



**Sir Bernard Beaco, a Knight Commander with Star of The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, carries the processional cross at the start of the Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Companions of Honor. The Mass was celebrated November 3 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Msgr. Jace Eskind, left, a Knight of the Order, was the Master of Ceremonies. Seventeen Companions of Honor were memorialized at the annual Mass.**

## Deceased Companions of Honor remembered

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, was the celebrant and homilist at the annual Companions of Honor Memorial Mass on Saturday, Nov. 3, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The Mass is held to remember and pray for the deceased members of the organization, particularly those who died in the past year. Seventeen Companions were remembered during the General Intercessions.

The Companions of Honor is an organization of Catholic clergy, including Monsignori, religious and lay people who have been decorated by the Holy See or the Diocese of Lake Charles, plus those Catholic members of internationally recognized Orders of Chivalry residing in the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Deceased members recognized at the Mass and their dates of death were Sir Ray C. Gillard, November 29, 2006; Mr. Julian George Zaunbrecher, December 4, 2006; Mrs. Bertha Roy, December 29, 2006; Sir Edward Joseph Harelson, January 29, 2007; Mrs. Shirley Ann Broussard, January 30, 2007; Sir Raoul Hebert, February 28, 2007; Mrs. Theresa Marie Benjamin, March 1, 2007; Miss Elora Montie, April 18, 2007;

Mr. Roy Joseph Breaux, June 4, 2007; Mr. Louis Darjean,

June 6, 2007; Mrs. Doris Smith, July 4, 2007; Mrs. Mary Agnes Wells, August 25, 2007; Mrs. Rose Mary White, August 30, 2007; Sir Stanley E. Vaughn, September 25, 2007;

Mr. Gerald Joseph Sarradet, September 27, 2007; Mr. Isabel Antoine Benjamin, October 27, 2007; and Mrs. Vida Pumpelly, October 30, 2007

The purposes of the Companions of Honor, as outlined in its constitution and bylaws are to uphold and to encourage the support of Papal teachings, documents and directives as well as those of the Diocese of Lake Charles; to make an annual voluntary offering to the Evangelization Program of the Diocese of Lake Charles; and to pray for and to promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood and the religious life.

In his homily, Bishop Provost spoke of the 25th anniversary being celebrated by the organization. Bishop Jude Speyrer and a group of honorees met late in December 1982 and established the Companions of Honor. It was originally singled out to financial support a telephone question and answer line, which came to be known as EvangeLine.

The Companions of Honor has contributed nearly \$350,000 to the Diocese since the group's inception. In the fiscal year 2006-2007, 139 members contributed \$20,182.50.

## Abrazando Cristo mission trip July 5-13

LAKE CHARLES – The Abrazando Cristo mission trip to the Archdiocese of Managua, Nicaragua has been scheduled for July 5-13, 2008, according to the Very Rev. Daniel Torres.

This Catholic mission fosters care to the poorest of the poor by building, offering medical care and evangelizing the Faith.

The cost of the trip is \$1,500.00 per person which includes all meals, all transportation (ground and air), all hotel costs and tips.

For more information, please contact Father Torres at 337-439-7400 for an informational packet. A non-refundable deposit of \$250 and the registration form are due by December 15th to secure a place on the trip. Only 25 spaces are available.



**Ninety-two Catholic men attended Bishop Glen John Provost's inaugural First Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast held November 2 in the Assembly Room of the Chancery Building. Here, Deacon Ruben Buller hands out copies of the references to Scripture passages Bishop Provost used in his morning talk to, from left, Jonathan Bradberry, Thad Minaldi, Henry Chol, John Wood and Guy Bradberry. The next First Friday Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for December 7 at 7 a.m. Those interested in attending should call Gaynell Carrier at 439-7400 to register.**

## Annulment workshop slated December 8

LAKE CHARLES – A workshop for persons seeking church annulments will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, December 8 in the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Life Center Activity Room.

Many of the misconceptions about marriage and annulments should be cleared up in the workshop. Participants will receive information on identifying possible grounds, how to complete the various forms, what supporting documents are needed, and how to prepare testimony.

The church holds in high esteem married life. However, when divorce does occur, the Church wants to minister to those persons wishing to determine the validity of their former marriages or who wish to re-marry in the Catholic Church, according to Deacon George Carr, a member of the annulment workshop team.

"The Church is not wield-

ing a big stick here," Deacon Carr said. "On the contrary, the Church is offering the opportunity for reconciliation and healing after the pain, sting and embarrassment of divorce. God's mercy and love are what is present here."

Persons who are single or in second marriages outside the church needing annulments from throughout the diocese are welcome and encouraged to participate.

There is no fee to participate, no preparation is needed, and no advance registration necessary. However, it would be helpful if persons would call the Our Lady Queen of Heaven church office at 477 1236 so that sufficient materials might be on hand.

For additional information, contact Our Lady Queen of Heaven church office from 8 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Latin Mass schedule through February '08

LAKE CHARLES – The schedule of the celebration of the Liturgy in Latin for the remainder of the year and the months of January and February has been announced.

Mass is celebrated at 2 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception each Sunday. Rev. Roland Vaughn, Rev. Joseph McGrath, and Rev. Rommel Tolentino will alternate as celebrants. Several masses have been scheduled at St. Peter the Apostle in Hackberry – Dec. 8 and Dec. 9, Dec. 25, Jan. 1, and Feb. 10.

For the remainder of the month, Mass will be Nov. 18, Cathedral, 2 p.m. Father Vaughn and Nov. 25, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father Tolentino.

The December schedule will be Dec. 2, Cathedral, 2 p.m. Father McGrath; Dec. 8, St. Peter, Father Vaughn, 10:30 a.m.; Dec. 9, St. Peter, Father Tolentino, 2 p.m.; Dec. 16, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father McGrath; Dec. 23, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father Vaughn; Dec. 25, St. Peter, 2 p.m., Father McGrath; Dec. 30, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father Tolentino.

Jan. 1, St. Peter, 6 p.m., Father Vaughn; Jan. 6, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father Tolentino; Jan. 13, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father McGrath; Jan. 20, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father Vaughn; Jan. 27, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father Tolentino.

Feb. 3, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father McGrath; Feb. 10, St. Peter, 2 p.m., Father Vaughn; Feb. 17, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father Tolentino, and Feb. 24, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father McGrath

### Did you know...

that the first Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette was The Most Reverend Jules Jeanmard who was appointed on July 18, 1918 and served until his retirement on March 13, 1956. He died on Feb. 23, 1957.

**The Diocese of Lake Charles has 38 church parishes, do you know which one is the oldest and it's original name? Find out in our November 30 issue.**

## WYD Cross, Icon visit Aborigines

SYDNEY, Australia - Two major symbols of World Youth Day, the World Youth Day Cross and the Sacred Icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary, have continued to travel across Australia in preparation for the worldwide gathering of youth in Sydney next year.

Having come to Australia in July by way of Papua New Guinea and New Zealand, the two items arrived recently in Wilcannia, a small aboriginal community in the New South Wales province. The local bishop Chris Toohey and members of the Journey of the Cross and the Icon national team accompanied the symbols.

In 1994 Pope John Paul II gave the cross to the 250,000 youths at the World Youth Day in Denver to take it to the whole world. The cross has since traveled to more than one hundred countries and all the continents except Antarctica. In 2003, Pope John Paul II gave pilgrims the Sacred Icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary to accompany the cross.



**Mary Clark, left, stands with the Rev. Joseph McGrath, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Creole, at the groundbreaking ceremony for a Habitat for Humanity Home being built by and for Clark, who lost her home to Hurricane Rita, and is joined by Vickie Broussard a National Director of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and Alice Tassin, Louisiana State Regent of Catholic Daughters.**

## Catholic Daughters join Habitat to build home

CAMERON – Turning a spade of hard Cameron Parish soil was the beginning of the end of a long road for Mary Clark recently. It marked the start of her new home, made possible by Calcasieu Area Habitat for Humanity, National and State Catholic Daughters of the Americas and the generosity of an anonymous corporate benefactor.

Clark, who serves as vice regent for Our Lady Star of the Sea Court 1898, lost her house to Hurricane Rita and has been living in a rented mobile home with two of her brothers since then. Clark works for a law firm and her daughter attends McNeese State University.

The road since Rita has

been difficult for Clark. She found only a piece of the frame of the mobile home where she lived before the storm. Besides having to replace clothing, personal items as well as appliances and furniture, in August, 2006 she broke her hip, which required surgery and extensive physical therapy.

"This new home means everything in the world to me," Clark said.

The house will take about nine months to build, according to Terry Richard, the construction superintendent for the project. At the time of the groundbreaking there were eight other hous-

es under construction by Habitat, making the Clark house the ninth and the first built outside of Calcasieu Parish. Since the hurricane the organization has built 52 houses in the Calcasieu Area. "We would like to spread out to all five parishes," said Judy Tinker, Habitat's Executive Director. "We have built in Lake Charles and Sulphur and now have two in DeQuincy."

Members of the Catholic Daughters will be joining Clark and others in the construction process. The dedication of the completed home has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12.

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## Forty-Hours Devotions for remainder of November

LAKE CHARLES – Forty-Hours Devotion begins tomorrow Nov. 17 at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron at midnight and lasts until noon Sunday, Nov. 18.

The devotion will move from Our Lady Star of the Sea to St. Eugene in Grand Chenier beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19 through midnight.

The devotion will return

to Our Lady Star of the Sea from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

The final stop in the month of November is St. John Bosco Church in Westlake - Sunday, Nov. 25, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 26, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and concluding Wednesday, Nov. 28, 8:30 a.m. to noon.