



Companions of Honor deceased remembered

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, was the celebrant and homilist of the annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Companions of Honor, held Saturday, Oct. 27, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

In the sanctuary were Rev. Archimandrite Herbert May and Msgr. Ronald Groth. Deacon Wayne Chapman and Deacon Fred Reed served Bishop Provost.

Fifteen members of the Companions who died in the previous year and were remembered during the Mass along with all other Companions who have previously gone to their rest. Those honored were: Sir Eddie Salassi + November 26, 2011; Lady Madge Niel Cardone + November 26, 2011; Maximilian Degeyter + January 7, 2012; Charles L. Shreve, Sr. + January 17, 2012; Blanca A. Cardona de Garcia + March 15, 2012; James Coleman, Sr. + February 17, 2012; Zoe Barbe Lassman + March 16, 2012; Eloise Boulet + April 13, 2012; Matthew Lee, Sr. + May 21, 2012; Dorestan Broussard + June 17, 2012; Douglas Daigle + June 18, 2012; Lena Mae Oustalet + July 10, 2012; Rene Broussard + July 18, 2012; Lois Doherty + July 29, 2012; Lucille Smith Sievert + September 17, 2012.

The organization, established by Bishop Jude Speyrer in December 1982, is composed of clergy, religious and laity honored by the Diocese or the Holy See or who are members of recognized orders of chivalry residing in the Diocese. These include members of The Sovereign Military Order of Hospitaliers of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta; The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepul-

chre of Jerusalem; The Pontifical Order of St. Gregory the Great; The Pontifical Order of Pope St. Sylvester; The Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem; The Most Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem; The Sacred Military Constantinian Order of St. George; Order of the Fleur de Lis; Bearers of The Pontifical Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice; Bearers of The Pontifical Medal Benemerenti; Members, Officers, and Companions of The Order of St. Charles of the Diocese of Lake Charles; Bearers of The Devoted Service Medal of the Diocese of Lake Charles; and Bearers of The Bishop's Medal of the Diocese of Lafayette.

The purposes of the Companions of Honor, as outlined in its constitution and bylaws, are to uphold and to encourage the support of Papal teachings, documents, and directives as well as those of the Diocese of Lake Charles and its Bishop; to make an annual voluntary offering to the Evangelization Program of the Diocese of Lake Charles; and to pray for and to promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood and the religious life.

Nearly \$400,000 has been contributed by the Companions of Honor during its 28-year history and members donated \$15,045.00 during the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Following the Mass, the group met for lunch in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral, located at the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets.

During the business portion of the luncheon meeting, officers for the next two years were elected. Serving will be Sir John Halloran, president; David Marcantel, vice president/president-elect, Gayle Marshall, treasurer; and Paul Reed, secretary.

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Officers for the Companions of Honor, who will serve for the next two years, were elected at the group's recent business luncheon held in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception office complex. Bishop Glen John Provost was the celebrant of the Memorial Mass in the Cathedral, remembering those members of the organization who have died. Officers pictured, from left, are Paul Reed, secretary; David Marcantel, vice president/president-elect; John Halloran, president; and Gayle Marshall, treasurer.

Catholic presence in Mall during Advent

LAKE CHARLES – For the third year there will be a Catholic presence in the Prien Lake Mall during the Season of Advent, according to Bernell Ezell, Director of the Office of Evangelization for the Diocese of Lake Charles. Dates are Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1-2, Dec. 8-9, Dec. 15-16, and Dec. 22-23 during the times the Mall is open.

"We have reserved tables in the Center Court of the mall, near the theater entrance and the customer service kiosk, where free materials on the Church and the many ministries and programs of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be available for all who are interested," Ezell

said. "Volunteers from many ages and demographics of the Diocese will staff the space."

Ezell noted that anyone interested in volunteering for a block of time or to serve as a captain for a day, should call 337-439-7400 and ask for Bernell or Marina or e-mail: bernell.ezell@lcdioocese.org or marina.ardoin@lcdioocese.org.

"The free information will include church parish brochures, brochures from the Catholic schools in the Diocese, more than 20 titles of informative brochures about different aspects of the Faith, free spiritual CD's, and free handmade rosaries," Ezell said. "With this event we hope to show the face of the

local Catholic Church in all its different varieties," she continued. "We also want to make sure that Catholics remember that through our Baptism, we are all called to evangelize. It also defines evangelization as we Catholics see it, particularly through the mission statement of the Secretariat for the Ministry of Christian Formation – 'Spreading the Gospel message by Teaching and Living as Christ's disciples.'"

In this Year of Faith, proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI, which runs until Nov. 24, 2013, "we want to remind all Christians that their relationship with the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is the reason for this season."

THE BISHOP'S GALA
Saturday, December 8, 2012

Tickets are still available

LAKE CHARLES – Enjoy the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra and a night of socializing and dancing at the Inaugural Bishop's Gala on Saturday, Dec. 8, in the Exhibition Hall of the Lake Charles Civic Center.

Tickets, \$125 each or tables of 10 for \$1,100, for the black tie formal social and dance can 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 as well as with a credit card at lcdioocese.org.

Website visitors should click the "Support the Diocese" button and follow the simple instructions.

Special levels of giving come with purchases of 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.

Though a black tie event, men may opt to wear black or dark suits rather than a tux-

edo.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and music by the 12-member Tommy Dorsey Orchestra starts at 8 p.m. and continues 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.

Numerous silent auction items will be available for bid and the successful bidders can use their credit cards to pay for the items on site.

Lie named National Merit Scholarship semifinalist

LAKE CHARLES – Margaret Lie, a senior at St. Louis Catholic High School, is a semifinalist in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship competition.

Lie, who plans to major in Biology with a pre-med concentration in college and attend medical school, is a member of the National Honor Society and served as the group's president. She captured first places at the 2012 district and state Literary Rally in advanced math pre-calculus. She also took first places at the district rally in Algebra II (2011) and Geometry (2010) while finishing second at state in 2011 in Algebra II and fourth in Geometry (2010). She has been honored with the Outstanding Academic Achievement award at St. Louis for the past three years.

A parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, where she served as an altar server, Lie excels in music and was named to the District Honor Band for three years straight. She was also a member of the Calcasieu Parish Honors Wind Symphony in 2011, gaining a Superior in Wind Instrumental Flute Solo in 2010, 2011, and 2012 and Flute Duet in 2010. She has earned honors at the dis-

trict and state piano rally and the Louisiana Music Teachers' Association Piano Festival, the latter for 14 straight years.

She studies ballet with the Lady Leah Lafargue School of Dance and has been a principal dance member since 2009, most recently the Fairy of the Golden Vine in The Sleeping Beauty with Lake Charles Symphony.

Among many other activities, Lie has been a member of the Spirit of St. Louis band for two years as first chair flute, served as the band's vice president, and as captain of the quiz bowl team.



Margaret Lie

Did you know...

According to the Official Catholic Directory there are 195 archdiocese/dioceses in the United States as well as one apostolic exarchate, and one personal ordinariate. These include 145 Latin Catholic dioceses, 35 Latin Catholic archdioceses, 15 Eastern Catholic dioceses (eparchies), two Eastern Catholic archdioceses (archeparchies), one apostolic exarchate for the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church; and one personal ordinariate for the Chair of Peter.

Just what is an exarchate and a personal ordinariate and what is the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

St. Henry Catholic Church to have Christ the King walk

LAKE CHARLES – The Feast of Christ the King will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 25, with a 2 p.m. procession through the neighborhood of St. Henry Catholic Church, according to Msgr. Daniel Torres, V.G., pastor.

"We will be going throughout the neighborhood of St. Henry where we will be seeking the King of Kings to rule our lives and heal our families," Msgr. Torres said. It is also the last Sunday of the liturgical year and precedes the beginning of the Season of Advent. Msgr. Torres invites all to take part in this very important tradition of the Church.

The Feast of Christ the King was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.

The Mass of the day establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over men: 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him"; 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His precious Blood, and made us His property and

possession; 3) Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy"; 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.

It also describes the qualities of Christ's kingdom. This kingdom is: 1) supreme, extending not only to all people but also to their princes and kings; 2) universal, extending to all nations and to all places; 3) eternal, for "The Lord shall sit a King forever"; 4) spiritual, Christ's "kingdom is not of this world".

December Prayer Intentions

Pope Benedict XVI
General Intention: That migrants throughout the world may be welcomed with generosity and authentic love, especially by Christian communities.
Missionary Intention: Christ, light for all humanity. That Christ may reveal himself to all humanity with the light that shines forth from Bethlehem and is reflected in the face of his Church.

Bishop Glen John Provost
For Families:
That they recognize where their true treasure is found and live in harmony and at peace with each other.

CCHD collection November 17-18

LAKE CHARLES – This weekend in the Diocese of Lake Charles and across the U.S., Catholic churches will take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

It is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops which works to address the root causes of poverty in the U.S. through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations.

The campaign works with Catholic dioceses and their bishops to award grants to local, low-income community groups working to address the causes of poverty. By helping the poor to participate in the decisions and actions that affect their lives, CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out, helping people and communities overcome injustice, escape poverty, and build bridges of solidarity.

Learn more by visiting www.usccb.org/cchd.

The offices of the
**DIocese of
LAKE CHARLES**
will be open during regular business hours from Monday to Wednesday, Nov. 19-21, will close Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22-23 for Thanksgiving, and reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 26.



Herman Guidry named "Distinguished Catholic of the Year"

LAKE CHARLES – Herman Guidry, a parishioner of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, was named the "Distinguished Catholic of the Year" by St. Peter Claver Court and Council #168, at the third annual Sapphire and Ice Gala.

Proceeds from the event support educational expenses for college-level seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles and the St. Henry Catholic Church Building Bridges Capital Campaign. Pastors from the parishes of the Diocese provide nominations for the Award.

In his introduction of the 2012 recipient, Msgr. Daniel Torres, pastor of St. Henry, spoke of St. Peter Claver and the manner in which he provided care for the slaves of 17th century Colombia.

Speaking about Guidry, Msgr. Torres said, "He has been a faithful and humble servant, like St. Peter Claver. He began his work for the Church as an altar server in Church Point at a young age. From there he was inspired to expand his service to his country, community, and fellow man.

"His religious education at Holy Ghost Catholic High School in Opelousas formed his foundation for serving others," Msgr. Torres contin-

ued. Guidry served as principal of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School for a number of years and "continues to this day providing 50 percent of all supplies and equipment for the CCD program at Immaculate Heart Church. He has been an instrumental volunteer for fundraisers of the church, co-captain of the Knights of Peter Claver at Masses at Immaculate Heart.

"He was instrumental in involving the Knights of Peter Claver Assembly #22 in providing and installing air conditioners for the elderly, the handicapped, and those in financial need," Msgr. Torres said. "His efforts have resulted in over 800 window units being installed in various areas of the Diocese of Lake Charles."

Guidry also serves as a volunteer at Abraham's Tent serving lunches to those in need and he taught in the public school system for more than 25 years. He serves on the Lake Charles Mayor's Advisory Board and the Alcohol Review Board and was one of the organizers of the annual Thanksgiving Day dinner sponsored by Assembly #22 some 13 years ago.

Msgr. Torres also spoke of his personal relationship with Guidry while a student at LaGrange High School.

"He had a caring attitude towards his students and fellow teachers," Msgr. Torres said. "His laugh and smile were contagious as well as his sense of humor. As I look back to those years in the early 1980s, he did not just teach business courses, but he was evangelizing the Catholic faith through his person. Even though, at that time and how youthful we were, we did not truly realize the subtle ways he was sharing his faith, his knowledge, and mentoring so many to have the courage to look for God in this great world. I am glad that I can say he was one of many who helped me in my journey to say yes to the Lord.

"Jesus said to Peter, 'I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do,'" Msgr. Torres continued. "St. Peter followed the Lord, St. Peter Claver followed the Lord and this man we are honoring tonight is truly following this model of the Lord."

Past Supreme Lady Gerilyn Shelvin of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary read the remarks of the scheduled guest speaker Sir Knight Fredron DeKarlo Blackmon, the Supreme Knight and Chief Executive Officer of the Knights of St. Peter Claver, Inc., who was unable to attend due to illness.



Herman Guidry, second from left, receives the Distinguished Catholic of the Year Award from Monsignor Daniel A. Torres, Vicar General of the Diocese of Lake Charles and Pastor of St. Henry Catholic Church, at the third annual Sapphire and Ice Gala of Knights of Peter Claver Court and Council #168. At left is Father Marcus Johnson, pastor of Guidry's parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and at right is Father Bryan Thompson, Parochial Vicar of St. Henry.

Fair Trade sale set at Christ the King Church

LAKE CHARLES – Christ the King Catholic Church joins with Catholic Relief Services for a Fair Trade "Work of Human Hands" sale Dec. 3-14, during regular office hours (9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.) daily at the church office at 7680 Gulf Highway.

The sale will also take place on the weekend of Dec. 8-9 in the parish hall following Masses, set for 5 p.m. on Saturday and at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

According to Father Wayne LeBleu, pastor, "You can

choose gifts that make a difference at this sale. Shop for beautiful and fairly traded items.

"In time for the Christmas season, we will have beautiful ornaments, holiday décor items, nativity sets and much more," he continued. "We will also have reasonably priced items for most on our Christmas shopping list including jewelry, trinket boxes, wind chimes, and items for children as well. The sale is hosted in partnership with Catholic Relief Services and SERRV, a nonprofit organization with a

mission to eradicate poverty, and a charter member of the Fair Trade Federation. The items found at Work of Human Hands sales are made by marginalized artisans and farmers living in over 30 countries.

"Through your purchases, they gain the income and skills they need to support themselves and their families," Father LeBleu said.

To learn more about Work of Human Hands visit their website at www.crsfairtrade.org/crafts. Call the parish office, 478-0213 for more information.

Second collection for Hurricane Sandy relief Nov. 24-25

LAKE CHARLES – A special second collection will be held in all the churches of the Diocese of Lake Charles on the weekend of Nov. 24-25 in response to the loss and damage sustained by many due to Hurricane Sandy, according to Father Wayne LeBleu, Secretary for the Ministry of Pastoral Services.

"All of us here can relate to those who are recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Sandy with its torrential rains and winds," Father LeBleu said. "We also remember the benefits of those who assisted us in our time of need and we would like to offer our prayerful support and gifts to assist those in need at this time. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Lake Charles is developing a response in the way of monetary donations to be used for the immediate humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable and to support the local Catholic Church and Catholic Charities USA in its ongoing mission.

"Donors may also send their contributions to this collection for Catholic Charities – Aid to Hurricane Sandy Victims by mail to their church parish or drop it off at the parish offices," Father LeBleu said. "You should put 'Hurricane Sandy Relief' in the memo space on your check."



Bishop Glen John Provost, on stage, speaks to the nearly 1,300 confirmation candidates and their sponsors at the Afternoon of Reflection held in October at W.W. Lewis Middle School Auditorium in Sulphur. Father Nathan Long, director of the Office of Religious Education and Secretary for the Ministry of Christian Formation also spoke to the students and sponsors about Confirmation.

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

Diocesan Briefs.....

Next Vocaré meeting Dec. 9

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

The final meeting of 2012 is 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.

Men's Prayer Breakfast Friday, Dec. 7

LAKE CHARLES – The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is set for Friday, Dec. 7, in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Office Complex. Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 6:30 a.m. with the breakfast to follow at 7 p.m.

Men can register by calling 337-439-7400.

In December and January, due to scheduling conflicts, there will be no Women's Prayer Luncheons. The next luncheon is Wednesday, February 1, 2013.

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, and include a stamped-self addressed envelope.

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.

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 Thursday, Dec. 6 at St. Louis Catholic High School.

The Bishop will visit St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School on Thursday, Dec. 13.

On Wednesday, Jan. 16, he will visit Our Lady's Catholic School in Sulphur, Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School on Wednesday, Feb. 20, on Wednesday, March 20, his final stop at St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School in Moss Bluff.

Holy Family School French Market Bazaar

MOSS BLUFF – The annual St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School's French Market Bazaar is Saturday Dec. 1, in the Enrichment Center and on the grounds at 785 Sam Houston Jones Parkway. The bazaar begins at 10 a.m. and continues until 3 p.m. with crafts, Christmas décor, gifts, religious items, cosmetics, homemade goodies and gumbo.

Vendors interested in participating should contact Racquel Williams at 842-3083 or racquel323@aol.com. A registra-

tion form can be found on the schools website sthfcs.com.

Advent Mission at St. Peter the Apostle

HACKBERRY – St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church will host an Advent Parish Mission on Sunday, Dec. 2, featuring Dr. Kelly Bowring, S.T.D. beginning at 2:45 p.m.

Dr. Bowring will have two presentations, the first on Mary Our Mother in Scripture, in Devotion, and in the Church Today and then, from his latest bestselling book, The Secrets, Chastisement, and Triumph of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

St. Louis Catholic High School Open House

LAKE CHARLES – St. Louis Catholic High School will have an Open House on Wednesday, Nov. 28, with the doors opening at 5 p.m. at the Bank Street entrance.

Tours of the school will start at 5:30 p.m. Deborah Frank, school president, will make a presentation prior to the tours and St. Louis Ambassadors, current students, will take families around the building. St. Louis teachers will showcase curriculum and class expectations while student clubs, organizations, and sports teams will highlight their programs.

The Bank Street entrance should be used to enter the school and parking is available at the gym and Bank Street lots.

For more information on the Open House, call Geneva Breaux at 337-436-7275, Ext. 244 or e-mail gbreaux@slchs.org.

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