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### Parish celebrates 10th anniversary of Our Mother of Africa Shrine

In 1999, Holy Ghost Church in New Orleans dedicated a Shrine to Our Mother of Africa, an idea that grew out of the 1997 dedication of the chapel to Our Mother of Africa in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Parishioners and benefactors paid for the bronze statue, which was blessed by former Archbishop Francis B. Schulte. At left, Father John Cisewski, pastor of newly merged St. Katharine Drexel Parish, rededicates the statue and says a prayer before the May crowning by 7-year-old Morrissa Bias. Morrissa, a member of the children's liturgical dance team, also made her first Communion on May 31. Above, Dwayne Paulin (trombone) and Rickey Paulin (clarinet) and the St. Katharine Drexel Gospel choir conclude the festivities with a rousing number.

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