



At left, Bishop Glen John Provost processes into Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church at the beginning of the Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated on The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. At right, Bishop Provost looks upon the host as he elevates it. The host becomes the Body of Jesus Christ and is elevated so that the Faithful may also adore Jesus Christ; true God and True Man present on the altar at the Consecration. An estimated 650 people were on hand for the Extraordinary Form of the Liturgy at the Sulphur church.

## Bishop Provost celebrates Pontifical Mass at Our Lady of Prompt Succor

SULPHUR – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, D.D., M.A., Bishop of Lake Charles, was the celebrant of a Solemn Pontifical Mass on Wednesday, Jan. 2 - The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus - in Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church. The Mass was celebrated with a full church, estimated at 650 people.

The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus falls within the 12 days of Christmas and is celebrated with special solemnity.

Bishop Provost noted that, "The celebration of this Pontifical Mass in Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Sulphur was quite appropriate, since only recently the church parish experienced the trauma of being vandalized. Many parishioners expressed their appreciation for such an opportunity to

celebrate a special liturgy in their cherished parish church."

With the celebration of this Pontifical Mass, the Bishop has celebrated four since his ordination as the ordinary of the Diocese, which continues his wish to celebrate the Extraordinary Form of the Liturgy on "appropriate solemnities."

Participating in the liturgy were priests from the Diocese of Lake Charles including Father Roland Vaughn, the chaplain of the Extraordinary Form of the Liturgy in the Diocese, and Father Edward Richard, M.S., pastor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor.

Other priests participating included Father Rommel Tolentino, pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hackberry; Father Scott Conner, Father Derek Covert, Father Nathan Long, Father Bryan Thompson and Father Paul

Sumler of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Vidor, Texas (the Diocese of Beaumont). Deacon Patrick LaPoint was a participant and Deacon candidate Daniel Foreman, of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, attended. Also, Father Paul Sumler Seminarians taking part were Ryan Baca and Levi Thompson.

Pope Benedict XVI, in his motu proprio *Summorum Pontificum* of July 7, 2007, issued an Apostolic Letter on the celebration of the Roman Rite according to the Missal of 1962. This made celebration of the rites of the Extraordinary Form more accessible for use.

At the conclusion of the Mass, the Bishop gave a Papal Blessing, and it was announced that those properly disposed would gain a plenary indulgence for their attendance.



At right is Reverend Rick McClain, pastor of Christ Community Church in Lake Charles, will deliver the message at the annual Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity at First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. Center is Rev. Weldon Bares, pastor of First United Methodist, and at left is Joe Hill, a member of the The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, one of the sponsors of the service.

## Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity Jan. 22

LAKE CHARLES – The annual Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, is Tuesday, January 22, at First United Methodist Church in Lake Charles. Sponsored by the local delegation of The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem in the Diocese of Lake Charles, and co-sponsored by local members of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference, Lake Area Ministers Group and The Baptist Ministers Union of Lake Charles and surrounding area it begins at 6 p.m. Rev. Archimandrite Herbert May, pastor of Our Lady of Seven Dolors Catholic Church in Welsh, and Deacon George Carr of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church will also participate.

Pope Pius X officially blessed the concept and Benedict XV "encouraged its observance throughout the entire Roman Catholic Church."

The service will include hymns, prayers, readings from the Bible, and a message by Pastor Rick McClain of Christ Community Church in Lake Charles based on Micah, Chapter 6, verses 6-8.

Reverend Weldon Bares, Pastor of First United Methodist Church and Father May, delegate of and for The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus, invites all people dedicated to praying and working for co-operation and unity among Christians to attend.

### Did you know...

There are currently seven archdioceses or dioceses in the U.S. without a bishop. The longest Canonically Vacant See is El Paso, Texas at 14 months. Others are Bridgeport, Conn.; Portland, Maine; Fargo, N.D.; Oakland, Calif.; Rochester, N.Y.; and Fort Worth, Texas.

A Bishop is asked to submit his resignation to the Holy Father at age 75, although it is up to the Pope to decide when such resignations are accepted. Do you know how many U.S. bishops and archbishops are already 75 but are still serving in their post? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.



Bishop Glen John Provost, center, stands with the 2012 recipients of awards from the Bishop Jude Speyer Chapter of Pontifical Knights and Dames. At left is Lake Charles Mayor Randy Roach, recipient of the Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc Fellowship Award, and, at right, is Evangeline Ordinario, recipient of the Pro Deo et Pontifice Award.

## Pontifical Knights and Dames make two award presentations

(Read more at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/1215-pontifical-knights-and-dames-present-awards-to-two.html>)

LAKE CHARLES – At the annual Christmas luncheon the Bishop Jude Speyer Chapter of the Pontifical Knights and Dames presented two awards to deserving laity. Evangeline Ordinario, a former resident of the Diocese of Lake Charles now living in Dallas, received the group's Pro Deo et Pontifice Award while Lake Charles Mayor Randy Roach was given the Msgr. Irving DeBlanc Fellowship Award.

The two awards are presented by the Chapter in even numbered years, according to outgoing president H. Gayle Marshall, who served as master of ceremonies for the luncheon.

The Pro Deo et Pontifice Award is given to a Knight or Dame of another diocese who has rendered outstanding service to the Church and to mankind.

"Vangy" is someone that we all know and love," Marshall said. "It just so happens that she now resides in another Diocese and is continuing her work on behalf of the church and others."

The Msgr. Irving DeBlanc Fellowship Award is conferred upon an individual of outstanding service to the civic community and to the Church.

"Personally, I believe his finest hours have been two-fold: first in the maintenance and expansion of the infrastructure in our city, including lakefront and downtown development, coupled with good financial management of the city's funds; and second, in his service during the times of Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita and Hurricane Ike," Marshall said. "Not only was he instrumental in getting assistance for those in need who were from our community, including our churches and schools, but he made sure that those from other communities who were in need of services and assistance got a helping hand from the City of Lake Charles in one way or the other."

Officers named to two year terms were: President - Robert Chiasson, Knight of St. Gregory; Vice President/President-Elect - Gayle Zembower, Knight of St. Sylvester; Secretary - Gayle Marshall, Knight of Saint Sylvester; and Treasurer - Chester Jones, Knight of St. Gregory.

## Vocations success in the Diocese of Lake Charles

In light of National Vocations Awareness Week, which began Sunday, January 13, the Diocese of Lake Charles is pleased to announce the following information on the status of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

During this present academic year, there are 10 men studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles. There are seminarians at four various seminaries, depending upon their academic level. Three are now enrolled in theology studies at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, the North American College in Rome, and Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Md. Seven seminarians are studying philosophy at St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, Louisiana.

Furthermore, Monsignor Daniel Torres, Director of Seminarians for the Diocese, informed Bishop Glen John Provost this week that so far three more have applied for entry into the seminary for September of 2013. And, Father Nathan Long, Director of the Vianney House of Formation and Discernment, informed the Bishop that

there will be four others in residence at Vianney House in September of this year.

There are 17 men preparing in a fourth year of formation for ordination to the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Lake Charles. Upon successful completion of their formation, the ordination will be celebrated on Saturday, August 16, 2014.

Finally, there are quite a number of young men and women who have entered the consecrated life or preparation for that vocation in the last five years. According to sources from our parishes and elsewhere, they have been accepted in societies and congregations including the Missionaries of Charity, the Salesian Sisters of New Jersey, the Dominican Fathers, and the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement.

Bishop Provost wishes to thank all parishioners who participate in Forty Hours Devotion for the intention of promoting vocations within the Diocese. The Bishop stated, "We are all encouraged by the numbers willing to make this commitment and give thanks to our Heavenly Father for continuing to call workers into His vineyard."

## Bishop Provost prays at vandalized Sulphur churches

LAKE CHARLES -- Bishop Glen John Provost celebrated liturgies at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church on Thursday, Dec. 20, and at Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church, Friday, Dec. 21, and led prayers for reparation following the vandalism that occurred at the two churches. Several dozen statues and a crucifix were destroyed or damaged at the two locations, some possibly 100 years old.

The Bishop also at Our Lady of LaSalette, accepted

seminarian Matthew Cormier into candidacy for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles. Cormier, a parishioner of Our Lady of LaSalette, will continue his education and training at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and is scheduled for ordination to the transitional diaconate, the penultimate step before priestly ordination, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Lake Charles.

Concelebrating the liturgy

Friday were Father James Wehner, the rector-president of Notre Dame; Rev. Msgr. Daniel Torres, Vicar General; Father James Winiarski, M.S., pastor of Our Lady of LaSalette; and Father Lawrence Kohler, M.S., in residence.

At both churches, Bishop Provost led the congregation in prayer outside and processed into the church sprinkling holy water. Following Mass, Bishop Provost also blessed the church's Adoration Chapel, where other statues were also destroyed.

# Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

January 18, 2013

## Catholic Schools Notes - Catholic Schools Week 2013

### Office of Catholic Schools

The Catholic Schools Week Mass is Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 9 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Glen John Provost will be the Celebrant.

This year's theme for Catholic Schools Week is "Catholic Schools-Raise the Standards" and will take place Sunday, January 27 through Saturday, February 2. The theme highlights the recent launch of a new initiative, the National Standards and Benchmarks for Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools. The week will kick off with the Catholic Schools Week Festival at Prien Lake Mall on Saturday, January 26.

Catholic Schools Week honors several saints dedicated to the education and formation of youth: St. Thomas Aquinas (Jan. 28), St. John Bosco (Jan. 31) and St. Angela Merici (Jan. 27). It is a good opportunity to remind people of the role the Church has always played in serving the youth through teaching. The Mass has traditionally been extended to all people, Catholic and those of other faith traditions and is seen as a spiritual work of mercy in "instructing the ignorant."

### Our Lady's Catholic School

On Monday, January 28, starting at 6 p.m. to kick off Catholic Schools Week, Our Lady's School opens its doors for members of the parish and community to see what its students are accomplishing. There will be family reading activities in each classroom.

### St. Louis Catholic High School

St. Louis Catholic High School Hall of Fame has been established to recognize any person, living or deceased, who has demonstrated outstanding ability, leadership, character, heroism, dedication, and patriotism and whose life and ac-

complishments can be an inspiration to the students of St. Louis Catholic High School.

### St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School

Student of the Year winners at Holy Family are Luke Burnham 8th Grade and Olivia DeSantos 5th Grade. The school will open Catholic School Week on Friday, Jan. 25, the 100th day of school, with a Grandparents Day Celebration; beginning with Mass. Refreshments will be served in the library followed by an open house. A book fair is also scheduled during the week as well as a PTC meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 29 with a nighttime open house.

### Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic School

St. Margaret will host school tours and an Open House on Tuesday, Jan. 29. Tours will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and start from the school office. The Open House begins at 6 p.m.

### Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School

ICCS was awarded the Branch Out and Grow Grant by The Junior League of Lake Charles, Inc. This grant will provide funds for Apple TV's and accessories to be instituted in classrooms, which currently utilize iPad/iPod technology. This new technology provides a mobile platform to initiate classroom activities. Through the use of several apps, teachers can provide notes, display steps and processes to problems, initiate the display of media and allow students to interactively form their own seats. All students in grades Pre K-8 will benefit from this exciting next step in the world of intuitive learning.

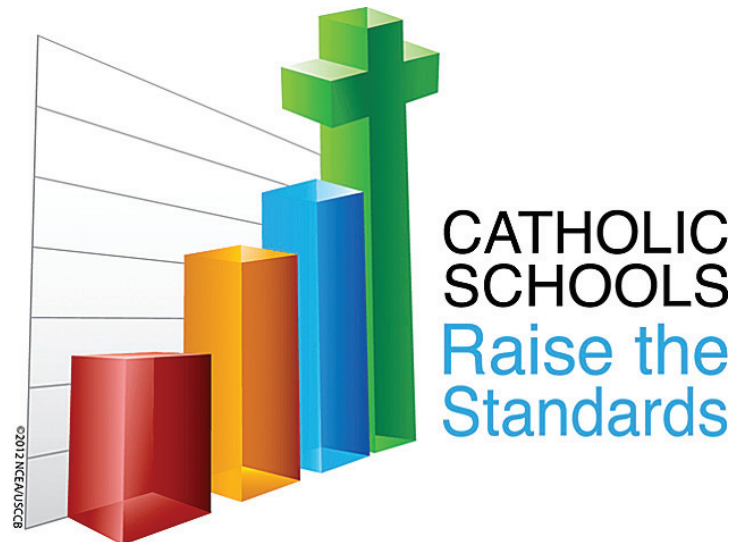
### Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School (OLI) begins registration for new families on Thursday, Feb. 21 and wants them to experience the academic, religious, and extra-curricular foundations the school provides. OLI focuses on nurturing

and educating the whole child in a safe, Catholic family-oriented environment. The OLI All-Star Dinner and Auction is Saturday, Feb. 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Grand Marais Ballroom.

### Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School

Our Lady Queen of Heaven will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with many activities, participating in the journey of faith through Catholic Education. An Open House is Monday, Jan. 26, starting at 6 p.m. More information is available on the school website - [http://www.edline.net/pages/Our\\_Lady\\_Queen\\_of\\_Heaven](http://www.edline.net/pages/Our_Lady_Queen_of_Heaven).



Pictured is Msgr. Daniel Torres at the commissioning of the 2012 pilgrims of the Abrazando Cristo Mission Trip to Nicaragua. Registration for the 2013 journey, set for June 29 to July 7, is continuing and only a few spaces remain for the journey, 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. Torres at 337-439-7400 for an information packet and registration form. Reserve your spot now for this trip of a lifetime and help the poorest of the poor in Latin America!

## Collection for the Church in Latin America helps live faith

WASHINGTON — The annual national Collection for the Church in Latin America is the weekend of January 26-27 in parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles and across the country.

The collection supports pastoral projects in Latin America and the Caribbean that focus on evangelization, training lay leaders and catechists, and religious and seminary formation. This year's collection especially supports youth and young adult ministries.

In 2012, the collection

awarded 417 grants totaling \$6.5 million. These grants were distributed to 23 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Subcommittee for the Church in Latin America also provided grant assistance to rebuild churches in countries devastated by natural disasters such as the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti, the March 2010 earthquake in Chile, and the November 2012 devastation in Cuba and Haiti caused by Hurricane Sandy.

"We support the Church in Latin America to celebrate

our Christian tradition by encouraging programs that develop the leadership of the young people in the Church," said Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America and auxiliary bishop of Seattle. "Through generous support from the collection, many parishes are able to provide youth with the tools they need to grow in their relationship with Christ." Evangelization efforts include retreats, catechesis, and vocation discernment programs.

## Report on the New Evangelization in the Diocese of Lake Charles

In August of 2011, Bishop Provost announced a New Evangelization Initiative for the Diocese of Lake Charles. In this announcement he outlined various aspects of the call to the New Evangelization as outlined by our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, and various other theologians and writers on the topic.

This initiative began in the fall of 2011 with a first phase. The Bishop entrusted the Council of Priests and the Diocesan Pastoral Council with the work of considering where evangelization—the spreading of the Good News of Jesus Christ—was working and where there remained challenges for us in the Diocese of Lake Charles. Both Councils completed their discussions by the fall of 2012, and now Bishop Provost wishes to begin the next phase of the initiative.

This second phase of work for the New Evangelization

will be an open group sharing which Bishop Provost has chosen to call a Forum for the New Evangelization. On Wednesday, January 30, 2013, the Deans, Secretaries, and other diocesan leadership will meet at St. Charles Center to review the discussions of the Council of Priests and the Diocesan Pastoral Council, bring their own observations on the work and ministry of the New Evangelization in the parishes of the Diocese, and chart a course for future goals in the New Evangelization.

Bishop Provost looks forward to the continuation of this New Evangelization Initiative. In making this announcement, the Bishop made the following comments: "The New Evangelization is a work in progress which really never ends, because the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Church are forever new and for every age. If we seek to transform our culture, bring the Gospel

to a larger audience, inspire Catholics to reengage with the faith, and strengthen the appeal of the Gospel and the Church's message to youth, immigrants, and the fallen-away, then conversion of our hearts is necessary. We will need to pursue holiness, an active, living pursuit of a deeper, transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. This in many ways is the fundamental goal of the New Evangelization."

Bishop Provost asks the continued prayers of all faithful in the Diocese for the intention of the New Evangelization. "Those good people of prayer in Eucharistic Adoration, the homebound, Bible study groups, Cursillo, Acts, the Legion of Mary, the youth groups, Magnificat, Third Order, and many others need to add the New Evangelization in our Diocese to their list of intentions. I ask them to be one with me in prayer for this good purpose."

## January/February Prayer Intentions

Pope Benedict XVI

January

**General Intention:** The Faith of Christians. That in this Year of Faith Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and witness joyfully to the gift of faith in him.

**Missionary Intention:** Middle Eastern Christians. That the Christian communities of the Middle East, often discriminated against, may receive from the Holy Spirit the strength of fidelity and perseverance.

February

**General Intention:** Migrant Families. That migrant families, especially the mothers, may be supported and accompanied in their difficulties.

**Missionary Intention:** Peace. That the peoples at war and in conflict may lead the way in building a peaceful future.

**Bishop Glen John Provost**

**Prayer Intentions**

January

**For the Unborn:** That the most helpless and innocent of human beings be given a chance to live the life that God has seen fit to offer them and that our political leaders grow in respect for human life.

February

**For Forgiveness:** That we increase our understanding of the essential nature of forgiveness and reconciliation in the Christian life, forgiving those who have done us harm and seeking to live in peace.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Pro-life prayer service on Sunday

LAKE CHARLES -- Forty years of Honoring the Unborn, a Pro-Life Prayer Service, is Sunday, Dec. 20, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Calcasieu Parish Courthouse on Ryan Street and in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, at the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets.

Father Edward Richard, M.S., pastor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church and a moral theologian, is the guest speaker for the courthouse events. Following his talk, a pro-life rosary will be prayed and a large balloon rosary will be released. The Cathedral prayer service begins at 1:45 p.m. and will include a blessing of pilgrims going to the National March for Life Rally in Washington, DC.

### Fundraising dinner set at OLPS

SULPHUR -- A fundraising dinner supplied by Harlequin Steaks and Seafood Restaurant and will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 27, in the Father Egidio Vecchio Hall of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church.

Proceeds from the \$25 per plate dinner will assist the church with the replacement of statues destroyed during the mid-December vandalism spree at the church.

Tickets may be purchased from the church office at 1109 Cypress Street and for more information, call Dan Foreman at 337-527-5261, Ext. 14.

### Diocesan Youth Conference Feb. 22-24

DRY CREEK -- The Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC), with this year's theme -- Pursue the View -- is Friday, Feb. 22 through Sunday, Feb. 24, at the Dry Creek Retreat Center off Hwy. 113.

Registration forms for DYC, sponsored by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, can be picked up in parish youth offices and at the Bishop Harold Perry Building, 411 Iris Street.

Call 337-439-7400, Ext. 301 for more information or mail questions to [youth.ministry@lcdioocese.org](mailto:youth.ministry@lcdioocese.org).

### February Prayer Breakfast, Luncheon dates

LAKE CHARLES -- The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is set for Friday, Feb. 4 and the next Women's Prayer Luncheon is Tuesday, Feb. 6, both 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. before the 7 p.m. 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, 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@lcdioocese.org](mailto:marcus.johnson@lcdioocese.org)

### 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.

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

### New dates for Poland pilgrimage

LAKE CHARLES -- The nine-day pilgrimage to Poland and Czech Republic has been rescheduled to June 11-19, according to Father Nathan Long.

Pilgrims will visit Warsaw, Czestochowa, Krakow, Prague and other sites. The per person price is \$2,475, plus \$650 for departure taxes and fuel surcharges from Houston. A \$350 deposit is due by Feb. 15 with the final payment deadline of March 6.

Contact Peter's Way Tours, Inc. by e-mail at [peter@peter-sway.com](mailto:peter@peter-sway.com) or at 1-800-225-7662.

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