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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass — 4:00 p.m.

Sunday — 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

[9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory]

Monday, Wednesday and Friday — 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

Tuesday and Thursday — 5:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph

Thursday — 10:00 a.m. at Saint Catherine Apartments

First Saturday — 8:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Every Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. and one-half hour before all weekday Masses, or by appointment during office hours.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday — 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Mr. Ken Theriot and John Thomas Neuville

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The chapel is open every day from 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

FUNERALS

Please contact the parish office prior to contacting the funeral home. Funerals are celebrated in the morning of Tuesdays through Saturdays no later than 11:00 a.m.

A Funeral Vigil is celebrated on the preceding evening at 6:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism classes are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m. in the rectory. Baptism are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Please contact the parish office for scheduling.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

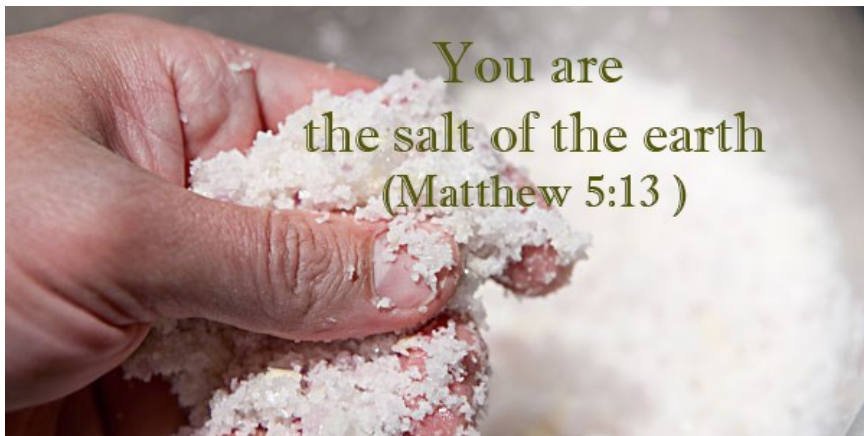
Couples must contact the pastor at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the parish office to schedule a pastoral visit.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Contact the parish office.



Keep Your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by Your protection.

Please pray for our parish family members who are sick:

We invite you to submit the names of people who are in need of our prayers.



Jess Koch, Lisa Adcock, Kendall Romero, Alicia Durand, Janice Stacy, Joseph Huval, Marie Lee Prioux, Troy Barras, Kelly Ransonet, Jessica Scott, Mary Smith, Brian Thibodeaux, Jackie Savoy, Barry Thibodeaux, Doris "Boutte" Barras, Michele Dugas Burke, Paul Crochet, Craig Breaux, Helen Simon, Ross Rouly, Jamie Brady, Holly LeBlanc, Faye Gary, Tony Berard, Glenn Romero, Stuart Sandoz, Duffy Domingue, Eric Clements, David Louviere, Hayden Ransonet, Trevor Louviere, Vanessa Courville, Wayne Louviere, Austin Willett, Willey Poirier, Inez Barras, Helen

Bastian, Butch and Debbie White, Guy Thibodeaux, Lydia May, Louis "CoCo" Landry Jr., Jerry Fruge, Jimmy Clifton, Rowena Borel, Megan Scully, Maxine Latiolais, Dawn Derouen, Matil LasSalle Romero, Falyn Sonnier, Rickey Sonnier, Caline Provost, Katie Boutte, Patricia Freyou, Lecia Broussard, Jason Walker, Ronald Albert Sr., Michael Theriot, Roshondra Nora, Noah Abraham, Jimmy LeBlanc, Chad Borel, Sophie Bonin, Ashley Hebert, Stephen Dugas, Bonnie Hebert, Jon-Luke Lancon, Jade Delcambre, Doris Prados, Gail Louviere.

Please note that our office will purge the names on our sick list every quarter. We ask anyone who lists someone's name to please call the parish office to add or remove a name.

February 2, 2020

Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes (63%)	\$ 4,515.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose (37%)	\$ 2,620.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00
Regular Collection Total	\$ 7,135.00
Difference	-\$ 250.00
Completion Loan Balance	\$ 71,410.00
Completion Collection	\$ 3,085.00
Insurance Balance 2019-2020	\$ 25,223.00
Insurance Collection	\$ 99.00

132 of 1314 families used collection envelopes (16% participation).
209 of 1314 families attended Mass this weekend (10% attendance).

Thanks to those who practice Sacrificial Giving and give of their time, talent and treasure as an act of profound Christian stewardship.

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for

The Community

The Vocation Chalice is in

The Adoration Chapel

Please pray for vocations. If you would like to have the vocation chalice in your home please call the rectory office at 229-4254

The Bi-Monthly Statue is in the home of

Liz Belaire

The Weekly Statue is in the home of

Julie Suire

Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for

Pliny Walet Family and Agnes Breaux, Perry M. Judice

Wayne "Butch" Judice, USA Military

Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne

Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory

Pope, Priest, Religious, Charles and Jackie Poirrier, Special Intention

Flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of

Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Date and Time	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
February 15 4:00 p.m.	Victoria Landry Myrna Landry	Earl Price Janet Thibodeaux	Kristyn Dorsey Mia Hebert
February 16 7:00 a.m.	Kim Landry	Russell Steiner Otto Girouard	Kylie Kay Mestayer
10:30 a.m.	Betty Guidry Emily Bonin	Shelly Foreman Becky Hebert	Evan Walet Ethan Walet

Please pray for our priests, seminarians, deacons and religious

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these special sons and daughters. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

February 8	Rev. Randy Courville/Stephen Melancon Dcn. James Davis/Sr. Mary Lucille Stelley, SSF
February 9	Rev. Robert Courville/Chad Peltier Dcn. Alvin Dejean/Sr. Martha Readore, SHSp
February 10	Rev. Angelo Gremaldi/Connor Poirrier Dcn. Raymond Derouen/Sr. Pius Blanchard, MHS
February 11	Rev. Barry Crochet/Seth Ransonet Dcn. Daniel Didier/Sr. Hilda Mallet, MHS
February 12	Rev. Francis Damoah, SVD/Matthew Romero Dcn. Sammy Diesi/Sr. Diane Dornan, MHS
February 13	Rev. Hampton Davis/Michael Vidrine Dcn. Chris Doumit/Sr. Micha DeHart, MHS
February 14	Rev. Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc/Nicholas Ware Dcn. Keith Duhon/Sr. Clare Aucoin, MHS

Mass Intentions — 2/8-2/14

Saturday 4:00 p.m. StJo — Ronald Albert Sr., Francine Ann Boring, Walter and Doris M. Judice, Gloria and Sam Delcambre and Family, Bobby and Mark Braquet and Cathy Braquet Latiolais, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Aymar "Poon" and Beulah Dugas, Ide Dugas Family, Alexis Laviolette Family, Wayne LeBlanc, Lily Mae and Alvin LeBlanc, Otto Sr. and Laurence Girouard, Terradot Family, Theresa Girouard Allen, Clarence Champagne Family, Robert Prados Family and Breaux Family, Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Audrey Crochet, Jordan Prince and Special Intention, Joseph Dressel, Barry Eldridge and Ned Broussard Families, Melvin Dugas, Roy Sr. and Gladys Berard, Forbus and Myrtle Mestayer Sr., Granger and Mestayer Family, Ronald, Sr. and Mildred Gonsoulin, Leed and Mabel Gondron, Fred Laviolette, Louis and Grace Moran, Virginia Frioux, Lennet and Marie Antoinette Crochet, Clenic and Eve Segura and Billie, Sally Domingue, Cabrol and Domingue Family, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Lloyd Broussard, Claude and Felicie Granger, Nancy Broussard, Clarence and Hilda Landry, Billie and Armance Barrilleaux, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Earl Mestayer, Kim Decuir, Chris and Annie Decuir Family, Benjamin Decuir Family, Ron and Jana Angelle Family, Michael Decuir Family, Ossie Romero, Jr., Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. StJo — S. J. "Bute" Granger, Junius and Mary Hebert, Clark Provost, Tracey Defelice Guilbeaux, John Michael Steiner, Jay Gonsoulin Family, Paul Sonnier Family and Clyde Warfel Family, Sandra P. Horton, Loto and Leah Louviere, Antoine "Boy" LeBlanc Family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Albert Sr., Champagne and Landry Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Maude Granger, Benny and Glo Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger, Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip Schneider, Lolly Harbin, Breaux and Delcambre Families, Lenwood Delcambre, Emus Borel, Gwen Borel, Chataignier Family, Joe and Rita Habetz, Mary Kay Habetz, Tom Voorhies, Oris Cormier, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet, John Michael Steiner.

10:30 a.m. StJo — Tony Devillie, Mathilde Romero, Roy LaSalle, Gondran and Devillie Family, Ancestors and Descendants, Loto Louviere, Jr., Gam and Velma Gondron, Clyde Dressel, Judy

Dressel Judice, Sylvia Thibodeaux, Shelton Joseph and Ella Mae Desormeaux Freyout, Alvin and Faye Tauzin, Edmonia Tauzin, Marcel and Nadage Broussard, Jimmy Eldridge, Elaine Plessala and Eldridge Family, Cheryl Segura, Jeanette "Jan" Crochet, Pliny Walet Family, Agnes Breaux, Angus and Florence "Flo" Mestayer, Louis and Elbay Judice, Boots Thomas, Joe Boudreaux and Justin Boudreaux, L.J. and Anita Grivat and Parents Widley Louviere, Anita and Lennet Grivat, Sandra Angelle and Glenn Angelle, Percy Granger, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. StJo — Amber (Young mother), the deceased, Destani Armstrong and Family, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. OLV — John Michael Steiner, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Thursday 5:30 p.m. StJo — Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Joseph L. Bastian, Helen Bastian, Mrs. Naomi H. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Clara Jacquet, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Judice and Walet Families, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Carrying the Light of Faith

From family life to Catholic formation to crisis response and support for vocations, the **Bishop's Services Appeal** offers spiritual hope and practical assistance to those in our communities in immediate need of God's provision and care. Generous parishioners make it possible.

In 2020 we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Saint Joseph, a simple village carpenter, as Patron and Protector of the Universal Church. Each time Saint Joseph held the child Jesus, taught Him or guided Him, he was carefully Carrying the Light of Faith — our theme for this year's Bishop's Services Appeal. Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph to be "God's greatest treasure."

We invite you to give of your treasure just as Saint Joseph opened his heart and home to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Lord Jesus. Your gift will Carry the Light of Faith to those served by direct service ministries within the Diocese of Lafayette.

Carrying the **LIGHT**
of **FAITH**

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Carrying the Light of Faith in Direct Service Ministries

When you support the
Bishop's Services Appeal,
you are expressing your faith
in service to one another.

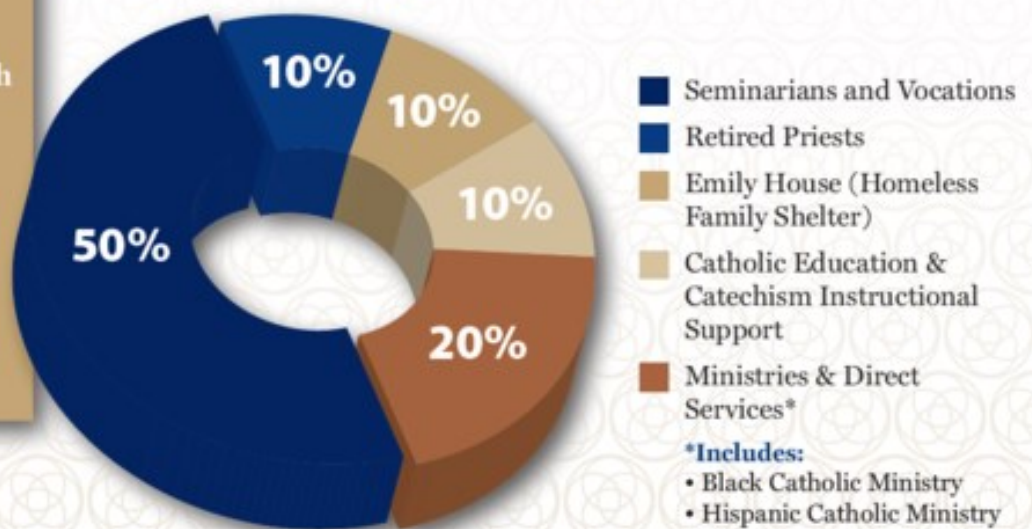
*"When we are faithful to who
God created us to be and what
God calls us to do, incredible
things happen."*

- Matthew Kelly,
Catholic author and speaker

Please invest your treasure
in support of the 2020
Bishop's Services Appeal.

Pledge by mail, by phone (337-261-5641),
online at diolaf.org/BSA, or text DIOCESE to 41444

Please help us meet our 2020 goal of raising
\$2,640,000



***Includes:**

- Black Catholic Ministry
- Hispanic Catholic Ministry
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- Needy Parishes
- Pro Life Apostolate

Congratulations !!!

Deacon Chris
20th Anniversary
[2/12]

Father Godwin
38th Anniversary
[2/14]

Holy Land Gifts - Olive Wood Carvings For Sale

Holy Land Gifts, represented by the Rashmawi family who are volunteer members from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem, the Holy Land, will be visiting our parish on the weekend of February 15 and 16 offering their religious olive wood Gifts. They will speak to us about the dire Christian situation in the Holy Land, What used to be a strong and vibrant 92% of the population has dropped down below 1.5% in less than 50 years. There are several factors involved; the conflict, the occupation, rationed water and the big security wall barrier that is built between Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Traditionally, the Christian community relied on selling the Olive wood religious items to pilgrims as a main source of income, but with the unstable conditions and the lack of pilgrimages, sales have declined. Catholics of the Holy Land graciously ask for your support through prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces. The proceeds from the sales generated much needed employment opportunities and monetary funds for their Catholic community. Think of your family, friends and yourself, and be as generous as God is to you.



Assisting people throughout and after pregnancy

Your contribution will help us to assist parents throughout their pregnancy as well as after the birth of the baby. We offer free services including pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, consulting, referral services, maternal-family education classes and material assistance. Join us and become a "Partner in Life!"

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Acceptable Donated Items

NEW BABY PRODUCTS
(diapers, wipes, bottles, pacifiers, bath products, etc.)
GENTLY USED CLOTHES
(Newborn - size 10 kids and women's maternity)
GENTLY USED BABY ESSENTIALS
(cribs, beds, high chairs, playpens, bouncy seats, swings, etc.)

Engaged Couples

Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Upcoming weekend dates are March 6-8, April 17-19, May 22-24. For cost of weekends, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at www.lafayettecece.org or contact Paul and Carolyn Trahan at (337)254-8947 or cee.trahan@gmail.com.



Rest in the Care of the Lord

Men of St. Joseph's — Make the most of this Lenten season. Join us, on a retreat at **Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House** in Grand Coteau.

March 19th thru the 22nd, take some important time away to get closer to Jesus Christ! Retreats begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday and end at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Contact Wayne Delcambre for Details: 337.519.0462

MEN'S RETREAT | MARCH 19TH-22ND

THE ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Enthroning the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a way to continue on your spiritual journey. The Enthronement is a way to increase your love and devotion for Jesus and bring abundant graces upon you, your family, your friends and all aspects of your life! You can enthrone the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home, your office, over your vocation, over your business...allow Jesus to be King and Head of your life!

Requests of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary

- ♥ Acknowledge Jesus as your King
- ♥ Place an image of the Sacred Heart in your home
- ♥ Consecrate your heart to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- ♥ Make reparation to Jesus for indifference and hostility to Him
- ♥ Live a life of love and confidence in Him
- ♥ Make the Sacred Heart of Jesus better known and loved
- ♥ Increase devotion to the Holy Eucharist
- ♥ Celebrate First Fridays

The Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart given to St. Margaret Mary

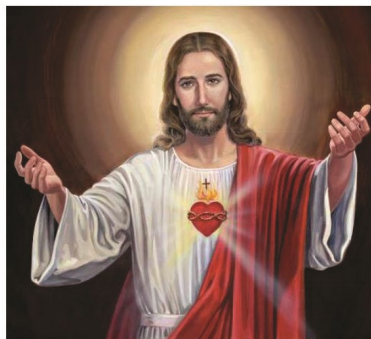
- ♥ I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
- ♥ I will establish peace in their families.
- ♥ I will bless every home in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored.
- ♥ I will console them in all their difficulties.
- ♥ I will be their refuge during life and especially at the hour of death.
- ♥ I will shed abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- ♥ Sinners shall find in My Heart a fountain and boundless ocean of mercy.
- ♥ Tepid souls shall become fervent.
- ♥ Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
- ♥ I will give to priests the power of touching the hardest hearts.
- ♥ Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart never to be blotted out.
- ♥ I promise you, in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all who communicate on the First Friday of the month for nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My displeasure nor without their last Sacraments: "My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."



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A Passionate Pioneer Remembered

*Dr. Mildred Jefferson's ardent witness
on behalf of the unborn
remains a powerful model and inspiration*

by Mary Hallan FioRito

When Black History Month is observed each February, news stories often highlight African American women who have made history in different ways — women like civil rights activist Rosa Parks, astronaut Mae Jemison and Olympian Wilma Rudolph. Yet one woman whose name is seldom mentioned led a life that inspired all who encountered her, and her dynamic personality and rhetorical brilliance changed the mind of a president of the United States on one of the most contentious issues of the day. Her name was Dr. Mildred Fay Jefferson.

Born in east Texas in 1927, Jefferson was the only child of a schoolteacher and a Methodist minister. Her interest in medicine was sparked by early encounters with the local doctor, who made house calls in a horse-drawn carriage. He permitted Millie, as she was known, to accompany him on some of his visits and encouraged her to keep up with her studies.

Jefferson was an academic prodigy, graduating from her local segregated high school at age 15. She later went on to become the first African American woman to be accepted to Harvard Medical School, graduating in 1951. Her professional accomplishments didn't end there; Jefferson also became the first woman of any race to complete a surgical rotation at Boston City Hospital and the first female surgeon at the Boston University Medical Center.

Jefferson's involvement in pro-life work began in the late 1960s but kicked into high gear in 1970, when a fellow doctor called her with a question. The local chapter of the *American Medical Association* was preparing a resolution in favor of abortion rights; would she sign a petition against the resolution? That question led Jefferson to join the burgeoning movement to oppose abortion laws. She helped found *Massachusetts Citizens for Life*, which was

incorporated four days after the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, and co-founded the *National Right to Life Committee*, serving as its president for three terms (1975-1978).

While NRLC president, she gave remarks at the 94th *Knights of Columbus* Supreme Convention, which was hosted in Boston in 1976.

"Abortion on demand is not merely 'the right to choose,'" she said. "The demand is 'the right to choose' to kill an unborn child and pay some doctor to do it. In a sound society, there are choices



which we must agree not to make and not to allow."

A 1984 *Philadelphia Inquirer* feature on Dr. Jefferson noted that the plain-talking Texan "didn't get where she was by mincing words." The sexism and racism she had endured gave her a boldness of spirit to — in today's parlance — "speak truth to power," and her work as a doctor gave her particular authority.

"I became a physician in order to save lives, not to destroy them," Jefferson said in a 1978 interview. "I will not accept the proposition that the doctor should relinquish the role of healer to become the new social executioner."

Abortion was particularly distressing to her as an African American woman. Given that women of color aborted at higher rates than white women, she saw racist motives in the push to publicly fund abortion, which she called a "class war against the poor and genocide against

blacks."

Jefferson personified the diversity of the pro-life movement and was quick to correct anyone who tried to portray it as being led largely by men. "The pro-life movement is the people's movement," she said. "We come rich and poor, proud and plain, religious and agnostic, politically committed and independent. We can only agree on our respect for life and our determination to defend the right to life."

Dr. Jefferson received numerous awards and multiple honorary degrees for her tireless defense of the unborn — including an honorary doctoral degree in humanities from the College of the Holy Cross, which she received alongside Saint Teresa of Calcutta in 1976.

But she was most proud of moments in which her persuasion, intellect and eloquence were able to change hearts and minds.

One of Dr. Jefferson's converts wrote her after seeing her on a television panel in 1972:

"Several years ago I was faced with the issue of whether to sign a California abortion bill ... I must confess to never having given the matter of abortion any serious thought until that time. No other issue since I have been in office has caused me to do so much study and soul-searching ... I wish I could have heard your views before our legislation was passed. You made it irrefutably clear that an abortion is the taking of a human life. I'm grateful to you."

These heartfelt words were written by then Gov. Ronald Reagan of California. His presidency would later shape the judiciary and legislative landscape for years to come.

Dr. Mildred Fay Jefferson died Oct. 15, 2010, at age 84, leaving behind a legacy of caring not just "for one's own family, but for the whole family of man."

Mary Hallan Fiorito is an attorney who currently serves as the Cardinal Francis George Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C., as well as at the DeNicola Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame.

'Eugenic Goals' and Abortion

Last May, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a 7-2 decision in *Box v. Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky*, a two-part case involving an Indiana abortion law.

In the first part, the Court upheld the state's law regarding the disposal of aborted fetuses. Justice Clarence Thomas noted that the law prohibits ... treating the bodies of aborted children as 'infectious waste' and incinerating them alongside ... laboratory-animal carcasses, and surgical byproducts."

The second question before the Court was whether the state could prohibit abortions based on the child's race, sex, diagnosis of Down syndrome, disability or related characteristics. Though the Court declined to consider that part of the law Justice Thomas took the opportunity in his concurring opinion to address the topic of eugenics in relation to elective abortions.

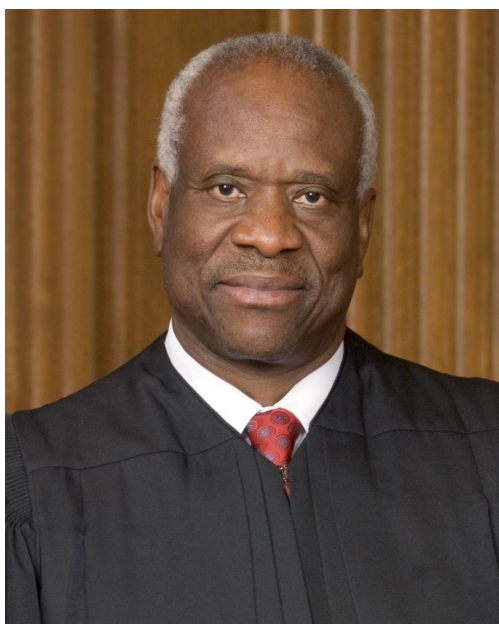
The following excerpt is drawn from his judicial opinion.

This case highlights the fact that abortion is an act rife with the potential for eugenic manipulation. From the beginning, birth control and abortion were promoted as means of effectuating eugenics. Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger was particularly open about the fact that birth control could be used for eugenic purposes. These arguments about the eugenic potential for birth control apply with even greater force to abortion, which can be used to target specific children with unwanted characteristics.

Even after World War II, future Planned Parenthood President Alan Guttmacher and other abortion advocates endorsed abortion for eugenic reasons and promoted it as a means of controlling the population

and improving its quality. As explained below, a growing body of evidence suggests that eugenic goals are already being realized through abortion.

Like many elites of her day, Sanger accepted that eugenics was "the most adequate and thorough avenue to the solution of racial, political and social problems." ... In her view, birth-control advocates and eugenicists were "seeking a single end" "to assist the race toward the elimination of the unfit" ... Sanger even argued that "eugenicists and others who are laboring for racial betterment" could not "succeed" unless they "first cleared] the way for Birth Control."



Sanger herself campaigned for birth control in black communities. In 1930, she opened a birth-control clinic in Harlem. Then, in 1939, Sanger initiated the "Negro Project," an effort to promote birth control in poor, Southern black communities ...

To be sure, Sanger distinguished between birth control and abortion ... Sanger argued that "nothing short of contraceptives can put an end to the horrors of abortion and infanticide" ...

Today, notwithstanding Sanger's views on abortion, respondent Planned Parenthood promotes both birth control and abortion as "reproductive health services" that can be used for family planning. And with today's prenatal screening tests and other technologies, abortion can easily be

used to eliminate children with unwanted characteristics ... As petitioners and several amicus curiae briefs point out, moreover, abortion has proved to be a disturbingly effective tool for implementing the discriminatory preferences that undergird eugenics.

In Iceland, the abortion rate for children diagnosed with Down syndrome in utero approaches 100%. Other European countries have similarly high rates (98% in Denmark, 90% in the United Kingdom, 77% in France), and the rate in the United States is approximately two-thirds.

In Asia, widespread sex-selective abortions have led to as many as 160 million "missing" women — more than the entire female population of the United States. And recent evidence suggests that sex-selective abortions of girls are common among certain populations in the United States as well.

Eight decades after Sanger's "Negro Project," abortion in the United States is also marked by a considerable racial disparity. The reported nationwide abortion ratio — the number of abortions per 1,000 live births — among black women is nearly 3.5 times the ratio for white women. And there are areas of New York City in which black children are more likely to be aborted than they are to be born alive — and are up to eight times more likely to be aborted than white children in the same area ...

Enshrining a constitutional right to an abortion based solely on the race, sex, or disability of an unborn child, as Planned Parenthood advocates, would constitutionalize the views of the Twentieth Century eugenics movement. In other contexts, the Court has been zealous in vindicating the rights of people even potentially subjected to race, sex, and disability discrimination. Although the Court declines to wade into these issues today, we cannot avoid them forever.

—Justice Clarence Thomas



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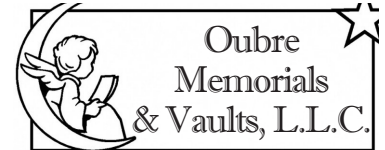
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