



## A Christmas Message from Bishop Glen John Provost

My Dear People of God,

*"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled." Luke 2:1*

"Love for Jesus and His Church must be the passion of our lives." Those words come from Blessed John Paul II, and they were the opening sentence of a recent address to the Catholic bishops of the United States by Archbishop Timothy Dolan. I think they are fitting to repeat on this Solemnity of Christmas, because the Eternal Word of God became flesh for a reason, and this reason vitally and intrinsically involves us in the Church.

The message of Jesus Christ is a dynamic message. Its energy and power originate in God's message of redemption. Jesus Christ is the redemption. As He says to Martha, He says to us, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26). The message of Jesus Christ has power to save, because Jesus Christ is the message.

Christmas gives us once again the opportunity to unite ourselves to Jesus Christ in faith. When we go to the manger and gaze upon the figures of the Christ Child, Mary, Joseph and the shepherds, our faith is enlivened and awakened. Jesus is an historic moment. St. Luke makes that point.

The Evangelist reminds us of the historic details surrounding the birth of Jesus to make the point that He is a real person, at a real moment in human history. He is not myth. He is not a creation of a fiction writer with a fertile imagination. No! Christ is born in the reign of Caesar Augustus. Quirinius is the governor of Syria. Nazareth and Bethlehem are real places. As a matter of fact, everywhere we turn we encounter reality, a mother giving birth, a father looking for a place for his family to stay the night, and shepherds tending their flocks.

It is fascinating that Jesus is born at a time when the Roman Emperor is taking a census. The Romans called this

time the *Pax Romana*. The earthly king is to enroll the heavenly king in his kingdom, but the kingdom that the heavenly king comes to establish will surpass that of the earthly king. The Roman Emperor may have brought about some sort of earthly peace, but it will not last. It cannot last. The peace of the Eternal King is different. The Eternal King will bring about a peace that this world cannot know. It will extend to the ends of the earth and last forever in fulfillment of Isaiah. "[U]pon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever" (Isaiah 9:5b-6).

"Love for Jesus and His Church must be the passion of our lives." Why is this so? Because if we believe that Jesus Christ came to proclaim a universal salvation, then that message transcends the world of Augustus and Quirinius, and for that matter the world of the everyday. If the message of Jesus is to be proclaimed, then He must leave behind an instrument of His communication. The Eternal Word is made flesh, and the Eternal Word becomes flesh in those who believe in Jesus Christ, adhere to Him with fidelity, preserve His Word, take His teachings seriously, witness to them and allow them to transform their lives. For this reason the Church exists. For this reason Christ established His Church. As we read in the Letter of the Ephesians: "[The God of our Lord Jesus Christ] put all things beneath [Christ's] feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way" (Ephesians 1:22-23).

"Love for Jesus and His Church must be the passion of our lives," because Jesus is the Good News and the Church, His Body, proclaims that message. It always has and always will. Not even the heavens can contain the joy of such a proclamation. The angels must rend the heavens on that Christmas night and sing, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2:14).

When you have a passion for something, you share it with others. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bushel basket (Matthew 5:15). You do not compromise the message. You do not apologize for it. From that first moment in Bethlehem, an obscure and silent town, the message of Christ, boldly and heroically, began its intrepid journey reaching out to the world. It cannot stop. The Spirit moves it along, so that martyrs can embrace it and die for it in Roman arenas, missionaries can preach it in jungles and deserts, saints and sinners can hear it and repent, humble folk and kings can transform their lives by its power.

There was a great Catholic theologian who once asked the rhetorical question: "For what would I ever know of Him, without her?" Henri de Lubac was speaking of the Church, the bride of Christ, in the words of St. Paul and the Book of Revelation. I would not be here now, if it were not for the Church who proclaimed Christ to me. I would not know of Christmas or the Gospel or of love or of justice or of beauty.

Think of these things as you gather around your dinner table or Christmas tree. Consider who you are and why you are here as you sing Christmas carols, as you receive the love of family and friends and break open your gifts. Think of these things as we gather here around the altar of the Lord. We are here because we are fed with the bread of angels. The Church, whom we should love because she is the bride of Christ, has made it possible, because Jesus Christ, Her spouse, first made it necessary. "Love for Jesus and His Church should be the passion of our lives."

Joyeux Noël! Feliz Navidad! Merry Christmas!

+Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

## Catholic Charities Christmas Collection: Please give generously!



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES

*Remember  
Catholic  
Charities  
in your  
generosity*

LAKE CHARLES – On Christmas Day in the Diocese of Lake Charles, an annual special collection will be held that is of great importance to those most in need in Southwest Louisiana – the Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities.

"Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to the Christmas wish list of Catholic Charities for 2011," said Trish Trejo, Director. "For \$25, you can provide a box of food for a senior adult; with a \$50 contribution life-sustaining medication for one month can be purchased; for a \$100 gift, a low income family's natural gas bill can be paid; with \$200 a family with no money to bury a deceased loved one can provide a fitting farewell; or by giving \$400, a family can be saved from eviction."

The goal for this year's collection is \$55,000, more

than one quarter of the total revenue for Catholic Charities during this fiscal year.

"Please consider how your contribution to Catholic Charities' Christmas Collection can make a difference in someone's life," Mrs. Trejo said.

According to Mrs. Trejo, during the first eleven months of 2011, donations from church parishes, individuals and other sources made possible over \$188,000 of emergency financial assistance that included all of the above examples. This money helped 1,077 households, a total of 2,255 individuals. Of that number, more than 628 were children under the age of 18 and 182 were senior adults.

"Please consider how much you can give to this worthwhile cause." Mrs.

Trejo said. "You can give through your church parish's collection at the Christmas Mass or mail your donation directly to Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana, 1225 2nd Street, Lake Charles LA 70601."

Father Wayne LeBleu, Secretary for the Ministry of Pastoral Services of the Diocese also urges everyone to

consider making a gift to this extremely important cause. "In these difficult times please be as generous as you possibly can," Father LeBleu said.

Anyone with questions about the services of Catholic Charities or having a desire to volunteer, call Mrs. Trejo at 439-7436 or e-mail trish.trejo@lcdioocese.org.

**THE OFFICES OF THE  
DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES  
WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY,  
DEC. 26-30 FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.  
THEY WILL REOPEN AT  
8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 2.**

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**THE NEXT CATHOLIC CALENDAR  
WILL BE PUBLISHED ON  
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## Christmas Mass Schedule for churches of the Diocese of Lake Charles

(Revised 12/23/2011)

**Bell City**

St. John Vianney  
(7120 Highway 14 E.)  
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:30 a.m. (Day)

**Big Lake**

St. Mary of the Lake  
(11054 Highway 384)  
4:30 p.m. (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)

**Carlyss**

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus  
(4822 Carlyss Drive)  
4:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)

**Cameron**

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
(135 Our Lady Road)  
6:00 p.m. (Eve)

**Creole**

Sacred Heart of Jesus  
(5250 West Creole Highway)  
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

**DeQuincy**

Our Lady of LaSalette  
(203 S. Grand Avenue)  
12:00 Midnight (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)

**DeRidder**

St. Joseph  
(1125 Blankenship Drive)  
5:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

**Elizabeth**

St. Frances of Rome Chapel  
(204 Poplar Street)  
8:00 a.m. (Day)

**Elton**

St. Joseph  
(209 N. Washington Street)  
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m. (Day)  
St. Paul  
(1100 St. Mary Street)  
7:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)

**Fenton**

St. Charles Borromeo  
(804 Third Avenue)  
6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:45 a.m. (Day)

**Grand Chenier**

St. Eugene  
(5035 Grand Chenier Highway)  
5:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m. (Day)

**Hackberry**

St. Peter the Apostle  
(1210 Main Street)  
4:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m., 5 p.m.  
(Extraordinary Form, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception) (Day)

**Iowa**

St. Raphael  
(211 S. Thomson Avenue)  
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:15 a.m. (Day)

**St. Peter Claver Chapel**

(503 Second Street)  
8:00 a.m. (Day)

**Jennings**

Immaculate Conception  
(705 S. Lake Arthur Avenue)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m. (Day)

**Our Lady Help of Christians**

(710 N. State Street)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 12 Midnight (Eve);  
8:30 a.m. (Day)

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

(920 S. Broadway)  
9:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)

**Johnson Bayou**

Our Lady of the Assumption  
Chapel at Community Center  
(5556 Highway 82)  
11:00 a.m. (Day)

**Kinder**

St. Philip Neri  
(607 Fourth Avenue)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

**Lacassine**

St. John the Evangelist Chapel  
(306 Ann Street)  
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m. (Day)

**Lake Arthur**

Our Lady of the Lake  
(203 Commercial Avenue)  
12:00 Midnight (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Day)

**Lake Charles**

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
(Corner of Kirby and Bilbo Streets)  
4:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 7:30 a.m.,  
9:30 a.m., 5 p.m. (Extraordinary Form) (Day)

**Christ the King**

(7680 Gulf Highway)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m.,  
10:30 a.m. (Day)

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

(2031 Opelousas Street)  
4:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve);  
10:00 a.m. (Day)

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**

(221 Aqua Drive)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

**Our Lady Queen of Heaven**

(3939 Lake Street)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve);  
7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Day)

**Sacred Heart of Jesus**

(1102 Mill Street)  
4:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Day)

**St. Henry**

(1021 Eighth Avenue)  
4:00 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; (Bi-lingual) (Eve);  
8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.;  
12:30 p.m. (Spanish), 5:00 p.m. (Day)

**St. Margaret of Scotland**

(2500 Enterprise Blvd.)  
(NW Corner of Enterprise Blvd & 17th Street)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m.,  
8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)

**St. Martin de Porres**

(5326 Elliott Road)  
4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)

**St. Patrick Hospital Chapel**

(524 Michael DeBakey Drive)  
9:00 a.m. (Day)

**LeBleu Settlement**

St. Joseph Chapel  
(2110 Claude Hebert Road)  
8:30 a.m. (Day)

**Moss Bluff**

St. Theodore  
(785 Sam Houston Jones Parkway)  
4:30 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

**Oakdale**

Sacred Heart of Jesus  
(1208 E. 7th Avenue)  
7:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)

**Oberlin**

St. Joan of Arc  
(110 W. 5th Avenue)  
5:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

**Ragley**

St. Pius X Chapel  
(16816 Highway 171)  
7:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m. (Day)

**Raymond**

St. Lawrence  
(5505 Pine Island Highway)  
6:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (Day)

**Sulphur**

Immaculate Conception  
(2700 Maplewood Drive)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:30 a.m.,  
9:00 a.m. (Day)

**Our Lady of LaSalette**

(602 N. Claiborne Street)  
4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

**Our Lady of Prompt Succor**

(1109 Cypress Street)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve);  
10:00 a.m. (Day)

**Sweetlake**

St. Patrick Chapel  
(469 Highway 27)  
8:00 a.m. (Day)

**Vinton**

St. Joseph  
(1502 Industrial Street)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)

**Welsh**

Our Lady of Seven Dolors  
(209 N. Adams Street)  
4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)

**St. Joseph**

(310 N. Sarah Street)  
10:00 a.m. (Day)

**Westlake**

St. John Bosco  
(1301 Sampson Street)  
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)





## Did you know...

The Great Fire of 1910 destroyed most of the mainly wooden structures in Lake Charles at the time. The rebuilding of the city, including the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, used bricks for safety. Many of the downtown buildings, including the church, rebuilt in 1913, were designed by the New Orleans architecture firm of Favrot & Livaudais. Other structures designed by the firm and rebuilt following the fire include the old Calcasieu Marine Bank on Ryan Street, the Calcasieu Parish Courthouse at Ryan and Kirby and the old Lake Charles City Hall.

One decade of the 20th Century saw 11 parishes established in the now Diocese of Lake Charles. Do you know what decade and which parishes? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

## Bus trip to Louisiana Life March Jan. 21

LAKE CHARLES – Seats are available for a bus trip to the Louisiana Life March on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 10 a.m. to noon in Baton Rouge. Seats on the bus, sponsored locally by the Offices of Family Life and Pro Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles, are \$20 each.

Boarding will begin the parking lot of the Diocese at 411 Iris Street at 6:30 a.m. and the bus will depart at 7 a.m. Following the march, boarding will start at 12:30 p.m. with departure at 12:45 p.m.

The 2012 Louisiana Life March will move from the Old State Capital up Fourth Street to the current Capital building. There will be speakers, presentations and prayer

on the steps of the Capital. The event commemorates the more than 50,000,000 children murdered through abortion since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision – Roe v. Wade – that legalized abortion in this country.

Registration forms, which must be returned with payment by Monday, Jan. 9, are available at the Bishop Harold Perry Building, 411 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601. Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles. Forms may also be printed from within the article *Louisiana Life March* found on the website of the Diocese – [lcdiocese.org](http://lcdiocese.org).



Bishop Glen John Provost will preside at a Prayer Service for Life on Wednesday, Jan. 18, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The recitation of the Rosary will begin the evening at 5:15 p.m. Following the service, a candlelight procession will move from the Cathedral to the Calcasieu Parish Courthouse for the Rally for Life at 7 p.m. Pictured above is a previous year's Rally for Life crowd. The Diocesan offices of Pro Life and Youth and Young Adult Ministry jointly sponsor these annual local events.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Among the many important dates and events in the Diocese of Lake Charles during 2012 a number of them hold greater significance. Please mark your calendars and make plans to be a part of these special times. More information on these events will be forthcoming.

**Ordination 2012:** Saturday, May 26, at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

**Jazz Brunch:** Sunday, June 10 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Lake Charles Country Club. Proceeds benefit the work of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana.

**Bishop's Golf Classic:** Friday, October 5

at the Lake Charles Country Club. Proceeds benefit the Clergy Retirement Fund and the Seminarian Education Fund.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage with the Bishop:** Join Bishop Provost on a Pilgrimage to famous shrines of France from Monday, Oct. 29 to Wednesday, Nov. 7.

**Bishop's Gala:** Saturday, December 8 from 6 p.m. to midnight in the Lake Charles Civic Center Exhibition Room. A Black Tie Formal Social and Dance, proceeds benefit the Office of Communications' efforts of evangelizing the Catholic faith in the Diocese through our print, electronic and television ministries.

## Abbey Youth Fest set March 10

ST. BENEDICT, La. – St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College will sponsor Abbey Youth Fest 2012 on Saturday, March 10 on the Abbey grounds.

The event is a full day of contemporary Catholic music, inspiring keynote speakers, and the celebration of the Mass. At sunset,

the participants unite with the Benedictines in Vespers, the Evening Prayer of the Church, and end the night with candlelight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Throughout the festival, all who attend will have the opportunity for personal prayer in an outdoor chapel, confession with visiting priests, a tour of St. Joseph Abbey, and

exposure to several religious orders and various ministries that will have information booths to share their charisms with the Catholic youth in attendance.

For additional information and pictures from previous festivals, go to [www.AbbeyYouthFest.com](http://www.AbbeyYouthFest.com) and find out more on Facebook.

## Catholic Schools Notes

### Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic School

In the spirit of Christmas, December was filled with many service projects at St. Margaret Catholic School. Keeping in mind St. Nicholas, who represents the true gift of giving, the students and faculty adopted 17 children and adults for the Christmas giving program. The families were selected through Catholic Charities and New Life Counseling. The annual Kiwanis Coat Drive was a huge success. Dozens of winter coats were donated by SMCS families. The Kindergarten and first grade classes sent handmade Christmas cards and candy canes to Marines serving in the Middle East.

### Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School

Immaculate Conception Cathedral School would like to thank parishioners, alumni, family and friends who continue to support the projects and fundraisers of the Cathedral School. Thank you for your commitment to our mission, "Strengthening spirits, minds, and bodies, through the teachings of Jesus Christ."

### Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School

The staff and students wish everyone the hope of the first Christmas during this special season. May the Christmas spirit fill your heart today and always. In the New Year, we hope you are blessed with the gifts of love,

peace, and happiness. Mark your calendars for upcoming events! We will celebrate our 2012 Catholic Schools Week Mass on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 8 a.m. in the gym. Following Mass, guests may visit classrooms and enjoy the reception. Our 19th Annual Dinner and Auction is Saturday, Feb. 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the Grand Marais Ballroom. Call Stacy at 824-1743 to purchase a ticket.

### Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School

The 2012 Open House is Tuesday, Jan. 31, in the cafeteria. A 6 p.m. PTC meeting will be followed by classroom visitations. New families are welcome and should call the office for a tour. Contact Lisa Jakel, Director of Advancement, for more information at 477-7349.

### Our Lady's Catholic School

Our Lady's School will host an Alumni/ Reunion Social on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Chamblee Hall. Food and drinks will be provided featuring recipes from our upcoming OLS Cookbook. We will provide tours of the school. Alumni guests are also invited to attend our Basketball Homecoming at W.W. Lewis on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 11 a.m. For more information, please call the school at 337-527-7828. Our Lady's School wishes everyone a blessed Holiday Season and always remember: the star of Bethlehem was a star of hope that led the wise men to the fulfillment of their expectations, the success of their ex-

pedition. Nothing in this world is more fundamental for success in life than hope, and this star pointed to our only source for true hope: Jesus Christ.

### Sacred Heart of Jesus/ St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School

The faculty, staff and student body of Sacred Heart are continuously in prayer as we commemorate the Advent Season. The students are very excited as they learn more and more about the meaning of Advent. On Monday, Dec. 12, the Junior High students toured the Sasol Chemical facilities. They have learned so much valuable information in their Science class under the leadership of their teacher, Henry Batiste. The annual Advent Program was held Wednesday, Dec. 14.

### St. Louis Catholic High School

Registration packets for incoming freshmen and new students for the 2012-2013 school year are available in the school office. During the week of January 9-13, registration forms will be accepted from support school students only. During the week of Jan. 17-20, registration forms for incoming freshmen will be accepted from other schools. The pastor's signature is required before acceptance or tuition will be non-subsidized. Online registration for continuing students will be Feb. 1-10. Online registration forms for continu-

ing students will be forwarded to pastors for signature for tuition subsidy. As we prepare to end the first semester with midterms, our Saints are mindful of the closing of this calendar year and of the many gifts that it has brought us. We are grateful for our families, our friends, and for our Lord Jesus. We pray that you, our family and friends, have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

### St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School

Our theme this year at Holy Family Catholic School is "peace making by living the beatitudes". Each month we focus on a different beatitude in order to follow Christ more closely. Each "beatitude" theme is integrated into the academic and faith formation of our students as well as faculty and staff. Our focus for Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, is the Beatitude; "blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall have their fill". We began our preparation with the blessing of our Advent wreaths on the feast of St. Andrew, Apostle, and continued each week with an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Dec. 14, Feast of St. John of the Cross, a "Los Posadas" Paralyturgy was hosted by the Pre-K and Kindergarten students.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Staff changes in Office of Religious Education

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has announced that Ms. Denise Donahoe, Director of the Office of Religious Education of the Diocese, has submitted her resignation, effective Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012.

"The Diocese appreciates Ms. Donahoe's faithful and effective service to the Church," Bishop Provost said. "She has been a dedicated and industrious director for a very important ministry, supervising the education of our youth in the Faith."

The Bishop joins with the faithful of the Diocese in extending to her, her husband Richard, and her family prayers for the future.

Bishop Provost announced the appointment of Reverend Nathan Long, Secretary for the Ministry of Christian Formation, as the interim director of the Office of Religious Education, effective Wednesday, Feb. 1.

In making this appointment, Bishop Provost stated that he was fully confident in Father Long's ability to bring to this office the direction and leadership needed to further the education of our young people in the Catholic faith.

### Ecumenical Prayer Service Jan. 24

LAKE CHARLES – The Imperial Calcasieu Cadre of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem and the Diocese of Lake Charles sponsor the annual Ecumenical Service of Prayer for Christian Unity on Tuesday, January 24, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Karl Klaus of Saint Luke Simpson Methodist Church will offer the evening's message while Rev. Msgr. Daniel Torres, the Vicar General of the Diocese, will preside. The Cathedral organist and choir will provide the music.

A reception in Ave Maria Hall, located at the southeast corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets, will follow the service.

### Information on priests and religious sought

LAKE CHARLES – The Rev. Msgr. Daniel Torres, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Lake Charles, is seeking information from families in the Diocese with children or other relatives who currently are ordained, vowed, or professed priests and religious actively involved in ministry outside the Diocese.

Msgr. Torres would like to have the name of the priest and/or religious, their local church parish, religious community, and contact information where possible. Additionally, he seeks the names and other information on those in discernment and study in a seminary or religious community.

This information should be forwarded to Msgr. Torres at [daniel.torres@lcdiocese.org](mailto:daniel.torres@lcdiocese.org) or by mail to Rev. Msgr. Daniel Torres, P.O. Box 3223, Lake Charles, LA 70602-3223

### Solemn Pontifical Mass Dec. 28

JENNINGS – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Extraordinary Form in Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28 – the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

### 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, in January will be in the churches of the Central Deanery.

The first site is Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day; then Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 11 and 12, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day. St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church joins with Christ the King Catholic Church at Christ the King Church on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Jan. 17, 18, and 19, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day and on Friday, Jan. 20, from noon until 5 p.m.

St. Theodore Catholic Church in Moss Bluff is next from Monday, Jan. 23 at 6:15 a.m. to Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 10 p.m. The final stop is St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Bell City on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Jan. 25-27, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

### Bishop Provost to visit St. Margaret School

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will visit St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School on Wednesday, Jan. 18, beginning at 10 a.m.

### Breakfast, luncheon with Bishop Provost

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will continue his presentation on the Gospel of St. Matthew at the Women's Prayer Luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 10, in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception office complex, Kirby and Bilbo streets.

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, to secure a spot. A stamped, self-addressed envelope should be included.

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Friday, Jan. 13, at 7 a.m. in Ave Maria. Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral beginning at 6:30 a.m. Men should call 337-439-7400 to register.

### 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 guarantee their spot.

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