

# Ten Holy Family sisters celebrate anniversaries

Ten sisters of the Holy Family were honored on their jubilees at a celebration June 6 at St. Maria Goretti parish. The jubilarians were sister Mary Aquinas Judge, 75 years; Sister Marie Fidelia Washington and Sister Rose de Lima Hazeur, 70 years; Sister M. Cornelia Hall, Sister M. Jacinta Blanchard, Sister Marie Antoinette Sylvester, Sister Joan Marie Alexander and Sister M. Patricia Williams, 60 years; and Sister M. Rose Fatima Henry and Sister M. Judith Therese Barial, 50 years.

Sister Mary Aquinas, from Houston, spent many years as an educator at the primary level in Louisiana and Texas. She also served the congregation as principal, directress of formation and local leader. She is now retired and engaged in prayer ministry and assisting with household chores.

Sister Marie Fidelia, of Lake Charles, taught at elementary and secondary levels, was administrator of various congregational institutions, vicar general of the congregation, director of development and in pastoral ministry. She now resides at the motherhouse.

Sister Rose de Lima, of Bay St. Louis, served three terms as congregational leader. She has been a teacher and administrator of elementary and secondary schools, administrator of facilities for the elderly and founder of the Sisters of the Holy Fam-



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Among Sisters of the Holy Family celebrating their jubilees in June were, seated, Sister M. Cornelia Hall, Sister Rose de Lima Hazeur and Sister Joan Marie Alexander. Standing, Sister Marie Antoinette Sylvester, Sister Judith Therese Barial and Sister M. Rose Fatima Henry. Not pictured are Sisters Mary Aquinas Judge, Marie Fidelia Washington, M. Jacinta Blanchard and M. Patricia Williams.

ily Alumni Association. She is semi-retired and living at the motherhouse.

Sister Mary Cornelia, of Reserve, taught in Houston and Donaldsonville but spent most of her years at Holy Rosary Institute in Lafayette and at St. Mary's Academy, New Orleans. She also served as local leader, treasurer and musician.

Sister Mary Jacinta, from New Iberia, taught primarily at the elementary level in Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and Belize. She also served as local leader and treasurer.

She is currently in prayer ministry in Alexandria.

Sister Marie Antoinette, of Breaux Bridge, taught on the elementary and secondary level in schools in Louisiana, Texas and Washington, D.C. She also served as local leader and treasurer. She currently works at St. Mary's Academy and serves as treasurer at the motherhouse.

Sister Joan Marie, of New Orleans, has served as teacher and principal on the elementary level in Louisiana, Texas and California. She also served as formation

directress. She has been a local leader and treasurer. She is currently at Immaculate Heart School, Lafayette

Sister Mary Patricia, of Maringouin, served as elementary teacher and principal at schools in Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma, and has been a member of the Leadership Team. She currently works in Alexandria.

Sister Rose Fatima, of Canton, taught at elementary schools in Texas, Louisiana

and California. She has also served as local leader and treasurer. She currently is in ministry in Marksville.

Sister Mary Judith Therese, of Pascagoula, has served as a secondary school teacher in Donaldsonville, Lafayette and St. Mary's Academy. In Belize, she taught at Ecumenical High School and founded Delille Academy. She currently teaches at St. Mary's Academy and is a member of the Leadership Team.

## 'JustFaith' initiative an intense program of spiritual formation

By Peter Finney Jr.

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For a new initiative called "JustFaith," it was just a start.

Twenty-five people from across the Archdiocese of New Orleans participated in a recent training session for JustFaith, a growing, parish-based program of adult Scripture study and faith formation, with a special emphasis on Catholic social teaching. Jack Jezreel, executive director of JustFaith, gave the seminar.

Tom Costanza, director of the archdiocesan Office of Justice and Peace, said more than 15,000 Catholics from dozens of U.S. dioceses have "graduated" from the JustFaith program. JustFaith is a rigorous 30-week program that includes study of

Scripture and Catholic social teaching and prayer.

"It is based on the RCIA model – that things take time, and you need that time to form a community," Costanza said. "It's a pretty rigorous program. We didn't think many Catholics would be willing to commit to a 30-week program, but we've come to find out there were thousands of Catholics hungering for deeper spirituality and how to connect to a different world."

Admittedly, because of the time frame the program (September through Easter) is not for everyone, Costanza said, but those who fully participate benefit from learning the connection between Scripture and what the church teaches about caring for one's neighbor. The Diocese of Lafayette started its JustFaith program several years ago and recently had about 200 people complete the course.

In the near future Costanza hopes to host another orientation session on the parish level, using graduates from the Lafayette Diocese to lead the discussions.

"Charity and justice are the two feet of social justice, and you've got to use both of them," Costanza said.

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