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**Bishop Glen John Provost concludes the recitation of the Litany of Loreto during the Marian Pilgrimage for Life and Liberty to the Shrine of Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron on Sunday, Oct. 7. Nearly 300 people made the pilgrimage, prayed the Rosary, worshipped at Evening Prayer and then processed from the church to the Shrine praying.**

## Pilgrimage for Life and Liberty draws nearly 300 in Cameron

CAMERON - Nearly 300 people participated in the Oct. 7 Marian Pilgrimage for Life and Liberty to the Shrine of Our Lady Star of the Sea led by Bishop Glen John Provost. The day was Respect Life Sunday as well as the feast day of our Lady of the Rosary.

The Pilgrimage consisted of praying the Rosary and then Evening Prayer before the Bishop led a procession from the church to reciting the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since the Shrine enjoys the privilege of being "spiritually affiliated" with the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome, those who had confessed their sins, attended Sunday Mass, and participated in the pilgrimage, were granted a Plenary Indulgence.

Bishop Provost made the request for this "spiritual bond" with St. Mary Major during his *ad limina apostolorum* in January and received word from His Eminence, Santos Cardinal Abril y Castelló, the Cardinal Archbishop of the Basilica and His Eminence, Emmanuel Cardinal Montero de Castro, the Cardinal Apostolic Penitentiary for the Holy See during Holy Week.

In his homily, the Bishop spoke about Respect Life month and the Year of Faith. "As Catholics we observe

October as Respect Life month and the first Sunday of October as Respect Life Sunday," he said. "The need to be reminded of the desperate need for a greater respect for life in all its forms, from conception to natural death, becomes ever more imperative. Simply, if a society cannot protect a child in the womb, then how can protect life in any form, much less heed the Gospel message of becoming childlike?"

Bishop Provost also discussed comments made by Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, recently.

"Not too long ago Cardinal Dolan reflected on the state of our culture," the Bishop continued. "He said he was 'concerned about a culture that has become increasingly callous about the radical abortion license, and a legal system that affords more protection to endangered species of plants and animals than to unborn babies; that considers pregnancy a disease'

"He was equally concerned about a culture that reduced 'religious freedom to a kind of privacy right to recreational activities,'" the Bishop said. "Cardinal Dolan was additionally 'bothered by the prospect of this generation leaving a mountain of unpayable debt to its children and grandchildren,' 'whose...

futures will be blighted' by budgets absorbed with debt service. And, there was reason to be concerned when those who call for fiscal responsibility are branded as insensitive to the poor. At the same time, we should not be 'tempted to write off the underprivileged as problems to be solved, or as budget woes, rather than treating them with respect and dignity...' In short, we are missing something, a moral judgment guided by principles other than the pursuit of fame, pleasure, power, and wealth."

With regard to the Year of Faith, the Bishop pointed out, "When Jesus says that the kingdom of God belongs to little children, He is in a sense saying that He belongs to little children. The final gesture of embracing them, blessing them, and placing His hands on them begs this interpretation. The Year of Faith invites us to more than an understanding of this. The Year of Faith is not an intellectual exercise. The Year of Faith invites us to embrace and be embraced like children. To enter the kingdom of God, to enter into the mystery of Jesus Christ, we must be little children, fearing nothing, accepting the truth in its totality, running out into the snow and crying, "Oh, it's good to be alive."

## Bishop Provost Announces Indulgences for the Year of Faith



October 11, 2012  
Thursday

My Dear People of God,

Grace and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus be with you always!

It was with great joy that we received news from the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI of the Year of Faith which begins on October 11, 2012 and ends November 24, 2013. This year is an opportunity for the faithful to grow in their knowledge of the faith and also in their personal knowledge of our Lord through a continual conversion.

On September 14, 2012, the Apostolic Penitentiary issued a decree which declared how the faithful may obtain indulgences tied to the Year of Faith. In order to receive a Plenary Indulgence which is the full remission of the temporal punishment due to sin for either the person performing the act or for the faithful departed, a person may do one of the following acts:

1) Participate in a Mission for at least three preachings; or take part in three lessons on the Sacred Second Vatican Council or the articles of the Catechism;

2) Visit a Papal Basilica, a Christian Catacomb, a Cathedral, or another church designated by the Ordinary. At this visit, the faithful are to spend time in private meditation, recite the Creed, recite the Our Father, and call upon the intercession of our Most Blessed Mother.

3) On days determined by the diocesan Bishop, recite the Creed at designated churches at a Mass or celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours. In the Diocese of Lake Charles, I have designated all local parishes as the locations. The faithful may attend Mass at these churches on any day which corresponds to a celebration of one of the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. On this occasion, the faithful are to pray the decade of the Rosary which is being celebrated. The designated days are Tuesday, December 25, 2012, the Nativity of our Lord; Sunday, January 13, 2013, the Baptism of our Lord; February 2, 2013, the Presentation of our Lord; Thursday, March 28, 2013, Holy Thursday and the Institution of the Eucharist; Sunday, March 31, 2013, Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord; Monday, April 8, 2013, the Annunciation of our Lord; Sunday, May 12, 2013, the Ascension of our Lord; Sunday, May 19, 2013, Pentecost; Friday, May 31, 2013, the Visitation of Mary; Tuesday, August 6, 2013, the Transfiguration of our Lord; Thursday, August 15, 2013, the Assumption of our Lady; and Thursday, August 22, 2013, the Queenship of Mary. Pastors should take special care to offer a greater amount of time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on or near these days.

4) On any day, the faithful may visit the Catholic Church of their baptism or reception into the one, true faith. There the faithful are to spend time in personal meditation and profess their faith by the recitation of the Creed.

On these occasions, the faithful properly disposed may receive a Plenary Indulgence. For the proper disposition, the faithful must be in a state of grace (without grave sin), receive sacramental Confession one week prior or after the activity, receive Holy Communion at the Sacrifice of the Mass one week prior or after the activity, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father and me, the diocesan Bishop.

For those prohibited by grave illness or hospitalization, they may also receive a Plenary Indulgence by, on the days mentioned above, joining themselves in prayer for the intention of an increase of faith.

As we commit ourselves to the Lord and ask Him to increase our faith, let us commit to a deeper conversion constantly. With prayers for you and your families, I remain,

Devotedly in our Lord,

+Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

### Did you know...

St. Paul Catholic Church in Elton was established on Dec. 13, 1913 and it was not until Dec. 29, 1953 that the month of December saw a new church formed in Southwest Louisiana - Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

This year, the Diocese of Lake Charles has 10 men discerning the priesthood as seminarians. Do you know how many seminarians there are in the United States? See the answer in the next Catholic Calendar.

The offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed on All Saints Day Thursday, Nov. 1 a Holy Day of Obligation. Office hours for the other days of that week will remain the same - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## 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

## Called 2B Family Catholic Conference

LAKE CHARLES - The first Called 2B Family Catholic Conference is Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in St. Louis Catholic High School, 1620 Bank Street. Presented by the Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles, the conference will feature keynote speakers Bruce and Jeannie Hanneman and include eight breakout sessions.

Registration is \$20 per adult, which includes lunch, and \$5 per child/teen helper, which also includes lunch. Registration forms, which include a list of the breakout session topics, are available from the Office of Family Life, 411 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 or from the website of the Diocese of Lake Charles - lcdioocese.org - by clicking on Forms under the Main Menu heading. You can print out the registration form (legal size paper), fill out the form, and return it to Office of Family Life & Pro Life, 411 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601, before the Friday, Oct. 26 deadline. Call 337-439-7400, Ext. 301 or e-mail caroline.matt@lcdioocese.org for more information.

The Hannemans are best known as the founders and directors of Elizabeth Ministry International, offering hope and healing on issues related to sexuality, child-bearing and relationships. As the "Mad Scientist and the Church Lady" they are dynamic speakers known for



Bruce Hanneman



Jeannie Hanneman

their unique way of bridging science and religion. They have been married for over 37 years and are blessed to be enjoying the grandparent stage of life!

Check-in, registration and exhibits are from 8:30 to 9 a.m. with Opening Prayer at 9:15 a.m. The first keynote address is from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. A 15-minute break precedes the breakout sessions, set from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. followed from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. by the second portion of the Hanneman's presentation. A closing prayer will end the day at 1:30 p.m.

Breakout session topics and speakers include: Per-

sonal Finances In Times of Duress: A Faith Approach—Tom Zordani ; Tending the Soul of Marriage—Robin and Easton Hebert; Protecting the Sanctity of Marriage—Fr. Edward Richard, M.S.; A Crash Course: The Theology & Science Behind Natural Family Planning— Mary-Rose Verret; Miscarriage & Infertility: Making Your Way Out of the Dark— Jeannie Hanneman; Positive Parenting: Five Things Kids Need to Be Happy Healthy Adults— Scott Riviere; Calling All Caregivers: Who is Caring for You While You Care for Your Loved Ones? — Sylvia Marcellini; and Alone Versus Loneliness—Fr. Keith Pel- lerin.

## Candidates instituted into Ministry of Lector

KINDER -- The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, instituted the 17 candidates for the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Lake Charles into the Ministry of Lector during the celebration of the Mass on Wednesday, Oct. 3, in St. Philip Neri Catholic Church.

The group, which represents 14 parishes, continues in its fourth year of study and discernment toward ordination to the diaconate. Those instituted as lectors were Glen Bertrand and Albert Weinnig of Saint Joseph Parish in DeRidder; Jose Canelo and Patrick Hebert of Saint Henry Parish in Lake Charles and Erroll Deville and Harold Nixon of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Lake Charles.

Also, Richard Donahoe of Saint Martin de Porres Parish in Lake Charles; Keith Ellender of Saint Theresa of The Child Jesus Parish in Carlyss; Christopher Fontenot of Our Lady of Counsel Parish in Lake Charles; Daniel Foreman of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Parish in Sulphur; James Christopher Gregory of Immaculate Conception Parish in Maplewood; and Michael Guillory of Saint Paul Parish in Elton.

Also, Leo Hebert of Saint Theodore Parish in Moss Bluff; Jesse Menard of Saint Joseph Parish in Vinton; Anthony Pousson of Saint Margaret of Scotland Parish; in Lake Charles; Brian Soileau of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Oakdale; and Stephen Starr of Saint Raphael Parish in Iowa.

Bishop Provost spoke to the deacon candidates and the large crowd of family, friends, and well-wishers, including a number of priests and deacons attending the liturgy.

"You will proclaim that Word of God as Lectors, and that proclamation can never be just a matter of words," he said. "The Word of God has power, a sacramental power of transformation when proclaimed with conviction, dedication, and fidelity."

The Bishop also noted the prayer used in the rite of institution as lectors -- "Grant that as they meditate constantly on Your Word they may grow in its wisdom and faithfully proclaim it to your people" -- has three components.

"First, first you must meditate constantly on the Word of God," Bishop Provost continued. "For this purpose, the Church has given us a tool. It is called lectio divina. Lectio divina comes to us in the Catholic Church from our earliest traditions of monasticism. It is the thoughtful and slow reading of the Sacred Scriptures, where you allow time for God to speak to you in the midst of words and sentences.

"Second, we will pray that you 'may grow in its wisdom,'" the Bishop said. "To grow in wisdom we must first admit that we are not wise. The beginning of wisdom, the Scriptures tell us, is the fear of the Lord. This holy fear recognizes the origin of Wisdom. Wisdom comes from God, not us.

"Third, we will pray that you 'faithfully proclaim the Word of God to God's people,'" he continued. "You are to be a minister. The minister is first and foremost at the service of God. This service is fulfilled in two ways: word and action."

The next official step in the men's journey to ordination as permanent deacons will come when they are instituted as Acolytes on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2013 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Maplewood.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Read Bishop Provost's homily in its entirety at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/bishop-provost/homilies/1156-institution-of-lectors-.html>)



Bishop Glen John Provost, center, stands with the 17 candidates for the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Lake Charles after he instituted the men into the Ministry of Lector during the celebration of the Liturgy in St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder on Wednesday, October 3. Newly instituted Lectors, from left, are Glen Bertrand, Keith Ellender, Daniel Foreman, Anthony Pousson, Lee Hebert, Jesse Menard, Patrick Hebert, Josue Canelo, Stephen Starr, Christopher Fontenot, Harold Nixon, Richard Donahoe, Christopher Gregory, Michael Guillory, Errol DeVill, Brian Soileau, and Albert Weinnig.

## Forty-first Catholic Charismatic Conference set

LAKE CHARLES -- The 41st Catholic Charismatic Conference - Walk By Faith -- is set for Friday and Saturday Nov. 2-3, at St. Henry Catholic Church and its Community Center, located at 1021 Eighth Avenue.

Thomas Smith, a nationally known speaker, will make a number of keynote presentations on both days.

Registration for the conference will take place in the St. Henry Community Center beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2. Mass will be celebrated in St. Henry Church at 5:30 p.m. Smith will speak on the "Seven Keys to Sharing Your Faith" from 8 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the church.

Saturday's program begins with coffee and refreshment in the Community Center with Mass beginning at 8:30 a.m. Smith will speak beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served in the Community Center from 11 a.m. until 12:30 and Smith's third talk is set for 12:50 p.m. in the church.

His final address will be from 1:50 p.m. to 2:35 p.m.

Following his final talk, there will be the opportunity for Reconciliation, praying of the Rosary, silent prayer and music before the 4 p.m. celebration of the Vigil Mass for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Smith was a Protestant minister received into the Catholic Church in 1996, bringing a wealth of experience and insight on the Word of God to audiences across the U.S. He is a repeat guest on EWTN and Catholic radio as well as a sought after parish mission and conference speaker.

Smith co-authored "Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come" and is an international presenter for the Great Adventure Bible Timeline. He has taught as an adjunct professor at the St. Francis School of Theology in Denver and is the former Director of the Denver Catholic Biblical School and the Denver Catechetical School.

With Dolly Banzon and Dr. Amy Ashmann, Smith co-founded the Philippine Catholic Biblical Mission Foundation, which has trained over 3,500 lay leaders and catechists in the Philippines and provided thousands of

scriptural materials to dioceses, parishes and adult faith formation programs in the islands.

He lives on his family ranch in southeastern Idaho where he continues to explore the riches of our faith.

There is no charge to attend the conference but contributions will be gratefully accepted.

Call St. Henry Catholic Church at 337-436-7223 or Betty Bruney at 337-477-0065 for more information.

## Volunteers needed for Torch Run

LAKE CHARLES -- Volunteer runners are being sought to take part in the International Run Carrera Antorcha Guadalupana Mexico-New York Torch Race as it passes through the Diocese of Lake Charles on Thursday, Nov. 8 and Friday, Nov. 9.

Those who wish to take part in the local legs of this historic annual relay from the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City to St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, should contact Father Bryan Thompson, co-chaplain of Hispanic Min-

istry, at St. Henry Catholic Church -- 337-436-7223. Runners are asked to be at the Louisiana Tourist Bureau, located just east of the Louisiana/Texas state line at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8, to meet the torch as it comes from Texas.

The torch will be run in relay fashion down U.S. 90 through Vinton, Sulphur and into Westlake before being driven over the Calcasieu River to the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau on Lakeshore Drive.

At 3 p.m. the runners will

proceed down Lakeshore Drive and Broad Street to St. Henry, 1021 Eighth Avenue. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. with a dinner reception following.

On Friday, Nov. 9, there will be a 6:30 a.m. Mass at St. Henry. Runners, who should be in the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m., will take up the torch at 9 a.m., moving down U.S. 90 to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Jennings with Mass celebrated there at 5:30 p.m. The Torch will leave the Diocese on Saturday morning.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Tickets are still available

LAKE CHARLES -- Tickets for the inaugural Bishop's Gala, a black tie formal social and dance on Saturday, Dec. 8, may be purchased 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.

Tickets can also be purchased at \$125 each or \$1,100 for tables of 10 by credit card on the website of the Diocese -- [lcdioocese.org](http://lcdioocese.org). Just click the "Support the Diocese" button and follow the simple instructions.

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

Though a black tie event, men may opt to wear black or dark suits instead of tuxedos.

### Companions of Honor Memorial Mass

LAKE CHARLES -- The annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Companions of Honor, those clergy, religious and laity honored by the Holy See or the Diocese of Lake Charles for their work for the Church, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Glen John Provost will be the celebrant.

Those Companions who have died in the past year will be remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful.

A luncheon for members follows the liturgy in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral office complex at the corner of Kirby and Bilbo Streets.

### Sapphire & Ice, Friday, Nov. 2

LAKE CHARLES -- The Third Annual Sapphire and Ice Gala will be Friday, Nov. 2, beginning at 6 p.m. at Treasures of Marilyn, 3500 Fifth Avenue. Sponsored by the St. Henry Church Knights of Peter Claver Council and Court 168, the event provides financial support for college level seminarians of the Diocese as well as the St. Henry Catholic Church Building Bridges Capital Campaign.

This year's guest speaker is the Most Worth Fredron de Karlos Blackmon, Obl.S.B., the 16th Supreme Knight of the Knights of Saint Peter Claver and Chief Executive Officer for

the Knights of Saint Peter Claver. The Distinguished Catholic of the Year Award will be presented by Rev. Msgr. Daniel Torres, Vicar General, and pastor of St. Henry. There will also be a silent auction and an evening of dancing with music by local Jazz musician Hubert "Mickey" Smith. Cost is \$50 per ticket and no tickets will be available at the door.

Tickets can be purchased at St. Henry Catholic Church, 1021 Eighth Avenue.

### Vocaré meeting dates announced

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

The meetings are at 6 p.m. on Nov. 4, and Dec. 9. 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.

### Viewings of "Catholicism"

LAKE CHARLES -- Three local churches -- Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and St. Theodore -- have begun the Year of Faith with screenings of the presentation "Catholicism."

Our Lady Queen of Heaven will have showings on Monday, October 29 and Monday, Nov. 12 at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center Activity Room. Tuesday showings will also be available on Oct. 23 and 30 as well as Nov. 6 and 20 from noon to 1:15 p.m., in the Family Life Center Activity Room. The final five showings will be set in the spring.

St. Theodore and its SALT group will have showings each Monday at 6:30 p.m. through Jan. 7, except Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve in the SALT room.

Immaculate Heart of Mary will present the program on Tuesdays, Oct. 30, Nov. 13 and 27, Dec. 11, Jan. 8 and 22, Feb. 5 and 26, and March 12 at 6:15 p.m. in Founders Hall.

Contact the individual parishes for more information.

### November prayer breakfast, lunch

LAKE CHARLES -- The Men's Prayer Breakfast is set for Friday, Nov. 2 and the Women's Prayer Luncheon will be

Wednesday, Nov. 5. Both events take place in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception office complex.

Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 a.m. in the Cathedral before the breakfast. Men should 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 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.

### Middle School Youth Rally Nov. 10

SULPHUR -- The Middle School Youth Rally, sponsored by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 10, in Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church, located at 1109 Cypress Street.

Registration fee is \$15, which includes lunch and a tee shirt.

Contact the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 337-439-7400 or your parish youth minister for more information.

### Bishop Provost visiting Catholic schools

LAKE CHARLES -- Visits by Bishop Glen John Provost's to the Catholic Schools in the Diocese during the 2012-2013 school year continue on Wednesday, Nov. 28 at St. Louis Catholic High School.

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School in Lake Charles hosts the Bishop on Thursday, Dec. 6 and on Wednesday, Jan. 16, he will visit Our Lady's Catholic School in Sulphur.

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, the Bishop will visit Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School and the final stop of his visits will be Wed. March 20, at St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School in Moss Bluff.