



# Come, Lord Jesus!



## Congratulations on your 90th Birthday

In celebration of Father Bertrand's 90th birthday, we share with you a special interview in which our beloved founder and director shares his holy insights and personal aspirations. How blessed and privileged we are to be a part of the masterpiece of *Come, Lord Jesus!*. Father Bertrand's love for the Word of God, the Catholic faith and the people he shepherds has produced a spiritual enterprise beyond compare. Many are called, but few are chosen (Matt 22:14). Such success could only be accomplished by the grace of God bestowed on this chosen, dedicated and holy priest used as an instrument to renew and transform the lives of multitudes through the *Come, Lord Jesus!* program which we cherish and appreciate.

In the development of the *Come, Lord Jesus!* program, what was your intention and hope?

*"To be able to capture people for God through a love for his word and to lead people to live in prayerful communion with God."*

## *Spiritual Insights Reports Formation Program Updates*

Are you pleased with where the *Come, Lord Jesus!* program is today?

*"Yes. I think God is in charge. The early Church spread quickly in some instances. We go at God's pace. I depend on God. Wisdom 8:1 states, 'He orders all things sweetly.' We depend on him for ordering the office – who he sends and how he inspires our co-workers according to what should be done and the environment that we are immersed in. He is the one ordering our spreading of the program and how it's done, sending personnel from everywhere – proclaiming their joy. The program has been able to grow spiritually in leaps and bounds."*

How do you compare *Come, Lord Jesus!* with other programs, small faith gatherings or Bible studies in the Catholic Church?

*"We are based on Acts 2:42. In response to Peter's homily: 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation'. The next verse, Acts 2:42 says, 'They devoted themselves to the teaching of the Apostles, to the breaking of the bread, to the communal life and to the prayers'. This is what we were led to develop as a program in the 12 steps. As a result, we are different from these other programs. We are unique in the format that God used in the formation of the program. He did that! I believe that if I and co-workers devote our lives to God, He will inspire us in how to reach out to people to spread the program."*

What is your desire for all members?

*"That they would take the spiritual life seriously and prepare for meetings by prayerful study of the Word and prayerful study of scripture on a daily basis. This prayerful communion with God will take them to the heights of the spiritual life. We see at our gatherings the joy of the Spirit taking place. I've never seen Catholics so excited about their faith because of what they are getting from our program."*

November  
Every Thursday  
Memorial Mass  
for the enrollees  
in the CLJ!  
Memorial Burse

November 1  
All Saints' Day

November 7  
32nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

November 14  
33rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

November 21  
Solemnity of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

November 28  
First Sunday of Advent  
(Cycle C Begins)

**What is the source of your joy that radiates in and from you?**

*“I’m hoping that it is God – who is heaven. The more we become immersed in God, the more we become immersed in joy. I try to make God and His will the focus of my life. We are human and get distracted and certain focus on surroundings can distract us, but my attempt is to be all for God.”*



**How would you describe your “Rule of Life”?**

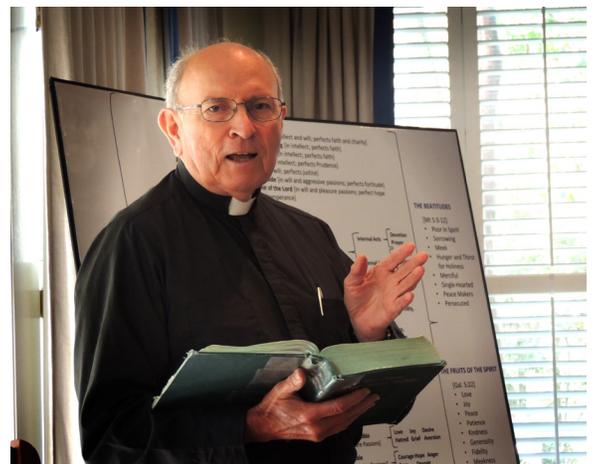
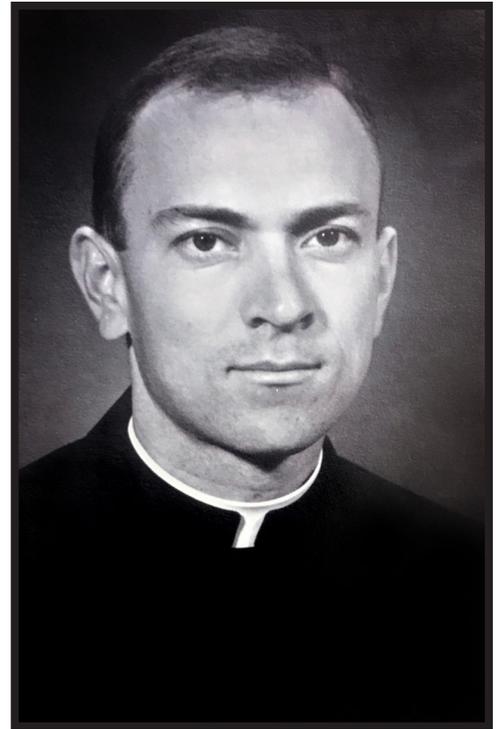
*“I’ve was introduced to meditative prayer when I entered the seminary (1950 -59). I came to realize that’s how to draw power from God to be able to do his will and live disciplined lives. I have had the grace to rise at 4:00 am in the morning no matter what time I go to bed, to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to reflect for another hour on the Word of God as a thanksgiving for having celebrated Holy Mass at my house. Of course, I recite the Breviary throughout the day and pray rosaries as I travel.”*

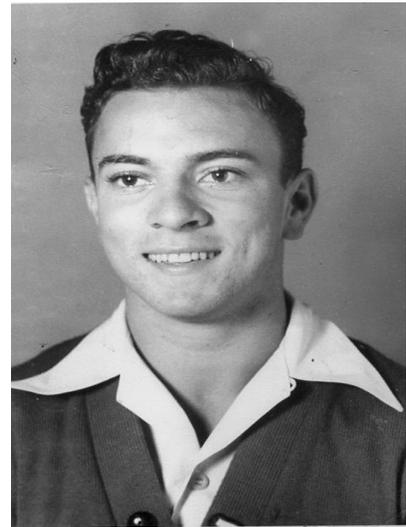
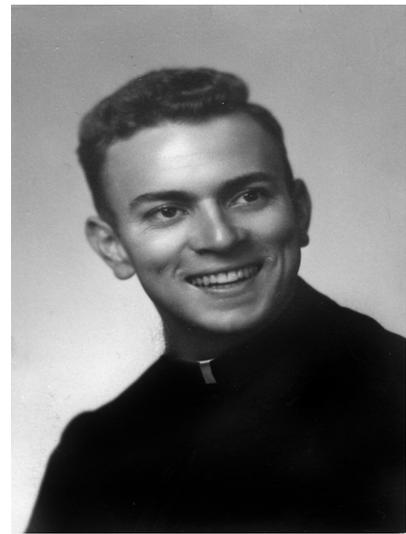
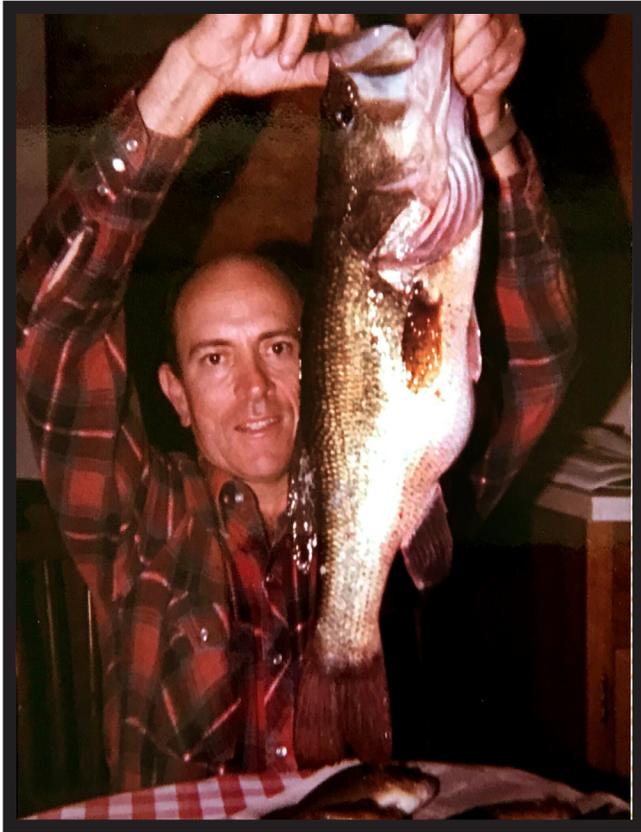
*“I’m always reading and immersing myself in the Word in which Jesus said, “My words are Spirit and Life”. Through the inspiration of the great teachers of spirituality – St. John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila, Therese of the Child Jesus, I try to avoid becoming attached to things which would distract me from God. I try to live in God’s presence all the time.”*

*“The contemplative Carmelites have been a special grace for me in maintaining the contemplative life and the spiritual discipline needed to live the spiritual life. The writings of the Carmelite doctors have been a great enlightenment to pursue the spiritual life in its highest form. I am deeply grateful for that background.”*

*“I purposely avoided the knowledge of different things for exclusive devotion to the spiritual life. I tried to control my environment to maintain purity of heart. That is why I avoided having Television at my house and I have abstained entry into the computer world and the I-phone.”*

*“As I approach my 90<sup>th</sup> year of life, I’m trying to “tighten the screws” of self-discipline to avoid distractions that could intrude with contemplation and the focus on the divine. As a result, I am avoiding watching football games and the world news.”*





**How do you balance your active life with contemplative life?**

*"I try to live a balanced life from work which is the needs of the office and our events such as celebrating Anniversary Masses for Come, Lord Jesus!. My main work would be creative spiritual writing. My balance for this would be physical work and by recreation by fishing where there are no distractions – nothing to distract the mind from simply being in God's presence and simple recreation. It also provides food for the staff at our weekly get together at table. That weekly gathering with the staff over lunch is a beautiful way of charity – of interpersonal communion with each other."*

*"Since 1974, I've been meeting with a few brother priests through a special format of prayer and discussion of the upcoming Gospel and sharing our personal lives with each other."*

*"I like to visit with spiritual friends over a meal to talk about our holy faith and the spiritual life. I like the word "interpersonal communion ...spiritual communion."*

*"I'm probably one of the happiest men alive. The Lord has spoiled me. At my age, to be blessed with perfect health of mind and body is very unusual. Because of this, I am able to continue this good work for the Kingdom."*

*Happy Birthday Father Bertrand!*

# Gretna



# Anniversary Mass Celebration



# Coteau

*Welcome  
New Members*

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*Welcome  
New Groups*

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Remain in prayerful communion with God for the moral strength to be able to moderate your appetite for the pleasurable and the strength to carry out the difficult tasks and trials of life.



## Condolences November 2021

- T**o *Come, Lord Jesus!* Program Founder and Director, Father Conley Bertrand on the death of his brother Paul Terry Bertrand.
- T**o the members of “Spiritual Treasure” group in Youngsville, LA on the death of their member, Judith Durio.
- T**o leader Kim Heard from St. Amant, LA on the death of her aunt, Ann Nickroo.
- T**o the members of “Spirit, Soul, and Body” group in Cecilia, LA on the death of their member, Loula Mae Guidry.
- T**o member Melinda LeJeune of Iota, LA on the death of her husband, David LeJeune.
- T**o member Susan Saunders of Ville Platte, LA on the death off her husband, Judge John Saunders.
- T**o member and former leader Agnes LeBlanc of Washington, LA on the death of her husband, Charles Ray LeBlanc and her brother, Paul Buller.
- T**o member Charlene Matte of Ville Platte, LA on the death of her father-in-law, Joseph “Joe” Matte.
- T**o member Gayle Hirschey of Baton Rouge, LA on the death of her husband, Wayne Hirschey.

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