



# E-DoLA

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## Reminder: Celebration of New Ministry

*The Right Reverend  
Charles E. Jenkins*

*Tenth Bishop of the  
Diocese of Louisiana*

*With the community of students,  
faculty, staff and congregants  
of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit*

*Invites you to join in the  
Celebration of New Ministry with  
The Rev'd Giulianna Cappelletti Gray  
as Episcopal Chaplain to  
Tulane and Loyola Universities*

*The Eighth Day of November,  
Two Thousand Nine  
Seven O'Clock in the Evening*

*Chapel of the Holy Spirit  
1100 Broadway Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana*

*Clergy: Red Stoles  
Reception Following*

## This Weekend: Cursillo



There's still time to register for Cursillo! It begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening, and takes place at SECC. The cost is \$150.

If you're not familiar with Cursillo, click [here](#). It is a weekend of spiritual renewal and fellowship.

The Rev.'d Karen Gay is still signing up candidates if you'd like to attend. Please contact her directly if interested: [motherkaren@trinitybr.org](mailto:motherkaren@trinitybr.org).

## Announcement from the Episcopate Committee, Regarding the Rev'd Kurt Dunkle

Dear Friends,

This morning, we learned from the Rev'd Kurt Dunkle of a terrible tragedy at his parish in Florida. It is now public knowledge that a parishioner killed his two children and then killed himself this morning. The children attended the day school and the wife (who was unharmed) is a secretary at the day school.

I spoke with Fr. Dunkle earlier today and assured him that the Diocese of Louisiana will lift him, his church, and the family so horribly traumatized by these events in prayer in the coming days.

Fr. Dunkle will make every effort to be in Louisiana to meet with the clergy on Friday and the laity on Saturday at the walkabouts, but we all most certainly understand that he will need to respond to this pastoral emergency as the situation continues to develop.

May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Yours in Christ,

David Pitts

Chair, The Episcopate Committee

## Information for Walkabout Week

The time has come for the people of the diocese to get to know the candidates for the 11th Bishop of Louisiana. Anyone is invited to attend the walkabouts in Baton Rouge and New Orleans. By now, delegates and alternates from each congregation are aware of their responsibility in representing their parish and we encourage all of them to attend as many activities they can this week.

**Also, please remember that the walkabout on Friday is clergy only, and Saturday is for lay people only — no exceptions whatsoever.**

Who, What, When, Where

• **Wednesday, November 4th, 6 - 7:30pm**

Wine & Cheese Reception to meet all candidates (for all clergy and lay delegates and alternates)

Trinity Church, Jackson Avenue, New Orleans

• **Thursday, November 5th, 6 - 7:30pm**

Wine & Cheese Reception to meet all candidates (for all clergy and lay delegates and alternates)

St. James Place, Lee Drive, Baton Rouge

• **Friday, November 6th, 9:30 am - 4 pm**

Clergy Walkabout at SECC. If you have not registered, you can do so on line at [solomoncenter.org](http://solomoncenter.org) or calling 985.748.6634

• **Saturday, November 7th, 8am registration; 8:30am - 5pm Walkabout**

Episcopal High School, Baton Rouge

St. Martin's Episcopal School, Metairie

(Delegates and alternates, please come with cash or a check for lunch.)

**\*\*\*\*If you are interested in viewing them, each candidate's CV is under their photo on the home page of [www.edola.org](http://www.edola.org).\*\*\*\***

## AROUND THE DIOCESE...

### There's No Place Like... Metairie

The Performing Arts Department of St. Martin's School in Metairie is presenting the musical "The Wizard of Oz" on November 11th-14th at 7pm, and the 15th at 2pm in the Solomon Theater on their campus.

For more information, please call 504.733.0353.

### Festival of Abraham Seminar

The sixth annual Festival of Abraham seminar with Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Baha'i faiths will take place next Sunday, November 15th from 1:30 to 5 pm at Congregation Gates of Prayer.

This Year's Theme is **Faith, Healing, and Medical Dilemmas:** *End of Life, Unanswered Prayers, Unwanted Pregnancy, Personal Apathy.*

The keynote speaker is our very own Fr. Donald P. Owens, professor of Humanities and Ethics in Medicine at Tulane University Health Sciences Center.

The faiths panel includes:

Rabbi Ethan Linden (Pastoral Counselor), Dr. Theodore Borgman (Internal Medicine), Dr. Mahmoud Sarmini (Physical Medicine), and Bahiyih Khelghati (Tulane University Medical Student).

The event is sponsored by Interfaith Communications International.

All are Welcome! **RSVP**

**504.486.8911.**

There will be discussion groups and refreshments.

Congregation Gates of Prayer is located at:

4000 W. Esplanade Avenue  
Metairie, LA 70002

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### Grace Church, West Feliciana Spends a Day Off Helping Others

by Susie Tully

A team of twelve dedicated youth and adult leaders from the Grace Church Jr. EYC and Youth in Mission groups spent a recent school day off working hard to help others.

The day was spent at two local United Way agencies — St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen and the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. Activities included packing lunches and snack bags, serving hot meals to the homeless and packaging food for distribution at the Food Bank.

The kids were amazed to learn that the food bank helps over 7,000 people each day and that it typically distributes over 10 million pounds of food to the needy each year.

It was a wonderful day of service and fellowship. The Grace youth groups look forward to helping these organizations again in the future.



[photo by Susie Tully]

The girls pack snack bags at St. Vincent DePaul in Baton Rouge. L to R: Claudia Tully, Rebeca Roldan, Maddie Reap, Emily Ford and Mary Jane Walker.

### 'Holy Longing' Program at St. James, Baton Rouge

On Sunday, November 29th, the St. James Center for Spiritual Formation continues their 5th Sunday series of evening programs.

This program, "**The Holy Longing: How to Achieve a Healthy and Effective Spirituality**" will be presented by Fr. John Pitzer, O.P., Director of the St. Martin de Porres Shrine & Institute in Memphis, Tennessee.

His presentation will be based on the book *The Holy Longing* by Ronald Rolheiser and will explore four topics:

- Spirituality: prayer and contemplation
- Service: the fruits of our contemplation and passion
- Embracing the incarnation of God
- Spiritual and prophetic leaders

The Program is free and open to the public. It will begin at 6 pm in the Parlor of St. James Episcopal Church on 4th St. at the corner of Convention St.

Please call the church office at 389-0443 by Tuesday, November 24th to request child care. **For more information, please contact Catherine Van Hook at 225.921.6688 or [catvanhook@aol.com](mailto:catvanhook@aol.com).**

