



LOUISIANA

July-December 2015

CAROL RIVERA DIRECTOR OF EVANGELAZATION 2nd VISIT TO LOUISIANA

Carol's visit began in Louisiana on November 16th after a short stay in Mississippi. Her first talk was in the New Orleans Archdiocese in Kenner, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. She spoke after the 9:00 am mass. Her next stop was in the Diocese of Baton Rouge where she had two speaking engagements. The first was in the morning in Donaldsonville at Ascension of Our Lord Activity Center and then that night in Baton Rouge at Tricia Parson's house where she spoke to a large group of the Spanish community. Tricia is the head of the Mission in the Baton Rouge Diocese. We then traveled to the Alexandria Diocese where she spoke at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Natchitoches to a large prayer cenacle located there. She then stopped in Abbeville, which is in the Diocese of Lafayette, to coordinate with Fr. Greg Cormier and members of his parish, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, about the consecration Mass planned for December. The next day she spoke in the Diocese of Houma/Thibodaux, at St. Genevieve Church in Thibodaux before leaving for Mexico. Throughout all of her talks about 100 people attended.

Talk in Kenner



Pictures above are from talks in Donaldsonville and Baton Rouge. Pictures on the bottom are from Natchitoches.



PRAYER CENACLES



LAFAYETTE DIOCESE



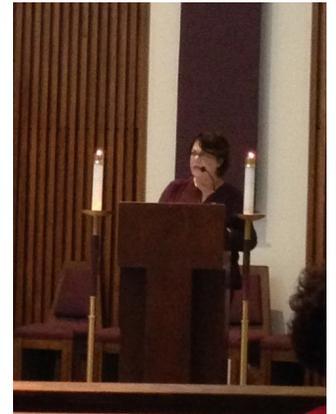
A meeting was held at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus in Abbeville, when Carol Rivera, Director of Evangelization, was present, to plan the Consecration Mass.



CONSECRATION MASS AT ST. THERESA of the CHILD JESUS IN ABBEVILLE



St. Teresa Parish in Abbeville had a mass to consecrate the parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The pastor, Fr. Gregory Cormier, offered the mass and the Spiritual Advisor for the Mission in Louisiana, Fr. Corey Campeaux, concelebrated with him. There were also about 70 people in attendance for the Mass and Consecration. Among those in attendance were representatives of the Mission from Gueydan.



ENTHRONEMENT



A Guadalupan Mass was held at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Gueydan to honor Our Lady. This was the start of the individual sign-up for the home enthronement kits available for each family to enthrone their homes with a special numbered relic image. Over 40 homes elected to have their homes enthroned. Also at these masses the parish venerated the relic image of Our Lady of Guadalupe which the parish had previously received from the Mission. St. Peter the Apostle Church is in the Diocese of Lafayette.

BATON ROUGE DIOCESE

Another home enthronement program was done parish wide on the weekend on December 12-13, in the clustered tri-parish area of St. Joseph Church in Gramercy, Sacred Heart Church in Paulina and St. Michael Church in Convent. Information about home enthronement was given for the three previous weekends to prepare the parishioners to learn about home entronements. On sign-up Sunday, the response was overwhelming where 121 families signed up to enthrone their homes. Many were eager to get their packets so the process could be done for the Feast of the Holy Family at the end of December. These parishes are in the Diocese of Baton Rouge.

OLOG CELEBRATIONS



The pictures on the top left are of members of a prayer cenacle welcoming Our Lady at Immaculate Conception Church in Marrero. The next day, which was the feast day of OLOG, the image was processed out of the church and around the perimeter and back into church for mass. A mariachi band played music



On the bottom left is a picture of the large group that attended a talk given about the relic image of OLOG which was held at St. John Bosco Church in Harvey. The relic image used at both of these events was given to the Archdiocese of New Orleans by the Mission.



On the right is a picture of a group in Baton Rouge which sang Christmas songs to Our Lady of Guadalupe on her feast day. The picture of the relic image, which was also given to the Baton Rouge Diocese by the Mission, is at St. Agnes Church where she was housed for her feast day and also a healing mass.

In the Lake Charles Diocese, Bishop Glen John Provost celebrated a mass at St. Henry Catholic Church on Our Lady of Guadalupe's feast day. Before the liturgy, a mariachi band played the Mananitas which is a song traditionally sung on birthdays. This song expresses the love the Mexican people have for Our Lady. The lyrics are below.

*This is the morning song that King David sang,
Because today is your Saint's day we're singing it for you.
Wake up, my dear, wake up, look it is already dawn,
The birds are already singing and the moon has set.
How lovely is the morning in which I came to greet you,
We all come with joy and pleasure to congratulate you.
The day you were born, all the flowers were born,
On the baptismal font, the nightingales sang.
The morning is coming now, the sun is giving us its light,
Get up in the morning, look it is already dawn.
If I could, I'd lower the stars for you along with the brightest one in the sky,
If only to show you just how much you mean to me.
With Jasmine and flowers, I want to adorn this day,
Because today is your Saint's day, we've come to sing for you!*

COMMENTS



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With the planning of Carol's visit, the excitement was contagious. It flowed throughout the state and many wanting to be involved. It was evident at her talks, by the enthusiasm that sparked the many that came to hear her speak. We are now in the process of forming prayer cenacles in many of the areas where Carol spoke.

If anyone wants more information on prayer cenacles, or general information about the Mission, please contact me at: l.templet.us@fortheloveofgodworldwide.org, or the website at: www.fortheloveofgodworldwide.org.

Happy New Year to everyone!