



“The Beholder”

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SAVE THE DATE

- ◆ **AUGUST 4:**
SUMMER POOLSIDE SOCIAL (4PM—7PM)
- ◆ **AUGUST 18**
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
- ◆ **SEPT. 21-22**
FALL RETREAT
(ARCHDIOCESE RETREAT CENTER)

“The Beholder” is under the patronage of The Humble Handmaid of the Lord: “Behold, I am the Handmaid of the Lord, let it be done unto me according to Your word” (Lk. 1: 38). The newsletter will be published 3 times a year: Fall, Spring, and Summer. Enjoy our first edition, Summer 2018!

Lay Programs’ Shining Stars

Jesus tells us in the Gospels that His disciples are called to shine like lights in the world so that people may see their good works and give glory to the Father (*Mt. 5:16*). We each shine in our own unique way and two students have been publicly recognized for shining like lights in the world.

Congratulations to Judy Zeringue (*MAPL 2018*) who has been selected as one of 50 New Orleans City Business Health Care Heroes. Health Care Heroes honors 50 health care professionals in the New Orleans area in six categories: animal care, first responder, nurse and, physician, professional and volunteer. Judy is being recognized for her service as a nurse at Children’s

Hospital. She will be honored at a reception at New Orleans Museum of Art on May 14. [Click here](#) for a list of the 2018 Health Care Honorees.



Judy in front of the Marian Statue in St. Joseph’s Hall.

Congratulations to past, present, and future students (see [pics below](#)) who received the [St. Louis Medallion Award](#) presented by Archbishop Aymond on Sunday, May 6.

The St. Louis Medallion Award was established in 1975 to honor those members of the laity who have contributed their time and talents to the church.



Jodie Javery



Susan May



Mark Williams



Gina Radecker



Yvette Fouchi

Reflection: Pentecost

by Dr. Daniella Zuspan-Jerome

“When I was expecting my son, so many of the members of the NDS community held us in prayer, and when Gabriel arrived, the prayers and support continued in some especially beautiful ways. One such example came from Ms. Noel Delery (*MAPL*), whom we ran into at mass one day shortly after Gabriel arrived. I was overwhelmed, tired and worried about the transition of returning to work full time. Noel shared with me then a beautiful image, an inspired thought that occurred to her during a time when she was so kindly offering prayers for me and the

baby. She said she had an image of the Holy Spirit like a bird, but fluttering with great energy like a bird does when it is excited. I have held on to this image as I continue to learn what it is to be a mother.

We have many powerful images for the Holy Spirit in Scripture and in the theological tradition: a mighty wind with tongues of fire, a dove, a bright cloud. We also think about the Spirit as the bond of Love between the Father and Son, the Gift itself shared between them, the Lord and Giver of Life, the Consoler, the Advocate, and the Spirit of Truth. So much rich tradition her

for us as we celebrate the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost this time of year. Thanks to Noel’s prayer shared with me, I have reflected on the Spirit’s power to give life, and to lead us to new life with encouragement, guidance, and dynamism along the way. Reflecting what new life means to each of us this time of year, emerging from the Easter season, is especially part of the great liturgical catechesis of the Church. The Spirit comes then to give us that push, that confidence and consolation to not only reflect on new life, but to live it abundantly, and in a way that brings the Good News to others. Where is the Spirit fluttering in your life?”



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Master of Arts in Theological Studies:

Austin Michael Ashcraft
Mary-Elizabeth M. Bielski
Josephine Linarello Duke
Claire Elizabeth Gallagher
Michelle Renee Breaux Griffin
Ian Christopher Hoerner
Katherine Maree Ibarra
Jessica Blair Benton Milburn
Kayla Richard Moscona
Luke Anthony Robicheaux
Michaela Denise York

Master of Arts in Pastoral Leadership:

Agnes Kyomuhendo Bitature
Therese K. Derbes
Ronald J. Drez, Jr.
Jody John Fortunato
Judy Bourgeois Zeringue



MATS Grads, L to R:
Ian Hoerner, Michaela York,
Renee Giffin,
Josephine Duke.



MAPL Graduates, L to R:
Agnes Bitature, Judy
Zeringue, Terri Derbes

[Click here](#) to read Austin Ashcraft's fabulous Graduation Speech!

“I am Present with You in the Spirit”

Although I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit (Col. 2:5)

We want to wish Dr. Brant Pitre and Dr. Chris Baglow God's blessings as they depart Notre Dame Seminary for their next journey in life.

Dr. Pitre will be joining the faculty at the Augustine Institute starting fall of 2018. Dr. Chris Baglow and MAPL student Christine Baglow are headed to the University of Notre Dame (a.k.a “the other” Notre Dame), where Dr. Baglow is joining the faculty at the McGrath Institute for Church Life. We are grateful for their service and will miss them. Please keep them in your prayers during their transitions and may God bless them in their next chapter of serving Him and the Church.



Q and A with Tanya Cenac

Tanya Cenac was recently hired as the Administrative Assistant for the Lay Programs at Notre Dame Seminary. Below is a Q & A with Tanya.

Q: Tell us about you. Where are you from and what lead you to Notre Dame Seminary?

A: I was Born in Kenner, Louisiana, but grew up in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The first thing that led me to NDS was the ILEM Formation Program that was a huge blessing in helping me grow closer to the saint God is calling me to become. The second time I came to NDS was to be able to assist those who feel called to further their journey in serving God, the Church, and others through NDS Lay Programs (MATS; MAPL; ILEM).

Q: What is one thing you are excited about being involved now with the NDS lay programs?

A: Meeting new people and helping them have a smoother process and journey while studying, preparing, and being formed here through the Lay Programs at NDS.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: Run, Read, Laugh, Watch good movies and hang out with others while drinking an Abita Amber

Q: What is the last show/performance/concert you attended?

A: TANGO FIRE sponsored by the New Orleans Ballet Association! The dancers were World Champion artists from Buenos Aires, Argentina! I kept thinking, “Has Pope Francis seen these guys? He probably has seen them already. I mean they are from Argentina.”



Q: What is the last good book you read?

A: “God’s Voice Within” by Fr. Mark Thibodeaux, SJ.

Q: When you have out of town guests visiting New Orleans, where do you take them to eat?

A: Definitely to break bread together at Morning Call on Severn Ave.

Q: What motivates you on hard days?

A: The Passion and Love of Christ, especially the Stations of the Cross. I understand now why Pope Francis carries a mini Way of the Cross in his pocket.

Q: What are you most grateful for?

A: God’s unfailing and unconditional love.

Q: Best once-in-a-lifetime memory?

A: Mission Trip to India in 2009. So many good stories. You will have to come by my office so I can share them with you.

Q: One fun fact most people do not know about you?

A: I have a goofy and silly side. I am not an extrovert.

We want our students to be consistent contributors to the newsletter, so please send us any information, news, updates, etc. that could be posted in future Lay Programs Newsletters to maoffice@nds.edu.