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**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Among the opening words of the Bible, in the book of Genesis, we read the following: "God created man in His image, in the divine image He created him; male and female He created them". (Gen. 1:27) From the very beginning of time, we learn of the dignity and sacredness of the human person as intended by God. In the account of everything created by God, only the human person is created in the image and likeness of God. From this fundamental truth, we learn that each and every human person is a direct and unique creation of God, called into being and given an everlasting destiny of sharing in God's life.

In light of so many troubling events occurring in our day and time, I find it important to reiterate this fundamental truth. When the sacred connection between God and the human person is clouded or eliminated, the sin of racism raises its ugly head. History teaches us what happens when evil is not exposed and left unchecked. We must remember that evil grows when good people remain silent. Ethnic cleansing of whole populations, enslavement of peoples simply because of the color of their skin, human trafficking, and the holocaust of Jews are just a few examples. These evils begin with an acceptance of racism.

Racism believes that someone is less of a person, has less dignity, or is less deserving of respect because of the color of their skin, their nationality, religion or gender. Racism looks upon another as less deserving of respect because of their race or class. Racism can be manifested in violence towards others, discrimination, harsh and demeaning language, subtle words and actions used for the purpose of denigrating a person's worth, and societal structures that deny basic human rights. It is a sin and a direct affront to God who creates each and every human person out of love.

In our time, the rise of hate groups like Neo-Nazis, the KKK, and White Supremacist Groups all have the sin of racism at their core. All people of good will should expose such evil for what it is and work to create a culture that respects each human person as created in the image of God. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but may have everlasting life. (John 3:16).

Our Diocese of Lafayette is a rich and colorful mosaic of many cultures and people. The original Acadians were exiled from their homes because of their religion and nationality. We are blessed with a large African American Catholic culture. They endured deportation from their homes, slavery, segregation, exploitation, inhuman mistreatment, and extreme racism. Yet, through all their suffering, their faith endured and inspires us to this day. Now, Vietnamese, Hispanics, Filipinos and many other cultures show us the beauty and variety of God's creation.

Let us create that culture of respect and reverence for each human person from conception in the womb to natural death. Children should hear in school and at home that racism is sinful and against God's will. They should be told that hateful speech, derogatory language, racial jokes, and discrimination against others because of the color of their skin will not be tolerated. St. John reminds us in his letter that love of God necessarily means love of our neighbor who is created in the image and likeness of God. "Whoever says he loves God but hates his neighbor, lies." 1 John 4:20) May God lead all of us to a love for all our brothers and sisters in His family.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.  
Bishop of Lafayette

**O. C. CORNER**  
OCS students and staff will observe MLK Day on Monday. Classes will resume on Tuesday. Please pray for the school's seniors and adult chaperones who will be traveling to Washington, D. C. this week for the National Right-to-Life March.  
The OC Tasters' Dinner and Auction event tickets are also on sale through the Office of Advancement for \$35 per person. The event is set for February 7 at the Opelousas Civic Center. Tickets are available for purchase at OCS, Bodemuller the Printer, St. Landry Homestead Bank, and Cash Saver on Heather Drive.  
The Office of Advancement has OCS Viking yard signs for sale. Any family, alumni, grandparents, or friends who wish to display OCS pride may purchase a sign for only \$5. Call 942-5404 ext. 105.

**WEEKLY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS EACH DAY**  
Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You in Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Sunday: Rev. Lambert Lein, SVD; Monday: Rev. Roland Lesseps, SJ; Tuesday: Rev. James Liprie, OSB; Wednesday: Rev. Albert Louapre, SJ; Thursday: Rev. Thomas Madden, SJ; Friday: Msgr. Charles Mallet; Saturday: Msgr. W. Curtis Mallet, JCL, VG.

**HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION**  
That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

**EVENTS**

**FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES**  
All students making First Communion here at Our Lady Queen of Angels this Spring will begin their preparation January 8th from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All Catholic and private school children must attend these classes as well if they intend to make their First Communion.

**36th ANNUAL  
REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION**  
Holy Ghost Catholic Church is hosting a celebration on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 15, 2018 at 2:00 pm in the Holy Ghost Parish Life Center. The Parade begins at 1:00 pm with line up in South City Park at 12:00 Noon. All are invited. For more information, call Holy Ghost Catholic Church.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**  
The Baby Bottle Campaign begins this weekend. This important fundraiser benefits the Desormeaux Foundation whose work in prolife issues is amazing.


**OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD**  
Offertery Collection ..... \$11,954.55  
BSA ..... 105.00  
Opelousas Catholic Collection ..... 1,051.25  
Latin America ..... 5.00  
*Please know the Pastor is most grateful for your stewardship!  
"Everything we have and give comes from God." (Corinthians 29:11-17)*

**READERS**  
**Jan. 20** ..... **4:00 p.m.** Claire Hollier  
**Jan. 21** ..... **8:30 a.m.** Bruce & Bernadette Gaudin  
**10:30 a.m.** William Jarrell  
**5:15 p.m.** Lee Deranger

**ALTAR SOCIETY**  
**Jan. 20-26** ..... Anna Pitre and Team  
**Linens (Jan. 20)** ..... Anna Pitre

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Sun., Jan. 14** ..... Baby Bottle Campaign  
**2:30 p.m.** High School Youth Group  
**Mon., Jan. 15** ..... Parish Office Closed  
NO CCD CLASSES  
**Tues., Jan. 16** ..... NO CCD CLASSES  
**Wed., Jan. 17** ..... **2:00 p.m.** "Come Lord Jesus"  
Call 942-7059 for more information  
**4:45 p.m.** Pro-Life Rosary before Mass

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM**  
Parents of this Parish who wish to have their children baptized will meet for instructions at Our Lady Queen of Angels in the Parish Conference Room on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. Please call the Office to make an appointment with Deacon Bill at 942-5628.

  
**ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
We are very thankful to the parishioners who called to volunteer for all three of the hours that were in need of adorers. Thanks to their commitment to our Adoration Chapel, we now have all hours filled with at least one adorer. We do, however, have many hours that are in need of a second adorer, so if anyone is interested in sharing an hour of Adoration with Jesus, we gratefully accept your commitment.  
Again, Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish sincerely thanks you.  
Please contact Claire Robichaux (942-7059), Marie LeBlanc, (948-8940), or Jerome Collins (948-4595) if you would like to commit to any other hour with our Lord.

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**MASSES**

**Sat., Jan. 13** .... **4:00 p.m.** Charles and Mercedes Going Family, William and Dorothy Hatch Family, Father Joseph Deluca, Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Natalie and Shane Pitre, Charles, Yolande and Angele Carroll, Henry David, Nazel Fontenot, Lynwood Hidalgo, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hidalgo, Jr. and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guidry and Family, Rene Fontenot, Scotty Artigue

**Sun., Jan. 14** .... **8:30 a.m.** Dudley and Glenn Macip, Jerry Nele, Sarah Jarrell, Ronald O. Fusilier, Percy and Velma Thibodeaux, Joshua Peck, Jesse and Annie Leger, Jesse Leger, Jr., Mable Gary, Irvin Deranger  
**10:30 a.m.** Russell and Loula Reed, Daniel Mansfield  
**5:15 p.m.** Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux

**Mon., Jan. 15** ... **5:15 p.m.** Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Gene Bourdier (Anniversary of Death)

**Tues., Jan. 16** ... **7:00 a.m.** Louise H. Leger

**Wed., Jan. 17** ... **5:15 p.m.** Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

**Thurs., Jan. 18** ... **7:00 a.m.** Maise Soileau (Anniversary of Death), Scotty Artigue (Anniversary of Death)

**Fri., Jan. 19** ..... **5:15 p.m.** Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

**Sat., Jan. 20** .... **4:00 p.m.** Charles and Mercedes Going Family, William and Dorothy Hatch Family, Father Joseph Deluca, Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Natalie and Shane Pitre, Velma and Percy Thibodeaux, Nazel Fontenot, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. D'Arensbourg

**Sun., Jan. 21** .... **8:30 a.m.** Wilbur and Alice Reed, Anita Durio, Myrtle Gibson, Ronald O. Fusilier, Percy and Velma Thibodeaux, Joshua Peck, Jesse and Annie Leger, Jesse Leger, Jr., Irvin Deranger

**10:30 a.m.** Sarah Jarrell, Russell and Loula Reed, Daniel Mansfield, Mary Magdalene Joseph, Harvey Darbonne, Mark Robertson, Patricia Houston, Jude Lastrapes

**5:15 p.m.** Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, T. D. Dolores, Dewey and Charmaine Auzenne, Velton, Sr., Marcianne, Judy, Roy and Velton, Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine Bertrand, Jen and Hilton Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield, Benjamin and Francis Richard, Benny Richard, Claudette Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee and Bernice Guidry

**JANUARY PRO-LIFE DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES**  
**Fri., Jan. 19** ..... **7:00 p.m.** Mass In Thanksgiving "For the Gift of Life" at St. Pius X Catholic Church, Lafayette  
**Sat., Jan. 20** ..... **9:30 a.m.** Pro-Life Rally, ULL Quad  
**11:30 a.m.** Pro-Life March, ULL Quad to the Cathedral  
**12:30 p.m.** Reach Cathedral where the Bishop will lead a Prayer Service  
Please contact John Miller at 658-9559 for additional information.

**NEW TO THE PARISH**  
If you are new in the parish and are not registered in our parish census, we invite you to do so by providing your:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone# \_\_\_\_\_  
Or come by the office to get acquainted.