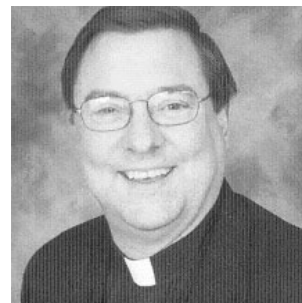


## Meet Your New Pastor



Father Paul Counce is a priest of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on June 11, 1953, the oldest of the ten children of Mrs. Lettie Deas Counce and the late Mr. Harold Counce. Most of his family still lives in the Baton Rouge area.

Father Counce was educated at Our Lady of Mercy and St. Joseph Cathedral Prep Schools here in Baton Rouge, graduating from high school in 1971. He attended St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, Louisiana, receiving a B.A. in History in 1975. His graduate seminary study was at The American College of Louvain in Belgium: he obtained an M.A. in Sacred Theology in 1978 from the Catholic University of Louvain there. (In 1986-1988 Bishop Stanley Joseph Ott assigned him to further graduate study at St. Paul University and the University of Ottawa in Canada, obtaining Master's and Licentiate degrees in canon law.)

After twelve years of seminary study, he was ordained a priest by Bishop Joseph Sullivan on August 24, 1979. This year he celebrates his 30th anniversary of priestly ordination.

As a priest Father Counce has served as parochial vicar, administrator and pastor in various Catholic parishes in Gonzales, Pierre Part, Grosse Tête, Port Allen, St. Gabriel and Baton Rouge. He was in residence here at St. Joseph Cathedral from 1996 to 2002. He has taught in the accredited diocesan Religious Studies Institute and its deacon formation programs, and as a part-time faculty member of Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He is a member and former Chair of the Council of Priests of the Diocese of Baton Rouge; he also serves on the College of Consultors, the bishop's administrative cabinet, the priests' Continuing Formation committee, the diocesan Liturgy, Art and Music Board, and as one of the diocesan Masters of Ceremonies. He has served on the New Orleans Provincial Council of priests as well.

Father Counce's principal ministry since 1988 has been in the field of canon law: he has served since then as Judicial Vicar, heading the local Church's court system as its Presiding Judge. He has also been

one of the Chancellors assisting with diocesan central administration. He is our bishop's and priests' principal counsel in the field of canon law. He is an active member of the Canon Law Society of America and its Board of Governors, and in 2007-2008 served as its President.

Since 2001 he has served on the Board of Trustees of Our Lady of the Lake College in Baton Rouge. In 2004 he was inducted as a member of the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

In what little spare time he has Father Counce enjoys reading and cooking, with computers and stamp collecting as other hobbies.

**Father Paul became the new Pastor of St. Joseph Cathedral this week (effective July 1, 2009).**

**Take the time after Mass this weekend to meet Father Paul.**

**We will have receptions after each Mass in the Parish Hall.**

**And, please mark your calendars for Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Muench will install Father Paul as pastor at the 10:00 a.m. televised Mass. After this liturgy, we will have a reception in the Parish Hall.**

## MAINTENANCE COLLECTION



Our monthly collection for the Maintenance and Repairs of the Cathedral will be collected this weekend, July 4 & 5. Please be generous.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:** For the month of July, we would like to thank Joel and Marilyn Branch for a one-week intention In Memory of Joy Bani, George and Mary Rettig for a one-week intention In Memory of Thomas Darensbourg, Sr., and Agnes Lamendola for a one-week intention In Memory of Agnes & Joseph Blasi, Jr.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you interested in the Catholic Church or know someone who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? If so, please call the Cathedral Office at 225-387-5928 and give us your name and phone number and we will have someone contact you to see if the RCIA program is right for you.

## PRAYER CONCERNS – JULY 2009

**Hospital/Sick:** Patrick Richoux, Torrey Kleinpeter, Tammy Lane, Annette Williams, Glenda Kennedy, Merle Day, Nicky Perrinoes, Fran Bourgeois, Clementine Lott, Ruth Traylor, Frank Rice, Westin Morley, Meredith Burns, Ann Messina, Nomie James, Nicole Couper, Renee Brown, Carolyn Kennedy, Gwen Hamilton, Carolyn Daigle, Michael Conger, Ozile Carpenter, Farrell Richard, Bill McAuliffe, Nina Fox, Jesse Carline, Claire Schexnayder, Richard Boudreaux, Mickey Waguespack, Helen Casse, Andrea Gunnells and Glee Lashouto.

**Homebound:** Mary Zolodick

**Nursing Homes:** Elizabeth Hamilton, Mae Couvillion, Al Heine, Chetta Cangelosi, Josie Cangelosi and Elaine Taranto.

**Other Concerns:** For all those serving in the military, especially Wayne Monget, Jr., Damon Paul Gautreau, James Courtney, Chuck Overby, Alan Thomas and Lee Ann Rutledge.

For the poor and homeless.

This list is published monthly. If you would like to add a name, please call the Cathedral Office at 387-5928, drop us a note, or e-mail Sheila at [sheila@cathedralofstjoseph.org](mailto:sheila@cathedralofstjoseph.org)

## PRAYER FOR SAFETY IN HURRICANE SEASON

*O God, Master of this passing world,  
hear the humble voices of your children.  
The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order  
and returned to its former quietude.  
You are still the Master of land and sea.  
We live in the shadow of a danger  
over which we have no control:  
the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant,  
can awake from its seeming lethargy,  
overstep its conventional boundaries,  
invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.*

*During this hurricane season we turn to You,  
O loving Father.*

*Spare us from past tragedies  
whose memories are still so vivid  
and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal  
with passing of time.*

*O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother,  
we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf,  
so that spared from the calamities common to this area  
and animated with a true spirit of gratitude,  
we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son  
to reach the heavenly Jerusalem  
where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen*

## Live - in Experience Vocations Retreat

Subiaco Benedictine Abbey (for men) in Subiaco, Ark., and the St. Scholastica Monastery (for women) in Ft. Smith, Ark., will be hosting an exciting "Live - in Experience" vocational retreat, July 9-13. They only have this retreat once a year. No cost, but space is limited. Work and pray with the monks and nuns and hear the vocational talks. These retreats are popular, so make your reservations early. For more information, call 1.800.221.1807.

## Visit the Holy Land with Father Paul Counce

The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Baton Rouge is sponsoring a 10 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, February 23-March 4, 2010, led by Father Paul Counce. This Pilgrimage will visit historic places and sacred sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Jordan Valley, Nazareth, Tiberias, Capernaum, Haifa, and Caesarea. This trip includes first class hotels, round trip airfare from New Orleans and much more. For further information and a brochure, call Lennette Lassigne at 225-336-8787.

The Cathedral's Gardeners will meet on July 11, at 9 a.m., in the Bishop's Courtyard to weed and dead head the beds there, trim the iron plants around Cathedral Square (bring trowels and clippers), and to enjoy a social time, with coffee, celebrating our 7th birthday. We invited interested members and friends of the parish to join us. For information, contact Mary Rettig at 346-8117.