



Knights of Columbus FOURTH DEGREE *Patriotic degree of the Order.*

Father August W. Vandebilt Assembly 2322

St. Bernadette Soubirous Catholic Church 409 Funderburk Ave. Houma, LA 70364

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER September 2025

FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

Worthy Sir Knights,

We look forward with great anticipation to a truly historic and spiritual milestone in the life of our Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. On Friday, September 5th, our brother in Christ, Simon Peter Engurait, will be ordained as the next Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux. This is only the second time in history that our diocese will witness such a moment—the ordination of a shepherd chosen to lead us in faith, service, and unity.

For us, as Fourth Degree Knights, this event holds a profound significance. The honor of being able to participate, to stand in visible witness to our faith and to our commitment to Church and country, cannot be overstated. Our presence reminds others of the patriotic and spiritual heart of the Knights of Columbus, and the pride we take in being the visible arm of the Church in her great celebrations.

I encourage each of you to prayerfully consider the call to wear the uniform of the Fourth Degree. It is more than a garment—it is a sign of fidelity, service, and honor. When we stand shoulder to shoulder in uniform, we represent not only our Assembly, but the dignity of the Order and the unity of the Church herself. If you do not yet have the uniform, I ask you to make this the year you step forward.

In addition, our Assembly must remain committed to recruiting new members into the Fourth Degree. We have many faithful and dedicated Brother Knights in our councils who would be enriched by joining us, and who would strengthen our ranks by doing so. Speak with your fellow Knights, invite them to learn more, and share with them the honor of serving as a Sir Knight.

Let us rejoice together in this blessed occasion, and let us recommit ourselves to being faithful men of prayer, patriotism, and service. May our Assembly be ever worthy of the trust placed in us, and may our visible witness inspire others to follow.

Mark K Bascle

Faithful Navigator #2322



FN Mark Bascle



HONOR GUARDS

One of the most important functions of the Fourth Degree is providing Guards of Honor at Mass, wakes, funerals, dedications and many other civic or patriotic functions. In full Uniform, the Knights of Columbus are always recognized in any public appearance. These Sir Knights add dignity and a pride of church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations, their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus. Dress out requests should be made through the Faithful Navigator, Mark Bascle at 985-772-1444.

God is Good...All the Time and All the Time...God is Good!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



September 2025

- 2nd Council 7355 Officers Meeting - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 5th Bishop Simon Peter Engurait Ordination - 2PM - Nicholls State University
- 9th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 16th Fr Vandebilt Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 23rd Third Degree CUF Exemplification - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 27th Public Rosary - 1:00 PM - Location to Be Announced
- 30th KC COR Event - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall

Please see the "Events" Page on the Council Website for the latest information.



P R A Y E R
R E Q U E S T S

Visit the Council 7355 Website to submit a prayer request for those person who are sick or in need of assistance.

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux joyfully invites you to the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of

The Very Reverend Fr. Simon Peter Engurait as Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux

Friday, September 5, 2025
David R. Stopher Gymnasium at
Nicholls State University
Thibodaux, Louisiana



All to be seated by 1:30 PM
Procession begins at 1:45 PM
Mass begins at 2:00 PM

A Knights of Columbus Honor Guard has been requested for the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Elect Simon Peter Engurait. Honor Guard Members need to arrive at or before 1:00 pm. The doors will be opened at 11:30 am. If you want more information, check out the website: <https://www.htdiocese.org/installation>. There are several activities planned the week of Sept. 3rd in conjunction with the Ordination/Installation and everyone is invited.

Keep up with all the upcoming Fourth Degree Honors Guards and Assembly News at:

<https://stbernadettekofccouncil7355.com/vandebilt-assembly-2322>

Assembly 2322 In Action



Our next Father Vandebilt Assembly/
Council 7355 Public Rosary will be held
September 27, 2025 at 1:00 PM at a location
to be announced.

Vandebilt Assembly
Logo items are available
from a local vendor.
You can purchase the
shirt or item from them
or bring a item you al-
ready have. Please con-
tact FN Mark Bascle for
more info.



The 2024 Father A. Vandebilt Assembly 2322 Family of the Year is Mike and Amy Delaune. The Assembly 2322 Sir Knight of the Year is Faithful Captain Vraig Portier. Faithful Navigator Mark Bascle presented the awards during a Council 7355 Meeting in August. The awards are given annual to the Family and Member who exemplifies what the Knights of Columbus Stand for. Congratulations and good job to our worthy Knights.

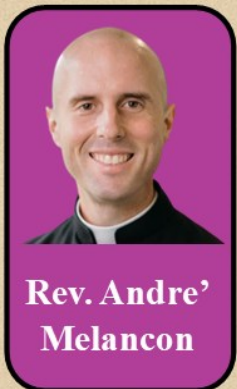
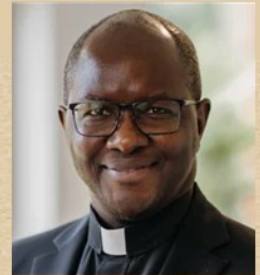
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SIMON PETER ENGURAIT**



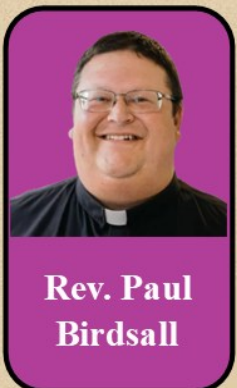
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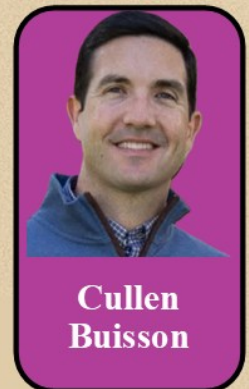
**Rev. Matthew
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CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

**OCTOBER 18, 2025
8 AM – 3 PM**



**Rev. Paul
Birdsall**



**Cullen
Buisson**

ST. BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Breakfast and Lunch Served

**Each participant will receive a copy of Bishop
Robert Barron's book, "What Christians Believe."**

**Online Registration of \$20 Preferred:
www.stbernadettechurchhouma.com
or in person at the Church office.**



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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Who are the Knights of Columbus?

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.7 million members. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people.

What are the benefits in becoming a brother of the Knights of Columbus?

As a member of the Knights of Columbus you and your family enjoy many benefits, including 12 free issues annually of the Columbia magazine, the world's largest Catholic family magazine, eligibility to join the Knights of Columbus top-ranked life insurance program, and many more family and personal benefits.

How do I become a brother of the Knights of Columbus?

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to practicing Catholic men in union with the Holy See, who are at least 18 years old. A practicing Catholic is one who lives up to the Commandments of God and the precepts of the Church. Application blanks are available from any member of the Knights of Columbus.



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Faithful Pilot—Ralph Mitchell

Faithful Comptroller - Maurice Evans

Faithful Scribe - Richard Daigle

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Faithful Trustee - Stephen Boudreaux

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus is to inculcate a love of country and impress the duties of citizenship. Its motto is Patriotism -- a patriotism enlightened and informed by religion.

Assembly 2322 Charter Members

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Please remember in your prayers those who are ill or in need of prayer.