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Statement from Bishop Thompson on Reparations

As Christians, our Baptismal Covenant forms the very foundation of our faith, as one of the two sacraments of the Church instituted by Christ himself. At Baptism, each of us vows to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” The Church responds by affirming and supporting each of us in this sacred endeavor. Yet collectively, we as the Church have fallen short in our fulfillment of this basic tenet.

Nationwide, churches are beginning to join universities, seminaries, and numerous other institutions in recognizing the need to confront the ways in which our historic involvement in the institution of chattel slavery has created deep inequities in our society. Fueled by labor from enslaved persons, Louisiana’s antebellum economy boomed, transforming the area into one of the wealthiest places on earth. The Episcopal Church in the South, dubbed ‘The Church of the Planter Class’ by historian Charles Reagan Wilson, shares in complicity. A number of its Bishops were slaveholders, and actively supported causes dedicated to the promotion and preservation of this way of life. Bishop Leonidas Polk, first Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, is estimated to have enslaved between 200-300 people on his sugar plantation.¹ The liberating message of the Gospel was twisted to uphold a society profiting from the labor of enslaved persons.

Today, EDOLA welcomes the opportunity to join our colleagues across the country in this important effort to acknowledge and correct past wrongs, and work together to create a more just and equitable future for all. This is the urgent, critical work we are now called to do. The Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, Dean of Episcopal Divinity School, reminds us, *“God calls us all to a future where the first are last and the last are first (Matthew 20:16). Such a future does not reflect a reversal of privilege and penalty. Rather, it is a time when there is no first or last because everyone is treated and respected as the equal child of God that they are. It is left for faith communities to “repair the breach” between the present injustice and God’s just future.”*²

In 2016, EDOLA offered a public and historic ‘Confession of the Sin of Racism’ at the 48th Annual Meeting of the Union of Black Episcopalians. As a Diocese, we repented of our complicity in the evil system of slavery, and apologized for the injury done by it and its aftermath. At that time, we recommitted ourselves to amending our lives, continuing to oppose the sin of racism in our personal and public lives, and to building communities of liberation and justice.³ Our work towards reconciliation continues today as we enter the national conversation on reparations. By defining what this means in our context, and confronting disparities, we can begin the process of ending racial injustice and living more fully into our Baptismal Covenant.

1 Woody Register & Benjamin King, “A Research Summary on Slavery and Race at the University of the South and in the Community of Sewanee,” <https://new.sewanee.edu/roberson-project/learn-more/research-summary/>; online resource accessed 11.22.21.

2 Kelly Brown Douglas, Sojourners, “A Christian Call for Reparations,” <https://sojo.net/magazine/july-2020/christian-call-case-slavery-reparations-kelly-brown-douglas>; online resource accessed 11.22.21.

3 Let the Church Say AMEN! Opening Eucharist, 48th Annual Meeting and Conference of the Union of Black Episcopalians, Sunday, July 31, 2016, Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans.

The Rev. Canon Shannon Rogers Duckworth Elected 12th Bishop of Louisiana



First Woman to Be Elected Bishop in The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana

The Rev. Canon Shannon Rogers Duckworth was elected 12th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana during a special convention on May 14, 2022, at Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans. She was elected on the 1st ballot after attaining a majority of both clergy and lay votes. The election concludes the year-long process of seeking a successor for Bishop Morris King Thompson, Jr. who began his service in the diocese in 2010 and will retire in November 2022.

Duckworth is the first woman to be elected bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana. She was one of two nominees. The other nominee was the Rev. Frederick DuMontier Devall IV, rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Metairie.

A native of Mississippi, Duckworth, is currently serving as the canon to the ordinary of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana. She received her BA in English and History in 1997 from Millsaps College. She was ordained a priest in 2001 after graduating from The General Theological Seminary. She has previously served as curate at St. John's Episcopal Church, Ocean Springs, Mississippi; vicar at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Lexington, Mississippi; chaplain at St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Jackson, Mississippi; and associate rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, Jackson, Mississippi. She is married to James Duckworth and has two sons, Nicholas and Tucker.

Addressing the assembly, Duckworth said, "I am humbled and grateful to accept your call as the 12th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana. First of all, I want to thank you, clergy and laity, the people of this diocese. Over the past months, you have shared with me your vision and hopes. I thank you for your encouragement and energy. You inspire me and I will hold with great care the trust that you instilled in me. I love doing this work with you and I am excited about the future that stands before us."

At the conclusion of her address, Duckworth said, "As I close, I invite you to pray. Pray for me, my family, and each other. Pray for your churches, for this diocese, and for our communities. May the Holy Spirit shape us, mold us to be the people the Diocese of Louisiana is called to be. Now, it is time to look forward, to draw on our tremendous strengths, face our challenges, and lean into our future. With God's grace, the light of Christ will shine brightly here in this church we all love so much."

Pending consent of a majority of the bishops with jurisdiction and the diocesan standing committees, Duckworth will be ordained and consecrated on November 19, 2022, at Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will preside.

Electing Convention Recap

A Special Convention was held on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, for the purpose of electing the 12th bishop of Louisiana. Present were:

- 128 lay delegates representing 44 of the possible 47 Ecclesiastical Units of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana
- 69 out of the 106 canonically resident clergy in the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana

In order to obtain a quorum for the Convention, a lay representative from at least 29 Ecclesiastical Unites needed to be present, and at least 64 canonically resident clergy needed to be present. A quorum was obtained in both orders.

Opening Eucharist began at 9 a.m. The Rt. Rev. Morris King Thompson, Jr. was the celebrant. The Rev. Ralph Howe was the preacher.

The Convention was called to order at 10:30 am.

The Ballots

The first ballot was cast at 10:55 am via Election Runner electronic balloting system. The Rev. Canon Shannon Duckworth was elected on the first ballot after receiving a majority of votes in both the clergy order and lay order.

Lay Ballot #1

128 votes tallied /65 votes needed to elect (125 ballots were cast electronically; 3 ballots were cast by paper due to delegates having technical difficulties accessing the ballot electronically.)

- The Rev. Frederick Devall received 47 votes
- The Rev. Canon Shannon Duckworth received 81 votes

Clergy Ballot #1

69 votes tallied /35 votes needed to elect (67 ballots were cast electronically; 2 ballots were cast by paper due to delegates having technical difficulties accessing the ballot electronically.)

- The Rev. Frederick Devall received 23 votes
- The Rev. Canon Shannon Duckworth received 46 votes

After Bishop Thompson announced the results of the election, the Convention sang "Now Thank We All Our God." Canon Duckworth went before the Convention to give her acceptance address (See page 6). The clergy and lay delegates signed the official testimonial of election and the Special Meeting of Convention was adjourned.



[Photograph by Karen Mackey, Diocese of Louisiana] From top to bottom: The Rev. Canon Shannon Duckworth with her family. The head table at Convention. The Rev. Canon Shannon Duckworth hugs Bishop Thompson after accepting the election. The Convention gives Canon Duckworth a standing ovation after she was announced the winner of the election.



*[Photograph by Karen Mackey, Diocese of Louisiana]*The Rev. Canon Shannon Duckworth addressing the Convention.

The Rev. Canon Shannon Rogers Duckworth's Acceptance Address to Convention

Let us pray: Most loving and Merciful God, source of all wisdom and understanding, we thank you for your continued presence among the diocese of Louisiana this and every day. Bless all those who work towards the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your kingdom. Guide the clergy and Laity of this diocese to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

I am humbled and grateful to accept your call as the 12th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana.

First of all, I want to thank you, clergy and laity, the people of this diocese. Over the past months, you have shared with me your vision and hopes. I thank you for your encouragement and energy. You inspire me and I will hold with great care the trust that you instilled in me. I love doing this work with you and I am excited about the future that stands before us.

Thank you, Bishop Thompson and Rebecca, for your years of faithful service, for your selfless leadership and for inviting me to this community which has become my home. You have been the bearers of healing and reconciliation in this diocese. I have not only had the great pleasure of working alongside you for almost nine years, I count you as treasured friends. We look forward to celebrating you and your incredible ministry. Thank you.

I would also like to thank the Standing Committee and Executive Board, the Search and Transition Committees and the incredible diocesan staff that I have the joy of working with daily. Also, I want to thank Fred Devall and his family for opening yourself up to this process. I look forward to years of shared ministry.

Most of all, I want to thank my friends and my family... especially my husband Jimmy, my two sons Nicholas and Tucker and my mom who is watching from home in Jackson. You have my deepest love and gratitude for having faith in me, encouraging me, loving me and always being willing to hop in a trusted white truck and go wherever this call leads. Thank you for the sacrifices that you have made for me. Having each of you by my side is my greatest gift.

As I close, I invite you to pray. Pray for me, my family and each other. Pray for your churches, for this diocese, and for our communities. May the Holy Spirit shape us, mold us... to be the people the Diocese of Louisiana is called to be. Now, it is time to look forward, to draw on our tremendous strengths, face our challenges, and lean into our future. With God's grace, the light of Christ will shine brightly here in this church we all love so much.

And may God, the source of all goodness and the wellspring of life, bless and sustain us now and always.

Formation of a Gifts Committee for the Bishop-Elect

by the Rev. Canon Ronald Clingenpeel

The Transition Committee for the twelfth Bishop of Louisiana has announced the formation of a Gifts Committee to facilitate gifting for Bishop-Elect Shannon Duckworth.

The Committee is the Ms. Pat Brown, Rev. Canon Ronald Clingenpeel, and Ms. Rebecca Sadler. They are working with Canon Duckworth as she prepares for her ordination in November.

On the gift lists are vestments and appointments the new bishop will need in her ministry in the Diocese and for the Church. This includes liturgical vestments, a ring, pectoral cross, crozier (a shepherd's staff), and various other items that are particular to the office of Bishop.

The Committee has begun to contact groups and individuals who might be potential donors for these gifts. In addition, individual members of the Diocese will have the opportunity to contribute money to a general fund that will aid in purchasing these items. Copes, mitres, purple cassocks, and bishop's jewelry can be expensive, but working together, the members of the Committee believe that everything can and will be funded. More information will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks as to how individuals might participate. Solicitation of donors is starting this week and announcements of gifts and donors will be made as this progresses. A list of possible gifting opportunities will be announced in the next couple of weeks.

If you would like more information, or would like to support the work of the Gifts Committee, please contact Canon Clingenpeel at: rhclingenpeel@yahoo.com. Contact regarding questions, gifting options, or to support the work of the Committee. A fund has been established at the Bishop's Office to receive funds. If you wish to contribute, please mark any donation as: Bishop-elect's Gift Fund.

Mail checks to:

Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana
1623 Seventh Street
New Orleans, LA 70115

Save the Date

Further details will be announced soon, Mark your calendar now.

Farwell Party for Bishop Morris and Mrs. Rebecca Thompson

October 29, 2022: Farewell party for the Thompsons following the close of business on the first day of Annual Convention at Episcopal School of Baton Rouge. (Further details TBA.)

Ordination & Consecration of the 12th Bishop of Louisiana

November 18, 2022: Reception (Further details TBA.)

November 19, 2022 at 11 a.m.: Ordination & Consecration of the 12th Bishop of Louisiana at Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans. (Further details TBA.)

Installation of the 12th Bishop of Louisiana

November 20, 2022 at 10 am: Installation and seating of the 12th Bishop of Louisiana at Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans. (Further details TBA.)

A PRAYER FOR OUR BISHOP AND OUR BISHOP-ELECT

Gracious Father, we thank you for our bishop, Morris, and our bishop-elect, Shannon, for the leadership they have given to this diocese, and for their leadership in the days to come. Bless their families, and all whom they love, while helping them to realize the love that the people of this diocese have for them. As our days increase, help us all to be guided by your Holy Spirit, directed toward the path you would have each of us follow. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

The 80th General Convention in Baltimore

The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church. Every three years it meets as a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops, composed of deputies and bishops from each diocese. Follow the work of General Convention here: www.episcopalchurch.org/public-affairs/gc80/

Deputies from our diocese were elected during the 183rd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana. They are:

Deputies Clerical Order

The Rev. Fred Devall (St. Martin's, Metairie)
 The Very Rev. Tommy Dillon (St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge)
 The Rev. Liz Emblar-Beazley (St. Paul's, New Orleans)
 The Rev. Canon Shannon Duckworth (Diocese of Louisiana) – Chair

Deputies Lay Order

Bailey Alexander (St. John's, Thibodaux)
 Carolyn Harris (St. Luke's, New Orleans)
 Dorothea Suthon (St. Augustine's, Metairie)
 David Warrington (St. James, Baton Rouge)

Alternates

Clerical: The Rev. Gina Brewster-Jenkins (St. Paul's, New Orleans)
 Clerical: The Rev. Joey Clavijo (St. George's, New Orleans)
 Lay: John Musser, IV (Trinity Church, New Orleans)
 Lay: John Sikes (St. James, Baton Rouge)

General Convention Schedule

Daily livestream coverage is scheduled as follows (all times are Eastern) and available on the Media Hub at <https://media.episcopalchurch.org/video/>

Friday, July 8

- 8:30-10 a.m.: Opening Eucharist
- 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Legislative Session
- 2:30-5:30 p.m.: Legislative Session
- 7:30-9:30 p.m.: Legislative Session (as needed)

Saturday, July 9

- 8:30-9:30 a.m.: Morning Prayer
- 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Legislative Session
- 2:30-5:30 p.m.: Legislative Session
- 7:30-9:30 p.m.: Legislative Session (as needed)

Sunday, July 10

- 8:30-10 a.m.: Sunday Eucharist
- 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Legislative Session
- 2:30-5:30 p.m.: Legislative Session (includes Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance budget presentation to a joint session of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies)
- 7:30-9:30 p.m.: Legislative Session (as needed)

Monday, July 11

- 8:30-9:30 a.m.: Morning Prayer
- 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Legislative Session
- 2:30-5 p.m.: Legislative Session



2022 Gaudet Community Grants Recipients



The Gaudet Committee announces the awarding of 18 community grants for the 2022 program year. The Gaudet Community Grant provides funding for not-for-profit agencies that create, manage, and expand educational opportunities for African-American children within the Diocese of Louisiana. The total amount awarded this year is \$115,006.

The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana is proud to honor the legacy of Mrs. Frances Joseph Gaudet, a turn-of-the-century educator and activist. Mrs. Gaudet had the wisdom to leave her trust to the Episcopal Church in such a way that her mission would continue to find new ways of expression in changing times. Mrs. Gaudet dedicated her life to building alliances with people of every race and class. The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana is committed to keeping her purpose alive.

Anna's Place NOLA

Anna's Place NOLA after School and Saturday and Arts Academic Program's goal is to integrate academics with art enrichment and healthy lifestyle choices drawing together the education, arts and medical aspects of our work for children of Tremè and the Seventh Ward. The After-school program includes an ethics and morals education program called Learning for Life (developed by the Boy Scouts of America; homework assistance; reading tutoring with Sylvan Learning, STAIR (Start the Adventure in Reading), and individual tutor STEM classes with the Electric Girls and NOLA Code programs and Microsoft Store; field trips to the N.O. Museum of Art and Loyola Biology department labs. The Saturday Kids' Program focus is on the arts and includes instrumental music lesson therapy; music introduction/music theory; social skills (following Boy Scouts of America's Learning for Life curriculum); dance (led by a local dance artist); drumming; vocal music, and healthy lifestyle education (gardening, nutrition, and yoga). Funding will be used to support tutoring, social-emotional classes, and art classes, skill building/professional development, and providing hot, healthy meals for students every day that classes are in session (Award amount \$14,730).

The second grant awarded to Anna's Place NOLA is for the summer camp program. Anna's Place NOLA summer camp program offers academic enrichment activities to promote continued learning. These activities will include a reading tutoring program with Sylvan Learning and/or the STAIR program, and STEM classes in collaboration with the Electric Girls, NOLA Code and/or the Microsoft Store. Activities in arts such as instrumental music lessons by LPO or other professional musicians, visual arts lessons (led by a local artist), music therapy, music introduction/music theory, dance (led by a local dance artist), drum and vocal music ensembles. Social skills development classes follow the Boy Scouts of America's Learning for Life curriculum focusing on morals and ethics, and healthy lifestyle education (gardening, nutrition, and/or health classes), field trips or presentations from local organizations and swimming lessons. Gaudet funds will be used to support full-time staff who coordinate all aspects of the program, local artist instructors, and transportation costs. (Award amount \$14,730)

Arts Council of Pointe Coupee

The Arts Council of Pointe Coupee provides visual arts instruction for the students at the STEM Magnet Academy of Pointe Coupee through the Learning Life Lessons Through Arts Program. Grant funds will be used for the Art on the Go summer camp to provide art materials and compensation for the workshop facilitator. (Award amount: \$3,000)

Educare

Educare New Orleans (ENO) provides high-quality, evidence-based early childhood education to economically disadvantaged students. ENO's mission is to enable students to begin kindergarten on grade with their peers from more affluent households. ENO is a full-day, year-round school serving 168 students ages 6 weeks to 5 years old in Orleans Parish. Gaudet funds will be used to maintain a low student/teacher ratio in each classroom during the programmatic year. (Award amount: \$7,365)

Foundation for Science and Mathematics Education (Sci High)

The Foundation for Science and Mathematics Education (Sci High) is dedicated to providing critical resources for innovative STEM education and workforce development to ensure that every New Orleanian can contribute to our wellbeing and innovation through the tools of math and science. Sci High is expanding its summer program: STEP: Summer Tutoring and Enrichment Program to address unfinished learning while also providing students with

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additional opportunities for academic growth during the summer months. Gaudet funds will be used to purchase course materials, pay for teacher stipends, and cover some of the costs of student transportation. (Award amount \$7,365)

Grow Dat Youth Farm

The Grow Dat Youth Farm's mission is to nurture a diverse group of young leaders through the meaningful work of growing food. Grow Dat offers stipends to high school students through leadership programs. Participants come to the farm in the afternoons and Saturday to grow, harvest, sell, donate, and cook healthy food on the sustainable farm located in the New Orleans City Park. Gaudet funds will be used for youth stipends, transportation costs, and educational supplies for leadership programs. (Award amount \$7,365)

Kid's Orchestra

The Kid's Orchestra brings quality and affordable afterschool music and academic enrichment programs for all K-5 students across all socio-economic backgrounds from partner schools in East Baton Rouge Parish. Program components include quality music instruction, homework assistance, tutoring, and opportunities to perform in a children's orchestra. Gaudet funds will be used in the "Pathways to Success Program" allowing students to receive affordable music lessons and other types of educational and social support. (Award amount \$11,048)

Kingsley House

Kingsley House envisions a city and region where all young children are ready to succeed and all citizens are healthy and economically stable. Since 1896, Kingsley House has provided education and advocacy on issues affecting children, families, seniors, and the community. Gaudet funds will support the Kingsley House Summer Camp, providing campers between the ages of five to twelve with recreation and academic enrichment. (Award amount \$7,365)

Louisiana Center for Children's Rights

The Louisiana Center for Children's Rights (LCCR) connects New Orleans most vulnerable children- young people who fall into the juvenile justice system- with educational opportunities. Gaudet funds will partially support two education advocate staff positions working with the LCCR's Right to Learn Project, a program that addresses the need of the children by aiming to keep youth in school, increase the graduation rate, and reduce the likelihood of becoming further involved in the justice system. Gaudet funds will partially support two education advocate staff positions. (Award amount: \$3,683)

New Orleans Ballet Association

New Orleans Ballet Association (NOBA) is dedicated to its core mission of participating in larger public responsibilities that support and help build the community through accessible arts programs. In 1992, NOBA joined forces with the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission (NORD) to form the Center for Dance (CFD), a youth development program that empowers at-risk youth through the arts. The Preparatory Program (PP) is recognized for its best practices and innovative strategies that consistently improve the lives of youth through the development of key skills that enable them to excel at dance, school, and life. Through NOBA's extensive tuition-free, sequentially-based programs (ballet-based curriculum supplemented with modern, jazz, and hip hop; fall and spring semesters with June Twilight classes continuing the curriculum during the summer), hundreds of youth enter the doors of neighborhood centers each week with a clear path to acquire the training/skills needed to pursue a career in dance or other fields. Gaudet funds will be used to support teaching artists' fees for the tuition-free Preparatory Program (PP) of the NOBA Center for Dance. (Amount awarded: \$3,683)

New Orleans Family Justice Alliance Inc

New Orleans Family Justice Center is a partnership of agencies dedicated to ending family violence, child abuse, sexual assault, and stalking through prevention and coordinated response by providing comprehensive client-centered, empowerment services in a single location. Justice Alliance (NOFJA) provides a range of free services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking and child abuse in the Greater New Orleans area. Gaudet funds will be used to fund services for youth and teens that address their specific developmental needs and interests. (Amount awarded \$7,365).

Rooted Ones

Rooted Ones' Mentoring program is designed to serve male youth aged 13-21 years, with particular attention paid to recruiting those from socioeconomically-disadvantaged backgrounds and those who are at higher risk of involvement in the carceral system, including those who have already been incarcerated. Rooted Ones is dedicated to restoring hope among young men as an action-based mentoring organization. Rooted Ones creates a community rooted together to support and uplift our young men to stay in school, out of prison, and away from violence. We aim to improve academic achievement, self-esteem, social competence, and avoidance of at-risk behavior by providing a mentor who is able to help youth achieve their goals. Gaudet funds will be used to recruit and train mentors. (Award amount: \$3,683)

Son of a Saint

Son of a Saint exists to transform the lives of fatherless boys through mentorship, emotional support, development of life skills, exposure to constructive experiences, and formation of positive, lasting peer-to-peer relationships. Son of a Saint takes a holistic, individualized, and evidence-based approach to addressing fatherlessness. A major component of our programming centers on the intersection of mental health, education, and mentorship. Students with mental health diagnoses and learning disorders are more likely to face suspension and expulsion and are less likely to graduate high school than their peers. Gaudet funds will be used to support operational costs associated with the wrap-around services including mental health counseling, educational support, and nutrition education. (Award amount: \$7,365)

Start the Adventure in Reading (STAIR)

Start the Adventure in Reading (STAIR) is a children's literacy program that provides free one-on-one tutoring in reading and language skills to lower elementary public school students at risk of failing. Gaudet funds are to be used to support the one-on-one tutoring program. (Award amount \$2,210)

Teaching Responsible Earth Education (T.R.E.E.)

T.R.E.E.'s mission is to educate children and adults about the life science processes that govern our planet, to inspire them to appreciate the natural world, and to motivate them to protect it. Annually from September through May, T.R.E.E. educators provide comprehensive science learning experiences for elementary and middle school students. Programs are in line with their academic and developmental needs and are conducted in outdoor, forested "classrooms" and additionally, more recently on school campuses. Gaudet funds will be used to implement the Earthkeepers curriculum, a collaboration with classroom teachers to provide 4th-grade students with life science and environmental education experiences. (Award amount \$3,683)

Trinity Educational Enrichment Program (TEEP)

The Trinity Educational Enrichment Program (TEEP) is a summer educational program for 5th and 6th graders, as well as pre-K children, from at-risk, and/or disadvantaged homes. Campers receive breakfast and hot lunch daily, and attend classes taught by certified instructors in science, math, art, music, and language arts. Afternoon activities include guest speakers, field trips, swimming

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lessons, and other organized recreation such as dance and drama. Gaudet funds will be used for program expenses. (Award amount \$3,000)

Ubuntu Village NOLA

Ubuntu Village NOLA works to deliver transformational justice to youth and families impacted by the juvenile justice system. Ubuntu Village NOLA provides mentoring to young people aimed at increasing self-confidence and self-reflection, improving family/community support, planning for re-entry, and educational and occupational goal-setting. Gaudet funds will be used for the Parent Leader Educator Action (PLEA) program which seeks to build the understanding of parents and youth concerning the juvenile justice system. Funding will pay for the part-time salaries of parent navigators. (Amount awarded \$7,365)

Upturn Arts

Upturn Arts is a non-profit art organization providing outreach and support services to at-risk children through art education. Upturn Arts provides arts education classes in dance, music, visual arts and theater. Gaudet funds will provide scholarships to children from low-income families to attend a 12-week summer camp. (Award amount \$3,683)



Do you know any students heading to LSU this fall?

by the Rev. Andrew Rollins, Chaplain, St. Alban's, Baton Rouge

St. Alban's Chapel is busily preparing to receive a new and (God willing) unmasked group of LSU Tigers! We are centrally located on the campus of Louisiana State University with a mission to welcome, encourage, prepare, and support LSU students. Our motto is Our doors are open all day, every day, for everybody. The sanctuary space stands open 24/7. Our student center (common hall, library, kitchen, loft) is open Monday – Thursday (8:00 – 5:00), and often longer.

Some students attend our 10:30 service of Holy Eucharist. Most now attend recharge! (Sunday evenings at 6:00), a repackaged, expanded service of Compline. The service is led by students and features familiar music by a talented quartet, candlelight, intentional spaces of silence, and prayerful reflection on the scriptures. It is relaxed, casual, unhurried, and lasts about 30 minutes. The service is always followed by a homecooked, FREE dinner. This fall, our students will host two weekly small group Bible studies specifically designed to help students build relationships following this long season of isolation caused by the pandemic. We also host Crawfish Boils, Trivia Nights, Spike Ball and Four-Square games, Ultimate & Art, and Bob Ross Painting Nights! Our college students also help run our Children's Education ministry and serve on all the committees and ministries at St. Alban's Chapel.

For more information, visit our web site at www.stalban.org. We need your help in contacting incoming students this fall! If you are or know any students who might appreciate learning more about the ministry of St. Alban's Chapel, please contact the chaplain Fr. Drew Rollins (lsuchaplain@stalban.org; c: 225-933-0241).

We are at LSU for you!



Boat Blessing St. Andrew's, Bayou Dularge Sunday, August 7

Join St. Andrew's, Bayou Dularge, for a boat blessing before the beginning of the second shrimp season.

10:30 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Blessing of the Fleet

11:15 a.m. Lunch (featuring Jambalaya, white beans, desserts and other goodies). A donation is asked to offset the cost of the luncheon.

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Ronald Clingenpeel

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Michael Hackett

Mementos for the boat captains will be blessed at the Mass and given out.

2022 ECW Honored Women



Linda Nicholas Greenburg
St. Matthew's, Houma

Linda Nicholas Greenburg was born January 1, 1948, in Shreveport, Louisiana. Her family moved to Houma, Louisiana when she was twelve years old. Linda attended school in Houma and at the age of fourteen met the love of her life, Douglas Henry Greenburg. She graduated from Loyola University Dental School as a Dental Hygienist and worked for many years.

In 1968 Linda Nicholas married her high school sweetheart, Doug Greenburg at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Linda and Doug have been happily married for fifty-four years. They are the proud parents of two children, Michael age forty-six and Julie age forty-three. When Doug was elected District Attorney of Houma for several terms, Linda was his Administrative Assistant until he retired.

Linda has been active at St. Matthew's for more than fifty-four years. In 1979 she was Confirmed at St. Matthew's. She has served two terms on the Vestry and was the first woman to serve as Junior Warden. She completed the four-year Education For Ministry Course from Sewanee University of the South, School of Theology.

Linda is a genuinely humble person with unlimited talents. She has served and Chaired on the Flower Guild for more than thirty years. She can create beauty from weeds. As talented as she is with flowers, she is equally talented in the culinary department. She has served tirelessly on the Hospitality Committee for many years and is always willing to help. Never seeking the limelight, she has always worked behind the scenes in her church community.



Reba Mackey
St. George's, New Orleans

Volunteerism is the theme of Reba Mackey's life!

Born and raised in Leakesville, Mississippi, Reba was a Baptist growing up. She attended college at the University of Southern Mississippi but left college early to find work in New Orleans. While working as a legal secretary, she succeeded in being a paralegal. While at the law firm of Adams & Reese, she volunteered extensively in the firm's HUGS (Hope, Understanding, Giving and Support) program, the employee volunteer program. She retired from the law firm in 2009.

When she moved to New Orleans, she found St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and joined the church. She married Larry and moved to Terrytown and started attending St. Phillip's Episcopal Church in the early seventies. At St. Phillip's she was super active and a natural leader in all aspects of church life. She served on the vestry and was an Education For Ministry instructor, Sunday School teacher, youth group leader, and Lay Eucharist Minister. She was regularly active with Episcopal Church Women and the Altar Guild volunteering for everything. She was also active in Crusillo (served as rector), Happening, and other youth events around the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana. In the early nineties she switched her membership to St. George Episcopal Church and dedicated herself to the church serving as the head of the Altar Guild, Wedding Coordinator, ECW, Mardi Gras Spirits, and so much more.

In the ECW she served as the Greater New Orleans Deanery Co-Chair, Deanery Coordinator, and Diocesan Vice President. She has attended the ECW Triennial Meeting on several occasions.

Mission Stories

After retiring from the law firm, she could not stay still. She became involved in the Terrytown Garden Club eventually serving as president. With the club she is involved in beautification projects around Terrytown and City Park. Through educational events, she taught the public about the benefits of using native plants in their gardens. Through the garden club association, she has served as a judge for the Cleanest City in Louisiana contest and continues to help plan their conventions.

Reba Mackey is a true Martha.

Rebecca Sadler St. Martin's, Metairie

Rebecca Sadler is a faithful parishioner of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Metairie. She is a lifelong Episcopalian, growing up in Bastrop, Louisiana and attending Christ Episcopal Church with her parents and brothers. She was active in the Canterbury Group at Louisiana Tech University. For most of her adult life she has been at St. Martin's Church.

Over these years Rebecca has twice served on the Vestry and was the Junior Warden for a year during each of those

terms. Rebecca also co-chaired the Stewardship Committee and was a leader in bringing the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Education Program to fruition in the parish. Most notably, Rebecca has served on the Altar Guild and been its leader since 2005. This service is a ministry she truly loves, and which brings her great joy. In this time, she has collaborated with Fr. Fred Devall on numerous projects related to worship and liturgical support. As Director of the Altar Guild, Rebecca also serves on the Worship Committee.

Aside from the duties associated with Altar Guild leadership and Vestry leadership, Rebecca is one of the most generous people. She understands what it means to give of time, talent, and treasure and shares in all aspects of her life. Most of this giving is behind the scenes and not desirous of recognition, but the time has come for her to be recognized. Rebecca Sadler is a lovely person, a faithful Christian. And worthy of recognition by the ECW as an Honored Woman.



[Photograph by Karen Mackey] Judy Weber, parishioner of Trinity Church, Morgan City, was presented with the Triennial Distinguished Woman of the Year award, an ECW National recognition.



[Photograph by Karen Mackey, Diocese of Louisiana] The clergy pose for their annual portrait following the Chrism Mass on April 11, 2022.

Transitions in the Diocese

The Rev. Annie Jung was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priest on June 15, 2022 at Trinity Church, New Orleans. She has been called to serve as associate rector at Trinity Church, New Orleans, effective July 1, 2022.

The Rev. Ben Nobles was assigned by Bishop Thompson to serve as deacon at St. Anna's, New Orleans. He was serving as deacon at Trinity Church, New Orleans.

Deacon Joseph Clavijo has moved to Dallas, Texas, effective June 24. He was placed on non-parochial status. He has served as deacon of St. George's, New Orleans, since 2018 and as the chair of the Environmental Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana.

The Rev. Canon Shannon Duckworth was elected to be the 12th bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana. Pending consent of a majority of the bishops with jurisdiction and the diocesan standing committees, she will be ordained and consecrated on November 19, 2022, at Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans. She will be installed bishop on November 20, 2022, at Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans.

New Clergy

The Rev. Stephanie Fox was called as rector of St. George's, New Orleans. She will begin her ministry on July 10, 2022. She currently serves as priest-in-charge at Grace Episcopal Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

The Rev. Seth Donald was called as rector of Christ Church, Covington, effective mid-August. He is currently serving as rector of St. Michael and All Angels, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Transitions Out of the Diocese

The Rev. Canon Mark Stevenson was elected to be the 14th bishop of the Diocese of Virginia. Pending consent of a majority of the bishops with jurisdiction and the diocesan standing committees, he will be ordained and consecrated on December 3, 2022, at St. Paul's Baptist Church, Henrico, Virginia.

The Rev. Ashley Freeman was called to be the canon to the ordinary and missioner for discernment of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, effective July 11, 2022. He has served as the rector of St. Patrick's, Zachary, since 2016, and previously served as the associate rector of Trinity, Baton Rouge, from 2015-2016.

The Rev. Lindsey Ardrey is moving to North Carolina, effective July 2022. She was serving as the middle school chaplain at St. Martin's Episcopal School, Metairie.



Bishop's Annual Visitation to St. Patrick's, Zachary (left)

[Photograph from St. Patrick's, Zachary, Facebook Page] Bishop Thompson's annual visitation to St. Patrick's, Zachary, on January 16, 2022.



Feast of Our Lady of Suyapa (right)

[Photograph by Karen Mackey, Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana] The Feast of Our Lady of Suyapa, patron saint of Honduras, was held at St. Augustine's, Metairie, on February 6. "Si nosotros los hondureños, salimos de nuestra nación, llevamos tu nombre grabado muy dentro del corazón." So goes the song to Our Lady of Suyapa sung by our congregation in the processional hymn. We commemorated the feast day of the Honduran patroness on February 6. For the Hondurans, the song's lyrics, "If we Hondurans leave our country, we carry you engraved in our hearts," speak of their undying devotion and love of the Virgin Mary. Placed on a pillar to the right of the altar at Mass at St. Augustine's Parish, Our Lady was remembered through song, prayer, procession, dance folk, and later the sharing of food and fellowship. An estimated 65 people attended to partake in the celebration.



The Barnwells Receive the Dean's Cross for Servant Leadership (left)

[Photograph from Virginia Theological Seminary] From a Virginia Theological Seminary Press Release: "On Sunday, February 13, the Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D., dean and president of Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS), and the Rev. J. Barney Hawkins, Ph.D., director of the Historic Bicentenary, conferred the Dean's Cross for Servant Leadership in Church and Society to the Rev. Canon William Barnwell '67 (posthumously) and Corinne Barnwell at Trinity Episcopal Church in New Orleans, LA. The Dean's Cross recognizes outstanding leaders who embody the baptismal vows to 'strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being'."



Guest Preacher Exchange at St. Paul's, New Orleans (right)

[Photograph from St. Paul's, New Orleans Facebook Page] The Rev. Peter Wong, rector of Trinity Church, Baton Rouge, was the guest preacher at St. Paul's on February 13, 2022.

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Mardi Gras 2022 Around the Diocese

[Photograph from top to bottom: Trinity Church, Baton Rouge; St. George's, New Orleans; St. John's, Thibodaux; Trinity Church, New Orleans; St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge; St. Luke's, Baton Rouge; and St. Paul's, New Orleans] It was a beautiful Carnival season. Our churches made the most of enjoying every moment of the first public Mardi Gras celebration since 2020. We blessed floats (top left), held Mardi Gras fundraisers (top right), hung out with each other on parade routes (2nd row left and right), made crafts with children (3rd row left), held king cake tastings after and between services (3rd row right), and got into the spirit of the season with purple, green, and gold liturgical vestments.

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Ash Wednesday and Lent Around the Diocese

[Photographs from various Facebook pages]: (First row) Preparing Ashes for Ash Wednesday at St. James, Baton Rouge; Ashes to Go with St. Patrick's, Zachary; Ashes to Go with Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans. (Second row) Preparing Lent in a Bag to distribute on Ash Wednesday at Christ Church, Slidell; Ashes to Go at Christ Church, Slidell; Burying Alleluias at Trinity Church, Baton Rouge. (Third row) Lent program at Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans; Outdoor labyrinth at Christwood; Stations of the Cross, St. Patrick's, Zachary. (Fourth row) Gumbo fundraiser at St. James, Baton Rouge; Lenten Gumbo at St. John's, Thibodaux; Fish fry at St. Michael's, Mandeville. (Fifth row) Food drive at St. Patrick's, Zachary; Food drive at St. Martin's, Metairie; Stations of the Cross at Historic St. Luke's, New Orleans.



Bishop Thompson's Visitation to Church of the Nativity, Rosedale (left)

[Photograph from Church of the Nativity Facebook Page] Bishop Thompson's annual visitation to Church of the Nativity, Rosedale, on March 5, 2022.



Bishop Thompson's Visitation to St. Augustine's, Metairie (right)

[Photograph from St. Augustine's Facebook Page] Bishop Thompson's annual visitation to St. Augustine's, Metairie, on March 6, 2022.



Cookie Sale in Ponchatoula (left)

[Photograph from All Saints, Ponchatoula Facebook Page] On the first weekend in March, All Saints, Ponchatoula, had a booth during the Ponchatoula Antique Trade Days to sell cookies and advertise the church. The Trade Days draw thousands of people to the town.



Fundraiser for Santa Marta Center of El Salvador (right)

[Photograph from St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge, Facebook Page] On Sunday, March 6 at St Margaret's, Joseph Russ shared about his work with the Santa Marta Center of El Salvador, a safe-house for LGBTQ+ Youth sponsored by the Anglican Church of El Salvador. A fundraising brunch, co-sponsored by Inclusive Louisiana, took place following church. Over \$3,500 was raised that day for the Santa Marta Center which will operate the center for one month.

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St. Margaret and St. Patrick Visit Baton Rouge (left)

[Photograph from St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge, Facebook Page] St. Margaret and St. Patrick visited St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge, to be with the children of the church for their Shamrock and Pearls Children's Ministry Event on March 13, 2022.



St. Patrick Visits Zachary (right)

[Photograph from St. Patrick's, Zachary, Facebook Page] St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, visited his namesake church on March 17, the feast day of St. Patrick. He spent time with the students of St. Patrick's Preschool and helped the Rev. Ashley Freeman kick off the festivities surrounding the 65th anniversary of the church.



St. Margaret's Celebrates 50th Anniversary (left)

[Photograph by Karen Mackey, Diocese of Louisiana] On March 19 and 20, 2022, St. Margaret's celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding. The weekend started with a gala at Magnolia Mound Pavilion with dinner and sharing of stories of St. Margaret's. On Sunday, a 50th Anniversary Celebratory Mass was held featuring beautiful music and a reception following the service. Some of the clergy who served at St. Margaret's in the past joined in the celebration.



Tornado Relief in Arabi, Louisiana (right)

[Photograph from the Trinity Loaves and Fishes Facebook Page] On March 23, 2022, an EF3 tornado ripped through Orleans and St. Bernard Parish hitting the town of Arabi the hardest. Trinity Loaves and Fishes deployed their food truck to the area immediately to provide sandwiches and water to the residents and first responders cleaning up following the storm.



Celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation (left)

[Photograph from Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish Facebook Page] On March 26, 2022, friends of Grace Church, St. Francisville, and the former St. Mary's, Wyanoke, held a service and picnic at the St. Mary's site to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation. St. Mary's was deconsecrated in the late 40s and handed over to the St. Mary's Church and Cemetery Association. It underwent a restoration in 2014 and is open just a few days a year or by request as a venue for social gatherings.



Memorial Concert for the Victims of COVID-19 (right)

[Video Still Shot from St. James, Baton Rouge] On March 27, 2022, St. James held a memorial concert commemorating those who have died in the COVID-19 pandemic. The Choirs of St. James were joined by the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra to perform Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem in D minor."



Feast of Blessed Frances Joseph Gaudet (left)

[Photograph by Karen Mackey, Diocese of Louisiana] On Sunday, March 27, 2022, Historic St. Luke's, New Orleans, held an Evensong in honor of Blessed Frances Joseph- Gaudet, educator, prison reformer, juvenile justice advocate. The officiant was the Rt. Rev. Morris K. Thompson, Jr. The cantor was the Rev. Jane-Allison Wiggin. The homilist was the Rev. Lindsey Ardrey. Music was provided by the St. Luke's Choir. The service included special presentations and prayers led by the Gaudet Fund Committee, Commission for Racial Healing, and the Gaudet Legacy Committee.



Trinity Loaves and Fishes Starts a Hot Meal Program (right)

[Photograph from the Trinity Loaves & Fishes Facebook Page] In March 2022, Trinity Loaves and Fishes expanded their feeding program to include hot meals on Thursday mornings. They are partnering with Bethlehem Lutheran Church to cook and serve 100 meals each week.



Stopping "The March to the Prisons": Justice for Youth in the Spirit of Frances Joseph-Gaudet (left)

[Photograph by Karen Mackey, Diocese of Louisiana] On March 31 at Trinity Church, New Orleans, the Gaudet Legacy Committee organized a panel discussion to explore the opportunities in our day for people of faith to provide support and alternatives to incarceration for young people. The panel included representatives from The Louisiana Center for Children's Rights, Grow Dat Youth Farm, and Orleans Parish Prison Reform Coalition (OPPRC) and was moderated by the Rev. Lindsey Ardrey. The Gaudet Legacy Committee is an informal initiative of the Diocese of Louisiana with the purpose to share widely the example of Blessed Frances Joseph-Gaudet's extraordinary life in order to guide and inspire similar work in our present times.

Environmental Commission Participated in the New Orleans City Park Spring Flower Show (right)

[Photograph by Karen Mackey, Diocese of Louisiana] Deacon Joey Clavijo (left) and Deacon Charmain Kathmann (right) along with other members of the Environmental Commission had a special educational exhibit at the New Orleans City Park Spring Flower Show to talk about the work of creation care in the diocese.



Benefit Concerts and Prayers For Ukraine

At the end of February 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine causing Europe's largest refugee crisis since World War II. Churches around the diocese held benefit concerts and prayer vigils in support of the people of Ukraine. [left—Photograph from the Trinity Church, New Orleans, Facebook Page] The choirs of Christ Church Cathedral and Trinity Church, New Orleans, held a concert on March 31 raising \$10,000 for Episcopal Relief & Development's support of Ukrainian refugees. [Middle — Photographs from the St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge, Facebook Page] Parishioners of St. Margaret's wove fabric to represent the colors of the Ukrainian flag. The weaving is displayed in the outdoor meditation garden at the church. On Palm Sunday, the arrangements around the altar included pussy-willow branches. In Ukraine, Palm Sunday is often referred to as Willow Sunday with pussy-willow branches being blessed in church. [Right—Photograph from the Grace Memorial, Hammond, Facebook Page] Dr. Iuliia Akers and Dr. Liliia Oliinyk held benefit concerts at Grace Memorial, Hammond, and St. Paul's, New Orleans. The proceeds went to help the people of their hometown Kherson, Ukraine.

In addition, Grace Memorial held a medical supply drive which was first sent to the Ukrainian Volunteer Center in Delaware and then to Ukraine. The church also sold blue and yellow ribbon lapel pins to raise funds for Ukraine. St. Francis, Denham Springs, held a Taizé service to pray for Ukraine.



New Roof at Mount Olivet (left)

[Photograph from Mount Olivet, New Orleans, Facebook Page] In early April, Mount Olivet, New Orleans, had their new roof installed following the damage caused by Hurricane Ida.



Coastal Day at the Louisiana Legislature (right)

[Photographs by the Rev. Fred Devall] On April 5, 2022, members of the Environmental Commission participated in Coastal Day at the Louisiana Legislature. This annual event, organized by the Coast Builders Coalition, is designed to educate legislators about the vital work being done to protect and restore our coast.



Bishop's Annual Visitation to St. Luke's, Baton Rouge (left)

[Photograph from St. Luke's, Baton Rouge,, Facebook Page] Bishop Thompson's annual visitation to St. Luke's, Baton Rouge, on April 3, 2022.



Bishop's Annual Visitation to St. Matthews, Houma (right)

[Photograph from St. Matthew's, Houma, Facebook Page] Bishop Thompson's annual visitation to St. Matthew's, Houma, on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022.

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Holy Week and Easter Around the Diocese of Louisiana

[Photographs from various Facebook pages] : (First row) Palm Sunday, Trinity Church, Baton Rouge; Palm Sunday, St. Anna's, New Orleans; Palm Sunday, St. Andrew's, New Orleans; Maundy Thursday, St. Martin's, Metairie; Maundy Thursday, Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans. (Second row) Maundy Thursday, St. Paul's, New Orleans; Maundy Thursday, St. Augustine's, Metairie; Good Friday, St. Patrick's, Zachary; Good Friday, Grace Church, St. Francisville; Good Friday, St. Matthew's, Houma. (Third row) Easter Vigil, St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge; Easter, St. Paul's Holy Trinity, New Roads; Easter, All Saints', River Ridge; Easter, St. George's, New Orleans; Easter, St. Anna's, New Orleans. (Fourth row) Easter, St. John's, Thibodaux; Easter, Grace Memorial, Hammond

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St. Paul's Participated in the Crescent City Classic (left)

[Photograph from St. Paul's, New Orleans, Facebook Page] On April 16, St. Paul's, New Orleans, clergy and parishioners raised over \$7,000 for Covenant House running in the Crescent City Classic in New Orleans.



Earth Day Interfaith Prayer Service (right)

[Photograph by Karen Mackey, Diocese of Louisiana] On April 22, 2022, Earth Day, Bishop Morris K. Thompson and Deacon Joey Clavijo participated in an Interfaith Prayer Service to Celebrate Creation at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in New Orleans.



Meet and Greet with the Candidates for Bishop (right)

[Photographs by Karen Mackey, Diocese of Louisiana] On April 25 and 27, ministry leaders throughout the Diocese of Louisiana made presentations to the candidates for the 12th Bishop of Louisiana, the Rev. Fred Devall and the Rev. Canon Shannon Duckworth. It gave the candidates an opportunity to hear more about a particular ministry and the vision moving forward into the future. The presentations were held at St. James, Baton Rouge, and St. Paul's, New Orleans.

In the evenings on those same days, listening sessions were held to provide an opportunity for people throughout the diocese to ask questions to the candidates. Both candidates had the opportunity to answer the same nine questions. Listening sessions were held at Episcopal School of Baton Rouge and St. Martin's Episcopal School.



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135th ECW Annual Gathering

[Photographs by Karen Mackey, Diocese of Louisiana] The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Louisiana met at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center from April 29-30, 2022. The Rev. Kit McLean was the keynote speaker. Bishop Thompson delivered his keynote address via pre-recorded video since he was away at the Province IV House of Bishops meeting. Kristen Wheeler, seminarian and a modern icon writer, made a special presentation on Julia Chester Emery, founder of the UTO. The gathering ended with Holy Eucharist.



Earth Day Youth Celebration (left)

[Photograph from source] On April 24, 2022, youth from St. Andrew's, New Orleans, and St. George's, New Orleans, took part in an Earth Day celebration called "The Children Shall Lead Us" at Joe Brown Park. Coordinated by the New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition, the day included prayers led by youth from all faith traditions, music, and games. In this photograph, James Post, children and youth minister at St. George's, demonstrates to the attendees a practice of taking a moment to look up and take in the wonder of God's creation.

Bishop's Annual Visitation to St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge (right)

[Photograph from St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge, Facebook Page] Bishop Thompson's annual visitation to St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge, on May 4, 2022.

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New Clergy Gathering (left)

[Photograph provided by the Very Rev. Tommy Dillon] On May 5, 2022, the diocese held the first New Clergy Gathering since 2020. The session, co-facilitated by the Rev. Canon Shannon Duckworth and the Very Rev. Tommy Dillon, offers new clergy or clergy with new cures a time to receive support and to get to know one another.



Mother's Day Roses at St. Mark's, Harvey (right)

[Photograph from St. Mark's, Harvey, Facebook Page] The Rev. Canon Allison Reid gives roses to the women of St Mark's following the service on Mother's Day.



Ministerio La Mesa/ La Mesa Ministry at St. Margaret's (left)

[Photograph from St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge, Facebook Page] On Sunday, May 8, 2022, over 30 people gathered to learn more about St Margaret's new Ministerio La Mesa/ La Mesa Ministry with the Hispanic community of the Gardere area of Baton Rouge. The purpose of La Mesa is to invite Hispanic neighbors into fellowship and to exchange gifts beginning with language.



Discerning Missional Leadership: A Four Day Retreat in New Orleans (right)

[Photograph from source] From May 9-12, 2022, in New Orleans, the Very Rev. Tommy Dillon worked with members of the Office of Church Planting and Redevelopment in the Episcopal Church. Our diocese hosted 18 people from around the Episcopal Church who are discerning their gifts in church planting or congregational redevelopment. Canon Shannon Rogers Duckworth brought greetings from our diocese, and St Anna's hosted a day for lunch after a scavenger hunt through the French Quarter.

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Celebrating Christian Unity in the Carrollton Neighborhood of New Orleans (left)

[Photograph from St. Andrew's, New Orleans, Facebook Page] St. Andrew's, New Orleans, participated in a series of worship services and community meals to celebrate Christian Unity. The participating congregations from the Carrollton neighborhood of New Orleans include St. Andrew's, Central St. Matthew, United Church of Christ and Blessed Sacrament - Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church.



Stewardship Resource Days & Stewardship Workshop (right)

[Photograph by Karen Mackey, Diocese of Louisiana] The Diocesan Stewardship Committee hosted two in-person resource days and a virtual stewardship workshop featuring Terry Goolsby of Horizons Stewardship.



Memorial Day Weekend Blessing of the Boats on False River (left)

[Photograph from the Rev. Lynn Hooks] The Rev. Canon Shannon Duckworth participated in the annual Memorial Day Weekend Blessing of the Boats on False River in New Roads.



Memorial Day at the Solomon Center (right)

[Photograph from Solomon Episcopal Conference Center Facebook Page] Memorial Day display at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center.



Memorial for the Mass Shooting in Buffalo and Uvalde (left)

[Photograph from St. Anna's, New Orleans] text Following the service on May 29, parishioners from St. Anna's created a memorial on the altar in remembrance of the victims of the mass shooting at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, and the Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.



Hearty Breakfast at St. James (right)

[Photograph from St. James, Baton Rouge, Facebook Page] On June 3, the St. James, Baton Rouge, Outreach Committee, served breakfast feeding 75 people. The Hearty Breakfast program takes place on fifth Sundays to feed the hungry.



Pentecost Around the Diocese

[Photograph from various Facebook pages] Pentecost photos from around the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana. (First row) St. Matthew's, Houma; St. Mary's, Morganza. (Second row) Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans; St. Paul's Holy Trinity, New Roads. (Far right) St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge.



Restoration Work Has Begun at St. Andrew's, Bayou Dularge (left)

[Photograph by the Rev. Canon Shannon Duckworth] On Pentecost Sunday, the Rev. Canon Shannon Duckworth celebrated Eucharist with the people of St. Andrew's, Bayou Dularge. The community is still gathering for worship in homes following the damage caused by Hurricane Ida. Canon Duckworth visited the church to view the progress of the restoration work.

175th Trinity Anniversary (right)

[Photograph from Trinity Church, New Orleans, Facebook Page] Trinity Church, New Orleans, celebrated its 175th Anniversary on Trinity Sunday, June 12, 2022. The day began with Holy Eucharist followed by a family picnic and fun and games.



Bishop's Annual Visitation to St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge (left)

[Photograph from Historic St. Luke's, New Orleans, Instagram Page] Bishop Thompson's annual visitation to Historic St. Luke's, New Orleans, on June 12, 2022.

Ordination and Reception of a Priest (right)

[Photograph by Karen Mackey, Diocese of Louisiana] On June 15, 2022, the Rev. Annie Jung was ordained into the Sacred Order of Priests and the Rev. Charles Latour's Holy Orders was received into the Episcopal Church. The service took place at Trinity Church, New Orleans.



GU272 and Ascension Parish: The Jesuit and Episcopal Connection to Slavery (left)

[Photograph provided by the Rev. Jane-Allison Wiggin] The African American River Road Museum opened a new exhibit at the former Church of the Ascension in Donaldsonville to tell the story of a group of enslaved people purchased and trafficked by the Jesuits of Georgetown University to Henry Johnson, one of the co-founders of Church of the Ascension. Bishop Thompson spoke at the opening of the exhibit.



Opening Prayer at the Baton Rouge City Council (right)

[Photograph from St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge] On June 22, 2022, St. Margaret's, the Very Rev. Tommy Dillon led the opening prayer and a youth member of the church led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Baton Rouge City Council Meeting.



Together Baton Rouge Public Safety Citywide Assembly (left)

[Photograph from St. Margaret's Facebook Page] On June 25, 2022, Together Baton Rouge, as part of their Enough is Enough Campaign, held an assembly attended by community members and faith communities to make a joint stand against the rise in violence and public safety concerns in East Baton Rouge Parish.



Baton Rouge Pride Festival (right)

[Photograph from St. Margaret's Facebook Page] On June 25, 2022, members of Inclusive Louisiana, St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge, and Trinity Church, Baton Rouge, gathered to celebrate God's inclusive love at the Baton Rouge Pride Festival.



Food Pantry Day at St. Mark's, Harvey (left)

[Photograph from St. Mark's, Harvey, Facebook Page] On June 26, 2022, St. Mark's held their monthly food pantry providing food boxes to 60 families.



Trinity, New Orleans, Restoration Begins (right)

[Photograph from Trinity Church, New Orleans, Facebook Page] In late June, Trinity Church, New Orleans began a year-long repair and improvements project of the church. This is due partly to damage caused by Hurricane Ida but is also part of a larger capital improvement project called "Together We Build" to create a more functional and attractive campus for Trinity.



Community Lighthouse Project (left)

[Photograph by the Rev. Canon Allison Reid, Diocese of Louisiana] On June 28, 2022, over 53 congregations (several Episcopal) from across the metro New Orleans area joined Together New Orleans to officially launch the Community Lighthouse Project. This project will create solar and battery-powered resiliency hubs across the region to help communities following a disaster. One of the supporters of this program is Episcopal Relief & Development.



Prayer Shawls for St. Stephen's, Vestavia Hills (right)

[Photograph from source] On Sunday, June 26, the Rev. Bryan Owen blessed handmade shawls and quilts from St. Luke's, Baton Rouge. The shawls were sent to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama, as part of a response to the tragic shootings that occurred there on June 16. St. Luke's hopes that these shawls and quilts will serve as outward and tangible signs of God's healing love and care enfolding those who are so deeply hurt by what happened.

Upcoming Diocesan and Solomon Episcopal Conference Center Events

In July & August

Safe Church Minister Training

Baton Rouge: July 12, 1-2:30 pm at St. Margaret's

New Orleans: July 19, 6-7:30 pm at St. Augustine's

ZOOM: July 28, 1-2:30 pm

ZOOM: Aug 2, 6-7:30 pm

Saturday, July 16 from 9 am - 1 pm

Embracing the Journey: Senior Resource Fair

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8833 Goodwood Blvd, Baton Rouge

Saturday, July 23

Latin Family Fest (Sponsored by the Hispanic Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana)

Baton Rouge Fair Facilities, 16072 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge

August 5-7, 2022

Co-Ed Recovery Retreat

Solomon Episcopal Conference Center, 54296 Highway 445, Loranger

August 24, 2022 from 6-10 pm

Clergy Day Cookout & Overnight

Solomon Episcopal Conference Center, 54296 Highway 445, Loranger

August 25, 2022 from 9 am-3 pm

Clergy Day with Guest Scholar Amy-Jill Levine, Ph.D.

Solomon Episcopal Conference Center, 54296 Highway 445, Loranger

Wednesday, October 12

Pre-Convention Meetings (Details TBA)

October 28-29, 2022

185th Annual Convention

Episcopal School of Baton Rouge

Friday, October 28

Farewell Party for Bishop Morris & Mrs. Rebecca Thompson

Episcopal School of Baton Rouge (Details TBA)

Friday, November 18

Reception for the 12th Bishop of Louisiana (Details TBA)

Saturday, November 19 at 11 am

Ordination & Consecration of the 12th Bishop of Louisiana

Christ Church Cathedral, 2919 St. Charles Ave, New Orleans

Sunday, November 20 at 10 am

Installation of the 12th Bishop of Louisiana

Christ Church Cathedral, 2919 St. Charles Ave, New Orleans

Bishop Visitations August - October 2022

Unforeseen circumstances may result in changes to the visitation schedule.

July 8-11

80th General Convention, Baltimore

July 26-August 8

Lambeth Conference, England

Sunday, August 21

St. Mark's, Harvey

Sunday, August 28

Holy Communion, Plaquemine

Sunday, September 11

Trinity Church, New Orleans

Sunday, September 18

St. Paul's, New Orleans

Sunday, September 25

St. John's, Thibodaux

Sunday, October 2

Christ Church, Covington

Sunday, October 9

All Saints, Ponchatoula

Sunday, October 16

St. Michael & All Angels, Baton Rouge

Sunday, October 23

St. James, Baton Rouge