



## A Year of Faith Message from Bishop Provost

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy.” Luke 21:34

The Year of Faith has begun, and we might well ask ourselves what faith means. Faith is an embrace, an intellectual and spiritual embrace of a truth revealed to us by God. That truth is Jesus Christ, not Jesus Christ as we would like Him to be, not Jesus Christ as we imagine Him, but Jesus Christ as He is revealed in the Sacred Scriptures and by the Church that He left us to continue His saving work in the world.

To embrace the truth of Jesus Christ, our hearts cannot be “drowsy,” occupied with “carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life” (Luke 21:34). If so, we miss out or, worse yet, are caught by surprise in a “trap” (Luke 12:35), the trap of our own selfish desires and preoccupations.

Jesus Christ is first and foremost a challenge to us. He is a challenge because He is not a sugar coating or veneer. The life to which He calls us is a total embrace, permeating our every thought and action. “Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations” (Luke 12:36). “At all times” means just that. Faith is not confined to the one hour we spend in church on Sunday. Faith compels us to live as Jesus Christ taught every minute of our lives.

To embrace Jesus Christ in faith, to follow His teachings, means that our lives cannot be “business as usual.” This embrace requires repentance. It is interesting to note what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says about repentance. “Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed. At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one’s life, with hope in God’s mercy and trust in the help of his grace” (CCC, 1431).

Make no mistake about it. Repentance is what the **Sacrament of Penance** is about. Confession is the most beautiful sacrament that Jesus Christ himself left us to turn away from evil and to resolve to change our lives. Read the Gospel of St. John, Chapter 20, verses 22 and 23, when He says to His disciples, “Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained” (John 20:22-23). This is an on-going experience. It is part of being “vigilant.” It is part of not being caught in a “trap” or by surprise. Regular confession is part and parcel of being alert and ready for the Lord’s coming. This readiness overflows into our devotional lives. What is love between the lover and beloved if it is not expressed?

The Year of Faith, this embrace of Jesus Christ, calls us also to a life of devotion. Every act of devotion is an act of faith and should be. I would mention a few worthy devotions that we need to return to. The first is the **family rosary**. The rosary is a prayer in which we meditate and relive the mysteries of Christ’s life – joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous. And what better way is there to start or end our day than for parents and children to be reminded of these mysteries of our faith, to embrace each and every moment of Jesus’ life. This is what we do in the praying of the rosary.

A second devotion that I encourage for this Year of Faith is **Eucharistic Adoration**. Many of our churches have an adoration chapel or at least a chapel in which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved for our veneration and prayer. Every day we should devote some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. If we did, we would grow in love for the Lord and would find our celebration of the Eucharist to be much richer in significance.

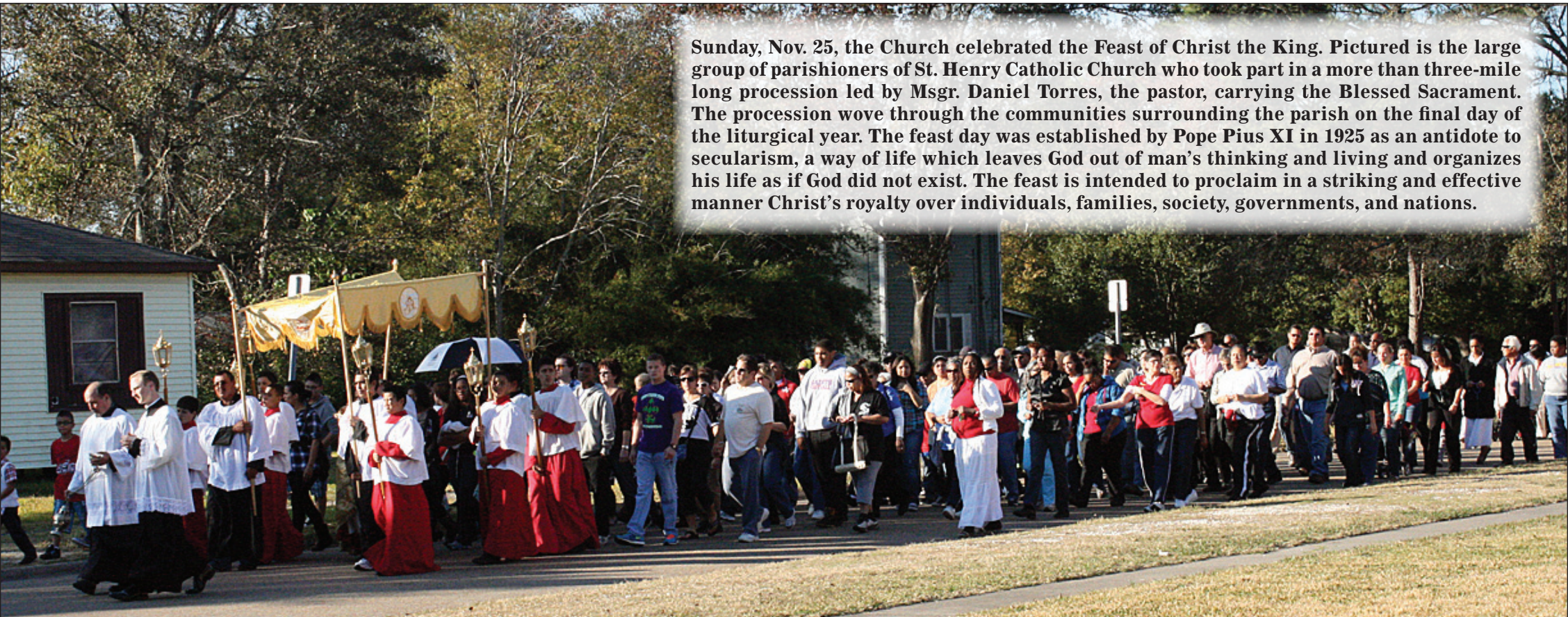
The **prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture** is a third devotion that would help us in this Year of Faith. In the Church, we give this devotion a name: *lectio divina*. Please don’t let the Latin name put you off. That would be unfortunate, because *lectio divina* is simply the prayerful read-

ing of a passage from Scripture. We take the Gospel of the day from our missal, we sit with it, read it slowly, quietly, pausing to take in every word, every phrase, reflecting on its meaning, asking ourselves the question, “What is Jesus saying in this passage, to me, the Church, my family?”

There are many other devotions, like **novenas of prayer, the Way of the Cross, and pilgrimages**. However, I would emphasize one devotion in particular for this Year of Faith: **penance and fasting**. Our Lord Jesus Christ encouraged fasting. Read the Sermon on the Mount, Chapter 6 of the Gospel of St. Mathew, verses 16 thru 18. For this reason, the Church has never ceased to preach the necessity of this worthy practice. Since Friday was the day of Jesus’ Passion and Death, the Church set aside this day particularly for penance, fasting and abstinence from meat. While we are asked to abstain from meat on Fridays and Ash Wednesday in Lent, all Fridays remain days requiring some penance. I would ask that we take up the worthy practice of not eating meat on Fridays. Some will say, “Well, that’s not a penance in Southwest Louisiana where we have such delicious seafood.” What they say is true, to an extent but not entirely. Putting aside a particular food and avoiding indulgence on one particular day for a special purpose is an internal sign of discipline, a reminder that not every desire we have needs to be fulfilled, a sharing in our Lord’s sacrifice, however miniscule by comparison to His sufferings. The purpose of penance and fasting is not only to make reparation for our sins but also to show our oneness with the Lord, who suffered so much for us.

The Year of Faith invites us to embrace the Lord Jesus. This embrace of Faith is not restricted, not confined. It is all embracing and involves the “lived experience” of our daily activity. For this reason, devotional practice is so important. “Be vigilant at all times,” Jesus says in the Gospel. For the Christian, every moment of his or her life is a Christian moment. That is what being vigilant means.

Sunday, Nov. 25, the Church celebrated the Feast of Christ the King. Pictured is the large group of parishioners of St. Henry Catholic Church who took part in a more than three-mile long procession led by Msgr. Daniel Torres, the pastor, carrying the Blessed Sacrament. The procession wove through the communities surrounding the parish on the final day of the liturgical year. The feast day 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.



## Christmas Mass schedule for churches of the Diocese of Lake Charles

### Bell City

St. John Vianney  
(7120 Highway 14 E.)  
5:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:30 a.m. (Day)

### Big Lake

St. Mary of the Lake  
(11054 Highway 384)  
4:00 p.m. (Eve)

### Carlyss

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus  
(4822 Carlyss Drive)  
4:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (Eve);  
10:30 a.m. (Day)

### Cameron

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
(135 Our Lady Road)  
6:00 p.m. (Eve)

### Creole

Sacred Heart of Jesus  
(5250 West Creole Highway)  
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

### DeQuincy

Our Lady of LaSalette  
(203 S. Grand Avenue)  
12:00 Midnight (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)

### DeRidder

St. Joseph  
(1125 Blankenship Drive)  
5:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (Eve);  
9:00 a.m. (Day)

### Elizabeth

St. Frances of Rome Chapel  
(204 Poplar Street)  
8:00 a.m. (Day)

### Elton

St. Joseph  
(209 N. Washington Street)  
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)

### St. Paul

(1100 St. Mary Street)  
7:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m.,  
10:00 a.m. (Day)

### Fenton

St. Charles Borromeo  
(804 Third Avenue)  
6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

### Grand Chenier

St. Eugene  
(5035 Grand Chenier Highway)  
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m. (Day)

### Hackberry

St. Peter the Apostle  
(1210 Main Street)  
4:00 p.m., (Eve); 9:00 a.m.,  
11 a.m. (Extraordinary Form) (Day)

### Iowa

St. Raphael  
(211 S. Thomson Avenue)  
5:30 p.m. (Eve); 10:15 a.m. (Day)

### Jennings

Immaculate Conception  
(705 S. Lake Arthur Avenue)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m. (Day)

### Our Lady Help of Christians

(710 N. State Street)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., Midnight (Eve);  
8:30 a.m. (Day)

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

(920 S. Broadway)  
8:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:30 a.m. (Day)

### Johnson Bayou

Our Lady of the Assumption Chapel  
(5556 Highway 82)  
6:30 p.m. (Eve)

### Kinder

St. Philip Neri  
(607 Fourth Avenue)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

### Lacassine

St. John the Evangelist Chapel  
(306 Ann Street)  
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m. (Day)

### Lake Arthur

Our Lady of the Lake  
(203 Commercial Avenue)  
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Day)

### Lake Charles

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
(Corner of Kirby and Bilbo Streets)  
4:00 p.m., Midnight (Eve);  
8:30 a.m. (Day)

### Christ the King

(7680 Gulf Highway)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)

### Immaculate Heart of Mary

(2031 Opelousas Street)  
4:00 p.m., Midnight (Eve);  
10:00 a.m. (Day)

### Our Lady of Good Counsel

(221 Aqua Drive)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

### Our Lady Queen of Heaven

(3939 Lake Street)  
4:00 p.m. (Main Church),  
4:00 p.m. (Family Life Center)  
6:00 p.m., (Main Church); (Eve);  
7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Day)

### Sacred Heart of Jesus

(1102 Mill Street)  
4:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m.,  
11:00 a.m. (Day)

### St. Henry

(1021 Eighth Avenue)  
4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; (Eve);  
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,  
12:30 p.m. (Spanish); 5:00 p.m. (Day)

### St. Margaret of Scotland

(2500 Enterprise Blvd.)  
(NW Corner of Enterprise Blvd. &  
17th Street)

### St. Martin de Porres

(5326 Elliott Road)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m. (Eve);  
7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)

### St. Martin de Porres

(5326 Elliott Road)  
4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)

### St. Patrick Hospital Chapel

(524 Michael DeBakey Drive)  
9:00 a.m. (Day)

### LeBleu Settlement

St. Joseph Chapel  
(2110 Claude Hebert Road)  
8:30 a.m. (Day)

### Moss Bluff

St. Theodore  
(785 Sam Houston Jones Parkway)  
4:30 p.m., Midnight (Eve);  
9:00 a.m. (Day)

### Oakdale

Sacred Heart of Jesus  
(1208 E. 7th Avenue)  
7:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)

### Oberlin

St. Joan of Arc  
(110 W. 5th Avenue)  
5:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (Eve);  
9:00 a.m. (Day)

### Ragley

St. Pius X Chapel  
(16816 Highway 171)  
5:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m. (Day)

### Raymond

St. Lawrence  
(5505 Pine Island Highway)  
6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)

### Sulphur

Immaculate Conception  
(2700 Maplewood Drive)  
4:00 p.m. (Children’s Mass), 8:00 p.m.  
(Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

### Our Lady of LaSalette

(602 N. Claiborne Street)  
4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

### Our Lady of Prompt Succor

(1109 Cypress Street)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., Midnight (Eve);  
10:00 a.m. (Day)

### Sweetlake

St. Patrick Chapel  
(469 Highway 27)  
8:00 a.m. (Day)

### Vinton

St. Joseph  
(1502 Industrial Street)  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

### Welsh

Our Lady of Seven Dolours  
(209 N. Adams Street)  
4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)

### St. Joseph

(310 N. Sarah Street)  
8:30 a.m. (Day)

### Westlake

St. John Bosco  
(1301 Johnson Street)  
4:00 p.m. (Children’s Mass), (Eve);  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)

# Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

December 7, 2012

## "FaithCast" on website; Year of Faith resource

LAKE CHARLES – A new feature on the website of the Diocese of Lake Charles – [lcediocese.org](http://lcediocese.org) – also adds to resources for the Year of Faith and the New Evangelization called for by Pope Benedict XVI.

The current schedule of "FaithCast" will feature seven to 10 minute audio replays of homilies presented from the First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 2, through Jan. 13, the Baptism of the Lord. Each homily will be available on the website by clicking the "FaithCast" button on the front page of the site.

Seven priests of the Diocese - Father Nathan Long, Secretary for the Ministry of Christian Formation and Director of Vianney House; Father Derek Covert, Judicial Vicar; Father Jacob S. Conner, Parochial Vicar at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, Father Jeffrey Starkovich, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings; Father Bryan Thompson, Parochial Vicar at St. Henry Catholic Church; and Father John Huckaby, Parochial Vicar at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church will be presenting the homilies.

"During this Year of Faith and focusing on the New Evangelization we will be re-proposing the Faith to those who are already Catholic or already baptized," Father Long said. The Year of Faith called for by the Holy Father, which began on Oct. 11, continues until Nov. 24, 2013 – the Feast of Christ the King.

"With this effort we want to do this in a way that is very basic and not assume that everybody necessarily knows the things we often take for granted in the Faith," Father Long continued. Questions that could be considered might be - Who is God? What it means to believe in God! How is God a Trinity? What we believe about Jesus Christ.

"Some of the basic things we take for granted, such as the Paschal Mystery, for instance, we want to re-propose it and use the homily time to teach some of these basic things, again."

Priests have been asked to do just this during the Year of Faith and the New Evangelization. "Some have already taken the

initiative and designed a three-year cycle of homilies based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church," Father Long said. "That way the whole Catechism is presented over time - more or less matching the content of the Sunday Gospel. So, we want to use that approach to make that available to our people.

"During the Advent and Christmas cycle, we will be talking about things such as the Last Judgment or Mary's Immaculate Conception, and baptisms, because we will have the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We will talk about marriage for Holy Family Sunday. These are just some of the basic topics that we will be covering in this time and throughout the year.

"I love Father Robert Barron's approach in the videos of "Catholicism," a great model for anything we do in evangelization because he comes off just proposing basic things on a non-confrontational, inviting way that's attractive in art and music and teachings that appeal to where we are," Father Long continued. "We have to do the same thing with our preaching.

"We want to know what our Creed means when we say, "We believe in One God". Things that we take for granted, we can not presume that people understand what they mean because of cultural trends we are experiencing, the fact that people aren't tuning in to the faith as much as we used to. Catechesis isn't coming across as easy as it used to. We really have to start from scratch again with the most basic things people need to know."

In Pope Benedict's calling for the Year of Faith, it was his wish not to go out and bring more Catholics into the pews but to teach to our current Catholics things they may have forgotten, things they do every day or every Sunday merely out of habit. The wish of the Holy Father was to re-evangelize our own Faith.

"These homilies would be good for catechists, school teachers, RCIA volunteers, youth ministers, or anyone who seeks to broaden their faith during this time," Father Long concluded. "Listeners could benefit from it as a way of ongoing formation and further education about the Faith."

## 2012 Hurricane Season Ends on Thankful Note



My Dear People of God of the Diocese of Lake Charles,

As we end the 2012 hurricane season, we acknowledge that our region of the Gulf of Mexico was spared the onslaught of storm and destructive weather. Our thoughts and prayers remain with our brothers and sisters in other areas of the Caribbean and along the Atlantic Coast who were impacted by Hurricane Sandy. May God assist them in whatever way possible to lighten their burdens. At the recent bishops' meeting in Baltimore, I spoke to Cardinal Dolan of New York and extended our sympathies concerning the tragedies they had suffered on the East Coast. They were so similar to ours: homes devastated, churches ruined, lives lost, people displaced. Recently we scheduled a collection for the victims of Hurricane Sandy on November 24-25.

Closer to home, we were very concerned about the people in the New Orleans area affected by Hurricane Isaac. You will recall that we requested a second collection for their needs in late September. These funds will be remitted to the Archdiocese of New Orleans and its Catholic Charities to assist with the victims and prevailing needs as a result of the storm.

Every year we gather as a Diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron to pray that our Heavenly Father will spare us during the coming hurricane season. As we complete yet another year, we should raise our voices in thanksgiving. I ask you to join me in doing so. In your Masses, rosaries, daily prayers, and sacrifices, let us acknowledge God's providential care and offer Him heartfelt thanks.

With blessings to you and your families, I remain

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

+Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

## Twenty honored as St. Louis AP Scholars

LAKE CHARLES – Twenty St. Louis Catholic High School students have earned Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP exams.

The College Board's program provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school and to earn college credit, advanced placement,

or both for successful performance on the AP exams. About 20 percent of the 2.1 million students worldwide who took the exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams.

At St. Louis Catholic, five students - Victoria Knoll-

meyer, Amy LeBleu, Sarah Lungaro, Tanner Martin, and London Maust - qualified for the Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of three or higher on five or more of these exams.

Seven students - Emily Clark, William Craig Jones, Jacob Kraft, Katelyn McCoy, Timothy Montet, Joseph Vanchiere, and Jonathan Vogel - qualified for the Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of three or higher on four or more of these exams.

Eight students - Colin Broussard, MaryKate Core, Haley Hutchins, Audrey Kolde, Catherine Laborde, Alexis Nixon, Nina Perzo, and Lex Townsley - qualified for the Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams with scores of three or higher.

## March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington Jan. 21-26

LAKE CHARLES – The March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese, will be part of the 40th National March for Life on Friday, Jan. 25. The journey begins Monday, Jan. 21 and returns on Saturday, Jan. 26. Currently there are 158 pilgrims registered.

Cost of the trip, which is for teens and young adults – ages 18-39 – is \$500. This includes travel by bus, lodging, most meals, a t-shirt, scarf, hat, bag, journal and entry fees to various events and sites. A \$100 deposit is due with the registration forms. Information on space availability is available at the Bishop Harold Perry Building, 411 Iris Street, Lake Charles, by calling Milissa Thibodeaux or Caroline Matt at 337-439-7400, or in the parishes.

"This educational experience/study tour is designed to help students learn a sense of patriotism and civic duty

as Americans, how citizens can become involved in shaping and influencing laws and policies, and the workings of our government and historical roots of the founding documents," Thibodeaux said. "Also, they will realize an awareness of the sacrifices made by so many to make possible the benefits we enjoy as Americans and learn the historical development of the Holocaust and the role ordinary citizens played in allowing it to occur."

Besides the annual March for Life on Friday, Jan. 25, which memorializes the 1973 United States Supreme Court decision – Roe v Wade - legalizing abortion and sealing the fates of hundreds of thousands of unborn children, pilgrims will experience many historical sites in Washington and Philadelphia.

The Calcasieu Parish Courthouse will be the site for a Sunday, Jan. 20, program, which will include music, speakers, and the recitation

of the Rosary followed by march to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for a prayer service led by Bishop Glen John Provost, who will bless the pilgrims during the event.

The group will take two days to reach Washington, stopping in Nashville, Tenn. and Emmitsburg, Md. for a visit and Mass with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia and a tour and Mass at the Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton at Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

The pilgrims will tour Washington on Wednesday, Jan. 23, including Mass at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and a visit to the Holocaust Museum.

Tours of the Washington monuments are set for Thursday, Jan. 24 along with the Geaux Forth Event connecting Louisiana pilgrims with their elected officials, aiming to inspire them to "geaux forth" and be active pro-life citizens.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 12

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will be the celebrant of Mass on the Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas at 6:30 p.m. in St. Henry Catholic Church, 1021 Eighth Avenue, on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

### Abrazando Cristo mission trip registration opens

LAKE CHARLES – Registration for the 2013 Abrazando Cristo Mission trip to Nicaragua, set for June 29 to July 7, is now open and only 25 spaces are available on a first come, first served basis.

Cost of the trip is \$1,950 and includes air and ground transportation, meals, lodging, tips, taxes, retreat, and mission shirts.

Call Msgr. Daniel Torres at 337-439-7400 for an information packet and registration form. Deadline for the \$300 non-refundable deposit to guarantee a seat is Thursday, Jan. 10.

### Vocaré meeting Sunday, 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.

### Afternoon of Reflection Dec. 8 at ICCS

LAKE CHARLES – An Afternoon of Reflection sponsored by the Associate Steering Committee of the Marianites of Holy Cross, is Saturday, Dec. 8, in the cafeteria of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School.

Sr. Kathleen Stakelum, Spiritual Director and Marianite Formation Director, will be the presenter.

### Vallimar Jansen at St. Martin de Porres

LAKE CHARLES – Vallimar Jansen, contemporary artist, storyteller, singer and composer, will lead the Advent Mission at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church Sunday, Dec. 9 through Tuesday, Dec. 11 each day at 6:30 p.m.

Call 337-478-3845 or visit [www.smdpcatholic.com](http://www.smdpcatholic.com) for more information.

### Men's Prayer Breakfast Friday, Jan. 4

LAKE CHARLES – The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is set for Friday, Jan. 4, 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 Tuesday, February 6, 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.

### "Come, Follow Me" retreat set Feb. 1-3

MOSS BLUFF – "Come, Follow Me", a retreat for men 16 years and older discerning a vocation to the sacred priesthood of Jesus Christ, will be Friday through Sunday, Feb. 1-3, 2013 at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

For more information on this annual retreat and/or to register, contact Rev. Marcus Johnson, Vocation Recruiter, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 2031 Opelousas Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601; by telephone at 337-436-8093; or e-mail [marcus.johnson@lcediocese.org](mailto:marcus.johnson@lcediocese.org)

### 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. 13 at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School.

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

### Rachel's Vineyard 2013 retreats

MOSS BLUFF – Rachel's Vineyard Retreat dates in the Diocese of Lake Charles for 2013 are Friday-Sunday, Feb. 8-10 and July 5-7 at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

The weekend combines discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential.

Call Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana at 337-439-7400, Ext. 317 or e-mail [rachels.vineyard@lcediocese.org](mailto:rachels.vineyard@lcediocese.org) for information or registration.

### Saint Charles Center has new website

MOSS BLUFF – Saint Charles Center has established its own website – [stcharlescenter.com](http://stcharlescenter.com) – providing visitors with the opportunity to view a schedule of events, programs, and retreats at the facility.

On-line registration and payment of fees is also available. Call 337-855-1232 for additional information.

### Work of Human Hands sale at Christ the King

LAKE CHARLES – A Catholic Relief Services/Fair Trade Work of Human Hands sale is being held at Christ the King Catholic Church's office through Dec. 14. Items will also be available following the masses this weekend Dec. 8-9.

Call 337-478-0213 for more information.

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