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Catholics come together to honor St. Paul

Hundreds of Catholics from throughout Southeast Texas will gather at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont, to celebrate the life of St. Paul.

As announced by Pope Benedict XVI, the Year of St. Paul began June 28, 2008, and will continue to be celebrated until June 29, 2009.

In order to commemorate the year, Bishop Guillory will be celebrating a Pontifical Jubilee Mass in honor of St. Paul. The original Mass was set for Sept. 30 but was cancelled due to Hurricane Ike.

St. Paul's letters are believed to have been the first writings of the New Testament and the earliest writing after the death of Christ.

Bishop Guillory believes that St. Paul's life has an important meaning for people in today's world.

"In the modern world, there are so many people looking for meaning and purpose in their lives, so many people going the wrong way. The life of Paul shows us that the Lord is calling us just as he did Paul," said Bishop Guillory.

Bishop Guillory asks that all attend the special Jubilee Mass with him and the Diocese. And celebrate the unity that St. Paul was so dedicated to achieving.