

## EXCERPT FROM NOMINATION FOR PAPAL DECREE

The following was submitted on January 3, 1953, to Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard by Father Daniel Bernard, Pastor of St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church which was Auguste "Nonco" Pelafigue's church parish:

"Mr. Pelafigue, has organized the League of the Sacred Heart, with some 1200 members, and 101 promoters. He goes out on foot to visit the fallen away, invites them to prayer the League. He teaches Catechism to the Public School Children. He teaches in the Catholic School. All this out of love of God...No pay! He organizes religious Programs for the encouragement of the weak, and the edification of the strong. He has been in this parish, another priest! He is most humble. He attends Holy Mass and receives Holy Communion Daily. He assists at all the Masses on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. In a word He is a Living Example of the REAL CHRISTIAN."

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January 3, 1953

Dear Father:

Please fill out the pertinent information, as indicated below, relative to

Mr. August Pelafigue

whom you submitted as candidate for Pontifical Honors, and return to me right away. Mark the envelope CONFIDENTIAL. Let me caution you again of the importance of strict secrecy concerning this entire matter.

Devotedly in Christ,

*John B. Jeannard*  
Bishop of Lafayette

Christian name and family name of candidate.

Mr. August R. Pelafigue (Not married)

Maiden name, if candidate is a married woman.

Names of the father and mother of the candidate.

Jean Marie Pelafigue  
(father)

Melanie Pers  
(mother)

Name of the wife or husband of candidate, if married.

Do parties live together?

Religious affiliation of the wife or husband.

Number of children.

Status of their religious education. Mr. Pelafigue has had a Normal Course of Education. He teaches in the Catholic School

Date, month, year and place of birth of candidate.

Born in France: Jan. 10, 1888

Present domicile of candidate. St. John Francis Regis Church--Arnaudville, La.

Occupation of candidate. Works for the Church without pay.

Has candidate previously received honors from the Holy See or from any civil government? No.

If so, please name them.

Please indicate in detail the special merits of the candidates with respect to the Church. Mr. Pelafigue, has organized the League of the Sacred Heart, with some 1200 members, and 101 promoters. He goes out on foot to visit the fallen way, invites them to prayer of the league. He teaches Catechism to the Public School Children. He teaches in the Catholic School. All this out of love of God...No pay! He organizes religious Programs for the encouragement of the weak, and the edification of the strong. He has been in this parish, another priest! He is most humble. He attends Holy Mass and receives Holy Communion Daily. He assists at all the Masses on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. In a word He is a living Example of the REAL CHRISTIAN...

*Rev. Daniel L. Bernard*  
(Signature of Pastor)