



## A Lenten Pastoral Letter from Bishop Provost

My Dear People of God,

In a beautiful Second Century letter of the bishop, St. Ignatius of Antioch, he describes what it means to possess God: "Here is the beginning and the end of life: faith is the beginning, the end is love; and when the two blend perfectly with each other, they are God" (St. Ignatius of Antioch, *Letter to the Ephesians*, 14:1). To bind faith and love together perfectly is to possess God.

Commenting on these two important virtues in his Lenten Message this year, Pope Benedict XVI writes, "[F]aith precedes charity, but faith is genuine only if crowned by charity." The inspiration for this statement comes from St. Paul who wrote, "So faith, hope and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love." The Holy Father continues, "Everything begins from the humble acceptance of faith ('knowing that one is loved by God'), but has to arrive at the truth of charity ('knowing how to love God and neighbor'), which remains forever, as the fulfillment of all the virtues (cf. I Corinthians 13:13)" (2013 Lenten Message of the Holy Father, 4).

The life of faith begins at Baptism and is intimately connected to love. For the vast majority of Catholics, infant baptism is the norm. This I have always seen as a singular gift. My parents thought the faith was important enough to pass it on to me. They did not consider faith to be an option any more than they would have thought learning how to read or being part of the family an option. Being Christian for them and for many other loving parents is not "an ethical choice or a lofty idea." Parents love us into the faith. They know the faith is important. It is an essential. And why is it so essential? Because it is the loving embrace with our whole being of Jesus Christ. There are moments in this embrace when we can falter, grow lukewarm, perhaps even let go, but an embrace it is, a relationship that is first and foremost a response to the God who has first loved us (I John 4:10). Faith is a supernatural gift to us from God. We, in turn, must know who it is we are embracing. Here we find the content of faith.

Faith is an embrace of truth. For this reason it must be learned. Beginning with our parents but continuing with our family and teachers, there must be others who bring us to a deeper and greater understanding of what it is we believe. I have heard it said that love increases when we know more about the object of our love. This is so true. Our knowledge of the content of faith and our loving embrace of it go together. We learn this lesson better when someone lives it for us. We read the Sacred Scriptures, faithfully attend catechism classes and listen to instruction, but until we see the faith lived, we cannot imitate it, which is primarily how we learn. The content of faith and the expression of faith are always meant to be in union with each other. When we separate the content of faith from the expression of faith, we risk undermining both.

Every year I have the good fortune of reading the letters written by several hundred young men and women to be

confirmed in the diocese. They tell me why they want the Sacrament of Confirmation. Very often they write about a wonderful grandparent or a loving uncle or aunt or teacher who is an example to them of what it means to be a devout and practicing Catholic Christian. They speak with great affection, because that person embodies what it means to live a Christian life. That person is not only kind and compassionate but also filled with wisdom and an understanding of the faith. That wise and loving witness, anchored in the faith, listens patiently but also corrects gently. The young people notice the difference between this attitude and a more secular approach and, more importantly, want to know what the difference is and think the difference should matter. God bless these adults who give valuable witness to our young people of faith's content and expression. In this Year of Faith, may their number increase!

If faith is so vitally linked to love in the Sacrament of Baptism, then love vitally expresses faith in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Catholics love the Eucharist and should. Yet it is saddening to learn from some surveys how many Catholics do not understand fully what it is they receive in Holy Communion. This is a deficit that we, as priests, should address, just as we should the glaring lack of participation in the Sacrament of Penance, another sacrament of love. In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, however, we progress into a full communion of love that is fed by faith. I return to something I mentioned earlier: We love more when we understand the object of our love.

I ponder the statement of Jesus to the Samaritan woman at the well, often read on the Third Sunday of Lent. He says to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water" (John 4:10). If we knew the gift of God, then what would happen? If we knew better that Jesus gives himself entirely to us in the Eucharist as food for eternal life (John 6:51), then our desire for that gift would increase. If we knew what love God has shown us by sending His Son to die on a cross and to conquer death through the Resurrection, a mystery relived and made present in the Eucharistic sacrifice, then we might not see Mass as a routine but more as a gift of privileged love. If we knew better the gift of God, then we would regard the Eucharist with greater respect and neglect it less.

I remember when I was first taught, as a child, that Jesus was present in the Eucharist, Body, Soul, Blood and Divinity. I heard what He said in the Gospels, what St. Paul wrote about the Eucharist in First Corinthians, what the Church taught about it in the catechism, what my parents and teachers said about it, and I believed it. I believed it but found it difficult to grasp. How could this be? When I asked myself that question, I learned an important lesson. I learned that some of the most meaningful things in life could not be grasped perfectly or completely—a parent's love, friendship, life, death, and, in fact, anything of consequence for a human being. All of them were real, yet not easily defined

or comprehended. In the case of the Eucharist, it was experienced in the supreme and sublime mystery of the Mass. The Eucharistic Sacrifice was and remains for me the intimate encounter with the Divine. Just as a mother's meal revealed her love, a grandparent's death revealed mortality and friendship taught something about fidelity. So, also, the Mass revealed the summit of Divine expression.

Having taught the mystery of His flesh and blood as food and drink for eternal life (John 6:22-69), Jesus watched as the unbelieving crowd turned away. Obviously the crowd could not believe. But faith in this incomprehensible mystery was possible and St. Peter shows us how. "Master, to whom shall we go?" he said. "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:68-69). In this Year of Faith, may we grow to be more like St. Peter and less like the crowd!

Baptism and Eucharist are two supremely important sacraments. One begins initiation, the other fully celebrates it. Both manifest the dynamic of faith and love. Parents should take seriously the obligation to baptize their children and to insure that their children are brought up in the practice of the faith. All of us should take seriously the demands of our baptismal promises—to profess faith and renounce sin. And, finally, we must attend Mass faithfully on Sunday and Holy Days and receive our Eucharistic Lord.

On one final note, I am very concerned not only for those of you who do not attend Mass faithfully but also for those who cannot or do not receive Holy Communion. As I wrote last year in my Lenten Pastoral Letter, perhaps you need the Sacrament of Penance or are prevented from receiving the sacraments by certain circumstances in your lives. Be assured that God loves you and that we love you too. Pray for the grace of conversion. This is a grace that we all need continually. Also, when for whatever reason you cannot receive Holy Communion, you can make a "spiritual communion." When you do this, you open your hearts to God, admit your faults and the need for forgiveness, and express your deep desire to receive our Lord. God will hear your prayers and show you His love. I know this to be true.

To you, the faithful of the Diocese of Lake Charles, I extend my blessings for a holy Lent in this Year of Faith. May you listen well to the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ, put them into practice, live your faith, abide in love and remain faithful to the Church, who is the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 21:1-2, 9-10). Through the prayers of Mary, who is the model for that Church as Mother, may you grow in faith and love, as I remain

Devotedly yours in our Lord,

+Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

## LC native named Provost at Xavier



Dr. Loren Blanchard

NEW ORLEANS – Lake Charles native Dr. Loren Blanchard has been named the first Provost of Xavier University of Louisiana, effective July 1. Blanchard graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic School and St. Louis Catholic High School.

He will continue to serve as Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and serve as chief advisor to University President Norman C. Francis, providing leadership in establishing priorities and in collaborating with all organizational units to advance the mission and the continuing success of the institution. In the Provost's role, Blanchard will become the ranking Vice President who coordinates the work of the other University Vice Presidents.

Over the past five years, Blanchard has been Xavier's chief academic officer after previously serving in similar posts at the University of Louisiana System in Baton

Rouge, Louisiana and the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans for nearly seven years, total.

Blanchard holds a B.S. from Xavier in Speech Pathology; a M.Ed. in Educational Administration from McNeese State University; and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Georgia. His professional expertise centers on assessment and accreditation planning. He was largely instrumental in co-creating an electronic-based assessment system used by nearly every teacher education program in Louisiana for accreditation purposes. This system was later sold and is now commercially marketed.

## Three new seminary burses established

LAKE CHARLES – Three additional seminary burses have been established to aid the Diocese of Lake Charles in paying for the cost of the education of men studying for the priesthood. The number of burses now stands at 66 with a total of \$1,359,494.96 invested.

Burses were begun in the names of Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Evans as well as Kenneth and Marjorie Long. Another burse was established in the name of the late Father James A. Doyle, a priest of the Diocese, who died last December.

A seminary burse is a permanent fund set aside to pro-

vide income for the education and training of future priests. Only the interest earned on the investment of the funds is able to be used.

A further explanation of seminary burses can be found at on the website of the Diocese at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/522-diocecan-seminary-burses.html>.

At right is a complete listing of seminary burses of the Diocese. For more information, contribute to an existing burse, or establish a new burse in honor or memory of someone, contact Msgr. Daniel Torres at 337-439-7400, Ext. 220 or e-mail: [daniel.torres@lcdioocese.org](mailto:daniel.torres@lcdioocese.org).

## Rite of Election Sunday, Feb. 17

LAKE CHARLES – The Rite of Election, the recognition of God's choice to call catechumens for immediate initiation into the Church, will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, the First Sunday of Lent, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Most Reverend Glen John Provost will preside and meet the Catechumens and Candidates.

The rite closes the period of the Catechuminate, and begins the preparation for baptism at Easter. Catechumens who undergo this rite are called the "Elect" during the period of purification and enlightenment. This year there will be more than 200 catechumens and candidates.

Two elements are key to the Rite of Election: the inscription of the names of the Elect, and the testimony of godparents and catechists. Testimony occurs in the form of affirmation by the godpar-

ents and the assembly. After the catechumens are presented, the Bishop asks the godparents if they consider the candidates worthy for initiation. This question and answer presumes that some deliberation has taken place prior to this moment. The Rite of Election brings to a ritual moment the decision that these catechumens are ready for baptism.

The inscription is made in the Book of the Elect. The names recorded there are the names by which the Elect will be baptized. After the enrollment, the Bishop announces that the catechumens are members of the Elect. All offer prayers on their behalf.

Baptized candidates, preparing for full communion with the Church, are asked to participate in the rite of calling the candidates to continuing conversion. The candidates along with their sponsors are presented to the Bishop for recognition.

## Diocese of Lake Charles Seminary Burses

(As of February 5, 2013)

Msgr. Louis Boudreaux	\$ 6,982.50
Bishop Jeannard	\$ 9,276.69
Latrielle Houssiere	\$ 15,000.00
Charles Houssiere	\$ 15,000.00
Gelu Houssiere	\$ 15,000.00
Henry Houssiere	\$ 15,000.00
Msgr. William J. Teurlings	\$ 3,092.23
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Houssiere	\$ 15,000.00
Israel Hebert Family	\$ 15,000.00
Fr. Moise Hebert	\$ 2,231.66
Pro Ecclesia	\$ 5,203.55
Immaculate Conception	\$ 3,092.23
Saint Joseph	\$ 1,217.93
Lake Charles Seminary	\$ 15,000.00
Cure d' Ars	\$ 3,092.23
Mr. & Mrs. C. Delahoussaye	\$ 15,000.00
Msgr. Lerschen	\$ 1,203.35
Saint Theresa	\$ 5,356.71
Catholic Daughters of the Americas	\$ 1,666.46
Msgr. Louis Boudreaux	\$ 15,000.00
Herrington Family	\$ 15,000.00
Horvath Family	\$ 12,500.00
Harry Van Tiel Family	\$ 1,031.96
Habetz-Oustalet-Mitchell Families	\$ 5,000.00
Msgr. A. Van Buijtenen	\$ 5,218.00
Msgr. Jules Daigle	\$ 15,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Galip Jacobs/Sam Joseph	\$ 600.00
Msgr. Charles Levasseur	\$ 70,000.00
Plauche Family	\$ 4,000.00
Rev. Oscar S Vasquez-Munoz	\$ 1,429.00
Msgr. Bede Becnel	\$ 23,652.68
Jeffery Savant	\$ 2,435.00
Rev. Robert Lee Shreve	\$ 25,973.33
Bishop Jude Speyrer	\$ 4,000.00
Our Lady of the Snows/ CDA Court	\$ 20,200.00
Msgr. Curtis Vidrine	\$ 28,689.60
Msgr. Murphy Bernard	\$ 27,476.90
Rev. Alphonse M. Volpe	\$ 25,122.62
East Deanery Serra Club	\$ 550.00
Msgr. Charles Dubois	\$ 9,926.70
Msgr. Amos J. Vincent	\$ 34,723.21
Rev. Oris A. Broussard	\$ 27,810.66
Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc	\$ 160,127.43
Rev. John Giles	\$ 25,132.21
Rev. Maurice Martineau	\$ 27,087.40
Truman Stacey	\$ 10,382.09
Lorraine Yelverton	\$ 4,450.00
The Ordinario Family	\$ 50,000.00
Walter Henry/Agnes Stevenson Granger	\$ 40,000.00
Edward Thomas (Tom) Cassidy	\$ 2,000.00
Mitchell Duhon	\$ 252,984.14
Joe and Janet Stoma	\$ 6,250.00
Marion Bond Courrage	\$ 500.00
Bill Moriarity	\$ 50.00
Dr. and Mrs. David Buttross, Jr.	\$ 7,000.00
Blessed Pope John Paul II	\$ 1,500.00
Edgar and Penny Perkins	\$ 25,000.00
Angela and Frank Miller	\$ 6,500.00
Rev. Charles Soileau	\$ 42,173.35
Rev. T.L. Herlong/Sr. Pius Blanchard, MHS	\$ 5,290.00
John and Dinah Bradford	\$ 2,500.00
Dr. W. Gerry & Susan Hebert Family Burse	\$ 5,000.00
Ola Mae and F. M. Thornton	\$ 100,000.00
Kenneth and Marjorie Long	\$ 1,000.00
Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Evans	\$ 5,000.00
Rev. James A. Doyle	\$ 41,813.14

**Total \$1,359,494.96**

## March Prayer Intentions

Pope Benedict XVI

**General Intention:** Respect for Nature. That respect for nature may grow with the awareness that all creation is God's work entrusted to human responsibility.

**Missionary Intention:** Clergy. That bishops, priests, and deacons may be tireless messengers of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Bishop Glen John Provost

**For People Suffering Emotional Illness:** That they receive the care they need to live stable lives and grow in awareness of God's love for them.

## Did you know...

Bishop Sam G. Jacobs, a former priest of the Diocese of Lake Charles, and now the Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux will be 75 years old in May. Bishop Jacobs served as Bishop of Alexandria from 1989 to 2003. Three other Bishops who will be 75 this year are Bishop Robert Brom of San Diego; Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany, N.Y.; and Bishop Dale Melczek, Gary, Ind.

One of the four bishops holds quite a special distinction. Can you name him and that distinction? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

# Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

February 15, 2013

## Lake Charles pilgrims attend March for Life

(Read more at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/1224-lake-charles-pilgrims-attend-march-for-life.html>. See gallery of March for Life photos at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/resources/image-galleries/view/34.html>.)

WASHINGTON – A group of Catholic faithful from the Diocese of Lake Charles, 159 in number, joined the hundreds of thousands of other pro-life supporters last week on the 40th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States. This year's March for Life crowd was estimated by some sources at more than a half million people, up from last year's 400,000 plus group.

The Roe v Wade decision, handed down on Jan. 22, 1973, has been the cause of the abortion deaths of more than 55 million children – nearly the population of the states of California and New York combined. The annual protest draws throngs of people to sections of the National Mall and surrounding streets in the nation's capital to defend life.

The local group of pilgrims was organized by offices of Pro-Life and Youth and Young Adult Ministries of the Diocese, headed by Kathy Owen and Melissa Thibodeaux, respectively, both of whom made the six-day trip by bus. Representatives from many of the parishes of the Diocese also took part as did Father Nathan Long, Father Jacob S. Conner, Father Rommel Tolentino, and Father Jeffrey Starkovich. The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake

Charles, joined the pilgrims in Washington for the March as it moved through DC streets from the National Mall to the U.S. Supreme Court Building.

The coverage of the march by the national news media was once again limited or none at all. Much of the coverage came from individuals who used their social media accounts – Twitter and Facebook – to provide running dialogue and images of the event. Even these actions did nothing to move the various networks or print and electronic media to provide even minute coverage of the event. CNN did provide streaming video of the rally.

Bishop Provost, who also accompanied the pilgrims to last year's march, was moved by the participants.

"Much could be said and should be said about the March for Life," he said. "However, one occurrence of many I witnessed touched me deeply. Towards the end of the March, near the Supreme Court building, there was a group of women holding signs that read, 'I regret my abortion.' These women had had abortions, regretted the fact, and now witnessed to the value of life.

"People from the march would approach the women and embrace them," Bishop Provost continued. "This simple and inspiring gesture was a sign to us all of the power of life, forgiveness, and solidarity in the 'Pro-Life' movement."



Bishop Glen John Provost, left, leads a closing prayer in front of the Supreme Court Building for the Diocese of Lake Charles pilgrims at the end of the 2013 March for Life. Father Nathan Long and Father Jacob S. Conner join the Bishop as does Dr. Jay Alexius, right, a seminarian for the Diocese.



Father Ruben Buller speaks at the first session of the "Faith of Our Fathers" series at Saint Charles Center. At left are Father Whitney Miller, Center director, and Father Nathan Long, presenter. Also making a presentation, though not pictured, was Father Marcus Johnson. The series continues Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. Contact the Center at 337-855-1232 to register or go to [stcharlescenter.com](http://stcharlescenter.com).



Dan "Blade" Morrish, right, business manager for the Lake Charles Plots, presents the organization's annual gift of \$1,000 to Deacon Patrick Lapoint, director of the Diocese of Lake Charles Seafarers Center at the Port of Lake Charles. The funds are used to assist the Center with its Christmas gift bag program, which provides gift bags containing incidental items to seafarers during the Christmas season.

## Lenten Regulations

Every Catholic, even children and older adults, should participate in some way in the spiritual disciplines and penitential practices of Lent in order to go up to Jerusalem with Jesus. These are the regulations for the Church in the United States.

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal. Concerning the Good Friday fast, the Second Vatican Council teaches: "let the Easter fast be kept sacred. let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with a clear and uplifted mind."
- The other Fridays of the season of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. But Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health.
- The Fridays of the year outside of Lent are also days of penance. Abstaining from meat is the traditional way of observing these days of penance. However, each person is free to replace the traditional abstinence from meat with some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance. It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form

of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood meal is not in keeping with the spirit of Lent. Abstaining from meat may be replaced on Fridays during the year with abstaining from some other food. It may also be replaced with time spent reading and studying the Scriptures, special prayers, such as the rosary or visits to the Blessed Sacrament acts of thoughtfulness and charity to those in need, or acts of personal witness to ones faith, such as teaching a religion class or speaking out on the sinfulness of abortion, euthanasia, racism, and other social evils.

- While the season of Lent is the primary period of Catholic penitential practices, these regulations are not intended to limit the occasions for Christian penance. The practice of spiritual discipline is always appropriate during periods of special need for the individual and the larger community.

The Catholic faithful should be reminded of the teaching of Pope Paul VI concerning the seriousness of being faithful to Lenten disciplines. He said that the obligation to follow these disciplines in solidarity with the Church is a serious one. However, Catholics should not become scrupulous in this regard. Failure to observe individual days of penance is not considered a serious matter. However, the faithful should look for ways to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed and works of religion and charity on the Fridays outside Lent, should be considered a minimal response to the call of Jesus to go up to Jerusalem with Him in order that we might experience true Christian conversion in our lives.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Forty Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament

SULPHUR – Forty hours devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Lake Charles, will be held in St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church in Carlyss from Monday, Feb. 18 to Friday, Feb. 22 and also at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Maplewood from Monday, Feb. 25 to Thursday, Feb. 28.

Contact each church for specific times of devotion.

### Catholicism series set at Cathedral

LAKE CHARLES – The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will begin the *Catholicism* Faith Formation Program next week.

Using Father Robert Barron's acclaimed video series, sessions will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on the Mondays of Feb. 18 and 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25; and April 8, 15, 22, and 29.

Evening sessions are slated from 6 to 7 p.m. on the Tuesdays of Feb. 19 and 26; March 5, 12, and 19; April 9, 16, 23 and 30; and May 7.

Ave Maria Hall in the Cathedral Office Complex at the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets will be the site. Cost of registration is \$20, which covers the workbook. Call 337-436-7251 to register.

### OLI School Dinner Auction

JENNINGS – Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School's annual dinner auction, sponsored by Jeff Davis Bank, is set for Saturday, Feb. 23, in the Grand Marais Ballroom, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Call 337-824-1743 for more information and to purchase tickets.

### 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, are available from 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).

### St. Theodore Altar Society Gumbo Feb. 24

MOSS BLUFF – The St. Theodore Catholic Church Altar Society will hold its 29th annual chicken and sausage gumbo on Sunday, Feb. 24, in the activity center from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be cakewalks, dancing, a country store, and a Rada cutlery sale. Gumbo is \$6 per serving.

Call Linda Mathis at 337-855-2367 or the church office at 337-855-6662 for tickets or more information.

### March Prayer Breakfast, Luncheon dates

LAKE CHARLES – The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is set for Friday, March 1 and the Women's Prayer Luncheon is Tuesday, March 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 a.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.

### Vocaré set Sunday, March 17

LAKE CHARLES – Men seeking to understand God's call in their lives are invited to attend Vocaré at Vianney House, the diocesan house of discernment, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 17.

Vianney House is located at the corner of Ninth and Bank

streets.

Call Father Nathan Long at 337-439-7400 for more information about the priesthood and Vocaré.

### Dates for Poland pilgrimage

LAKE CHARLES – The nine-day pilgrimage to Poland and Czech Republic will take place 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.

### Cathedral Altar Society Bus Trip April 24

LAKE CHARLES – The Altar Society of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is sponsoring a bus trip to New Orleans on Wednesday, April 24.

Stops will include Longue Vue House and Gardens, lunch at Mandina's Restaurant, the sculpture garden at the New Orleans Museum of Art, the Pope John Paul II Exhibit, and a visit to the Morning Call Coffee Stand in City Park.

Cost is \$130 per person and reservations can be made by calling Karen Fills at 337-625-8436.

### Live Stations of the Cross at Consolata

LAKE CHARLES – A performance of the live Stations of the Cross will be held at 3 p.m., on Palm Sunday, March 24, at Consolata Cemetery.

Charles McNeely, head of the Theater Department at McNeese State University, will direct the production. Those interested in being a part of the performance should contact McNeely at the Theater Department or call Gayle Marshall at 337-477-5372.