

*Great cloud of witnesses*

# All Saints Day

**Holy Men and Women**

*Those that sit at the right hand of God*

## Martyrs *By The*

**virtuous** *Grace of God*

**Examples of righteousness**

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*Commemorating all Saints & Martyrs  
on November 1st, annually*

## Louisiana Interchurch Conference

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October 26, 2017

“To live the faith we hold in common”

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The only time I can remember putting a decal or appendage of any kind on the exterior of my car was the emblem of my college social fraternity until this year. A colleague and friend, Rob Gorman (Executive Director, Catholic Charities of Houma-Thibodaux), gave me a decal that I believe is a quote from Pope Paul VI: “*If you want peace, work for justice.*” The statement became part of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Of course, we know there’s no enduring peace without justice in society. That’s why people feel called to demonstrate, protest and stand up for what they believe to be the Truth and defend those treated unjustly.

During my childhood and adolescence, I remember in Sunday School memorizing scriptures and our teacher challenging the class to see who could read the most chapters from the Bible between Sundays. There was a girl who won the week I tried the hardest, and even though I thought surely just reading the psalms would get me in first place; Polly got the STAR! Fast forwarding to seminary a friend asked me what was, for me, the most important goal of a Christian? My answer to him was something like “finding salvation.” That may still be very important, but my view of

how one finds or experiences salvation has changed.

My spiritual life acquired from my early years at times still consumes me with personal admonitions and recriminations to be good, to stay out of trouble and not take risks. Of course, I BELIEVE, but my Christian formation in some ways has lacked the kind of balance and emphasis that now leads me into a different direction. Each of us takes a journey of Faith that may lead us in all kinds of directions and turns, through deserts and oases, hills and valleys that shape the life of God within us. We're a composite of all those experiences.

I've been looking at that decal on the rear bumper of my car, and I've wondered what those behind me might think and feel when they happen to read the bumper sticker while sitting in Baton Rouge traffic. However, now I ask myself what the words of the Holy Father mean to me. At the very least, I'm called to work for justice so that I and others can work together to overcome divisions and experience peace. It's applied Christianity, discipleship in action, taking faith to the market place, the streets, the Capital and to my neighborhood.

To borrow from one of our concepts in the Bread or Stones campaign; being truly faithful is putting faith into action. Now, the words on my bumper are as much or more for me than those behind me. What about you? How are you putting your faith in to action?

Rev. Dan Krutz

### *Fall Board Meeting - Highlights are on the website!*

Again, thanks to ALL who attended  
the Fall Board Meeting held September 25-26th in Alexandria.

The meeting theme was: *"The Church, the Reformation and the Quest for Unity,"*  
in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

*We have posted information and various photos from the  
meeting on the LIC website. We invite you to check it out at:*

<http://www.lainterchurch.org/FallBoardMeeting-2017.htm>

*Reminder:* We also invite you view our Archives link at:

[http://www.lainterchurch.org/Newsletter.htm#Board\\_mtg\\_archive\\_link\\_from\\_home\\_page](http://www.lainterchurch.org/Newsletter.htm#Board_mtg_archive_link_from_home_page) where you can find detailed information and many photos from LIC

Board/Assembly meetings going all the way back to 2006! 😊 (The link can also be accessed directly from the home page, look for "**Board Meeting Archives.**")

### *Bread or Stones receives a new grant*

The LIC anti-poverty initiative for children, "Bread or Stones" employs Mr. Samuel Rottman as coordinator. This, along with operational expenses, requires donated funding to keep the campaign going. We are pleased to report that an anonymous donor has once again stepped up to provide a significant percentage of the funding



needed to carry the program through June of 2018. The LIC will be looking for other grant sources to supplement this, and of course, individual donations are needed and welcome! Thanks to all who are participating in and/or supporting this campaign for children and families.

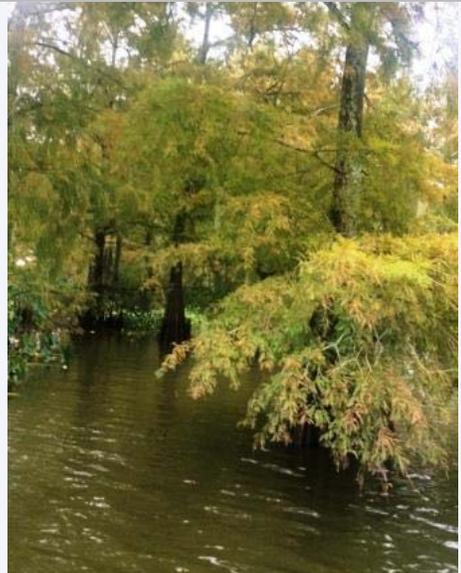
Has your church not joined yet? Ministry ideas are available at: [www.breadorstones.com](http://www.breadorstones.com) There are many ways that a church can participate and many of those have little or no monetary costs involved for the church itself.

### [A boat trip for the Coast](#)

On October 16th, LIC Executive Director, Fr. Dan Krutz, Bishop Morris Thompson and Fr. Harry Jenkins of the Episcopal Diocese of LA were among those invited to participate in an environmental boat tour with Ms. Helen Rose Patterson, *Greater New Orleans Outreach Coordinator of Restore the Mississippi River Delta Coalition*.

You may recall that Ms. Patterson was one of the presenters at the March 2017 Annual Assembly which provided an update on the efforts to restore the coast or at least to slow if not stop the land loss. Their presentations were a poignant reminder to people of Faith to exercise faithful stewardship so that generations to come will enjoy the beauty of our coast.

Fr. Dan recalls the tour group hovering inside the boat behind some trees near the Mississippi River as the winds of a fresh cold front swept around them moving some dark clouds away. Water was just everywhere around them except for grasses, trees and other vegetation provided with new growth from rich river sediment. He and his companions saw not just the resilience of creation in the life of the creatures and the elements sustaining this part of the world along the Louisiana coast, but that creation is ongoing and ever changing and renewing itself. The coast may seem old, but on this day, it seemed so fresh and new. Richie and Helen Rose were wonderful guides and were so helpful in pointing out the need to restore our coast to the best of our abilities.



Stewards of Creation

At some point in the 1980's the attention of the LIC turned to the coast and the loss of land along the coastal parishes. The LIC joined its corporate voice with others in advocating for ways to restore the coast and to draw attention to the call of all Christians to be good stewards of Creation.

Fr. Dan says: "That means for me, to be an advocate, a voice for the Coast and to join with others and groups who see a Calling to help in sustaining the life and wonders of the Louisiana coastline."



This picture was taken near Venice, LA

*In a way, we are called to be partners with nature, coworkers with the Spirit to enable a future for those to come. Everyone has a role to play from the scientist to the fisher, to the one who simply takes a boat ride with friends and discovers anew what it means to be a steward of creation.*

*Nature and the Spirit say, Come.*

### *Reformation: 500th Anniversary Commemoration Sunday*

This Sunday, October 29th, various churches around the state will be commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation during their regular Sunday services. Other ecumenical events have already occurred earlier this month. One such event was held on October 23rd in New Orleans. The LIC Executive Director, Fr. Dan Krutz was privileged to be able to participate in this event. He provided this narrative and the below photos:

*“The main nave of St. Louis Cathedral was comfortably full as participants shared in the Commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation sparked by the publishing of Martin Luther's 95 Theses on the Castle Door in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. Archbishop Gregory Aymond of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and Bishop Mike Rinehart shared in presenting a beautifully moving and hopeful homily as the ecumenical Church looks toward the healing and reconciliation of remaining divisions in the Church. Among the groups processing was the Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem.”*



Bishop Mike Rinehart of the Evangelical Church in America - TX/LA Gulf Coast Synod



A photo of some of the congregants, with those wearing the colorful capes of the Order of St. Lazarus, sitting close to the front.

*Saving New Orleans-November 1st community discussion*



NOLA Partnership for Public Safety & Peace

**Community Discussion:  
How the Faith and Business  
Communities  
Can Save New Orleans**

The **Isaiah Institute of New Orleans** and the **Alexis de Tocqueville Project of the University of New Orleans** are hosting a special gathering of faith and business leaders to discuss public safety best practices, current technology-based techniques, and the re-creation of a public safety and peace partnership for our city. Panelists include: Archbishop **Gregory Aymond**, **Marc Morial**, President and CEO of the National Urban League, Former U.S. Attorney **Kenneth Polite**, and **John Casbon**, Founder of The New Orleans Police Foundation.

**Wednesday, November 1, 2017**

University of New Orleans, University Center, Ballroom 203  
Doors Open 5:30 p.m., Programs Begins 6:00 p.m.

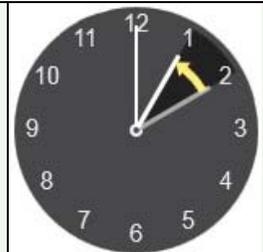
***Watch the “Blessed are the Peacemakers”  
documentary at [vimeo.com/225340437](https://vimeo.com/225340437)***

*Clocks Fall Back on November 5th*

**Nov 5, 2017 - Daylight Saving Time Ends**

When local daylight time on Sunday, November 5, 2017, reaches **2:00:00 am** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to Sunday, November 5, 2017, **1:00:00 am** local standard time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 5, 2017 than the day before. There will be more light in the morning.



**Nov 5th – set your  
clock back**

*Remember our Veterans on November 11th*



### **A few ideas for celebrating Veteran's Day:**

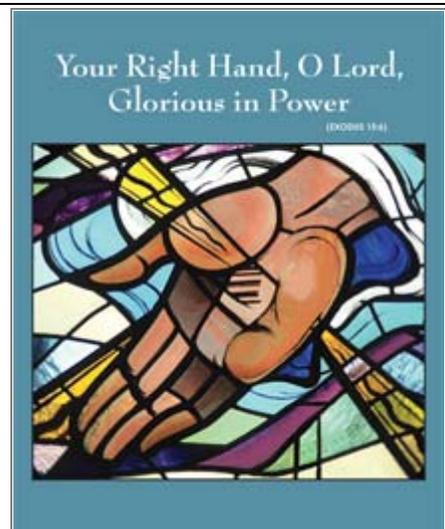
- **Pray** for our veterans at home and abroad.
- Wear a **red poppy or yellow ribbon** to show support for veteran and active duty service members.
- Organize a care-package packing party. If you don't know someone currently stationed overseas, contact a nearby base or an organization like Blue Star Moms to identify troops in need.
- Visit a veterans' hospital. Chatting with elderly or injured veterans is a great way to brighten their day, plus you're likely to hear some highly fascinating stories about their time in the service.
- Celebrate with service. Show service members your gratitude with a home-cooked meal, thank you note, or a day of volunteering.
- Support veteran-owned businesses. Websites like buyveteran.com can help you identify such businesses in your area.
- Express thanks. Whenever you see someone in uniform, extend a simple word of gratitude or small act of kindness to show how much their service means to you.
- Want to find a local Veterans Day event? Many communities hold parades and vigils. Contact your local VA for more information.
- **A moment of silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.** That is an old way to honor our veterans, but still appropriate.

### *Week of Prayer – starting to calendar events!*

**January 19, 2018:** Bishop David Talley of the Roman Catholic Diocese has advised of plans to hold an Ecumenical Liturgy of the Word – Prayer Service at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, 626 4th Street, Alexandria, LA Phone: (318) 445-1451, on Friday, January 19th (11 AM to 12:30 PM, with brunch), as their main focus for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Vicar General, Fr. Scott Chemino, will coordinate this for the diocese. Please make plans now to attend!

*Please let us know as soon as you know of events occurring in your area, so that we may post them in the LIC newsletters and/or on the LIC website.*

*Thanks much!*



### *Offering thanks to our recent contributors*

The majority of the LIC operating income is contributed through the leadership of our member Judicatories, whom we deeply appreciate and depend upon. Additionally, we offer our sincere thanks to our ministry partners who have contributed as listed below.

*Contributions received from September 29, 2017 through October 26, 2017:*

**Bread or Stones:** One anonymous grant contributor.

**Thank you all!**

Please pray for this ecumenical ministry. If you would like to help financially, please mail contributions to: Louisiana Interchurch Conference, 527 N. Blvd., 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, or contribute online via PayPal at <http://www.lainterchurch.org/contribute/index.htm>.

*Various Dates to calendar*

*Upcoming Board Meeting Dates*

**Annual Assembly meeting dates:**

2018		March 5-6, Baton Rouge
2019		March 11-12, Lafayette

**Fall Board meeting dates:**

2018		Sept. 24-25, Lake Charles
2019		Sept. 23-24, Monroe

*Other Dates To Remember*

**Sundays, November 5th & 12th, 2017** -- [Days of Prayer for the Persecuted Church](http://idop.org/web/)  
<http://idop.org/web/>

**November 8-10, 2017**, [NCCCUA Christian Unity Gathering](#), Silver Spring, MD

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