



April 12, 2013
Friday

My dear People of God,

Greetings in this Year of Faith to all who are stewards of God's creation!

With the passage of another fiscal year, I am pleased to present for your review and information the financial statement of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Prepared according to accepted accounting principles, the audit is the work of an independent accounting firm. The statement that accompanies this letter details a general overview of our financial position and activities. If you would desire greater detail or have any questions, a complete audit is available from the Office of Administration of the Diocese (439-7400).

I would wish to call to your attention that this financial statement does not include the financial operations of the individual parishes within the Diocese. Each pastor is responsible to report in his parish bulletin the financial statement of his parish.

As I have done on each of my parish visitations and annually at this time, I want to thank you most sincerely for your support of the Bishop's Services Appeal. Our charities and ministries depend upon your generosity to the Appeal. Without your help, a great deal of good work would not be accomplished.

In this Year of Faith, I give thanks to our Heavenly Father for your faith and perseverance. In the words of St. Paul, "We ought to thank God always for you, ...because your faith flourishes ever more, and the love of every one of you for one another grows ever greater" (II Thessalonians 1:3). Stewardship is an act of faith, faith that God in all His loving Providence will provide for our every need. May God continue to support and strengthen you!

I offer you my gratitude and blessings, as I remain

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

+Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

THE SOCIETY OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES

Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2012
(With comparative totals as of June 30, 2011)

	2012	2011
Assets:		
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 7,779,442	\$ 9,511,624
Investments and securities	876,883	910,357
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$0	140,616	120,021
Accrued interest receivable	-	-
Grants and contributions receivable in less than one year, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$0	297,047	149,358
Loans receivable	110,490	128,066
Cash value of life insurance policies	678,005	669,717
Prepaid insurance and other expenses	686,015	243,177
Property, equipment, and improvements, net	8,020,236	8,010,030
Investments pledged as collateral	100,000	100,000
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	1,899,854	1,575,036
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 20,588,388	\$ 21,417,386
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 789,845	\$ 496,623
National collections and other payables	170,024	154,343
Insurance proceeds payable to parishes	116,208	686,823
Reserve for insurance claims	158,081	217,363
Contributions payable	1,205,116	785,605
Deferred Revenue	23,350	26,975
Total liabilities	\$ 2,462,624	\$ 2,367,732
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	\$ 7,230,866	\$ 7,102,615
Designated for specific purposes	6,978,517	7,089,247
Total unrestricted net assets	14,209,383	14,191,862
Temporarily restricted	2,390,224	3,274,372
Permanently restricted	1,526,157	1,583,420
Total net assets	\$ 18,125,764	\$ 19,049,654
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 20,588,388	\$ 21,417,386

Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2012
(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2011)

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2012 Totals	2011 Totals
Support and Revenue:					
Parochial tithe	\$ 2,344,561	-	-	2,344,561	2,278,921
Diocesan assessments	5,213,459	137,400	-	5,350,899	5,323,290
Diocesan appeals	68,404	168,896	-	237,300	229,139
Contributions and bequests	119,600	507,876	-	627,476	269,748
Grants	40,379	547,166	-	587,545	613,725
Investment income	64,382	456,766	(57,262)	463,886	291,757
Loss from impairment of property value	(8,685)	-	-	(8,685)	-
Special programs and other revenues	830,387	-	-	830,387	686,754
Net assets released from restrictions	2,702,290	(2,702,290)	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 11,374,777	\$ (884,146)	\$ (57,262)	\$ 10,433,369	\$ 9,693,334
Expenses:					
Program expenses					
Clergy life	768,699	-	-	768,699	726,819
Christian formation	1,987,051	-	-	1,987,051	1,909,031
Pastoral services	2,821,297	-	-	2,821,297	2,355,871
Health care and casualty insurance	4,742,136	-	-	4,742,136	4,551,032
Supporting Services					
General administration	931,126	-	-	931,126	948,425
Fund raising	106,948	-	-	106,948	84,641
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 11,357,256	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,357,256	\$ 10,575,819
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ 17,251	\$ (884,146)	\$ (57,262)	\$ (923,887)	\$ (882,485)
Net assets beginning of year	14,191,862	3,274,370	1,583,419	19,049,651	19,932,139
Net assets, end of year	\$ 14,209,383	\$ 2,390,224	\$ 1,526,157	\$ 18,125,764	\$ 19,049,654

Ruben Villarreal instituted as acolyte

ROME - Ruben Villarreal, a seminarian for the Diocese of Lake Charles and a second year theological student at the Pontifical North American College, was among 62 seminarians instituted to the ministry of acolyte during a celebration of the Eucharist recently. Villarreal is a parishioner of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Raymond.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph A. Di Noia, O.P., vice president of the Pontifical Commission Ecclesia Dei, celebrated the Mass and instituted the new acolytes. Among the concelebrants of the Mass were nine Cardinals from the United States.

Handing to each seminarian the gold paten used in the celebration of the Eucharist, Archbishop Di Noia said, "Take this vessel of bread for the celebration of the Eucharist. Make your lives worthy of your service at the table of the Lord and of his Church."

In his homily, Archbishop Di Noia explained that through their institution the Church has given the new acolytes the responsibility to assist priests and deacons in carrying out their ministry, and as special ministers to give Holy Communion to the faithful at Mass and to the sick.

Archbishop Di Noia exhorted the newly instituted acolytes to "strive to live more fully by the Lord's sacrifice and to be conformed ever more perfectly to Christ himself." His Excellency encouraged the newly instituted acolytes to "strive to understand the deep spiritual meaning of what you do, so that you may offer yourselves daily to God as spiritual sacrifices acceptable to him through Jesus Christ".

These seminarians have now received both the ministry of lector and acolyte in anticipation of their diaconal, and then priestly, ordination. As the rite indicates, an acolyte is charged with assisting at the celebration of the Eucharist, purifying the sacred vessels and, when needed, to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion.



Ruben Villarreal, right, is instituted into the ministry of acolyte by Archbishop Joseph A. Di Noia during a liturgy at the Pontifical North American College. Being an acolyte, Villarreal now has the responsibility to assist priests and deacons in carrying out their ministry, and as special ministers to give Holy Communion to the faithful at Mass and to the sick. (Photo by Christopher Brashears)

Did you know...

Currently, several areas of Beauregard Parish are within in the canonical boundaries of Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church in DeQuincy. The parish boundary to the north goes past the former site of the C. Paul Phelps Correctional Center and on the east to take in St. Pius X Chapel in Ragley. St. Pius X, though canonically a part of Our Lady of LaSalette, is under the pastoral care of St. Theodore Catholic Church in Moss Bluff.

There will be three special priestly ordination anniversaries during 2013. Do you know the clergy who will be thus honored? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.



The Doctor and the Priest

By Jay Alexius, M.D.

Before entering seminary, I practiced as a physician in the emergency room after completing my residency at Charity Hospital in New Orleans in 1997. Through these years it was obvious to me that there is a comradeship between the physician and the Catholic Priest. Both study human suffering and consider how suffering may be laid to rest. Both devote many years to the study of human happiness and of human despair. Both study human health and human illness. Both are proactive in keeping man happy and whole, striving to discern how to diagnose and treat of the various misfortunes that man encounters. The domain of their treatments does not end at what happens to man but involves what man brings on himself as well. It is the entire human in all of his joys and failures which the physician and the priest build their life around.

Both are given access to the most hidden and mysterious parts of human life. Both draw from a hidden part of his own self wherein he deemphasizes his desires and enters, as far as possible, into the life of his patient and the soul in his charge. As such, both experience a fatigue unknown to many. It is a fatigue born of living long periods "outside" of the self, attempting to unite with another in his milieu of pain or joy or upkeep.

Both the physician and the priest, at some point, experience their limitations. They both experience failure and both are faced with the reality that they are not here as the exemplar of physicians or the exemplar itself of the priest but are here to play only a part. Their part. Limited, finite and only varyingly successful but nonetheless vitally important to all of humanity. To use philosophical language, they both participate in a special way the expressions of God's love.

When the passing pleasures of life dissolve in the presence of tragedy, death or illness, it is these two who are sought. Both are called to stave off tragedy and both are called to make sense of tragedy completed. When the soldier is rushing to his death in battle it is these two who accompany him. When the person presents after being ravaged by the effects

of a single sin or many, it is to the physician and the priest that he presents himself to for healing, for advice, for forgiveness, for more, for knowledge, for something else.

For all of these reasons, the shared bond between priest and physician is considerable. Holy Scripture exalts the physician in the Book of Sirach saying, "And give the physician his place, for the Lord created him; let him not leave you," (Sir 38:12) Sirach even considers that the physician shall pray and be a refuge for sinners when he writes "There is a time when success lies in the hands of physicians, for they too will pray to the Lord that he should grant them success in diagnosis and in healing, for the sake of preserving life. He who sins before his Maker, may he fall into the care of a physician." (Sir 38:13-15)

Perhaps these parallels are obvious with but a moment of reflection. But it is here that the waters between the physician and the priest part. Here the comparisons stop and the path narrows for only one traveler. Now only one continues on alone, treading slowly, pensively and deliberately into reaches where the physician may not go. There comes a point when the physician is no longer a physician but only another human who happens to know the art of medicine. In this state it is the physician who seeks the priest. He seeks the priest not as a comrade but as his priest who is never only a human who happens to be a priest but a human whose soul is ontologically changed, forever, as the soul of one who is a priest. Quietly, without adulation, the priest continues on in these moments when he knows that he is indeed, but for one other, alone. But for the hand of his Master, Jesus, holding his arm, the priest is alone in his being, conformed to His master who quietly accompanies him in lock-step through all of his journeys and in all of his house calls.

(Editor's Note: Jay Alexius is a seminarian of the Diocese of Lake Charles and a second year theology student at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, the second oldest Catholic university in the United States. The above piece, which appeared in the Mount St. Mary's newsletter, is reprinted here with permission.)



Jay Alexius, M.D.

Mark Your Calendars!

Among the many important dates and events in the Diocese of Lake Charles during 2013, a number of them hold greater significance. Please mark your calendars and make plans to be a part of these special times.

Transitional Diaconate Ordination: Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m. in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church for seminarian Matthew Cormier.

Jazz Brunch: Sunday, June 9 at the Lake Charles Country Club. Proceeds benefit the work of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana.

Crowning of Our Lady: Thursday, August 22, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Glen John Provost will be joined by His Excellency, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, the Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy Father to the United States of America. The Bishop will crown the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Cathedral in the name and authority of the Holy Father.

Bishop's Golf Classic: Friday, October 4 at the Lake Charles Country Club. Morning and afternoon rounds. Proceeds benefit the Clergy Retirement Fund and the Seminarian Vocation Fund.

Bishop's Gala: Saturday, December 14 in the Lake Charles Civic Center. Proceeds benefit the Office of Communications' efforts of evangelizing the Catholic faith in the Diocese through its print, electronic, and television ministries.

50th anniversary for Fr. Brunnert

DEQUINCY – Rev. Edward John Brunnert, M.S., a priest of the LaSalette Missionaries and pastor of Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood at the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 14.

Bishop Glen John Provost sent his personal greetings to Father Brunnert, expressing his appreciation to God for having bestowed on Father Brunnert, a fruitful priestly ministry that had served the Church and its faithful so well over 50 years. The Bishop also thanked Father Brunnert for his dedicated and tireless service to the Church. "All of us are so blessed to have Father Brunnert serving in our diocese," Bishop Provost said.

Father Brunnert, a native of St. Louis, Mo. and the fourth of five children, was educated in Catholic grammar and high schools.

"My formation for the priesthood began with the nine grade at Our Lady of LaSalette High School Seminary in Jefferson City, Missouri," Father Brunnert said. "It continued at Altamont, New York, for two years of college, at Bloomfield, Connecticut, for Novitiate at Ipswich, Massachusetts for two years of philosophy and one year of theology.

"My last four years of theology were in Rome at the Angelicum University, which was taught by the Dominicans," he continued.



Fr. Edward Brunnert, M.S.

Father Brunnert graduated from the Angelicum in 1964 with a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) and was ordained April 15, 1963, at Our Lady of LaSalette Church in Rome. He holds an Associates of Arts (1955), a Bachelor of Arts (1958) and a Masters of Christian Spirituality (1978) from Creighton University.

He has served in various provincial capacities for the LaSalette Fathers as well as pastoral assignments, the majority in Southwest Louisiana.

He has served at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur (twice); Our Lady of LaSalette in Sulphur; St. Peter the Apostle in Hackberry, Immaculate Con-

ception in Maplewood, and Our Lady Help of Christians in Jennings. Bishop Provost named him pastor of Our Lady of LaSalette in DeQuincy in 2007.

He was also assigned in various roles for the LaSalette Fathers in Berkley, Michigan; Belleville, Illinois; Jefferson City, Missouri; Houston, Texas; and St. Louis, Missouri.

A member of the Order of Saint Charles, an award of the Diocese of Lake Charles, Father Brunnert was the 2010 Anthony J. Abate Memorial Award Citizen of the Year from Msgr. Cramers Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

From June 1994 to June 1997, he served as Provincial Vicar for the Missionaries of LaSalette.

In looking back on his years of life, he noted, "prayer has been the very important part of my life. The center of prayer is Jesus in the Eucharist. I began early at the Altar as a server for Mass during my years in grammar school and being at Mass each day in the seminary in the many years of formation. This continued in my years of priesthood and it has been a blessing to have the good health to participate in Mass."

Father Brunnert is fortunate to have a number of brother LaSalette priests here in Southwest Louisiana but even more fortuitous is that his brother, Father Jude Brunnert, is also nearby – the

pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in DeRidder.

"Having a brother as a priest companion has been special to me," Father Brunnert said. "We have the chance to get together and also see each other at meetings and diocesan celebrations. Would that more families were graced with not just one but more than one vocation to the priesthood and religious life."

Saint Charles Center event schedule set

MOSS BLUFF – Program activity at Saint Charles Center for the remainder of the April and May is highlighted by the final "Faith of Our Fathers" series on Tuesday, May 7, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Father Timothy Goodly, Father Susil Fernando, and Father Alan Trouille will share their witness of faith, beginning with Evening Prayer, supper, and presentations by each of the priests.

Sr. Diane Depwe will present two programs, Overcoming Anger and Resentment on Tuesday, April 16, and How to Choose Your Battles, on Tuesday, May 14, each from 6 to 9 p.m.

Call 337-855-1232 for information or register online at stcharlescenter.com

Diocesan Briefs.....

"Kermes" set Sunday at St. Henry

LAKE CHARLES – The Hispanic Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles is reviving the tradition of "Kermes," with delicious food and handmade artisan items from various countries represented in the community, in the St. Henry Catholic Church Community Center beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 14.

The event will serve to help raise funds to defray the costs of the annual Guadalupe Torch Run that comes through the Diocese and the annual Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations.

Come out and support outreach to the Spanish-speaking Catholics of the Diocese.

Catholic Committee on Scouting e-mail address

LAKE CHARLES – The Diocese of Lake Charles Catholic Committee on Scouting now has a general e-mail address - lccatholicscouting@yahoo.com.

The Bishop's Religious Emblems Awards Dinner is Sunday, April 21.

Final prayer breakfast and luncheon dates

LAKE CHARLES – The final Men's Prayer Breakfast until the fall is set for Friday, May 3 and the last Women's Prayer Luncheon is Wednesday, May 1, 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.

Fair Trade sale at Christ the King

LAKE CHARLES – Christ the King Catholic Church, 7680 Gulf Highway, will hold a World Fair Trade Days spring sale from Saturday, May 4, through Tuesday, May 19, at the church.

During the week, sale hours are from 9 a.m. until noon and 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the parish office. On the weekends,

the sale will be in the parish hall following the masses, which are at 5 p.m. on Saturday and 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Call 337-478-0213 for more information.

Art Show and Sale at Our Lady of Good Counsel

LAKE CHARLES – The art group "Nancy Melton and Friends" will host an art show and sale at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 19.

In addition to the art sale there will be a silent auction, from which funds will be donated to the McNeese Newman Club for the Youth Mission trip to Jonestown, Mississippi, in May to help clear land for a playground and repair rundown homes. A percentage of the sales in the art show's boutique will also go the mission group.

More than a dozen McNeese students along with Father Alan Trouille and Sr. Shirley Gobert will make the journey.

Director of Youth Ministry sought

MOSS BLUFF – St. Theodore Catholic Church is seeking an energetic director of youth ministry.

The director serves as the parish catechetical leader for ninth through twelfth grades, the LifeTeen coordinator, confirmation preparation program and is responsible for youth ministry with high school teens. This will include Bible studies, trips and events as well as fundraising.

The successful candidate will be creating opportunities for teens to grow in their faith and put that faith into action.

A minimum of one year leadership experience in Catholic youth ministry and a degree or certification in youth ministry or theology is preferred.

Cover letter, resume, and salary requirements should be sent to Msgr. Charles Dubois at ruthiephonetree@yahoo.com or by mail to St. Theodore Catholic Church, P.O. Box 12726, Lake Charles, LA 70612. Applications are being accepted through Monday, April 15.

Vocaré set Sunday, April 21

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 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 21.

Vianney House is located at the corner of Bank and Ninth streets.

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

Forty Hours Devotion continues

LAKE CHARLES – Forty Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Lake Charles, will be at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Bell City Tuesday, April 16 through Friday, April 19, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

St. Henry Catholic Church will be the site for adoration from Monday April 22 through Friday, April 26, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Clergy and religious anniversaries honored

LAKE CHARLES – St. Henry Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus will honor priests, deacons, and religious celebrating significant anniversary years in multiples of five at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Vocation Prayer Card Drawing Contest winners

LAKE CHARLES – Julia Falgoust, a senior at St. Louis Catholic High School and a parishioner of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, captured first place in the 2013 Vocation Prayer Card Drawing Contest.

Second went to Shelby Matte, an eleventh grader at Sam Houston High School and a parishioner of Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church in Sulphur, while third went to Hailey Broussard, a third grader at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings and a parishioner of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church.

The trio will be presented to Bishop Glen John Provost during the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 21, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.