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Catholic Charities helping victims

LAKE CHARLES – Isaac devastated areas of Southeastern Louisiana and Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana has joined with its counterparts in that portion of the state to help those most in need and has helped a number of people who evacuated from the storm ravaged areas.

In the eight civil parishes of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Archbishop Gregory Aymond has visited hard hit areas in Plaquemines Parish, Lafitte, Madisonville, Slidell and LaPlace. Catholic Charities of New Orleans continues to assess the needs of victims and, along with Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans & Acadiana, have distributed hot meals and buckets of cleaning supplies in a number of communities.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton

Rouge has been active daily since Isaac inundated the Capital Region. Working through local parishes in the Maurepas region, shelter officials, and assisted by St. Vincent de Paul, disaster response teams distributed relief supplies to families who, in some instances, were rescued from flood waters without a chance to even slip on a pair of shoes.

While the Diocese of Houma Thibodaux was spared major damage, the diocese is working to assist in the distribution of blue tarps through a partnership with agency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Items that are most needed include food, baby wipes, diapers, hygiene productions, mosquito spray, bug repellent, and gift cards.

Call 337-439-7436 for information on how you can help our neighbors to the east through Catholic Charities.

Vianney House begins second year

(Read more at <http://live.lcdiocese.org/news/1145-vianney-house-begins-second-year.html>)

LAKE CHARLES – Vianney House, the residence for those college-age men of the Diocese of Lake Charles who are discerning seriously God's call to a vocation to the diocesan priesthood but who have not yet made a decision to enter the seminary, has begun its second year.

The facility, located on the corner of Ninth and Bank streets, was established in 2011 by The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, and named for St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. Reverend Nathan Long, the Secretary for the Ministry of Christian Formation, serves as the director of Vianney House.

Bishop Provost presided over the blessing and dedication of Vianney House on Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011. The residence had been the former faculty house for St. Louis Catholic High School, though had only been utilized for storage in recent years. Several major donors and many more individuals and organizations made financial contributions in order for needed renovations to be made to the house. A life-size wooden statue of John Vianney was placed in the residence.

At the blessing, Bishop Provost said, "We have gathered here in joy on this solemn blessing day so that we might bless too this image of St. John Marie Vianney. The statue will be a reminder of his intercession and prayers for us and this house will be under his protection and patronage. May those who look upon this image be reminded of the man who sought first the kingdom of heaven and strove in his own life, with zeal, to pursue the souls of those whom he sought to save for Christ Jesus."

In its first year of operation, three men lived in the house while attending classes. Two of the three – Jacob Rigmaiden and Levi Thompson – are now in their first year of seminary study. For this year, there are again three men living at Vianney House, attending classes, working, and continuing to discern their call to the priesthood for this local church.

The daily schedule in the house provides those living there with an idea of what the routine of seminary life can be.

"We rise at 5:50 a.m. and have Mass at 6:30 a.m.," Father Long said. "Following Mass, there is Morning Prayer. The men then go to class or work and return to the house at 5 p.m. for Eucharistic Adoration. Afternoon Prayer is 6 p.m. and then there is dinner, usually cooked by one of the residents."

Catholic Schools Notes

Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic School

The theme for this year at St Margaret Catholic School is *Always Growing...rooted in Christ*. Each month the school's students will explore different ways we, as Christians, can grow. The families of St. Margaret Catholic School began the 2012-2013 school year with a Back to School Family cook-out, which those families attending truly enjoyed. The picnic on the school grounds was sponsored by the SMCS PTC.

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School

OLI welcomes new students and families to the 2012-2013 school year. Teachers and students are enthusiastic about Circle of Grace lessons occurring during the week of Sept. 10 through 14. All are invited to the All School Mass at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12 in the gym.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School

The 2012-2013 school year was launched with our new "Cornerstone Capital Campaign" to build a new middle school unifying the campus on the west side of Creole Street and build a new Early Childhood

Center. The opening School Liturgy is today, Sept. 7, at 9 a.m. in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church as the school continues to "Build a Foundation of Faith."

Our Lady's Catholic School

Our Lady's School began its 59th year of service with 203 students from the Sulphur and surrounding area. The school theme for the 2012-2013 year is *Catholic Schools Raise the Standards*. The annual OLS Auction is slated for Saturday, Oct. 6 at the Isle of Capri. Visit ols.org for more information.

St. Louis Catholic High School

ACT composite scores of tests taken during the 2011-2012 school year were recently released and St. Louis Catholic High School students again scored well above the state and national average with an average composite score of 23.9, slightly above last year's 23.7 score. Composite scores are based on results in four core areas: English, math, reading and science. St. Louis students performed highest in English and Math. This is the third consecutive year that ACT scores of St. Louis Catholic students have shown an increase.

ICCS's new St. Charles Annex to be dedicated

LAKE CHARLES -- Immaculate Conception Cathedral School (ICCS) will dedicate the recently completed St. Charles Annex, located at 1536 Ryan Street, Sunday, Sept. 9, with an open house from 3 to 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend and tour the new and existing buildings.

The original building, the former St. Charles Academy, was constructed in 1882 and served as the center of Catholic education for Calcasieu Parish. Immaculate Conception School followed in 1949 and in 1980 was recognized as Immaculate Conception Cathedral School, representing the Cathedral Parish. Due to student population growth at ICCS and the need for additional space, the *Building on Tradition Capital Campaign*, endorsed by Bishop Glen John Provost, officially began in 2007. This campaign helped to fund the construction of the three-story, 20,000 square feet. The Annex includes four classrooms, a large art room, state-of-the-art computer lab and a spacious library.

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



In the photo above, Bishop Glen John Provost accepts a contribution of \$167,000.00 from members of the Oustalet Family for additions to the courtyard of Tabor Retreat House at Saint Charles. Pictured with an architect's rendering of the project and in front of a photo of A. J. M. "Bubba" and Lena Mae Oustalet, the patriarch and matriarch of the family, are Bishop Provost, Jimmy Oustalet, Fred Oustalet, Rick Oustalet, Joel Oustalet, Michelle Oustalet Lyons, Ronnie Oustalet, and Father Whitney Miller, Director of Saint Charles Center. The administration building of Tabor Retreat House carries the Oustalet name for their generous contributions to the construction of Saint Charles Center. Family members unable to be present included A. J. M. "Butch" Oustalet II, Lance R. Oustalet, Connie Oustalet Byrne and Roxanne Oustalet Lagarde. The image below shows a rendering of the new aspect of the courtyard, which will include a fountain and fire feature. The courtyard will be named in memory of Bubba and Lena Mae Oustalet while the fountain feature will honor the memory of Peggy Chapman Oustalet, the late wife of Rick Oustalet.

New Courtyard for St. Charles Center

The Diocese of Lake Charles
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Veritas Conference Saturday Sept. 22

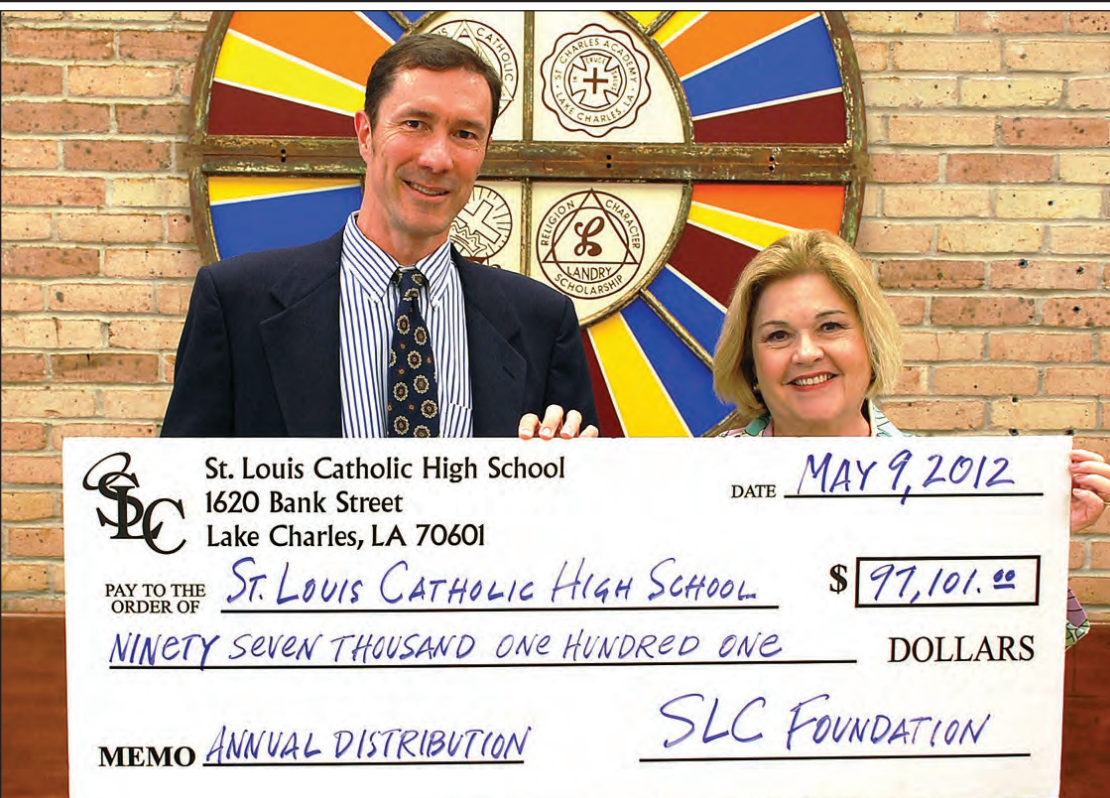
(Read more at <http://live.lcdiocese.org/news/1122-veritas-conference-saturday-sept-22.html>)

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 Benediction at 3:25 p.m.

Breakout topics and speakers include Mary, Mary Quite 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.



Joseph Pousson, left, of the St. Louis Catholic Foundation, presents the 2012 distribution from the Foundation - \$97,101 - to Deborah Frank, President of St. Louis Catholic High School. Established in 1983, the St. Louis Foundation is a trust fund for the future—an endowment that ensures the current and future excellence of education at St. Louis Catholic. These funds will be allocated to our financial assistance and scholarship program as well as the annual operational budget.

Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

September 7, 2012

Celebration of Diocesan Patron Sunday, Sept. 9

LAKE CHARLES – On Sunday, Sept. 9, a Vespers (Evening Prayer) Service in honor of Saint Peter Claver, Patron of the Diocese of Charles, will be held in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception beginning at 6 p.m., with Reverend Monsignor Daniel Torres, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, presiding. Msgr. Torres will also be the homilist. Everyone is invited and members of fraternal and pontifical organizations are asked to sit together and wear their uniforms or regalia. A reception will follow in the Chancery Assembly Room at 414 Iris Street.

Saint Peter Claver was chosen as the Patron Saint of the Diocese by its first Bishop, The Most Reverend Jude Speyrer.

Saint Peter Claver was born near Barcelona in modern day Spain in 1580; he joined the Society of Jesus, commonly called the Jesuits. After being influenced by Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez, Peter decided he wanted to be a missionary to what was then known as “The New World”.

To that end, he continued his studies and was sent to the then called “New Granada” or modern day Colombia and was ordained at Cartagena in 1615. Cartagena was the principal center of the African slave trade and Peter Claver spent his life trying to alleviate the horrible conditions of the slaves. He worked among the slaves in the yards where they were

penned and ministered to them with food and medicine. He was able to baptize some three thousand persons in the course of his forty years of ministry. However, his ministry did not just concern the souls of these unfortunates.

Peter Claver would visit the plantations and plead with owners of these slaves to improve their conditions of life and work. During these visits, he actually lodged with the slaves. In addition to his ministry to the slaves, Peter Claver visited the imprisoned and the lepers. He was known as a great preacher and led a very austere life; he is reputed to have possessed supernatural gifts including that of prophecy, miracles and the ability to read the hearts and minds of people.

In 1650, he was stricken with a plague that beset Cartagena but he did not neglect his duties even when mortally ill. He died on September 8 and was canonized in 1888. Pope Leo XIII named him the patron of all missionary activities to African-Americans. His feast day is September 9.

Since Bishop Speyrer’s choice of Peter Claver as Diocesan Patron, his feast has been observed annually. Normally, the celebration is observed on the Sunday nearest to the actual feast day thus allowing more of the faithful to attend and participate.



St. Peter Claver

Rachel’s Vineyard fundraiser slated Saturday, Oct. 6

LAKE CHARLES – Rachel’s Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana will host a fundraising dinner on Saturday, Oct. 6, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Ave Maria Hall, located at the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets, across from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

There will be a tamale with chili plate, dessert, and lemonade for \$25 per person. Music will be provided by Les Amies Louisianaises as well as a silent auction, and powerful testimonies by Rachel’s Vineyard retreatants.

A weekend Rachel’s Vineyard retreat is an opportunity for any man, woman, couple, grandparent, or sibling who struggles with emotional or spiritual pain 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.

Call 337-439-7400, Ext. 317 or Marjorie Long at 337-489-2473 for more information.



Special collection for Catholic University Saturday, Sunday

LAKE CHARLES – A special second collection will be taken up this weekend, Sept. 8-9, in the parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles to provide funding for academic scholarships at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

The annual collection is in response to the commitment made by the bishops at its foundation in 1887. Catholic University is the only U.S. university with Pontifical faculties. Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries in 12 schools.



Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles opened their doors in mid-August to 2,533 students on the first day of classes. Pictured at top, Father Jeffrey Starkovich, Associate Pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings, talks with students at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School on the morning of August 10. In the bottom photo, teachers and staff of St. Theodore’s Holy Family Catholic School in Moss Bluff greet early arriving students on August 15, the first day of classes in Calcasieu Parish.

Bishop’s Services Appeal will begin September 22-23

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop’s Services Appeal, the annual campaign to raise funds to assist in the operation of ministries and programs of the Diocese of Lake Charles, will begin on the weekend of Sept. 22-23 in the parishes of the Diocese.

This year’s campaign theme is “We have a Mission!” utilizing the scriptural reference from John 20:21 – “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

The goal for the 2012-2013 campaign has remained at \$600,000. See the next Catholic Calendar for more information.

Prayer Intentions September 2012

Pope Benedict XVI

General Intention: That politicians may always act with honesty, integrity, and love for the truth.

Missionary Intention: Help for the Poorest Churches. That Christian communities may have a growing willingness to send missionaries, priests, and lay people, along with concrete resources, to the poorest Churches.

Bishop Glen John Provost

For Husbands and Wives:

That they fulfill their commitment to one another in love, devotion, and self-sacrifice.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Vocaré meeting dates announced

LAKE CHARLES – Men, seeking to understand God’s call in their lives, are invited to attend the Vocaré meetings scheduled in the months of September through December at Vianney House.

The fall meetings, which last about two hours, will be on Sundays – Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 9. The September meeting begins at 7 p.m. while the remaining meetings start at 6 p.m.

Vianney House is the diocesan house of discernment, located at the corner of Ninth and Bank streets.

Call Father Nathan Long for more information about Vocaré and vocations to the priesthood at 337-439-7400.

Bishop Provost will speak on Gospel of St. Mark

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost’s presentations on the Gospel of St. Mark in October will be on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Women’s Prayer Luncheon and at the Men’s Prayer Breakfast on Friday, Oct. 5 in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Office Building. The Bishop will celebrate Mass at 6:30 a.m. in the Cathedral before the breakfast.

Men can register by calling 337-439-7400. 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 at least a week prior to the luncheon. A stamped, self-

addressed envelope should be included.

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.

Bishop’s Golf Classic Friday, Oct. 5

LAKE CHARLES – The Bishop’s Golf Classic this year is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 5, at the Lake Charles Country Club. The four-person scramble tournament will have morning and afternoon tee times at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Fees are \$500 per team, with prizes for first, second and tenth low gross for both morning and afternoon rounds, is limited to 22 teams per session. Prizes will also be given for the longest drive and closest to the hole for each round and a \$5,000 cash prize goes to the first golfer to score a hole in one. Proceeds from the event provide financial assistance to the Seminarian Education Fund and the Priest Retirement Fund. Registration forms are available at area golf courses and the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Payment of fees and registration using a credit card is also available on the Diocese of Lake Charles website – lcdiocese.

org. Just click on the “Support the Diocese” button and follow the easy steps to register your team or become a sponsor. Forms can also be downloaded from the website (see Bishop’s Golf Classic news story), completed and returned to the Diocese at P.O. Box 3223 with a check payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles. Deadline for entry is Wednesday, Sept. 26.

Contact Larry DeRoussel at 337-794-8339 or at lderoussel@laia.com for more information.

Bishop’s Gala tickets available

LAKE CHARLES – Tickets for the inaugural Bishop’s Gala, a black tie formal social and dance set for Saturday, Dec. 8, can be purchased at the Chancery of the Diocese (337-439-7400), 414 Iris Street; Crossroads Bookstore (337-0474-7100), 601 West Prien Lake Road; in the parish churches of the Diocese, and online at lcdiocese.org. Simply click the “Support the Diocese” button and follow the simple steps.

Tickets are \$125 each and tables for 10 are \$1,100 each. Only 1,000 tickets are being sold.

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.

Did you know...

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus in Carlyss was established in August 1971. The four churches established in the month of September include St. Joan of Arc in Oberlin (1920), Our Lady of the Lake in Lake Arthur (1920), Our Lady of LaSalette in Sulphur (1961), and St. Eugene in Grand Chenier (1962).

Can you name the two parishes with October anniversaries or the five churches established in the month of November? See the answer in the next Catholic Calendar.