



From Palm Sunday to the Easter Vigil



The journey of Jesus, from his triumphal entrance into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and death on Calvary, was celebrated in all the churches of the Diocese of Lake Charles during Holy Week. At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the See church, it began on Palm Sunday, top left, when (1) Bishop Glen John Provost sprinkled the palms distributed to the faithful. The passage continued on Wednesday, April 20, at the Chrism Mass as Bishop Provost (2) walked with his clergy in procession into the Cathedral to begin the Liturgy. In (3), he stirred the container of oil, after having added balsam, which upon consecration became the Oil of Chrism. On Holy Thursday, (4) the Bishop washed the feet of 12 men, which emulated the washing of the feet of His disciples by Jesus at the Last Supper. On Good Friday, the only day of the year when Mass is not celebrated, the Bishop (5) venerated the Cross of Christ by kissing it, as did the people. The Service of Light, which began the Easter Vigil, saw the lighting of a fire outside the Cathedral where the congregation, the Bishop, and servers gathered. Here, Master of Ceremonies Ruben Buller (6) lighted a taper with which the Bishop set the wick of the Easter candle ablaze before he proceeded via candlelight into the unlit Cathedral. Servers followed and lighted their own personal candles from the Easter candle, and while moving further into the Cathedral, members of the congregation lighted their candles, which filled the church with light. The Bishop (7) blessed the water before the baptism and initiation of Desiree Guasp into the Church. Following confirmation, Bishop Provost walked throughout the Cathedral sprinkling (8) the people with Holy water, which reminded us of our own baptism.

Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

May 4, 2012

Catholic schools celebrated Holy Father's birthday

(Read more at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/1080-catholic-schools-celebrated-holy-fathers-birthday.html>).

LAKE CHARLES - His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI celebrated the 85th anniversary of his birth on Monday, April 16. Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles honored the Holy Father with various activities on their campuses.

At Immaculate Conception Cathedral School, in honor of the Holy Father's 85th birthday, students celebrated at The Party for the Pope on Monday, April 16. The Party is designed to teach students Kindergarten through 5th grades about the person and mission of the Pope through participation in individual and team activities. Special activities included a prayer for Pope Benedict XVI, games with papal facts and scripture, a spiritual bouquet for the Pope and a prayer for vocations. Each student left The Party for the Pope with a "Pope Party Favor" and a holy card.

Students representing each class released eighty-

five balloons in the colors of the Vatican and Our Lady's Catholic School in Sulphur. The student body gathered on the school's playing field to sing Happy Birthday to the Pope.

Students of Sacred Heart/Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School collected canned goods for Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana and donated them in the Pope's name. Each Class placed a fact about the Holy Father or the Vatican on display in the foyer of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church on a tri-fold poster in honor of the Pope's birthday. During the week, the school prayed a special prayer for His Holiness.

In Jennings at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School, younger students read and learned about the life of Pope Benedict in a story called Joseph and Chico: The Life of Pope Benedict XVI as told by a Cat. The Pope is known to collect cat figurines. Specific prayers/petitions were recited at the All School Mass on Wednesday, April 11; also for Masses on Wednesday, April 18 and 25.



At left, students at Immaculate Conception Cathedral celebrated the Holy Father's birthday by having a "Party for the Pope", while, right, in Sulphur at Our Lady's Catholic School, students released 85 balloons to honor the celebration of Pope Benedict's birthday anniversary.



The junior high students heard about vocations and were reminded to ask the Holy Spirit to inspire their choices, teachers talked to students about the Pope's Coat of Arms, that he is the 265th pope, his life and growing up in Germany as well as putting birthday wishes on the school marquee and school calendars.

At St. Louis Catholic High School, all through the year,

the first intention of each school Mass has been for the Holy Father's personal needs, intentions of the month and the needs of the Worldwide Roman Catholic Church. In each Religion class on Monday and Tuesday, April 16-17, there was a short prayer service honor the Papal birthday.

The sophomore class took part in the Pope's birthday party, facilitated by Mrs.

Mandy Robichaux. On April 16, all school morning Prayer over the intercom was for Pope Benedict.

At Our Lady Queen of Heaven, the Pre-K/Kindergarten students collected items of non-perishable goods, donating them to Abraham's Tent and the Women's Shelter in the name of the Pope. They also sang "Happy Birthday" and had Pope-sicles for a snack. The

first grade students drew pictures for the sick children at Christus St. Patrick Hospital in the Pope's honor and lighted a candle that day to remember the Light of Jesus in all of us because we all light candles for our birthdays for the same reason.

Second graders at OLQH explored and celebrated the Salvation History of the Pope, beginning with his birth to the present day.

Sarah Miller first in Vocation Drawing Contest

LAKE CHARLES - Sarah Miller, a junior at Sulphur High School and parishioner of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church in Carlyss, is the 2012 winner of the Vocation Drawing Contest sponsored by the Diocese of Lake Charles. The competition is held to promote awareness of the priesthood and religious life in preparation for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday,

April 29.

Miller's winning image earned her a \$200 prize as well as the honor of having the effort reproduced on a prayer card that was distributed to the parishes of the Diocese as well as on World Day of Prayer for Vocations following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Glen John Provost recognized Miller and the second

and third place winners at the Mass.

Second place went to Olivia Meche, a sixth grader at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School, while the third place drawing was submitted by Patrick Juneau, also a sixth grader at St. Margaret. Both are parishioners of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church. Second placed received \$100 and third, \$50.

Summer leadership training set

(Read more at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/1058-annual-summer-leadership-training-sessions-set.html>)

LAKE CHARLES - The annual Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) and Advanced Christian Leadership Institute (ACLI) is scheduled for Saturday, May 26, through Friday, June 1, at Camp Bethany, located near Shreveport, according to Milissa Thibodeaux, Director of the

Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

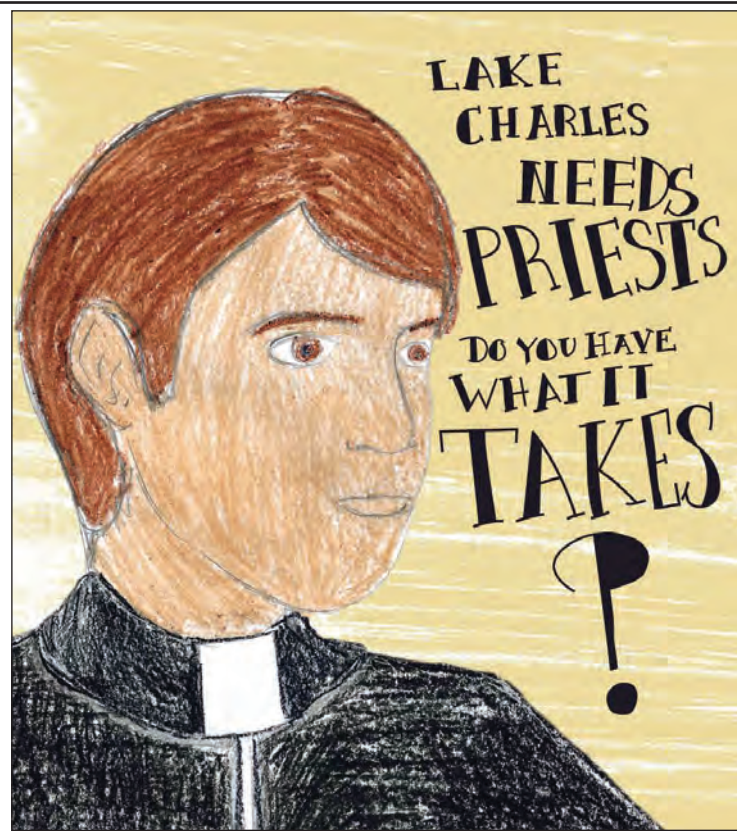
The camp is open to high school students from entering freshmen through graduating seniors. With the exception of entering seniors, a participant goes through two years of CLI before entering the ACLI program. This change came in 2011 in an effort to provide a solid foundation in the content as well as

more hands-on training and experience in the basics of the program. Each year uses the same content but the activities and group challenges vary from Year A and Year B.

The cost of the camp is \$385, which includes meals, lodging, leadership materials, transportation to/from the camp, and t-shirt.

According to Thibodeaux, the "Christian" in Christian Leadership isn't just a portion of what we are about. "Our Catholic Christian values are woven into every fiber of the week," she said. "Since CLI is Catholic-Christian based, it is rooted in our faith tradition and Christ is our model for the kind of "servant" leadership we strive to emulate.

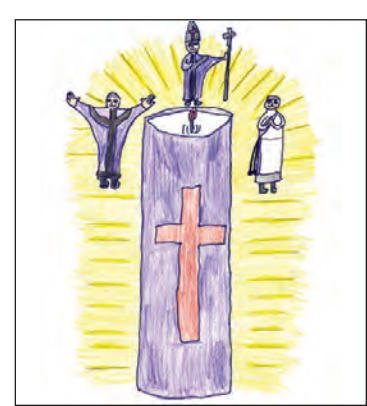
"One of the main goals for the week is to learn how to really live as a Christian community," Thibodeaux continued.



Sarah Miller's first place drawing



Olivia Meche 2nd



Patrick Juneau 3rd

St. Margaret students capture prizes

LAKE CHARLES - Drellyn Guillory, an eighth grade student at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School, captured first place in the Junior Division at the State Science Fair Louisiana State Teachers Association for his project - Are You Still In the Dark? - in which he determined the type of ballast contained in each of his school's classroom lights

Hunter Romero was a

semi-finalist out of more than 700 students and received a \$100 check for his H2 project at the National E3 middle school competition while Cody Broussard and Sebastien Levac received Honorable Mention awards.

St. Margaret had three teams in this year's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) competition for students in grades six through nine where teams

can compete for state, regional and national awards while working to solve problems in their community and its Recyclers team won first place in the state.

The school also won the Catholic Schools for Tomorrow award. Judy Reeves and Rachael Rougeau accepted the award in Boston April 13. The project was Recycle/Upcycle community involvement.

Did you know...

Bishop Maurice Schexnayder of the Diocese of Lafayette established Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church on May 31, 1957 with Father Adrian van Hal as the founding pastor. The assistant pastor of the young parish was Father (now Monsignor) Joseph Bourque.

Do you know which church in the Diocese will be 50 years old this year? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Mass to Avert Storms May 31

CAMERON - Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate a Mass to Avert Storms at 5 p.m., Thursday, May 31, the eve of the beginning of the 2012 hurricane season, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

This event will constitute the first Diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady Star of the Sea following the recent "spiritual bond" granted by the Holy See. The bond links the Cameron Shrine to the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome. In this, such a pilgrimage provides a plenary indulgence, just as if the pilgrimage were to St. Mary Major. The plenary indulgence is granted under with the fulfillment of the requirements, which include recent confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayers for the Holy Father, and the recitation of the Creed.

For more information on this very special privilege, not very often seen in the United States, go to <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/1068-cameron-shrine-receives-special-privilege-from-the-vatican.html>.

St. Margaret School competing for beautification grant

LAKE CHARLES - St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School is entered in a competition sponsored by Rack Room Shoes to earn a \$50,000 grant for a school beautification project.

The grant funds would be used for a covered area for the playground, playground equipment, and other modernizations for all students in Pre K through 8th grade to have access to during recess and physical education classes at the Enterprise Boulevard campus.

To vote for St. Margaret, go to rackroomshoes.com. Voting continues through Monday, May 7.

St. Louis graduation May 15

LAKE CHARLES - St. Louis Catholic High School will conduct its 2012 graduation ceremonies at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, in Burton Coliseum.

In addition to the presentation of diplomas to the senior class, Bishop Glen John Provost will be the keynote speaker. The winners of the St. Louis Awards, the highest honor given to a St. Louis graduate. The award goes to the male and female students voted as the outstanding Christian student at the school by their peers and approved by members of the faculty.

Heavenly Fish Festival May 19

LAKE CHARLES - Our Lady Queen of Heaven's Fifth Annual Heavenly Fish Festival Saturday begins at 6 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, from bank, boat or pier.

The weigh-in location is at Calcasieu Point beginning at 11:00am. There are prizes for all ages and lunch will be provided by Port Aggregates. Entry fees are \$25 for individuals (includes free t-shirt) and \$60 for a family.

For registration information, contact Lisa Jakel at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School at 477-7349 or email, ljakel@olqhs.org.

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 Nov. 7.

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

Jazz Brunch set June 10

LAKE CHARLES - The 2012 Catholic Charities of Southwest 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.

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.

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