Cheryl Riley named "Distinguished Catholic of the Year" by KPC #168

LAKE CHARLES - Mrs. Cheryl Riley received the "Distinguished Catholic of the Year" by St. Peter Claver Court and Council No. 168 of St. Henry Catholic Church, at the second annual Sapphire and Ice Gala.

Proceeds from the event support educational expenses for college-level seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles and the St. Henry Catholic Church Building Bridges Capital Campaign. Pastors from the parishes of the Diocese provide nominations for the Award

In his introduction of the 2011 recipient, Msgr. Daniel Torres, pastor of St. Henry, spoke of St. Peter Claver and the care he provided for the slaves of 17th Century Colombia and how Riley, like Peter Claver, follows the sus Christ everv dav.

"She is a faithful and humble servant," Msgr. Torres said. "She is is truly following the model of the Lord. As a teacher, she has always been very involved in the lives of her

"A lifetime member of Sacred Heart, she attended Sacred Heart Elementary and graduated from Sacred Heart High School," Msgr. Torres said. Riley completed her Catholic education through graduation from Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans. A veteran of more than 30 years of teaching experience in public and parochial schools in Southwest Louisiana, she retired from Sacred Heart/St. Katharine Drexel Catholic

An accomplished musician, she serves as Music Minister at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. John Bosco in Westlake and St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Lake Charles. as well as helping with music at funeral masses at many churches in the

As a teacher, she has always involved herself in the lives of young people.

"Countless parents and students have said they were unable to grasp math until they entered her class," Msgr. Torres continued. "She continues to tutor students from Sacred Heart/St. Katharine Drexel and from the public school system, refusing to take money for her services.

She attempts to attend high school graduations for all of her former students.

"Recently, she approached the mother of one of her former students to tell her that she had seen the woman's son and was surprised when the child ran over to her and hugged her," Msgr. Torres said. "The parent asked why was she surprised? The student is now in college and he now realizes how instrumental Riley was in molding him into the adult that he had become. The parent also told Riley that she appreciated her mothering her son and countless other students she has taught."

The guest speaker at Sapphire and Ice was Supreme Lady Geralyn Shelvin of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary.



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Cheryl Riley, left, is presented with the Distinguished Catholic of the Year Award by Bishop Glen John Provost, right. The honor was given by the Knights of Peter Claver Court and Council No. 168 of St. Henry Catholic Church.

Local Catholic Charities staff, volunteer go to DC

(Read more at http://live.lcdiocese.org/news/960-catholicton-dc.html)

WASHINGTON, DC Trish Trejo, the Director of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana and Alison Fontenot, a member of the proposed Advisory Board of Catholic Charities, spent several days in mid-October as the guests of Catholic Chari-

pair joined with other members of Catholic Charities agencies around the country in the White House Community Leaders Briefing Series.

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evening ued with the celebration of Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church, the oldest parish in the Federal City of Washington, D.C. by His Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington. The Cardinal is a long-time advocate for Catholic Charities and a champion

Following the Mass, participants were transported to the National Press Club for dinner and a panel discussion led by Major Garrett, Con-Correspondent for National Journal. Among others, the panel included Fr. Larry Snyder, President of Catholic Charities USACatholic Charities USA.



Trish Trejo, the Director of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana, left, and Alison Fontenot, a member of the a member of the proposed Advisory Board of Catholic Charities, right, traveled to Washington, DC recently at the invitation of Catholic Charities USA, to take part in the White House Community Leaders Briefing

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ties USA. While in the Capitol, the

On Thursday, October 13 they heard an address by Jon Carson, Director of the Office of Public Engagement for the Obama Administration. Carson expressed his high opinion of the Catholic Church for its work on behalf of the poor. He had the opportunity of working alongside the Church during his two-year service with the Peace Corps and was impressed that the Church had a committed presence in even the most remote areas of the world.

Christopher Kush of Soapration partner for the White House briefing followed with suggestions on getting the cerns of local Catholic Charities agencies to the Obama Administration. He stressed the uniqueness of the opportunity given to Catholic Charities, as a private briefing with the White House rarely, if ever, occurs. This unique opportunity has the potential for forging a meaningful relationship with the White House which would be beneficial to both local Catholic Charities agencies and the larger Catholic Charities USA. The success of the briefing is defined as our ability to maintain the interest of the White House in the work of Catholic Charities.

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Buttross. The Companions of Honor is the diocesan organization made up of those men and women who have been honored by the Church for their good works. Deceased Companions remembered

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, right, greets Joe Sto-

ma and other members of the Companions of Honor following the Memorial Mass in

the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Next to greet the Bishop is Dr. David

remembered.html)

LAKE CHARLES - The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, was the celebrant and homilist of the annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Companions of Honor, held Saturday, Oct. 29, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Also present were Rev. Archimandrite Herbert May, Msgr. Ronald Groth, and Rev. Wayne LeBleu. Deacon Glenn Viau served the Bishop.

Twenty-one members of the Companions who died in the past year were remembered during the General Intercessions as well as all deceased members. Those whose names were called were: Lady Pamela Truax

(Read more at http://live. McCall, November 24, 2010; Cooper, May 16, 2011; Oris lcdiocese.org/news/961-companions-of-honor-deceased- Lady Mary Hazel Dronet, December 4, 2010 Rodney John Cardone, Sr., June 30, Duplechin, December 4, 2010; Ola Mae Thornton, December 5, 2010; John Alvin Trouille, Sr., December 14, 2010; Willard Broussard, December 25, 2010; Elton Paul Courville, January 3, 2011; Paul J. Montalbano, January 9, 2011; Della Marie Carrier, March 6, 2011; Stella Barkate, March 12, 2011; William Habetz, April 20, 2011; Rufus Payne, April 25, 2011; Louella Breaux Romero, May 13, 2011; Verna Elizabeth

2011; Peter Ciambotti, July 1, 2011; Sir J. Berton Daigle, July 7, 2011; Lydia Chiasson, July 11, 2011; Sir John Roth, September 7, 2011; Paul Dartez, September 30, 2011 The organization, estab-

lished by Bishop Jude Speyrer in December 1982, is composed of clergy, religious and laity honored by the Diocese or the Holy See or who are members of recognized orders of chivalry residing in

CCHD collection Nov. 19-20

WASHINGTON -The national Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is Nov. 19-20 in the Diocese of Lake Charles. The collection is taken up in parishes and dioceses nationwide.

"Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity," is the theme of this year's collection. Twenty-five percent of the collection stays in the Diocese for local anti-pover-

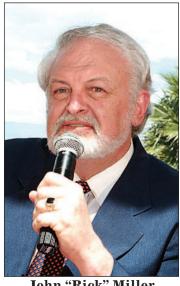
Mission for the Love of God Worldwide set at St. Henry

"Rick" Miller will lead the Mission for the Love of God Worldwide at St. Henry Catholic Church on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 6:45 p.m. following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Miller, who received a "massive conversion" due to Medjugorje in 1988, began soon thereafter to combine his work life as a Senior International Corporate Executive with a special ministry to the sick and downtrodden. The Ministry for the Love God Worldwide was established to answer the call from the God the Father to all of His children to make a powerful change in these confusing times in our world.

Now one of the fastest growing international Catholic Lay Missions in the Church, over one and a half million people from many nations pray the mission prayers each day and actively seek to turn hearts back to God their creator and Savior who loves them beyond their imagination.

Since the beginning of the ministry, Miller has done missions in the United States, Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, and Venezuela and later this year will go to Mississippi and Alabama.

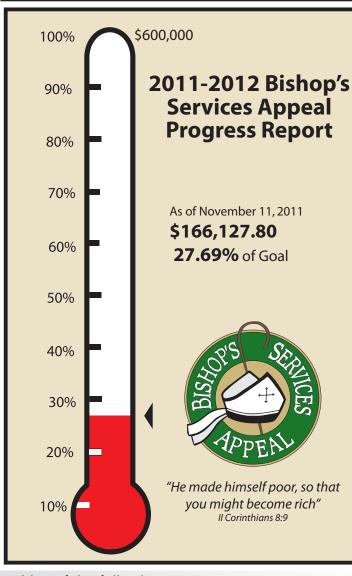


John "Rick" Miller

Did you know...

In the 24-year period from its establishment in 1890 until the assignme<mark>nt of Re</mark>v. P.J. Buissink in 1914, Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Creole had 10 pastors. Three - Rev. Theophile Stenmans, Rev. Joseph Drolet, and Rev. Hubert Cramers - in the same year,

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church has been served by nine pastors since its founding in 1945 but only two have served 10 or more years. Do you know those two priests? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.



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The Most Reverend Glen John Provost Bishop of Lake Charles

November 18, 2011

Catholic presence in Prien Lake Mall during Advent

second year of the Advent Mall Ministry, a Catholic presence during each weekend of Advent in the Prien Lake Mall, will begin on the first weekend of Advent, Saturday, Nov. 26 and Sunday, Nov. 27, according to Bernell Ezell, Director of the Office of Evangelization for the Diocese of Lake Charles. The program continues over the remaining Advent weekends - Dec. 3-4; Dec. 11-12, and

Just as in 2010, space has been reserved in the Center

theater entrance and the customer service kiosk, where free materials about the Church and the many ministries and programs of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be available to all who are interested. "The tables we will have set up will be staffed by Catholics of all ages and demographics of the Diocese of Lake Charles," said Ezell. "Last year we had an abundance of volunteers in all of the time slots. It went very smooth."

number of priests of the Diocese visited on numerous occasions and energized the volunteers as well as those who stopped for information.

"The free material available this year will once again include church parish brochures, brochures from all Catholic schools in the Diocese, more than 20 titles of informative brochures about the Church, and many spiritual CD's," Ezell said. "We pray that our efforts will once

counters occurred last year, according to Ezell.

"In a number of instances, conversations between volunteers and interested passers-by turned into an invitation to return to Mass after a long absence," Ezell continued. "Many of our volunteers found that they, though giving of their free time to this ministry, received blessings as well. In reaching out to others they actually learned something about themselves."

The space will be open during the same hours that the Mall is open on each of the eight weekend days.

CDs from Lighthouse Catholic Media proved to be perhaps the most popular item. "These are very interesting and informative, dealing with many different topics of the Church." Ezell said. "They were also the most expensive item and I thought we had enough for the entire four weekends. However, they were all gone the first two days. Fortunately, we had a generous group that underwrote the purchase of those CDs over the next three

The first weekend of Advent will also see the first usage of the new English translation of the Roman Missal, Third Edition in the celebration of the Liturgy.

"Last year we offered a number of different pamphlets on this change," Ezell said. "Now with people seeing the changes, we will offer more information on the sub-

For more information, to volunteer to help, or to donate monetarily, call 337-439-7400, Ext. 305 or e-mail: bernell.ezell@lcdiocese.org.

Cormier installed to Ministry of **Acolyte**

NEW ORLEANS - Matthew Cormier of Sulphur, a seminarian studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles at Notre Dame Seminary, was installed to the Ministry of Acolyte during an Oct. 21 Liturgy at St. Rita Catholic Church. The Most Reverend Shelton Fabre, Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans, was the installed prelate.

Cormier, a parishioner of Our Lady of LaSalette Church in Sulphur, was among 33 men from 17 dioceses installed as Readers and Acolytes during the celebration.

Those instituted into those ministries have begun exercising them at the Seminary.

In his homily, Bishop Fabre emphasized that these are ministries of service for the people of God, to be made available even when a student for some reason does not continue on to the priesthood. He also noted that when they are ordained deacons and priests the acolytes and readers will take on other roles at the liturgy. The reception of these ministries prepares the seminarians, as it were, for the ministry of priesthood that they will carry out all their lives.

In a 1972 apostolic letter, Pope Paul VI reformed what were known as minor orders, streamlining them into two ministries: Reader and Acolyte. It is required that seminarians be instituted into these ministries before ordination to the diaconate.

The acolyte is appointed in order to aid the deacon and to minister to the priest. It is his duty therefore to at-



Matthew Cormier, left, is shown with New Orleans Auxiliary Bishop, The Most Reverend Shelton Fabre, following Cormier's installation into the Ministry of Acolyte by Bishop Fabre at St. Rita Catholic Church in New Orleans. Cormier, a parishioner of Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church in Sulphur, is a second year theology student at Notre Dame Seminary.

tend to the service of the altar and to assist the deacon and the priest in liturgical celebrations, especially in the celebration of Mass. He is also to distribute communion as a special minister when the ministers spoken of in the Codex Iuris Canonici can. 845 are not available or are prevented by ill health, age, or another pastoral ministry from performing this function, or when the number of communicants is so great that the celebration of Mass would be unduly prolonged.

In the same extraordinary circumstances, an acolyte may be entrusted with publicly exposing the Blessed Sacrament for adoration by the faithful and afterward replacing it, but not with blessing the people. He may take care of instructing other faithful who on a temporary the weak and the sick.

basis are appointed to assist the priest or deacon in liturgical celebrations by carrying the missal, cross, candles, etc., or by performing other such duties. He will perform these functions more worthily if he participates in the Holy Eucharist with increasingly fervent devotion, receives nourishment from it, and deepens his knowledge

As one set aside in a special way for the service of the altar, the acolyte should learn all matters concerning public divine worship and strive to grasp their inner spiritual meaning. In that way he will be able each day to offer himself entirely to God, be an example to all by his gravity and reverence in church, and have a sincere love for the also, to the extent needed, Mystical Body of Christ, the people of God, especially for

THE OFFICES OF THE DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES ARE OPEN MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY, Nov. 21-23, FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. THEY WILL BE CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY, THURSDAY, NOV. 24, AND FRIDAY, NOV. 25 AND REOPEN AT 8:30 A.M. MONDAY, NOV. 28.

Catholic Schools Notes

St. Louis Catholic High School

The annual Open House was held at St. Louis Catholic on Monday, Nov. 14. Students led tours throughout the afternoon and evening. In the spirit of the season, St. Louis thanks you - our friends and family - for your continuous support today and throughout the years. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to live out our mission to Honor and Praise God...in All Ways.

St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School Holy Family School invites everyone to its annual "French Market Bazaar" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3 in the Enrichment Center. Come and enjoy shopping for Christmas crafts, homemade jellies and other gift items!

Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic School

During October, St. Margaret School held a "Diaper Drive" in honor of Right to Life month. The school-wide initiative generated almost 1,000 diapers and over 1,500 baby wipes, which were donated to New Life Counseling.

Religion coordinator, David Hardey said, This project is a great testament to how much good can be done with small deeds done with great love."

The annual food drive for the Oak Park Food Pantry was a huge success. Following the example of our Patron Saint, St. Margaret of Scotland, the school continued the tradition of providing food for the poor and hungry of our community. The annual Alumni Mass was celebrated on Nov. 16, the feast day of Saint Margaret of Scotland. Former students, faculty, and friends of St. Margaret Catholic School attended the Mass and reception.

Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School

Immaculate Conception Cathedral School will hold its annual Panther Run on Saturday, Dec. 3. Registration for the 10K and One-Mile Fun Run will open at 6:30 a.m. with the race beginning at 7:30 a.m. from the Lake Charles Civic Center. Runners can pre-register for the

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School

OLI staff and students give thanks together for our many blessings. During this special time of Thanksgiving, we wish God's abundance of health and happiness to all of our friends and families. May each of you be filled with gratitude and have a Happy Thanksgiving! Everyone is invited to begin the Advent Season with a Blessing of the Advent Wreath

at 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 28 in the school gym. A display of rare Church artifacts will be shown from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7 in the Oratory. Everyone is invited to view these special artifacts.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School Today, November 18, OLQH School will celebrate PPG Industries at a Mass of Thanksgiving at 8:30 a.m. in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church. PPG Industries has been the school's Partner In Education since 1991, supporting the school community in numerous fundraisers, projects, student programs, and has volunteered countless hours in support of the school's teachers, staff, parents, and students. The Mass will celebrate all of these programs as well as past OLQHS/PPG Partner in Education committee members who have served. A brief reception following the Mass will be held under the portico of the church

The 4th Annual Taste N Tell Celebrity Amateur Chef Showcase, featuring Celebrity Chef and Emcee John Folse is Monday, Dec. 12 in Family Life Center gym. For information, or to purchase tickets, call the school at 477-7349 or email ljakel@olqhs.org. There is limited seating.

Our Lady's Catholic School

Our Lady's School is preparing a tastetempting cookbook featuring favorite recipes from members of the community. The cookbook will be beautifully illustrated and is sure to be treasured for years. Members of the school and local community as well as others are invited to submit one or two favorite recipes for this memorable collection. Submit each recipe on a plain sheet of paper, printing a telephone number clearly in ink in case the school needs to make contact. Please either drop off at the school or mail to Our Lady's School, Attention: Cookbook Committee, 1111 Cypress Street, Sulphur, LA 70663. The school will also be taking reservations for cookbooks, which will cost between \$15 and \$18 each. For more information, please contact Sheri Yarbrough Development/Marketing Director at 527-7828.

Sacred Heart of Jesus/ St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School

The sixth graders at Sacred Heart/SKD attended the Chemical Exposition held at the Lake Charles Civic Center on October 27. It was certainly a very rewarding experience for them. Mr. H. Batiste, the junior high science teacher, was able to facilitate the field

The students celebrated Mass for All Saints' Day on November 1. All Souls' Day was commemorated by placing the book of the deceased loved ones on the altar.

The students who sold the most Cookie Dough during the recent fundraiser were treated to several different rewards. Some of the students received a Limo Ride, Free Dress Day, Sticky-Hand for Cash and/or an Ice Cream Float.

Diocesan Briefs

Crossroads Bookstore Open House Nov. 19

LAKE CHARLES - Crossroads Bookstore will have its annual Christmas Open House Saturday, Nov. 19. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shoppers are invited to visit and enjoy the beautiful Christmas Store with its many gift items, decorations, Advent wreaths, books and candles. There will be decorated trees and great gifts along with entertainment, local authors, door prizes and refreshments.

Bishop Provost to visit OLQH School

LAKE CHARLES - Bishop Glen John Provost will visit Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School on Wednesday, Dec. 7, beginning at 10 a.m.

The Bishop will visit classrooms and interact with the school's students. This will enable the students to ask Bishop Provost questions.

Evening of Reflection and Conversation

MOSS BLUFF - Father Don Piraro and Father Whitney Miller will host An Evening of Reflection and Conversation based on the film "Of Gods and Men" from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Cen-

The movie deals with the 1996 kidnapping and subsequent martyrdoms of eight French Cistercian Monks of the Strict Observance, formerly known as Trappists, in Algeria by an Islamic Fundamentalist group. The film is in French with Eng-

Evening Prayer will begin at 6 p.m. in the Assumption Chapel followed by supper, the movie and discussion afterward. The suggested donation is \$20.

Call the Center to register at 337-855-1232.

Forty Hours Devotion schedule

LAKE CHARLES - Forty Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life in the Diocese of Lake Charles, continues during December in churches of the Eastern Dean-

The schedule is as follows: Our Lady of the Lake in Lake Arthur from 7 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2; Our Lady of Seven Dolors in Welsh from 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4 through 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 5; St. Joseph in Welsh from 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, to 5:30 p.m.; St. Lawrence in Raymond from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7 through Friday, Dec. 9 and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Volunteer orientation at Catholic Charities

LAKE CHARLES - Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana will host two orientation sessions for volunteers on Thursday, Dec. 1, the first from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and the second from 2 to 3:30 p.m. It is only necessary for volunteers to attend one

Immediate openings are available for volunteer receptionists, caseworkers, food pantry workers and tax preparers.

Those who attend are asked to RSVP to Gloria Hypolite at 337-439-7436. For additional information, including job descriptions for each position, please contact Ms. Hypolite at the above number, e-mail trish.trejo@lcdiocese.org, or go to www.facebook.com/ccswla.

The Offices of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana are located at 1225 Second Street.

Breakfast, luncheon with Bishop Provost

LAKE CHARLES - Bishop Glen John Provost will continue his presentation on the Gospel of St. Matthew at the Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 9 in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception office complex. The Bishop will celebrate the Liturgy in the Cathedral beginning at 6:30 a.m.

Men should call 337-439-7400 to register.

There will be no Women's Luncheon with the Bishop in December.

Religious Art Benefit Nov. 22

MOSS BLUFF -- A benefit religious art show and silent auction, featuring the works of local artist Doug Smith, will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22, in Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

Proceeds from this one of a kind event will be equally shared between the St. Martin DePorres Catholic Church Building Fund and the Saint Charles Center Maintenance

The artist, whose image of the face of Christ graces the Fall brochure of Saint Charles Center, has donated a sampling of his work for the auction. No registration is necessary for this "Open House" evening

Silver Rose handoff Nov. 26 in Vinton

VINTON - The Our Lady of Silver Rose Program, begun as a project of the Columbian Squires in 1960 and now a program of Squire Circles, councils and Fourth Degree Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus, will, end its trip through the State of Louisiana, honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe, at the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Nov. 26, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1502

Industrial Street. Matt Maher in Concert Dec. 1

LAKE CHARLES -- Matt Maher and Adore Ministries will highlight an Advent Evening of Praise and Workshop on Thursday, Dec. 1 in the Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc Family Life Center on the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church campus. Doors will open at 6:20 p.m.

The evening begins with a Pre-Concert featuring Nichole Lanthier followed by a Maher concert, teaching by Paul George and Eucharistic Adoration and conclude with Praise and Worship with Maher.

Tickets are available at the Diocese of Lake Charles, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, 411 Iris Street. Tickets can be ordered by calling 337-439-7400, Ext. 301. The cost is \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door.

"Come, Follow Me" retreat announced

LAKE CHARLES -- "Come, Follow Me", a retreat for men 16 years and older who are discerning God's will in their lives, such as a vocation to the sacred priesthood, will be held Friday through Sunday, Feb. 3-5, 2012 at the Bishop Tracy Center in Baton Rouge.

For more information on this annual retreat, sponsored jointly by the Diocese of Lake Charles, Lafayette, and Baton Rouge, and/or to register, contact Rev. Marcus Johnson, Vocation Recruiter, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 2031 Opelousas Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601; by telephone at 337-436-8093; or by e-mail to marcus.johnson@ lcdiocese.org.

2012 Abrazando Cristo Mission dates

LAKE CHARLES - The dates for the 2012 Abrazando Cristo Mission Trip to Nicaragua - June 30 to July 8 - have been announced by Msgr. Daniel Torres, V.G. Cost of the trip will be \$1,900.

Informational packets are now available in the Office of Vicar General at the Chancery, 414 Iris Street, Lake Charles. Contact Msgr. Torres at 337-439-7400.

The first 25 people to sign up and pay the deposit will guar-