

July 7/8, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

DIVINE RENOVATION

Last week, I provided an account of our involvement with Divine Renovation and our recent trip to Nova Scotia. We were able to see all of that work and the renovation that is taking place at St. Benedict Parish, as well as many parishes that are connected with them throughout the world.

Parishes that were represented at this 2nd Annual Convocation were at various stages of growth and development. They were also at different stages of connectedness and relationship with the whole Divine Renovation Process. Nonetheless, all who were participating from every country far and near had the same one common theme — They were fired up about the idea of their parish being renewed and about the New Evangelization.



What is the New Evangelization, you may ask? I guess it is new in that we are taking a new look at what we are supposed to be, and what we are supposed to be doing in Church. Fifty-five years ago, the New Evangelization of that period began on October 11, 1963. The visionary Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council at St. Peter's. John XXIII's vision was, "I want to throw open the windows of the Church so that we can see out, and the people can see in."

These words of John XXIII to the assembled leaders from the opening address capture his enthusiasm and his recognition of the movement of the Holy Spirit!

"As regards the immediate cause for this great event, which gathers you here together at our bidding, it is sufficient for us to put on record once more something which, though trifling in itself, made a deep impression on us personally. The decision to hold an ecumenical council came to us in the first instance in a sudden flash of inspiration. We communicated this decision, without elaboration, to the Sacred College of Cardinals on that memorable January 25, 1959, the feast of St. Paul's Conversion, in his patriarchal basilica in the Ostien Way. The response was immediate. It was as though some ray of supernatural light had entered the minds of all present: it was reflected in their faces; it shone from their eyes. At once the world was swept by a wave of enthusiasm, and men everywhere began to wait eagerly for the celebration of this Council.

"For three years the arduous work of preparation continued. It consisted in making a detailed and accurate analysis of the prevailing condition of the faith, the religious practice, and the vitality of the Christian, and particularly the Catholic, body.

"We are convinced that the time spent in preparing for this Ecumenical Council was in itself an initial token of grace, a gift from heaven."

It is with great sadness we must acknowledge that the great hopes and dreams of the visionary Saint John XXIII never even came close to its potential. The blame for its not coming to fruition remains firmly in the hands of the hierarchy and the clerical leaders of the Church.

This New Evangelization may get our attention to sufficiently move us to an awareness that at least we are in need of change. Profoundly. I am hopeful in what I see in Divine Renovation. I invite you to join me and our other parish members in exploring the experience — the Process.

Explore www.divinerenovation.net to read more on Divine Renovation Ministry From Maintenance to Mission. You can also see a great bit of material on YouTube — search "Divine Renovation" for videos, podcasts and highlights from the 2018 Conference. Search "Fr. James Mallon" on YouTube for talks and interviews with the author of Divine Renovation. (Direct links are on our website.)



If you wish to go deeper, we have access to a huge variety of materials and instruction on the Catholic Faith. Seeking a deeper journey? Contact me and I will give you a code to unlock huge amounts of material!

—Fr. Gerry

Mass Intentions ~ July 9-15, 2018

Monday @ 7:30 am — Martha Collins (RIP)

Tuesday @ 7:30 am — Wayne Kent (RIP)

Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — Tommy Autrey (RIP)

Thursday @ 7:30 am — Francine Gilmer (RIP)

Friday @ 7:30 am — Fr. Patrick Noonan (RIP)

Saturday @ 5:30 pm — Carl Rainey (RIP)

Sunday @ 8:00 am — Sammie Glorioso (RIP)

Sunday @ 10:30 am — People of the Parish

New Prayer Requests

Special Intentions:

Donna Reiss

Sister Karina Dickey, friend of Donna Reiss

Phillip Arrant, friend of Derek and Amy Topik

Repose of the Soul:

Ruth Fontenot, sister of Kathy Gieger

Adoration this week: Mon—Fri 8am-12noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 4:30-5:00 pm or by appt.

submit prayer requests to the Church office

liturgy@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com

601-992-9547



***Altar Flowers this week: In loving memory of Sheila O'Connor
Donated by Roni Trout***



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Church office phone: 601-992-9547

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm; Friday 8:00am-12noon

Take Note ~ Save the Date ~ Mark Your Calendar

Big Deal kayak trip — Saturday, July 14th - for all 7th-12th graders (2018/19 school year) You MUST sign up to be able to go as we need to reserve enough canoes. Sign up sheet on table near church offices.

ChristLife Sessions — All are invited into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Discover or deepen your relationship with Him and be transformed into His missionary disciple. The ChristLife Process helps us discover, follow, and share Jesus Christ. Please watch for registration to open on our website. In the meantime, save these dates:

Discovering Christ October 23—December 11, 2018 (Retreat Day Dec 1st)

Sharing Christ October 4—November 17, 2018 (Retreat Day Nov 17th) *must have completed Discovering & Following Christ*

Following Christ April 23 — June 4, 2019 (Retreat Day May 18th) *must have completed Discovering Christ*

Other Announcements

July 9 — Biking for Babies — Pasta Dinner & Meet-N-Greet at DaySpring Community Church in Clinton, MS at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to 601-956-8636 or by email to plm@prolifemississippi.org

Job Opening Christ the King Catholic Church, Jackson — Part-time position of Office Secretary/Bookkeeper who is organized and can communicate well. If you are interested please send your resume and cover letter to Deacon Denzil Lobo at denzil.lobos@jacksondiocese.org.