



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT
ACADEMY

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FROM THE HEADMASTER...

How often do we watch the news or follow the political debates and wonder how, as a society, we have lost our way? From the meaning of marriage to the infinite value of every human life, our society has become deeply confused about the first principles and the self-evident truths upon which our nation was founded. But if you want to understand the solution to so much of what ails our culture, you have to go back to that simple, original institution we call *the family*.

Pope St. John Paul the Great wrote that the “future of the world passes in and through the family. As the family goes, so goes society.”

If you want to resolve the violence in our streets, heal the family.

If you want to build a culture of life, heal the family.

If you want to renew the hearts and minds of young people today, heal the family.

And if you want hope for a future rooted in faith and animated by love, heal the family.

But how do we do that? How do we heal our own families? We have to begin with ourselves. We have to put down our cell phones, turn off the TV, and start speaking to one another again. The family is a community of persons that are made to echo the very divine life of the Trinity - of God Himself. As a community, we need to eat together, to talk together, to actually *be* together, to go to Mass together, to go to Adoration together, and just as important, to go to confession together.

John Paul the Great Academy exists to serve the Church primarily by educating children and offering formation and support to parents. It is for this reason that we are proud to welcome Mr. Steve Bollman, the founder of TMIY! (That Man is You!), as the keynote speaker for our 8th Annual Veritas Lecture and Gala.

Steve Bollman’s TMIY! program has been called a powerful “sign of the new evangelization” by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, and a “gift to the Church” by Archbishop Charles Chaput. More to the point, it has changed the lives of thousands of men across our diocese and around the country. And this is just the beginning. By supporting fathers in their primary vocation, Steve Bollman is strengthening marriages and helping to heal and restore families.

I am writing to invite your participation in this year’s JPG Gala, which is just six weeks away on Saturday, April 16th. Please think of friends who would benefit from hearing this message, and invite them to come. In addition to being one of only two primary fundraisers for JPG, the Veritas Lecture and Gala is the primary way we reach out to the wider Lafayette community and invite them to join in our mission, to educate children, to form families, and to strengthen the Church in Acadiana.

In the peace of Christ,

President & Headmaster

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 1 – Andrew Pudewa visits JPG
- March 3 – 1st Annual G.K. Chesterton Lecture with Professor Joseph Pearce
- March 4 – Third Academic Quarter Ends
- March 4 – Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm
- March 5 – District Literary Rally
- March 11 – Grandparents Day!
- March 11 – Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm
- March 12 – Abbey Youth Festival
- March 17 – Day Honoring St. Joseph
- March 18 – Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm
- March 25 – No Classes/Good Friday
- March 28 – April 4 – Easter Break



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SAVE THE DATE
 The 9th Annual
Veritas
 Lecture &
 Dinner
 presented by John Paul the Great Academy



Steve Bollman, founder of *That Man is You*
Saturday, April 16, 2016
 Cajundome Convention Center




John Paul the Great Academy Presents
**THE 1ST ANNUAL
 G.K. CHESTERTON LECTURE**



JOSEPH PEARCE

John Paul the Great Academy
 Main Building Library

6:00-8:00 pm
 Thursday, March 3

Admission is Free

TALK 1: RACE WITH THE DEVIL: FROM RACIST HATRED TO RATIONAL LOVE

TALK 2: THE POWER OF LITERATURE FOR BUILDING AN AUTHENTIC CATHOLIC CULTURE

RACE WITH THE DEVIL
 My Journey from Facial Hatred to Rational Love

More information: 337-889-5345 - www.jpacademy.org

MEET...

Heather Vu is a recent addition to our JPG and Lafayette community. She recently moved here from the New Orleans area, where she spent seven years serving in various roles in religious education, teaching 7th and 8th grade theology and serving as the Director of Religious Education at two different schools. Heather graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Our Lady of Holy Cross with concentrations in Philosophy and Education. She has three children: Jack, John (pictured above), and Julia. Heather is passionate about being part of the New Evangelization here at John Paul the Great Academy.



Heather Vu
 4th Grade Teacher

VERITAS

ENROLLING NEW SIBLINGS AT JPG

The deadline to enroll new siblings at JPG is **Tuesday, March 15**. All families have been contacted via email concerning JPG's admissions procedures. Please take steps to schedule a shadow day (if applicable), fill out the online application for new students, turn in all required documentation, and pay the enrollment fee of \$500 before the deadline of March 15. Please note that new students cannot be accepted until all of the admissions procedures are completed. Contact Molly McCracken at mollym@jpgacademy.org with any questions.

GRANDPARENTS DAY!

Please join us for Grandparents Day on Friday, March 11 from 1:00 – 3:00pm in the refectory! Please see the flyer on our website under the "Parents" tab (jpgacademy.org/grandparents-day) for details.

SCIENCE DAY

Science Day at JPG is a time for our school community to enjoy the two-fold gift God has given us through nature: a beautiful universe and a beautiful mind capable of discovering its Creator through His creation. This year, we would like to invite parents to be a bigger part of Science Day. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this event. **We are in need of parent volunteers to help coordinate and organize ahead of time and assist during the event.** If you have ideas, suggestions, or want to contribute in any way, please email Mr. Albarado at kalbarado@jpgacademy.org.

CONGRATULATIONS, SIMON RICHARD!

Congratulations to Simon Richard (7th grade), for being a semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2016 Louisiana National Geographic State Bee. The contest will be held at the Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center in Baton Rouge on Friday, April 1. Good luck, Simon!

SPEECH & DEBATE

With regular season tournaments completed for the year, the Guardian Speech & Debate Team is looking forward to state and national qualifying competitions. March is full of our most challenging tournaments of the year. JPG will be competing at the following:

- March 11-12: Catholic National Forensic League qualifying tournament to CNFL Grand Nationals in Sacramento, CA; held at STM
- March 18 -19: National Speech & Debate Association qualifying tournament to NSDA Nationals in Salt Lake City, UT; held at Northwestern State University
- March 31 - April 2: Louisiana Tournament of Champions; held at Mt. Carmel Academy

For more information about these upcoming tournaments, please contact Mrs. Mahan at dmahan@jpgacademy.org

State Qualifiers: Please join us in congratulating the following students, who have worked very hard this year to earn a spot at the prestigious Louisiana Tournament of Champions for Speech & Debate:

- Sam Broussard - Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Claire DeClouet - Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Jordan Doiron - Original Oratory
- Aidan Fletcher - Oral Interpretation
- Logan Habetz - Cross Examination Debate
- Joseph Holland - Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Laura Howard - Oratorical Declamation
- Hope Lewis - Impromptu Speaking & Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Jordan Meche - Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Stephen Melancon - Cross Examination Debate
- Katelyn Mouton - Oratorical Declamation
- Morgan Munzing- Lincoln Douglas Debate

DAY HONORING ST. JOSEPH

Please join us on Thursday, March 17 as we honor St. Joseph:

- 9:45am – Dedication of St. Joseph Prayer Garden
- 10:00am – Holy Mass
- 11:00am – Eucharistic Procession from Chapel to St. Joseph Altar
- 11:30am – Spaghetti lunch!



In preparation for St. Joseph's feast day, students in Latin IV and Latin V translated the proper hymn from the Liturgy of the Hours. Below is an excerpt from one student's translation:

*You Joseph, hosts of heaven laud
Choirs of Christians echo praise to you
Who, being pure and just, did enter
Into chaste marriage with the Virgin...*

*O blessed Trinity, we pray
That we might climb the stars
As Joseph did, to be with you
And sing this song of praise eternally.*



Our Guardian Choir, Schola Custodum, spent a day recording sacred music and hymns at the Powells' home studio. Records will be available for purchase shortly! Thank you to Miss Chustz for the work she has been doing to train our children in the art of sacred music.

FIDES

ADORATION

Please consider spending an hour with Our Lord. The following are the hours that need committed adorers:

- Tuesdays @ 12 midnight
- Wednesdays @ 11pm
- Thursdays @ 1am
- Fridays @ 2am
- Saturdays @ 11am, 12pm, 1pm



Join the Upper School in praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 2:30pm during the Lenten Season.

*Lent 2016
"Give alms...
Pray to your
Father...
Fast without
a gloomy face."
+ Matthew 6*

VIRTUS

BASKETBALL

Guardians Basketball finished a great season with five wins. Congratulations to senior Jacob JeJeune (left) for making the ACEL All-District team! Congratulations to Coach Marcus Brown and all the players for a successful season!

TRACK & FIELD

Track and Field is underway with the leadership of Coach Robert Judge. JPG will be hosting a Track & Field Invitational Track meet on April 9 at Northside High. The team will also be attending the ACEL State Track Meet on May 7 in St. Gabriel, La.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SCHEDULE

March 9 – American Heritage Girls @ 3:30pm

April 9 – JPG hosts Track & Field Invitational Track meet @ Northside High, 2pm – 7pm

May 7 – ACEL State Track Meet in St. Gabriel, La.



Jacob LeJeune
ACEL Basketball
All-District



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT ACADEMY PRESENTS:
LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST!



