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**“SOULED OUT PRAISE” Recap** -Ansel Augustine, MPS

According to thefreedictionary.com, the word “souled” is defined as, “possessing a soul.” The term, “Souled Out” can be defined as sharing your soul with others. This is in line with the “new evangelization” if the Church which talks about sharing one’s faith with the wider community. That is what the IMANI TEAM has been about in the



Archdiocese of New Orleans since its creation 5 years ago. On March 4<sup>th</sup>, the IMANI TEAM hosted its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth & Young Adult Revival in a Gospel Concert format. We were blessed to have over 400 people fill St. Gabriel the Archangel Church, including the presence of Bishop Shelton Fabre, our MC’s Amber Matthews, Fr. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ, and Seminarian Daniel Green, the X-Factor Drumline from Xavier University, and St. Katharine Drexel’s Dance & Drumming Ministry. The church was filled with music from the Archdiocesan Youth & Young Adult Gospel Choir, Loyola University’s Genesis Gospel Choir, Xavier University’s Campus Ministry Choir, and the Young Voices of Praise Gospel Choir from St. Raymond/St. Leo the Great Church. The Golden Voices Gospel Choir, the first Catholic Gospel Choir, was in attendance as well and their performance truly blessed this event as they came out to support these youth and young adults that put this event on. There was plenty of praise in the house that afternoon, but the highlight was sharing with the people present, that the IMANI TEAM had received recognition from the White House as “Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Majors for Service.” They received this award for their work in the Archdiocese of New Orleans over the past 5 years in their help in rebuilding youth ministry within the Archdiocese Post-Katrina. We are truly blessed to have so many young people and young adults “SOULED OUT” for Christ and His Church. You can read more about the award at:

[http://www.serve.gov/stories\\_detail.asp?tbl\\_servestories\\_id=728](http://www.serve.gov/stories_detail.asp?tbl_servestories_id=728)

**Summer Trip 2012 Update**

Because the office received enough interest from parishes, we advertised a summer youth trip to Walt Disney World for July 25-30, 2012. This trip is open to young people completing grades 8 through 11, attending as part of a parish group with their own adult chaperones. The registration flyer is available at [www.cyo-no.org](http://www.cyo-no.org), and deposits are due to the CYO Office by April 10, 2012. Please call Cecilia Matherne at 504-227-3221 with any questions

**TEC Conference moving to New Orleans**

We are delighted to share news that the TEC Conference, the national office for the Teens Encounter Christ retreat program, will be relocating to New Orleans from Missouri by May 2012. TEC has long had a strong presence in the Archdiocese of New Orleans with four retreats each year, and having the national resource office here locally will be a blessing.

**Camp Abbey News**

First, the retreat center office is accepting reservations well into 2014, so if you parish, school, or other group are interested in booking the facility, please contact [campabbey@arch-no.org](mailto:campabbey@arch-no.org) or call 985-327-7240.

Second, preparations are well underway for the return of summer camp, with four one-week sessions for boys in June and the same for girls in July. Eligible campers are children finishing 2nd through 8th grades. Applications for camp counselors and administrators are also being accepted for both programs. Camper registration forms and staff applications are available at [www.campabbey.org](http://www.campabbey.org).

Finally, we are pleased to announce the leadership for Summer 2012 at Camp Abbey: Billy O’Regan as Summer Program Coordinator with overall responsibility for summer camp, Terry Trahan as Girls’ Camp Director, and Chris Gross as Boys’ Camp Director.



**CLI Registration—Register Now!**

Catholic Leadership Institute, a nationally recognized program, has been empowering the young church for over twenty years to become leaders in their parish and high school settings. While there are many leadership training opportunities available through other programs such as student council, CLI is unique in that leadership principles and practice are presented through the lens of Gospel teaching and values. While this is not a retreat, it involves some of the same community dynamics familiar at adolescent retreats. The five days of intense learning and training will include skills training, prayer and worship, and “learning by doing” where participants become responsible for leading others during the institute. A team of young adults and youth ministers from across the archdiocese lead this week -long leadership training.

OPEN TO ANYONE WHO HAS COMPLETED THE 8th - 11th GRADE  
Date: June 11-15, 2012  
Location: Baton Rouge, LA  
Cost: \$285.00

Visit [www.cyo-no.org](http://www.cyo-no.org), go to events/programs and click on CLI to register.

**Teen CROSS Nominations**

Packets with information on appointing high school students to represent parishes and Catholic high schools on Teen CROSS, the Archdiocesan Youth Council, has been sent to all parish youth ministers and high school campus ministers. Nominations are due back to the CYO Office by April 16, 2012. Please call the office if you have any questions.



## Meeting/Event Reminders

4/2—Teen CROSS, St. Dominic KC Hall—7pm-9pm  
4/6—Good Friday—Office Closed  
4/8—Easter Sunday  
4/9—Easter Monday—Office Closed  
4/17— Happy Birthday Maruchi Palomo  
ACME/RCA Meeting—Camp Abbey—9 am  
CYO Gospel Choir Rehearsal—St. Peter Claver—7pm  
4/19—Youth Ministry Resource Session—10am; location TBA  
4/21—Habari Gani Reunion—Camp Abbey  
4/23-25- Region 5 Meeting of Diocesan Youth Ministry Directors in Biloxi Diocese  
4/29—Leadership Celebration—St. Louis Cathedral—3pm



## Youth Ministry Events

**Archdiocesan Sidewalk Counseling and Prayer Ministry**—This group gathers on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the abortion facility at 3044 Ridgelake Drive in Metairie to march and pray the Rosary. On May 12th from 8—9:30am, the day before Mother's Day, they are sponsoring the 14th Annual Mother's Day Rosary Crusade for Life. The next Rosary Novenas for Life at Midtown Medical Clinic at 3500 St. Charles Avenue in N.O. will be on Sat. Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>. All four decades will be recited followed by Mass at 11:30 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor at Ursuline Academy at 2701 State Street in New Orleans. For more information about any of these events, please call Pam Richard at 504-460-9360 or 985-809-0773.

### Catholic Youth Night at Hornets Game

After the challenging year for the Hornets with the NBA lock-out, player trades, and the search for a new owner, we were uncertain about a date for a Catholic Youth Night at a game. We received word this week that the Hornets have invited us to enjoy the Friday, April 13th Hornets game at the New Orleans Arena for Catholic Youth Night. A flier with details is attached; tickets will be purchased directly from the Hornets, not through the CYO Office.

**Camp Joshua** — Camp Joshua is a pro-life leadership training for teenagers sponsored by Louisiana Right to Life. The last Camp Joshua of the school year is April 13-15, 2012, at the Bishop Tracy Conference Center in Baton Rouge. Visit [www.prolifelouisiana.org](http://www.prolifelouisiana.org) for more information and to register.

**“Come, My Beloved” - A Day of Reflection on Vocations**— Hosted by St. Pius X Parish on Saturday, April 14, 2012, from 10am-4pm for 7th – 12th grade girls. This is offered in response to requests by some teens after seeing how many girls went up to the altar call at the end of Abbey Youth Fest. We will have sisters from at least eight different religious orders helping lead this one-day retreat. You can register via email: [gmrose-youth@arch-no.org](mailto:gmrose-youth@arch-no.org) or calling: 504-331-2693. This event will be held at the St. Pius X Multipurpose Room.

**WNLC—Born to Run 2012 5K**— The Women's New Life Center is a Christian organization promoting the sanctity of human life, the dignity of women and the sacredness of sexuality by assisting women who are unprepared for pregnancy. They are sponsoring a 5k Run/Walk & “Birth”day Party on Saturday April 21st at 8am. Student cost is \$25/Adults are \$30. The registration fee includes a T-Shirt, Food and Entertainment. For more information or to start a team go to [www.womansnewlife.com/borntorun](http://www.womansnewlife.com/borntorun) or call Courtney at 504-496-0212.



**Second Harvest Food Bank**  
Greater New Orleans and Acadiana

### Rubber Duck Derby

2012 Rubber Duck Derby benefitting Second Harvest Food Bank

Date & Time: Sunday, May 20th at 4:30PM

Location: Mid-City's Bayou Boogaloo at Bayou St. John (Orleans Ave & N. Jefferson Davis)

Join the fun as 15,000 Rubber Ducks race in the Rubber Duck Derby in Bayou St. John. It's \$5 to adopt a duck and enter the race.

Winners are eligible for exciting prizes!

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Your group can join the Quack Krewe and volunteer to help sell duck adoptions to the public. Second Harvest Food Bank will be present at various events and locations throughout the city leading up to race day and volunteers are needed to assist with duck sales. We also need volunteers to dress as Quacky, wearing our big yellow duck costume. There are several ways your group can get involved, for more information, please contact Melanie Hoeman at [mhoeman@secondharvest.org](mailto:mhoeman@secondharvest.org) or 504-729-2834.

# Young Adult Ministry



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**Holy Week Christ in the City—** Tuesday, April 3 - 7:00 pm at Notre Dame Seminary with Celebrant Archbishop Emeritus Alfred Hughes and Confessors Fr. Bob Hagan and Fr. Joe Palermo. Christ in the City is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration for young adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s, including music, silent worship, Benediction and Confession. We will gather afterwards at Ye Olde College Inn. Email: [Christ.In.City@gmail.com](mailto:Christ.In.City@gmail.com) for more information.

## Spring Church Crawl

Join the Jesuit Young Adults & Professionals for a Spring Church Crawl this Sunday, April 1! We will begin with Mass at Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church at 11am. After Mass, we will have some time to speak with the pastor before heading on to Our Lady of Guadalupe for an introduction to their church and pastor. The day will then conclude with a tour of St. Louis Cathedral. RSVP to Tricia Ryel.

**Vocation Discernment Retreat -** A Totus Tuus Discernment Retreat Weekend is being sponsored by the Archdiocesan Vocation Office for men (high school seniors, college age and over) who are interested in taking a closer look at diocesan priesthood. The retreat will be held April 13-15, 2012, at the Cenacle Retreat House in Metairie from Friday evening until Sunday morning. A staff of diocesan priests and seminarians will host the weekend and Archbishop Aymond will participate. The retreat is an insider's look at the life of a parish priest, with time for discussion, questions, prayer, reflection and socializing. There is no charge for the weekend. For more information/registration, call the Vocation Office at (504) 861-6298 or e-mail [vocations@arch-no.org](mailto:vocations@arch-no.org).



**Cenacle Young Adult Morning of Reflection** will be on Saturday, April 21, 2012, from 10:00 am—12 Noon at the Cenacle Retreat House in Metairie. For more information, please contact Vince Liberto at (504) 250-9697 or [vincentliberto@aol.com](mailto:vincentliberto@aol.com).

## Tracing Our Roots

Many of you have asked if Tracing Our Roots is going to be a regular event. The answer is ABSOLUTELY! We'll do it again Saturday, April 21, beginning with Bible Study at 2:30pm at St. Jane de Chantal Church in Abita Springs. From there we'll hit up the Tammany Trace for a bike/run/walk and finish up with food at the Abita Brew Pub. In May we'll be on the Southshore--exact location TBA.

**Charis Retreat - Choosing to be Catholic Retreat**, is scheduled for May 19 - 20, 2012 at the Camp Abbey Retreat Center. This retreat emphasizes the unique aspects of our Catholic faith by taking an in- depth look at our Creed and by exploring two key elements of our Catholic faith: sacramentality and community. The cost of the retreat is \$75 and includes all retreat supplies, lodging, and meals. Lodging will be in the cabins at the retreat center. Each newly renovated, air-conditioned cabin has ten sets of bunk beds and restrooms. The address for the Camp Abbey Retreat Center is 77002 KC Camp Road, Covington, LA 70435. The retreat will include peer witness talks by young adults, quiet time for prayer and reflection, small group discussions, group prayer experiences, the opportunity to receive spiritual direction or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass. For more information, please contact Rachel Longest at [rlongest@arch-no.org](mailto:rlongest@arch-no.org).

## Catholics on Call Young Adult Conference

Great Discernment Opportunity: This summer, from July 31 - August 4, Catholics on Call will be presenting its annual Young Adult Conference at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. This retreat-like experience is designed to help people think deeply about the possibility of ministry in the Church, and it's also a lot of fun! This is a great opportunity to meet other men and women who are on a similar path as you are on, and there is no pressure to join anything. This conference has become a great tool for creating an environment of vocations, a place where young people feel free and un-pressured to talk about their vocational journey. Do you know anyone who might benefit from this? Please help us to get the word out. Interested? Please call us at 773.371.5431 and check out the Catholics on Call website at [www.catholicsoncall.org](http://www.catholicsoncall.org) for more information.

# Jobs, Resources, & Training

## Training

**The Institute for Black Catholic Studies** is a school of ministry for clergy, religious and laypersons working in the Black community and Catholic church that convenes each summer at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans. The 2012 session will run June 22-July 14, 2012. The Master's Program is a three-week course of study; Certificate & Enrichment courses (for Catechists, Youth/Young Adult Ministers, Parish Leaders, Elders) are held in three one-week modules. Mr. Rawn Harbor will offer an intensive workshop for parish musicians and liturgists. A week-long seminar for priests and pastors ministering in African American parishes will be conducted by Fr. Freddy Washington, CSSp. For more information and application, check the IBCS website [www.xula.edu/ibcs](http://www.xula.edu/ibcs) or call (504)520-7961.

## Resources

**October Baby**—The Elmwood Palace movie theatre in Harahan is showing a new film titled, *October Baby*. *October Baby* is produced by Provident Films and is being billed as a profoundly pro-life film. The story line is about a young woman, a high school senior, who finds out not only that she has been adopted but that her birth mother attempted an abortion while pregnant with her. The story is one of forgiveness and affirming life. The USCCB has given the film an A-11 rating, but only because of the mature subject matter. The MPAA rating is PG-13. The timing seems very good in terms of promoting a culture of life and healing in our society. It looks like a film that may resonate strongly with teenagers. See the trailer on YouTube.

**Good Friday Walks**— We receive many inquiries each Lent about the New Orleans tradition of a "Walk of Nine Churches" on Good Friday. This can be a wonderful way to trace the Stations of the Cross, visit historic churches, and observe Good Friday. There is no "one" walk, but rather a number of different options, including programs planned and led by specific sponsoring groups.

Soles for Christ, sponsored by the Center of Jesus the Lord, is the traditional New Orleans nine church walk on Good Friday. The stations of the cross are portrayed by a live tableau presented by the Emile-Vincent Players. Walk begins at the Center of Jesus the Lord, 1236 N. Rampart Street, New Orleans, Louisiana promptly at 7:45am. Churches visited are St. Mary, St. Louis Cathedral, St. Patrick, St. Theresa of Avila, St. John the Baptist, Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Augustine, and the Center of Jesus the Lord. Walk concludes at 1:00pm at the Center of Jesus the Lord. Call 504-529-1636 for more information.

## Job Openings

### High School Religion/Campus Minister

The Academy of the Sacred Heart in New Orleans is seeking candidates for a position in high school religion/campus ministry for the 2012-2013 academic year. For further information about our school, see [www.ashrosary.org](http://www.ashrosary.org). Candidates should be prepared to teach in at least two content areas of the religion curriculum; readiness to teach world religions and church history are especially desired. Primary campus ministry responsibilities include: working with senior interns to organize chapel services and class retreats; planning high school reconciliation services and liturgies; collaboration with other divisions for all-school liturgies; arranging delegations to archdiocesan liturgies, attending archdiocesan meetings and publicizing archdiocesan youth events. Candidates will normally have a bachelor's degree or higher in theology/religious studies from a Catholic institution; if not, someone with comparable experience must commit to gaining credentials needed to satisfy archdiocesan certification requirements. Candidates should send a resume, cover letter, and references to Dr. Florence Bourg, Religion Department Chair, at [fbourg@ashrosary.org](mailto:fbourg@ashrosary.org), or mail these credentials to the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 4521 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70115.

**Youth Minister -** Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, in Slidell, Louisiana, in the Archdiocese of New Orleans is seeking candidates for the position of youth minister. This full-time, paid position would include creating, maintaining, and expanding junior high and high school youth ministry programs according to the principles of *Renewing the Vision*, with spiritual, service, social, and leadership activities. Interested persons should submit a letter of interest and resume to Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Lipps, Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 3924 Berkley St., Slidell LA 70458 or fax to (985) 643-1675.



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