

Third Annual Proud2BCatholic Family Music Festival set

SULPHUR – The Third Annual Proud 2B Catholic Family Music Festival of Louisiana will be held Saturday, September 6, from 12:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Sulphur High School freshman campus. The family oriented, indoor event, whose theme this year is “Witness 2B Hope,” is sponsored by the Diocese of Lake Charles and the Missionaries of Our Lady of LaSalette.

Doors open at noon and celebration of the Mass will be at 6 p.m. The event will close with Eucharistic Adoration on the main stage.

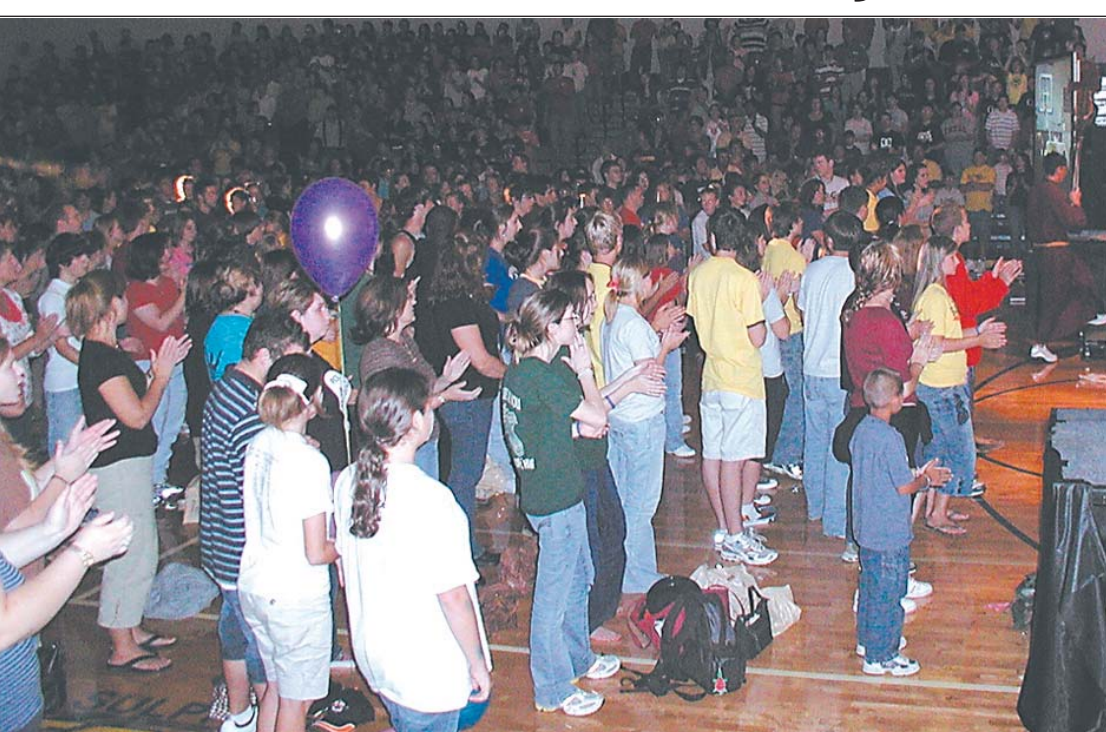
A variety of Catholic-Christian music will be performed by Steve Angrisano, Matt Maher, Josh Blakesley, Cooper Ray, Kelly Pease, Clay Vessel, Augie Leal and others.

“We expect it to be a phenomenal day,” said Milissa Thibodeaux, director of the Office of Youth Ministry. “It has turned into a family festival.”

The program, originally promoted as just a music festival, has become somewhat of a hybrid here in the diocese.

“When I was first approached we learned it was designed to be just a music festival, like had been done in other places,” Thibodeaux said. “I met with some youth directors, and they were like, well where is the substance - what we are doing about substance. We modified it to fit our area.”

“I called some parish youth directors and some teens, explained the event- we have a music stage and we will have a second stage and we will be able to highlight Life Teen groups and local musicians,” she continued. “I asked them, what else do we need, and they said breakout sessions. They immedi-



Last year's Proud2BCatholic Music Festival held in Sulphur drew a large and excited crowd. Shown here, those in attendance stand for the opening procession of the Mass, which was celebrated by Bishop Glen John Provost.

ately began coming up with subjects. Our people here like workshops, breakout sessions.

“But we wanted that pastor who asked his group of 100 kids when they got home, ‘what did you learn?’, we felt they needed to have

an answer other than the music was great,” Thibodeaux said.

The event has more of the Southwest Louisiana festival feel with food vendors outside and product vendors inside. The growth of Proud2BCatholic has been exciting, ac-

ording to Thibodeaux, who expects around 1,800 people to attend this year.

In addition to the Proud2BCatholic music stage there will be a “Talks and More Stage” sponsored by St. Michael Music which will also feature breakout sessions on key topics such as the festival theme, theology of the body, prayer, discipleship and apologetics. Speakers will include Cooper Ray, Stephanie Clouatre-Davis, Chip Gauthier, Joshua Boutte, and others. Each breakout session will begin with a musical act featuring local and regional musicians.

There will also be a new feature, the “Vocations.com Coffee House,” open from 1 to 5:30 p.m., with scheduled talks, testimonies, acoustic music sessions and more.

The Adoration Chapel will be open from noon to 5:30 p.m.

A special “Kids for Christ Play Area” will feature numerous activities such as arts and crafts, sand art, “Party for the Pope” and much more.

Some 3,000 people attended last year's program and organizers anticipate a large crowd this year.

Tickets for the event may be purchased online at www.proud2bcatholic.com or by contacting the Diocese of Lake Charles at 337-439-7426, Ext. 301. Lower rates apply on bulk purchases for larger groups.

For further information you can also contact Milissa Thibodeaux, Office of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Lake Charles, at milissa.thibodeaux@lcdioocese.org.

Let Us Pray

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2008 the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles pray the following prayer, composed by The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, Bishop of Lafayette, following Hurricane Audrey in 1957.

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

O God, master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children.
 The sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its quietude.
 You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.
 During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities commons to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder
 Second Bishop of Lafayette

Abrazando Cristo mission July 1-13

LAKE CHARLES – The Abrazando Cristo Mission Program will make its annual mission trip to Managua, Nicaragua on July 1-13, according to the Very Reverend Daniel Torres, director.

The journey will allow 25 missionaries from the Diocese of Lake Charles to bring their talents and offer their time to help the “poorest of the poor” in the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Work will be done in Managua and Nueva Vida with the construction of facilities, a medical clinic to offer health care assistance, evangelization to teach the Catholic Faith, and education assistance to foster the learning of English.

Activities supporting the work of the mission group continue until mid June with the Johnnie Miller Memorial Golf Tournament at Mallard Cove on June 14 and a cash raffle set for June 15 at 2 p.m. in the St. Henry Parish Community Center.

For information on the golf tournament, contact Johnnie or Susan Thibodeaux at 337-478-4095.

Raffle prizes are \$5,000 for first, \$1,000 for second and \$500 for third. Tickets are \$100 each and available at St. Henry Church, 1021 Eighth Avenue, Lake Charles, or at the Chancery Office of the Diocese of Lake Charles, 414 Iris Street.



Bishop Glen John Provost, center, presented the Senior St. Louis Awards to Matthew Saunders, left, and A'Dair Ragan Flynt, right at the recent St. Louis Catholic High School graduation. The St. Louis Award is the highest honor that can be accorded a student at the school. Underclass winners were Amanda Willis and Brandon Stevens, juniors; Hannah Vidrine and James Jarnagin, sophomores; and Ashlyn Courville and Collin Todd, freshmen.

Bishop Duca second bishop of Shreveport

SHREVEPORT – With the recent ordination and installation of The Most Reverend Michael G. Duca as the second Bishop of Shreveport, every diocese in the state of Louisiana has a shepherd-leader for the first time in a number of years.

Bishop Duca, a Dallas, Texas native, had been appointed to Shreveport on April 1, just 28 days shy of the 30th anniversary of his priestly ordination.

The newest Bishop in the state joins Bishop Glen John Provost of Lake Charles, who was ordained and installed on April 23, 2007, and the

heads of the other dioceses in the Province of New Orleans along with two New Orleans auxiliary bishops on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Members of the Board also include Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes, New Orleans; Bishop Sam G. Jacobs, Houma-Thibodaux; Bishop Michael Jarrell, Lafayette; Bishop Robert W. Muench, Baton Rouge; and Bishop Ronald P. Herzog, Alexandria. Auxiliary bishops Roger P. Morin and Shelton J. Fabre complete the make-up of the board.



Bishop Glen John Provost blesses the students and parents of St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School in Moss Bluff during a ceremony celebrating Earth Day 2008. The Bishop also blessed a tree that was planted in memory of Ariel Thigpen, a former student at Holy Family who was killed in a 2006 auto-pedestrian accident.

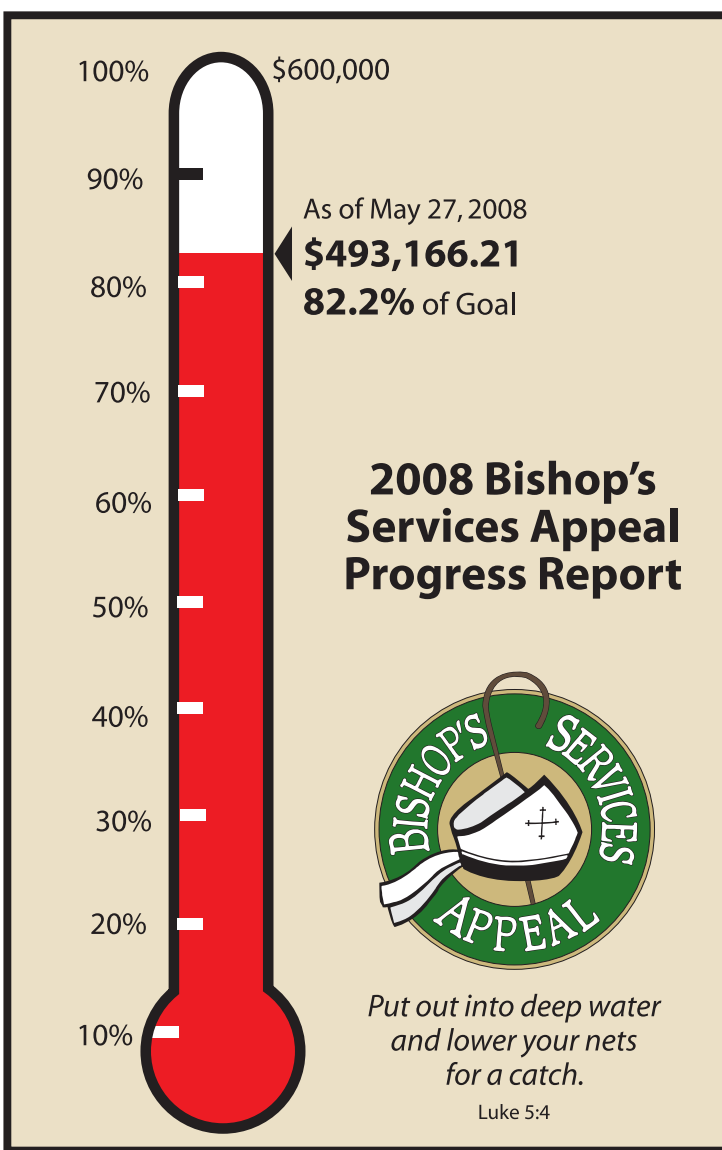
Mass in Latin Sunday, 2 p.m.

LAKE CHARLES – The Rev. Rommel Tolentino, associate pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, will be the celebrant of the Sunday, June 8, extraordinary form of the Liturgy in Latin in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 935 Bilbo Street at 2 p.m.

Did you know...

Bishop Harold R. Perry, S.V.D., became the first African-American Bishop of the 20th Century when he was consecrated as Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans in 1965. The Lake Charles native entered the Divine Word Seminary in Bay St. Louis at age 13. He was ordained in 1944 and assigned as the founding pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Broussard in 1952, serving until he was transferred in 1958 to the Bay St. Louis seminary as its rector. In 1964, Bishop Perry became the first black clergyman to deliver the opening prayer in Congress. In 1980, Bishop Perry joined with Bishop Gerard Frey and Bishop Maurice Schexnayder as a co-consecrators at the ordination of Bishop Jude Speyrer. Bishop Perry died in 1991 at the age of 74.

Nine priests have had tenures of 25 years or more in parishes now part of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Do you know which priest was pastor of his parish for the longest time? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.



Glad Tidings will be pre-empted Sunday

LAKE CHARLES – Glad Tidings, the Sunday morning television program of the Diocese of Lake Charles aired on KPLC-TV, will not be seen June 8 due to the NBC network's production of

the men's finals of the French Open Tennis Championships. The program will be back at its regular 6 a.m. time on Sunday, June 15.