

## WORDS AND LOCAL TERMS YOU MAY ENCOUNTER DURING YOUR VISIT:

**Abbey** - Monastery where the monks reside. Saint Joseph Abbey traces its origin to 1890.

**Abbey Voice** - Quarterly publication for the College and the Abbey.

**Abbey Youth Festival - AYF**—Annual Catholic festival for youth held on campus which draws thousands of participants from seven states.

**Abbot**— Religious superior of the Abbey.

**Abbot Paul Conference Room**— Located on the first floor of Borromeo Hall and named after the first Abbot of Saint Joseph Abbey.

**Apostolic Services**— Community outreach, now Pastoral ministry as part of the Pastoral Formation Pillar, one of the 4 Pillars of the Formation Program.

**Archdiocese** - A diocese under jurisdiction of an archbishop. Saint Joseph Seminary College is under the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

**Bells**— Church bells of the Abbey Church. The bells call the monks to Mass and prayers.

**Benet Hall** - 600-seat auditorium with modern stage and equipment used for various Seminary activities and off-campus productions.

**Bogue Falaya** - Local American Indian name for one of Covington's three scenic waterways. The Bogue Falaya River bisects the main entrance to the college and must be crossed to gain access to the campus.

**Bonfire Day**—Annual event between SJSC and Notre Dame Seminarians held at SJSC; Eucharist celebration, sports and socializing, culminating with a team built bonfire.

**Borromeo Hall** - Building with classrooms, seminar and meeting rooms. Second floor contains private resident student housing.

**Camp Abbey**—A youth retreat center run by the Archdiocese of New Orleans, located on the North end of the monastery's 1500 acres.

**Causeway** - Considered the world's longest bridge, the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway consists of two 24-mile parallel bridges that cross Lake Pontchartrain.

**CBO** - Central Business Office

**Christ Court and Chapel** - Courtyard in the center of Pius X Hall containing the academic office wing, St. Joseph fountain, and an Architectural award-winning meditation chapel.

**Christian Life Center (CLC)** - A full service conference and retreat facility located on the Abbey grounds used for campus programs and outside groups.

**Diocese** - The district or territory under the jurisdiction of a bishop.

**ESL** - English as a Second Language

**Family Rooms** – Common gathering centers in the student residence halls, used for students' and visitors' relaxation and recreational periods. Rooms are furnished with comfortable seating and light refreshments.

**Formation Workshop** - Biennial event which involves a series of presentations on topics related to Human, Spiritual, Intellectual and Pastoral Formation. Usually held near mid-semester in both Fall and the Spring.

**Guest Refectory** - Dining room adjacent to the refectory and the kitchen.

**Information Commons** - Campus Technology Center in library.

**Lagniappe** - Local term that means "A Little Something Extra."

**Language Lab** - Located in classroom building. Equipped with computers to help improve oral English and work with accent reduction.

**Lauds** - Monastic term for morning prayers. Held in the Abbey Church 6:15AM daily and open to the public.

**Morning Prayer** - Part of the *Liturgy of the Hours* consisting of a hymn, Psalms, Canticles, Scripture reading, intercessory prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

**Novice** - A person in the initial year of preparation to become a professed monk.

**Oblate** - Lay person who has become formally affiliated with the Abbey and lives out Benedictine values in his/her life.

**O.S.B.** - Order of Saint Benedict.

**Oratory** - Pius X room where seminarians gather for Morning Prayer and some student body Masses.

**Parish** - Territory connected to a local church placed under the guidance and jurisdiction of a pastor. Each diocese is divided into parishes. Louisiana's civil government uses the term parish in place of county which is indicative of the state's Catholic heritage.

**Pennies for Bread** - Monks and volunteers bake bread for the poor and needy in the Greater New Orleans area and at the same time provide the Abbey with a source of income.

**Pius X Hall** - Main building of the seminary with Central Business Office, administrative and faculty offices. Pius X Hall also contains private dormitory rooms for seminarians, student campus mail center, conference rooms, a tutorial center, and prayer room.

**Prior** - Chief assistant to the Abbot.

**QEP**—Quality Enhancement Program, a program designed to help improve students' ability to write effectively in Philosophy.

**Raven** - St. Ben's mascot.

**Rector** - Designates authority and responsibility as spiritual head of the seminary community.

**Rector's Conference** - A weekly series of presentations and events given by the President-Rector.

**Refectory** - Main dining room on campus.

**Rouquette Library** - Campus library that houses a collection of over 60,000 volumes, an Audio Room, Video Room, and main campus Technology Center.

**Rule of Benedict**—Sixth century document on which Benedictine spirituality is based.

**Saint Benedict, LA** - Postal address for Saint Joseph Abbey and Seminary College. The campus has its own ZIP code (70457) and full service post office.

**St. Ben's** - A fond reference to Saint Joseph Seminary College, located in Saint Benedict, LA.

**Schola** - Saint Joseph Seminary College selected choir for the performance of sacred music in liturgies.

**Seminary** - In the Roman Catholic tradition, a school where priests are educated and trained.

**SGA - Student** Government Association of Saint Joseph Seminary College.

**TET** - Vietnamese Lunar New Year celebration.

**The Wharf** - Seminarians' recreational lounge and casual grill area adjacent to the Refectory.

**Vespers** - Monastic term for Evening Prayer. Held in the Abbey Church 5:30PM daily. Open to the public.

**Vianney Hall** – Former dormitory building currently under renovation.

**Vocation Director** - Appointed by bishop in a diocese; responsible for coordinating and training of priestly vocations.

**Walker Percy** - Of special interest in the Abbey cemetery is the grave of National Book Award winner, Walker Percy, novelist and long-time Covington resident, who was a friend of the Abbey and Seminary College and an Oblate of St. Benedict. Dr. Percy taught a semester on modern fiction in the Seminary College in 1983, and gave the commencement address that year. A special section of Rouquette Library is dedicated to him with original memoirs.