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Deacons Starkovich and Huckaby ordained for Diocese

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, ordained Jeffrey Starkovich and John Huckaby, both seminarians for the Diocese, to the Diaconate during the Eucharistic Liturgy at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Sept. 9. The ordination as transitional deacons brings Deacon Starkovich and Deacon Huckaby one step closer to the culmination of their vocation journey to priestly ordination.

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The Liturgy was attended by a large crowd of family and friends of the pair. Abbot Justin Brown, O.S.B., who leads the monks of St. Benedict Abbey in Covington and Very Rev. José I. Lavastida, President Rector of Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans along with priests and deacons of the Diocese of Lake Charles were also present for the occasion.

Concelebrating the Liturgy, in addition to Abbot Justin and Father Lavastida, were Father Nathan Long, Father Charles McMillin, Father Marcus Johnson, Father Aubrey Guilbeau, Father Herbert May and Father

Father Torres and Father McMillin assisted the newly ordained deacons with vesting in their dalmatic and stole.

In his homily, Bishop Provost spoke to the men about being in love with Jesus and the commitment they were embarking upon.

"What does it mean to be in love with Jesus," Bishop Provost said. "When we have a friend, we commit ourselves. The commitment is based upon our desire to love what the friend loves. We remove from our lives all that obstructs the love of the friend.'

Continuing, the Bishop noted, "All that pertains to love is highly personal and for a minister of the Gospel your love for Christ must be deeply personal. The very unity of the Church, of which the hierarchy is one of its manifestations, is an expression of the identity of Jesus Christ. We are to remain in His love because His very credibility will depend upon our unity with him and with one

"The unity of the Body is our responsibility in the ministry of the Church: 'one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all' whether we are 'apostles,' 'prophets,' evangelists,' 'pastors,' or 'teachers,'" the Bishop said. "You are part of a great continuum of the Incarnation presence. Love is to be made flesh, not just anyone's love, but Jesus' love that you bring to those who love."

He later spoke to them about their ministry as deacons.

"Your response in ministry must be prompt, your liturgical style dignified and prayerful, your homilies well-prepared and thoughtful, and your behavior beyond reproach," Bishop Provost said. "The dignity of the office requires it, yes, but the love of Christ compels us from within to act accordingly. Love that is true love, will rise to the surface and reflect its presence in the small as well as the great gestures of human activi-

Closing his homily the Bishop said, "Be a friend to Jesus first, then bring Jesus to others. Let others see Jesus in you and let their hearts burn as you speak. Let them encounter Jesus 'ever anew."

Deacon Starkovich returned for his final year at the North American College in Rome the day after his ordination while Deacon Huckaby will remain at St. Henry Catholic Church until mid-October when returns to Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans to complete his theological studies.

Following the ordination, a reception for the new deacons, their families and friends was held in the Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc Family Life Center.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A photo gallery of the Diaconate ordination can be viewed on the Internet at http://live.lcdiocese.org/resources/imagegalleries/view/20.html while the complete text of Bishop Provost's homily may be found at http://live.lcdiocese.org/bishop-provost/homilies/647-diaconate-ordination-2010.html.



Following their ordination to the Diaconate, Deacon Jeffrey Starkovich, left, and Deacon John Huckaby, right, flank Bishop Glen John Provost outside Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church.

Boston Auxiliary Bishop to preach at Red Mass, Oct. 15

Most Reverend Glen John Provost will be the celebrant of the annual Red Mass at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 15, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Most Reverend Robert Hennessey, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston, will be the homilist. Judges, attorneys and government officials from the five civil parishes that make up the Diocese of Lake Charles -Calcasieu, Cameron, Allen, Beauregard and Jefferson Davis – are invited to attend.

The local St. Thomas More Society, Judge Henry Yelverton Chapter is the sponsor. The Mass is so named because of the color of the vestments worn by the Bishop and priests, donned in symbolism of the tongues of fire that descended on the Additionally Apostles. Judges of the High Court of England and all doctors of

mic hoods. The Red Mass is celebrat- **Bishop Robert Hennessey**

law wore red robes or acade-

ed at the opening of the judicial year and requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice and offers the opportunity to reflect on Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession.

The first recorded Red



Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral of Paris in 1245. From there, it spread to most European countries. Around 1310, during the reign of Edward II, the tradition began in England. It was attended at the opening of each term of Court by all members of the Bench and Bar. The event gradually fell out of fashion until 1931, when Sydney became the first English-speaking city to re-institute the practice. The first Red Mass held in the United States was celebrated in St. Andrew's Church in New York City, near the courthouses of Foley

Bishop Hennessey was born in South Boston and studied at St. John's Seminary. He was ordained to the diaconate in 1977 and to the priesthood by Humberto Cardinal Medeiros in 1978, appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of Boston in 2006.



ple on the duties of the diaconal ministry. Seated at Bishop Provost's sides are at left, Deacon George Carr, and Deacon Mike Tramel, right.

Called2BCatholic Youth Festival: A continuing success

LAKE CHARLES -The 2010 Called 2B Catholic Youth Festival was a nearly unqualified success, according to Milissa Thibodeaux, Director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, the event's sponsor. The fourth event of its kind in the past five years - Hurricane Rita forced the cancellation in 2008 - drew nearly 600 people.

'Everything was good," Thibodeaux said. 'The two breakout sessions were very well received. They provided topics for parents, teens only, young adults - something for nearly everyone. People loved it.

"There was always this kind of "substance" in the other years, but this time we closed down the music stage and almost everyone went to the breakout sessions," she

continued. "The adoration chapel was the only activity continuing during the two sessions.'

This year's event was held at St. Louis Catholic High School, a change from the previous three events. Thibodeaux, who is already working on plans for the fifth Called2BCatholic next year, liked the new venue. The first three years had been staged on Freshman campus of Sulphur High School.

"One of the comments about last year's event was that it seemed the venue was too big for the crowd," Thibodeaux said. "This year it was great, just right. We weren't as spread out as we were in Sulphur."

Besides the breakout sessions, another new part of the day was the Eucharistic Procession from the school to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for the closing Mass, celebrated by Bishop Glen John Provost. A group of about 300 to 350 people took part in the procession, which traveled from the school down Bank Street, Reid Street, and Kirby Street before reaching the Cathedral. The mile-long route, which took about 40 minutes for all participants to complete, was overseen by deputies from the

Ward 3 Marshall's Office.
"It was really good," she said. "We had people coming out of the houses along the route. There was a lot of witnessing going on.

It is something we would like to do again, though if we could do it later in the day it would be better, I think. That way it could be

"We even had a lady in a wheelchair and several women with strollers who took part," Thibodeaux said. The Cathedral was standing room only as many people had made

their way there in other ways. Entertainers and speakers who appeared included Steve Angrisano, Josh Blakesley, Cooper Ray, Ayleron, Christina Theriot, Nichole Lanthier, Katie Prejean, Chip Gauthe', Miranda Tilley, Kathy Owen, Father Whitney Miller, and others.



Between 300 and 350 people participated in the Eucharistic Procession from St. Louis Catholic High School to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception that concluded the Called2BCatholic Youth Festival. Deacon Scott Conner, chaplain at St. Louis Catholic High School, carries the monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament as the group, which prayed the Rosary as they walked, trails off behind him. Bishop Glen John Provost celebrated Mass for more than 650 people in the Cathedral to close the

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost Bishop of Lake Charles

October 1, 2010

Service to Local and Universal Church recognized at Vespers

LAKE CHARLES - The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, presided over Solemn Vespers honoring the Patron Saint of the Diocese, Saint Peter Claver, on Sunday, Sept. 12 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Provost also honored 92 individuals with a variety of Papal and Diocesan honors for outstanding service to the Local Church and the Holy See.

Saint Peter Claver, born in 1581 in Catalonia, Spain, joined the Jesuits at age 20. His friendship with St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, the college's doorkeeper, set him on course for the Americas to spread the Word of God in the missions. He arrived in Colombia in 1610 and worked diligently among the African slaves until his death in 1654. Saint Peter Claver was canonized in 1888 by Pope Leo XIII and was proclaimed Patron of all the Catholic missions among people of African descent in

"Peter Claver worked tirelessly in the seventeenth century to ensure that the Gospel of Christ was preached to poor slaves," Bishop Provost said in his homily. "He made himself all things to his flock, which were the most destitute and downtrodden. He was a priest who saw that in baptizing the slaves, Christ would give them a dignity that they had not had before and a dignity that would in some way, perhaps, assist them to be treated better under the laws that governed Spain and its possessions at that time."

Speaking directly to those who were to be honored, Bishop Provost said, "We find ourselves, dear friends, this evening the beneficiary of 30 years of preaching and the ministration of the sacraments of Christ celebrating the diocese of lake Charles and recognizing men and women who within our living memory have helped make the Catholic Church what it is in our area. To you we say thank you.

"Each and every one of you has given yourself to the here, and should not be," the Bishop continued. "We do Dale Hotard; Our Lady of not do what we do for recognition. Instead, we do it to fulfill that reading from the Sermon on the Mount, from Matthew 5:16, when our Lord says to his disciples 'your light must shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your heavenly Father.' This is why we are here and this is why we are recognizing your contribution

Awards presented included the Devoted Services Medal, Order of Saint Charles, Papal Medal Benemerenti, Papal Cross Pro Ecclesia, Order of Pope Saint



In his homily Bishop Glen John Provost homily spoke of tireless work of St. Peter Claver and thanked the honorees for their good works.

Sylvester, and Order of Saint Gregory the Great.

The Most Reverend Jude Speyrer, the first Bishop of Lake Charles, established the **Devoted Service Medal** to be presented to men and women for outstanding service at the church parish level. The honor is granted at the recommendation of the van; St. Theresa of the Child respective pastor.

Honorees were: Sacred Heart of Jesus, Creole - Josie Church in some way. There Ann Richard Boudreaux; is no sense of entitlement Our Lady Help of Christians, Jennings - Dorothy Crochet,

Seven Dolors, Welsh - Mary Amanda Faust, Cleaton Matthew Leger; St. Paul, Elton - Anna Pickett, Henry Pickett; Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Sulphur - John Guilbeaux III, Frank Harrell, Mary Harrell, Terry Sittig; Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lake Charles – Annette LaFleur; St. Joan of Arc, Oberlin -Barbara Murray, Clara Smith; St. Joseph, Vinton -John Richard; St. Philip Neri, Kinder - Katherine Walden Myers, Courville.

St. Mary of the Lake, Big Lake - Betty Mallory Faulk, Carolyn Marie O'Connell, Dezere Lynn Miller Bertrand; St. Joseph, DeRidder - Mary Ann Foitek; St. John Vianney, Bell City - Horace Hebert; St. Joseph, Welsh - Daisy Mae Harmon; St. Margaret of Scotland, Lake Charles - Evelie Clement, Donald Klein, Ed-Stephen Richard, Rothermel; St. Joseph, Elton Carroll Sue Gobert; St. Lawrence, Raymond - Gerald Gary, Cynthia Neal; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lake Charles - August Sterling: St. Peter the Apostle. Hackberry - Tamra Patrice Welch; St. John Bosco, Westlake – Della Frieu Hoffpauir, Monica Credeur Jenkins; Our Lady of LaSalette, De-Quincy - Kenneth LeBlanc; Conception, Immaculate Jennings - Esther Rose Hebert, Bernice Jane Istre.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles – Ainsley DeSonier, Marie Prejean; Our Lady Star of the Sea, Cameron - Jennifer Jones; St. Henry, Lake Charles -Clinton Fobbs, Walter Joubert, Jr. Nancy Thibodeaux; Immaculate Conception, Sulphur - Patricia Guillory Billedeaux, Ronald Louis Bimle; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Jennings - Joyce May Matthews; Our Lady of LaSalette, Sulphur - Stella Barkate, Mitch Martin; St. Eugene, Grand Chenier -Ella "T-Mae" Booth; Our Lady of Good Counsel, Lake Charles - Carol Ann Dono-Jesus, Carlyss - Keith Ellender, Anita LaFleur; St. Theodore, Moss Bluff - Gary Ash, Marina Conrad, Rodney Duplechin, Maria Fogal; St. Charles Borromeo, Fenton -Beverly Cormier, Carl Pierre Johnson; St. Martin de Porres, Lake Charles - Paul Jones, Becky Monceaux; Christ the King, Lake Charles – Sharon Gaspard.

Bishop Speyrer also established a personal award of recognition, which may be presented to members of the

clergy and laity of the Dio- Cross is presented for sercese, and others, for services to the Church and the Bishop. This award, The Order of Saint Charles, is a decoration named in honor of the patron saint of the City of Lake Charles. It was established in three classes -Companion, Officers, and Members.

The Companion class is limited to 12 living recipients. Four officers may be invested each year and there is no limit placed on the number of Members. The award was created to afford the Bishop an opportunity to express his personal thanks to those who have contributed in a special way to the welfare and development of the Church and the

Companions invested were Zeb Johnson, Lake Charles; Dan "Blade" Morrish, Jennings; Lena Mae Oustalet, Our Lady Help of Christians, Jennings.

Officers named were Mike Danahay, Immaculate Conception, Maplewood; Willie Mount, Lake Charles; Randy Roach, Lake Charles; Elaine B. Trahan, Lake Charles, St. Margaret of Scotland, Lake

Charles. Members included Fred Fluitt, Our Lady of LaSalette DeQuincy; Lauretta Fluitt, Our Lady of LaSalette, De-Quincy; Dr. Robert Hebert, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Lake Charles; Gretchen Jester, St. Henry, Lake Charles; Ronnie Johns, Immaculate Conception, Sulphur; Juanita Poland, Lake Charles; Vic Stelly, St. Theodore, Moss Bluff; Gerald Theunissen, Our Lady Help of Christians, Jennings.

The Papal Medal Benemerenti (good merit) is a decoration authorized by the Holy See for men and women who have contributed outstanding services to the Church. In the Diocese of Lake Charles the medal is presented for services and contributions at the deanery level over a period of 10 or more years.

Recipients were Elaine Heape, Christ the King, Lake Charles; Rita Levings, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lake Charles; Joe Stoma, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Lake Charles; Dr. Bruce Thompson, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles.

The Papal Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice (for the Church and Pope) is a decoration authorized by the Holy See for men and women who have contributed noteworthy services to the Church. In the Diocese of Lake Charles, the

vices and contributions to the Church at the Diocesan level over a period of 10 or more years.

Recipients of the Papal Cross were Gloria Ambrose, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lake Charles; Peter Ciambotti, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles; Sr. Camille Martinez, SEC, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles; Donald Sigur, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles.

The Order of Pope St. Sylvester was instituted in 1841 by Pope Gregory XVI as a recognition for those who have been of outstanding service to the Church in the Papal States. In 1905 it was reorganized by Pope Pius X as a worldwide recognition for services to the Church, and for those who by their examples in business, the professions, the military and society have lived exemplary lives. The Order of Pope Saint Sylvester is divided into the ranks of Grand Cross, Commander, with star and without, and Knight or Dame.

Receiving the Order of Pope Saint Sylvester in the class of Knight or Dame were Patricia A Sigur, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles; Henry Chol, Cathedral of the Immaculate Con-

ception, Lake Charles; Janet Stoma, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Lake Charles; C. Gayle Zembower, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles.

The Order of Saint Gregory the Great was instituted by Pope Gregory XVI in 1831. as a reward for subjects of the Papal States. In 1905, it was reorganized by Pope Pius X as a worldwide Order, available to those laity who have contributed in an outstanding way to the welfare of the Church and community, and who have displayed indisputable zeal in service to the Holy See. The Order of Saint Gregory the Great is divided into the ranks of Grand Cross, Commander, with star and without, and Knight or Dame. The class of Knight or Dame is the most frequently bestowed on the diocesan level as a special mark of favor of the Holy See for persons who diligently serve the Church at the local

Receiving the Order of Saint Gregory the Great in the class of Knight or Dame were Dan Flavin, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles; Mary Ann Moses, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles; Dr. Donna Vanchiere, St. Margaret of Scotland, Lake Charles.



Many priests of the Diocese, including, Father Whitney Miller, right, and Father Charles McMillin, left, were present for the Vesper Service.

Did you know...

Sacred Heart of Jesus in Oakdale is the farthest north of the parishes of the Diocese. The first chapel, which served about 50 families, was built in 1899.

Groundbreaking was held last Monday, Sept. 27, for the first new church in about 40 years in the Diocese. Do you know for what parish this new church is being built? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.

Oct. 3 Glad Tidings only on Internet

Diocesan Briefs

GRAND CHENIER - The annual St. Eugene Catholic

The festival gets underway with a blessing by Father

Church Alligator Festival will be held Sunday, October 3, in

Richard Adiukwu, pastor, at 10:45 a.m. Food, including bar-

becue lunches, boiled crabs, fried alligator and other festival

favorites , goes on sale at 11 a.m. The Joseph Sturlese Memo-

rial Plaque for the largest alligator present will be awarded

and the Little Mr. and Miss Alligator Festival Pageant begins.

LAKE CHARLES - Young men, ages 16 to 25, who are

seeking to understand God's call in their lives are invited to

attend the Vocare meeting scheduled for Oct. 17 at Our Lady

Queen of Heaven Church's office building, 617 West Claude

The meeting lasts from 7:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. The November

For more information about vocations to the priesthood

LAKE CHARLES - Immaculate Heart of Mary's 2010 Fall

Bazaar will take place on the church grounds on Saturday,

Oct. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, Oct. 3, from 8:30

IOWA - The annual "Fall Bazaar" at St. Raphael Catholic

Tonight, festivities begin with a dance at the Knights of

Columbus Hall. On Saturday following the 4 p.m. Mass, gumbo will be sold and bingo will be held in the Church hall.

Sunday activities feature lots of food, including barbeque,

meeting is slated for Sunday, Nov. 21 while other Fall events

include a visit to St. Joseph Seminary College at a date to be

determined and Vocare Game Day on Saturday, Dec. 18.

and Vocare, call Father Nathan Long, 337-477-1236.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Fall Bazaar Oct. 2-3

Church will be held this weekend, Oct. 1-3.

Vocare held monthly at Our Lady Queen of Heaven

St. Eugene Alligator Festival Sunday, Oct. 3

This Sunday's Glad Tidings program of the Diocese of Lake Charles on KPLC-TV will be pre-empted by network coverage of the final day of the Ryder Cup

the Grand Chenier State Park.

golf matches from Wales. The program can be viewed on the diocesan website at http://live.lcdiocese.org/resources/glad-tidings.html.

"Autumn Fest" in Jennings Oct. 23

JENNINGS - The Knights of Columbus of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will host its "Autumn Fest" on Saturday, October 23, at the Grand Marais Center, located at 919 Lake Arthur Avenue.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. There will be auctions from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$100 for two people and include two raffle tickets. They may be purchased at the church office, Parkers, Allwest Business Machines and the Grand Marais office.

Pro-Lite webinar set October 5

LAKE CHARLES -- The Office of Pro Life will be hosting a "webinar" or on-line training seminar on Tuesday, October 5 from noon to 1:30 pm at the Diocese of Lake Charles Chancery, 414 Iris St. The webinar topic is "Poor Prenatal Diagnosis of Lethal

or Non-lethal Conditions & Disability" and is in response to the alarming high abortion rate when a family receives a poor prenatal diagnosis of a pregnancy. The on-line seminar is open to all and especially recom-

mended for parish staff and those in healthcare and the mental health field. There is no fee to attend but please call 337-439-7400 ext 301, to register.

Catholic Women's Conference set

JENNINGS – Magnificat will sponsor a "Catholic Women's Conference" from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9, in the Grand Marais Courtyard and Pavilion.

Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate Mass at 4:30 p.m. Registration of \$35 includes lunch. Call Cynthia Kratzer at 337-824-0231 to register,

Power of Prayer and Chocolate Oct. 16

LEBLEU SETTLEMENT - "The Power of Prayer and Chocolate" will be presented by Father Nathan Long at St. Joseph Mission Chapel, 2110 Claude Hebert Road from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16.

For more information call Faye Humphery at 582-6882 or Jenny Langley at 494-0664.

Sapphire and Ice Gala" Nov. 5

LAKE CHARLES - The inaugural Sapphire and Ice Gala Fundraiser, sponsored by the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver Council and Court #168 of St. Henry Catholic Church, will be held Friday, Nov. 5, at Treasures of Marilyn, 3510 Fifth Avenue.

Proceeds from the event will be used to support Collegelevel seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles and St. Henry's Building Bridges Capital Campaign, which is in its second year.

Tickets for this formal "Black Tie" event are \$50 per person and no tickets will be available at the door. The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will be the guest speaker. In addition, the "Distinguished Catholic of the Year" Award will be presented by St. Peter Claver Court

Tickets may be purchased at St. Henry Catholic Church, 1021 Eighth Avenue, Jones Grocery, 1845 Gerstner Memorial Drive, and from any Knight or Lady of St. Peter Claver Council and Court #168. Seating will be limited for the Gala, so tickets should be purchased early.

For additional information please call Lady Sandy Mason at 337-474-0414 or Brother Stanley Strauss at 337-526-6553.

Benefit for Calcasieu Women's Shelter

LAKE CHARLES - "Late Night Catechism," a one-person comedic stage production will be held Thursday, Oct. 7, in the Rosa Hart Theatre of the Lake Charles Civic Center to benefit the Calcasieu Women's Shelter, according to Father

Tickets may be purchased online at Ticketmaster.com or at the Civic Center Box Office.

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St. Raphael "Fall Bazaar"

a.m. to 4 p.m.