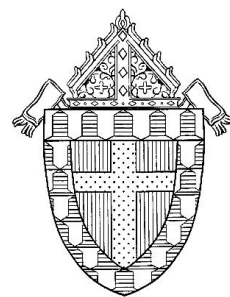


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Upcoming Events:

- Quo Vadis Nights
6-7 pm Cathedral
April 2, 2014
May 7, 2014
- Come and See Retreat
St. Joseph Abbey
St. Benedict, LA
April 11-13, 2014
- Notre Dame Seminary
Graduation May 8, 2014
- St. Joseph Seminary
Graduation May 9, 2014
- Priesthood Ordinations
10 am
Cathedral of St. John the
Evangelist in Lafayette
June 14, 2014
June 21, 2014
- Transitional Diaconate
Ordination
10 am
Cathedral of St. John the
Evangelist in Lafayette
June 14, 2014
- Quo Vadis Days
Vocation Camp
June 24-26
Our Lady of Sorrows
Retreat Center
St. Martinville, LA

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These Are Indeed Holy Days *by Fr. Kevin Bordelon*

Very soon we enter into the most sacred time of the church's liturgical year. These high holy days mark the hour of Jesus, the time of His passion. Our Lord says "yes" perfectly and completely to the will of the Father on Good Friday. His "yes" to love, light, and life brings Him to the resurrection on Easter Sunday. For us, His "yes" means hope for eternal life. These are indeed holy days, days of great joy and blessing. For the Office of Vocations we rejoice this Easter season with particular vigor. In early May six Lafayette seminarians graduate from St. Joseph's Seminary College and one Lafayette seminarian will graduate from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. These men will continue their formation at the graduate level beginning in the fall.



Additionally, in June (on two successive Saturdays) Bishop Jarrell will ordain a total of seven priests and one transitional deacon for service to our local church. Thanks be to God! May the perfect and passionate "yes" of Jesus inspire and animate the hearts of these young men as they begin a life of priestly service.



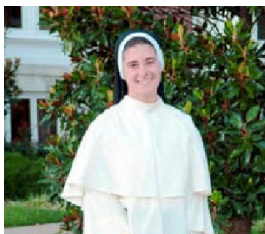
Religious Vocations Poster Coming

As a fitting complement to the annual seminarian poster, The Vocation Office is in the process of creating a poster highlighting all the men and women in the formation process for religious life in our diocese and those who have made profession in recent years. Look for it soon.

(l-r) Ali Reed (Sr. Malia Grace Reed, OP) with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia; Angelique Marcantel (Sr. Protectrice) with the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara; Bree Higginbotham (Sr. Marie Therese of Jesus Crucified) with the Carmelite Monastery in Lafayette.

Religious Vocations Dinner with the Bishop

Are you or someone you know discerning the religious life? Bishop Michael Jarrell invites young women who may be discerning religious life to dinner at Immaculata Center, June 26, 2014, at 6:30 pm. It is customary that the pastor or a religious accompany the candidate to the Vocation Supper. Space is limited to fifteen (15), so early registration is encouraged. To register or for more information, call 337 261-5690 or email vocations@diolaf.org.

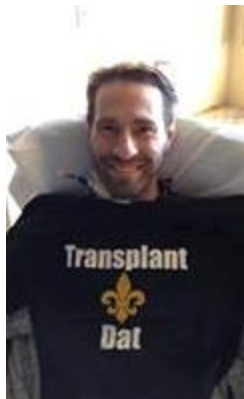




Deacons Travis Abadie and Matthew Mary Barzare

Serran Prayer for Vocations

Oh God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, Ever Virgin, St. Joseph, her spouse, Blessed Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for Your Church, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls. Through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen..



Joel in his New Orleans hospital room three days post transplant.

Quo Vadis Vocation Camp June 24-26, 2014

Attention all Catholic young men ages 14-25: do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a specific plan for your life, a particular path to be and to do something great for his kingdom! Come discover what it is at the Third Annual Quo Vadis Days Camp. At QVD you will spend time with other young men your age serious about hearing the Lord's voice in their lives and following him. These are blessed days of prayer, fun, and fraternity. You will learn to pray better and make great friends. QVD is led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Lafayette and is sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Vocations. QVD will be held from Tuesday, June 24th to Thursday, June 26th at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center in St. Martinville. There is no cost to attend the camp. Look for registration information in your parish bulletin soon or contact Father Kevin Bordelon at the Office of Vocations, perebordelon@gmail.com or 337.261.5690.



Seminarian has "Change of Heart"

Edited Acadiana Catholic April 2014 edition article by Fr. Kevin Bordelon

The candidate for priesthood undergoes extensive training focused on the human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral "pillars" or areas of formation. Each of the four pillars have their unique focus but all work together to effectively create that "new heart" Jesus wishes to animate the life and work of his priests.

We might rightly say then, that it should be the goal of every seminarian to obtain a new heart during his years of preparation for Holy Orders. One seminarian studying for the Lafayette Diocese recently took that directive literally. On Monday, January 6th, Joel Faulk (39) underwent a successful heart transplant surgery at Ochsner Medical Center in New Orleans.

Joel first entered formation in the late 90s. While studying theology in Rome, Joel battled leukemia twice. After the second round of cancer and remission, he decided to take a break from seminary. That break ended up lasting 11 years. In the spring of 2013 Joel reapplied for seminary and underwent the required physical examination. No health problems were indicated. Thus, Joel entered Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans last August. But soon after he began to notice fatigue and shortness of breath. This worsened until finally the rector of the seminary (Fr. Jim Wehner) insisted he go to the emergency room. Upon examination it was quickly discovered that Joel was experiencing heart failure.

After initial testing and treatment, Joel was released from the hospital after three days and returned to seminary studies. However further testing and monitoring revealed that Joel's condition was indeed very serious and the best option was a heart transplant which Joel underwent in the early morning of January 6, 2014. Countless prayers and sacrifices accompanied Joel and the surgeons as they began the transplant at 5:15 am. The surgery ended a little before noon. Later that evening Joel was recovering so well that he was taken off the ventilator. Three days later he was sitting in a recliner going through emails and responding to all the messages he had received. On Wednesday afternoon (January 15th), Joel was released from the hospital and returned to Notre Dame Seminary. Joel was eager to get back into the normal routine of seminary life. He reported having more energy and feeling better only one week after the transplant than he felt during the whole month of the last semester. Even using the stairs was no problem now. Joel joked that he was out to set a record for heart transplant recovery. He may well have done that.

It is indeed the goal of seminary formation to create new hearts in those men ordained priests of Jesus Christ. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus continue to bring to completion the good work he has begun in Joel Faulk.



Seminarians Andrew Schumacher, Rene Pellessier, Matt Hebert, & Blake Dubroc join the marchers along with Lafayette along with seminarian Joseph Boustany, Deacon Matthew Mary Barzare and Fr. William Blanda.



2014 March for Life—Washington, DC

In Their Own Words

This is a picture of Matt Hebert (home parish is St. Mary Magdalen), myself (was assigned to St. Mary Magdalen), Fr. Blanda (pastor of St. Mary Magdalen), and Deacon Matthew Barzare (was assigned to St. Mary Magdalen from the months of June-October). Matt traveled into DC from Mount St. Mary's for the March. Fr. Blanda and Deacon Barzare traveled to DC with a group from Vermilion Catholic High School. It was very nice to visit with the students from Vermilion Catholic, keeping mindful of potential vocations to the priesthood, and to be with Matt and Deacon Barzare as witnesses of God's call to the priesthood. It was especially unique to represent three different stages of seminary formation--Deacon Barzare (who is approaching priesthood), Matt (who is midway through First Theology), and myself (who is progressing through college seminary). Fr. Blanda and the parish of St. Mary Magdalen work diligently to pray for, to foster, and to promote vocational discernment. *By Seminarian Joseph Boustany*

"This was third time I have attended the March for Life. Each experience has been a bit different, but what highlighted this years events was the witness of the younger generation. My pastor, Fr. William Blanda, brought a group of juniors and seniors with him from Vermilion Catholic. As I watched them participate in the events I was moved to see the motivation that is being fostered in our Catholic schools to defend human life and to love their neighbors. I left this year's March for Life feeling refreshed and confident that the current high-school students are truly the pro-life generation!" *by Seminarian Matthew Hebert*

Our lives matter to the degree that we give them away to serve God and to help other people. Our lives matter *not* because of who we are. They matter because of who God is. His mercy, his justice, his love – these are the things that move the galaxies and reach into the womb to touch the unborn child with the grandeur of being human. And we become more human ourselves by seeing the humanity in the poor, the weak and the unborn child and then fighting for it. Over the past 41 years, the prolife movement has been written off as dying too many times to count. Yet here we are, again and again, disappointing our critics and refusing to die. And why is that? It's because the Word of God and the works of God do not pass away. No court decision, no law and no political lobby can ever change the truth about when human life begins and the sanctity that God attaches to each and every human life.

By Bishop Charles J. Chaput

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Matthew Gossen
Matthew Hebert
Michael Richard
Nicholas Hebert
Payton Bourque
Randy Courville
Rene Pellessier
Sal Istre
Stephen Pellessier

Priestly Ordination Anniversaries



4.17.71 Fr. Ambrose Akalawu, CSSP
4.17.99 Fr. Jaison Mangalath, SVD
4.22.72 Fr. Henry Broussard
4.24.73 Fr. Jerry Mesley
4.28.69 Fr. Thomas Nguyen
5.01.09 Fr. Anderson De Sousa, SVD
5.01.63 Fr. Arthur Warren
5.04.76 Fr. Robert Seay, OFM
5.06.77 Fr. Willard Dugas
5.07.07 Fr. Justin Arochiasamy, SVD
5.07.59 Fr. Joseph Brennan
5.09.81 Fr. Paul Bergeron
5.14.02 Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD
5.14.82 Fr. Jody Simoneaux
5.18.81 Fr. Scott Desmormeaux
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5.22.56 Msgr. Robert Angelle
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5.23.87 Fr. Randall Moreau
5.24.80 Fr. Glenn Meaux
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