



Bishop's Services Appeal begins this weekend

LAKE CHARLES – The annual Bishop's Services Appeal, the fundraising campaign seeking funds to aid in the operation of various ministries and programs of the Diocese of Lake Charles, begins this weekend, Sept. 22-23, in the church parishes of the Diocese.

Last year's Appeal successfully raised \$647,483.54, or 107.9 percent of the \$600,000 overall goal, from the gifts of the Catholic faithful in the 38 parishes of the local church of Southwest Louisiana.

This year's campaign goal remains at \$600,000 and the Appeal will continue until the end of the fiscal year 2012-2013 on June 30, 2013.

This year's Appeal has as its theme "We have a Mission!" and uses the scripture reference from John 20:21 – "As the Father has sent Me, so I send you."

In his message to the people of the Diocese speaking about this year's Appeal, Bishop Glen John

Provost remembered his own childhood and what missionary activity meant in his own mind. "As a child, I was well aware of the missionary activity of the Church," he said.

"I'm really speaking about the Church's effort in the foreign missions. We saved our pennies to send to the Catholic missionaries abroad to help the children in the lands where abject poverty existed.

"I was not as aware that even at home in my local parish that the missionary activity of the Church was also happening," Bishop Provost continued. "I always identified the mission of Christ taking hold in foreign places. It was only later that I understood that there was such a concept as 'home missions.'

"It is a privilege for us to share in the mission of Christ," he continued. "You and so many others are doing a lot of good. We don't have to travel to a foreign land to know that Jesus still sends us to complete His mission. I thank all who have accepted the call to be involved in the missionary activity of the Church, whether on the di-

ocesan or parish level. I ask that you again support the Bishop's Services Appeal. Your gift is always pleasing to the Lord who wills that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth."

Ten specific areas of the Diocese are aided by donations to the Bishop's Services Appeal. Those are Catholic Education, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Vocations and Seminarians, Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana, Family Life, the Seafarers Center, Diocesan Counseling Services, Evangelization, Communications and Saint Charles Center.

The facilities of Catholic Charities, located at 1225 Second Street, include two warehouses that provide ample storage space for canned and refrigerated foodstuffs. This food is provided for those most in need in our Diocese through Bishop's Services Appeal and other financial contributions from individuals. In addition,

a new effort, seeking donations of fresh fruits and vegetables from the community, is underway. Catholic Charities is also associated with the Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana. Catholic Charities also assists those that qualify with medical expenses, utilities and rent. Those needing assistance must call Catholic Charities on Monday to set an interview appointment.

Bishop Provost's continuing work seeking out men discerning a call to the Diocesan priesthood has blossomed with Vianney House. Now in its second year, this "house of discernment," provided two new seminarians, who along with eight other men, are discerning and studying for the priesthood for the Diocese. Three new residents are now taking part in the structured program, directed by Father Nathan Long, sharing a common life with others who are discerning a vocation as a diocesan priest.

To contribute to Bishop's Services Appeal, contact your parish or the Office of Development at 337-439-7400, Ext. 307.



Diocese of Lake Charles Seminarians 2012-2013



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The Most Reverend
Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Matthew 16:24

CDA Court established at St. Martin de Porres

LAKE CHARLES – Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Martin de Porres #2659 was recently organized at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church.

Gayle Gaudet was elected Regent for the Court at the June 9 organizational meeting at the Church while other officers named for two-year terms are Hilda LeBlanc, Vice Regent; Tanya Broussard, Recording Secretary; Phyllis Zaleski, Financial Secretary; and Eva Hibbing, Treasurer. Father Keith Pellerin, pastor of St. Martin de Porres, will serve as the Chaplain for the Court. State officers present were State Regent Joyce Stein, First Vice State Regent, Ellen Corbello; State Secretary Barbara Michael; and State Treasurer Connie Dronette.

Father Pellerin celebrated the mass of installation on June 30, which had members of Court Our Lady Queen of Heaven #1785, the mother court for St. Martin de Porres, serve as honor guard.

The officers attended the workshop for new officers in the Diocese at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur on July 1, and were installed by Father Edward Richard, M.S., pastor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor.

Sixty-seven members were chartered at the first regular meeting of the Court, which meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Granger-Vincent Annex Center on Elliott Road.

The motto of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is Unity and Charity. Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through



Pictured are the officers of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2659 of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church. Elected for a two-year term are, left to right: Tanya Broussard, Recording Secretary; Phyllis Zaleski, Financial Secretary; Gayle Gaudet, Regent; Hilda LeBlanc, Vice Regent; and Eva Hibbing, Treasurer.

love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

The purposes of the organization are to participate in the religious, charitable, and educational Apostolates of the Church. Catholic Daughters of the Americas engages in creative and spiritual programs, which provide its members with the opportunity to develop their God-given talents in meaningful ways that positively influence the welfare of the Church and all people throughout the world.

Did you know...

October establishment dates for parishes in the Diocese are Sacred Heart of Jesus (Lake Charles) in 1919 and St. John Vianney (Bell City) in 1939. The five churches established in November are Our Lady of LaSalette in DeQuincy (1955); Our Lady of Good Counsel (1970); St. Charles Borromeo, Fenton (1983); St. Martin de Porres (2002) and Christ the King (2002).

Three of the oldest parishes in the Diocese will celebrate anniversaries in December. Can you name them? 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**

Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

September 21, 2012

Bishop Provost to lead Marian Pilgrimage Sunday, Oct. 7

CAMERON – Bishop Glen John Provost will lead a *Marian Pilgrimage for Life and Liberty* to the Shrine of Our Lady Star of the Sea beginning at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 7, in the Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea.

October 7 is also Respect Life Sunday as well as the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary.

In a letter to the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles, Bishop Provost penned, "I write to you on the important topic of religious liberty, our concern to protect the rights of religious conscience that we enjoy as God's gift to us and assured in our country's Bill of Rights. We should be troubled by the increasing threat to our consciences as we seek to protect human life and oppose abortion, euthanasia, and other activities that threaten human life in our society. The threats are real and those who

promote them are determined. With the help of God's grace, we, who speak for the unborn and the vulnerable, should be at least as determined and concerned."

On October 7, 1571, the Christian world faced another threat and a great naval battle was fought. At the request of Pope St. Pius V, a league of mostly Catholic European countries provided a fleet of warships and men to protect Europe from an invasion by the Turkish navy. Historians say the Turkish force's ultimate goal was to invade Europe and take Rome. The Christian and Turkish navies met at a place known as Lepanto off the coast of Greece. The Christian navy was victorious, and Europe was spared. In thanksgiving, Pope St. Pius V declared the Feast of Our Lady of Victory be celebrated on that date. In 1573, it became known as the Feast of the Rosary, because the victory was

attributed to the intercession of Mary through the praying of the rosary.

The Marian Pilgrimage will consist of praying Evening Prayer and the rosary together and then processing to the Shrine reciting the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since the Shrine in Cameron enjoys the privilege of being "spiritually affiliated" with the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome, for those who have confessed their sins, attended Sunday Mass, and participated in the pilgrimage, a Plenary Indulgence will be granted.

Bishop Provost invited all people of good will to participate and anyone who is concerned about the protection of human life, respect for conscience, and the preservation of our "first and most cherished liberty," religious freedom, is welcome to join us, the Bishop noted.

Collection, supply drive will aid victims of Isaac

LAKE CHARLES -- A special second collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 29-30, to aid the victims of the devastation wrought by Hurricane Isaac.

"We offer our prayerful support and gifts to assist those in need during this time," said Father Wayne LeBleu, Secretary for the Ministry of Pastoral Services. "The collection for 'Catholic Charities - Aid to Hurricane Isaac Victims' will help those adversely affected in the State

of Louisiana. I thank you for your past response to those in need and ask you to prayerfully consider giving to this very important second collection."

Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana is developing a response in the way of monetary donations to be used for the immediate humanitarian needs and will collect "new" items for Hurricane Isaac victims from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27, at its office, located at 1225 Second Street. The contributions should be in boxes or crates to better facilitate transport.

Needed items (new - not opened or used) include cleaning supplies of all kinds - buckets, gloves, masks, mops, brooms, sponges, cleanser, heavy duty trash bags; yard tools - heavy rakes, shovels, crowbars, wheelbarrows; hygiene items in full size quantities, no hotel-size samples; diapers; and insect repellent.

Volunteers to help receive the items should arrive at the Catholic Charities office no later than 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27. Call 439-7436 for more information.

Bishop's Gala tickets on sale

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

The purchase of tickets (\$125) or tables of 10 (\$1,100) by credit card is available on the website of the Diocese - ldiocese.org. Special levels of giving are also available

with Platinum tables, \$15,000; Gold tables, \$10,000.00; Silver tables, \$5,000; and Crystal tables, \$2,500. Purchasers at all of these levels, in addition to 10 tickets, great food, the wonderful music and ambience of the evening, will receive a photo with the Bishop. Buyers of Platinum and Gold Level tables will be additionally recognized the night of the Gala.

The Gala will be in the Exhibition Hall of the Lake Charles Civic Center with the doors opening at 6 p.m. Mu-

sic by the 12-member Tommy Dorsey Orchestra starts at 8 p.m. and continue until 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 and winning bidders can use credit cards on site to pay for their items.



Seventeen candidates for the permanent diaconate continue their studies this fall. Here, Msgr. Ronald Groth instructs the candidates and their wives during one of the Saturday class sessions. The next step for the candidates will come on Wednesday, Oct. 3, when Bishop Glen John Provost will confer upon them the Ministry of Lector during the 6 p.m. celebration of Mass at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder. This ministry calls the candidates to be servants of the Living Word of God. In proclaiming the readings at liturgy, the reader does more than simply read. Those who exercise the ministry of lector must be truly suited and carefully prepared, so that the faithful may develop a warm and living love for Sacred Scripture from listening to the sacred readings.

October Prayer Intentions

Pope Benedict XVI

General Intention: New Evangelization. That the New Evangelization may progress in the oldest Christian countries.

Missionary Intention: World Mission Day. That the celebration of World Mission Day may result in a renewed commitment to evangelization.

Bishop Provost

For the New Evangelization in our Diocese:

That we seek to deepen our own knowledge and love for the true faith and to share that truth with those who are discouraged, doubtful, or indifferent.

Marriage Preparation schedule

LAKE CHARLES -- The Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles has announced the schedule of Marriage Preparation classes for the remainder of 2012 and through November 2013.

Together for Life is a weekend program at Saint Charles Center, 2151 Sam Houston Jones Parkway in Moss Bluff and at the Chancery, 414 Iris Street. The first day, at Saint Charles Center, goes from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with the second, at the Chancery, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Sunday, couples can attend the 11:15 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and then move to the Chancery afterward for the program.

Registration is \$100 per

couple and includes lunch and materials each day. Classes fill quickly; so couples should not delay in registering. If the requested date is full, couples will be placed in the next available class. Contact Office of Family Life (337-439-7400 Ext 301) with questions. A registration form is available at ldiocese.org - Forms. Confirmation of registration will be mailed to the bride's address, along with directions to both facilities.

Remaining 2012 dates are October 20-21 while dates in 2013 are January 5-6, February 23-24 April 6-7 May 4-5, June 8-9, August 3-4, September 21-22, October 19-20, and November 23-24.

The Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend is an over-

night weekend retreat held in the Katharine Drexel Conference Center at Saint Charles Center. Designed to give the engaged-couple an opportunity to dialogue honestly and intensively about their prospective lives together, the retreat is presented by two married couples and a priest. Beginning on Friday at 7:30 p.m., it concludes at 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Registration fee is \$190 per couple for the entire weekend including lodging, meals, and materials. Dates are November 16-18, 2012; February 8-10, 2013; July 19-21, 2013; and October 18-20, 2013. Contact Paul and Carolyn Trahan at 337-898-9257, 337-254-8947, or email cee.trahan@gmail.com to register.



Mrs. Dinah Bradford, Immaculate Conception Cathedral School principal, speaks to the crowd assembled in the ICCS gym for the dedication of the school's recently completed St. Charles Annex. Attending were parents and current students along with former students and teachers of ICCS and St. Charles Academy. Members of the clergy and supporters of the school also were present. The three-story Annex adds 20,000 square feet to the facility with four classrooms, a large art room, state-of-the-art computer lab and a spacious library.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Time of Extraordinary Form of Liturgy changed

LAKE CHARLES -- The time for the Sunday celebration of the Extraordinary Form of the Liturgy in Latin in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception has been changed from its previous 2 p.m. start.

During Daylight Saving Time, the Mass will begin at 5 p.m. and during Standard time it will be at 3 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, which are limited to 22 teams per session.

Registration and payment of fees using a credit card is available at ldiocese.org by clicking the "Support the Diocese" button and following the easy steps. Call Larry DeRoussel at 337-794-8339 or e-mail lderoussel@laia.com for more information.

Rachel's Vineyard fundraiser 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 of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

There will be a tamale with chili plate, dessert and lemonade for \$25 per person. Les Amies Louisianaises will provide the music and there will be a silent auction.

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

Vocaré meeting dates announced

LAKE CHARLES -- Men seeking to understand God's call in their lives are invited to attend Sunday evening Vocaré meetings at Vianney House.

The meetings are Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 9 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.

October breakfast, lunch with Bishop set

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.

St. Philip Neri Harvest Festival

KINDER -- St. Philip Neri Catholic Church's 9th Annual Harvest Festival is Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12-13.

There will be food items along with homemade sweets, children's games and activities, arts and crafts, handmade quilts, music and entertainment on Saturday while Sunday a smorgasbord as well as live, silent and bucket auctions. Tickets for the smorgasbord must be purchased in advance (dine-in and take out) at 337-738-5612.

Immaculate Conception Autumn Feast

JENNINGS -- Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will have its annual Autumn Feast at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Grand Marias Ballroom on Hwy 26.

A \$100 ticket admits two for the steak dinner and the raffle drawing. There will be live and silent auctions as well as live music by Swamp Pop Express.

Tickets can be purchased in the parish office (337-824-1164) and Parker's Department Store (337-824-5386).

Mass and Adoration for Healing on 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.