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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

I write this sitting on top of a mountain overlooking the deep valley of farm land. The corn is being cut and soon the soil will lay fallow, allowing nature to prepare the ground for the next season of planting and growth. The place is Sewanee, TN, the University of the South. The Diocese of Louisiana is one of the owning dioceses. This place is beautiful, where one can let his mind wonder and his soul rest.

Escaping the daily rhythm of diocesan work and sitting quietly in a rocking chair overlooking the mountain is pleasing. It's like washing your glasses after a long day of working in the field. The lens collect dirt and finger prints and the vision becomes muted and fuzzy. Cleaning the glass brings clarity just as rocking in a chair can bring thoughts into focus. Maybe, just maybe, we can see things earlier missed.

As I sit and ponder I see the goodness of our diocese and its people. In every congregation I see so many who are faithful in prayer and action. Lens are wiped clean and new visions are emerging. The Rev'd Shannon Manning is now on board as the new Canon to the Ordinary. Shannon brings a wealth of experience and abilities. Since her arrival she has jumped in with both feet with eagerness to learn and be a part of this Diocese. Another change of staff is in the area of finance. Many of you are aware that our finance officer Billie Barbier is retiring. This position has been filled by Mr. Chris Speed who joined us mid October. Chris is from New Orleans and previously worked at the Cathedral as their business manager. I hope you will take time to meet both Shannon and Chris and welcome them to our Diocese.

When I was in the ninth grade I received my first pair of glasses. The moment I walked out of the office I noticed something ordinary but in



my case extraordinary. For the first time I could see individual leaves on trees. I realize how silly this sounds, everybody knows trees have leaves but for someone whose eyesight was blurred the individual becomes a mass.

What are you seeing for the first time? What areas of your life have you been willing to see differently than before? Advent is around the corner and the theme will be light shining into the darkness. There is so much darkness in the world and in our individual lives but as we are reminded in scripture, the goodness of God has come to us in Light. The good news is we don't have to live in fearful darkness. We have the opportunity to take off our smudge-glazed glasses to allow light to shine brilliantly. The only thing holding us back is our willingness to act.

Brave journey,

+ *Mou's*

BISHOP'S JOURNAL: AUGUST 13TH TO OCTOBER 23RD

August 13: I have a delightful lunch with Carol Billings who serves on the Executive Board. In the afternoon I meet with Fr. Spencer Lindsay for his annual consultation, followed by a meeting with seminarian Duane Nettles. The day ends with another annual consultation with Deacon Maggie Dawson.

August 14: Began the day catching up with Agatha and phone calls regarding ECSLA. I drive to Baton Rouge for a Spiritas Board meeting and end the day with a vestry meeting at St. Michael and All Angels. Mother Maggie Dennis is doing a superb job as Priest-in-Charge. I stay the night at St. James' Place.

August 15: I have a breakfast meeting with Patrick Edwards, Priest-in-Charge at St. Margaret's. This is followed by a meeting with Fr. Ernie Saik and Fr. Dan Krutz. Drive back to New Orleans for a Board meeting at St. Martin's School.

August 16: Spend the day working on my sermon and returning phone calls.

August 17: Up early to drive to Baton Rouge for a day retreat with Episcopal High School's board. I am pleased with the good leadership that is available at EHS. I drive back to New Orleans in the late afternoon.

August 18: Drive to St. Matthew's, Bogalusa for my annual visit. It is a good day with confirmation and a very nice luncheon. Fr. Nelson Tennison is doing a fine job.

August 19-21: The Thompson clan takes a few days off to spend with our children.

August 22: Scheduling with Agatha then lunch with Amelia Arthur regarding Youth and Young Adults. An afternoon pastoral meeting with a priest and then a phone call to Maggy Charles. Maggy is on staff at Trinity, Wall Street. She is bringing down a group of pilgrims as she does often. I am very grateful to Trinity and their continued support of this diocese.

August 23: Sermon prep and phone calls.

August 24: No appointments

August 25: I make my annual visitation to St. Augustine in Metairie. This is my first time to be with Fr. AJ since he returned from his sabbatical. He looks very relaxed. After a fabulous reception I drive to the Solomon Conference Center for the Happening Closing service. The chapel is packed with friends, family and Happeners. Return home later that evening.

August 26: Half day off and then go into the office for an ECS Board meeting. We discuss how to reshape the work of ECS considering the lack of funding. Very productive meeting.

August 27: Spend much of the morning with Canon Stevenson, his first day back from his sabbatical. Our time is valuable. Mark has been out since June and since his announcement of a new position away from the diocese, there is much to learn before he leaves. I celebrate the noon service at the cathedral which has turned into a healing service. I enjoy this service very much. On the third Tuesday of every month the staff worships and eats lunch together. Canon Stevenson and I continue our briefing until my afternoon appointments arrive. I meet with Fr. Jay Angerer

for his annual consultation followed by a meeting with Dean duPlantier. I drive to Baton Rouge for the night.

August 28: Staff meeting followed by more briefing with Canon Stevenson. Lunch with Fr. Mark Holland followed by a meeting with Fr. Jerry Phillips regarding the blessing of the newly built Rectory at Nativity, Rosedale. I meet with a potential candidate for discernment followed by Fr. Skully Knight's annual consultation. Skully is a chaplain at Episcopal High School and graciously gives of his Sundays to supply around the diocese. I drive back to New Orleans later that evening.

August 29: Interview a possible candidate for the Canon to the Ordinary's position.

August 30: Meet with Amelia Arthur and Duane Nettles regarding Living with Purpose. Duane will be taking over the leadership of LWP.

August 31: No meetings. Rebecca and I drive to Jackson, MS for the Labor Day weekend.

September 4: The day begins with our staff meeting and then I drive to Baton Rouge for lunch with Fr. John Miller, his annual consultation. Later in the day I have annual consultations with Fr. Patrick Edwards, Mother Peggy Scott, followed by a meeting with Fr. Ernie Saik. The day ends with a drive back to New Orleans.

September 5: I meet Mtr. Bridget Tierney who has moved to New Orleans from Chicago. The rest of the day is spent catching up.

September 6: Day spent working on my sermon and doing some long awaited reading.

September 7: No meetings. Drive to Baton Rouge for Sunday's visitation.

September 8: Drive to St. Andrew's, Clinton for

my annual visitation. There is a good turnout and a delightful reception followed. Drive back to New Orleans.

September 9: Day off.

September 10: Meet with a potential Aspirant and finalize plans for Canon Stevenson's farewell party. In the afternoon have annual consultations with Fr. Steve Holzhalb and Deacon Jay Albert.

September 11: The day begins with staff meeting and then drive to Baton Rouge for lunch with Marsha Wade. We review potential changes to the Diocesan Canons and Constitutions. That meeting follows another meeting with Amelia and Duane regarding Friday's Commissioning service with the Living with Purpose fellows. Annual consultation with Deacon Cindy Obier, my deacon that travels with me on Sundays. Rebecca and I enjoy Cindy's faithfulness and her joyful spirit. The day ends with a meeting with Trinity's vestry. Spend the night in Baton Rouge.

September 12: Morning meeting with Fr. John Senette. Meet with Fr. Chad Jones regarding diocesan convention. The morning ends with Canon Stevenson with last minute notes and then lunch. Mark has served this Diocese with integrity and loyalty. After lunch, a meeting with Fr. Cal Lane and then a plethora of phone calls to complete before the party. The day ends with a fine reception for Mark prepared by the food service of St. James' Place. Kudos to them, St. James' Church staff, and the Diocesan staff for a splendid party. Every inch of the Diocese was represented to say farewell to Mark and Joy. Drive back to New Orleans.

September 13: Writing day followed by a dinner with the Living with Purpose Fellows.

September 14: Diocesan Executive Board meeting. Drive to Baton Rouge.

FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

September 15: Confirmation at St. Francis, Denham Springs. It is wonderful to be with the good folks of St. Francis.

September 16: Meet with my spiritual director and end the day by meeting with the vestry of St. Andrews, New Orleans.

September 17: The day begins with meeting Tronn Moller who will lead the College of Presbyters in their annual retreat in October. Later that morning meet with Fr. Richard Easterling and one of his parishioners to discuss the role of deacon. A brief break to get myself centered for the noon Eucharist service at the Cathedral and then lunch with the staff. After lunch the next three hours are spent interviewing potential candidates for Diocesan Financial Director. Billie Barbier is retiring at the end of October and we need someone just as competent as Billie to follow her. The day ends with a meeting with a possible aspirant.

September 18-25: House of Bishop's fall meeting in Nashville, TN

September 26: Phone call with Frank Hall regarding possible land purchase that is adjacent to the Solomon Center. Next I met with the Liturgy committee for the Racial Reconciliation service to be held in January. I have lunch with the people from Trinity Wall Street. The rest of the day is spent returning phone calls, emails and all that I missed while at the HOB.

September 27: Folks from Trinity Wall Street are here in New Orleans to work at All Souls Church and Community Center. I work along side them putting in a water fountain. Several churches from the area come to give their support as well.

September 28: I celebrate the Eucharist for the Diocesan Integrity Community followed by a question and answer session.

I am grateful for this community that gives support to our LGBT parishioners.

September 29: Annual visit to the Cathedral for confirmation. The service is followed by a very nice reception. Trinity Wall Street visitors worshiped with us.

September 30: Day off.

October 1: We have moved our weekly staff meeting to Tuesday morning. That was followed by a meeting with Fr. William Barnwell who is faithfully serving at St. Luke's, New Orleans. This meeting is followed by Deacon Kathy Comer's annual meeting. For lunch I invite the New Orleans staff over for BBQ. I was in the mood for pulled pork so I smoked 9 lbs of pork over the weekend. I think they enjoyed the meal — all that was left was enough for a sandwich! The afternoon is filled with a pastoral meeting with a priest and the restructuring committee. The senior warden of St. George's church comes by to ask permission to call Fr. Richard Easterling as their Rector. Richard was serving as Priest-in-Charge. This is welcomed news! The day ends with me visiting the God and Guinness gathering in New Orleans.

October 2: Meeting with Duane Nettles regarding Living with Purpose, followed by scheduling with Agatha, then a drive to Baton Rouge. I meet with Fr. Dan Krutz for his annual consultation. Jennifer Johnson, the senior warden of Trinity, Baton Rouge and I visit a bit followed by a phone call to Fr. Drew Rollins regarding Commission on Ministry. I am thankful for his leadership. Late in the afternoon I meet with Deacon Charles deGravelles for his annual consultation. The day ends with dinner with Deacon Mark Hudson. Stay in Baton Rouge over night.

October 3: Call our daughter Virginia to wish her happy birthday. Have an early breakfast meeting with Kenn Elder followed by a meeting with

a professional fundraiser. Met also with Fr. Don Brown and Amelia Arthur before driving back to New Orleans.

October 4: Meet with a group of people to view the old Grace property. This property has so much potential and we are trying to settle on a plan that will breathe new life into the area and the Diocese. The day ends with Rebecca and I driving to Mandeville for a delightful evening with Cove and Lisa Geary. I am very fortunate to have Cove as my chancellor.

October 5: No meetings.

October 6: Annual meeting at St. Anna's, New Orleans. There is nothing like worshiping at St. Anna's — one always leaves feeling uplifted. Our friends visiting from St. Louis couldn't stop talking about their experience.

October 7: Early morning meeting with Billie Barbier to transfer some accounts, then drive to Covington to have lunch with Christ Church's wardens. Before I leave I go visit Fr. Winston Rice in the hospital. Winston broke his hip while in Texas then traveled back to Covington for surgery. I end the day by blessing the Living with Purpose Fellows' home in New Orleans.

October 8-11: Fly to Sewanee for the annual meeting between Province IV bishops and the School of Theology professors followed by the Fall gathering of Trustees for the University of the South. The weather is absolutely wonderful — 50s at night and low 70s during the day. Fly home Friday late in the evening.

October 12: Drive to the Solomon Center for a board meeting then on to Baton Rouge for the evening.

October 13: My annual visitation at Nativity, Rosedale is fantastic. After worship we walk over

to bless the new rectory. It is a beautiful home which lets the community know Nativity will be around for a long time. It is a great day for all.

October 14: The first of what we hope will be the Annual Tee It Off With the Bishop Golf Tournament. It's a great day to play, not a cloud in the sky. Hats off to Deacon Mark Hudson and everyone who made the tournament happen. I look forward to next year...I'm already working on my swing!

October 15: I'm recovering from my day of golf, too sore to move. The day begins with staff meeting followed by the annual consultation with Mother Jean Meade. I celebrate the noon service at the Cathedral followed by staff lunch. Today is the first official day for the Rev'd Shannon Manning, the new Canon to the Ordinary. The afternoon is spent in meetings regarding the old Grace property and other issues. I have a meeting with Fr. Travers Koerner, then close out the day with a Standing Committee meeting.

October 16: The morning is spent helping Canon Manning with the many new aspects of her job. She meets with Fr. Jay Angerer and Mtr. Anne Maxwell regarding the CCDP initiative. At the end of the meeting I offer to treat everyone to lunch at Cafe Reconcile. Jay is the only one who takes me up and we have a wonderful time. Shannon and I continue to meet and the day comes to a close with Constitution and Canons meeting.

October 17: Catch up work in the early morning then lunch with the Diocesan Parish Administrators held at Trinity, New Orleans. Later in the evening Canon Manning and I drive to Thibodaux to meet with the joint search committees from Trinity, Morgan City and St. John's Thibodaux. The meeting begins with an incredible meal followed by a productive and frank discussion regarding the calling of their next rector. I feel positive about this new idea of joining these two congre-

gations for a season. Drive back to New Orleans.

October 18: Up early to drive to Baton Rouge. I have an early meeting with the Rev'd Robin McCullough-Bade, a Lutheran pastor who has been helping with a couple of our missions. This meeting is followed by a board meeting at St. James' Place. Later that afternoon I drive back to New Orleans. Rebecca and I attend the Jefferson Deanery gathering at the Rev'd AJ's home. It was a great way to end a very busy week.

October 19: Rebecca and I attend the 60th anniversary of St. John's Kenner where I confirm one and celebrate this glorious occasion. The church was full and the energy high. The reception was gloriously decorated in gold, brown and orange and the food was magnificent!

October 20: I meet with the vestry of All Souls and then preach and celebrate at the service that followed. Eight communicants are baptized and a nice luncheon followed.

October 21: I spend the morning talking by phone with the rector of St. Michael and All Angels, Dallas and Trinity Wall Street. These two parishes have been very supportive of the work at All Souls. I also spend a considerable time with Chancellor Cove Geary discussing issues around the diocese.

October 22: The morning is packed with back-to-back meetings. There is a brief break for lunch and then more back-to-back meetings and phone calls. The day ends with a drive to Houma to meet with the vestry of St. Matthews. I drive by the new construction that is replacing the burned church. I can't wait until they are finished. It will be a glorious day for that entire community.

October 23: Morning meetings by phone and last minute decisions before I leave for retreat. I finally get out of New Orleans by 3.

Bishop's Visitation Schedule



- 11/17:** Trinity, Morgan City
- 11/24:** St. Andrew's, New Orleans
- 12/8:** St. Augustine's, Baton Rouge
- 12/14:** St. Mary's, Morganza
- 12/15:** Grace, St. Francisville
- 12/24:** Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans

“She Was One of God’s True Servants, a Treasure”



By Harriet Murrell, Diocesan Archivist

*Editor’s Note: This is the second of two articles about the partnership between Frances Gaudet and Ida Richardson. The first appeared in the **August 2013 issue**.*

The title of this piece is not a description of Frances Gaudet but is a quote from Frances Gaudet’s description of Ida Richardson whom Mrs. Gaudet considered “my dearest friend”. It is taken from Mrs. Gaudet’s autobiography *He Leadeth Me* and comes at the beginning of the final chapter that describes the creation of the Colored Indus-

trial Home – “an industrial home and school, where the homeless children of my race may be cared for and trained for lives of usefulness”.

Mrs. Gaudet returned to New Orleans in 1901 from a six month stay in Europe and the northeastern United States attending an international convention of the W.C.T.U. (Women’s Christian Temperance Union) and lecturing on the legal actions against blacks, especially the incarceration of black children in Louisiana. Her expertise was based on her nearly ten years of volunteer work in visiting New Orleans prisons and houses of detention on behalf of black families and their imprisoned children. She was known and respected by the mayor and civic leaders including Mrs. Richardson. She had access at any time to any prison in New Orleans. Local newspapers covered her activities and ran articles in support of her drives for funds to care for these children.

Mrs. Gaudet would often agree to take children or young adults into her French Quarter cottage where she worked as a seamstress supporting herself as a divorced woman with three children. Her purchase of 102 acres five miles from the center of New Orleans with several buildings on it for \$5,000 became possible with the support of the Times-Democrat, Mrs. Richardson and others. A new girls’ dorm, completed in 1911 was named for Mrs. Richardson who had died the preceding year at the age of 80. Fundraising meetings for white people with Mrs. Gaudet present had been held at the Richardson home on St. Charles Ave. more than one of which raised over \$1,000.

Mrs. Richardson wrote long, flowery letters to the newspapers. In one she reminded readers of the days when they were “fondled, petted, coddled, and sung to sleep night after night” by a family “mammy” and suggested those fond memories should prompt people to “spend one dollar to help Frances Joseph (she had not married A.P. Gaudet at that time) in doing her noble work for colored children”. The *Picayune* newspaper ran a series of columns written by Mrs. Richardson as the paper endorsed the funds drives saying that no



Ida Richardson

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"institution could have a nobler or more practical mission than rescuing homeless Negro boys and girls and teaching them some honest craft by which they can make a livelihood". Such appeals were very effective.

Mrs. Richardson's death did not end the involvement of influential white people in the work being done at Gaudet School. The focus and the name changed several times to meet current needs and in 1919, Frances Gaudet first officially offered the school to the Episcopal Diocese. She stated that as a group, the Episcopal Church Women (then an auxiliary to the work of the churchmen) was the most effective group with whom she had worked. She knew that effective fund raising was essential to the effort that was growing. At the diocesan convention of 1921, the delegates voted in favor and the school was turned over to the Diocese on March 14, 1921.

A new chapter in the unfolding determination of Frances Gaudet to provide what she felt was the most productive future for black children was unfolding. The boarding and day school for over fifty boys and girls in grades one through high school had three academic teachers and several instructors in the industrial skills for boys and girls separately. Mrs. Gaudet was principal and lived on campus. About a quarter of the students were referred by the court but the number of self admitting students was growing.

One of the major sources of funding and keen interest for many years was the American Church Institute for Negroes, an organization of the Episcopal Church. Local fund raising, along with participation in what became the Community Chest continued along with the formation of an auxiliary of active women who bought library and athletic supplies. Religious studies were added to the curriculum, a chaplain was added to the staff and a chapel was built over ten years later. Through this time of growth and change, education remained the focus of aging Mrs. Gaudet and her faculty and staff. What changes in the potential for black children was happening-and more was to come. We shall continue to tell the story.

Tee It Up with the Bishop A Success

Thank you to the following churches for participating in or sponsoring the 1st Annual Tee It Up With The Bishop on October 14th:

- Trinity, Baton Rouge
- St. Augustine's, Metairie
- Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish
- Trinity, New Orleans
- Mt. Olivet, New Orleans
- St. Matthew's, Houma
- St. John's, Thibodaux
- Chapel of the Holy Spirit, New Orleans

Thank you to our sponsors and donors:

- The Rt. Rev. Morris K. Thompson
- Deacon Mark Hudson on behalf of Trinity
- Robert Vining on behalf of St. Augustine's, Metairie
- St. George's, New Orleans
- St. Luke's, Baton Rouge
- The Very Rev. Ronald Clingenpeel
- St. Paul's, New Orleans
- St. Michael's, Mandeville
- Christ Church, Slidell
- Integrity New Orleans
- Michael & Laurie Arthur
- Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans

The weather was beautiful and folks from all corners of the diocese gathered together to have fun while raising over \$7,000 for a great cause — youth and young adult programming in the Diocese of Louisiana.

The proceeds from the tournament will benefit the After-school Tutoring Program at All Souls Episcopal Church & Community Center and the work of the young adults taking part in Living With Purpose, an eleven month fellowship program serving non-profits in New Orleans and Baton Rouge.



***Congratulations to
the winning team
from Mt. Olivet!***



Lawrence Brooks Turns 104!

By Trevor Bryan, Senior Warden, St. Luke's New Orleans



Lawrence Nathaniel Brooks, born September 12, 1909, is making 104 years young this year. He attends St. Luke's, New Orleans every Sunday rain or shine. He remains active in his community even helping with community fairs and Michelle Obama's Let's Move! campaign, which promotes healthy lifestyles and better food choices for youth.

Born before the Titanic sank, WWI started, the modern TV debuted and during the perfection of the Model T and the year that the NAACP STARTED, Lawrence left his \$456 a year job and joined the Army for WWII seeing both the Pacific and Asian theaters. Starting with President Taft, Mr. Brooks has lived through 18 presidencies, through The Great Depression, and through the Civil Rights Era. He states, "I never thought I'd see the time when a man like Barack Obama would be elected in the USA."

The photo above shows Mr. Brooks proudly showing off his Louisiana State Declaration of Service signed by Governor Bobby Jindal that he received for his 103rd birthday.

May God bless and keep you, Mr. Brooks! Here's to many more.

St. James To Webcast Conference on Gospel

By Jo Craddock, Communications Director, St. James Baton Rouge

St. James, Baton Rouge, is a live webcast partner as Trinity Institute's 43rd National Theological Conference Presents *The Good News Now: Evolving with the Gospel of Jesus* from November 21st to the 23rd.

The story of Jesus has spoken powerfully to generations for more than two millennia, but how has it continued to be made relevant over thousands of years? In late November, a diverse group of leading scholars and theologians will take up the challenge of articulating the story of Jesus anew. At Trinity Institute's 43rd National Theological Conference, *The Good News Now: Evolving with the Gospel of Jesus*, they will consider how historic tenets of the faith address current realities and relate fresh and meaningful ways to recount the story for these times.

Participation is open to clergy and laypersons of all faith traditions. The Center for Spiritual Formation at St. James will be the local host via live, interactive webcast.

"Conference speakers from a variety of perspectives — traditional and revisionist, mystical and scientific, academic and artistic — will reflect on key aspects of Christianity as they relate to the past, present and future of the faith," said Bob Scott, director of Trinity Institute. [Click here for a full list of speakers.](#)

"The experience of the conference will directly support the preaching, teaching, and other ministries of participants. In a larger sense, the goal is to help all Christians to become conscious and faithful participants in the evolution of the faith."

"The shared goal of the conference is neither to jettison the old nor simply to reassert it, but to open ourselves to the future, to preserve the heart of the faith in the contingencies of our lives and participate in connecting the Gospel of Jesus with future generations," said Marsha Wade, CSF Board member at St. James.

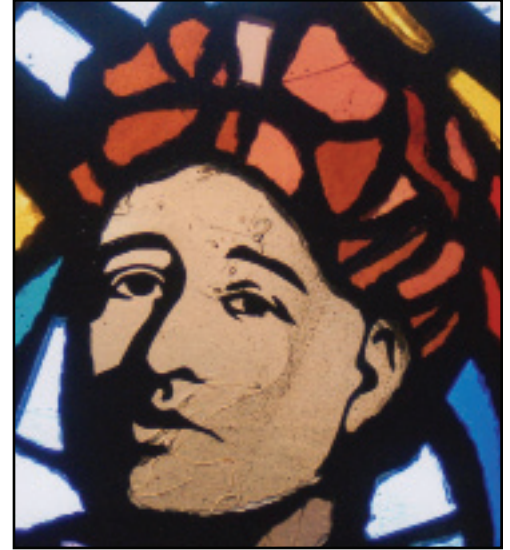
There is no fee to attend any part or all of the conference at St. James, but registration is requested so that proper accommodations can be made. Registration is available online through www.stjamesbr.org, or by phoning 225.387.5141, ext. 222.



A Celebration of the Blessed Frances Gaudet

The life and ministry of Blessed Frances Gaudet, the only Episcopal saint from Louisiana, will be celebrated at St. Luke's New Orleans, Sunday, December 29th, at 5:00pm. In the early twentieth century, Blessed Frances was instrumental in advocating for prison reform and other justice issues. She is best known to the Episcopal Church for the school she began for African American youth.

Mrs. Gaudet earned a national reputation as a prison reformer and missionary. She was a true leader who united forces from diverse segments of society to affect social change. This determined woman was not only a primary force in the establishment of better conditions for the city's indigent mentally ill, she was also a driving force behind the establishment of the first juvenile court in New Orleans.



A diocesan committee, led by Nell Bolton and Dr. Rosanne Adderley, will offer an interactive exhibit on Blessed Frances after the service. Refreshments will be served. St. Luke's is located at 1222 N. Dorgenois Street, New Orleans, LA 70119 (near the corner of N. Broad and Esplanade). For more information call the church's office at 504.821.0529.

Watercolor Society Exhibit at Christwood

The 350-member **Louisiana Watercolor Society**, an internationally known organization, will exhibit its juried art show in the Atrium Gallery at Christwood in Covington from this month through the beginning of the year.



The juror to select paintings for the show, as well as the juror of awards, is Pio Lyons, a signature member of the Louisiana Watercolor Society. Sixty pure transparent watercolors ranging from landscapes, to florals, to por-

traits to architectural paintings will be shown and available for purchase.

According to Howard Weitsen, chair of the show, this is truly a regional competition of artists from Louisiana and surrounding states. Awards will be given for Best in Show, as well as second, third, and fourth place. In addition to the regional competition, the organization also holds an international show in which 500 artists participate.

The gallery is located at 100 Christwood Blvd. in Covington, just off Hwy. 21, south of I-12.

Finding Peace in Prison



By Deacon Charles deGravelles, Chaplain at Episcopal High School

Editors Note: This is the third installment in a series called “The Quest for Peace in a World of Violence” for the online magazine, At The Threshold. In the first installment, Deacon deGravelles wrote about his inspiration for the class and its inception. In the second installment, he wrote about class trips he took with his students to show them how the “pieces” of violence interconnect. The series will follow the progress of the class.

We are driving a yellow school bus from Baton Rouge up a two-lane blacktop to Louisiana State Penitentiary, the infamous Angola Prison. When I tell my seventeen students to be prepared to learn something here about the mystery of violence, no one raises an eyebrow. Angola, after all, is a maximum security facility, the largest and most populous in the country, where roughly eighty percent of the six thousand inmates are serving real life sentences for crimes such as murder, rape and armed robbery. Eighty-three men languish on Angola’s Death Row for particularly brutal offenses, each waiting, minute by minute, hour by hour, day by day, for years, even decades, for the moment he will be walked down a hall, strapped to a gurney, and put to death by lethal injection.

I also tell them quietly to be prepared to learn something about the mystery of peace. They ask what I mean. I enjoy their perplexity, but I say nothing. After twenty-five years of ministering at this prison, I’ve learned that words mostly dilute the experience of a person’s first visit; it is a lily beyond gilding. The prison will speak for itself today in ways that will stay with these young people the rest of their lives.

We’ve been busy our first nine weeks of the course. Law enforcement leaders have described for us the lives of the three hundred or so gangbangers who constitute the thirty some odd gangs of our city, Baton Rouge, going at one another with deadly force and frequently leaving innocents injured or killed as collateral damage. We’ve learned of the cat and mouse games police play to stop them. Medical professionals working with the indigent have helped us connect the dots between mental illness, addiction and crime. We’ve studied stories, poems, and essays from writers as diverse as Jorge Luis Borges, Frank O’ Connor and Sr. Helen Prejean. We’ve studied the dynamics of the successful civil rights lunch counter sit-ins in Nashville, and we’ve watched Richard Attenborough’s masterpiece about the twentieth-century saint of peace, Mohandas Gandhi. Most recently, each student has researched a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and reported back to the class about the successful use of nonviolent strategies in the face of overwhelming odds.

Joining us on our bus ride to Angola prison is a journalist, Mark Hunter, who will write about our course as part of his series on “Waging Peace” for The Advocate newspaper. He brings with him a journalist’s healthy skepticism. He will observe and photograph me and the students as we spend our day at the prison, and along the way, he will question us—particularly the students—about the value of what is being taught and learned.

Angola is sometimes called “the farm,” and for good reason. The grounds are eighteen thousand acres of rich alluvial soil that support herds of cattle and horses and provide all of the fruits and vegetables for what is, essentially, an entire town. Spread out on this enormous piece of property, once a plantation, are several independent prison “camps,” the largest of which is called simply the Main Prison. Here we are ushered by

our guide, an experienced Department of Corrections security officer, through a series of locked gates into a room used for Pardon and Parole Board hearings. Our speaker is Kerry Myers. Kerry has served twenty-three years of his life sentence for murder. Kerry is the editor of the award-winning prison news magazine, *The Angolite*, and he is an expert on prison life and criminal justice issues. Kerry is also an inmate member of the Episcopal Chapel of the Transfiguration, a church within the walls which I helped to start here many years ago. He is a very dear friend of mine.

long, fenced breezeways that connect the various units, to the prison's hospice ward where a large room full of Angola's dying inmates are being cared for by trained inmate volunteers and medical professionals. Many of the men seem comatose. Some are hooked to oxygen tanks and other medical devices. It's a sobering experience. Afterwards we stop long enough to pray. Here we are, in the middle of a maximum security prison, holding hands in a circle—my students and me, three parents who've joined us, our bus driver, our Department of Corrections security officer, a journalist, and an inmate



Kerry tells them something about prison they've never heard—that prison is very much like their own community, “except more so.” Every society has bad people, he says, but here the bad people are very bad. In every society there are those who do the minimum to get by, and those are the majority in prison as they are on the outside. And in every society there are those who do good, and in prison these are all the more remarkable for where they have come from and what they've had to overcome to achieve something positive.

After Kerry's talk, we proceed down “the walk,” the

serving a life sentence for murder. We pray for the dying inmates, for their caretakers, for all of the inmates here, for the prison guards and administration, and, God knows we need it, for ourselves and the whole world.

It's a busy day. We are led through an actual dormitory where prisoners are playing cards, reading or watching TV, talking in small groups or sleeping on their bunks. We eat in a prison cafeteria what is being served to the inmates that day (spaghetti and meat sauce, mustard greens, okra, and a roll). As our luck would have it, we are able to watch inmates from both Angola and the women's prison,

Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women, rehearsing a play about the life of Jesus. It is riveting, men and women who've committed the worst of human offenses, in a cinder block building in prison dungarees, playing the parts of Mary, the mother of Christ, Mary Magdalene, Peter, Judas, and, of course, Jesus himself.

We travel by bus to Camp F to visit the death chamber where we learn about the last day of an inmate scheduled for execution. We are able to step into the actual cell where he spends his last hours, and we stand in silence before the gurney where he is strapped down to die. We close out the trip with a visit to "the dog pen" a large kennel where "chase team" blood hounds are trained and housed, and where wolves and German Shepherds are bred to create a ferocious hybrid guard dog.

Over the years, I have taken many visitors to the Angola prison—for the last four, some of those have been high school students. In all those years, no one has discovered what he expected to find. As we pause at Camp F for a bathroom break, we sit around a table to debrief. The journalist, Mark Hunter, and I both pepper the students with questions. Mark wants to get at what they are learning, and so do I. I want to help them sort through and articulate these powerful experiences. Mark asks them what, if anything, has surprised them. One student, struggling for the right words, says that the men we've met are not the kind of people she expected.

She is talking of Kerry Myers who, after twenty-three years of incarceration maintains fiercely that he is an innocent man and who was recently recommended by the Parole Board to be released.

She is talking of Mike, one of the hospice volunteers, a large, uneducated, and muscular man who spends his few free hours washing, changing diapers, and reading to another inmate who is dying. Mike and other hospice volunteers also quilt blankets to raise money for the hospice unit and their dying friends; he showed us with pride his sewing

machine and a recent quilt.

She is talking of Vernon, one of the inmate dog trainers, a light hearted lifer with a South Louisiana gift for gab, who, before we leave, has us all laughing at his stories about working with the chase hounds.

And she is also talking about the field gangs who look up from their picking or ditch-blading to wave to us as we drive by in the bus, and to the shackled inmates who nod as they pass by us on "the walk," escorted by guards to or from their cells.

"It's really sad," she says. "I know they did terrible things, and I know they all want to get out really bad, but some of them have a kind of peace about them." Another student chimes in. "Yeah, it's weird."

When we get back to school, Mark waits for the students as they pile off the bus. He has his handheld recorder going (Mark long ago gave up his journalist notepad) to interview them—not just about the day's adventures but their thoughts on the course itself. "Everybody knows peace is a good thing," he says. "Everybody can sit around a campfire, roast marshmallows, and sing 'Kumbaya.' But what I want to know is, what are you going to DO?" I watch the interviews, biting my lip. I want to prompt them, but once again, I keep my mouth shut. Each student works to come up with the right words, but I can tell no one is satisfied with his answer.

Mark's question is a good one: what ARE we going to DO? Well, we're half way through the semester. I guess that gives us another nine weeks to figure it out.

St. Andrew's School Hosts Open Houses

St. Andrew's, the oldest Episcopal school in Orleans Parish and a member of the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest, will hold an open house for prospective parents interested in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, or Grades 1-8. The remaining fall open houses for this admission season are scheduled for Thursday, November 14, and Thursday, December 12. Each open house will begin at 9 am at 1031 South Carrollton Avenue.

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Interfaith Dialogue at Trinity, NO

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Trinity has been part of the Interfaith Dialogue group for over 5 years with the Atlas Foundation. For more information, please call Orissa Arend at 504.865.1619 or Sister Charlene Toups, OSC at 504.895.2019.



Small Hats Aim to Make a Big Difference



Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, the Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) asks knitters to help increase awareness of mariners' contributions by making—and hiding in plain sight—mini mariners' watchcaps. The hats draw attention to the fact that mariners, whose work is often hidden in plain sight, deliver more than 90% of all imported goods.

SCI makes available a pattern for a miniature mariners' watchcap (along with an informational tag to attach) as part of a nationwide activity called #WATCHthisCAP. Knitters and their friends place completed knits in conspicuous places to educate the public about the world's maritime workforce. SCI's #WATCHthisCAP movement hopes these handknit creations will reveal a fact few realize: much of what shoppers purchase on a day-to-day basis comes courtesy of the men and women of maritime commerce.

The hats fit bottle tops—from olive oil to wine—but also can garnish other things like gas pumps or bicycles. People can track the placement of the mini hats and monitor their impact on Twitter and Facebook using the hashtag #WATCHthisCAP. The colorful wool on top of everyday items might draw some strange looks, but people examining the tag affixed to each hat soon understand: "From smartphones to blue jeans, cars to fuel, mariners bring us the comforts of our daily lives."

SCI designed the miniature cap to mirror a life-sized watchcap, a hat design that has protected mariners traveling on cold waters for hundreds of years. Annually, thousands of SCI volunteers handcraft these hats to keep mariners' heads warm. Knitters and crocheters send in their creations—hats and scarves, vests and socks, too—to SCI's volunteer knitting program, Christmas at Sea, which distributes the garments to mariners arriving into ports around the United States.

Anyone interested in participating in this project should visit seamenschurch.org/WATCHthisCAP to learn more. SCI supplies tags, patterns and project promotion materials free of charge.

Founded in 1834 and affiliated with the Episcopal Church, though nondenominational in terms of its trustees, staff and service to mariners, the Seamen's Church Institute of New York & New Jersey (SCI) is the largest, most comprehensive mariners' agency in North America. Annually, its chaplains visit thousands of vessels in the Port of New York and New Jersey, the Port of Oakland, and along 2,200 miles of America's inland waterways and into the Gulf of Mexico. SCI's maritime education facilities provide navigational training to nearly 1,600 mariners each year through simulator-based facilities located in Houston, TX and Paducah, KY. The Institute and its maritime attorneys are recognized as leading advocates for merchant mariners by the United States Government, including the US Congress, the US Coast Guard, and the Department of Homeland Security, as well as the United Nations, the International Maritime Organization, the International Labor Organization and maritime trade associations.

St. James Place Spurs Catering Business

By Darlene Hunt, VP of Administrative & Resident Services at St. James Place

As the Gulf South's largest and most established Continuing Care Retirement Community and the only one of its kind in the Baton Rouge area, St. James Place has been the leader in retirement living for over 30 years thanks to the vision and support of St James Church and the Episcopal community. Maximizing on a reputation for and dedication to providing excellence and quality, St. James Place is happy to announce the expansion of its catering services to the greater Baton Rouge community.



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Tamika and Jimmy Robb: Success Story!

Meet some of Jericho Road's newest homeowners, Tamika and Jimmy Robb.

Tamika and Jimmy both grew up in the Uptown area of New Orleans and Jimmy, specifically in Central City. Jimmy says he's attached to the neighborhood and the amenities he's always enjoyed like its central location. He says "It's like 10 – 15 minutes from anything. The Superdome's right there, you know, we walk to the Superdome on Sundays to the game. Got the interstate right there, not too far from Canal Street. Everything is within 10 – 15 minutes walking distance."

The process of buying a home was a long one for the Robbs. Jimmy says in the two or three years it took, at one time he was about to give up, but they had a dream of owning their own home. Tamika summed it up as "Buying your own home is like the first step to a new beginning." Having been in the neighborhood all his life, Jimmy says he knows what it used to look like and that "When I saw them building, I knew that the neighborhood was about to change dramatically. I wanted to be a part of that. I thought I wouldn't be able to afford the houses.

They were making them all pretty. I was like

'Man...' But you know what they say, 'A closed mouth never gets fed'". Tamika agrees saying "Building these houses is really bringing back the neighborhood." Jimmy's observation that the increase in homeownership has also brought down the crime in the neighborhood.

The hardest part for low income families is often times clearing up bad credit and getting through all the paperwork necessary. Tamika expressed her appreciation for the help that Jericho Road was in walking her and Jimmy through that process.

A good way to end this article is by sharing Jimmy's words: "I would like to thank y'all for the opportunity for low income families to afford these houses. It's really hard for low income people to afford a house. That's why we [are] always paying rent, because it's easier for us. Most of us have bad credit, we don't know how to go around fixing it, and stuff like that. I'd just like to thank y'all for taking the time to give us the opportunity to chase our American dream, the pursuit of happiness."



Addressing Blight: Vacant Land Managament

Vacant and blighted property have a devastatingly negative impact on our neighborhoods and the City of New Orleans as a whole. Studies indicate that the property values of households located within close proximity of a blighted structure or lot are reduced on average by as much as \$8,000 per parcel. Unfortunately, many owners of blighted and vacant property are also chronically delinquent in terms of remitting the associated residential and vacant land property taxes. This creates a ripple effect in terms of underfunding much needed city services such as public education, youth recreation, police, and fire. Further exasperating this issue are the costs that the city incurs to bring owners into compliance and address issues of blight that pose an immediate danger to residents.

Jericho Road's Vacant Land Management program began as a pilot in 2010, with the intended goal of decreasing the ill effects of blight in our target community and citywide through education, advocacy, and the conversion of Jericho Road owned properties into actively managed green spaces.

Through the use of property conditions mapping, blight forums and committees, Jericho Road has sought to increase the community's comprehension and access to information, which can assist residents with identifying "nuisance" properties and reporting issues to Code Enforcement on a consistent basis.

The Faubourg Delassize Community Garden, Central City Grower's Cooperative, and the Saratoga Street Fruit Tree Orchard have been established in collaboration with local area residents and serve as examples of

methods by which the community and nonprofits can work collectively to address issues of blight, which plague our communities. In July 2013, Jericho

Road hosted over 20 youth from Operation Understanding at the Faubourg Delassize Community Garden and the Demo Lot 2 Project.

Volunteers weeded vegetable beds in preparation for the next round of planting and applied a four layer technique to inhibit grass overgrowth.

The costs associated with properly maintaining vacant parcels is daunting, especially during the summer months, which tend to have the greatest growth cycles. Implementing a technique utilized by a local urban gardener, youth volunteers applied a layer of cardboard, 6 mil plastic, landscaping fabric, and wood chips to retard grass overgrowth. Last month Jericho partnered with the Tulane Labor of Love annual initiative and New Orleans' United Saints Recovery Project to reapply the ground cover technique, repair walkways at the orchard, and install an artistic rendering along the fence line of city owned Brownfield site located in Jericho Road's target zone. The demo lot is currently being monitored by our Green Space Coordinator to document the effectiveness of the process and its sustainability.

Collaboration is the key to advancing vacant land management goals. Through the cultivation of partnerships, with the Tulane City Center and Louisiana State University Ag Center, Jericho Road is actively establishing and documenting alternative uses for underutilized land. The goal is to create actively utilized public spaces that serve as a focal point and an asset for the community at large.

For volunteer opportunities, please contact Kim Washington at 504.293.2886 or kimwashington@jerichohousing.org.



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Mrs. Virginia Hopper and Mrs. Mildred Gladney enjoy a spot of tea with scones and cucumber sandwiches at a tea commemorating the 30th anniversary of St. James Place in October.

The 30 ladies who have resided at there the longest were honored.

The Rev'd Mark Holland, Rector of St. James, Baton Rouge and the Rev'd Ken Ritter, President and CEO of St. James Place led a brief ceremony in recognition of the past, present and hope for the future at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.



Gail Duhe', president of St. Matthew's ECW, Jane Webster, vice-president of Trinity, Morgan City's ECW, and the Rev'd Craig Dalferes pause at the Fall Deanery Meeting of Southwest ECW.



Mrs. Webster presented a new stand and pole for the St. Matthew's ECW banner, replacing what was lost in the devastating fire 2 years ago.

Bishop Thompson and the new Canon to the Ordinary, the Rev'd Shannon Manning take a moment to look around at her installation on October 29th at the Solomon Center.

Welcome to the Diocese,
Canon Manning!



St. John's in Kenner celebrated 60 years on October 19th and hosted a beautiful and lively reception.

At left, Harriet Murrell and the Rev'd AJ Heine share a laugh.

On the right, fall-themed decorations adorned the Parish Hall. Congratulations, St. John's!



gations for a season. Drive back to New Orleans.

October 18: Up early to drive to Baton Rouge. I have an early meeting with the Rev'd Robin McCullough-Bade, a Lutheran pastor who has been helping with a couple of our missions. This meeting is followed by a board meeting at St. James' Place. Later that afternoon I drive back to New Orleans. Rebecca and I attend the Jefferson Deanery gathering at the Rev'd AJ's home. It was a great way to end a very busy week.

October 19: Rebecca and I attend the 60th anniversary of St. John's Kenner where I confirm one and celebrate this glorious occasion. The church was full and the energy high. The reception was gloriously decorated in gold, brown and orange and the food was magnificent!

October 20: I meet with the vestry of All Souls and then preach and celebrate at the service that followed. Eight communicants are baptized and a nice luncheon followed.

October 21: I spend the morning talking by phone with the rector of St. Michael and All Angels, Dallas and Trinity Wall Street. These two parishes have been very supportive of the work at All Souls. I also spend a considerable time with Chancellor Cove Geary discussing issues around the diocese.

October 22: The morning is packed with back-to-back meetings. There is a brief break for lunch and then more back-to-back meetings and phone calls. The day ends with a drive to Houma to meet with the vestry of St. Matthews. I drive by the new construction that is replacing the burned church. I can't wait until they are finished. It will be a glorious day for that entire community.

October 23: Morning meetings by phone and last minute decisions before I leave for retreat. I finally get out of New Orleans by 3.

Bishop's Visitation Schedule



- 11/17:** Trinity, Morgan City
- 11/24:** St. Andrew's, New Orleans
- 12/8:** St. Augustine's, Baton Rouge
- 12/14:** St. Mary's, Morganza
- 12/15:** Grace, St. Francisville
- 12/24:** Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans

“She Was One of God’s True Servants, a Treasure”



By Harriet Murrell, Diocesan Archivist

*Editor’s Note: This is the second of two articles about the partnership between Frances Gaudet and Ida Richardson. The first appeared in the **August 2013 issue**.*

The title of this piece is not a description of Frances Gaudet but is a quote from Frances Gaudet’s description of Ida Richardson whom Mrs. Gaudet considered “my dearest friend”. It is taken from Mrs. Gaudet’s autobiography *He Leadeth Me* and comes at the beginning of the final chapter that describes the creation of the Colored Indus-

trial Home – “an industrial home and school, where the homeless children of my race may be cared for and trained for lives of usefulness”.

Mrs. Gaudet returned to New Orleans in 1901 from a six month stay in Europe and the northeastern United States attending an international convention of the W.C.T.U. (Women’s Christian Temperance Union) and lecturing on the legal actions against blacks, especially the incarceration of black children in Louisiana. Her expertise was based on her nearly ten years of volunteer work in visiting New Orleans prisons and houses of detention on behalf of black families and their imprisoned children. She was known and respected by the mayor and civic leaders including Mrs. Richardson. She had access at any time to any prison in New Orleans. Local newspapers covered her activities and ran articles in support of her drives for funds to care for these children.

Mrs. Gaudet would often agree to take children or young adults into her French Quarter cottage where she worked as a seamstress supporting herself as a divorced woman with three children. Her purchase of 102 acres five miles from the center of New Orleans with several buildings on it for \$5,000 became possible with the support of the Times-Democrat, Mrs. Richardson and others. A new girls’ dorm, completed in 1911 was named for Mrs. Richardson who had died the preceding year at the age of 80. Fundraising meetings for white people with Mrs. Gaudet present had been held at the Richardson home on St. Charles Ave. more than one of which raised over \$1,000.

Mrs. Richardson wrote long, flowery letters to the newspapers. In one she reminded readers of the days when they were “fondled, petted, coddled, and sung to sleep night after night” by a family “mammy” and suggested those fond memories should prompt people to “spend one dollar to help Frances Joseph (she had not married A.P. Gaudet at that time) in doing her noble work for colored children”. The *Picayune* newspaper ran a series of columns written by Mrs. Richardson as the paper endorsed the funds drives saying that no



Ida Richardson

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