



Catholic Schools Notes – Catholic Schools Week 2012

Office of Catholic Schools

The Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 29-Feb. 5. The annual Catholic Schools Week Mass will be Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Rev. Msgr. Daniel Torres, Vicar General, will be the celebrant.

Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School

Immaculate Conception Cathedral School will hold its Open House on Wednesday, Feb. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration packets for the 2012-2013 school year will be available and guided tours will be provided throughout the day. New Family Registration begins on Monday, March 26.

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School

All current families, interested families, and friends are invited to an Open House on Tuesday, March 6, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Registration packets for Pre-K3 to Eighth grade and tours are available now. Returning families may start registering on Monday, Feb. 27. New Family registration begins Monday, March 19.



Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School

OLQHS Open House for the 2012 school year will be held on the evening of Jan. 31 in the school cafeteria. A PTC meeting will be held at 6 p.m., with visitation of classrooms to follow. New families are always welcome and encouraged to call the school 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 invites everyone to the Annual Open House on Wednesday, Feb. 29 at 6 p.m. The school offers Pre-K 3 to Eighth grade. For more information, call the office at 527-7828 or visit the school's new website at www.olcs.org

Sacred Heart of Jesus/St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School

Sacred Heart/SKD will have its annual Open House on Sunday, Jan. 29 from 12:15 p.m. to 2 p.m. Open house will continue on Monday, Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. Registration packets will be on hand for all interested in attending Sacred Heart/SKD during the 2012-2013 school term.

St. Louis Catholic High School

The High School Placement Test is a mandatory test that all incoming freshmen are required to take before entering high school at St. Louis Catholic. The test is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 11 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Entry will be through the Bank Street front entrance. No. 2 pencils are required for the test. Please call the school office at 436-7275 for more information.

St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School

Holy Family Catholic School will hold an Open House on Thursday, March 8 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tours will be offered and registration packets will be available.

Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic School

St. Margaret Catholic School Open House will be Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Father Herbert May receives Clergy Leadership Award

LAKE CHARLES – The Rev. Archimandrite Herbert J. May is the 2011 recipient of the Clergy Leadership Award given by the Bishop Jude Speyrer Chapter of Pontifical Knights and Dames. The award, given in odd numbered years, was presented to Father May at the Chapter's annual Christmas banquet.

Father May, who has been a priest for 36 years, is the pastor of Our Lady of Seven Dolours Catholic Church in Welsh. He was ordained to the priesthood by His Excellency, The Most Reverend Gerard L. Frey, Bishop of Lafayette, on Nov. 14, 1975 at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in Lake Charles.

A native of Lake Charles,

he attended McNeese State University, the University of Dallas, Notre Dame Seminary, the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now the University of Louisiana), and Catholic University of America. He earned a Master of Theological Studies from Notre Dame, a Master of Arts from USL and a Licentiate in Canon Law from Catholic University.

He has served in numerous pastoral assignments, first in the Diocese of Lafayette and, since 1983, in the Diocese of Lake Charles, including as pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lake Charles prior to his assignment to Our Lady of Seven Dolours, first as Administrator and then, in 1995, as Pas-

tor. Additionally, Father May has worked in the Diocese of Lake Charles Tribunal as Judicial Vicar, Adjunct Judicial Vicar, Director of the Tribunal, and Tribunal Judge. He has also served as Dean of the Eastern Deanery of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

The organization also announced that its 2011 recipient of the *Pro Deo et Pontifice* Award, given in odd numbered years to a person from outside the Diocese of Lake Charles for their outstanding service to the Church and to mankind, would go to Doug Ashy, Sr. of Lafayette. Due to other commitments, the Ashy family was unable to attend. The presentation will take place later.



The Reverend Archimandrite Herbert J. May, left, receives the 2011 Clergy Leadership Award from Gayle Marshall, right, president of the Bishop Jude Speyrer Chapter of Pontifical Knights and Dames. The award is presented in odd numbered years at the Chapter's Christmas luncheon to a member of the clergy of the Diocese of Lake Charles for his long-time service to the Church and community.

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 beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate

Conception. 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.

The Imperial Calcasieu Cadre of the Military and

Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem is an ecumenical order of chivalry whose primary purpose is ecumenism, according to the Rev. Archimandrite Herbert J. May, the event's organizer. A reception in Ave Maria Hall, located at the southeast corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets, will follow the service.



Pictured, from left, are Ann Romero, publicity; Msgr. Daniel A. Torres, V.G., president; Rev. Karl S. Klaus, pastor of St. Luke-Simpson United Methodist Church and homilist for Ecumenical Prayer Service; Rev. Archimandrite Herbert May, President of Imperial Calcasieu Cadre of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem and coordinator of service; and Col. John Halloran, vice president, Imperial Calcasieu Cadre of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem.

Bishop Provost to make *ad limina* visit to Rome

LAKE CHARLES -- Bishop Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will be joining his brother bishops from Region V of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for his first visit *ad limina apostolorum* to report on the progress of the local Church of Southwest Louisiana to Pope Benedict XVI. Bishop Provost and his brother bishops will be at the Vatican for a week at the end of January.

Every Bishop in the world is required to make such a journey every five years. This year, 2012, is that year for the Bishops of the United States. *Ad limina apostolorum* literally means "to the threshold of the Apostles." This refers to the fact that foremost among the bishops' obligations while in Rome is to make a personal visit to pray at the tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul. The bishops in Region V, made up of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee will offer Mass together in both of the basilicas. This is an important reminder that bishops are not businessmen or bureaucrats reporting to "corporate headquarters." "We are successors of the Apostles with the successor of St. Peter as our visible head," Bishop Provost said. "We are shepherds, and accomplish our mission in and with the help

of the communion of saints. During Bishop Provost's time at the Vatican, there will be audiences with the Holy Father, which will provide an opportunity for the Bishops, as pastors, to discuss with the Pope the state of the individual local Churches and in the United States.

Bishop Provost will also meet with the various offices of the Vatican Curia, which assists the Pope in his pastoral care of the universal church. The areas that are covered include doctrine, worship, education, clergy, religious, Christian unity and family life, among others. These various offices or Dicasteries, as they are known, will have seen the pertinent section of a lengthy

report, written in 2011 and previously forwarded to the Vatican. It is known as the Quinquennial. This report revisited the joys and the sorrows, the rewarding times and the challenging ones, the accomplishments and crosses, not only for Bishop Provost but also for the Diocese of Lake Charles over the last several years.

The *ad limina* visit is an ancient custom that goes back at least to the time of Pope St. Leo III who died in the year 816. Later it developed into a discipline of the church. It requires bishops to make a programmed visit to Rome every five years or sometimes longer, as is the case now — the last U.S. visit was eight years ago.



The Vincent Brothers captured top honors in the entrée division of the Fourth Annual Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School's Taste N Tell Amateur Chef Showcase with their "Spicy Hot Tamales." Other adult winners included: Appetizer, Msgr. James Gaddy, "Aunt Helen's Oyster Patties; and Dessert, Robert Gani and Keith Duplechin, "Gangster Goo". Junior division winners: Mary Flaherty, Elizabeth Broussard, and Bailey Fruge, Louisiana Bayou Bisque by; Entrée - Mollie Gibson, Kerrigan LaPointe, Amy Crooks, and Madeline Curry, Jambalaya; and Dessert, Emily Eisner, Cara Hanks, and Ally Kadlubar, "Tis the Season Truffles".

Did you know...

Between 1951 and 1960, eleven parishes were established in Southwest Louisiana bringing the number of canonically established churches to 29. Those formed during this 10-year period included: St. Joseph, Elton; St. Lawrence, Hathaway; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lake Charles; St. Peter the Apostle, Hackberry; St. John Bosco, Westlake; Our Lady of LaSalette, DeQuincy; Immaculate Conception, Jennings; Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles; Our Lady Star of the Sea, Cameron; St. Henry, Lake Charles; and Immaculate Conception, Maplewood.

Two U.S. Bishops have shepherded their respective dioceses for more than 30 years and both were ordained priests for the same diocese. Can you name them? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

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Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

January 13, 2012



Richard Guillory, financial secretary for St. Theodore's Knights of Columbus Council 3622, presented funds donated during the Council's Tootsie Roll Drive to the principals of the four public schools in the Moss Bluff area. Clockwise from left above, the presentations of more than \$300 each went to Charles Calderera, Moss Bluff Elementary; John Duhon, Moss Bluff Middle; Tim Savoy, Gillis Elementary; and Mike Reed, Sam Houston High School. The contributions were given in support of each school's Special Needs students.

Vocation Drawing Contest slated

LAKE CHARLES - National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Lake Charles and around the country is Jan. 9-14. The week kicked off with a Vocation Drawing Contest in preparation for World Day of Prayer for Vocations on April 29.

The Office of Vocations, headed by Msgr. Daniel Torres, is sponsoring the drawing contest for students in grades two through 12. Entries should depict awareness of the vocation to the priesthood in Southwest Louisiana. Drawings are to be made on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of poster board and turned in, unfolded, inside a large envelope, to the Office of the Vicar General, 414 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601. On the outside of the envelope

should be printed Vocation Drawing Contest in addition to the name of the artist, the artist's age, the school grade of the artist, church parish and city and the name of the artist's school. The deadline for entries is Noon on Friday, March 2.

The first place winner will receive a \$200 prize from Bishop Glen John Provost and have the drawing reproduced on prayer cards to be distributed in observance of World Day of Prayer for Vocations at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 29 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles.

The second place winner will receive a \$100 prize while third place receives \$50.

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, 2012, from 10 a.m. to noon in Baton Rouge. Seats onbus, 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 speak-

ers, 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, 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 - lcediocese.org.

Seminary burses now over \$1.2 million

LAKE CHARLES -- A new seminary burse for the Diocese of Lake Charles has recently been established in addition to the additional contribution to a current burse were made in the early days of the new year. There are now 61 burses totaling \$1,204,241.82.

The interest earned on the investment of the funds aid in defraying the educational expenses of the men studying for the priesthood for the Diocese.

The new burse was created by John and Dinah Bradford while Dr. and Mrs. David Buttross added a contribution to their previously established fund.

A seminary burse is a permanent fund set aside to provide income for the education and training of future priests.

A further explanation of seminary burses can be found at on the website of the Diocese at <http://live.lcediocese.org/news/522-diocesan-seminary-burses.html>.

Below is a complete listing of seminary burses of the Diocese. For more information, contribute to an existing burse, or establish a new burse in honor or memory of someone, contact Msgr. Daniel Torres at 337-439-7400, Ext. 220 or daniel.torres@lcediocese.org.

Diocese of Lake Charles Seminary Burses (As of January 4, 2012)

Msgr. Louis Boudreaux	\$ 6,982.50
Bishop Jeanmard	\$ 9,276.69
Latrielle Houssiere	\$ 15,000.00
Charles Houssiere	\$ 15,000.00
Gelu Houssiere	\$ 15,000.00
Henry Houssiere	\$ 15,000.00
Msgr. William J. Teurlings	\$ 3,092.23
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Houssiere	\$ 15,000.00
Israel Hebert Family	\$ 15,000.00
Fr. Moise Hebert	\$ 2,231.66
Pro Ecclesia	\$ 5,203.55
Immaculate Conception	\$ 3,092.23
Saint Joseph	\$ 1,217.93
Lake Charles Seminary	\$ 15,000.00
Cure d' Ars	\$ 3,092.23
Mr. & Mrs. C. Delahoussaye	\$ 15,000.00
Msgr. Lerschen	\$ 1,203.35
Saint Theresa	\$ 5,356.71
Catholic Daughters of the Americas	\$ 1,666.46
Msgr. Louis Boudreaux	\$ 15,000.00
Herrington Family	\$ 15,000.00
Horvath Family	\$ 12,500.00
Harry Van Tiel Family	\$ 1,031.96
Habetz-Oustalet-Mitchell Families	\$ 5,000.00
Msgr. A. Van Buijtenen	\$ 5,168.00
Msgr. Jules Daigle	\$ 15,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Galip Jacobs/Sam Joseph	\$ 600.00

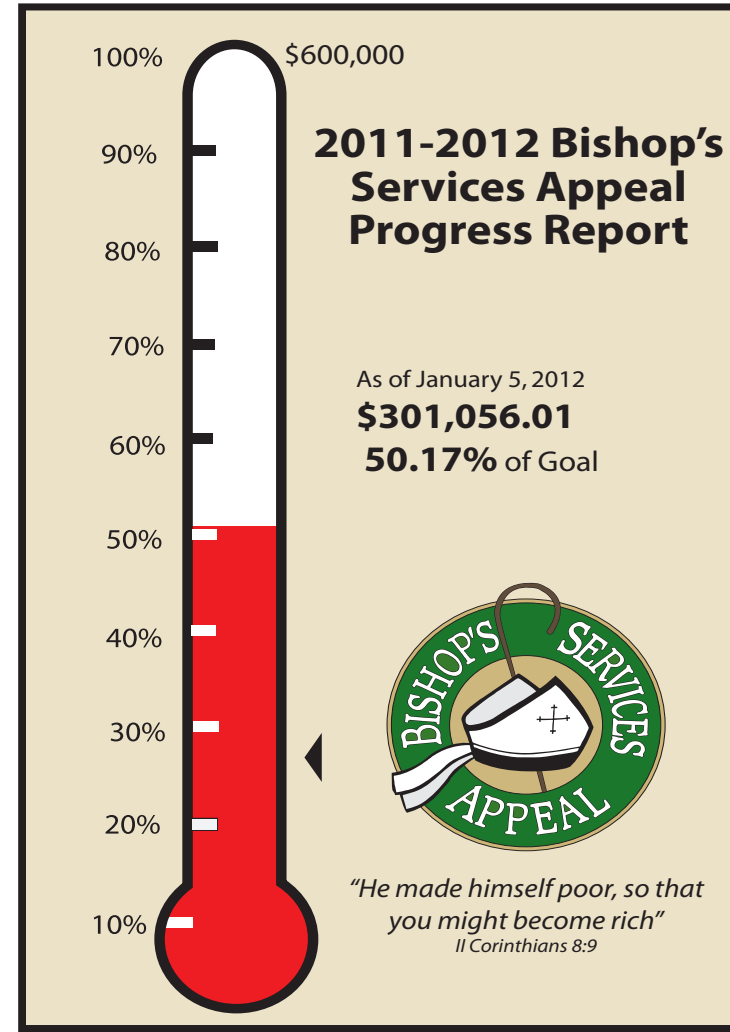
Msgr. Charles Levasseur	\$ 70,000.00
Plauche Family	\$ 4,000.00
Rev. Oscar S Vasquez-Munoz	\$ 1,429.00
Msgr. Bede Becnel	\$ 23,652.68
Jeffery Savant	\$ 2,435.00
Rev. Robert Lee Shreve	\$ 25,973.33
Bishop Jude Speyrer	\$ 4,000.00
Our Lady of the Snows/ CDA Court	\$ 20,200.00
Msgr. Curtis Vidrine	\$ 28,689.60
Msgr. Murphy Bernard	\$ 27,476.90
Rev. Alphonse M. Volpe	\$ 25,122.62
East Deanery Serra Club	\$ 550.00
Msgr. Charles Dubois	\$ 9,926.70
Msgr. Amos J. Vincent	\$ 34,723.21
Rev. Oris A. Broussard	\$ 27,810.66
Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc	\$ 160,127.43
Rev. John Giles	\$ 25,132.21
Rev. Maurice Martineau	\$ 27,087.40
Truman Stacey	\$ 10,382.09
Lorraine Yelverton	\$ 3,800.00
The Ordinario Family	\$ 50,000.00
Walter Henry/Agnes Stevenson Granger	\$ 40,000.00
Edward Thomas (Tom) Cassidy	\$ 2,000.00
Mitchell Duhon	\$ 252,984.14
Joe and Janet Stoma	\$ 6,250.00
Marion Bond Courrage	\$ 500.00
Bill Moriarity	\$ 50.00
Dr. and Mrs. David Buttross, Jr.	\$ 7,000.00
Blessed Pope John Paul II	\$ 1,500.00
Edgar and Penny Perkins	\$ 25,000.00
Angela and Frank Miller	\$ 5,000.00
Rev. Charles Soileau	\$ 42,173.35
Rev. T.L. Herlong/Sr. Pius Blanchard, MHS	\$ 5,005.00
John and Dinah Bradford	\$ 2,500.00
Total	\$ 1,204,241.82

2012 Abrazando Cristo Mission deadline Jan. 15

LAKE CHARLES - Sunday, Jan. 15, is the deadline for submitting an application to be a part of the 2012 Abrazando Cristo Mission Trip to Nicaragua from Saturday, June 30 to Sunday, July 8, according to Msgr. Daniel Torres.

Cost of the trip will be \$1,900.

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



Diocesan Briefs.....

Diocesan office hours January 16

On Monday, Jan. 16, the offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will close in memory of the birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. They will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 8:30 a.m.

Two important collections set

LAKE CHARLES -- Two very important special collections will be taken up in the parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles on the final two weekends of January. *Keep Faith*, the 2012 Collection for the Church in Latin America, is the weekend of January 21-22 while on the weekend of January 28-29 the special collection for Religious Education in the diocese will be taken up to support religious education activities and programs. All the funds realized from the Religious Education collection remain here in the Diocese.

Bishop Glen John Provost urges everyone to be as generous as they possibly can to each of these most important collections.

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 this month in churches of the Central Deanery.

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Big Lake has joined with Christ the King Catholic Church at Christ the King 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 will host adoration 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.

Religious Education job applicants sought

LAKE CHARLES - The Diocese of Lake Charles is now accepting applications for the position of Assistant Director of Religious Education.

The successful applicant must be a practicing Catholic with a Master's degree in Theology or, alternatively, Religious Education or Pastoral Theology with experience in Catechesis and Religious Education. Other qualifications include: public speaking, ability to organize and coordinate events and meetings, computer literacy, and familiarity with key magisterial documents on Catechesis.

Interested applicants should contact the Office of Religious Education Search Committee by e-mail at nathan.long@lcediocese.org or by telephone at 337-439-7400, Extension 308. The deadline for submission of applications is Thursday, March 1.

"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@lcediocese.org.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

LAKE CHARLES - A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held Friday through Sunday, Feb. 3-5 at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

Anyone who needs to experience healing from guilt, depression, regret, and other emotions after abortion, this retreat is the place they can go. Those who attend a Rachel's Vineyard retreat will experience the mercy and compassion of God in a non-judgmental, safe environment.

For information, call Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana at 337-439-7400, Ext. 317 or e-mail rachels.vineyard@lcediocese.org.

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.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

LAKE CHARLES - Father Nathan Long will make a presentation on the Gospel of St. Matthew at the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Friday, Feb. 10 in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception office complex, Kirby and Bilbo streets. Men should call 337-439-7400 to register.

Special Needs Mass

LAKE CHARLES - A Mass for Individuals with Special Needs and their Families and Friends is set for Sunday, Feb. 12 at 11 a.m. in St. Louis Catholic High School. Rev. Whitney Miller will be the celebrant.