

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:*May 19-20, 2018*

SOMETHING NEW: We have installed some new lights in the back of the Co-Cathedral (corner of Sacristy) and on the side of the Rectory facing Our Lady's courtyard in order to provide more lights to our walkways and spaces that our people use. I have done many walk-around our properties at night in order to determine the "dark areas" that people use at night with the intent of illuminating them. We also fixed the big lights on the post in front of Church Office parking lot and on the post facing the back parking lot behind the Life Center. I have identified a few more remaining "dark areas" that we need to put some lights: the side of the Co-Cathedral facing 7th Street, the front of the Rectory between the Co-Cathedral and the Church Office, and the small driveway between the Rectory and the Church Office. Taking my cue from my fellow blue-collar workers I say, "**Safety First!**"

Please do not forget to **CONGRATULATE** and **THANK** our **2018** recipients of the **Diocesan Awards for Service** from the Co-Cathedral community, **Mr. James "Jimmy" and Mrs. Margaret Labit!** On **Sunday, May 27th at 2 PM here at the Co-Cathedral**, Jimmy and Margaret will join all awardees from the whole diocese in receiving their awards from me and Bishop Fabre. Let's thank God for the sending Jimmy, Margaret and many others to our community to serve God and His people. I will officially present them to our community (with their awards) on Sunday, June 3rd at the 9:30 AM mass.

This weekend is the Solemnity of Pentecost, the birth of our Church and faith community and officially, the end of the Easter Season. After the 2nd Reading, the singing (or reciting) of the Sequence of Pentecost (a version in song or poem of "Come, Holy Spirit") is inserted before the Gospel proclamation. The Sequence calls our attention not only to the "solemnity" of the event but also, to God's desire to truly make us His "missionary disciples!"

BECOMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES is our Diocesan Strategic Plan for the next 5 years. This plan came about after 2 years of consultation and preparations that involved all the lay faithful of our diocese from the ordained and the consecrated, to the ordinary pew-Catholics. Perhaps you have already heard about

the "Strategic Plan" and/or have participated in some activities that accompanied it. In the next few months, I will be working with our Implementation Team in slowly presenting to all of you in full (1) the Plan, (2) the goals (3) and the approaches. I will talk more about this later on.

Contrary to some belief that becoming a missionary disciple mean "going somewhere" and "doing something," my understanding of "missionary discipleship" means becoming like Christ first within, and then to all others. We have a Latin saying that I've learned a long time ago that states, "*nemo dat quod non habet*" or simply "*non dabet, non habet*" (meaning: **you cannot give what you do not have!**) For Jesus, in order for us to give God to all, we must have God **WITHIN** first. To share to others our experience of Jesus we must totally and completely encounter God's truly present to and within us all the time. Once we have immersed and saturated ourselves with the fullness of God's presence, we can then share, give and become an encounter and experience of God to all spontaneously without even thinking about it; God truly is *Emmanu-El* – within us! This is what "becoming missionary disciple" is all about.

The "going somewhere" and "doing something" happens in the process. We must go "deeply within oneself" first and "do something" **BEFORE** we go somewhere. And we need a lot of help going "deeply within" (this is not for the weak of heart!), that's why Jesus gave us the extra help to make it possible for us to indeed **HAVE** what we need to **GIVE!** Happy Pentecost Day y'all!

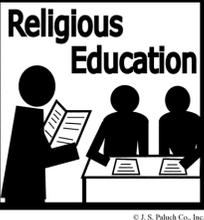
Father Vic+

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Pentecost Sunday
May 20, 2018

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts
but the same Spirit.

— *1 Corinthians 12:4*



The religious education department is in need of **TEACHER AIDES AND SUBS** for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested, please contact Sue at 985-446-1387.

Wedding Banns

Tracie Comeaux & Geoffrey Pitre (3)
Bailey Shaw & Joseph Blake (2)
Alexandra Blanchard & Joshua Robichaux (1)
Alyce Bernard & Eric Bloss (1)

Missalettes



May 20th –26th, 2018
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Please remember **Elliott Landry & Enid Maggio** who passed on into the Kingdom of our Father recently. Please pray also that their families may find comfort and consolation through their faith.

April 28th/29th, 2018

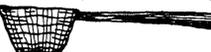
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May 5th/ 6th, 2018

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	ACH Weekly	335.00
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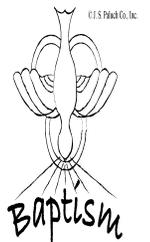
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The following were Baptized into the family of Christ recently:

Riley Claire & Remi Rae
 Children of Joshua & Whitney

Emrie Lee
 Benjamin & Carlie



CURSILLO 2018



June 7-10, 2018: Women's Cursillo Weekend

August 9-12, 2018: Men's Cursillo Weekend

This three day Cursillo is a personal encounter with Christ— a weekend just for you and our Lord. Please pray about this, for you can only attend a Cursillo Weekend ONCE in your lifetime.

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