



My dear People of God,

Another fiscal year has come to a close. On this occasion the financial statement of the diocese of Lake Charles, prepared according to accepted accounting principles, is audited by an independent accounting firm. Accompanying this letter, you will find a report detailing a general overview of our financial position and activities. For those who would wish greater detail, a complete audit is available from the Office of Administration of the Diocese (439-7400).

You are reminded that this financial statement reports on the activities of the Diocese alone. It does not include the financial operations of the individual parishes within the Diocese. Pastors are encouraged to report in the parish bulletin their own parish's financial statements.

I wish sincerely to thank all of you for support of the Bishop's Services Appeal. Without this generosity we could not address the needs of our charities and ministries. A great deal of good work depends on you.

Once again we should be inspired by the words of our Lord in the Gospel: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more" (Luke 12:48). Stewardship is a very important part of worship. We owe God everything, and we return to him a portion of what He has first given us. In so doing, we make a profession of faith in His constant care for our needs. May God continue His good work in you!

I offer you my gratitude and blessings, as I remain

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Glen John Provost
+ Bishop of Lake Charles

THE SOCIETY OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES

Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2011
(With comparative totals as of June 30, 2010)

	2011	2010
Assets:		
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 9,511,624	\$ 8,269,625
Investments and securities	910,357	2,851,606
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$0	120,021	37,966
Accrued interest receivable	-	14,091
Grants and contributions receivable in less than one year, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$0	149,358	75,538
Loans receivable	128,066	144,423
Cash value of life insurance policies	669,717	633,851
Prepaid insurance and other expenses	243,177	598,679
Property, equipment, and improvements, net	8,010,030	7,627,140
Investments pledged as collateral	100,000	100,000
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	1,575,036	1,477,732
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 21,417,386	\$ 21,830,651
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 496,623	\$ 386,564
National collections and other payables	154,343	246,140
Insurance proceeds payable to parishes	686,823	972,317
Reserve for insurance claims	217,363	128,279
Contributions payable	785,605	127,514
Deferred Revenue	26,975	37,700
Total liabilities	\$ 2,367,732	\$ 1,898,514
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	\$ 7,102,615	\$ 6,820,396
Designated for specific purposes	7,089,247	6,994,005
Total unrestricted net assets	14,191,862	13,814,401
Temporarily restricted	3,274,372	4,640,004
Permanently restricted	1,583,420	1,477,732
Total net assets	\$ 19,049,654	\$ 19,932,137
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 21,417,386	\$ 21,830,651

Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2011
(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2010)

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2011 Totals	2010 Totals
Support and Revenue:					
Parochial tithe	\$ 2,278,921	-	-	2,278,921	1,946,607
Diocesan assessments	5,186,290	137,000	-	5,323,290	4,336,997
Diocesan appeals	95,364	133,775	-	229,139	786,923
Contributions and bequests	86,966	182,782	-	269,748	1,183,840
Grants	28,225	585,500	-	613,725	686,148
Investment income	133,617	52,453	105,687	291,757	245,759
Loss from impairment of property value	-	-	-	-	(48,305)
Special programs and other revenues	606,319	80,435	-	686,754	746,290
Net assets released from restrictions	2,537,577	(2,537,577)	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 10,953,279	\$ (1,365,632)	\$ 105,687	\$ 9,693,334	\$ 9,884,259
Expenses:					
Program expenses					
Clergy life	726,819	-	-	726,819	743,777
Christian formation	1,909,031	-	-	1,909,031	2,125,635
Pastoral services	2,355,871	-	-	2,355,871	2,244,731
Health care and casualty insurance	4,551,032	-	-	4,551,032	4,080,009
Supporting Services					
General administration	948,425	-	-	948,425	929,831
Fund raising	84,641	-	-	84,641	105,246
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 10,575,819	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,575,819	\$ 10,229,229
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ 377,460	\$ (1,365,632)	\$ 105,687	\$ (882,485)	\$ (344,970)
Net assets beginning of year	13,814,402	4,640,004	1,477,733	19,932,139	20,277,107
Net assets, end of year	\$ 14,191,862	\$ 3,274,372	\$ 1,583,420	\$ 19,049,654	\$ 19,932,137



Mrs. Willa Golden with the Certificate of Recognition she received from the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury during Black History Month for her many "firsts."

Willa Golden: A woman of firsts

(Read more at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/1073-willa-golden-a-woman-of-firsts.html>)

LAKE CHARLES – A trailblazer. A woman of firsts. A role model. A music teacher. Willa Golden, a proud product of Sacred Heart School, is all of these and more.

Growing up in Lake Charles in the late 1950s and early 1960s, she experienced first hand the many societal difficulties for African Americans. She went through them and persevered, graduating Sacred Heart High School where the nuns and priests "always taught us to do our best in everything and that's what I've tried to do and what I am still trying to do."

Mrs. Golden, who retired from a career of teaching music in the public schools of Calcasieu Parish and later after a successful stint in the insurance business, has found yet another career in teaching music to the children of Sacred Heart/St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School and, most recently, at Our Lady's Catholic School in Sulphur.

She had seen a bulletin notice over a period of several weeks at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church seeking a music teacher at Our Lady's School and thought "Let me call, maybe I can help. I called and went to interview with Trevor Donnelly (the principal at Our Lady's). He said they really needed me for their elementary music program and for the school masses, so I began working there."

She works two days a week at each school and does the masses on Wednesdays and Fridays.

After the many years of teaching music to children in Calcasieu Parish schools, it was in a Mass at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur that she realized that her journey had been no accident.

"We were singing a hymn to the Blessed Mother," Mrs. Gold-

en said. "As I directed the children, they were in tune, they were right there, they sounded like angels. It just lifted my spirits. Then the children were saying 'Mrs. Golden you are going up' and I felt like I was going up. I thought, okay God, this is where I'm supposed to be, this is what I'm supposed to be doing."

And, as she directed that group of Catholic elementary school students in a hymn, she knew she was doing what God really wanted her to do.

"God has been leading me the entire time and been preparing me for this journey, I am trying to do whatever I can do," she said. "But it's not by my power, it is He who is within me."

Her first college experience came at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, but she returned to Lake Charles after her freshman year, continuing her education at McNeese.

"Way back then going to McNeese, I had to stand up rather than sit in the front of the bus," she said. "When I transferred, there were some courses that Xavier had that McNeese didn't and so forth and so on. When I got to McNeese, I had to take third year Harmony, but I hadn't had first or second year Harmony. That was the way the curriculum was set up. I'm not sure if they put me in there to fail, but I made an 'A'."

There were other things during those times that made college life difficult.

"At the time a white person and a black person couldn't perform together on stage," Mrs. Golden said. "It was against the law."

When it came time for her senior recital in Ralph Squires Hall, she looked out and saw all these people in the audience. "Where did they come from? I didn't invite all these people."



Cameron Shrine granted privilege by Vatican

(Read more at <http://live.lcdiocese.org/news/1068-spiritual-bond-between-our-lady-star-of-the-sea-and-st-mary-major-in-rome-granted.html>)

CAMERON – The Shrine of Our Lady Star of the Sea has been granted a “spiritual bond” with the oldest church dedicated to Mary in Western Europe – the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome. Bishop Glen John Provost made the announcement at the recent Chrism Mass celebrated in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception during Holy Week.

The Bishop made the request for this “spiritual bond” during his ad limina apostolorum in January and received word from His Eminence, Santos Cardinal Abril y Castellò, the Cardinal Archbishop of the Basilica and His Eminence, Emmanuel Cardinal Montero de Castro, the Cardinal Apostolic Penitentiary for the Holy See during Holy Week.

St. Mary Major is one of the four major and ancient basilicas in Rome. The other three are St. Peter’s, St. Paul-outside-the-Walls, and St. John Lateran. The Basilica of St. Mary Major, originally built by Emperor Constantine in the Fourth Century A.D., has received countless millions of pilgrims for over 1,600 years. As an ancient pilgrimage site, it enjoys numerous spiritual pilgrimages, including the plenary indulgence.

“A ‘spiritual bond’ is a very great and special privilege granted by the Pope, which joins the Basilica of St. Mary Major to a notable Marian Shrine somewhere in the world,” Bishop Provost said. “We might think of it in American terms as ‘twinning’.” However, it is far more important to us as Catholics, because it implies that pilgrims may visit this Marian Shrine at Our Lady Star of the Sea, so honored, and receive there the same spiritual benefits that the pilgrim would receive when visiting the ancient and venerable Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome.”

In a letter to Father Timothy Goodly, the pastor, and the parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Bishop Provost noted

that “he requested this honor, in part, to acknowledge the immense suffering that our people have experienced as a result of hurricanes over many decades and centuries.” The aftermath of Hurricane Audrey in 1957 left approximately 500 people lost or killed and immense property damage.”

The parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea was established by Bishop Maurice Schexnayder, Bishop of Lafayette, on June 21, 1958. In 1963, the present Shrine, dedicated to the Mother of God, Protectress from storms, was built at the initiation of Bishop Schexnayder. The seven-foot marble statue of Our Lady with child was commissioned by the Bishop while in Rome and sculpted from Carrara marble by Enrico Pandi. The 36-foot high Shrine was dedicated on Sept. 11, 1963.

In his letter to the people of Our Lady Star of the Sea parish, Bishop Provost noted, “Bishop Schexnayder dedicated the Shrine for two reasons – to pray for and memorialize the deceased and to offer our prayers to Mary, Star of the Sea, for protection from future storms.”

The Bishop also pointed out in the letter that the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, as well as the Cardinal Archbishop of the Basilica of St. Mary Major and the Cardinal Apostolic Penitentiary in Rome, acknowledge the pain and suffering of the Father Goodly, the parishioners of Star of the Sea, and the people of Cameron Parish and pledge their prayers for the assistance of the people. The Pope and the Cardinals are also fully aware that in establishing this “spiritual bond” the Catholic faithful preserve and foster their devotion not only the Catholic faith, as taught faithfully by the Successor of Peter for more than 20 centuries but also to our Blessed Mother, from whose intercession we all benefit under the title of Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Bishop Provost will celebrate a Mass to Avert Storms at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, in Our Lady Star of the Sea.



Shrine of Our Lady Star of the Sea

Bishop comments on Third Cycle of Visitations

LAKE CHARLES – On the weekend of March 3 and 4, I visited Our Lady of LaSalette Parish in Sulphur and thus completed my third cycle of parish visitations for 2011-2012. Beginning in August of 2011, I visited as well St. Joseph Parish in DeRidder, St. Charles Borromeo in Fenton with the Mission of St. John the Evangelist in Lacassine, and St. John Bosco in Westlake.

As always, I find these parish visitations most rewarding for a number of reasons. It is most encouraging to see and experience the vibrancy of our parishes. In a way they all share much in common, and in other ways they have particular strengths based on special emphases. Also, in light of our discussions with the Council of Priests and the Diocesan Pastoral Council on the topic of the New Evangelization, a few of our parishes have already implemented initiatives to reach out to Catholics who no longer practice their faith or do so inconsistently. They reach-out and welcome back. I would mention one of these efforts.

In Our Lady of LaSalette Parish there is a very active Legion of Mary. The Legion spearheaded a house to house visitation earlier this year. Over 800 contacts were attempted, with almost 500 successful visits. The Legion invited me to meet with them for the summary and report session. I was so pleased to hear of the success stories, of invitations to return to religious practice, how some had accepted this call to conversion, and in what ways renewed membership

was making a difference in the life of the parish.

I mention this example but all parishes demonstrate in various pastoral areas real signs of life and zeal for the Gospel. We see this in the growth of the RCIA programs, the positive strides made at improving religious education, the active bereavement ministries, and improvements to youth groups.

With our high school Catholics, much has been accomplished but more needs to be done. Especially in smaller parishes in rural communities, it is good to recall that the church parish is really the center of activity for the faithful. The Church can really make a difference there and enjoys numerous advantages in reaching out to the youth and their families.

I also took the opportunity to speak about vocations to the priesthood. We have four men entering the seminary in the fall, bringing the number of those studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Lake Charles to ten. Two of these were residents of Vianney House, our diocesan house of discernment on Bank Street in Lake Charles. I thank the priests who encourage vocations, foster Forty Hours Devotion for this intention, and promote this important call to service in their parishes and schools.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Father Jude Brunnert, Father Roland Vaughn, Father Albert Borel, and Father James Winiarski, as well as their staffs, for a warm reception and gracious hospitality.



Julie Miller

Julie Miller: St. Louis Hall of Fame inductee

(Read more at <http://live.lcdiocese.org/news/1074-julie-miller-2012-inductee-to-st-louis-hall-of-fame.html>)

LAKE CHARLES – Julie Miller, a longtime supporter both as a volunteer and as an employee, will be inducted into the St. Louis Catholic High School Hall of Fame on Thursday, April 26, in the school’s Commons at 5 p.m.

Miller began her association with St. Louis as a parent volunteer while her four children were receiving an education there. In 1982 she was hired as Director of Development, Executive Director of the St. Louis Foundation, and Director of Public Relations.

As Recruitment Chairman, she along with a team of volunteers implemented an aggressive recruitment plan, including an extensive Open House inviting thousands of prospective parents and students to tour the school and see St. Louis students in action. Enrollment soared from 383 students to a high of 575. Inspired by her success, she extended her recruitment efforts to that of bringing home alumni. Miller put together many alumni events, and began corresponding with some 14,500 alumni, parents and friends of St. Louis bringing many back to close collaboration with the school.

As the Public Relations chairperson, she wrote news releases and feature articles, coordinated print, radio, TV and church bulletin releases, and authored, designed, and produced school brochures, getting the word out about school activities to parents, alumni, and friends. She also served as advisor to the Home and School Association, helping with special events such as Harvest Festival, Golden Bingo, and Dinner Auction, while also chairing the annual Phonathon and special fundraisers. Through her many efforts, she helped raise more than \$4 million for St. Louis Catholic.

Special event to bring Papal Nuncio to Diocese

LAKE CHARLES -- Bishop Glen John Provost has announced that the Papal Nuncio, His Excellency, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, the Pope’s ambassador to the United States, has accepted his invitation to visit Lake Charles on the occasion of the Centennial Year of the historic Cathedral church’s dedication in 2013.

The purpose of the visit will be to perform a special and privileged rite, “The Crowning of an Image of Our Lady in the Name and Authority of the Holy Father.” This ceremony will take place in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, August 22, 2013, the Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The image of Our Lady to be crowned will be the statue of the Immaculate Conception

positioned in the niche of the historic high altar in the Cathedral.

The crown is being created by Roman artisans who are purveyors to the Vatican. Bishop Provost took the occasion on his visit to Rome in January to request the favor from the Holy Father through the Congregation for Divine Worship. The permission was granted, and Bishop Provost made a formal invitation to the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Viganò, to visit Lake Charles and officiate at the ceremony.

“The Crowning in the Name and Authority of the Holy Father” is more commonly done in Europe and rarely in the United States. Greater details on the visit and the ceremony, as well as the history and spiritual significance of “The Crowning,”

will be announced at a date closer to the event.

Bishop Provost would hope that “The Crowning” will afford an opportunity to properly celebrate the centennial of the Cathedral

church’s dedication, renew our devotion to the Blessed Mother and her Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and also foster a deeper union with the Holy Father and See of St. Peter.

Did you know...

The Seafarers Center at the Port of Lake Charles celebrated its 50th anniversary of incorporation on Wednesday, May 18. Begun at the instruction of Bishop Maurice Schexnayder of the Diocese of Lafayette in 1956, Father Theodore Hassink served as the chaplain. He served the sailors coming in to the City Docks out of the trunk of his car.

Do you know which Catholic church parish in the Diocese celebrates its 55th anniversary of establishment in May. Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

Diocesan Briefs.....

May Men’s Prayer Breakfast and Women’s Luncheon

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost continues with his presentation on the Gospel of St. Matthew at the Women’s Prayer Luncheon on Tuesday, May 1, and at the Men’s Prayer Breakfast on Friday, May 11. Both are in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception office complex.

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, and include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Bishop Provost will celebrate Mass at 6:30 a.m. in the Cathedral before the breakfast. Men should call 337-439-7400 to register.

Bishop’s Pilgrimage to Shrines of France

LAKE CHARLES – Space is still available for the 10-day pilgrimage to the Shrines of France with Bishop Glen John Provost from Oct. 29 through November 7.

Contact Father Ruben Buller at 337-439-7400 for more information.

Jazz Brunch set June 10

LAKE CHARLES -- The 2012 Catholic Charities of South-

west Louisiana Jazz Brunch will be held at the Lake Charles Country Club on Sunday, June 10. Doors open at 12:30 pm.

Tickets are \$50 per person. Food, entertainment, and the opportunity to bid on auction items are included with the price of admission.

For ticket information, call Catholic Charities of SWLA at 337-439-7436.

Abrazando Cristo Cash Giveaway Fundraiser

LAKE CHARLES -- The Abrazando Cristo Mission Program is holding its annual Big Cash Giveaway with only 500 tickets available at \$100 each.

First prize is \$5,000; second prize, \$1,000; and third prize, \$500. Proceeds benefit the ongoing work of the mission program in Nicaragua. To purchase a ticket, please mail your check payable to Abrazando Cristo Mission Program, Attn: Msgr. Torres, 414 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA, 70601. The drawing is Sunday, June 17 at the St. Henry Community Center.

For more information, call 337-439-7400.

Married Couples Retreat Cruise

LAKE CHARLES – Married couples are invited to a Celebrate Marriage Couples Retreat aboard the cruise ship Triumph, sponsored through the office of Family Life.

The ship departs Galveston on Monday, Sept. 24, with stops in the ports of Progreso and Cozumel, and returns on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Call Kathy Owen at the Office of Family Life for more information, 337-439-7400.

Memorial Golf Tournament June 2

LAKE CHARLES -- The annual Johnnie Thibodeaux Memorial Golf Tournament is Saturday, June 2, at Mallard Cove Golf Course.

Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Pan y Amor Boys’ Home and School in Managua, Nicaragua, a project of the Abrazando Cristo Mission Program.

Call Johnnie and Susan Thibodeaux at 337-478-4095 for more information.

IBCS set at Xavier University

NEW ORLEANS – The Intitute for Black Catholic Studies, a school of ministry for clergy, religious, and laypersons working in the Black Community and the Catholic Church, will convene at Xavier University of Louisiana from June 22 through July 14.

Check the website at www.xula.edu/ibcs or call 504-520-7961 for information.

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