



Catholic Charities Jazz Brunch successful

LAKE CHARLES – Music by the Imperial Calcasieu Jazz Katz, a piano performance by Bishop Glen John Provost, and additional musical and dance entertainment by priests of the Diocese of Lake Charles highlighted the 2012 edition of the Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana Jazz Brunch held recently at the Lake Charles Country Club. Again this year, the event grossed more than \$30,000 for the work of Catholic Charities.

Members of the clergy of the diocese who did “song and dance” routines ala “Blues Brothers,” down to the black hats and sunglasses along with their black suits, were Father Whitney Miller, Father John Huckaby, Father Keith Pellerin, Father Jeffrey Starkovich, and Father Wayne LeBleu.

Awards annually announced at the event – Caritas and St. Peter Claver – went to deserving recipients who provided great assistance to those in need in Southwest Louisiana through their generosity and hard work with Catholic Charities during the year.

The Caritas Award went to Melinda DeClouette Hardy, principal of Oak Park Elementary School for the past nine years. The award goes to someone in the community who has shown compassion for all humanity, a commitment to the well being of others. Mrs. Hardy has been an educator and administrator for the past 20 years and enjoys “making a difference in the lives of children.” She and her family are members of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur. Presenting the Award was Trish Trejo, Director of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana.

Father LeBleu, the Secretary for the Ministry of Pastoral Services, made the presentation of the St. Peter Claver Award, which “honors service to the least among us.”

In making the award, Father LeBleu said, “The St. Peter Claver Award seeks to honor individuals or organizations who have served those in our community most in need by partnering with the work of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana. Sometimes these are individuals who are volunteers at the agency, but often they are not. Catholic Charities states as its mission ‘to empower people, in the Spirit of Christ, to respond to the basic needs of the people of Southwest Louisiana.’ It is not possible to grow in that mission without the help of an entire community.”

The 2012 St. Peter Claver recipient was an area church “who never fails to join us in serving people in need,” Father LeBleu said. He then presented the award to Father Jack Myers, rector of The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

“The Church of the Good Shepherd has its own busy social ministry office,” Father LeBleu continued. “Ann Lindsay, Margie Collins, and Emily Harper lead this ministry. Together, they see clients each day in need of various types of assistance and support the Food, Faith and Friends Food Pantry.

“Their partnership with Catholic Charities is long-standing,” Father LeBleu said. “They are an active member of the Charity Tracker network. Good Shepherd regularly comes forward with help whenever we at Catholic Charities cannot fully meet a client’s needs. In addition, they are once again this year partnering with us financially in the Beat the Heat Air Conditioner Program



In photo at left, Trish Trejo, Director of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana, presents the Caritas Award to Melinda DeClouette Hardy while in photo at right, Father Wayne LeBleu is shown with Father Jack Myers, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd following the presentation of the St. Peter Claver Award to the church.



for the elderly and disabled.”

Following the awards presentation, Trejo spoke on the ‘State of Catholic Charities.’

“Together, all of us had a very busy year serving our brothers and sisters in need in the five civil parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles – Allen Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis,” she said. “We served 1,336 unduplicated clients in our food distribution program, many of them multiple times. More than 950 of these individuals live below the federal poverty line of \$22,350 for a family of four.

“With rental assistance we served 812 individuals; with utility assistance 595; with prescription aid 22,” she continued. “In the last several months, we have seen calls from homeless individuals increase dramatically. This has created a greater demand on our Homelessness Prevention Program.”

Speaking to the crowd about the financing of the agency, Trejo continued. “We do receive some grants from government and private sources. However, the most flexible help comes from private donations from people like you. Thank you for coming here today. The contributions you make through your ticket purchase, your auction purchases, and any other donations you make, go straight to the work of Catholic Charities.”

Services provided by Catholic Charities include rent/mort-

gage assistance, utilities assistance, the homelessness prevention program, funeral assistance, employment/identification expenses, food distribution, Disaster Preparedness and Response, Beat the Heat a/c program; Family Strengthening Program, and the VITA Income Tax Preparation Program.

Other staff members of Catholic Charities include Hanh Vu, Associate Director and Director of Disaster Preparedness and Response; Shirley Walker, Case Manager; Gloria Hypolite, Office Assistant; and Rose Hawkins, Receptionist.

Vu served as the chair of the Jazz Brunch Committee, which also included Father LeBleu, Trejo, Blanche Landry, Chelsi Nabours, Connie Perkins, Debra Richard, and Shane Swire. Disciple beneficiaries for the Jazz Brunch included Stuart and Blanch Landry; Stockwell, Seivert, Viccellio, Clements, and Shaddock, LLC while Partners in Hope were Raye Ann Swarts and Joanna & Charlie Viccellio.

Members of the Advisory Board of Catholic Charities, in addition to Father LeBleu and Trejo, are Larry DeRoussel, Alison Fontenot, Anthony Bartie, Glen Bertrand, Ryan Bourriaque, Sandy Gay, Herman Guidry, Ron Hunt, Sandra LeLeaux, Father Jeffrey Starkovich, and Joe Whitbeck.



Lynn Jones, center, was presented with the Lawrence Toups, Jr. Memorial Award for the Public Official of the Year at the recent Public Officials Banquet conducted by Msgr. Cramers Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. Also pictured from left, at back, Sir Knight Bill Marcantel (Anthony J. Abate Memorial Award as Assembly Citizen of the Year) and Lawrence Henagan, standing at right, (Diocese of Lake Charles Citizen of the Year Award). In the front row, from left, are Beverly Castillo and Shon Castillo who were named the Assembly Family of the Year Award. Seated at right is Mary Billadeaux who accepted the Audry Pizanie Memorial Award on behalf of Vickie Lemoine, wife of the late Sir Knight Daniel Lemoine.

Msgr. Cramers Assembly honors dedicated service

MOSS BLUFF – The annual Msgr. Cramers Public Officials banquet recognized four individuals and one family for their dedication to the community, church and/or their professions recently.

The event was held in the St. Theodore’s Knights of Columbus Council #3622 Hall and was dedicated to the late Sir Knight Daniel Lemoine who was very dedicated to his family, the Church and the Knights. Lemoine died earlier this year.

This year’s recipients all made a positive difference in the lives of those they touched and are deserving of the recognition they received.

The Audry Pizanie Memorial Award went to Sir Knight Lemoine. It is given to a Sir Knight who has performed outstanding service in an appointed office or chairmanship in the Knights of Columbus for at least 10 years. The award was accepted by Mary Billadeaux on behalf of Sir Knight Lemoine’s wife, Vickie.

Sir Knight Bill Marcantel of Kinder received the Anthony J. Abate Memorial Award as Assembly Citizen of the Year. The award is given to a person who is deemed to have made the most distinguished contribution to the public welfare within the Assembly area

during the previous calendar year.

The family of Sir Knight Shon Castillo of Lake Charles received the Assembly Family of the Year Award, which recognizes a family residing in the Assembly area that has distinguished themselves for service to Holy Mother Church, the Assembly and the civic community while reflecting and personifying the Church’s teaching on family life.

Lynn Jones, a native of DeQuincy now living in Westlake, received the Lawrence Toups, Jr. Memorial Award for the Public Official of the Year. For more than 20 years, Jones has served in local, state and federal government positions. He currently serves as Calcasieu Parish Clerk of Court. The award recognizes a public official who has filled public office with integrity and efficiency.

Lawrence Henagan, the mayor of DeQuincy, was named the Diocese of Lake Charles Citizen of the Year Award. This award recognizes a person deemed to have made the most distinguished contributions to the welfare and progress of the citizens that are within the Diocese of Lake Charles during the previous calendar year. Henagan is serving in his second term as Mayor of DeQuincy, where he has made a significant impact on the people of his community.

Charlene Richard Mass set for Friday, Aug. 10

RICHARD – The Annual Mass of Petition, which this year marks the 53rd Anniversary of the death of Charlene Marie Richard, is Friday, August 10, at 6 p.m. in St. Edward Catholic Church.

Father Mike Shea, C.Ss.R., Director of the Sarnelli Hospice Orphanage in Northern Thailand, will be the main celebrant.

Charlene Richard was a faith-filled and spiritual child who died of leukemia at the age of 12. Thousands have visited her grave at St. Edward, leaving written prayers, photos, flowers and other items precious to them or belonging to those for whom they came to pray. Many pray for her canonization, confirming her saint-

hood.

The celebration will begin at 4:45 p.m. with the praying of the Rosary. Following the Rosary, Father Chuck Beierwaltes, C.Ss.R., will make a presentation on the Charlene Richard Mission House at the Sarnelli Hospice.

Also, before Mass in the St. Edward parish hall, Father Joseph Brennan will be signing copies of his book, “My Name is Charlene.” A booth will be located in the front of the church displaying crafts made by the children at the orphanage in Thailand. Prayer cloths and prayer cards will be given out by Friends of Charlene Richard and a reception will follow Mass in the Hall.

Write Friends of Charlene, P.O. Box 91623, Lafayette, LA 70509-1623 for more information.



Members of the State Court of Catholic Daughters of the Americas recently presented Bishop Glen John Provost with a check for \$700 to be used for the Diocesan Seminary Fund. Contributions came from Court #1255 - Our Lady of LaSalette (Sulphur), Court #1785 - Our Lady Queen of Heaven (Lake Charles), Court #1468 - Mother Cabrini (Jennings); and the State Court. Pictured, from left, are Connie Dronette, State Treasurer; Barbara Michaels, State Secretary; Bishop Provost; Joyce Stein, State Regent; Ellen Corbello, 1st Vice State Regent; and Pat Myers, 2nd Vice State Regent.

Did you know...

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School began with a kindergarten class in the newly finished Knights of Columbus Hall in October 1958, little more than 18 months after the establishment of the parish. The school has grown to have Pre-K through eighth grades with a gymnasium and many modern educational amenities.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven School was fortunate to have a religious sisters as its first principal. Can you name her and her religious order. For bonus points, can you name the next two principals as well? See the answers in the next Catholic Calendar.

Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

July 20, 2012

Bishop Provost honors long-married couples

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost honored 65 Catholic married couples of the Diocese of Lake Charles during the celebration of Mass on Sunday, June 24, the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. This annual event is sponsored by the Office of Family Life of the Diocese.

In his homily, Bishop Provost pointed out how much he admired the honored couples. "As faithfully married couples, this society and world desperately needs the example that you are giving us," the Bishop said. "In this age where some even attempt to redefine marriage, you show us what it means to ask that question, 'Is this what God wants us to do?'"

"You have answered, 'Yes,' he continued. "Perhaps you didn't ask or answer the question in exactly that way, but ask and answer it you did—through hard work, perseverance, faith, trust, love, and acceptance of God's will—all of those qualities that make the love of husband and wife last. Again I say, I am filled with admiration for the example you give us."

Four couples were honored for 65 years of Christian marriage - Calvin and Lucy

Foreman of St. Raphael in Iowa; Deacon Sumner and Evelyn Kohlhund of St. Joseph in DeRidder; Calvin and Ida Mae Price of Our Lady of the Lake in Lake Arthur; and James and Cecile Savoie of St. Margaret of Scotland in Lake Charles.

Celebrating 60th anniversaries were Irvin and Dot Broussard (St. Martin de Porres); Bud and Ramona Harless (St. Margaret of Scotland); Joe and Flo Lanza (Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception); John and Mazie Marceaux (Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Arthur); Joe and Dot Palermo (Our Lady Queen of Heaven); Lawrence and LaVonda Rathel (St. Joseph, DeRidder); John C. and Ethel Sam Sr. (Immaculate Heart of Mary); Wilford and Melba Sonnier (Our Lady of LaSalette, Sulphur); and Dr. Tommy and Dona White (Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception).

Couples honored for 55th anniversaries were Sam A. and Barbara Ange; Ricardo and Marjorie Baca; Pat and Patsy Derouen; George and Virginia Guidry; James and MaryAnn Hooper Jr.; Arthur and Margaret Laneve; Charles and Gail Mackey; Albert "Rabbit" and Collette Manuel; John and Elizabeth Marcon; Daniel W. and

JoAnn Racca; Joe and Janet Stoma; Donald and Alberta Thibodeaux; Mickey and Rose Torres; and Clifton and Joyce Webster.

Those couples honored for 50th wedding anniversaries were Vincent and Waverly Abate; Carl and Sylvia Ardoin; Harry and Patricia Burt; Lionel and ZiZi De La Houssaye; Wilmer and Barbara Dugas; Gene and Clara Duhon; Darrell and Verline Duplechain; Gilbert and Ginny Fontenot; Paul D. and Patricia A. Fontenot; Jerry and Joyce Fournet; Harlen and Elizabeth Judice; Len and Ann LeBlanc; Daniel and Mary N. LeBleu; Earl J. and Mary M. Lemell; Frank and Angela Miller; Clifford and Sandy Monceaux; Jack and Betty O'Reilly; Clarence J. and Geneva Prudhomme; George and Betty Rachal; Lou and Judy Richard; Eddie and Gwen Saucier; Bill and Deanie Smith; Robert and Palma Vanacore; Howard and Barbara Whitman; Hubert and Charlotte Young.

Twenty-fifth wedding anniversary couples included Bobby and Felecia Chretien; Benny and Dionne Francois; Mark and Dianne Fruge; Tony and Rose Hylton; Edgar and Barbara LeDay; Brian and Jessica Leger; Russell and Portia Metoyer; Chris and Avonna Miller; Paul and Kandy Moreno; Clifton and Cathy Morrow; Darrell and Dawn Rainwater; Paul and Taina Savoie; and Edward and Susie Stewart.



Shown, from left, are Evelyn and Deacon Sumner Kohlhund and LaVonda and Lawrence Rathel, all from St. Joseph Catholic Church in DeRidder, who were among 65 couples honored for celebrating milestone anniversaries this year at Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Kohlhunds were honored for 65 years of marriage while the Rathels were singled out for their 60th anniversary.

Serra Club of Lake Charles celebrates 62nd Anniversary

LAKE CHARLES – The Serra Club of Lake Charles celebrated its 62nd Anniversary Banquet recently and honored two long time members, both of whom passed away in 2011 – husband and wife, John and Madge Cardone. John was a Serran for 24 years while Madge was a 15-year member.

Attending the banquet were five members of the clergy of the Diocese of Lake Charles and four men studying for the priesthood for the Diocese along with 75 members and guests.

Tokens of appreciation for the Cardone's lives and work for Serra were presented to three of their children and one grandchild by John Halloran, club president. Accepting the

gifts were Mary Cardone McGinn and her daughter Drew from Lafayette, Gwen Cardone Gillis from Baton Rouge, and Jay Cardone from Lake Charles.

Dr. Charles Mackey, a past Serra Club president read the banquet dedication. Msgr. Daniel Torres, club chaplain, gave the invocation and Bishop Glen John Provost served as the keynote speaker. The Bishop spoke about his *ad limina* visit to Rome earlier in the year, explaining what this required journey to the Holy See means and gave those present an idea of what he had an opportunity to do and see, including his audience with Pope Benedict XVI. At the close of the banquet, Bishop

Provost gave the Benediction.

Joanna Viccellio was named the Serran of the Year for her significant contribution to the club. The winner of the Father Aubrey Guilbeau Scholarship award was seminarian Joseph Ferrer, who will be in his second year at St. Joseph Seminary College this fall.

The Presidential Commendation Award is given to the Serran who has made significant contributions to the club over a number of years. Father Guilbeau, who served for 20 years as the club chaplain, was presented the award by Halloran. This was the third time in 40 years that the award was given to the club chaplain.



Members of the John and Madge Cardone family received tokens of appreciation for the work done by the couple for the Serra Club of Lake Charles. In addition, several awards were presented. Pictured seated are, from left, Father Aubrey Guilbeau (Presidential Commendation Award); Drew McGinn, and Joanna Viccellio (Serran of the Year); standing, Mary Cardone McGinn, Jay Cardone, and Gwen Cardone Gillis.

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2012 the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles pray the following prayer, composed by The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette, following Hurricane Audrey in 1957:

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, and overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder
Second Bishop of Lafayette

Prayer Intentions for August

Pope Benedict XVI
General Intention: That prisoners may be treated with justice and respect for their human dignity

Missionary Intention: Youth Witness to Christ. That young people, called to follow Christ, may be willing to proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Bishop Provost For Youth: That they build their houses firmly on the foundation of Christ, striving at all times to live chaste lives and the virtues of faith, hope, and charity.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Bishop's Gala tickets on sale

LAKE CHARLES – Tickets for the inaugural Bishop's Gala, a black tie formal social and dance set for Saturday, Dec. 8, are now on sale at the Chancery of the Diocese, 414 Iris Street; Crossroads Bookstore, 601 West Prien Lake Road; and through the parish churches of the Diocese.

Purchasing tickets, which are \$125 each, by credit card is available on the website of the Diocese – lcdioocese.org. Tables for 10 are \$1,100 each. Only 1,000 tickets will be available.

The Gala will be in the Exhibition Hall of the Lake Charles Civic Center with doors opening at 6 p.m. and music by the 12-member Tommy Dorsey Orchestra from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Proceeds will benefit the efforts of the Office of Communications to evangelize the Catholic faith through print (Catholic Calendar), television (Glad Tidings), radio (airing of the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass from the Cathedral); and the Diocesan website.

There will also be a silent auction with many wonderful selections available. Winning bidders will have the ability to use credit cards on site to pay for their items.

Dates for breakfasts, luncheons told

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will begin his new round of presentations at the Men's Prayer Breakfasts and Women's Prayer Luncheons in September.

Dates for the breakfasts, held in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Office Complex on the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets, are Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7. Dates in 2013 are Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1, April 5, and May 3. The breakfasts begin at 7 a.m. and are preceded by the celebration of Mass in the Cathedral at 6:30 a.m.

Luncheons are slated for Sept. 5, Oct. 3 and Nov. 7. Due to scheduling conflicts, there will be no presentations in December or January.

Dates in 2013 are Feb. 6, March 6, April 3, and May 1. The luncheons will also be held in Ave Maria Hall.

Rachel's Vineyard retreat July 27-29

LAKE CHARLES – A Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana Retreat will be held Friday through Sunday, July 27-29, at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

The weekend is an opportunity for any man, woman, couple, grandparent or sibling who struggles with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. This unique retreat allows participants to enter the grieving process, identify effects the abortion has had and release deep feelings of anger, shame and guilt that frequently accompany an abortion experience.

The retreat combines discussions, spiritual exercises, Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of Entrustment.

Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience the mercy and compassion of God, whose greatest desire is to forgive.

Call 337-439-7400 Ext. 317 for more information or registration or e-mail rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org

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 Progresso and Cozumel, and returns on Saturday, Sept. 29.

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

Registration closes for pilgrimage to France

LAKE CHARLES – Registration for the 10-day pilgrimage

with Bishop Glen John Provost to the Shrines of France from Oct. 29-Nov. 7, has closed.

Bishop Provost said he "looks forward to the pilgrimage in the fall and joining in prayer with those who are going."

Life Awareness Program

MOSS BLUFF -- The Life Awareness Program is set for Friday, August 31 to Sunday, September 2 at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center. The retreat is for single Catholics between the ages of 17-40 contemplating religious life as a priest, sister or brother.

The fee is \$25 for the weekend and scholarship funds are available. It is a weekend of prayer, discussion and discerning with the staff and peers about life as a religious.

Contact Fr. Marcus Johnson at 337-436-8093 or e-mail: marcus.johnson@lcdioocese.org.

Serenity Prayer Evening of Reflection

MOSS BLUFF – Join Father Gary Schexnayder for "The Spirituality of the Serenity Prayer" Evening of Reflection from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24, at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

The evening of prayer and presentation will focus upon the well known Serenity Prayer, originally composed by Reinhold Niebuhr and often associated with the Alcoholics Anonymous community and 12 step spirituality.

Fr. Schexnayder will explore both the history of the prayer as well as recommend ways to integrate the prayer's insights and challenges into one's life of faith and practice. Please call 337-855-1232 today to register, so that adequate preparations can be arranged for supper. Suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

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