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Mass for jubilarians Sept. 20 at St. Henry Catholic Church

LAKE CHARLES - Thirty-four priests, deacons, and religious sisters residing in the Diocese of Lake Charles celebrate significant anniversaries during 2011. Bishop Glen John Provost will be the celebrant of a Mass for the jubilarians on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Henry Catholic Church, 1021 Eighth Avenue. A luncheon for the honorees will follow in the St. Henry Community Center.

Topping the list of those celebrating significant jubilees is Rev. Egidio Vecchio, M.S., a priest of the LaSalette Missionaries, who celebrates 56 years of priestly service. Father Vecchio was ordained on June 4, 1955 at St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church in Norwood, Mass., by Bishop Jeremiah F. Minihan, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston. While serving in the Diocese of Lafayette and the Diocese of Lake Charles, Father Vecchio, now retired, was pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vinton, Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur, St. Joseph Catholic Church in DeRidder, and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Maplewood. Now retired, Father Vecchio resides in Sul-

Rev. James Doyle, the founding pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Fenton (established Nov. 5, 1983) celebrates 50 years of priestly service. He was ordained in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on May 26, 1961 by The Most Reverend John Maguire, Auxiliary Bishop of New

Father Doyle, who currently serves as Defender of the Bond in the Diocesan Tribunal, has also been an assistant pastor at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in Lake Charles and was pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Big Lake. He resides at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Moss Bluff.

Reverend Lawrence Kohler, M.S., in residence at Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church in Sulphur, will celebrate his 50th anniversary of ordination on Sept. 24.

Deacon Fred Reed celebrated 35 years of diaconal service on Feb. 1. Deacon Reed and his wife Judy are the coordinators of religious education and safe environment at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Westlake.

Sr. Ann Margaret Savant, C.C.V.I., a Perpetually Professed Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Houston celebrates 50 years since her profession of vows. She entered the convent of the Sisters of Charity on February 13, 1959, became a Novice on August 15, 1959, made first vows on August 15, 1961 and final vows on August 15, 1966.

Other priests celebrating anniversaries, and their date of ordination, include Reverend James Winiarski, M.S., 12/18/66; Reverend Marshall Boulet, 12/21/71; Reverend Roland Vaughn, 12/21/71; and Monsignor Harry Greig, 05/28/76; Reverend Albert Borel, 06/06/81; Reverend William Miller, 05/18/91; Reverend Jose Vattakunnel, 12/30/91; Monsignor Daniel Torres, 05/25/96; Reverend Richard Adiukwu, 08/03/96; and Reverend Anthony Fontenot, 06/02/01.

Diaconal anniversaries in 2011 are celebrated by Deacon Edward Lavine, 08/10/86; Deacon James Ray Granger; 12/21/96; Deacon Johnny Mounce, 12/21/96; Deacon Maurice Serice, 12/21/96; Deacon Joseph Bushnell, 12/01/01; Deacon Wayne Chapman, 12/01/01; Deacon Dale Deshotel, 12/01/01; Deacon Glen Harmon, 12/01/01; Deacon Patrick Lapoint, 12/01/01; Deacon Bennett McNeal, 12/01/01; Deacon Ray Menard, 12/01/01; Deacon Roy Nash, 12/01/01; and Deacon Michael Tramel, 12/01/01.

Members of religious orders and Associations of the Christian faithful working in the Diocese of Lake Charles who are celebrating anniversaries of profession of vows also include Sister Claire Pellerin, S.E., 08/15/66; Sister Mary Dolorosa Ubalaja, D.M.M.M., 01/06/71; Sister Mary Charles Chiduolue, D.M.M.M., 05/06/76; and Sister Mary LeiicIare Pwalua, D.M.M.M., 08/18/01.

The 2011-12 Respect Life Program begins this year on Respect Life Sunday, October 2. This year's theme comes from the Gospel of John. I came so that all might have life and have it to the full (cf. Jn 10:10). The Respect Life Program explores this theme by comparing a life lived for career and wealth compared to one lived in loving service to others. Each year the Respect Life Program offers a clear and compelling defense of Church teaching from primarily secular sources, covering such topics as abortion, contraception, the death penalty, persons with disabilities, embryo research, end-of-life issues, reproductive technologies, and love and marriage. Begun in 1972, the Respect Life Program brings Church teaching on the value and dignity of human life to the Catholic community and the wider public. The program combines all four aspects of the bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: education, prayer, service, and advocacy.

Bishop's Services Appeal begins this weekend

LAKE CHARLES - The annual Bishop's Services Appeal, the campaign seeking funds to aid in the operation of various ministries and programs of the Diocese of Lake Charles, begins this weekend, Sept. 17-18, in the churches of the Diocese.

Last year's Appeal was successful in raising \$631,245.97, or 105.2 percent of the \$600,000 overall goal for the campaign from the Catholic faithful in the 38 parishes of the local church of Southwest Louisiana.

This year's campaign goal remains at \$600,000 and the Appeal will continue until the end of the fiscal year 2011-2012 on June 30, 2012.

In his message to the people of the Diocese about this John Provost said, "I am grateful to all of you for your continued support of the Bishop's Services Appeal,

year's Appeal, Bishop Glen for I truly believe that your Twenty years of Perpetual Adoration

Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church welcomes parishioners from parishes in the Diocese of Lake Charles to experience the presence of Christ by participating in Perpetual Adoration at Our Lady Queen of Heaven during the 2011 celebration of 20 years

the church. The Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and offers all Catholics in the area the privilege of regularly scheduled, weekly 'appointments' Blessed Sacrament.

of Perpetual Adoration at

An appreciation gathering for current committed hourly adorers and those interested in becoming regular adorers will be held on Thursday, Oct. 6 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Activity Room of the Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc Family Life Center. Rev. John Huckaby will be keynote speaker and a meal will be provided.

All are welcome to "Come and See" and learn more about the Perpetual Adoration Chapel, as well as celebrate this milestone in Our Lady Queen of Heaven To reserve your place, please call the church office at 477-1236 by Monday, September 26

If you are unable to attend, but would like information or wish to schedule your committed time in the chapel, please call Steve at

own vision for the needs of the great church is moving forward. As a faithful Catholic, your vision regarding church support must go beyond the pastoral needs of your own home parish."

Ten specific areas of the Diocesan organization are aided by contributions to Bishop's Services Appeal. Those include Catholic Education, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Vocations and Seminarians, Catholic Charities, Family Life, the Seafarers Center, Diocesan Counseling Services, Evangelization, Communications and Saint Charles Center.

The Office of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana has a new home at 1225 Second Street that includes two warehouses prospace for canned and refrigerated foodstuffs. This food is provided to those most in need in our Diocese. Catholic Charities also assists those that qualify with medical expenses, utilities,

Bishop Provost's continuing work seeking out men who are discerning a call to the Diocesan priesthood has brought Vianney House to



fruition. This "house of discernment," directed by Father Nathan Long, provides a year-long program for men considering a priestly vocation. Three men currently reside in the house, formerly the faculty residence at St. Louis Catholic High School, and take part in a structured program, sharing a common life with others who have this vocational interest.

Monsignor Ronald Groth, Director of Development, noted, "There are certain ministries that are needed to support what we call "the ministries" in every parish. The Bishop's Services Appeal exists to fund the "ministry support" that each parish needs that the local parish cannot provide for it-

"Take for instance, each

parish could not pay for the entire support of a seminarian," Monsignor Groth said. "Thank goodness the generosity of several parishes helps that to happen. Not every parish can raise the "funding" to host a real professional religion teacher workshop of the quality that is provided our parish teachers by the Diocesan Office of Religious Education.

"Each parish could not fund the entire retirement salary of one or more of their retired clergy," he continued. "No one parish can offer the quality of charitable works as does the cooperative effort of the Office of Catholic Charities. In these days when so many lay people are in full-time ministry in many of our parishes, it is a blessing to have opportunities for continuing education. Even our present Deacon Inquirer Program, in which 17 men are being offered a five-year period of theological and scriptural education, without a diocesan formation program each parish could not accomplish this on their own. There are many wonderful programs funded through Bishop's Services Appeal that are a blessing to all the parishes."

Catholic Schools Notes

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School

Our newly constructed front entry is remarkable. We appreciate the Knights of Columbus Council 2012 for providing the resources to help us achieve this dream. If you haven't seen it, it's worth taking a drive! We will honor St. Francis with a Blessing of the Pets on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 2:15 p.m. in the courtyard. Don't miss the chance to have your pet blessed during this prayer service with lots of different ani-

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School presents the Second Annual Heavenly Jazz Fest Weekend" October 14-16. Silent auction begins Friday at 5:30 p.m. Saturday is carnival set up. Carnival is Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m

Our Lady's Catholic School

Our Lady's School would like to invite you to its Annual Auction on Saturday, October 15 at the Isle of Capri in West lake. Come out and enjoy a fun filled night of food, silent and live auction items, and fellowship at "Cowboy Up at OLS". For more information, please call the school at 337-527-7828

or go to our web site at www.olcs.org. Sacred Heart of Jesus/St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School The students, faculty and staff of Sacred Heart/Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School continue to be very invigorated about sharing the good news of the Gospel. The Cookie Dough fundraiser for Sacred Heart/SKD began on Thursday, Sept. 15. The students are very excited and they are usually

very competitive with this special fundraiser for our school.

The school is also proud to announce the good news about our Adopt a Student program at Sacred Heart/SKD. This is just another way to increase and enhance our enrollment at Sacred Heart/SKD. After all, we do recognize the importance of a good Christian education, rooted in sound moral, ethical values and principles and the impact it has on our society. For information about our programs or enrollment, please call the school at 337-436-3588.

St. Louis Catholic High School

Celebrate Homecoming with us! The parade and pep rally is Wednesday, Sept. 21, beginning at 5:30 p.m. We play the Notre Dame Pioneers Friday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. at La-Grange's John J. Mims Stadium. For more detailed information on family and alumni events, please visit our school website at www.slchs.org.

Memorial bricks are being sold to honor members of the St. Louis family. Bricks available to etch are already placed in the Our Lady of Life Prayer Garden in front of the school to serve as a tribute to those we love, both living and deceased. Currently, there are 31 bricks waiting in the garden to be named. The cost of the memorial is \$1,000.00. For more information, call Geneva Breaux at 436-7275, Ext. 244.

St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School

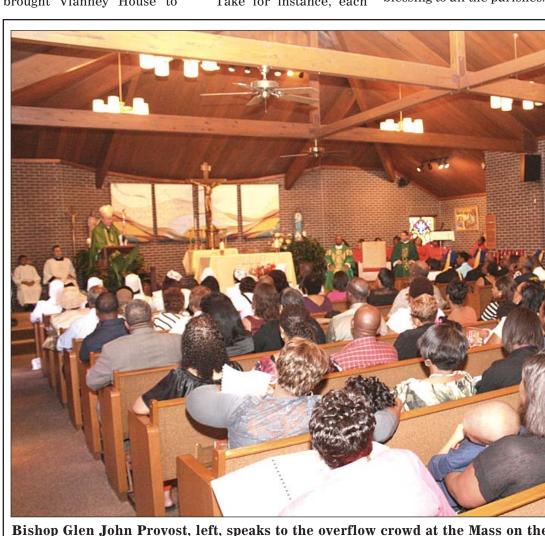
St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School Denim & Diamonds Dinner Auction is Saturday, Oct. 29 in the Habibi Temple. Call the school office to reserve your table or tickets at 337-855-9465

Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic School

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School celebrated Grandparents Week September 6-9. The theme was Grandparents are Fan-Tastic. Many grandparents joined their grandchildren for lunch during the week. The week ended with a celebration of Mass in honor of all of our Grandparents. A reception was held in the gym following Mass where all of the students were able to enjoy cake and punch and take pictures with their grandparents.

Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School Congratulations to the following students for their elec-

tion to the 2011-2012 Student Council. Officers are President Austin Crawford, Executive Vice-President Ryan Palermo, Activities Vice-President Madeline McClain, Treasurer Hannah Schwartzen burg, and Secretary Gentry Crain. Student Representatives for sixth grade are Savannah Morgan and Rosie Miller, seventh grade, Kennedy Darbonne and Andre Ange, and eighth Grade Amanda Husein and Colin Kramer. Serving on the Council as Members at Large are Maddie Lechtenberg, Ruby DeRouen, Ethan Johnson, Arthur and Thomas Odenheimer.



Bishop Glen John Provost, left, speaks to the overflow crowd at the Mass on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Welsh. Following the celebration of the liturgy a luncheon was served in the Monsignor Jules Daigle Center of Our Lady of Seven Dolors Catholic Church. Awards were presented by the Bishop to several St. Joseph parishioners - Gilbert Pitre, Parish Service Award; Keygan Keys, Youth Award; Alexander Prudhomme, Membership Award; Ida Mae Pitre and Daisy Harmon, Mass Attendance Award; and Gloria Viney, Community Service Award. Rev. Celsius Offor, parish administrator and Rev. Derek Covert, were concelebrants.

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost Bishop of Lake Charles

September 16, 2011

Bishop Provost speaks to Lake Charles Serra Club

(Read more at http://live.lcdiocese.org/news/928-bishopspeaks-on-qcatholic-identityq.html)

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost was the guest speaker at the September luncheon of the Lake Charles Serra Club, speaking on "Catholic Identity in a Confusing World."

The Bishop noted that, when he was growing up in Southwest Louisiana in the 50s and 60s, "you were quite aware of who you were as a Catholic."

"I recall being asked by cafeteria workers in line for lunch, 'Are you Catholic?' In which case they would dutifully place a fish stick, instead of a chicken steak on your plate because it was Ash Wednesday and you were supposed to be abstaining." He also noted a story of

LAKE CHARLES - Last

weekend during the remem-

brances of the 10th Anniver-

sarv of the terrorist actions

against the United States,

Pope Benedict XVI sent a

letter to the American peo-

ple through Archbishop Tim-

othy Dolan, Archbishop of

New York and the President

of the United States Confer-

ence of Catholic Bishops.

Bishop Glen John Provost

read the Holy Father's mes-

sage over the weekend a the

closed

working with a convert to the Faith in the 1980s, who felt this abstention from meat on Fridays - that public demonstration of the Faith - was the seed that led him to conversion.

The Bishop did point out that it is difficult to reduce "Catholic identity" to one action, namely observing fast and abstinence. He noted that at a United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' meeting in June, Francis Cardinal George made reference to fasting and abstinence in the context of how Catholics perceived themselves.

"He said that when the Church relaxed its laws governing fast and abstinence, the Church sent an unintended message that the practice of the Faith was a private affair," Bishop

Called2BCatholic Festival

on Saturday, at the 9:30 a.m.

Mass in the Cathedral of the

Immaculate Conception on

Sunday, at the Vespers Ser-

vice to honor St. Peter

Claver, the patron saint of

the Diocese, on Sunday

well as one from Archbishop

Dolan, can be read on the

main page of the website of

the Diocese of Lake Charles,

The Pope's message, as

Pope sends letter to U.S.

on anniversary of 9/11

Provost noted. "Let us leave aside the obvious that fasting and abstinence are intended for our personal sanctification. Every requirement of religious practice has this as an end.

"I would say that our world needs witness, as much as it does people who act according to their conscience," he continued. "The two are not mutually exclusive. As Pope Benedict XVI has reminded us, there is no such thing as a completely private religious practice. When I adhere to a belief, then I act upon what it is I believe. I can do this respectfully. I should also be able to explain why it is I do what I do. This is all part of witness as well.

The Bishop also pointed out a few examples of the loss of Catholic identity when it impacts witness—maintaining Sunday as a day of worship and rest, instead of acting as it just another regular day full of regular activities; a Catholic family with none of their children baptized; or how parents should speak responsibly to their children who engage in immoral behavior.

"What we do makes a difference," Bishop Provost said. "The witness we give leaves an impression. A Catholic identity – an awareness of what you believe can make a difference – makes that possible. We do not need self-righteousness. We do not need the imposition of rules for the sake of rules. We need a connection to be made between faith and action."



Bishop Glen John Provost makes a point during his presentation on Catholic Identity in a Confusing World" at a recent luncheon meeting of the Lake Charles Serra Club.

Bishop Provost to visit schools

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost, along with Superintendent of Catholic Schools Kimberlee Gazzolo, will be visiting all eight of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles during the current school term.

Visits will begin at 10 a.m. in each school.

The Bishop will open his visitation schedule at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings on Wednesday, Sept. 28. Next, he will visit St. Louis Catholic High School on Wednesday, Oct. 12 followed by Sacred Heart/St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, the Bishop will visit Our Lady

Queen of Heaven Catholic School. His first visit of 2012 will be Wednesday, Jan. 18, to St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School.

Wednesday, Jan. 25, will find him at Our Lady's Catholic School in Sulphur followed on Wednesday, March 7, at Immaculate Conception Cathedral School and finally on Wednesday, March 14, at St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School in Moss Bluff.

Did you know...

Father P.F. Parisot, OMI, a missionary to the Beaumont area was sent into western Louisiana by Galveston Bishop J. M. Odin at the request of New Orleans Archbishop Antoine Blanc. His first visit, in 1852, lasted two and half months.

A special area at Saint Charles Center is set aside to remember those clergy of the Diocese of Lake Charles who have completed their earthly work and gone to their heavenly reward. Do you know its name and where it is located? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

Bishop's Golf Classic Oct. 7

evening.

LAKE CHARLES – The Annual Bishop's Golf Classic, which provides funding assistance to the Seminarian Education and Priest Retirement Funds, is set for Friday, Oct. 7 at the Lake Charles Country Club.

Title sponsors for this year's fourth annual event are Iberia Bank and Alfred Palma Contractors, while Bubba Oustalet serves as a banner sponsor.

The four-person scramble will have two shotgun starts, 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$125 per individual or \$500 a team. Also available are hole sponsorships at \$150 each and banner sponsorships for \$1,000. Registration forms



Golfers warm up on the putting green before the morning round of the 2010 Bishop's Golf Classic at the Lake Charles Country Club. Deadline to enter the 2011 tournament is Friday, Sept. 30.

are available at area golf courses and at the Diocese of Lake Charles, 414 Iris Street. The entry deadline is Friday, September 30.

Checks should be made payable to The Diocese of Lake Charles and returned with the entry form to The Bishop's Golf Classic, P. O. Box 2225, Lake Charles LA 70602. For general information, contact Larry DeRoussel at 337-794-8339 or email lderoussel@laia.com. An entry application is also available at http://live.lcdiocese.org/images/stories/pdfs/bishop_brochure-2011_email.pdf on the Diocesan website.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st Low Gross, 2nd Low Gross, 10th Low Gross as well as the longest drive and closest to the pin competition in each session. A lucky golfer scoring a hole-in-one will receive \$5,000.

O'Charley's Restaurant of Lake Charles will provide lunch and refreshments on the course is courtesy of Iberia Bank.



Parishioners of St. Henry Catholic Church and the Hispanic community in the Diocese of Lake Charles honored Father Arturo Lozano, S.J., left, recently at a extremely well attended farewell gathering at the St. Henry Community Center. Father Lozano has been recalled by his Jesuit Provincial in Mexico. He served as Director of Hispanic Ministry in the Diocese for nearly three years, and previously served in a similar capacity in the Diocese of Lafayette. Father Lozano has been a member of the Society of Jesus since 1953, ordained to the priesthood in 1967. *Gracias Padre Lozano!*

Diocesan Briefs...

Breakfast, luncheon with Bishop Provost

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will speak on the Fourth through Seventh Chapters of the Gospel of St. Matthew during his October Men's Prayer Breakfast and Women's Prayer Luncheon to be held at Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception office complex. The luncheon is at noon on Tuesday, October 4 and the breakfast is Friday, Oct. 7.

Women should send a check for \$10, payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles, to Ms. Esther Gallardo, 612 Alamo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 at least a week prior to the luncheon. A stamped, self-addressed envelope should be included.

Men should call 337-439-7400 to register. Bishop Provost's celebration of Mass, beginning at 6:30 a.m., precedes the breakfast at 7 a.m.

Programs at Tabor Retreat House

MOSS BLUFF – Several programs are set for October at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

Sr. Diane Depwe will lead a program entitled Saving

America, on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The suggested donation of \$20 per person includes supper.

Father Don Piraro will lead the Spiritual Book club on

Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. The October selection is Our One Great Act of Fidelity: Waiting for Christ in the Eucharist by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI. The suggested donation for the evening of \$20 includes supper. Pre-registration is requested.

An Engaged Encounter Weekend is set for Friday through Sunday, Oct. 21-23. The suggested donation is \$190 per counter the suggested donation is \$190 per c

A three-day retreat for seniors, <u>Souls in Full Sail: A Retreat for Body, Mind and Spirit</u> will be led by Mrs. Emilie Griffin from Friday Oct. 21 through Sunday, Oct. 23. Suggested donation is \$139 per guest for a shared room and \$155 for a private room. Scholarships are available on request.

To register for any of these events call Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center at 337-855-1232.

Calca Chew Festival scheduled

LAKE CHARLES – The annual Calca Chew Festival, sponsored by St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, will be Sunday, Sept. 25, on the church grounds and in the Family Center. Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate Mass in French beginning at 7 a.m. and the festivities get fully underway at 9 a.m..

Holy Cross College schedule

LAKE CHARLES – Nine courses will be offered by the Office of Religious Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles through Holy Cross College of New Orleans during the fall of 2011 and in the spring and summer of 2012. Fees for the classes include a one-time new student fee of \$15, a per course fee of \$75, and for those auditing the courses, and not requiring college credit, a \$30 fee. Registration and fees are due no later than a week before a course begins.

For information, contact Bobbie LeBlanc at 337-439-7400, Ext. 309 or at bobbie.leblanc@lcdiocese.org. A complete listing of courses, descriptions, and other pertinent information can be downloaded at http://live.lcdiocese.org/images/stories/pdfs/2011-12_brochure_general.pdf.

St. Philip Neri Harvest Festival

KINDER -- St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder will be holding the Eighth Annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9 on the church grounds.

Food items along with homemade sweets, children's games and activities, arts & crafts, hand made quilts, music and entertainment can be had on Saturday. Sunday will bring a wonderful smorgasbord and exciting live, silent and bucket auctions. Tickets for the smorgasbord must be purchased in advance (dine-in or take out).

To purchase call the St. Philip Neri Rectory at (337) 738-5612.

Holy Spirit Sisters offer "Come and See" weekend

SAN ANTONIO – A "Come and See" weekend, sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate, will be offered at the Motherhouse here on the weekend of Oct. 21-23 for women 18 to 45 years old.

If you have ever wondered what life in a convent is like and how Sisters live, work, and spread the Gospel, then this offers an opportunity to get an inside view of their life together. Members of the order have lived and worked among the people to whom they have ministered in places like Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Mexico and Africa since the order's 1893 founding.

Register on-line at www.shsp.org (under What's New) or contact Sister Gabriel at 210-533-5149 or sghession@hotmail.com.

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