



The Companion



Summer 2008

WE REMEMBER THE DEAD

Gertrude "Nan" Connolly	Mabel Bell	Allen Belanger	Edith Bellard	Leebob Cox
Geraldine Guidry	Jo Ann Klein	Virginia Hilburn	Hazel LaCombe	Adam Daniels
Penny Duarte	Clotilde Emond	Teresa Duffel	Dwayne Jordan	Ludy Latiolais
Annabell LeBlanc	Steve Ledet	Blaise Malagarie	J.D. Middlebrooks	Charlie Miller
Gwen Miller	*J.D. DeLord	Lester Domingue, Sr	Oma Miller	Theresa Moreno
Clarence Olivier	Harold Prejean	Timothy Mosing	Jefferson Reid	Bernice Savant
Truman Stacey	Jane Swain	Hadley Vidrine	Harry Wakely	
Nelson Waguespack, Sr.				

WE PRAY FOR BLESSINGS OF HEALTH

Jerry Augustine	Msgr Bob Angelle	Cole Baker	Peggy Barremore	Cuby Barte
Sherry Barton	Michael Belcher	Winnie Bixman	*Mable Boudreaux	Nelda Boudreaux
*Bernice Ciambatti	Dolly Clement	Florence Clement	Kenny Clement	Mary Constanza
Ralph Dartez, Sr.	Junius DeRouen	Sr. B DeRouen	Anthony Ditta	Flo Dumesnil
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Barbara Guillory	J.J. & Mary Guillory	Dottie Hannen	Julie Hatcher	Jim Hymes
Georgette Hollerman	Rafaella Johnson	Gerald Landry	Bobby Latiolais	Laura Lueck
Sister Hilda Mallet	John Martin	Lee Miller	Salvador Richard	Ida Rider
Ephrem Sauce	Jane Smith	Don Spano	Carolyn Sylvester	Nona Thibodeaux
Sr. Miriam Ulm, O.P.	*Anna Lee Weber	Deacon Bennett McNeal		
*Rita & Wilson Frederick	*Andrus & Clara Martinez	*Terrell & Evelyn Bernard		

For all the men and women serving in the military.

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WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

"For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood, remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."
(Jn. 6:55-59)

The above passage presents a tenet of Catholic doctrine that has been a most unsettling one since the very day Jesus spoke those words. The verse immediately following this passage reveals, "Then many of the disciples who were listening said, 'This saying is hard; who can accept it?'" Even until today we have witnessed in many of our friends and family the same consternation at the words of Jesus to where they have left the church of their mothers and fathers to seek out nourishment more palatable to their particular spirituality than the body and blood of a man. However, I think that Jesus knew this would happen when he spoke those words. In fact, he may be alluding to the changing face of faith through generations when he states, "Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." He recognized that faith, handed down from one generation to the other, is a dynamic phenomenon that touches the lives of believers in a very personal and revelatory manner. The Church, in her role as teacher, has provided throughout the centuries those principles and precepts that seek to guide us in an ever changing world with which we are in constant relationship.

For many of the faithful, the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ is the most

personal of all. The Last Supper was indeed just that – the last supper. It has never ended and continues today at each celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus' breaking of the bread and sharing of the wine was the seal of the covenant God made with his people centuries before. The covenant was simply the fact that he promised to be with us always. Jesus made sure of that by giving himself in two very simple foods that promise to last as long as we do. Just as our parents have passed on the basic principles of our faith, our everyday lives are charged with prayer, good works, and participation in the sacramental life of our Church.

The Eucharist is the food we take along the way for this mission. We have its elements as a reminder that this is the food of the one who suffered, died and rose from the dead so that we may have life in him and for him. We have its nourishment to see us through the times of trouble, doubt, and pain, as well as to feed our prayerful desire for a closer relationship with God the Creator, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. In breaking this body and spilling his blood, Jesus, in his humanity, knew that we too would be faced with much suffering in our own lives. So his prayer for us at the last meal was that we would consume with faith bread and wine in order to become his own body and blood for others. This was his great gift to us: that we would also become his gift to others. He has given us the food for this journey. There are many others around us with the same hunger and thirst. Let us break our bread and share our wine with them.

Sister Celeste Larroque, SEC

*Receive what you believe,
eat what you receive, and
become what you eat.*

St. Augustine

ETC. ETC. ETC.

CONGRATULATIONS to SEC Associates Inez Morris and Ruby O'Bryan who have been volunteering at Memorial Hospital in Lake Charles, LA for 13 and 12 years respectively. They have both received pins for their many hours of service.

February 4 The Annual Mardi Gras party for the Lake Charles Associates was held at the home of Chris and Karen Bonnin. It was a festive occasion with lots of good eats and energetic conversation. The Queen and King for this year's Mardi Gras are Joan Carr and David Shemich.



March 1 SEC Associates from the Lake Charles area gathered at Robert and Leneta Boudreaux's home for a morning of sharing. The topic was based on Paul Coutinho, SJ's book *How Big is Your God?* Sister Jeannette introduced the book followed by a panel sharing the different ways one experiences God based on the first five books of the Bible (The Pentateuch). A lively discussion followed and the morning concluded with a delicious lunch provided by the Boudreaux's. Pictured below are the members of the panel from left to right: Ann Burton, Janis Guillory, Esther Regan and Jeff Taylor.



March 11-13 Sister Jeannette attended the 2008 LASD, INC. Conference held at Grand Coteau Retreat Center in Grand Coteau, LA. The conference was presented by Donald Grayston, PHD, an Anglican priest, retired academic, and co-director of the Pacific Jubilee Program in Spiritual Formation and Spiritual Direction, an extension program based in Vancouver, BC. The theme was "Across the Rim of Chaos"... Thomas Merton as Spiritual Guide in a time of Fear. Grayston is the president of the International Thomas Merton Society.

April 5 The SEC Annual Day of Prayer was held at St. Charles Retreat Center in Moss Bluff, LA. Father Whitney Miller was the presenter and the topic was: EUCHARISTIC LIVING *Take, Bless Bread and Give*. Following the presentation and quiet time Juanita Hebert and Rose Viau shared an experience in their own life when God has blessed what seemed to be broken. All who attended were enabled by Father Whitney's presence and insight to connect in new and deeper ways with the Eucharist.

April A major fire destroyed one of the larger historic buildings at the heart of the campus at **Our Lady of the Lake University** in San Antonio. Our prayers are with the **Sisters of Divine Providence** who live and work there.

April 23 A special Mass was held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles to celebrate the first anniversary of the Most Reverend Glen John Provost as Bishop. Following the Mass was a luncheon for all the priests, deacons, religious, chancery staff and Cathedral staff. Also at this time was celebrated the 28th year that the Diocese has been established.

April 24 The Diocese of Lafayette had their Diocesan Jubilee celebration for Religious Brothers and Sisters. There were eighteen Religious honored at this time. Among them was Sister Doris Roy, SEC. Present to help her celebrate were Sisters Celeste, Carm, Camille and Jeannette along with her sister, Peggy Roy and her sister-in-

law Barbara Roy. Bishop Michael Jarrell DD was the celebrant for the Mass.



(l to r) Sisters Celeste, Carm, Doris, Jeannette and Camille

April 25/26 Sister Shirley visited Southern University Catholic Student Center to lead a LCCS meeting with the students.

May 11 Diocese of Shreveport Sisters Ann Middlebrooks, SEC and SEC Associate Carol Shively, OSU hosted a Mother's Day Picnic Lunch for some of the sisters in the Shreveport area. Delicious food and wonderful "remember when" stories about mission experiences were shared.



In attendance left to right: Sisters Carol Shively, OSU, Patricia Cairns, CSJ, Bertrand Nereu, SSF, John Mary Jackson, SSF, Marilyn Vassallo, CSJ, Pat Rhoten, OSU, Stephanie Langston, SSF, Francella Jackson, SSF, Nancy Brossette, SFCC, Mary Anne Gaudin, SFCC, and not pictured is photographer Ann Middlebrooks, SEC.

Kenyan Children Foundation: Sister Carm continues to support this

organization and to communicate with Joanne LeClari director of the foundation.

May/June **CONGRATULATIONS** to SEC Associate Father Keith Pellerin who celebrated his 10th year of priestly ordination on May 10th and Father T.L. Herlong who will celebrate 50 years on June 14th.

THE MIRACLE FOUNDATION -- Caroline Boudreaux (daughter of SEC Associates Robert & Leneta Boudreaux) established this organization on Mother's Day 2000. In 2007 they raised more than one million dollars with six orphanages in their network and today, **The Miracle Foundation** is one of a handful of American organizations allowed to organize domestic adoptions in India which is dedicated to empowering children to reach their full potential, *one orphan at a time*. Learn more about the Miracle Foundation by going to www.miraclefoundation.org

May 19 **CONGRATULATION** to the Diocese of Shreveport and their new Bishop, Michael Duca, originally from Dallas, TX. Bishop Duca was ordained and installed by Archbishop Alfred Hughes of the Archdiocese of New Orleans in the presence of 25 other Bishops and over 3,000 clergy, religious and laity.

June 29 The dedication of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Scott, LA is scheduled to be celebrated. Sister Camille was invited to serve as lector at the Mass and Bishop Michael Jarrell will preside.



Mark your calendar

July 12 *Annual SEC Associate Assembly Day* will take place at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Community Center in Lake Charles.