



Sylvia Audiffred Perque, Class of 1949, is the recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Graduate Award for St. Peter School. She will be honored at the Catholic Schools Week closing Mass and annual Alumni gumbo dinner on Sunday, February 7, 2010. Sylvia attended St. Peter School from 1st grade to 8th grade. Her class was the first 8th grade at St. Peter School; before that it only went to 7th grade.

She graduated from Leon Godchaux High School in 1953. On February 2, 1957, she married Earl Perque. They have four children; Earl, Jr. Paul and Paula (twins) and Greta P. Ansardi. They also have four grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Sylvia and Earl have lived in Reserve almost all of their married life.

She has always given of herself as much as possible to her beloved Church, St. Peter, and St. Peter School. She has served as President of St. Peter Altar Society since 1977 and was a member before taking that position. She is a member of the Msgr. Eyraud Auxiliary and serves as secretary of the Catholic Daughters of America. She has been a long-time member of both organizations. She has served on St. Peter Pastoral Council, being elected by parishioners for several years. She is a former St. Peter School Parent Teacher Club officer. In 1988 she was chosen to receive the St. Louis Medallion from her church parish for being such an outstanding parishioner so actively involved in helping St. Peter Church in many aspects.

Sylvia believes that her Catholic education gave her the knowledge to be able to work for Louisiana Gas Company enabling her to give her children a good Catholic education. Sylvia's involvement with the church and school has increased her own spiritual well-being which gives her much happiness and contentment and keeps her closer to God.

Our Catholic faith teaches us that we are called to serve others and to use the gifts that God has given us. Sylvia was taught from her childhood by her loving family and then reinforced at St. Peter School to be kind and loving to others and to support her Church. She exemplifies that teaching.