



The Rev. Msgr. Harry D. Greig stands between Mary Davidson, left, and Hade Ange, right, the St. Louis Award winners from the 2006 Senior Class at St. Louis Catholic High School. Underclass winners of the St. Louis Awards were Layla Abu-Shamat and Ty Todd, Juniors; Erin Moore and Nathaniel Cox, Sophomores; and Bethany Hebert and Christopher Lanier, Freshmen.

St. Louis Catholic High graduates 110 students

LAKE CHARLES - The Rev. Msgr. Harry D. Greig, Administrator of the Diocese of Lake Charles, was the key speaker at the 2006 Commencement Exercises of 110 St. Louis Catholic High School seniors on Wednesday, May 16.

Msgr. Greig also presented the St. Louis Awards to two graduates, Mary Davidson and Hade Ange. The St. Louis Award is given each year at graduation to a male and female senior student voted outstanding Christian student by their peers and approved by members of the faculty.

The awards, made possible through the auspices of the Lake Charles Serra Club are presented to students who have shown the following characteristics: Love of God and Neighbor, Strong Moral Character, Desire to Serve Community, Courage to Stand up for Christian Principles, a Daily Christian Lifestyle, and Proper Use of

God-Given gifts.

In his address to the graduates and their families and friends, Msgr. Greig noted that they would take many things with them when they left St. Louis. "As you leave St. Louis to go off to college for many or to work for others you will take many things with you," Msgr. Greig said. As he was speaking he reached under the podium and pulled out a Bible. He showed it to the students saying, "One of the things I hope you take with you is the Bible. This book, gives you the lessons that are part of your future.

He told them that the Bible stands for "Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth."

"There are four directions in the Bible," Msgr. Greig continued. "First, in the Book you will find that God loves you and sees your potential. You should be open to what God wants for you - to step out in trust. Second,

God promises you a safe journey but not necessarily a safe process on that journey. Third, if God brings you to it, he will see you through it. Fourth, God reminds all of us to be about service. It's like a tennis racquet, we can't use it, if we don't serve."

There were 27 Honor Graduates in the Class of 2006, including Valedictorian Kate Aleksandra Yoder, and Salutatorian Frances Marie Bercier, both of whom gave short addresses to the attendees.

At the Senior Awards presentation, held the day prior to the graduation, \$1,162,650 in university scholarships and private awards were presented to the students. Also, approximately 95 percent of the graduates will be eligible for Louisiana Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) scholarships, according to school administrators.

Bishops of Louisiana set aside today as Day of Prayer and Fasting for Safety

The Bishops of the Province of New Orleans, which is made up of the Dioceses in the state of Louisiana, have set today, June 2, aside as a Day of

Prayer and Fasting for Safety during the 2006 Hurricane Season. Parishioners in every Church parish in the state have been encouraged by their pastors to pray the

following prayer, which was written by Bishop Maurice Schexnayder, the Second Bishop of Lafayette, following Hurricane Audrey 1957.

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

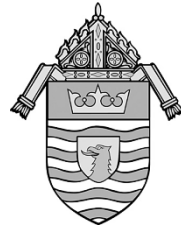
O God, master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children.

The sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its quietude.

Your are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spares us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities commons to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

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Pentecost, 2006

Dear Friends in Christ,

Pentecost is referred to as the birthday of the Church. We know the story well. The apostles were locked in the upper room and were filled with fear. Jesus had died; they had not grasped the significance of His Resurrection. With the sound of a roaring wind and in the form of tongues of fire, the Holy Spirit came upon these followers of Jesus changing their lives and eventually our lives. The Holy Spirit created a new vision for living and gave to the world courage and energy to fulfill the mission of Jesus.

In order to embrace this new world, the Apostles, and those who followed them, had to let go of what had been. They no longer saw Jesus "in the flesh" with their own eyes. They left behind familiar surroundings to accept a new way of being and of living. And at the same time, they were convinced that despite their loss, life was going to be good. They could proclaim a message of hope as they lived their discipleship in the Risen Lord.

As we celebrate Pentecost 2006 (June 4th), I encourage all of us to see this feast as an opportunity for us to let go of the vestiges of these past eight months and to live with our sight on what is yet to come. September 24, 2005 changed the world around us forever. And just as any of us who have lost a friend, a parent, or a loved one through death knows, we take time to grieve what was, to let go of what was, and to move ahead. Life is not the same without those we have lost, but life is still good. While we cannot forget what happened last September and many in our midst still face challenges in recovery and rebuilding, our time and energy must now be devoted to moving forward. We live with hope and the conviction of our faith as we set our eyes on what is yet to be.

What better time is there than now to pray fervently, "Come Holy Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of your love!" We pray to the Father, "To send out your Spirit and to renew the face of the earth."

In Our Risen Lord,

Rev. Msgr. Harry D. Greig
Diocesan Administrator

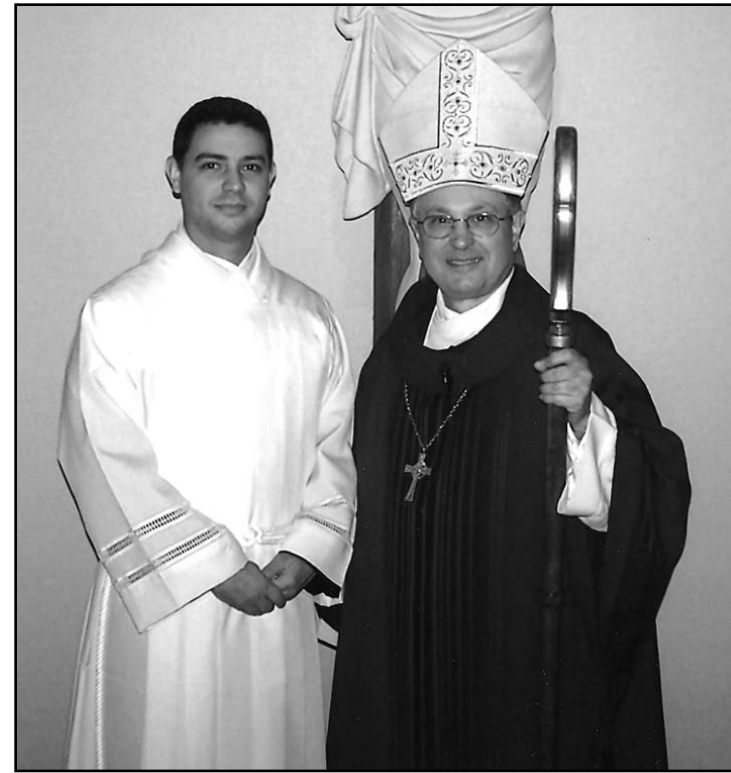
Derek Covert admitted as Candidate for Holy Orders

Will intern at Sacred Heart of Jesus

NEW ORLEANS - At recent ceremonies in the Chapel of Notre Dame Seminary, Derek Scott Covert, a seminarian of the Diocese of Lake Charles, was officially admitted to Candidacy for Holy Orders.

The Most Reverend Michael Jarrell, Bishop of Lafayette, officiated at the Rite of Admission, which is celebrated when a seminarian has reached a maturity of purpose regarding his vocation and has shown the necessary qualities for ordained ministry. Through this liturgical rite, a seminarian makes a public intention of receiving Holy Orders and resolves to continue his preparation, in mind and spirit, in order to give faithful service to Christ and His Church.

During the celebration at Notre Dame Seminary, Bishop Jarrell reflected on the Scripture readings of the day inviting the candidates to recognize the challenges they will face in their lives as seminarians and as priests in



Derek Covert, left, a seminarian of the Diocese of Lake Charles is shown with The Most Reverend Michael Jarrell, Bishop of Lafayette, following Covert's admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders, one of the major steps toward ordination to the priesthood.

the future. He encouraged the candidates to continue their preparation confident that Christ would support them through the Church.

From June 12 to December 26, Covert will undertake at seven-month internship at Sacred Heart of Jesus

Church in Lake Charles, under the supervision of the Rev. Henry Mancuso, pastor of Sacred Heart. During this internship, he will be involved in all the ministry experiences that he will one day live as a priest, according to Father Mancuso.



Students and parents await the beginning of the Our Lady Queen of Heaven End of Year prayer service that concluded the 2005-2006 academic year on Friday, May 26.