



# MISSION FOR THE LOVE OF GOD WORLDWIDE







(LEFT) MISSION LEADERS' MEETING FOR DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE, ABBEVILLE

(ABOVE) OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IN ABBEVILLE GENERAL HOSPITAL CHAPEL

# The Mission in the Diocese of Lafayette

The Mission for the Love of God Worldwide began to form throughout Louisiana after a visit from the Mission's founder, John Rick Miller. It spread throughout South Louisiana...from New Orleans to Baton Rouge, from Lafayette to Lake Charles. Small cenacle groups began at that time in areas such as Lafayette,

Broussard, and Church Point. We in the Diocese of Lafayette have been very fortunate in the past several years to continue to have a presence of the Mission for the Love of God Worldwide in our area.

Recently we had the privilege to receive a visit from an International Director of the Worldwide Mission in the hopes of

reigniting, renewing, and expanding the Mission in this diocese. And that visit did just that!

This newsletter will cover the visit of Carol Rivera, International Director of Evangelization with the Mission for the Love of God Worldwide, and also provide you with information we hope you can use.



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#### INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR VISITS THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 8, 2015

With the permission of our own Bishop Michael Jarrell, and also of Bishop Calzada of Mexico, we were very fortunate recently to receive a visit from Carol Rivera, the International Director of Evangelization with the Mission of the Love of God Worldwide.

In her brief stay with us here in the Diocese of Lafayette, Carol was able to speak to many parishes and groups of people--the youth and the elderly; in English and in Spanish; small prayer groups and larger parish assemblies; pastors, parish leaders, and those others who just felt filled with the Holy Spirit.

BLESSING OF THE ABBEVILLE GENERAL CHAPEL: (L TO R) REV. COREY CAMPEAUX (PASTOR OF ST. PETER, GUEYDAN), CAROL RIVERA, VERY MSGR. JEFFERSON DEBLANC (DIOCESAN VICAR OF THE WEST REGION) Carol's genuineness and words "spoken from the heart" touched the lives of everyone she met. Her faith-filled and spirit-inspired message was a simple one: "to restore the consciousness of God the Father as the center of our daily lives in fulfillment of the first commandment and also in fulfillment of Our Lord's request to 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your soul', and therefore, 'your neighbor as yourself'". (from the Mission statutes)



## PARISHES IN



BROUSSARD, LA



CHURCH POINT, LA



GUEYDAN, LA



ABBEVILLE, LA



BAYOU VISTA, LA



- PARTICIPATED IN <u>PRAYER CENACLE</u> AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH. ADDRESSED THE FAITHFUL AFTER MASS (ABOUT 10). REGISTERED 2 ADDITIONAL ROSARY PARTICIPANTS.
- PARTICIPATED IN PRAYER CENACLE AT SACRED HEART. AFTER MASS ADDRESSED GROUP OF 10. INVITED THEM TO UNITE IN PRAYERS FOR PEACE & CONVERSION.
- PRAYED MISSION ROSARY WITH 16-20 <u>ELDERLY</u> & ALSO PRAYED DIVINE CHAPLET.



## **BROUSSARD**

- ST. JOSEPH PARISH
- SACRED HEART PARISH
- CAMELOT NURSING HOME

- HELD A 2-HR. <u>LEADERS' SEMINAR</u> (INVOLVED ABOUT 15). TOPICS INCLUDED LEADERSHIP AND AN EMPHASIS ON ARIMATHEANS.
- MET WITH MSGR. DEBLANC, DIOCESAN VICAR FOR THE WEST REGION (AND ALSO PASTOR OF OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART).
- GENERAL PARISH APPEAL AFTER THE AFTERNOON MASS (ABOUT 15-20).



## CHURCH POINT

 OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH

- SPOKE AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES.
- HELD A 2-HR. <u>LEADERS' SEMINAR</u> (INVOLVED ABOUT 10-12).
- GENERAL PARISH APPEAL TO PARISHIONERS (ABOUT 50).
- ADDRESSED A GROUP OF <u>YOUTH</u> IN THE PARISH (ABOUT 5).



## GUFYDAN

ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH

- MET WITH DIOCESAN HISPANIC PASTORAL ASSOCIATE, FR. SIPRIANUS. SPOKE WITH HISPANIC MIGRANT WORKERS (ABOUT 5) AFTER A MASS IN LAFAYETTE.
- SPOKE WITH <u>HISPANIC PRAYER GROUP</u> (OF ABOUT 12) ABOUT THE MISSION'S ROSARY, OBJECTIVE & CALL TO CONVERSION.
- SPOKE AT TWO SUNDAY MASSES.
- ATTENDED & SPOKE TO <u>HISPANIC FAMILIES</u>
   AT HISPANIC MASS WITH EMPHASIS ON
   MISSION CORNERSTONES (ABOUT 125).



## **ABBEVILLE**

 ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS PARISH

HELD A WORKSHOP FOR MISSION LEADERS
FROM ALL AREAS VISITED THIS WEEK TO
ESTABLISH FOUNDATION FOR MISSION'S
EXPANSION IN THE DIOCESE (ABOUT 20).
(in Abbeville)

#### Bayou Vista

 GENERAL PARISH APPEAL AFTER WEEKDAY MASS. REGISTERED 6 NEW PARISHIONERS FOR THE MISSION.



## **BAYOU VISTA**

• ST. BERNADETTE PARISH

"If evil is contagious, so is good: therefore, we must allow good to abound in us, more and more; let us be infected by goodness, and let us spread the good contagion." remarks by the Holy Father Pope Francis, Mass of February 15, 2015



















## a Message from Fr. Campeaux

Greetings in the name of the Lord.

The recent visit of Carol Rivera. International Director of Evangelization, was a breath of fresh air to all involved. We have been working hard for the advancement of the Mission in our diocese. Carol's visit was a reminder of an important point: This is God's Mission. It is called "For the Love of God" because it is a call from God the Father to share his love. the very love we ourselves have received (cf. Mt 10:8b). At times we can get excited and forget that we are in this Mission because we have felt called by God. But when we remember this, it is much easier to move forward, especially when we may encounter difficulty.

Several who were present for Carol's visit shared how moved they were. They were puzzled by how vibrant she was. But what we saw was that Carol was full of the Holy Spirit. That is how she is able to do what she does. However, the same Holy Spirit who gave Carol words to speak is in each one of us. The question is not how do I get the Holy Spirit, but what does God want for me? When we are in the will of God then we, too, also have marvelous graces. When we are doing things on our own, then we have little or nothing (cf Mk 4:23-25). This brings me to my next point.

How do we move forward? The first endeavor is always, "How do I accomplish the will of God?" Many were touched by Carol's words and moved to action. This is a grace and a calling. This call does not come from

Carol, or from John Rick Miller or even from Fr. Campeaux. The call is from God. This corresponds to the second cornerstone of the Mission, metanoia. Metanoia is deep spiritual conversion. The word from the Greek means literally to change one's mind. However, this is not a simple change such as in changing one's mind about what to have for supper. It is the embracing of a new outlook on life. When we encounter God's call, it is always first a call to metanoia (to change). Never in this life will we be able to say, "I've done all my repentance; all my changing". Until heaven, we have the honor and privilege to be continually called by the Lord.

So, how do we move forward? God's call is always the way forward. When we answer, then we have the confidence that the task does not rely on our weakness, but rather on God's strength. Therefore we can go forth courageously confident in God's promise.

Lent is an important time to embrace the interior conversion/renewal aspect of the Mission. The more we are available to God, and are open to his voice, the more readily we can accomplish his will even like Carol.

Practically, here are a few things which we can do. First, gather together with those who are like-minded in the Lord even if it seems to be few. Gather together with them and pray. Pray and ask God for guidance and then have a meeting to discuss how to move forward. The cornerstones of the

Mission are a good way to move forward. The order of the cornerstones is flexible, but more often than not Consecration is the first step. This goes back once again to calling. When we make our consecration we 1) promise to change our lives, 2) receive an initial purification of obstacles to God, and 3) receive graces to be open to the calling of God (cf. Is 6:1-13). There is a document from the Mission which can be used to plan out your next steps. There is not time here to go through it all, but the heads of each area may request a copy from Vickie. This document is a guide to inspire us in the next steps and offer some practical structure to foster the work of the Mission.

How do we move forward? To do so, it is important to take a step back and remember how we got here. We did not arrive here because we are very clever. We did not get here because we have a business plan. We are here because God called us and we said "yes." It is as simple as that. If we continue to discern God's voice, and say yes to him and no to all else, then we will get better at doing God's will even like the saints we admire. We need to pray and capitalize on our strengths. Our biggest strengths are the graces such as those which we received during Carol's visit. We have been given a great gift. What will we do with it?



## Our Mission

#### What can WE do?

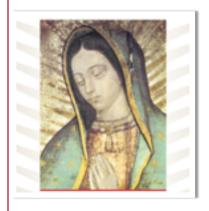
Most of us realize that things in our times need to change. But how do we bring about this change for the good?

The Mission for the Love of God Worldwide aims to awaken the conscience of all people so they may recognize themselves as sons and daughters of God, to live truly with Him and in Him as the center of our daily lives, and thus to make His love known to the whole world.

While with us, Carol Rivera explained that we should all use whatever means being placed in our lives to keep God the Father as the center. With Our Lady as our shield and as our guide to her Son, we can use the cornerstones of the Mission within the charisms already in place within our

parishes (that may be a Bible study group, a catechism class, or even a cenacle). In this way we can obtain the graces for personal conversion. Then working with our parish priests, we can concentrate on building community within our parishes and cities. This is how we can continue to spread our Catholic faith and develop the community of God.





"Am I not here, I who have the honor to be your Mother? Are you not in my shadow and under my protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do you need something more?"

-- the Virgin to Juan Diego (4th Apparition) from Our Lady of Guadalupe by Anderson & Msgr. Chavez



Advent Retreat, St. Peter the Apostle Church, Gueydan, LA Fr. Corey Campeaux

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## **EVENTS**

ENTHRONEMENT OF THE RELIC IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

ST. PETER CHURCH, GUEYDAN

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015

PROCESSION: 10:15 AM

MASS & ENTHRONEMENT: 10:30 AM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS CELEBRATION!

NEXT INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR THE MISSION IS SCHEDULED FOR

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



Mass being celebrated by Fr. Bill Rogalla, St. Bernadette, Bayou Vista, LA

Is there something more you would like to know about the Mission? Would you like to get involved with the Mission in your area?

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