

Pastor's Column

Congratulations to Peter Quirk; Sign-Up Weekend; Rosary Rally



Congratulations to Peter Quirk: Each year the Archbishop honors a lay person who has given long-standing service to the church of New Orleans with the St. John Paul II Award. This year's recipient is our own St. Francis parishioner, Peter Quirk. He will receive the award at the Catholic Foundation Dinner on October 10. Peter's wife, Marilyn, received this honor in 2016. In case you missed the Clarion article, here is a re-cap of Pete's history of serving the church.

During his career as an engineer, Peter sat on the boards of Xavier University, the University of Holy Cross, Catholic Charities, the United Way, the Willwoods Community, the Catholic Foundation, Covenant House, Christopher Homes and the Serra Club. After retiring as an engineer, Pete became the Executive Director of the Archdiocese Development Office and the Catholic Foundation. Peter also has worked closely with the Men's Spirituality Movement and God's Special Children.

Peter is a visionary, a consummate administrator and a selfless, humble man of God. We are blessed to have Pete and Marilyn as our parishioners. Congratulations, Peter, on receiving this award. Thank you for a long life of service in the church.

Sign-up Weekend: This is Sign-up Weekend for 40 Days for Life, a prayer vigil to end abortion. Our parish will pray at the Delta Abortion Clinic in New Orleans on Sunday, October 13, between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm. Please sign up after any mass this weekend to cover an hour of prayer next Sunday.

Fatima Rosary Rally: Last year, more than 100 people gathered on the front steps of our church for prayer, adoration and a procession along Metairie Road with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Several motorists stopped and joined in because of the public witness. The focus of prayer at this year's Rally will be healing of victims of sexual abuse. Please join us for the Fatima Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 12, at 12 noon.

God bless,
Fr. Joe