

BOARD NEWS

New Board Members:

Gayle M. Benson and Anthony A. Fernandez, Jr.

Gayle M. Benson is or has been involved with numerous organizations. She is the recipient of the Medal of the Order of St. Louis and the Elizabeth Seton Award. Mrs. Benson is a member of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

Anthony A. Fernandez, Jr. has served the community for many years in a number of capacities. He is a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. Mr. Fernandez is a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church.

John Becker was honored with the *Adjutor Hominem Award* given annually by the Loyola University Alumni Association.

Jack Dardis received the *Integrity Award* from NEXT Financial Group.

Willard Dumas was recognized by City Business as a Health Care Hero.

James Exnicios received the Special Recognition Award from the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants.

Deacon Steve Ferran was named Vice President-Catholic Identity and Mission at Catholic Charities.

Frank France, who recently completed a six year term serving on our Board of Directors, was awarded the *Integritas Vitae Award* by Loyola University.


Martin Gutierrez was appointed Vice President-Community Services Ministry at Catholic Charities.

Gordon Stevens was named a recipient of the 2011 *Role Model of the Year* award by the Young Leadership Council.

Barbara Turner Windhorst was named Volunteer of the Year by United Way for the Greater New Orleans Area.

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Go and Bear Fruit That Will Last: Devoted Parishioner Leaves Legacy of Blessings

Peggy Yancey's generosity and spirit of giving were hallmarks of her daily life, her devotion to her faith, and her thoughtfulness when she prepared to enter eternal life. Peggy donated the proceeds from the sale of her home to the Catholic Foundation for the benefit of her parish St. Rita, Harahan. Annual distributions from the Peggy Yancey Fund will be made to her beloved parish in Harahan.

tangible benefits it will provide to the families in her parish in perpetuity embody the teaching of Jesus to 'Go and bear fruit that will last.' The Catholic Foundation will invest the funds and encourage other parishioners to consider donations to the endowment. Peggy's longtime friend, Stacie Vincent, describes her as a "very, very giving person and a very, very devout person."

Peggy's careful planning of her estate and the

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Caring for Others Inspires Service: The 2011 Pope John Paul II Award recipient Leon J. Reymond, Jr.



Leon J. Reymond, Jr. has served numerous Catholic causes for four decades with distinction and humility, and has been a trusted advisor to four archbishops. With his faith as the guiding force and foundation for his service—combined with his spirit of servant leadership, the integrity of his character, his gracious demeanor, and a gift

for gentle diplomacy—Leon has enhanced each of the ministries he has served.

Leon was inspired by the example of his father to do volunteer work. His association with the Daughters of Charity and with the leadership of Catholic Charities inspired him to serve the poor and underprivileged. When asked what he would tell someone who is thinking about volunteering, Leon's reply reflects his own personal rewards of a life of service: "Follow Christ. There is a great deal of gratification from helping your fellow man. If you do it, you become a better person

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Annual Dinner Speaker: Mary Matalin

Mary Matalin is one of the most celebrated and popular conservative voices in America. As an author, television and radio host, and widely sought after political contributor, pundit and public speaker, she has become noted for her straightforward manner and insightful political repartee. Among her many roles and accomplishments, she has served under President Ronald Reagan, made her mark as George H.W. Bush's Campaign director, and most recently as assistant to President George W. Bush, and as assistant and counselor to Vice President Dick Cheney, making her the first White House official to hold that double title.



Matalin has made frequent television appearances as a political commentator, securing a career in conservative media advocacy following decades of work in the GOP political trenches. She was a founding co-host of the Washington-based political weeknight talk show *Equal Time*, which premiered in 1993 on CNBC. She has made numerous appearances on NBC's *Meet*

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“Her parish was an important part of her life. She loved her parish and wanted to do something to help,” she said.

Fr. Herbert Kiff, pastor of St. Rita, Harahan said: “The parish deeply appreciates the gift and it goes a long way at the end of the month when you need help paying the light bill and the water bill.” St. Rita will use the funds, which will be approximately \$6,500 - \$7,000 per year, to help defray the costs of running the parish. The parishioners of St. Rita, Harahan will be the grateful beneficiaries of Peggy’s generosity for eternity.

Peggy was born in Seymour, Missouri and lived in Harahan for 50 years as a parishioner of St. Rita. She bought her house in 1961 and died November 25, 2010. Peggy’s career spanned five decades working for Delta as a flight attendant—beginning in the 1950s and continuing through the 1990s when she retired.

She had three dogs when she died, and loved her dogs which she adopted from the Jefferson SPCA. All of

the dogs were placed in good homes. Peggy volunteered at the Jefferson SPCA and also at East Jefferson General Hospital—she had 4,000 volunteer hours at East Jefferson General Hospital. Peggy loved to garden, and she loved to travel which she did extensively through her work at Delta. Stacie describes her friend as “a kind, generous person and a very gracious lady—a beautiful woman both physically and on the inside.” She was very frugal and lived a simple life. Peggy never married and is survived by her two brothers Richard, a resident of New Mexico and Don, a resident of Hawaii.

The vast majority of planned gifts that benefit the Church or other charities come through will bequests, like Peggy Yancey’s. While many faithful Catholics have a charitable intent to help the work of the Church, they may not have sufficient resources to make significant gifts during their lifetimes. Designating a portion of their final estate to benefit their parish or favorite Catholic charities is a wonderful way to embrace Christian stewardship in their final days and model such generosity for surviving family members.

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the Press, as well as on the popular HBO series *K-Street*, and before joining the Bush/Cheney White House, hosted CNN’s critically acclaimed debate show, *Crossfire*.

Matalin took her sharp wit, energy and free-spirited political views to the airwaves with her own three-hour afternoon radio program on the CBS Talk Radio Network, *The Mary Matalin Show*. Today, along with Arianna Huffington, she co-hosts the nationally-syndicated radio program *Both Sides Now*, which is currently broadcast on over 100 radio stations across the country.

A widely acclaimed author, Mary has written for various periodicals including Newsweek and The Los Angeles Times. Matalin also co-authored the best-selling political campaign book *All’s Fair: Love, War, and Running for President* with her husband, James Carville. Her most recent book, *Letters to My Daughters* made both The New York Times and the Washington Post best-seller lists. Letters was also named a Book of the Month Club selection, and was chosen for a condensed version by *Reader’s Digest*.

Mary also sits on the boards of respected institutions across the country, including: Tulane University’s President’s Council, The Academy of the Sacred Heart, The New Orleans Jazz Orchestra, and is co-chair of the 2013 Super Bowl Host Committee alongside her husband, James Carville. She went through the RCIA at Good Shepherd Parish and entered the Church at the Easter Vigil in 2010. Today, the couple reside in New Orleans with their two teenage daughters, Matty and Emma, four cats, and three dogs.

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North Shore Chapter News

The Catholic Foundation North Shore currently has all but four of our parishes (out of 17) represented on its Chapter. Our goal to have every parish represented will enhance our communications and assist in our desire to support each of our parishes. Our recent outreach to professional organizations such as the North Shore Estate Planning Council allowed us an excellent opportunity to deliver our Catholic Foundation story to many professionals in one meeting.

We plan to institute an annual dinner on the North Shore similar to the Catholic Foundation dinner on the South Shore. Added exposure and recognition of our North Shore Chapter and further promotion of all of our Catholic Foundation activities in assisting our local church parishes are our goals in this endeavor.

Donors in the Catholic Foundation Direct \$1 million for Japan Disaster Relief and Helping the Elderly in New Orleans

\$1 million to Caritas Japan for disaster relief

Donors in the Catholic Foundation have directed over \$500,000 to aid the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. The Catholic Foundation has directed these funds to Caritas Japan for distribution. Caritas provides, among other initiatives, humanitarian aid for disasters around the world. Caritas is working closely with Catholic Relief Services and dioceses around the world to support those affected by the earthquake and tsunami which hit the country on March 11, 2011. Caritas provided similar humanitarian assistance after Hurricane Katrina to New Orleans and the Gulf Coast.

Having experienced much pain and suffering from our own natural disaster, the Catholic Foundation is most sensitive to the needs of Japan. Please continue

to pray for the people of Japan who have experienced much hardship.

\$500,000 to Catholic Charities for Operation Helping Hands

The Catholic Foundation has directed \$500,000 to Catholic Charities for Operation Helping Hands to gut houses for the elderly who are redoing their homes due to damages caused by Chinese drywall. Since November 2005, Operation Helping Hands has brought more than 25,000 volunteers to gut and rebuild homes devastated in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Operation Helping Hands volunteers have gutted nearly 2,000 homes and apartments for elderly and disabled New Orleanians. They are now rebuilding homes of those most in need and painting home exteriors.

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because of the people you associate with. Their qualities rub off on you.”

A graduate of Catholic High in Baton Rouge, the University of Notre Dame, and LSU Law School, Leon has practiced law with Liskow and Lewis for 42 years. He has served and continues to serve on many committees and boards. In the Archdiocese of New Orleans, he served with: the Archdiocesan Finance Council, Catholic Charities, Catholic Foundation, Manresa House of Retreats, Our Lady of Holy Cross College, Daughters of Charity, Academy of the Sacred Heart, Covenant House, St. Mary’s Dominican College, Serra Club, St. Francis Xavier Capital Campaign and Holy Name of Jesus Parish Council. When Pope John Paul II made his historic visit to New Orleans in 1987, he was Chairman of one of the events for the Papal Visit. In the Greater New Orleans area, he has volunteered with the City of New Orleans Civil Service Commission, Hotel Dieu Hospital, the Notre Dame Club

of New Orleans, and the Paul M. Hebert Law Center of Louisiana State University. Leon is a member of the Notre Dame Senior Alumni Board. He is a member of St. Francis Xavier Parish and a Knight of St. Gregory and a Knight of Malta.

A colleague describes Leon as a visionary—someone who, in the spirit of St. Paul, “sees through the

eyes of the heart”—an individual who recognizes and brings out the goodness in others, a man with a wonderful laugh and a brilliant mind who pours his full heart and energy into each commitment he embraces.

He has been married to Terry Failla for 45 years and they have three children Noel Christmann, Leon III (Trey), and Renee Hulefeld, and six grandchildren.

Past President and Pope John Paul II Award Recipient Deceased - Thomas Hartley Kingsmill, Jr. and Frank H. Walk

Thomas Hartley Kingsmill, Jr. past President and Emeritus Director, and Frank H. Walk, recipient of the Pope John Paul II Award, have returned to the Lord.

Judge Kingsmill was President of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Foundation in 1983, served on several committees, and was named Emeritus Director. Judge Kingsmill is survived by his four sons and grandchildren.

Mr. Frank Walk was a past recipient of the Pope John Paul II Award and active parishioner of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church for 53 years. He is survived by his five children, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Catholic Foundation expresses its sincerest gratitude and sympathy to Judge Kingsmill and Mr. Walk for their generous service over the years, and mourns with their families.