

on Jan. 22 with members of his youth group from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in St. Francisville.

While the group experienced some delays getting to their destination, Gordy said the trip gave group members the opportunity to know themselves better and to grow closer to God and each other.

The Mt. Carmel youth group visited different historical sites; the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament; Washington National Cathedral and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.

The group also attended a Louisiana Preaux Life Youth Rally and prayed outside

in a special way by his exposure," Gordy said.

Since the March for Life, Gordy has continued his support of pro-life activities as a member of Teens4Life. Gordy has helped restore the grounds and supported building projects at the National American Holocaust Museum, which is at the site of a former abortion clinic in Baton Rouge that was seized by the federal government in 1994 and bought by the St. Mary and St. Joseph Family Memorial Foundation.

Future projects include building an American Holocaust wall, a Tomb for the Unborn Child, a Memorial Shrine and the Church of the Holy Innocents Chapel.

special help in Jackson, Gordy participates in projects that benefit the community.

The organization awarded him the Catholic Youth Leadership Award and a scholarship.

At this time, Gordy plans to attend St. Joseph Seminary in St. Benedict.

Gordy said he has always had a strong interest in a religious vocation and he decided last fall to become a priest.

Through his vocation, Gordy said he wants to help Catholics become more in love with God and see their faith as important, if not the most important thing, in their lives.



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