



# **Southeastern Lieutenancy**

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## **Bishop Baker's Homily at the Memorial Mass Saturday April 13, 2013**

Five-hundred years ago, in April of 1513 a representative of the country of Spain, Juan Ponce de Leon, landed on the shores of the mainland United States, naming the territory he saw "La Florida" and claiming the territory for Spain. He came as an explorer, and we know the political consequences of this venture by Spain, as many people today denounce the Spanish intrusion... into the New World.

On their arrival, however, the Spanish did bring many gifts to the inhabitants here, and from the Church's standpoint their greatest gift was the faith....

What led these missionaries here to the New World was what led you good people to be part of the Equestrian Order. Their goal and desire was to bring the gospel message to the New World. They left the comforts of hearth and home in Spain to trade those conveniences for the sweltering heat and humidity of Florida summers.... There was the threat of droughts, hurricanes, insects, and alligators, the challenge of distraught Indian shamans who were unhappy that their religious leadership was being taken from them by strange foreign religious beliefs being instilled in their caciques (chiefs) and tribes by these missionaries. Then there was the ongoing conflict between the Spanish and British over control of the territory, a conflict that was to lead eventually to the obliteration of mission sites by the forays south led by English Colonel James Moore of South Carolina in 1702 and 1704.

The end result is that few Catholics today know anything about this grand missionary venture in the Southeast, especially by the Franciscan Missionaries. As members of the Southeastern Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, we are heirs to a great missionary legacy in our region.

Our primary attention in this Holy Order is to help our brothers and sisters survive in the manifold struggles of conflict that exist in that Holy Land and in the City of Jerusalem, that city which Pope John Paul II once referred to as the "Mother of all the churches," that region, where "Christ's words resounded and the great events of the redemption occurred," where "The first Christian community came into being and has continued to live down the centuries without interruption."

The readings for today's Mass sprung from the holy events that transpired in Jerusalem and in neighboring territories.... We are propelled to charity when we read the words of Jesus in Matthew's gospel, Chapter 25, Verses 31-46. We are inspired to the virtue of compassion and adaptability when we hear Luke recount the problem of the Hellenist widows being neglected in the daily distribution of



## **Bishop Baker's Homily Continued**

food and supplies, leading to the Twelve and the Community Disciples establishing the diaconate as the avenue of sacred ministry to respond to those practical needs.

The Church in every age evangelizes, following the directions laid by the Apostles in the Church of Jerusalem and the surrounding territories. The Equestrian Order is evangelizing in its great work today for the Holy Land. And we laud the generosity of this great Order through the ages. Evangelization has been the name given to the apostolic outreach of the Church through the ages to share the faith in all parts of the world.

That spirit of evangelization has led popes in our era to call for a "New Evangelization," calling us to present the Gospel in a new way, in its ardor, methods, and expressions, as Pope John Paul II noted back in 1983.

May I suggest that the most important element of both the old and the new evangelization is the "ardor" element, the "zeal" element that was true in the earliest days of the Church, was true when the Franciscan Missionaries landed on the soil of the Southeast, and is true in the case of our living and especially our deceased members of the Equestrian Order.

That zeal element must be there in our evangelization, or all the other important elements will falter. Without zeal and ardor of the early, middle, and late missionaries of our Church, all our efforts to evangelize will come to naught!

May we have the zeal of past missionaries from the days of the early Church of Jerusalem down to our own day and time, a zeal so well described by the great Archbishop of Santiago in Cuba and founder the Claretian Missionary Society, both in Spain in 1807, St. Anthony Mary Claret, a man who suffered 14 attempts on his life because of his zeal for the faith.

These are his words about zeal. May they be ours as well. "Driven by the fire of the Holy Spirit, the holy Apostles traveled throughout the earth. Inflamed with the same fire apostolic missionaries have reached, are now reaching, and will continue to reach the ends of the earth, from one pole to the other, in order to proclaim the Word of God. They are deservedly able to apply to themselves those words of the Apostle Paul: 'The love of Christ drives us on.'"

"The love of Christ arouses us, urges us to run, and to fly, lifted on the wings of holy zeal. The man who truly loves God also loves his neighbor. The truly zealous man is also one who lives, but he stands on a higher plane of love so that the more he is inflamed by love, the more urgently zeal drives him on. But if anyone lacks this zeal, then it is evident that love and charity have been extinguished in his heart. The zealous man desires and achieves all great things, and he labors strenuously so that God may always be better known, loved, and served in this world and in the life to come, for this holy love is without end.

"Because he is concerned also for his neighbor, the man of zeal wishes to fulfill his desire that all men be content on this earth and happy and blessed in their heavenly homeland, that all may be saved, and that no one may perish forever, or offend God, or remain even for a moment in sin. Such are the concerns we observe in the holy Apostles and all who are driven by the apostolic spirit."

And may I add, such are the concerns shown by the good members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, living and deceased! May the Lord give us what he gave our deceased members, the great virtue of missionary zeal for the spread of our faith in the Holy Land and in the southeastern region of the United States!

## **Deus Lo Vult**

**The Editor is deeply indebted to Mary Dillard of the Diocese of Birmingham for her work in abridging Bishop Baker's Homily so that it might be used in this issue of the *Newsletter***

# Requiescat in pace

## *Lady Lindy Boggs, LGCHS*

Lady Corinne “Lindy” Morrison Claiborne Boggs LGCHS, died Saturday July 27, 2013 at home in Chevy Chase, MD at the age of 97.

Lindy was the wife of Hale Boggs and the mother of their four children. Hale Boggs served the U.S. Congress from 1947 to 1973 and was Majority Leader at the time of his death. Although his body was never found, he was presumed to have died in a plane crash in Alaska in 1972. Lindy was appointed in 1973 to fill out the rest of his unexpired term. In 1974 she was elected to a full term of her own with 82 percent of the vote. She was reelected seven times until her retirement in 1991.

In 1997, President Bill Clinton appointed Lady Lindy as U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See, a post she held until 2001.

Lady Lindy was hailed as a champion of civil rights and a trailblazer for women.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on August 1, 2013 at St. Louis Cathedral. Burial followed the same day at St. Mary’s Cemetery in New Roads, LA.

Lindy was known and loved by all her many neighbors and friends in New Orleans. As one of her grandchildren wrote in the local Times Picayune newspaper, “Just walking the few blocks from her parking garage on St. Louis Street to her house on Bourbon Street could take 45 minutes, as she was stopped countless times by shopkeepers and people seeking her help, her comfort, or just a friendly word. She never turned them down.”





## Meet Your New Officers

### Sir Mark Rodi, KGCHS Chancellor

Lieutenant Ray Garrity has named Sir Mark Rodi, KGCHS, to the position of Chancellor for the Southeastern Lieutenancy. Sir Mark has previously served as Representative for the New Orleans Section. Sir Mark, a native of New Orleans is a graduate of Jesuit High School and the University of New Orleans.



Sir Mark is a Real Estate Broker in Metairie, LA. He has served in a number of leadership positions in his profession including Chairman of the Louisiana State Real Estate Commission. Sir Mark has been a member of St. Clement of Rome Parish since 1967 where he has served on Parish Council, Men's Club, Lector, and a weekly committed adorer.

Sir Mark has been married to Lady Sharon Ryan Rodi, LGCHS, for 48 years. They have two children and six grandchildren.

### Sir James Laporte, CPA, KC\*HS, Treasurer

Lieutenant Ray Garrity has named Sir James E. Laporte, CPA, KC\*HS to the position of Treasurer for the Southeastern Lieutenancy. Sir James is a native of New Orleans and a graduate of Redemptorist High School and Loyola University. He is Managing Partner of Erickson, Krentel, & Laporte, CPAs & Consultants, L.L.P.



Sir James serves on the Executive Committee of the Catholic Foundation, is Past President of the Christian Brothers Foundation, and a Trustee of the Christian Brothers Retirement Fund. He is President-Elect of the New Orleans Chapter of Legatus and a Board Member of the Sisters of the Holy Family Development Committee.

Sir James and his wife Wanda have two children.

## Lieutenancy Expresses Thanks and Gratitude to Our Retiring Officers For Their Years of Service

Lay Master of Ceremonies Sir Harold Lamy with Lady Iraidia Lamy and  
Treasurer Sir Warren Backer with Lady Jean Backer



# Photos From The Annual Meeting



The Editor Wishes To Thank  
Lady Christina H. Myers, LC\*HS For Help With Photography

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## Holy Land Legacy Guardian Program Needs Your Help

We are seeking **One Advisor** from each diocese to assist in the work of the program.

**Credentials:** Estate Planner, Financial Advisor, Attorney, Accountant, Insurance Consultant, Charitable Giving Administrator or similar. Active in Parish and/or Diocese.

Contact the Holy Land Legacy Guardian Program Administrators

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## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

**MARCH 16-26 2014**

Our Lieutenancy is offering a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for the period of March 16-26, 2014 at a cost of \$3499 per person, double occupancy. Departing Newark, NJ non-stop to Tel Aviv, the trip includes all fees and taxes as well as first class hotels, private motor coach transportation, breakfasts and dinners. Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, we will be met by Fr. David Wathen, O.F.M., who will be our spiritual leader throughout the trip. Additionally, we are pleased to announce that Bishop Glen Provost, Diocese of Lake Charles, LA will be joining us.

For a brochure covering the pilgrimage in more detail, please contact Pierre or Roz Allemond, Lieutenancy Pilgrimage Coordinators, at 318-452-6443 or e-mail us at [eojsjalexandria@gmail.com](mailto:eojsjalexandria@gmail.com) with your name, address, and telephone number. You can also view details on our webpage at [sleohs.com](http://sleohs.com), and at the news/events dropdown, click pilgrimages.



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**EOHSJ  
1050 Talleyrand Ave.  
Jacksonville, Florida 32206**

They will be reworked, saving the EOHSJ money that can be sent to support the Christians in the Holy Land. Every little bit goes a long way in showing our support.

## ***HOLY LAND MASS AND GIFT PROGRAM REQUEST FORMS***

A privilege of your membership in our Order is to have Masses said in the Holy Land for personal intentions such as a baptism, birthday, thank you, confirmation, or graduation. Personalized cards are sent to the recipients.

To participate in the Program, just complete a Mass Request Form and send it along with your donation to the Holy Land Mass and Gift Program Administrators. Forms are available from the Administrators or on the Southeastern Lieutenancy website: [www.sleohs.com](http://www.sleohs.com)

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