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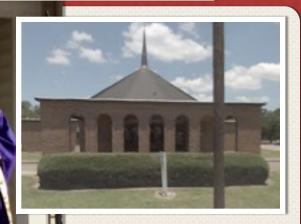
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# MISSION FOR THE LOVE OF GOD WORLDWIDE





PROCESSION WITH RELIC IMAGE TO ST. PETER CHURCH, GUEYDAN, FOR ENTHRONEMENT

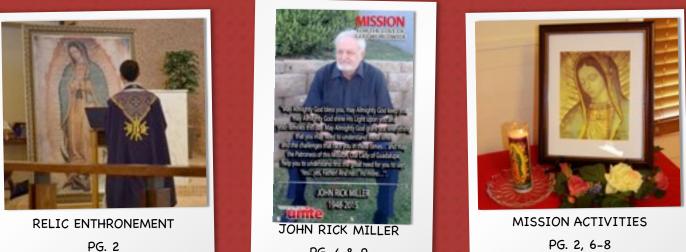
## The Mission continues...

Several events and circumstances have occurred in the Diocese of Lafayette since our last newsletter.

We would first like to call your attention to the death of our beloved Mission founder, John Rick Miller on May 30th in Florida. He understood

and lived out the mystery of his vocation every day in many ways. By his "Yes" may we, the fruit of his work in the Mission, continue to pray for the Mission family as the directors lead us in the great work begun by this humble servant of God. Please also pray for Rick's family during this difficult time.

Also make note of the various events which have occurred and are taking place around you. The Mission continues to grow and spread...but depends on your involvement! Pray!!!



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### ENTHRONEMENT OF THE RELIC IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

#### ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

On Sunday, March 8, 2015, St. Peter Church in Gueydan, LA, held an Enthronement of the Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Sunday Mass.

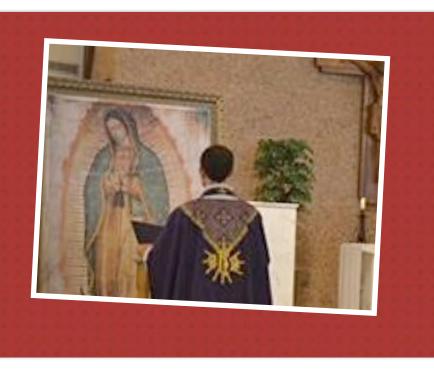
As Fr. Campeaux explained to his parishioners in their parish bulletin,

"...a Relic image is a concrete tangible way for us to experience what St. Juan Diego, the Bishop and all of Mexico experienced when Mary appeared. At that time Mary expressed her desire for lesus to be honored and for herself that she listen to our troubles. In Mexico through their difficulties God heard their prayers for help. He answered them by sending his Mother. She was able to do what no one else was able to do: bring healing to the indigenous peoples and bring about the conversion and baptism of almost 9 million people within 10 years of her appearance.

A relic image is special...this 'pilgrim image' signifies it is a true copy that is an exact replica of the original which was touched to the original tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is then said to take on properties and graces of the original. Because we cannot always travel to see Mary in the Basilica of OLOG she comes not only to visit, but to stay with us. We will perpetually in our own church have access to the graces which countless pilgrims experience at Our Lady's Basilica in Mexico."

Fr. Campeaux also reminded everyone to take advantage of this special blessing God had given to their church. By doing so, "You will experience for yourself Mary's powerful intercession, and through her, a deeper relationship with Jesus her Son. True devotion to Mary always leads to Jesus Christ."

FR. COREY CAMPEAUX, DEACON JOE HEBERT, AND ST. PETER PARISHIONERS, PROCESS TO THE CHURCH WITH THE RELIC IMAGE.



#### GUEYDAN, LA



# GROUP PHOTOS FROM THE AREA













CENACLE MEMBERS AT:

--AMELIA MANOR NURSING HOME, BROUSSARD, LA

AND

--ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH, ABBEVILLE, LA

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# John Rick Miller

John Rick Miller was born in New York In 2007, he visited Columbia and spoke in 1948 within a Catholic family. Although from a very early age he had a deep feeling for God, as he grew older his prayer life and fell away completely of this world, he entered corporate consecrated.

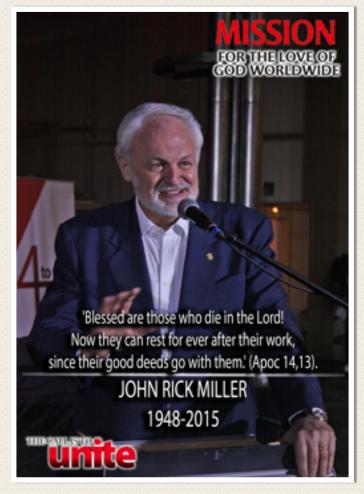
business and rose quickly. Later on he got married and had two children but it wasn't until 1988 that with his wife's help he experienced a massive conversion through the Virgin Mary and began to combine his work life as an executive with a special ministry to the sick and downtrodden. "Truly, his story is the story of one man's yes, to the call from God; to walk away from the familiar fanfare of this world, straight into the spiritual serenity of the next. In fact, by his soulful example, he was used as an instrument of God to save souls."

Since 1989 his ministry was marked by the establishment of a great number of prayer cenacles in various countries of the

world where he preached and taught the doctrine of the Catholic Church.

After his retirement in 1998, he founded and helped to establish various organizations and guilds in different countries, many of them honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

with then President Alvaro Uribe, about the problems the country was facing and proposed Consecration as a means and went to University he abandoned to solve them. Thus the government, many of its leaders, the armed forces from his faith. Interested in the things and the national police were Finally the Church



consecrated Columbia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and then to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 2008. He was then invited to Venezuela and it was there that he understood Colombia had been the model for what God was calling him to do.

Hence in 2009, he founded the "Mission for the Love of God Worldwide" as a call

to all people to understand that God exists and that He loves us; that we are truly His children and co-inheritors of His Kingdom. It is also a call to understand these times, that we are moving too far away from God and we need to change personally, to establish a close relationship with Him through

> prayer and the consecration of ourselves and our families to His love and protection, creating a covenant with Him as our Father.

Today by the grace of God and our founder's 'YES' to His Will, the Mission has virtual presence in more than 895 locations and continues to expand every day. More than 5 million people have been consecrated, 6 countries with 125 government leaders, 1200 parishes and over 300 companies. Likewise, more than 35,000 families have enthroned Our Lady of Guadalupe in their homes and over 8,000 prayer cenacles have been established to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary that this Mission promotes, seeking

to fulfill our Lord's Commandment: "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your soul" and "your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22, 37 & 39)

-taken from the brochure compiled by the International Directors of the Mission for the Love of God Worldwide

"The Lord is knocking at the door of our hearts. Have we put a sign on the door saying 'Do Not Disturb'?"

- Pope Francis



John Rick Miller. He has touched all our lives, some of us more directly than others. Through him God knocked on the door of our hearts. We mourn his loss. We look back at what he has done. We even wonder what will happen now. What will happen now that the founder of the Mission has died? Many things will happen. Many will remain in the Mission. Some will leave the Mission for other things, even to return to their former lives. What we must not lose sight of was that John Rick Miller himself was responding to God's call in his own heart. Our founder has died, but the one who called him lives on. How do we hold this in our hearts?

Sometimes in order to move forward we need to look back. Frequently we do this in moments of great stress or decision. This is a need for perspective. We ask,"How is it that I have arrived here?" At other times we reflect because we realize that we have lost our way and we ask ourselves, "At what point did I leave the path?" These are precious moments to God because they are mementos when we have to relinguish our trust in ourselves for trust in God. He is who sustains us through every trial. What if this in no ordinary trial?

### REFLECTIONS

We seem to have an innate ability to find fault with God's reasoning. We have difficulty believing that God is truly present in our individual crisis. We believe that unlike others' troubles, our own are so unique and so great that God does not even know about it. As funny as it seems, we do this. Also funny is that we are saying in a round about way that God needs to come to us for advice, that we could handle it better. However, God has already been there when he endured the totality of human suffering during his life on earth. What is more, he also chooses to share in our present suffering. Instead of wiping away our suffering, he joins us in order that we may join him in his saving work. God has not abandoned us. He wants us to rise up to the occasion as Jesus did and as the saints do.

"In him we were also chosen destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will." (Ephesians 1:11 NABRE)

The death of our beloved founder is a difficult thing. It brings to the surface many emotions and secret fears. However, in the providence of God, it is also a blessing. It is a blessing for Rick because he has run the race and kept the faith (cf. 2 Timothy 4:7). We offer prayers for the repose of his soul and in thanksgiving for his life. We can even perceive in Rick's death a call to maturity from God the Father, even as Rick received his own call. He did not receive the call because he felt prepared. He was called because it was God's plan for the world. When each of us responds to the call of God, we honor the life of Rick and more importantly, share the Love of God that meant so much to him.

The way we work out what to do now is unique to all of us. We have different personalities, different circumstances in our prayer. What is common to all of us is our heavenly Father. He is rooting for us individually and collectively. If we remain with him, he will remain with us (just as he did for Rick) all the days of our life. It was never easy for Rick. We forget that each of us has a race to run; difficulties are inevitable. If we all remain close to God, he will fulfill the good work he has been in us.



~ Fr. Corey Campeaux

Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle Church Gueydan, LA



## Eucharist Miracles of the World

The community of St. Peter the Apostle Church (Gueydan, LA) recently hosted an exhibit entitled "The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist" on May 22-24, 2015.

This Vatican exhibit included the portrayal of over 90 Vatican-approved miracles around the world. These Eucharistic miracles are a visible sign of Jesus' presence in our world, and serve to help us understand, appreciate, and love the Eucharist.

Advertised throughout the diocese and hosted by the Gueydan Mission cenacle members, over 240 visitors (including area school children) took advantage of the wonderful opportunity to witness this marvelous display. Visit the website at www.therealpresence.org.





Gueydan Mission Members (I to r): Mike Jannise, Charlene Jannise, Connie Elliott, Mona Simon (visitor), Patsy Woods, Jean Istre.

# Day of Reflection

Louisiana State Mission Retreat

### St. David Mission Chapel, Gueydan, LA

June 27, 2015







Several Louisiana Mission members attended a one-day retreat on June 27, 2015. The event was hosted by the Gueydan Mission cenacles, and Spiritual Director to the LA Mission Fr. Corey Campeaux. Directors and representatives from Lake Charles, Lafayette, Abbeville, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Houma/Thibodeaux, and Gueydan were in attendance.

Homage to John Rick Miller began the day's events. Recalling the impact of Rick's visit to Louisiana in 2010, and their encounters with Rick thereafter, many shared their personal experiences and the impact of his vision. This "mountain of a man" propagated the love of God for those he met as he "spoke to our hearts" to keep that love "aflame just like in the hearts of Jesus and Mary". Emphasizing that "we need prayer in our lives and in our families", Rick's faith planted the seed to show us a way (through this Mission) to "do the work of God the Father." [quotations are from comments made by retreat participants]

After a time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Fr. Campeaux then celebrated Mass, ending with a commitment/renewal of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary. Ideas and strategies were then shared, as ways to continue the work of the Mission were discussed.

The spirit-filled day ended with attendance as a group (for those able) at 4 pm Mass at St. Peter's Church in Gueydan. Thank you to the Gueydan Mission members for the inspiration and the wonderful hospitality!!









as our Father, the Mission is founded in Four Cornerstones as that spiritual progression toward Christian maturity: The desire to return to God in all and revive their land" (2 Chronic

Emanating from a first encounter of love with God

things creates within us the need to consecrate to Him all that we are and all that we have, establishing a covenant with Him.

LEVEL

#1.

CONSECRATION

It is the personal offering of ourselves and all that we have to God, accepting His Will in our lives day by day, because we understand that we are His children and that our life is a gift from Him. It implies a commitment to change personally, for we must begin to act as true children of God in all things: "If my people upon whom my name is pronounced humble themselves, and pray and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from Heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14). Thus, Consecration through a knowledgeable preparation disposes us to receive the grace of conversion.

In the first level of the Mission, we promote the consecration of countries, states, cities, dioceses, parishes, families and people to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary. in the second level, we promote the consecration to the Chaste Heart of St. Joseph and in the third, to God the Father.





FR. COREY CAMPEAUX AT MASS FOR MISSION DAY OF REFLECTION – ST. DAVID CHAPEL, GUEYDAN, LA

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### **EVENTS**

NEXT INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR THE MISSION IS SCHEDULED FOR

2016 IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO START SAVING NOW & PLAN TO ATTEND!!!!

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"May Almighty God bless you, may Almighty God keep you, may Almighty God shine His Light upon you and your families this day. May Almighty God grant you everything that you may need to understand these times and the challenges that face you in these times... and may the Patroness of this Mission, Our Lady of Guadalupe, help you to understand first the great need for you to say: 'Yes...yes, Father! And no... no more...'".

1948-2015 We ask God our Father to help us honor with love and gratitude the work and

JOHN RICK MILLER

We ask God our Father to help us honor with love and gratitude the work and dedication of our beloved founder and that we may correspond to the grace of this Mission He has given us at the service of His Church, for His love and the salvation of souls.