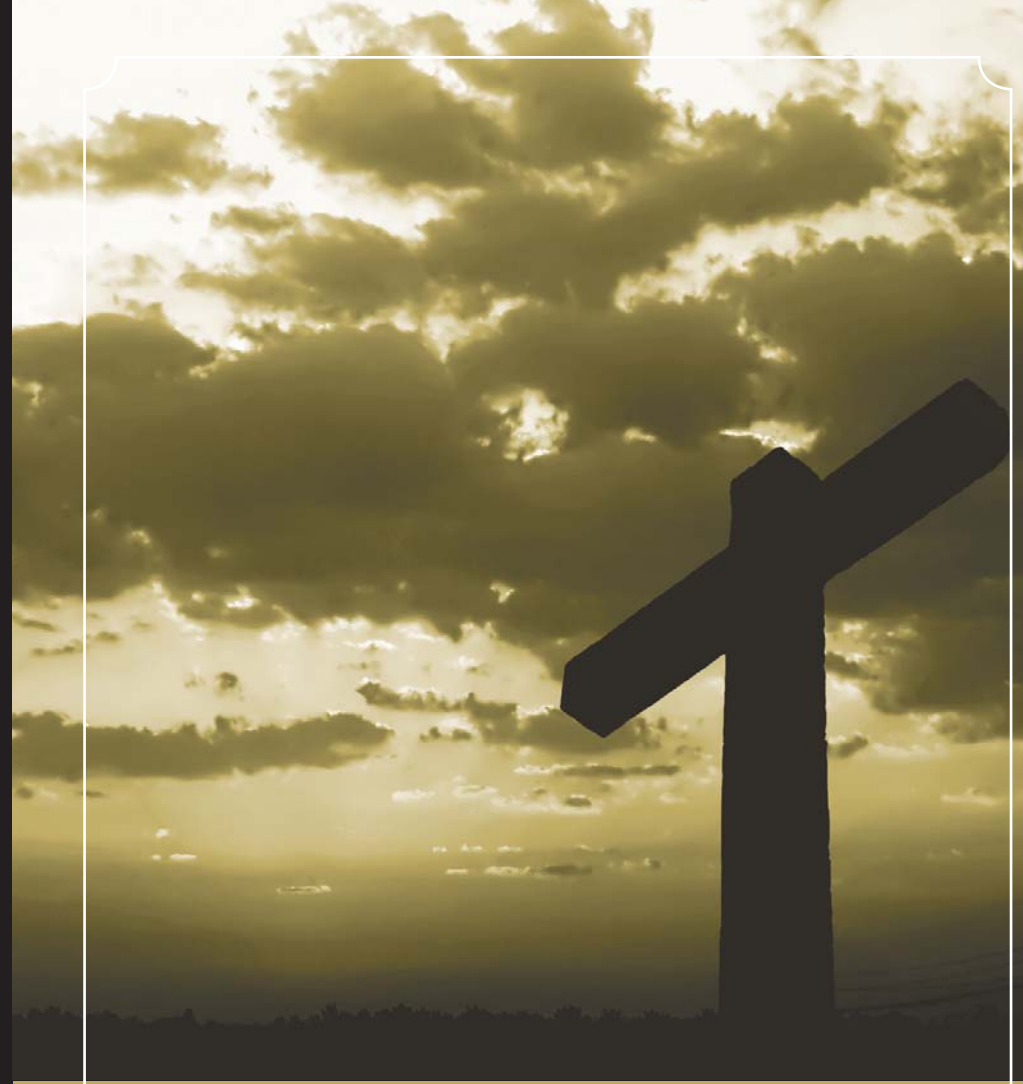


How can I participate?

You are invited to attend any of the OCM events by making a minimum donation of \$1,000 per couple. Also, you are welcome to host an OCM event of your own. To obtain a list of event dates, schedule your own event or to learn more about OCM, contact Dawn Cole at 337-288-5007 or dawn.m.cole@cox.net. All donations made payable to OPUS CHRISTI MAGNUM are tax deductible and can be mailed to LCSC at PO Box 3177, Lafayette, LA 70502.



New Life Center



Opus Christi Magnum
"The Great Work of Christ"

What is Opus Christi Magnum?

The Bishop's Charity Ball and its successor, The Gala, have served as an enormously successful fundraising vehicle for nearly two decades.

In 2008, Bishop Michael Jarrell restructured the event into a series of smaller, more intimate receptions with less costs known as OPUS CHRISTI MAGNUM (OCM)—“The Great Work of Christ”. Event-captains host an evening, which begins with a brief, spiritual component delivered by Bishop Jarrell at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, followed by a cocktail reception at L' Eveche (the residence at the Cathedral).

Each event provides patrons with the opportunity to spend the evening with Bishop Jarrell in both a spiritual and social context, and also enjoy an evening with friends in the spirit of continuing “The Great Work of Christ”.



St. Joseph Shelter for Men



St. Joseph's Diner

Who is the beneficiary of these events?

Each event-captain solicits family, friends, business colleagues and historical donors of the past Galas to support their individual event. Funds raised benefit the Lafayette Catholic Service Centers, Inc. (LCSC) and its outreach efforts. LCSC, established in 1973, is the parent organization for eight diocesan sponsored programs providing vital services to the poor and homeless of Acadiana.

Programs located in Lafayette include St. Joseph Diner, St. Joseph Shelter for Men, St. Joseph Transitional Housing Program, St. Michael Center for Veterans, Bishop O'Donnell Transitional Housing Program and the Monsignor Sigur Service Center. Programs in Opelousas are New Life Center and New Life Child Care Center.

LCSC's mission is to provide human services, which reflect Gospel values and the Church's commitment to preserve, enhance and support human life with a special concern for the poor, hungry and the homeless of Acadiana.