



Catholic schools to open for 2012-2013

LAKE CHARLES – Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles will soon open their doors for the new school year. Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings gets a head start, with classes beginning on Friday, August 10. This corresponds with the beginning of the public schools in Jefferson Davis Parish.

Catholic schools in Calcasieu Parish start the fall term on Wednesday, August 15, which is the same opening day for public schools. The seven Catholic schools in the Diocese are St. Louis Catholic High School, Immaculate Conception Catholic School, St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School, all in Lake Charles; St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School in Moss Bluff; Our Lady's Catholic School in Sulphur; and Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings.

The first day will see students with a full schedule of classes rather than the abbreviated schedule from previous years.

Kimberlee Gazzolo, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, is looking forward to the opening day. "I think we are fortunate this year in that the enrollment is prob-

ably going to be similar to previous years, perhaps a decrease of only a few percent," Gazzolo said. "I have had reports from the school administrators that a lot of new families are coming into the Diocese. Not just Pre-K and kindergarten, but in the other grades as well. Also, two of the schools are accepting scholarship students - Our Lady's School in Sulphur and Holy Family School in Moss Bluff.

Holy Family will have 17 scholarship students while Our Lady's School will have 10 students. Those schools made the decision to participate in the Louisiana Scholarship Program, which was passed during the recent Legislative session and signed into law by Governor Bobby Jindal.

"Their decision was strictly voluntary," Gazzolo said. "They decided whether to participate or not based on space available in each school and discussions with the Office of Catholic Schools, their local school board, the pastor and the school administration.

Holy Family School will also be participating in the state Pre-K Four program, now sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Education. The program originat-

ed in 2001 to four-year-old children not currently enrolled in publicly funded pre-K classes. The purpose of the program is to provide high quality early childhood education to four-year-old children who are at risk for learning difficulties and to improve the children's readiness to begin school.

"Holy Family had five slots for the program available and have filled three," Gazzolo said. "Those students, if they are income eligible, will receive tuition free Pre-K 4 education and also will receive a priority slot for a scholarship going into kindergarten level as long as their eligibility remains."

Principals and presidents at each of the seven Catholic schools remain in place for the 2012-2013 school year. "We are very blessed that all have remained with us," Gazzolo continued. "They are all very dedicated and experienced administrators.

"There will be 35 new teachers this year and there have also been some changes in personnel other than instructional staff at the schools," she said. "Susan Perle moved from Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School to St. Louis as development director and Stephen Starr, the former

Director of Religious Education at Holy Family, will be working with campus ministry at St. Louis."

St. Louis will also kickoff an exciting technology initiative with the One-to-One laptop program, providing students with access to the latest technology at all times.

"The trend toward technology is not stopping," Gazzolo said. "What students used to do on computers in the 8th grade, they do now in the younger years."

Teachers at St. Louis had the benefit of having laptops last year and trained on how to use the programs for immediate feedback with the students, Gazzolo noted. "There was also a group of 30-35 students who had computers last year to aid in their transition this year," she said. "One thing that is so exciting with the laptops is that we are meeting the students where they are. During the school day, they have traditionally used paper, pencil, and notebooks. They then go home and their hands never leave the laptop whether it be the laptop, whether it be their iPad, their iPhone. They are constantly interacting and getting immediate feedback. That will now happen during the school day.

"That's very exciting because it's bringing their world

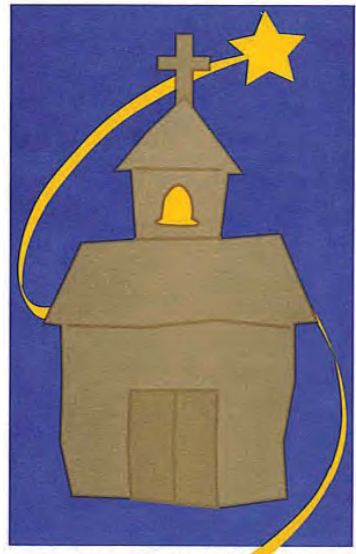
into the classroom, not just where we have the Smart Boards, document scanners and cameras but where they are actually working on their computer," Gazzolo continued. "It is exciting for them because they are going to be more engaged, more on target. It will allow teachers to see right away where students need extra intervention."

Though there will still be printed textbooks in the school, the computers will provide the students with better opportunities to study and advance more rapidly.

"It is a predominant philosophy in Catholic schools that parents, students and educators work together to create an education that is world class but I think in this sense having that student be actively engaged at the time will make a great deal of difference at the high school level," she said. "Some of the junior highs are looking into one-to-one laptop programs there as well."

Every summer is a time for schools to clean and freshen up their campuses. In some instances, it is a larger job than in others.

At Immaculate Conception Cathedral School, the new South Annex of the school will be ready for opening day. The completed project, which



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broke ground in April 2011, provides for a library/computer lab on the first floor; an art room on the second in addition to four classrooms on the first and second floors that will allow for the elimination of temporary classrooms on the campus. The third floor can be easily completed when the space is required because of enrollment.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven School will begin its Cornerstone Capital Campaign to raise funds to build junior high classrooms and renovate the rest of the campus at the Friday, Sept. 7, school Mass.

THE BISHOP'S GALA

Saturday, December 8, 2012

Tickets are now available

LAKE CHARLES – Tickets for the inaugural Bishop's Gala, a black tie formal social and dance set for Saturday, Dec. 8, are now available at the Chancery of the Diocese (337-439-7400), 414 Iris Street; Crossroads Bookstore (337-474-7100), 601 West Prien Lake Road; in the parish churches of the Diocese, and online at lcdioocese.org.

Tickets are \$125 each and 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 the 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 in evangelizing 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.

The date of the Gala is also

the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, one of the patrons of the Diocese, and will kickoff the 100th Anniversary of the construction of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the Historic Lake Charles City Hall, and the Central School Arts and Humanities Center.

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.

Sulphur's Ruth Guidry elected National Director for Catholic Daughters

NEW YORK -- Ruth Guidry of Sulphur, a member of Our Lady of LaSalette Court #1255 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, is the new National Director of the Catholic Daughters, elected at the group's recent 54th Biennial National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska.

Guidry will begin her two-year term on August 16. As National Director, she will supervise Catholic Daughter activities in several states and work with the National Board (the governing body of the Catholic Daughters consisting of five National Officers and nine National Directors) to administer Catholic Daughter activities and implement policy.

Guidry's CDA court is affiliated with two parishes: Our Lady of Prompt Succor and Our Lady of LaSalette. Court Chaplain is Pastor Rev. Edward Richard, M.S. The court was formed in 1937 and has 97 members. Local charities supported by the court supports include Care Help, Relay for Life, Our Lady's Catholic School, Serra Club, Apostleship of the Sea,

Christmas Shoebox Drive, Thanksgiving Baskets for the Shut-ins, Women's Shelter, Diaconate Fund, Bishop's Seminary Fund, New Life Counseling, St. Vincent de Paul and Ulster Program. The Court also supports the Catholic Daughters' five National Projects: SOAR! (Support our Aging Religious), Holy Cross Family Ministries, SmileTrain, Habitat for Humanity, and the Disaster Relief Fund.

She resides in Sulphur and worships at Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Sulphur. She became a Catholic Daughter in February, 1964, when she joined Court Our Lady of LaSalette "because of the wonderful ladies who belonged and the beautiful work that they did." Guidry has twice been court regent; she has been recording secretary, and is presently treasurer. State officer positions include District Deputy, State Secretary, Second Vice State Regent, First Vice State Regent, and State Regent from 1990-1994. She currently serves as District Deputy.

The Catholic Daughters



Ruth Guidry

of the Americas is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. Formed in 1903, today it numbers 75,000 dues-paying members in 1,250 courts (local chapters) in 45 states as well as in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, D.D., Bishop of Lake Charles, places a saint's relic into the altar of the Chapel of Our Lady of the Assumption at Johnson Bayou during the celebration of the first Mass in the church and its dedication. Father Roland Vaughn, who served as pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hackberry and Our Lady of the Assumption for 17 years, assists. Father Derek Covert, J.C.L., master of ceremonies stands at right. The chapel, damaged by Hurricane Rita in 2005 and refurbished shortly thereafter, was destroyed by the storm surge and winds of Hurricane Ike in 2008. A gallery of photos of the Mass of Dedication can be viewed at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/resources/image-galleries/view/29.html>

Veritas Conference Saturday Sept. 22

(Read more at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/1121-youth-2000-retreat-aug-24-26-.html>)

LAKE CHARLES – Dr. Brant Pitre, Professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, will be the keynote speaker at the Veritas Catechetical Conference on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in St. Louis Catholic High School.

Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles, the day will begin with registration and a number of exhibitors, followed by Mass at 8:30 a.m. and the address by Dr. Pitre at 9:35 a.m. The first of three rounds of breakout sessions starts at 11 a.m. with lunch at 12:05 p.m. Afternoon breakout sessions are slated for 1 p.m. and 2:20 p.m. with Benedic-

tion at 3:25 p.m.

Breakout topics and speakers include Mary, MaryQuite Contrary – Father Rommel Tolentino; The Priest: Bridge to Eternity or Obstacle - Father Bryan Thompson; Our Gift of Reason: Arguments for the Existence of God – Father Jeffrey Starkovich; Heaven's Hospital: Purgatory – Father Mark Beard; Morality I, Part I – Father Edward Richard, M.S.; Religious Freedom 101 – Jared L. Watson; Fight the New Drug – Margaret Rucks; Person of the Catechist – Father Nathan Long and Denise Donahoe; and Morality I, Part II – Father Edward Richard, M.S. Topics are repeated in each session.

Dr. Pitre received his Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Notre Dame, where

he specialized in the study of the New Testament and ancient Judaism, graduating with highest honors. He is the author of several articles and the books *Jesus, the Tribulations and the End of the Exile*, which focuses on the eschatology of Jesus as the key to the origin of the doctrine of atonement and *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*.

Early bird registration fee, due by Friday, Sept. 6, is \$25 or \$20 without lunch. After Sept. 6, registration is \$30 with lunch or \$25 without lunch. Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 14. Late registration fee is \$35 without lunch.

For registration forms or more information, contact Bobbie LeBlanc in the Office of Religious Education at 337-439-7400, Ext. 309.

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Pro-Life presentation August 18

MOSS BLUFF – The Diocese of Lake Charles Office of Pro Life will host a special presentation and luncheon - *Waiting for Eli: A Father's Journey from Fear to Faith* – from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday Aug. 18 at in Brulet Hall of Tabor Retreat House at Saint Charles Center.

Waiting for Eli, written by Chad Judice of Lafayette, is an inspiring true story of faith, hope, and the power of prayer. The powerful pro-life, pro-love story chronicles a father's journey down the riveting path of uncertainties and fears after ultrasounds unveil the shocking truth that his unborn son would suffer from spina bifida, a debilitating birth defect.

The suggested donation of \$15 includes lunch. Call the Office of Pro Life, 337-439-7400, Ext. 301, to register. You may pay at the door if you have pre-registered by Aug. 14.

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@lcediocese.org.

Charlene Richard Mass 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 sainthood.

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.

Spanish Mass at Our Lady of Prompt Succor

SULPHUR – Rev. Edward Richard, M.S., pastor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church, will celebrate the Vigil Mass of Saturday, Aug. 11, in at 4 p.m. in the church's day chapel. Spanish Vigil Mass the coming Saturday August 11th, 2012 at 4pm in the daily chapel.

Mass and Adoration for Healing First Thursdays

HACKBERRY – The Holy Mass and Adoration for Healing will be held on the First Thursday of each month at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 1210 Main Street.

The praying of the Rosary and Confession begins at 6 p.m. following at 6:30 p.m. with the celebration of the Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers for healing at 7:30 p.m.

YOUTH 2000 retreat slated for Aug. 24-26

(Read more at <http://live.lcediocese.org/news/1121-youth-2000-retreat-aug-24-26.html>)

LAKE CHARLES -- Priests from the Diocese of Lake Charles, including Father Nathan Long, Father Jacob S. Conner, Father John Huckaby, and Father Jeffrey Starovich along with members of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico will be participating in a YOUTH 2000 Retreat for youth and young adults, ages 13-39 as well as families Friday through Sunday, Aug. 24-26 at St. Louis Catholic High School.

Hosted by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese, the retreat is promoted, organized, and directed by YOUTH 2000, U.S.A., and is based on the Gospel of St. John, Chapter 6, "I am the Bread of Life." The focus on the Eucharist shows young people that Christ must be at the center of their lives.

The format of each retreat, which includes the Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer, talks, music and fellowship, provides a means to help young people develop a deep and lasting personal relationship with Jesus Christ, especially in the Eucharist, "the source and summit of Christian life" (*Lumen Gentium* 11). Young people gain a solid foundation upon which to build their lives.

YOUTH 2000 is an international spiritual initiative. Begun in 1990, YOUTH 2000 is a response to the challenge of Pope John Paul II given to the young people at World Youth Day in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, to "become shining heralds of the re-evangelization and generous architects of the civiliza-

tion of love." Filled with zeal and eager to commit to the challenge, young people took seriously this call to a decade of evangelization.

At World Youth Day in Rome in 2000, Pope John Paul II once again challenged the young people: "Set the Eucharist at the center of your personal life and community life: love the Eucharist, adore the Eucharist, and celebrate the Eucharist..." At the beginning of the new millennium, YOUTH 2000 continues to accept the challenge of the Holy Father. This exhortation by the Holy Father confirms the goals and mission of YOUTH 2000 to promote a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through love and devotion to the Eucharist, thus drawing young people into the service of the Catholic Church and service to others.

The weekend, which begins with Mass, also includes talks given by priests, testimonies by young people and time for small group discussion.

Mass is celebrated each day, during which time the Blessed Sacrament is reposed. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is another vital part of every YOUTH 2000 weekend. The priests discuss the Sacrament in an effort to give young people a deeper understanding of the importance and the need for reconciliation with God. The Sacrament is available throughout the weekend.

The registration fee of \$50 includes lunch and dinner, each with a drink, on Saturday. Leaving the site for these meals is not an option. Call 337-439-7400, Ext. 301 for more information and registration. Deadline for registration is Friday, August 17. Overnight accommodations are the responsibility of the participants.



Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana recently received a grant of \$33,800 from Entergy-Southwest Louisiana to aid its Matthew 13:8 Food Infrastructure Project. Accepting the grant from Chip Arnould, third from left, Regional Manager of Customer Service for Entergy-Southwest Louisiana, were, from left, Gloria Hypolite, Trish Trejo (Catholic Charities Director); Arnould, Father Wayne LeBleu, (Secretary for the Ministry of Pastoral Services) and Shirley Walker. The funds will purchase a laptop computer and software to track time sensitive food from its delivery to distribution and a reach-in chiller for the storage of fresh fruits and vegetables as well as provide adequate freezer space to keep fruits and vegetables fresh between distributions. The grant will also enable the acquisition of a panel van suited to the pickup of fruits and vegetables that will also be used to deliver food boxes outside the Lake Charles area when necessary.

Heavenly Fish Fest a "good time"

LAKE CHARLES – The Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School's Fifth Annual Fish Festival was a wonderful day of fishing and a huge success. Since its inception, the event has raised more than \$73,000 in support of Catholic education.

Over 300 participants enjoyed a wonderful time on the water, the pier or the dock, delicious food provided by provided by Port Aggregates, and a day like no other under the sun!

Monsignor James Gaddy, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven was his usual jovial self and having a grand time, particularly when it came to handing out prizes.

Winners (in pounds unless otherwise noted) were:

Flounder, Adult Division - Shawn Heape, 2.86; Steve Beverung, 2.17; Shawn Crochet, 1.79. Youth Division - Charlie Lungaro, 2.93; Christian Vidrine, 2.15; Emily Monk, 1.45; James Thompson, .12; Amy Pousson, .78; Jeremy Harvey, .70; Benjamin Hilliard, .63; Zac Ciesla, .46.

Redfish, Adult Division - Cory Bono, 8.07; Corey Hebert, 7.42; Brandon Guillory,

7.28. Youth Division - Briggs Hebert, 8.93; Julia Tassin, 8.77; Jacob Hebert, 7.75; Anderson Blue, 7.50; Riley Hebert, 7.44; Grant Tassin, 7.28; Hunter Guillory, 7.19; Jackson Beddoe, 7.19; Emily Bono, 6.92; John David Houssiere, 5.79 Lbs.

Trout, Adult Division - Todd Jeffers, 5.52; King Bolton, 5.09; Troy Lefort, 4.64. Youth Division - Ryder Devall, 4.29; Davis Meche, 3.62; Conner Williams, 3.36; Jack Lefort, 3.32; Griffin Morein, 3.21; Tanner Dupin, 3.06; Jack Davies, 2.98; Hailey Goodwin, 2.90; Jace Peloquin, 2.87; Ryan Kennedy, 2.39.

"Other Species" Division (Youth Only) - Jacob Verzywvelt, Tripletail, 14.81; Ryan Monk, Sheepshead, 4.59; J.T. Peloquin, Sheepshead, 4.29; Evan Roderick, Drum, 3.73; Kinsi Daly, Drum, 3.43; Jacob Self, Drum, 3.17; Emily Fournier, Hardhead, 2.86; Grace Gabbert, Drum, 2.84; Cameron Hinton, Spec, 2.93; Katalina Daly, Croaker, 2.27.

Most Spots Division - Brennan Welsh, 10 spots.

Smallest Fish - Jake Ottenweller and Conner Mathieu, .10.



Charlie Lungaro captured top honors in the youth flounder division with a catch of 2.93 pounds.

Brennan Walsh receives his prize for the fish with the "most spots" - 10 - from Msgr. Gaddy.

Bishop Provost will speak on Gospel of Saint Mark at breakfasts and luncheons

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will begin his year of presentations on the Gospel of St. Mark at the Men's Prayer Breakfasts and Women's Prayer Luncheons in September.

Dates and the chapters of Mark to be covered for the breakfasts the remainder of 2012 are Sept. 7 (Jesus Begins His Ministry, Mark 1-3); Oct. 5 (Parables of the Kingdom, Mark 4:1-34); Nov. 2 (Miracles in Galilee, Mark 4:35 - 6:56); and Dec. 7 (Jesus' Journey with His Apostles, Mark 7-8:26).

In 2013 they are Jan. 4 (Teachings on the Christian Life, Mark 8:27-9:50); Feb. 1 (Journey to Jerusalem, Mark 10); March 1 (Cleansing of Temple and the Beginning of Controversy, Mark 11-12); April 5 (Eschatological Discourse, Mark 13); and May 3 (Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, Mark 14-16).

The breakfasts begin at 7 a.m. in Ave Maria Hall at the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets and are preceded by Mass in the Cathedral at 6:30 a.m.

Luncheons are slated for Sept. 5 (Jesus Begins His Ministry, Mark 1-3); Oct. 3 (Parables of the Kingdom, Mark 4:1-34); and Nov. 7 (Miracles in Galilee, Mark 4:35 - 6:56). Due to scheduling issues, there will be no presentations in December or January though the Bishop suggests that the seventh, eighth, and ninth chapters of Mark be read.

Dates in 2013 are Feb. 6 (Journey to Jerusalem, Mark 10); March 6 (Cleansing of Temple and the Beginning of Controversy, Mark 11-12); April 3 (Eschatological Discourse, Mark 13); and May 1 (Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, Mark 14-16). The luncheons are also held in Ave Maria Hall.

Did you know...

In August 1963, the first religious from the School Sisters of Notre Dame arrived on the fledgling campus of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School and Sister Elaine Schaeffler became the first principal. Succeeding principals, also School Sisters of Notre Dame, were Sister M. Paulette Strakos and Sister Gloria Cain.

Five members of an order of Religious Brothers made up the first faculty and administration of Landry Memorial High School on the first day of school in 1927. Can you name the principal? See the answer in the next Catholic Calendar.

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