



St. Martin de Porres breaks ground for new church

(EDITOR'S NOTE: To read more on this exciting event go to <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/663-st-martin-de-porres-breaks-ground.html> and to see a photo gallery, go to live.lcdioocese.org/resources/image-galleries/view/21.html)

LAKE CHARLES – The historic groundbreaking for the first new Catholic church built in the Diocese of Lake Charles in 40 years took place on Monday, Sept. 27, at site on Elliott Road in South Lake Charles, across the street from the current St. Martin de Porres Church, which was established as a canonical parish in 2002.

Father Keith Pellerin, the parish's founding pastor was the master of ceremonies. The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, as well as Chancery officials – Vicar General Father Daniel Torres and Chancellor Deacon George Stearns - clergy from parishes that had overseen the early growth of St. Martin de Porres as a chapel, elected officials from Lake Charles and Calcasieu Parish, and a large number of St. Martin de Porres parishioners, who were boisterous in their support for the start of this long-awaited undertaking, attended.

The groundbreaking ceremony had a traditional, yet untraditional aspect. Soil had been gathered from the various communities and descendants of the early leaders of the faith community and commingled with the soil on the site prior to the actual groundbreaking. Soil from the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, presented by James "Yorkie" Hollier, a descendant of Frank Granger, in whose home Masses were celebrated before a chapel even existed, and Msgr. Ronald Groth, current pastor of Sacred Heart. Other descendants of Granger brought soil from the original Granger homestead and included Deacon Ray Granger, Harvey Duhon, Mable Duhon Harrison, Leroy Hollier, Minunette Hollier, Elnora Granger, Dorothy Duhon Sterling, Brady Duhon, Mary Duhon, Joanne Granger, Ernest Granger, Jr., Horace Hollier, and Frank "Billy" Hollier.



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, left, along with the Very Reverend Daniel Torres, Vicar General, and Father Keith Pellerin, the founding pastor of St. Martin de Porres - seemingly the most exuberant participant - use ceremonial shovels to break ground for the new St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church. Other chancery officials, public officials, and members of the faith community of St. Martin de Porres also joined in on the groundbreaking ceremony.

Catholic Schools Notes

Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School

LAKE CHARLES -- Fresh Christmas Greenery available through Immaculate Conception Cathedral School. Order online at shop.iccschool.org. The ICCS Annual Greenery Sale will continue through Friday, October 21.

Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic School

LAKE CHARLES -- St. Margaret proudly begins its 61st year of providing an excellent education in a nurturing environment for students. Congratulations to Mrs. Rachel Rougeau for receiving the Artsonia Annual Leadership Award.

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School

JENNINGS -- OLI invites you to "Saints Alive Program" at Our Lady Help of Christians Church at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27 and the Safe Halloween Carnival in the OLI gym from 6 to p.m. on Thursday, October 28. Go to www.olischool.org for more information.

St. Louis Catholic High School

LAKE CHARLES -- The St. Louis Catholic High School community enjoyed a wonderful Homecoming Parade Wednesday, September 29. The Alumni Class of 1971 served as Parade Marshals. Many alumni were represented with class floats including St. Charles Academy Class of 1960. A mass honoring the class of '71 was celebrated Thursday, September 30, followed by a reception for all alumni in attendance.

St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School

MOSS BLUFF -- Holy Family Catholic School raised over \$6,000 with its Sept. 27 BBQ Dinner Sales! Thank you to all who helped with our success!

The 2010 French Market Bazaar is scheduled for December 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendor reservation forms are available now. Contact Elizabeth Eustis at 855-9465 to reserve your spot now!

Sacred Heart of Jesus Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School

LAKE CHARLES -- Sacred Heart School celebrates Red Ribbon Week, October 25-29, with a Drug Free Rally and other fun activities. First Quarter Report cards and Parent-Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, October 26, 1-5pm. Good Job Party, October 27, to celebrate student progress. Sacred Heart School - Living Holy: Mind, Body & Spirit!

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School

LAKE CHARLES -- OLQH School will be having its magnificent Heavenly Jazz Fest Weekend October 23 and 24! Auction Festivities will be Saturday beginning with Silent at 5:30 p.m., with a great dinner and live auction to follow. Acquisitions this year are both amazing and creative! *Carnival* will be the next day, Sunday, on the school grounds! Lots of great food, prizes and our fabulous Photo Booth! Entertainment provided by many St. Louis groups and groups from OLQH School! Come and Enjoy!

Our Lady's Catholic School

SULPHUR -- Come join us for Our Lady's School's Annual Auction on Saturday, November 6 at 6 p.m. at the Isle of Capri Ballroom. There will be dinner, along with a silent and live auction with entertainment and the LSU football game against Alabama. Call 527-7828 for tickets to the festivities.



Golfers arrive for the start of the Third Annual Bishop's Golf Classic held at the Lake Charles Country Club.

Bishop's Golf Classic results

LAKE CHARLES -- The Third Annual Bishop's Golf Classic, benefitting the Seminarian Education Fund and the Priest's Retirement Fund of the Diocese, took place Monday, Oct. 4, at the Lake Charles Country Club.

Winner of the morning round were the team of Dennis Marceaux, Michael Marceaux, Denis Scott, and Casey Christ. Second place went to the team of Jonathon Primeaux, Lane Letlow, Brian McCullough, and Josh McCullough, with third prize for the 10th place team of Dennis Verette, Ron Harmon, Ronnie Hughes, and Richard Carr.

Morning round individual awards went to Billy Dressler for longest drive and straightest drive and to Dennis Verette for closest

to the hole.

In the afternoon, the first place team consisted of Greg Robertson, Stephen Benoit, and Jeremy Roy, second place went to the foursome of Brandon Soileau, Chris Hood, Newman Williams, and Harry Broussard, and third prize, awarded to the 10th place team, went to Bill Schawarzauer, Jon Manns, Mike Huber, and Keith Speaks.

Individual afternoon awards went to Tanner Fontenot for the longest drive, Andy McElveen for the straightest drive and Shane Fontenot for closest to the pin.

Next year's Bishop's Golf Classic, to be played at the Lake Charles Country Club, will be held Friday, Oct. 7, 2011.

Sulphur church helps with "Operation Helping Hands"

SULPHUR -- Seventeen members of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church spent five days in New Orleans in the Tremé district, helping people whose homes had been and still were affected by the 2005 passage of Hurricane Katrina. The group of nine adults and eight teenagers worked at scraping down and painting homes in response to the "Operation Helping Hands" program of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

The program targeted the massive restoration needed in New Orleans caused by

Katrina, the greatest natural calamity to hit the United States. Our Lady of Prompt Succor Parish's group was part of more than 1,000 volunteers who responded to the call of the Archdiocese.

The headquarters for the operation was the closed St. Raymond Catholic Church, which was also used to store materials for the huge undertaking in the classrooms and areas of the former church. The building's cafeteria was also used as the feeding site for the volunteers.

According to Father Joseph Gosselin, M.S. Pastor

of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, "the days were hot, the hours were long and foreheads were sweaty. Bodies grew tired but spirits never flagged. The group's sense of humor held up well.

"I was impressed by the fact that never once was there any problem in the group as they teamed together to get the job done," Father Gosselin continued. "Each day was flanked by morning and night prayer and each evening the volunteers shared their high and low points."

On one of the walls at St. Raymond's was a quote from

Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador, El Salvador, who was murdered while celebrating the Mass of Christian Burial for a friend, which read: "Do not aspire to have more, but to be more."

Those who participated in Operation Helping Hands felt that the "time spent in New Orleans was an effort to live out those words in action," Father Gosselin said.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A photo gallery from the journey can be viewed at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/resources/image-galleries.html>)



Msgr. Jace Eskind discusses various issues of Canon Law which may come up for the catechumenate during the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process. The third workshop sponsored by the Office of Evangelization/RCIA will be Saturday, Oct. 16, in the Chancery of the Diocese. (Photo by Bernell Ezell)

RCIA workshop concludes three month run Saturday

LAKE CHARLES -- The Office of Evangelization/RCIA offered three Saturday workshops for individuals involved in the teams working with catechumenate ministry in each parish of the Diocese of Lake Charles. These workshops were held once a month during the months of August, September, and October. The final event is Saturday, Oct. 16 in the Chancery Building, 414 Iris Street.

On Saturday August 28, Msgr. Jace Eskind, Judicial Vicar, and Debbie Foreman, Tribunal Office Manager and Notary, spoke about Canon Law issues in the catechumenate. The September 18 session concerned children in the catechumenate. Various traditionally Catholic topics that some inquirers consider "sticking points", such as confession, will be addressed at the October 16th gathering.

Did you know...

St. Martin de Porres Parish, established in 2002, broke ground for its new church building on Monday, Sept. 27, the first new parish church to be built since Our Lady Queen of Heaven was constructed in 1970.

Disasters have played roles in the rebuilding of church buildings in the 30 years of the existence of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Which churches and chapels have had to face reconstruction and renovation because of destructive events? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.

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Bishop Provost presents Scouting Awards

(EDITOR'S NOTE: For more on this story go to <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/670-bishop-provost-presents-scouting-awards.html>)

LAKE CHARLES – The annual Bishop's Dinner for Religious Emblems Recognition was held recently at the Knights of Columbus Hall of Council 4562 of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Awards were presented to 35 youth while awards were given to 13 adults for services rendered on behalf of Scouting.

Youth awards included the Light of Christ, *Parvuli Dei*, and *Ad Altare Dei* while adult recognition came in the form of the Bronze Pelican, St. George Award and the St. Anne Award. Bishop Glen John Provost, aided by Father Nathan Long, Chaplain for the Diocesan Committee on Catholic Scouting, presented the awards. Father Anthony Fontenot, a former chaplain for the Committee, and John Halloran, the President of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting were also in attendance.

Those awarded the Light of Christ were Zane Bailey, John Patrick Broussard, Samuel Broussard, Matthew Burnham, Conner Cassidy, Morgan Evans, Kaleb Foreman, Barron Kill, Gabriel Lessigne, Thomas Marceaux, Kaden Marshall, William McNally, Benjamin Miller, William Monic, Colby Piatt, Patrick Rider, Noah Scarborough, and Alex

Yokubaitis.

Parvuli Dei award recipients included Drew Alley, John Carbalan II, Andrew Coe, T.J. Collins, Noah Comeaux, Jacob Fontenot, Ryan Fournet, Patrick Juneau II, Lex Martin, Jr., Christopher Miller, Darren Reed, and Hunter Theriot

Those honored with the *Ad Altare Dei* Emblem were David Billodeau, Kayne Halloran, Thomas O'Dowd, Logan Planchar, and Domenic Skinner.

Those honored with the Bronze Pelican were: Father Ruben Buller, Diana Cormier, Lester Cormier, Pam Dartz, Morris LeBleu, Jesse Menard, Richard Skinner, Colette Tanner, and Marcus Tanner.

This year's St. George Emblems were presented to Donn E. Dees and Father Anthony Fontenot. Recipients of the St. Anne Medal in 2010 were Nila Halloran and Susan Fontenot.

Members of the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Lake Charles are Father Long, Susan Fontenot (Chair); John Halloran (Vice Chair); Richard Roy (Finance Chair); Marty Berry (Religious Emblems Chair); Joe Castro (Religious Activities Chair); Kara Guillory (Girl Scout Representative); Sue Ledet (Secretary and Communications); and Members at Large – David Marcantel, Tiffany Lessigne, Darin Lesseigne, Donn Dees and Maria O'Dowd.



Bishop Glen John Provost, right, offers the Invocation and Blessing at the Bishop's Dinner for Religious Emblems Recognition held recently. Pictured from left, are Nila Halloran, John Halloran, Father Anthony Fontenot, Father Nathan Long and Bishop Provost.



A large crowd of parents, friends and relatives were in attendance to honor the Scouts that received Religious Emblems recognition at the Bishop's Dinner.

Fr. Torres finalist for Lumen Christi Award

CHICAGO — The Very Rev. Daniel Andres Torres of the Diocese of Lake Charles has been named one of six finalists for the 2010 *Lumen Christi* Award by Catholic Extension.

The award is given annually to a Catholic who has dedicated his or her life to building long-lasting ministries and serving those liv-

ing in America's 86 "mission dioceses," those dioceses located primarily in the Southeast, Southwest, Northwest and West that cannot sustain themselves without support.

Fr. Torres is pastor of St. Henry Catholic Church and serves as the vicar general and seminarian and vocations director for the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Cardinal DiNardo speaks about Respect Life Month

(EDITOR'S NOTE: To read more go to <http://live.lcdioocese.org/prolife/133-office-of-pro-life/671--cardinal-dinardo-speaks-on-respect-life-month.html>)

WASHINGTON — In a statement to mark Respect Life Month, October 2010, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston addressed direct threats to human life and called Catholics to "constantly witness to the inestimable

worth and dignity of each human life through a loving concern for the good of others." He also encouraged participation in the worldwide "Vigil for All Nascent Human Life" called for by Pope Benedict XVI at the start of Advent.

Cardinal DiNardo chairs the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Bishop Provost's presentations on St. John's Gospel continue

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will continue his presentations on the Gospel of St. John on Tuesday, Nov. 2 at the monthly Women's Luncheon held in the Lake Charles Civic Center and on Friday, Nov. 4, at Men's Prayer Breakfast in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral Office Complex at 7 p.m.

The Bishop will be speaking on the seventh through tenth chapters of St. John's Gospel using the theme

"Light of the World." All who attend these presentations are asked to read the passages to be discussed beforehand.

Women are asked to send a check in the amount of \$10 to Ms. Esther Gallardo, 612 Alamo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 to register and include a stamped-self addressed envelope.

Men should call 337-439-7400 to register for the Prayer Breakfast.

World Mission Sunday Oct. 24

LAKE CHARLES -- The World Mission Sunday Collection will be announced this weekend, Oct. 16-17, and taken up next weekend, Oct. 23-24, in the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Established by Pope Pius XI in 1926, the collection is for the missionary work of the Church worldwide and is organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It is time to be set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. October is World Mission Month.

As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world" (Redemptoris Missio 81).



The St. Louis Catholic High School National Honor Society recently donated \$3,000 to the Haitian Relief effort. Last school year, St. Louis students and faculty generously made contributions through Theology classes to purchase nearly 11,000 pounds of rice shipped to Haiti via the "Friendships" cargo liner. Shown with this year's gift are, from left, Derrick Suarez, National Honor Society Sponsor; Kevin Hardy, National Honor Society; Ashlyn Courville, National Honor Society President; Deacon Scott Conner, St. Louis Chaplain; and Sondra Tipton, Friendships President and Founder.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Forty Hours Devotion Schedule

LAKE CHARLES – Forty Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament or "Extended Eucharistic Adoration" praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life in the Diocese of Lake Charles will be held at St. Raphael Church in Iowa and at Christ the King Church in Lake Charles to complete the October cycle in churches of the Central Deanery of the Diocese.

Beginning Monday, Oct. 18 and continuing through Friday, Oct. 22, Adoration will take place at St. Raphael on Monday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Christ the King Church and St. Mary of Lake Church of Big Lake will co-host Adoration at Christ the King on Tuesday, Oct. 26 through Friday, Oct. 29. Times are set for 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday.

Bishop Provost to celebrate Mass

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate a Mass for Individuals with Special Needs and their families and friends on Sunday, Oct. 31, at 11 a.m. at St. Louis Catholic High School, 1620 Bank Street.

St. Henry Bazaar Oct. 24

LAKE CHARLES – St. Henry Catholic Church's Annual Bazaar and Cash Giveaway will be held in the church's Community Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 24.

Barbecue pork steak and chicken dinners will be available for \$7 per plate and there will also be hamburgers, hot dogs, snow cones, and Spanish delicacies.

First prize in the big cash giveaway is \$10,000, second prize is \$5,000 and third prize is \$1,500. For more information and to purchase tickets call 337-436-7223.

Catholic Charities monthly report

LAKE CHARLES – For the month ending August 31, Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana assisted clients with \$3,115 from the Community Development Block Grant homelessness prevention grant in the City of Lake Charles,

over \$4,300 in other rent payments, over \$1,100 in other mortgage payments, over \$1,200 in other utility payments, \$1,200 in funeral assistance, over \$600 in prescription drug and other medical expense assistance, and just over \$970 in transportation expenses.

For more information about seeking assistance contact the Office of Catholic Charities at 337-436-7436.

"Mariathon" fundraising upcoming

LAKE CHARLES – The Annual Fall Fund Raising "Mariathon" for Radio Maria will be held Tuesday, Oct. 19 through Thursday, Oct. 21 on Radio Maria.

The station broadcasts here in the Diocese of Lake Charles at KOJO 91.1 FM. There will be special programming and the pledges received will enable Radio Maria's ministry to continue.

Other stations where Radio Maria can be heard include 580 AM from Alexandria, 1360 AM from New Iberia, and 88.7 FM from Port Arthur. You can also find Radio Maria streaming its broadcasts live at www.radiomaria.us on the Internet.

To make a pledge or receive more information about Radio Maria, call toll free, 1-888-408-0201. Radio Maria is now present in 54 countries, most recently in Switzerland, Slovakia and Ukraine.

Vocaré held monthly at Our Lady Queen of Heaven

LAKE CHARLES – Young men, ages 16 to 25, who are seeking to understand God's call in their lives are invited to attend the Vocaré meeting scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 21 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church's office building, 617 West Claude Street.

The meeting lasts from 7:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Other Fall events include a visit to St. Joseph Seminary College at a date to be determined and Vocaré Game Day on Saturday, Dec. 18.

For more information about vocations to the priesthood and Vocaré, call Father Nathan Long, 337-477-1236.

"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.

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 college-level 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.

Tickets may be purchased at St. Henry Catholic Church, 1021 Eighth Avenue, Jones Grocery, 1845 Gerstner Memorial Drive, and from any Knight or Lady Council and Court #168. Seating will be limited.

Call Lady Sandy Mason at 337-474-0414 or Brother Stanley Strauss at 337-526-6553, for additional information.

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