



Saint Charles Center Memorial Courtyard project now underway

(Read more at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/1244-saint-charles-center-memorial-courtyard-project-begins.html>)

MOSS BLUFF – The Saint Charles Center Memorial Courtyard project has begun, according to Rev. Whitney Miller, director of Saint Charles Center.

The Courtyard will be named in memory of A.J.M. “Bubba” and Lena Mae Oustalet, the patriarch and matriarch of a family whose generous support has been of great importance to Saint Charles Center. The fountain feature of the project will be dedicated to honor the memory of Peggy Chapman Oustalet, the late wife of Rick Oustalet.

The Oustalet family was a major contributor to the original capital campaign that allowed the facility to be built and later gifts made construction of the Marshwalk from the south side of Tabor Retreat House to the West Fork of the Calcasieu River a reality.

Other individual donors can join in the prayerful practice of honoring the memory of a loved one by purchasing a brick in this courtyard space, located in the very heart and center of the Tabor Retreat House. Two sizes of bricks are available – 4 inches by 4 inches and 8 inches by 8 inches. Each brick will be

engraved with the name of your choice, either your own family’s name or in honor of or in memory of a loved one or friend or favored priest or religious. This will be a lasting legacy, showing your support of a project that will provide peace and comfort for many generations.

The 4x8 brick is available for a \$100 donation and provides three lines of type with a maximum of 60 characters, 20 per line including spaces. A donation of \$250 allows the donor an 8x8 brick, with six lines of type and a maximum of 120 characters, 20 per line including spaces. Outright donations for the project will be gladly accepted, according to Father Miller.

“The success of this unique opportunity will assure the adequate funding for the needs of the Center into the future, as well as enriching the aesthetic appeal of our courtyard for our many guests and retreatants who will benefit from your thoughtfulness and kindness in this generation and into the next,” Father Miller said.

For information call 337-855-1232 or to make a credit card contribution online go to stcharlescenter.com or at lcdioocese.org – click the Support the Diocese button.



Diocese of LC says farewell to Pope Benedict XVI

(Read more at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/1242-diocese-of-lake-charles-says-farewell-to-pope-benedict-xvi.html>)

LAKE CHARLES – Some 200 people joined Bishop Glen John Provost as he celebrated Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, giving thanks to Almighty God for the ministry of Pope Benedict XVI on

Thursday concluding at nearly the final moment of his papacy - 1 p.m.

Benedict XVI, now the Pontiff Emeritus, left the Vatican by helicopter at 10 a.m. (5 p.m. in Rome) for Castel Gandolfo, the papal summer residence. The bells of Catholic churches in the Diocese of Lake Charles rang out at 1 p.m. to honor Benedict XVI and also signified the reign

of the 265th Pope had ended and the Chair of Peter was vacant.

In his homily, which can be viewed in its entirety at Mass of Thanksgiving for His Holiness Benedict XVI, Pontiff Emeritus, Bishop Provost noted he as a priest he had felt an affinity to Pope Paul VI, who ordained him in 1975, and that the same is true of “a bishop and the pope who ap-

pointed him. We are human beings after all and should and must acknowledge our attachments. For myself I must confess mixed feelings. I know history. I know what our Church law says. Others have resigned in the past, though it is rare. The law allows for it. But I am saddened at his departure. Pope Benedict XVI appointed me Bishop of Lake Charles. That in itself is a mystery to me, but there it is. I accepted it as the will of God, because the Vicar of Christ had willed it. He had personally signed the document appointing me, something not always done by past pontiffs. I saw it as a special link between him and me, not just with the office of St. Peter but with the person of Benedict XVI. There was a personal dimension to it. I felt it then. I feel it now.”

Before his appointment to Lake Charles, Bishop Provost said he had never met the Holy Father, though he had read a great deal of what he wrote as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.

“As an old student of literature, I knew that someone’s writing always reveals something of himself. The books of Joseph Ratzinger were a mirror into his life of faith. I liked his lucid thought, his clear explanations of complex ideas, and his ability to articulate the mysteries of the faith in modern language. In an age where many are not sure what they believe and run after the latest craze or opinion, when Cardinal Ratzinger wrote or Pope Benedict XVI spoke you knew that you were getting the “straight story.” There was nothing of self-interest, no posturing, and no hidden agenda.”



Bishop Glen John Provost, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, and Father Derek Covert stand in the Library of the Holy Father during the ad limina visit of Bishop Provost in January 2012.



Students from each of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles stand with Bishop Glen John Provost during Catholic Schools Week. The group is pictured in front of the statue of St. Peter Claver, located at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. St. Peter Claver is the patron saint of the Diocese. Students pictured are, front row, Ava Hooper of St. Theodore’s Holy Family; Julia Fontenot, Our Lady Queen of Heaven; Cody Lyons, Our Lady Immaculate; Margaret Lie, St. Louis Catholic High School; and Savannah Mere, Our Lady’s School. In the second row are Emma Freeman of St. Margaret of Scotland and Caroline Obluda of Immaculate Conception Cathedral School. Standing with Bishop Provost are Thomas Vogel, left, and Grant Reddoch, right, both of St. Louis Catholic.

Diocesan seminarian reporting from Rome

ROME -- Diocese of Lake Charles seminarian Ruben Villarreal, a parishioner of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Raymond and a Second Year Theology student at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, will serve as the eyes and ears of the Diocese in the Eternal City during the inter-

regnum, the time between the end of Pope Benedict XVI’s papacy and the beginning of the reign of the 266th Successor of St. Peter

His timely and regular reports will be posted on the diocesan website, lcdioocese.org, under the title Rome Reports. Check out his latest posting!

Blessed John Paul II exhibit

NEW ORLEANS – The Archdiocese of New Orleans, in association with the Museum of Biblical Art in Dallas, will host “Portrait of Faith: John Paul II in Life & Art,” today, March 8 through June 16 at the New Orleans Museum

of Art. The exhibit, which will include personal items of Blessed John Paul II, never-before-seen photographs of his historic 1987 visit to New Orleans and sacred artwork from three contemporary

artists, has been designed to reach people of all faiths on many different levels.

For information, call toll free 1-866-608-4799, visit www.JPIIinNOLA.com or email Vitter@archdiocese-no.org.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Pro-life program at St. Theodore

MOSS BLUFF -- St. Theodore Catholic Church will host a special pro-life presentation at 6 p.m. Monday, March 25, with pro-life author Chad Judice.

Judice will share testimony based on his books, *Waiting for Eli: A Father’s Journey from Fear to Faith and Eli’s Reach*. The powerful pro-life, pro-love story chronicles a father’s journey of uncertainty and fears after ultrasounds reveal that his son would be born with the birth defect spina bifida.

Catholicism series continues at Cathedral

LAKE CHARLES – The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception continues its Faith Formation Program based on Father Robert Barron’s acclaimed video series, *Catholicism*.

Remaining sessions from 10 to 11 a.m. are on the Mondays of March 11, 18, 25; and April 8, 15, 22, and 29.

Evening sessions are from 6 to 7 p.m. on the Tuesdays of March 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.

St. Joseph Table set in LeBleu Settlement

LEBLEU SETTLEMENT – St. Joseph Catholic Chapel will host its annual St. Joseph Table on Sunday, March 17, begin-

ning at noon in the church located at 2110 Claude Hebert Road.

The Rev. Archimandrite Herbert May, pastor of Our Lady of Seven Dolours Catholic Church in Welsh, will speak on the history of the St. Joseph Table.

Prayer breakfast and luncheon dates

LAKE CHARLES – The next Men’s Prayer Breakfast is set for Friday, April 5 and the Women’s Prayer Luncheon is Wednesday, April 10, 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 \$15, 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 March 17 at Vianney House

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.

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.

Principal applicants being sought

LAKE CHARLES -- St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School is conducting a principal search for the 2013-2014 school year. Qualified candidates must be Catholic and hold a Master’s degree.

Experience in Catholic education is preferred. Direct application, resume, with references, and academic credentials to Kimberlee Gazzolo, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, 1112 Bilbo St. 70601. Qualified candidates may apply until March 12, 2013.



75th Anniversary for St. Joseph in DeRidder

(Read more at <http://live.lediocese.org/news/1247-75th-anniversary-for-st-joseph-in-deridder.html>)

DERIDDER - Bishop Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will be the celebrant of the 11:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, March 17, honoring the 75th anniversary of the establishment of St. Joseph Parish, which occupies the northwest corner of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Father Jude Brunnert, M.S., pastor, will concelebrate the liturgy.

Following the liturgy, a reception, which will feature the St. Joseph Table, is set for the St. Joseph Council 3857 Knights of Columbus

Hall.

St. Joseph is the geographically largest of the diocese's 38 parishes, occupying all of Beauregard Parish, except for the southern community of Ragley. The parish consists of about 550 families.

A large Catholic presence in the area was not seen until the development of the timber industry at the turn of the 20th century when Italian, Lebanese, Albanian and Syrian immigrants were brought in or came on their own to work the sawmills of the community. The nearest priests at the time were in Lake Charles or Alexandria and these Catholic families,

following their age-old practices, would gather in different homes on Sunday to pray the Rosary and read the Catechism.

The first priests to visit came by horseback or buggy, usually arriving in the evening, and staying overnight and celebrating Mass in one of the homes the next morning, and then spending the remainder of the day baptizing infants, validating marriages, and administering the other sacraments as needed.

Reverend Hubert Cramers, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Lake Charles, was one of those

who made periodic trips to DeRidder. It was through his influence that the Reverend Vincent Ciolino was sent by the Archdiocese of New Orleans for the spiritual care of Italian and Albanian Catholics, while a Father Joseph, visiting from Lebanon, agreed to assist with the Lebanese and Syrian Catholics.

In 1917, the famous Chapel Car of the Catholic Church Extension Society, visited DeRidder. The Pullman sleeper car had had its seats or beds removed and replaced with pews. One sleeping compartment was reserved for a priest, who usually traveled with the car.



Bishop Provost will preside at Sacred Triduum

LAKE CHARLES - The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will celebrate the Sacred Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil - on March 28-30 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. On Palm Sunday, March 24, the Bishop will bless the palms in the Courtyard of the Cathedral before the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Rev. Nathan Long, Secretary for the Ministry of Christian Formation, will be the homilist for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

The Bishop will be the celebrant of the Chrism Mass at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27 in the Cathedral. This annual Mass, which has been celebrated in Church for over 1,000 years, marks the ceremonial blessing of the

Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the consecration of the Oil of Chrism.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7 p.m. on Holy Thursday, March 28. The Bishop will wash the feet of 12 members of the laity in commemoration of Christ's washing the feet of His Apostles.

The celebration of the

Lord's Passion will take place at 3 p.m. on Good Friday, March 29. The service begins with the Liturgy of the Word, followed by Veneration of the Cross, with the faithful recognizing the Cross of Christ as the only hope of salvation. The celebration concludes with Holy Communion and the congregation leaves the Cathedral

in silence.

The Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30, begins at 8 p.m. in the Cathedral. On Easter Sunday, March 31, Bishop Provost will celebrate the 9 a.m. Mass at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church.

Mass times for Easter Sunday, March 31, in the Cathedral are 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Liturgies in the Extraordinary Form

LAKE CHARLES - The celebration of the Extraordinary Form of the Liturgy moves to 5 p.m. today, March 10, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, due to the change to Daylight Saving Time. The Mass will return to its 3 p.m. starting time in No-

vember when Daylight Saving Time ends.

For Holy Week 2013, the celebration of the Sacred Triduum, according to the 1962 Roman Missal in Latin, will be held in St. Joseph Chapel in LeBleu Settlement.

Father Jacob S. Conner

will be the celebrant on Holy Thursday at 6 p.m.; on Good Friday, March 29, at 3 p.m. and at 11 p.m. for the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30.

Father Bryan Thompson will celebrate Easter Sunday, March 31, in the Cathedral, at 5 p.m.

Margaret Lie named National Merit finalist

LAKE CHARLES -- Margaret Lie, a St. Louis Catholic High School senior, has been named a 2012 National Merit Finalist and will be considered for some 8,300 Merit Scholarship Awards, worth more than \$36 million, to be offered in 2013.

She is the only public or private school student earning such recognition this year in Calcasieu Parish.

The National Merit Scholarship program (NMSC) is a nationwide competition, the largest of its kind and is privately financed. The purpose is to seek and recognize academically talented high

school students. Recognition is based on the scores made on the PSAT test, which is taken in the junior year.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Program. Scholarships awarded through the program are underwritten by NMSC's own funds and by approximately 500 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

Lie attends serves as Student Council senator, a position she has held for four years. In addition, she is president of National Honor Society, vice president of the band, and varsity captain of Quiz Bowl. She accompanies the church choir on the violin and is an altar server. She also volunteers at a local hospital and community clinic and is a People to People Ambassador to Europe. She is an accomplished musician and studies ballet. She plans to study biochemistry at Rice University while remaining involved in student government.



Margaret Lie

Prayer for the Church

NEW HAVEN, Conn. - The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus is asking Catholics worldwide to pray for His Holiness Benedict XVI, Pontiff Emeritus, the Church, and the election of a new Pope.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted that the Knights are asking that until a new pope is elected, that all pledge to say this prayer daily and to encourage their friends and families to do the same. The prayer, which follows, was written by His Excellency, The Most Reverend William Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus.

*O Lord Jesus Christ, Supreme Pastor of Your Church,
we thank you for the ministry of Pope Benedict XVI*

and the selfless care with which he has led us as Successor of Peter, and Your Vicar on earth.

*Good Shepherd, who founded Your Church on the rock of Peter's faith
and have never left Your flock untended,
look with love upon us now,
and sustain Your Church in faith, hope, and charity.*

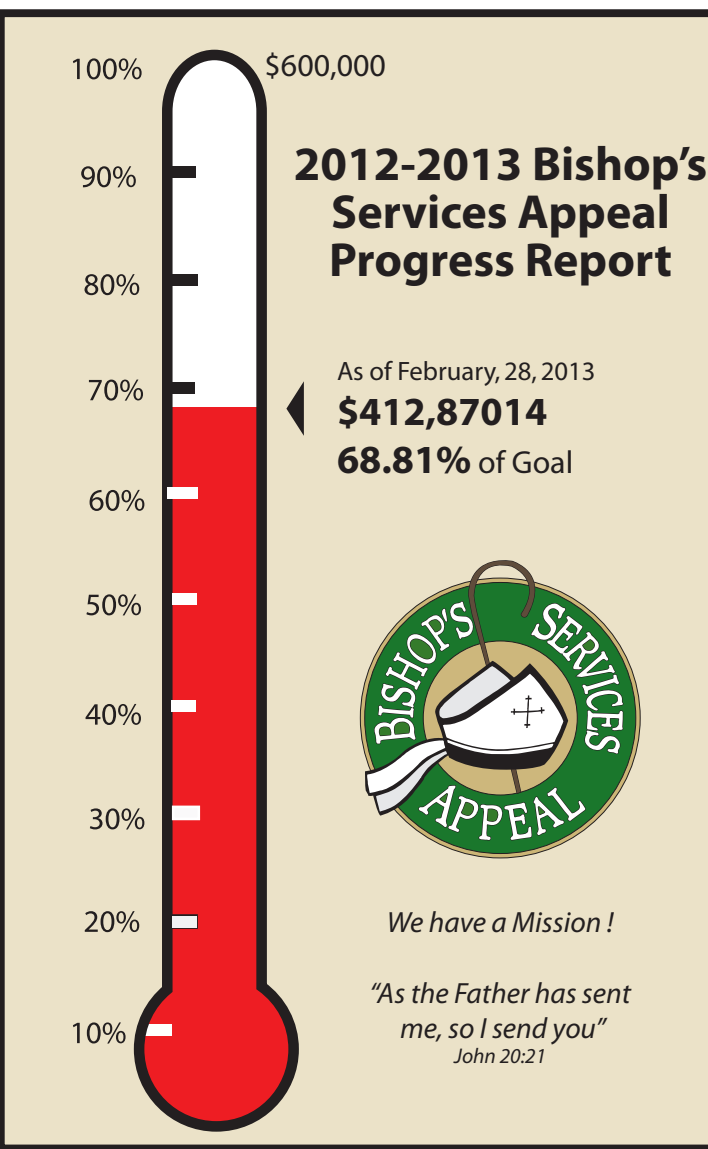
*Grant, Lord Jesus, in Your boundless love for us,
a new Pope for Your Church
who will please You by his holiness
and lead us faithfully to You,
who are the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

Amen.

Did you know...

Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany, N.Y. will celebrate the 75th anniversary of his birth on Oct. 31. He is the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Albany and holds the distinction of the being the longest serving U.S. Bishop - 36 years - and the last Bishop in the U.S. appointed by Pope Paul VI on Feb. 2, 1977.

In the past, when a Pope was believed to have died the confirmation of that fact was achieved in a special manner. Do you know how it was done? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.



The next Catholic Calendar will be published on Good Friday, March 29. Office hours for the Diocese of Lake Charles for Holy Week March 25-29 are Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Holy Thursday and Good Friday (March 28 and 29- closed - as well as Easter Monday, April 1. Regular office hours resume on Tuesday, April 2.

Catholic Schools Notes

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic

St. Margaret was recently named Best of Schools in the Junior Division at the Louisiana Region V Science & Engineering Fair. Fifteen students with projects placed at the fair and five will advance to the State competition. New Family registration is ongoing for Pre-K thru 8th grade. Call the office at 436-7959 for more information

Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School

Bishop Provost visited ICCS on Wednesday, Feb 20. He captivated students with stories of his life in the Church and entertained them by playing the piano. The second graders asked him questions about making the sacrament of first Eucharist and older students had questions about the retirement of the Pope. His love of history was apparent as he thoughtfully examined each entry in the 7th grade Social Studies Fair. Five of 10 recipients of the Eagles Scout award at Troop 5's recent ceremony were from ICCS, including current students Will Clements, Ethan Johnson and Patrick Lavergne and former students Chase LeBeau and Blake Sockrider

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School

This year's OLI Students of the Year were fifth grader C.J. Thibodeaux and 8th grader Nicholas Cassidy. The committees, donors, and bidders at the recent All-Star Auction

helped raise money directly benefitting the school and allows students to continue receiving Catholic education. A Way of the Cross presentation will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20 in the school gym. All are invited to be there to remember the final hours of Jesus' life.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School

OLQH School will celebrate its "Celebration of Family and Friends Weekend!" on Thursday, March 14, 5:30 until 7 p.m. with Family Night Bingo, including Jambalaya, Bingo and Prizes with no admission charge in the FLCC Gym; on Friday, March 15 at the Lake Charles Country Club for the OLQHS Golf Classic 11 a.m. Registration; noon, Shotgun Start. Call the school for registration form or see online at www.olqhs.org; on Saturday, March 16, the Spring Fling Party Poolside at the Home of J. and Allyson Trappey, 3799 Bayouwood Drive, \$25 per person, \$40 per couple.

Our Lady's Catholic School

Our Lady's School in Sulphur is currently accepting 2013-14 school year applications for grades PK-3, 4th grade, and 6th thru 8th grade. The Pre-K 3 program is now eligible for multifamily discounts and is less expensive than most day care programs! For more information, contact the school office at 337-527-7828 or go to the website - www.olcs.org.

St. Louis Catholic High School

The boys St. Louis Soccer team captured its fourth straight District II State Championship and Will Solari was named Most Outstanding Player. SLCHS wrestlers winning State Championships were Louis Stutes, Rue Stevens and Conway LeBleu. Other wrestlers placing in the state competition included Andrew Pousson (3rd), Robbie McPherson (4th), Andrew Courville (5th) and Grant Camara (6th). All-State Indoor Track and Field honors were grabbed by Rhea Thompson, State Champion in the Shot Put. The Girls Relay Team of Hannah Jackson, Brianna Soram, Shondalyn Jasmine, and Drew Chatters placed 3rd in the 4x200m Relay and 2nd in the 4x400m Relay and Brianna Soram placed 2nd in the 400m Dash.

St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School

St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School Garden & Food Festival 2013 Market begins today Friday, March 8 and continues through the weekend - Saturday, March 9 and Sunday, March 10. Fun includes a crawfish boil, rides, games, food and more. Call the school office for more information at 855-9465. Holy Family School is now accepting applications for the Nonpublic School's Early Childhood Development Program (NSECD). If you or someone you know has a four-year-old, you can enroll for a chance at free tuition for Pre-kindergarten.