



The SAGA



"Guiding our children on their Journey with Jesus"

THIS PATH OF LIFE!

For many years, the OC hallways and classrooms have been "home" to this graduating class of 65 seniors who completed this chapter of their life journey on May 15th in St. Landry Catholic Church. It was then that the 159th Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement was celebrated by OC Chancellor, the Reverend Monsignor Keith J. DeRouen. He was assisted by others on our Board of Pastors along with Deacon Dwayne Joubert (OC 1983) as proud family members looked on.

The prestigious American Legion and four-year Religion awards along with the Father J. Wilson Matt Little Light of Mine Scholarship were bestowed upon selected graduates as shown in the pictures on this page. As a special tribute to Mr. Perry Fontenot who was presiding as principal over his last graduation ceremony before retiring, Msgr. Keith DeRouen presented him with a Bishop's Service Medal for his 14 years of dedicated service. Actually, Mr. Fontenot conferred diplomas to the very students who were in preschool when he began his tenure as OC principal!

Several seniors were also recognized with awards and scholarships from civic groups, armed services, and universities at the Senior Awards Banquet. The school counselor reported that this graduating group accumulated over \$1 million in scholastic awards including the TOPS program. As a special addition to the awards banquet was the unveiling of a re-creation of an original Last Supper mural by the Art II classes for presentation to Msgr. DeRouen. This mural had been created by the late Father Capra who served in the Opelousas area many years ago. Msgr. DeRouen announced that the painting will hang in Our Lady Queen of Angels Church hall.

Most of our new alumni are now advancing to state universities. Among the two valedictorians, Elizabeth Hollier is going to UL-Lafayette with plans to pursue law school, while Ali Carrier is moving to LSU in Baton Rouge to major in Biological Engineering. Among some other grads, Morgan Vidrine is traveling north to UL-Monroe to begin the pharmacy curriculum. Lindy Fortier will join Ali at LSU to study Chemical Engineering. May all of these graduates remember Opelousas Catholic and always consider it "home".

Our prayer is that they taste every moment, follow the right path and let the peace of Christ rule in their hearts!

"You will make known to me the path of life; In your presence is fullness of joy; In your right hand there are pleasures forever."

Psalm 16:11



Co-Valedictorians Ali Carrier and Elizabeth Hollier; Salutatorian Morgan Vidrine; Historian Lindy Fortier; and Recorder Brittany Walls.



Principal Perry Fontenot presented the Father J. Wilson Matt Scholarship to Anja Alfred.



Monsignor Keith DeRouen announced the Four-Year Religion Award recipients as David Allen and Elizabeth Hollier. These two also received the prestigious American Legion awards.

Over 150 Years of Catholic Education!