

In the Tradition of St. Francis

Pet Blessing were held on Sunday, October 4 throughout the Diocese of Memphis for the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi.

St Francis is the patron saint for the protection of animals. He was a lover of all creation and a champion of justice. Each year on his feast day, which is the day of his death in 1226, people of faith around the world host services where animals are blessed. These occasions celebrate both St. Francis' and God's compassionate concern for all creatures.

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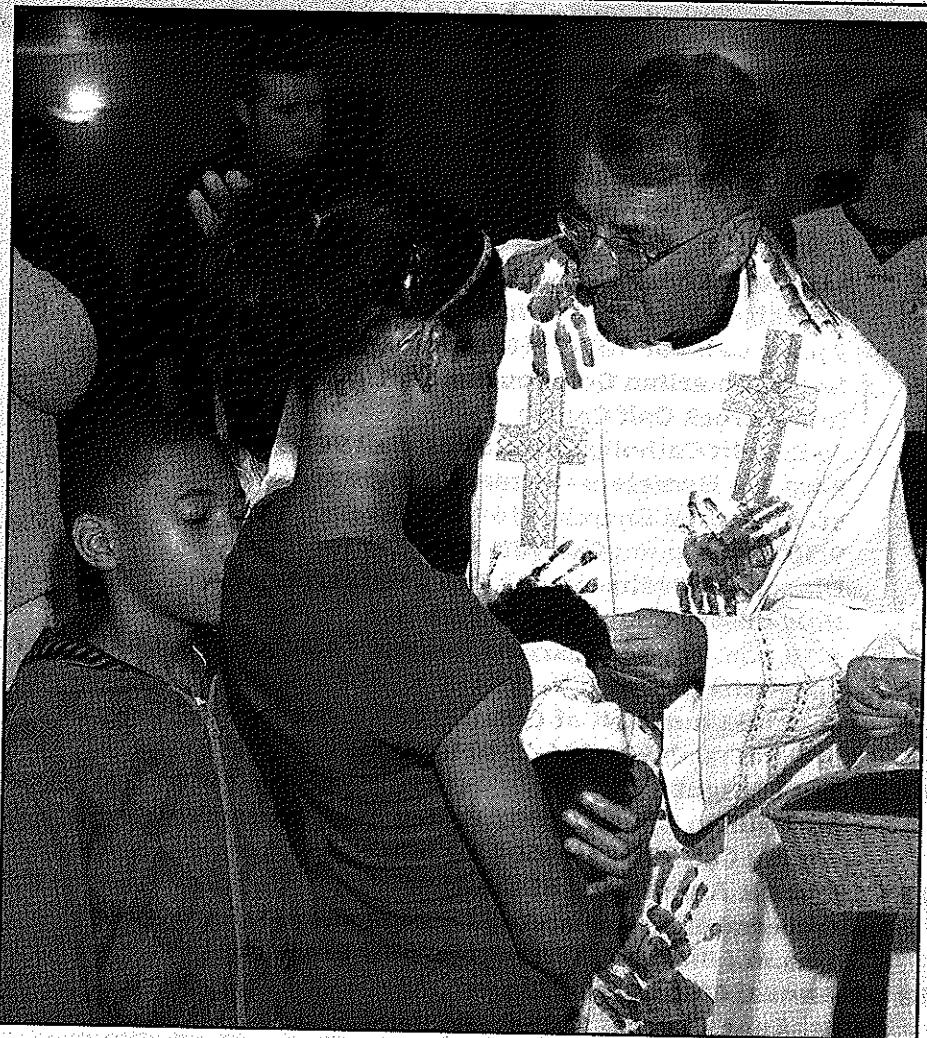


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Father Valentine Handwerker, Rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, blesses pets at the October 4 festival held at the Cathedral.