



Power Up in Faith luncheon May 23

LAKE CHARLES -- Christus HomeCare Hospice and Palliative-St. Patrick's presents Power Up in Faith on Thursday, May 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Buccaneer Room of the Lake Charles Civic Center. This non-denominational luncheon for men and women will feature Father Jonathan Morris, a priest of the Archdiocese of New York and motivational speaker.

According to Jennifer Toups, Regional Marketing Manager - Louisiana, "The general idea was to gather all clergy of Southwest Louisiana and provide a speaker to refresh, recharge, and power them up annually. This way gives them an opportunity to come together and connect with other denominations and an annual basis. This also keeps them connected for any future tragedies that may arise."

"This is CHRISTUS HomeCare and Hospice, the Foundation and the Hospital's way of saying thank you for their support in the end of life care," Toups said. "All proceeds go to Hospice."

According to Toups, the luncheon is open to everyone.

Father Morris is an analyst for Fox News and offers coverage of the ethical, social, and religious news stories of the day. He recently became a contributor to the Wall Street Journal and began hosting the weekly Fox News Internet show "News with a View" in addition to his journalistic work. Father Morris serves as parochial vicar of the historic St. Patrick's Old Cathedral in the SoHo district of New York



Fr. Jonathan Morris

Tickets are \$30 each and may be purchased online at www.stpatrickfoundation.org or at the Office of Christus HomeCare and Palliative Care - 4444 Lake Street, Lake Charles, LA. For more information call Jennifer Toups, 337-395-5600 or email jennifer.toups@christushealth.org.

Sponsorship opportunities also exist: FAITH Sponsorship - \$5000, provides eight tickets, sponsors the speaker, the pastors, logo/name appears on all media, advertising banner at the luncheon; HOPE sponsorship - \$2500, eight tickets, logo/name appears on all media advertising; TRUST sponsorship - \$1000, eight tickets, logo/name appears on all media advertising; BELIEVE sponsorship - \$500, eight tickets, signage at luncheon; PEACE sponsorship - \$250, table sponsorship and signage at table being sponsored.

All proceeds go to CHRISTUS Hospice and Palliative Care-St. Patrick's, a 501(c)3 non profit organization.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal aids the Diocese of Lake Charles

WASHINGTON -- The 2013 Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be taken up in the Diocese of Lake Charles as well as many other local churches this weekend - April 27-28 - helping to bridge the gap for isolated parishes and missions in dioceses and eparchies across the United States and in the U.S. territories of the Caribbean and Pacific islands.

The annual appeal is the primary source of funding for grants from the USCCB Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions. In the United States, 44 percent of all dioceses and eparchies currently receive support from the Appeal for basic and essential pastoral programs such as evangelization, catechesis, seminary formation, and lay leadership training. The Diocese of Lake Charles has been fortunate to be one of those recipients since its for-

mation in 1980. In 2012, the Diocese received \$135,000 for various programs and ministries, including the financial assistance of some of its parishes and is receiving a like amount this year. Bishop Glen John Provost urges everyone to be as generous as possible with their contributions.

Here in the Diocese of Lake Charles, a number of programs and ministries receive financial aid from grants given by Catholic Home Missions.

For instance, eight parishes are assisted with subsidies, including Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Jennings, St. Joseph in Welsh and St. Peter Claver Mission Chapel in Iowa, St. Joseph in Elton, Sacred Heart of Jesus in Lake Charles, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lake Charles, St. John Vianney in Bell City, St. Charles Borromeo in Fen-

ton, and St. Henry in Lake Charles.

Programs and ministries receiving aid include Evangelization, Lay Ministry Formation, Youth Ministry Education and Enrichment, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Vocation Awareness, and Communications.

"Many Catholics in the United States don't realize how many dioceses are in need, often right next door," said Bishop Peter F. Christensen of Superior, Wisconsin, chairman of the Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions. "Once appointed bishop of Superior, I became painfully aware that my former parish budget and staff were more than double the operations of the entire diocese I now serve." Grants from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal help support 84 dioceses and strengthen the Church here at home.

Catholic schools calendars released

LAKE CHARLES -- The Office of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles has released the school calendars for the 2013-2014 academic year, according to Kimberlee Gazzolo, superintendent.

Catholic schools in the Diocese include St. Louis Catholic High School, Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School, St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School, all in Lake Charles; St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School in Moss Bluff; Our Lady's Catholic School in Sulphur; and Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings.

Six of the seven Catholic schools in the Diocese will open classes on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 while the seventh, Our Lady Immaculate, will have its first day on Friday, August 9. The difference relates to the opening dates

of public schools in civil parishes of Jefferson Davis and Calcasieu.

School holidays include Labor Day - Monday, Sept. 2; Monday, Oct. 7 (St. Louis); Thanksgiving, Monday, Nov. 25 to Friday, Nov. 29; Christmas, Friday, Dec. 20-Friday, Jan. 3; Martin Luther King, Jr.

Day, Monday, Jan. 20; Mardi Gras, Monday and Tuesday, March 3-4; and Easter, Friday, April 18 to Friday, April 25.

Our Lady Immaculate's schedule of days when students will not attend classes includes Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2; Jennings Fair Day, Friday, Oct. 4; Thanksgiving, Monday, Nov. 25 through Friday, Nov. 29; Christmas, Monday, Dec. 23 through Friday, Jan. 3; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 20; Mardi Gras, Monday, March 3 through Wednesday, March 5; Easter, Monday, April 18 through Friday, April 25; and Records Day, Tuesday, May 20. In addition, there will be early dismissal days for students on Nov. 1; Dec. 20; Feb. 7; March 28; and May 21.

Each calendar may be viewed as PDFs at <http://live.lcdiocese.org/news/1282-catholic-school-calendars-for-2013-2014-released.html>.

Memorial Courtyard project continuing

MOSS BLUFF -- The Saint Charles Center Memorial Courtyard project continues to offer donors the opportunity to honor their own family's name or in honor or in memory of a loved one, friend, 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. 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.

Two sizes of bricks are available - 4 inches by 8 inches and 8 inches by 8 inches. Each brick will be engraved with the name of the donor's choice. 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.

For information call 337-855-1232 to make a credit card contribution online go to stcharlescenter.com.



The journey of Jesus, from his triumphal entrance into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and death on Calvary, was celebrated in all the churches of the Diocese of Lake Charles during Holy Week, March 24-31. At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the See church, it began on Palm Sunday, (1), with Bishop Glen John Provost blessing the palms with holy water, before their distribution to the faithful. The passage continued at the Chrism Mass on March 27 as Bishop Provost, after the blessing of the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick, added balsam to the pure virgin olive oil and consecrated the Oil of Chrism. In the photo, (2), he breathes over the opening of the vessel of Chrism. On Good Friday, March 29, the only day of the year when Mass is not celebrated, the Bishop (3) venerates the Cross of Christ by kissing it, as did the people. On March 28, Holy Thursday, the Bishop (4) washes the feet of two of 12 men, which emulated the washing of the feet of the Disciples by Jesus at the Last Supper. At the Easter Vigil on March 30, the Bishop began with the Service of Light, outside the Cathedral, where the congregation, the Bishop, and servers gathered. After lighting the Easter candle, the Bishop leads the congregation into the unlit Cathedral by candlelight. In the bottom photo, (5) Bishop Provost, after blessing the water, prepares for the baptism of the three Elect of the Cathedral.

Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

April 26, 2013

Cormier gives Oath of Fidelity and Profession of Faith at Notre Dame

NEW ORLEANS – Matthew Cormier, a seminarian of the Diocese of Lake Charles, recently made his final step prior to his ordination to the transitional diaconate when he gave the Oath of Fidelity and Profession of Faith for seminarians preparing for ordination to the diaconate to Father James Wehner, rector/president of Notre Dame Seminary.

During the celebration of Evening Prayer, Cormier, a parishioner of Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church in Sulphur, placed his hand on the Book of Gospels professing his belief in all tenets of the Catholic Faith and indicating his readiness to proceed with ordination.

During the homily, Father Wehner instructed the seminarians that ordination to the dia-

conate indicates that candidates are ready to serve the People of God in the same manner that Jesus ministered to the people of his time.

“Jesus told the apostles during the Last Supper that there is no greater love than to lay down your life for a friend,” Father Wehner said. “People today are searching for an authentic love, a love that we know can only come from God. All of God’s people are friends of God therefore we lay down our lives for the sake of the Gospel and for the salvation of souls. This is what the new evangelization requires.”

Cormier is scheduled to be ordained to the diaconate on Saturday, May 18 by Bishop Glen John Provost during a 10 a.m. Mass in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church.



Diocese of Lake Charles seminarian Matthew Cormier, left, placed his hand on the Book of Gospels and professed his belief in all tenets of the Catholic Faith and indicated his readiness to proceed with ordination to Father James Wehner, right, rector/president of Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.

Falgoust takes first in drawing contest

LAKE CHARLES – Julia Falgoust, a senior at St. Louis Catholic High School and a parishioner of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, is the 2013 winner of the Vocation Drawing Contest, sponsored by the Diocese of Lake Charles. The competition is held to promote awareness of the priesthood and religious life.

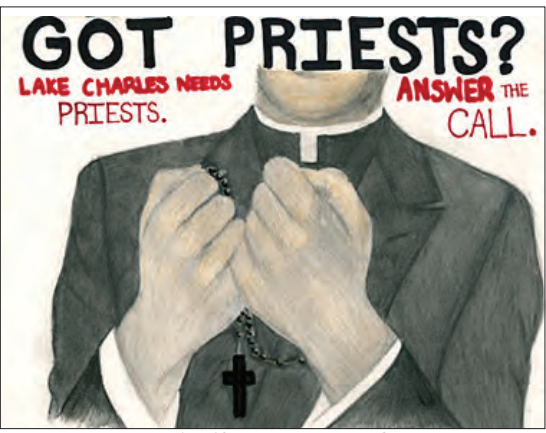
Second placed went to Shelby Matte, an eleventh grader at Sam Houston High School in Moss Bluff and a parishioner of Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church in Sulphur, and third place was awarded to Hailey Broussard, a third grade student at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings and a parishioner of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church.

Bishop Glen John Provost presented Falgoust with her first place prize of \$200 as well as \$100 to Matte and \$50 to Broussard last Sunday, April 21, World Day of Prayer Vocations, during Mass in the Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Provost.

A prayer card featuring Falgoust’s drawing has been produced and distributed to each parish of the Diocese.



Julia Falgoust 1st



Shelby Matte 2nd



Hailey Broussard 3rd

Did you know...

During 2013, several special anniversaries take place in the Diocese. The highlight is July 25, when Bishop-emeritus Jude Speyrer celebrates the 60th anniversary of priestly ordination. Father Edward Brunnert, M.S., celebrated his 50th anniversary as a priest on April 15 and Msgr. Louis Melancon,

a retired priest of the Diocese, will celebrate his Golden Anniversary on May 25.

Four retired Bishops are currently more than 100 years old. Two are Americans. Can you name them? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

Catholic Charities Jazz Brunch June 9

LAKE CHARLES – The annual Jazz Brunch, benefitting the work of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana is Sunday, June 9, at the Lake Charles Country Club. The net proceeds from the event go directly to fund client services for Catholic Charities, a ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with an early bird social and silent auction bidding. A delicious buffet brunch is served at 12:30 p.m. followed after 1 p.m. by the live auction and entertainment from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Reserved tables for eight are \$500 each and are now on sale at Catholic Charities, 1225 Second Street. Individual tickets, which are \$50 each, go on sale May 1. Call Gloria at 337-439-7436 for more information. Tickets will also be available in the church offices of Christ the King, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, and St. Martin de Porres.

Catholic Charities provides financial assistance for a variety of needs: rent, mortgage, utilities, prescription assistance, funeral, and bus tickets. It also provides an onsite monthly food distribution. The mission of Catholic Charities is to provide assistance people of all faiths and denominations in Southwest Louisiana, including the five civil parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis.

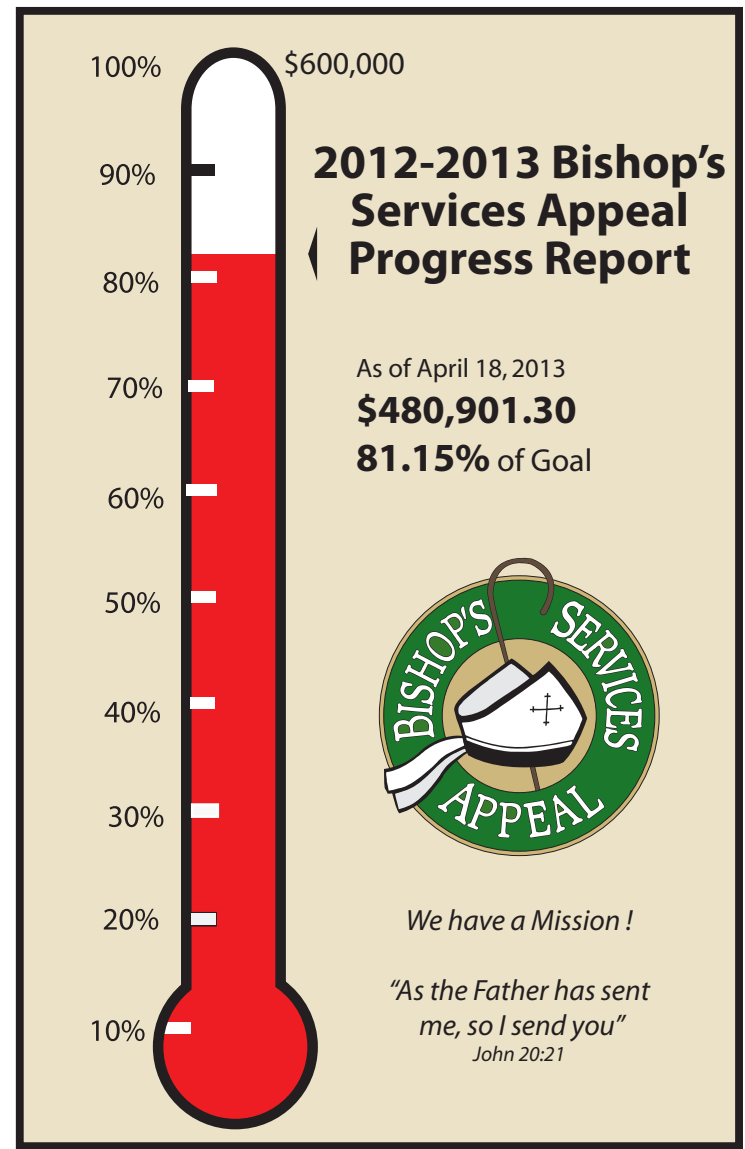
Food, entertainment, and the opportunity to bid on auction items are included in the price of admission.

The annual presentation

of the St. Peter Claver Award, which “honors service to the least among us.” and the Caritas award, which goes to someone in the community who has shown compassion for all humanity, a commitment to the well being of others, will take place.

Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted for payment of winning auction bids on the day of the Brunch.

Last year’s event grossed more than \$30,000 to aid the work of Catholic Charities among those most needy in Southwest Louisiana.



Diocesan Briefs.....

“Beat the Heat” Air Conditioner Program

LAKE CHARLES – Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana and the Fourth Degree Knights of Peter Claver, Assembly 22, with the help of the City of Lake Charles are once again offering air conditioner units for elderly and disabled low-income individuals.

Call 337-439-7436 on Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., if you are in need of an air conditioner unit.

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.

OLQHS groundbreaking May 2

LAKE CHARLES – Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School will hold its “Cornerstone Capital Campaign” Ground-breaking Celebration at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, in the school playground with Bishop Glen John Provost, church, school, and civic officials.

Construction will consist of a new middle-school building and a new Early-Childhood Center, renovation of existing buildings, and consolidation of all pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade classes on the main campus west of Creole Street.

Icon Writing Workshop at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF – A beginner/intermediate icon writing workshop is set for July 9-14 at Saint Charles Center.

Instruction in the Byzantine-Russian tradition will be taught by the Prosochon School of Iconography. Cost is \$1,098, which includes 36 hours of studio instruction, all art supplies, meals and room with private bath in Tabor Retreat House.

Call Sylvia Marcantel at 337-304-2911 or Saint Charles Center 337-855-1232 for information.

Fair Trade sale at Christ the King

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

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 -5 p.m. on Saturday and 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Call 337-478-0213 for more information.

Vocaré set Sunday, May 12

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, May 12.

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

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.

Beginning Experience Weekend in October

LAKE ARTHUR – A Beginning Experience Weekend will be held Oct. 11-13 at the Lake Arthur Christian Camp. Beginning Experience is a program that helps grieving sin-

gle-again people deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth.

Contact Georgette (337) 824-3197, Veronica (337) 328-7233, or go to www.beginningexperience.org for more information

Domestic Church Retreat set

LAKE CHARLES – A Domestic Church Married Couples Retreat will be Thursday, evening, May 2 through Sunday afternoon May 5 at Tabor Retreat House at Saint Charles Center.

Cost of \$330 per couple includes a \$50 deposit due with registration.

For more information contact David Dawson at david.dawson@lcediocese.org or 337-477-1236.

Abrazando Cristo Cash Giveaway

LAKE CHARLES – Tickets for the Big Cash Giveaway Fundraiser aiding the work of the Abrazando Cristo Mission Program continue on sale for \$100 each.

First prize is \$5,000, second prize is \$1,000, and third prize is \$500. The drawing will be Sunday, June 16, in the St. Henry Catholic Church Community Center.

Purchase a ticket by sending your check to Abrazando Cristo Mission Program, Attention: Msgr Daniel Torres, 414 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601. Call 337-439-7400 for more information.

Johnnie Thibodeaux, Jr. Golf Tournament

LAKE CHARLES – The annual Johnnie Thibodeaux, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament is Saturday, June 1, at Mallard Cove Golf Course.

Proceeds from the tournament benefit projects of the Abrazando Cristo Mission Program in Nicaragua.

Call Johnnie or Susan Thibodeaux at 337-478-4095 for more information.