

## Baton Rouge/Acadiana Activities for World Priest Day 2006

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On Saturday, September 16, 2006, the Baton Rouge/Acadiana ME Community hosted a pot luck supper in Celebration of World Priest Day. Letters of invitation from our Area Coordinators, Barney & Kathy Bellard, were sent to the priests of the Diocese of Baton Rouge and Acadiana asking them to join our ME Community for an evening of appreciation in their honor. Personal invitations were extended by ME couples.

As fourteen ME couples gathered with fourteen ME kids at St. Patrick's Family Center, we were honored to have His Excellency Robert E. Muench, Bishop of Baton Rouge, join us for the evening, as well as Fr. Jerry Martin (St. Patrick's) and Fr. Tom Ranzino (St. Jean Vianney), who serves as part of the Ecclesiastical Team for the Baton Rouge/Acadian Area. In addition, we were especially pleased to have Sr. Mary John Hotard (St. Jean Vianney) of the Religious Order of St. Joseph share in the evening with us.



After extending a warm welcome and expressing to our guests the Community's appreciation for their dedication and service to the Church and the Diocese of Baton Rouge, we gathered to enjoy an array of delicious food prepared by the community. After the meal, an enlightening game of *Two Truths and a Lie* was enjoyed by the group. Several couples and our guests offered two truths and a lie about themselves. The fun came with everyone guessing the lie of the three statements. It was a delightful experience which enhanced the love and fellowship of the evening.

Our World Priest Day Pot Luck Supper Celebration was a great success with 58 people in attendance. There was plenty of food, fun, and faith shared with all. In summary, there was 1 bishop, 2 priests, 1 nun, 14 ME Couples, and 14 ME kids, 158 years of religious life and 321 years of married life for a total of 479 years of sacramental and religious life. The banner, donated by Bruce & Mary Barth, expressed the community's heartfelt sentiments . . . ***We Love Our Priests!***

