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## GETTING TO KNOW FR. JULIAN IBEMERE (Part 2 of 3)

**ABOUT MY FAMILY...**I came from a Christian family. My parents are practicing Catholics, and by the grace of God they are both living. I came from a large family of nine, three girls and six boys, all of them have been married in the Church and are blessed with children. Of the nine children I came second to the last in eighth position; my twin sister, Juliana being the "eldest" twin, the seventh child.

As a family we did everything together and helped each other. Our parents did a nice job in raising us well with fear and love of God, respect for elders, respect for oneself and for others, and love for one another and neighbor.

**MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT...**As I said above, I was born and raised in a disciplined Christian family. My parents are active, practicing Catholics. As children, one could not eat any meal without saying the prayer before and after meals. We did not go to bed without family night prayer. We took turns reading the Bible and sharing. On Sunday's we would all prepare and go to church together; my parents would lock the house making sure no one was left behind. This family background influenced and shaped me positively by nurturing and helping me appreciate my faith.

**MY CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD...**I saw my vocation to the priesthood as a call from God. A call the same as with the prophet Jeremiah in which the Lord said, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nation." (Jer 1:5)

I say this because my mother would always tell me what happened on the day of my baptism. How the Irish priest, Rev. Fr. Wash told her before the people that this, her son, would be a priest. He said she should try to help me and make sure that I answer God's call. Because of this my mother took special interest in my spiritual life. At the age of five my mother began taking me to morning Mass at 5:30 while the other siblings were still sleeping. When I asked her, "Why do you only wake me to go with you to Mass, and do not wake the others?" She would answer, "I am only doing what the priest told me to do on the day of your baptism." Then I would be quiet and reluctantly follow her to morning Mass. When I became old enough she introduced me to becoming an Altar Server and from serving at Mass the priests' also started taking an interest in my spiritual life. At this point I also began developing a personal interest in the things of God. After my ordination I realized what my mother had been doing by taking me to morning Mass, encouraging me to serve and attend St. Jude's prayer meetings.

With the circumstances surrounding my baptism, and my call to the Catholic priesthood, I perfectly realize what Jesus said, "You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and commissioned you to go out and bear fruit that will last." (Jn 15:16) And the scripture says, "No one takes this honor on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was." (Heb 5:4)

Continued next month...

FR. JULIAN IBEMERE

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**Thank You!**

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP

BY MATT HUNT, YOUTH MINISTER

It was a warm Sunday morning when the youth began arriving around 6:45 to prepare for a long journey. They were eager to get going on our eleven hour trek. The 13 youth and 5 adults were packed into one full size 14 passenger van and one mini-van carrying the supplies and luggage. Before we set out on our spiritual journey we were given a commissioning prayer by our newly appointed Pastor, Fr. Julian Ibemere. Most of the youth had not been on a mission trip or away from their families for over a week. The long ride was filled with get-to-know-you activities, candy cramming, and bathroom breaks. At about 10pm Eastern Standard Time the group arrived at Our Lady of Assumption in Sylvania, Georgia, the main site of the mission trip. Our Lady of Assumption, or commonly called OLA, is part of the Millen Mission Site overlooked by the Glenmary Sisters. We were greeted by Sr. Mary Ellen, who is stationed there to manage the day-to-day operations working the parish priest, Fr. Lou. After getting somewhat setup the whole group went to spend the evening with their host families.

The Sylvania Catholic community was so gracious and giving, providing host homes that gave the adults and youth comfortable places to rest and clean up after the long days of work. The host homes also provided meals for the group every day. Each day the St. Pius Youth would prepare for the Vacation Bible School program for grades Pre K-5<sup>th</sup>. While the youth led the program the adults supervised, letting the youth lead crafts, games, and provide ideas for making the following days better. Music was led by Clint Campbell, a young adult from St. Pius who is also a professional musician in Nashville, TN. When the youth finished with VBS in the afternoon they would take a brief rest and then meet Fr. Lou in the parish garage to be work on the construction project. Since OLA was small parish it did not have the man power to build the much needed storage shelves. After being taught how to use the tools the youth were able to setup an assembly line, completing the shelves in three days!

On Wednesday St. Pius lead a Teen Mission called, "If God Had a Facebook Would You Be His Friend" for the local middle and high school youth. SPX Youth Minister, Matt Hunt, led the evening giving the theme and main message with the SPX youth giving testimonies on how they have responded to God's invitation in their lives. Clint Campbell led Adoration and evening prayer and talked about seeking Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

With the vans packed the group set out on the return drive back to Owensboro. The youth were rewarded with a trip to the Tennessee State Aquarium for all their hard efforts. During the ride back the youth reflected on their trip and even manage to add the youth in Sylvania to their Facebook profiles and were messaging each other to come back next summer. Overall everyone felt the Mission Trip was a success. A big thanks goes out to Toni Isbill, Genie Lewis, Clint Campbell, & Cathy Williams who gave up their week to support the SPX mission trip. Thanks also to the youth who gave so much of themselves to bring Christ to the communities they served: Aubrey Clark, Olivia Condor, Savannah Condor, Ches Cooper, Emily Ferguson, Jaclyn Hazel, Elizabeth Howard, Nathan Lewis, Sarah Lewis, Megan Millay, Dillin Renfrow, Andrea Williams, and Casey Zoglmann. The adults and youth came to understand that you are a missionary where ever you are (not just 11 hours away from your home parish) when you step outside the Parish wall you are proclaiming the Gospel. Pictured below is the SPX Mission group with the VBS group from Sylvania & Millen, GA.



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## Stewardship in Action Trivia

Stewardship is all about sharing your time, talents and treasure. As you can see from these clues, talents come in many forms.

- 1) A local optometrist that shares his time and musical talents by being a cantor at Mass and singing in the choir.
- 2) He is the donut and coffee man for Families in Faith—always having the coffee and donuts ready to enjoy.
- 3) A judge that shares his time and talent by serving on the Finance Committee and Pastoral Council.
- 4) She takes care of ordering and placing the memorial plaques in the flower gardens on the east side of the Church.
- 5) Local fire department volunteer who volunteers his time and talents to co-lead the SPX Cooking Team
- 6) She shares her time and talent by making sure that all cleaning supplies are stocked for God's Housekeepers.
- 7) This retired gentleman volunteers his time and talents as an altar server at daily Mass.
- 8) This lady volunteers her time by coordinating the cleaning and pressing of altar linens.
- 9) These two ladies volunteer their time and talents by coordinating the Bereavement Meals .
- 10) This gentleman volunteers his time and talent by coordinating and participating in the Blood Drives for the Parish.

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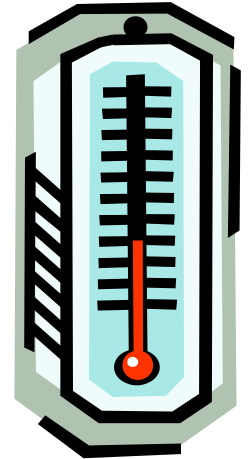
## SPEAK UP SESSIONS

will be starting in September and continue into October. Your input will be gathered regarding some specific questions. Please be thinking and praying about the following questions:

- \*What is the Parish doing right? What are our strengths?
- \*What are the opportunities for improvement in the Parish?
- \*What do you feel is needed in the Parish for the future?

Speak-up sessions will last approximately 50 minutes. You will also be asked to update some basic census information. The input gathered at your speak-up session will be written down and a copy will be sent to you. The input from all of the speak-up sessions will be combined to enable Parish Leadership to build on strengths, improve what we can, and plan for the future. Watch the bulletin for further information!!!!

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



ONE MILLION EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,086,000) ... that is the amount of money that has been paid, to date, on the 1.4 million dollar Parish Center and Parish Renovation Project!!! We have reached **78%** of our goal!!!!

We have **\$314,000** left to go.....would you be willing to help pay off this project? If you have given to the project, thank you so much. If you are continuing to give to the project - your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you haven't been able to support the Capital Campaign in the past — **we need you NOW!!!!** The Parish Center which includes the Parish Hall and offices, the Vestibule, and the Parish grounds are something that we can all be very proud of....please start now to use your GREY envelope to make a regular monthly contribution to the Capital Campaign. Any questions, contact Keith Franey, Alicia Wells, Gary Estes or David Jones or Marisa at the Parish Office.

## STEWARDSHIP NEWS

The Stewardship Committee at St. Pius hosted a workshop on Monday, July 25, 2011. The evening began with a pot-luck dinner. Justin Clements spoke to the large crowd about "Creating a Great Parish". Mr. Clements is from the Diocese of Evansville and has over 25 years of experience in creating dynamic parishes. He is an acclaimed author of numerous Stewardship books and is a frequent speaker at National Stewardship Conferences and Seminars. Mr. Clements is co-founder and CEO of Growth & Development Associates. Mr. Clements' areas of specialty include Leadership Development, Fund-Raising and Marketing, Customer Service, and Communication Skills. He provided us with a wealth of information interspersed with humor along the way. St. Pius was very blessed to begin our journey to "Creating a Great Parish" with Justin Clements!

Stewardship  
In Action



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**FR. JULIAN FORMALLY INSTALLED AS PASTOR**

When a new Pastor is appointed to a Parish, it is appropriate that he be publicly installed by a liturgical rite. The Installation of Fr. Julian as Pastor of St. Pius was held on Saturday, August 20 at the 5:00 P.M. Mass. The bishop celebrated the Eucharist and Fr. Julian concelebrated with him. As part of the Rite, there is a Presentation of the Pastor-elect, a welcome by the People, Presentation of the Parish Staff, Presentation of the Parish Council and a Profession of Faith and Oath. The following is the Oath taken by Fr. Julian during his installation.

“With firm faith I also believe everything contained in God’s word written

or handed down in tradition and proposed by the Church, whether in solemn judgment or in ordinary and universal magisterium, as divinely revealed and calling for faith. \*I also firmly accept and hold each and every thing that is proposed by the church definitively regarding teaching on faith and morals.

\*Moreover, I adhere with religious submission of will and intellect to the teachings which either the Roman Pontiff or the college of bishops enunciate when they exercise the authentic magisterium even if they proclaim those teachings in an act that is not definitive.”

Special thanks to the Parish Council members and Tammy Mattingly who planned and hosted the Parish Feast Day meal following Mass and the Installation Rite. Cooking Team ...the burgoo and mutton was delicious—great job!!!. Thanks to everyone who attended for making this a very special day for Fr. Julian and St. Pius X Parish.



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- 1. Roger Jones 2. Aaron Williams 3. John McCarty 4. Gertie Frey 5. Bob Freels 6. Marianne Knott 7. Bill Zoglmann, 8. Colleen Bachmier 9. Tammy Mattingly & Jane Strehl 10. Wil Storm