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Matthew Cormier Diaconate Ordination Saturday, May 18

LAKE CHARLES - Matthew Cormier, a seminarian studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles, will be ordained a Deacon on Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m. a Liturgy in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church celebrated by the Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles.

Cormier, a parishioner of Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church in Sulphur, recently made his Profession of Faith and the took the Oath of Fidelity during a liturgy at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. The ordination to the transitional diaconate is the penultimate step to his priestly ordination for the Diocese next year.

"This is an exciting time," Cormier said. "I will soon be lying prostrate as the Church sings her litany invoking the powerful intercession of the all the saints in heaven. After this, the Bishop will lay hands on and pray the prayer of ordination over me and I will be forever configured to Christ, the Servant of all. The word Deacon comes from the Greek diakonia, which means "servant." The prayers of the Rite of Ordination frequently invoke this reality of

"I offer my humble gratitude first to Almighty God for having made me and called me to this life," he continued. "Secondly, I thank the Blessed Mother for her maternal intercession and protection. In this world, firstly I thank my parents who brought me into this world and gave me all the love humanly possible and then some. I thank Bishop Provost. I still vividly remember our first one on one meeting. It was at the end of the application process and just a few days after his ordination and installation as Bishop. I remember being very nervous but as soon as he entered the room; his calm and fatherly presence put me very much at ease. I will very soon be kneeling before him, promising my sincere respect and obedience.

'I thank all the formators, both in the seminary and the diocese who have helped me along this journey. I also come from a wonderful home parish who stood by me and my family through years of childhood illness and who have supported me in an amazing way through this discernment. Last, but certainly not least, I thank all the people whom I have served. You have been profoundly influen-



SULPHUR – Bishop Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will celebrate the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 22, in Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church as the second Fortnight for Freedom across the United States begins.

Bishop Provost will also be one of a number speakers at the "Rally for Freedom" held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 22, in Sulphur's Freedom Park. Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church and the Diocese of Lake Charles are sponsors of the event as well as Sulphur Mayor Chris Duncan and the City of Sulphur.

Others scheduled to speak include 14th Judicial District Judges, the Honorable D. Kent Savoie and the Honorable David A. Ritchie; Veronica Allison, Sulphur City Council president; Sulphur Mayor Chris Duncan; Sulphur City Prosecutor Jennifer Page; and Rev. Ronnie Burke, pastor of Maplewood First Baptist Church. Call Dan Foreman at 515-5812 for additional information on the Rally for Freedom in Sulphur.

The nationwide Fortnight for Freedom starts on the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More - Friday, June 21 - and continues to Independence Day - July 4.

Last year's inaugural event, called for by the bishops of the United States, saw a great diversity of events across the country and in 2013, the Church and its faithful continue to face many challenges to religious liberty, including the August 1, the deadline for religious organizations to comply with the Health and Human Services mandate. There are also potential Supreme Court rulings that could redefine marriage in June, causing serious religious liberty issues for Catholic adoption agencies and many others; and religious liberty concerns in other areas, such as immigration and humanitarian services. Other recent religious freedom issues that have come to light include the Department of Defense (DOD) listing of the Catholic Church as a terror threat along with such organizations as El Qaeda, Evangelical Christians, the Ku Klux Klan and Sunni Muslims as well as others or the recent prohibition from

the DOD on chaplains in the military proselytizing. Print a letter from Archdiocese of the Military Archbishop Timothy Broglio on religious freedom at http://www.milarch.org/atf/ cf/%7B1AF42501-01D5-4EF8-BA48-4450AC27EF98%7D/ letterReligiousFreedom-23MAY12.pdf.

During the Fortnight, the liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power—St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome, St. John Fisher, and St. Thomas More. Through prayer, study, and peaceful public during this year's Fortnight for Freedom,

we hope to remind ourselves and others all throughout the United States about the importance of preserving the fundamental right of religious free-

The 2013 Fortnight for Freedom is part of a movement for life, marriage and religious liberty launched by the U.S. Catholic Bishops that addresses critical life, marriage, and religious liberty concerns. The fivepart strategy, or call to prayer, for this year was approved by the bishops in November and began after Christmas 2012. The overall focus was to invite Catholics to pray for rebuilding a culture favorable to life and marriage and for increased protections of religious liberty.

Did you know...

Bishop Peter Leo Gerety, Archbishop Emeritus of Newark, New Jersey, is the oldest Bishop on the United States at nearly 101 years old while second oldest U.S. retired ordinary is Bishop Bernard McLaughlin of <mark>Trento</mark>n, New Jersey at 100. The oldest living Bishop is Géry Leuliet of France at 103 though Bishop José de Jesús García Ayala of Mexico will be 103 at

Though unaccounted for since 1962, what Bishop is still considered the incumbent of his diocese? Find out in the next Cath-



Matthew Cormier

Mass to Avert Storms May 29 in Cameron

CAMERON – Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate a Mass to Avert Storms at 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 29, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church and Shrine. The 2013 Hurricane Season begins on Saturday, June 1.

This event will constitute a Diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady Star of the Sea following last year's privilege for the Shrine to be affiliated with the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome. Pilgrims prayerfully visiting the Shrine on May 29 can gain the same spiritual benefits as if they had visited the Basilica itself. Such a pilgrimage provides a plenary indulgence with the fulfillment of certain requirements, which include recent confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayers recitation of the Creed.

Bishop Provost has also asked that during this year's storm season that the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles pray the prayer composed by The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette, in 1957 following the Hurricane Audrey.

In addition, the Bishop has invited everyone to make June 7, First Friday, a day of fasting and prayer for the intention of being spared storms and destructive weather during the hurricane season.

The Bishop will travel to Creole following the Mass to bless the newly constructed parish hall at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church.



Father Edward Brunnert, M.S., center, celebrates the Mass of Thanksgiving for his 50 years of ordained priesthood on Sunday, April 14, in Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church in DeQuincy. Concelebrating with Father Brunnert were his brother LaSalette priests, from left, Fr. Thomas Huhn, M.S.; Fr. Edward Richard, M.S.; Fr. Jude Brunnert, M.S.; and Father Ernest Corriveau, M.S. Also present for the jubilee were Fr. Egidio Vecchio, M.S. and Fr. James Winiarski, M.S. Father Brunnert is pastor of Our Lady of LaSalette.

BeeBop Girls will headline at Catholic Charities Jazz Bru are available at Catholic

tertainment by The BeeBop Girls, students at Sulphur High School singing 50s and 60s pop music, will highlight the annual Jazz Brunch, benefitting the work of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana on Sunday, June 9, at the Lake Charles Country Club.

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. A delicious buffet brunch is served at 12:30 p.m. followed by the live auction and entertainment from 2:30 to 3 p.m.

Individual tickets, which are \$50 each, along with reserved tables for eight for \$500 each are on sale. They

Charities, 1225 Second Street, in the parish offices of Christ the King, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, and St. Martin de Porres, and online at lcdiocese.org – Support the Diocese - then by clicking "Catholic Charities Jazz Brunch 2013". Call 337-439-7436 for more information.

Catholic Charities provides financial assistance for a variety of needs: rent, mortgage, utilities, prescription assistance, funeral expenses, 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 and 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 the most needy in Southwest Louisiana.

Poems republished for charity

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ro, many of the poems came

out of the Spiritual Exercises

of St. Ignatius. "They were

made in the summer of 1976

at Ignatius House in Guelph,

Ontario," he said. "They re-

flect the graces of the Four

Weeks of the Exercises. They

are not polished poems: they

were dashed off in my jour-

supplemented them with sev-

"For this edition, I have

According to Father Pira-

LAKE CHARLES – Father Don Piraro, Director-Emeritus of Saint Charles Center and a retired priest of the Diocese of Lake Charles, has re-published a collection of poems - "Bisacquino" and Other Poems – for the benefit of two local non-profit service organizations - Abraham's Tent and Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana.

The book will be available free of charge from Crossroads Bookstore, 601 West Prien Lake Road and at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center, 2151 Sam Houston Jones Parkway in Moss Bluff.

"This collection of poems

the copies away. But, I ask:

originally published in 1978 for a workshop for vowed religious women serving in the Diocese of Lafayette," Father Piraro said. "Then as now, I am giving

if you enjoy the poems, that

you make a donation to Abra-

ham's Tent or Catholic Chari-

their compositions.'

ued. "To differentiate between them and the earlier poems, I include the date of

eral others that were written later," Father Piraro contin-The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola were composed in the 16th Century and is still in use as part

of the spiritual formation of

the members of the Society of

Jesus. They are the source for

both the Jesuit Preached Re-

treat and the Silent Directed

Contributions can be made to Abraham's Tent, P. O. Box 19124, Lake Charles, LA 70616 or to Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana, 1225 Second Street, Lake Charles,

Father Piraro also noted his thanks to Ross Kaufman and Vanessa Doucet of Moss Bluff Printing as well as to Charlie Akers, Judy Savoie, and Joan Theiot-Broussard for the preparation of the

Correctio

In the April 26 Catholic Calendar the home church parish of Shelby Matte, the second place winner in the annual Vocation Drawing Contest was incorrectly listed. Ms. Matte is a parishioner of Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church in DeQuincy.

Saint Rose of Lima Parish Community

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Dear Brothers and Sisters.

On behalf of our community and parish, we extend our gratitude to each of you who remembered us in prayer following the events of December 14, 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary School. We quickly realized the universality of the Church by the outpouring of support and concern that was shown to us by so many in our faith communities. The cards and letters from staff and students in Catholic elementary schools, high schools, colleges and universities reminded us of the faith to which we are called to witness through the tradition of Catholic education. No less important were the number of cards from parish religious education programs, especially the sacramental programs. We were also contacted by many Catholic organizations and groups on both the local and national levels. The list of parishes, Catholic based groups and dioceses who contacted us is an overwhelming one. We are also very appreciative of the number of donations sent to us to assist our parish in our continuing ministry to the community, to help pay the expenses of the victims' funerals, to support counseling programs, to provide direct aid to the families and so on. Your generosity reminded us that we are not alone during this very sad and challenging time. We also want to thank our brother priests, deacons and religious sisters and brothers for their letters of support and encouragement. Spiritual bouquets, Mass cards, hours of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and remembrances by many prayer groups have lifted our spirits knowing that our intentions are ever before the Lord. We also received a number of rosaries, prayer shawls, religious works of art, memorial vestments, reliquaries, books focusing on grief and healing, original and recorded religious CD's and a variety of poems, spiritual reflections and meditations to help guide us in providing comfort and support. While we tried to acknowledge every letter and gift sent to us, it became an overwhelming task, so please accept this letter as a thank you to every person who remembered us in prayer during the days immediately following the tragedy to these days of recovery and healing. We know that the road ahead of us will be a long one, but we are given great hope by the outpouring of generosity and love shown to us. We are truly blessed by your many acts of faith and kindness. Please know that you continue to be in our prayers of gratitude for the goodness you have demonstrated to us in so many ways.

God bless.

Monsignor Robert Weiss, Pastor Saint Rose of Lima Parish Newtown, Connecticut

Calendar

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost Bishop of Lake Charles

May 10, 2013

LC native aiding cause of Father Augustus Tolton

lency, The Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, in his capacity as Diocesan Postulator for the Cause for Sainthood of Father Augustus Tolton, has appointed Lake Charles native A. Gerard Jordan, O'Praem., as his special assistant. Brother Jordan will help with popularizing the cause of Father Tolton through public speaking events, fundraisers, and educational

He is a native son of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and is currently the only African-American seminarian studying at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

Brother Jordan is a professed member of the Order of Canons Regular of Prémontré (Norbertines) at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, Pa. and a candidate for priesthood. He continues his discernment to become a solemnly profession ordained canon and priest of the Church. His sister Altha M. Jordan Green resides in Lake Charles.

Servant of God Augustine John Tolton (April 1, 1854 - July 9, 1897), or Augustus Tolton, was the first Roman Catholic priest in the United States publicly known to be black when he was ordained in 1886. James Augustine Healy, ordained in 1854, and Patrick Francis Healy, ordained in 1864 were of mixed-race. A former slave who was baptized and reared Catholic, Tolton studied formally in Rome. He was ordained in Rome on Easter Sunday at the Cathedral-Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. Assigned to the diocese of Alton (now Diocese of Springfield) in Illinois, he first ministered to his home parish in Quincy, Illinois. Later assigned to Chicago, Father Tolton led the development and construction of St. Monica's Catholic Church as a black "national parish church", completed in 1893 at 36th and Dearborn Streets



Brother A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem.

Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago, opened the official investigation into Father Tolton's life and virtues with a view to opening the Cause for his canonization on March 2,

On February 24, 2011 formal introduction of the cause for sainthood of Fr. Tolton took place and he was designated Servant of God - Fr. Augustus Tolton. More information on the cause can be found at http://www.toltoncanonization.org/.



The St. Louis Foundation presented a check in the amount of \$100,000 to St. Louis Catholic High School (SLCHS) recently. Pictured, from left, are Deborah Frank, SLCHS President, Susan Percle, SLCHS Director of Development, Joey Pousson 2012 Foundation Chairman and Bryan Vincent, 2013 Foundation Chairman. The St. Louis Foundation was established in 1983 for the sole purpose of giving financial assistance to St. Louis Catholic High School. It is governed by a Board of Directors and distributes a portion of its earned income to the school annually while reinvests the remainder. For more information about The St. Louis Foundation, please contact Susan Percle at 436 – 7275 or spercle@slchs.org.

General Intention: That administrators of justice may act always with integrity and right conscience.

Missionary Intention: That seminaries, especially those of mission Churches, may form pastors after the Heart of Christ, fully

dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel.

Bishop Glen John Provost For the Unemployed:

That they will develop skills, not become discouraged, and receive a welcome reception from prospective employees

Local Holy Sepulchre members promoted at annual meeting

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. Nine members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem from the Diocese of Lake Charles received promotions at the recent meeting of the Southeastern Lieutenancy of the

Sir Chester Jones and Lady Eula Jones attended the Section meeting and both were promoted to Commander with Star. Others promoted, though unable to attend, included Lady Betty O'Reilly, promoted to Lady Grand Cross. Promoted to Commander with Star were Lady Mary Frances Bordlee, Sir Bruce Bordlee, M.D., and Lady Patricia J. Daniel,

Promoted to Lady Commander was Lady Karen Drewett while Sir Darryl Drewett and Sir John Halloran, Jr. were both promoted to Knight Commander.

Bishop Glen John Provost, KC*HS, led the delegation from the Diocese of Lake Charles, which included Msgr. Harry D. Greig, KCHS, Msgr. Jace F. Eskind, KCHS, and Rev. Anthony Fontenot,

Eleven lay members in attendance were Diocesan Representative Sir Bernard Beaco, KGHS; Lady Dolores B. Beaco, LGCHS; Sir Joseph Stoma, KGCHS; Lady Janet Engert, KGCHS; Lady Julie Engert, LGCHS; Sir Robert McCall, KC*HS; Sir Clarence Prudhomme, KC*HS; Lady Geneva Prudhomme, LC*HS; Sir Chester Jones, KC*HS; and Lady Eula Jones, LC*HS.

The Saturday Memorial Mass was dedicated to those members of the order who have passed on since last year's meeting in Atlanta Fla.

while later in the day the promotion of members to higher earned rank was held.

New members were invested on Sunday during the celebration of the Liturgy.

The meeting concluded on Monday with the optional pilgrimage to the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) studios, the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, and Mass at main chapel of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, built by Mother Angelica, a member of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, and consecrated in 1962.

The annual meeting of the Southeastern Lieutenancy of the Order includes members from six states: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Next year's meeting will be held in Palm Beach,



Friends of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School recently presented a check for \$500 to the Oak Park Food Pantry representing proceeds from celebrated Beaujolais Nouveau. The event also supports a St. Margaret school project. Presenting the check to Don Klein, representing the Pantry, are Pam Soileau and Rachel Rougeau. The 2013 Beaujolais Soiree will be held November 30 at the Brick House.

Catholic Schools Notes

School

At ICCS, the Virgin Mother is honored by crowning her with flowers. May Crowning was Wednesday, May 1. During the remainder of the month, Rosary Club students will bring flowers to Mary on Friday, May 10 - 2A & 2B; Tuesday, May 14, 1A & 1B; Wednesday, May 15, KA & KB; Thursday, May 16, KA & KB; and

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School

Friday, May 17, Pre-KA & Pre-KB.

The final all-school Mass of the year is Wednesday, May 15 at 8 a.m. at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church. Eighth grade Closing Mass is Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 pm at Our Lady Help of Christians. Early Childhood closing ceremonies are Wednesday, May 22 in the OLI gym: Pre-K 3, 8:30 a.m., Pre-K 4, 9:15 a.m., and K, 10 a.m. The last day of school at

OLI is Friday, May 24.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School The OLQH School Class of 2013 will celebrate their journey at the following events Thursday, May 16th, 8:30 a.m., Breakfast Middle School Awards, 10:30 a.m.; 8th Grade Graduation, 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 17th

St. Louis Catholic High School

The St. Louis Catholic High School Alumn Softball Tournament is Saturday, June 8, at the Enos Derbonne Sports Complex on Lake Street. Contact Geneva Breaux at 436-7275 Ext. 244 or email gbreaux@slchs.org for information. Tournament rules and entry forms can be found in the alumni section of our

Catholic Communication Campaign aids local efforts to evangelize

LAKE CHARLES - Catholics nationwide and in the Diocese of Lake Charles with their support of this weekend's Catholic Communication Campaign can support not only Church communications but aids the efforts of the Communications Office

Southwest Louisiana.

While this weekend's second collection supports national and international media projects, 50 percent of the funds stay in the Diocese to help publish the Catholic Calendar, produce and air

of the Diocese right here in our Glad Tidings television program, opesrat the diocesan website - lcdiocese.org - and air the weekly 9:30 a.m. Mass from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Glen John Provost urges everyone to be as generous as they can.

Diocesan Briefs.

Vocaré Special Event — Holy Hour

LAKE CHARLES - A Holy Hour to discern your vocation will be held for single men high school age and up on Monday, May 13, at 6 p.m. in St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, according to Father Nathan Long, director of Vianney House. This event takes the place of the previously scheduled Vocaré meeting on Sunday, May 12, at Vianney House.

There will be Exposition, Adoration and Benediction from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. followed by a meal and fraternity following in the St. Margaret Rectory

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

'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 lowincome 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.

draiser aiding the work of the Abrazando Cristo Mission Pro-

Abrazando Cristo Cash Giveaway LAKE CHARLES - Tickets for the Big Cash Giveaway Fungram continue on sale for \$100 each.

First prize is \$5,000, second prize is \$1,000, and third prize s \$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 in-

Magnificat breakfast May 18 in Jennings

JENNINGS - Sr. Camille Martinez, SEC, will be the guest speaker on Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to noon at Magnificat to be held in the Grand Marais Courtyard and Pavilion.

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at Crossroads Bookstore, 601 W. Prien Lake Road, Lake Charles (337-474-7100) or at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Lake Arthur. Tickets by mail should be directed to Magnificat Lake Charles, P.O. Box 655, Jennings, LA 70546. Please make check payable to Magnifcat Lake Charles and inlcude a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Childcare will be available with advance request by calling

Icon Writing Workshop at Saint Charles Center

337-515-4543.

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 Prosopon School of Icongrphy. Cost is \$1,098, which includes 36 hours of studio instruction, all art supplies, meals and room with private bath in Tabor Retreat House.

school website www.slchs.org.

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's World Fair Trade Days spring sale continues through Tuesday, May

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.

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 tiournament benefit projects of the the

Abrazando Cristo Mission Program in Nicaragua.

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