



Class of 2013 at St. Louis Catholic numbers 141

LAKE CHARLES -- Bishop Glen John Provost was the featured speaker at the 2013 commencement ceremonies for 141 graduates of St. Louis Catholic High School.

In his remarks, Bishop Provost used the words of Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman, when he told the graduates, "God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another; I have my mission—I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next."

Continuing with the quote from Cardinal Newman, the Bishop said, "I am a link in the chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for nothing. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it—if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever, wherever, I am. I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers, He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me—still He knows what He is about."

Class Valedictorian was Margaret Lie while co-salutatorians were Sarah France and Milissa Snider. All three made brief remarks to their classmates, teachers, parents, and those in attendance.

Bishop Provost and Father Marcus Johnson, the rector of St. Louis, presented the St. Louis Awards to France and Wesley Guidry. The St. Louis Award goes to a male and female senior student voted as the outstanding Christian student at the school by their peers and approved by members of the faculty.

The awards, made possible the Lake Charles Serra Club, are presented to students who have shown Love of God and Neighbor, Strong Moral Character, Desire to Serve Community, Courage to Stand up for Christian Principles, a Daily Christian Lifestyle, and Proper Use of God-Given gifts.

Scholarships offered to the Class of 2013 totaled \$2,911,588 and are not inclusive of Louisiana TOPS funding, which will not be known until later in June.

Graduates of St. Louis Catholic High School for 2013 were: Henry Adam Abrahams II, Chelsea Taylor Abshire, Morgan Elizabeth Aleshire, *Christopher George Ange Jr, Taylor Delane Babineaux, Donald Scott Barbie,

Anna Mary Bellow, *Matthew West Berry, Michael Patrick Beverung, Kathryn Anne Billeaudeaux, Sarah Elizabeth Booth, Nicholas Anthony Bourdeau, Leonard Charles Breda V, Sarah Elizabeth Brignac, and Jonathan Paul Brown.

Also, Thomas Alexander Bushnell, Kelly Marlin Caraway Jr, Erin Anne Casey,

*Sara Danielle Casiday, Christi Jalyn Clemmons, *Autumn Danielle Cormier, Emily Elizabeth Cormier, Andrew Edward Courville, *Lindsey Elaine Courville, Madison Wright Crain, David Lyman Crawford, John Paul Crawford, Charles Hunter Crochet, Caterina Marie Cuccio, and Allison Rose Cutrera.

Christian Garrett David, Morgan Michelle Davis, Nicole Elizabeth Davis, Paula Shante DeJean, Benjamin Michael Delahoussaye, Destinee D'Sha Delahoussaye

*Morgan Paige DelVecchio, Drew Patrick Devall, Andrew Keith Dietz, Jacob Daniel Eccles, Michael Paul Eccles, Taylor Elizabeth Edwards, Gabriel Joseph Emerson, *Julia Marie Falgoust, and Madison Kristine Fontenot.

Also, *Sarah Elizabeth France (Salutatorian), Jordan Lynn Fuselier, Jennifer Haley Gabb, Aidan Patrick Gallagher, Madeline Claire Gaspard, Jules Ronald Gonsoulin, Timothy Gage Griffen, *Leslye Louise Guidry, Wesley Amos Guidry, Dustin Cordell Guillory, Mary Elizabeth Guzzino, William Fisher Hamilton, Nathan Cole Hammond, Laura Elizabeth Hanks, and Garrett Stephen Harless.

Also, Morgan Arielle Hawkins, *Jenna Elizabeth Hebert, Scott Thomas Hebert, Blair Jvon Henderson, Hillary Elizabeth Henning, Haden Paul Hernandez, Tanner Jack Hofer, Bobby Honeycutt II, James Hayden Hurley, Jane Marie Johnston, Jeffrey John Joseph Jr, *Sarah Michelle King, Johan Alexander Kjellsten, Grant Joseph Kline, and Haley Elizabeth Labbe.

Also, Wesley Scott LaBiche, Jada Marie LaBove, Morgan Claire LaBove, *Emily Katharine Lancon, Elizabeth Ellen Latil, Alexis Nicole LeDoux, Jeremy Lane Lester, Colin Matthew Leung, *Margaret Lie (Valedictorian), Anna Catherine Liggio, *Tori Lei Link, Madelyn Elizabeth Loftin, Morgan Lindsey Mancuso, Dylan James Manuel, and Richard Parish Marriner.

Also, *Sierra Ashley Maust, Alberto Maxwell V, Hannah Elizabeth Mayeaux,

Mason Grant Mayeaux, Karl Andrew Mayer Jr, Chandler Diane Mayo, David Grayson McAlpine, Nicholas Preston McCracken, Marcus Daniel McNamara,

Raven Nycole McZeal, Jeffery William Me-



The highest honor a graduating senior of St. Louis Catholic High School can receive is the St. Louis Award. This year's winners were Wesley Guidry and Sarah France. The two are pictured with Bishop Glen John Provost, and the Very Reverend Marcus Johnson, Rector of St. Louis Catholic. Bishop Provost and Father Johnson presented the awards at May 14 Commencement Ceremonies.

nou, Jessica Khristeen Mordente,

Celeste Marie Morris, Emily Marie Needham, and Rachel Nichole Palermo.

Also, Maaliyah Symone Papillion, Jada Lynette Louise Peltier, John-Gregory Thomas Percle, Garrett Emile Picou, David Allen Pigno, *Victoria Sidener Primeaux, Brigitte Marie Prunty, Lindsey Leigh Queenan, Chase Allen Rains, *David Emerson Rau, *Grant William Reddoch, Michael Anthony Richard, Jerard Keith Schexnider, and Harel Glen Schwartzberg.

Also, Nicholas Frank Schwertner, Kasell Antonio Scott, Marshall Joseph Simien III, Christopher Lee Sims, Cameron Douglas

Smith, *Melissa Lynn Snider (Salutatorian), Andrew Troy Soileau, Christopher Shaun Stanley, Gage Michael Stewart, Lauren Elisabeth Stroh, Michael Louis Stutes, Tori Jacqueline Tate, Blake Aaron Thibodeaux, Claire Rose Thigpen, Mason Christopher Veillon, Aaron Seth Verrett, *Thomas Andrew Vogel, Brooke Michelle Walker, Annie Elizabeth Whitbeck, Michael McConnell White, John Patrick Winterton, and Elijah Jamal Woods.

Those with an asterisk in front of their names are Honor Graduates, students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher and at least six honors or A.P. courses.



Father Michael Champagne, cjc, center, the religious superior of the Community of Jesus Crucified, a Catholic Private Association of the Christian Faithful in the Diocese of Lafayette, and a priest of the Diocese of Lafayette, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of a Women's Discernment Group for those considering a religious vocation. Hosted by Father Nathan Long, the vocation recruiter for the Central Deanery, the evening began in the Family Community Center at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church and ended with Adoration in St. Margaret Church. A second meeting for women discerning a vocation is set for June 26. Call Father Long at 337-439-7400 for more information.

Family Life/Pro Life director sought

LAKE CHARLES -- Applications for the position of Director of the Offices of Family Life and Pro Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles are being accepted until Friday, May 31, according to Father

Nathan Long, Secretary for the Ministry of Christian Formation.

The director leads and manages programs and resources of the offices in accordance with official Church

teachings. The successful candidate must be a practicing Catholic who is deeply committed to and embraces the Church's stance on marriage, family life and respect for all human life, and possesses a heart and passion for evangelization. A Master's degree in Theology, Pastoral Ministry, or comparable field with an emphasis in marriage and family studies is preferred.

Experience in the ministry of Family Life or a related ministry within the Catholic Church is a plus. Administrative and organizational skills; excellent written, verbal and public speaking skills; planning and organizational skills; and ability to maintain confidentiality are all required.

Interested candidates must submit a cover letter and resume with references by Friday, May 31 to: Diocese of Lake Charles, ATTN: Fr. Nathan Long, 411 Iris St., Lake Charles LA 70601.

Summer programs at Saint Charles Center

LAKE CHARLES -- The summer schedule of retreats and events at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center has been announced by Father Whitney Miller, Director of the facility.

Synopses of the events, suggested donation amounts, and deadlines to register can be obtained on the website of the Diocese of Lake Charles - lcdiocese.org - on the main menu by clicking "Retreats" and going to Saint Charles Center Events, by going to saintcharlescenter.com, or calling 337-855-1232.

June begins with "Thoughts from the Garden: Tools for Spiritual Growth," an Evening of Reflection presented by Fr. Whitney Miller on Wednesday, June 12 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and continues with "Will Catholics Be Left Behind?" with Sr. Diane Depwe on Tuesday, June 18, from

6 to 9 p.m. The Spiritual Book Club with Fr. Don Piraro is Tuesday, June 18, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Private Directed Retreats with Fr. Miller, Fr. Piraro, Judy Savoie and Gloria Villegas are Sunday, June 23, through Wednesday, July 2; and Introduction to the Directed Retreat with Fr. Piraro, Fr. Miller, Savoie and Villegas is from Friday, June 28 to Sunday, June 30.

In July, there will be a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat with Fr. Nathan Long, Margie Long, and the Diocesan Team Friday, July 5, through Sunday, July 7; a Beginning/Intermediate Icon Writing Workshop, Monday, July 8, to Sunday, July 14; the "Faith of Our Fathers" series with presentations by Msgr. Ronald Groth, Fr. Aubrey Guilbeau and Fr. John Huckaby on Wednesday, July 10, from 6 to 9 p.m.; and the "Running of

the Bulls" fundraiser and fundraising event on Saturday, July 13, from 9 a.m. until noon. Sr. Diane Depwe will present "Saving America" from 6 until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16; Fr. Piraro will give a reading of his chapbook, *Bisacquino and Other Poems*, on Poetry Night - Wednesday, July 17, from 6 until 8:30 p.m.; and a Catholic Engaged Encounter is Friday, July 19, to Sunday, July 21.

August events begin with "Summer Night at the Movies" with Fr. Miller and Fr. Piraro on Tuesday, August 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. It is followed by a Day of Reflection on *Lectio Divina* presented by Fr. Miller, Keith Faul, and Paula Hunter on Saturday, August 17, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Summer events wrap up with "Understanding the Marian Dogma" with Sr. Diane Depwe on Tuesday August 27, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Forty-two honored with Religious Emblems

(Read more at <http://live.lcdiocese.org/news/1310-forty-two-youth-and-adults-honored.html>)

LAKE CHARLES -- The Bishop's Dinner for Religious Emblems Recognition was held recently at the Knights of Columbus Hall of Council 4562 of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Various medals earned through Religious Emblem programs went to 35 youth while seven adults were honored for services rendered on behalf of Scouting.

Youth awards included the Family of God, I Live My Faith, and Mary, the First Disciple for girls and Light of Christ, *Parvuli Dei*, *Ad Altare Dei* and the Pope Pius XII for boys. Adult recognition came in the form of the Bronze Pelican. Bishop Glen John Provost, aided by Father Jacob S. Conner, Chaplain for the Catholic Committee on Scouting, presented the awards.

J.C. Land, an Explorer Scout, was presented with the Duty to God Award.

The Family of God emblem was presented to Clair Ab-

shire, Olivia Ardoin, Danielle Bourgeois, Olivia Foreman, and Kaitlynn Gill. This program is the official religious recognition program of the Catholic Church in the United States for children age seven to nine enrolled in the Girl Scouts of the USA, Camp Fire, Inc., or Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

I Live My Faith awards were presented to Holly Abshire, Elaine Dunse, Alana Fournet, Amanda Fournet, and Dashauntee Taylor.

Mary, the First Disciple awardees included Alyssa Foreman, Sage Guidry, and Grace Trahan.

Recipients of the Light of Christ emblem were Bryce Bertrand, Keegan Bertrand, Charles Palay, and Everett Taylor. *Parvuli Dei* recipients were Zane Bailey, Alex Bertrand, Michael Bourgeois, Samuel Brocato, Terrence Carter, Jr. Christian Johnson, David Johnson, Michael Lavergne, Thomas Lavergne, Darnell Taylor.

Mass to Avert Storms May 29

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 Diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine allows visitors to receive the same spiritual benefits as if visiting the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome, due to the special affiliation with the Basilica. The pilgrimage provides a plenary indulgence with the fulfillment of certain requirements, including recent confession, reception of Holy

Communion, prayers for the Holy Father, and the 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 Hurricane Audrey.

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

The Offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. The offices will be open during regular hours - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - for the remainder of the week.

Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

May 24, 2013

OLQH School breaks ground for new middle-school building

LAKE CHARLES - Our Lady Queen of Heaven (OLQH) Catholic School broke ground recently for its new middle-school building, and the facility is expected to be ready for the opening of the 2014-2015 school year.

The one-story, 26,500-square-foot middle-school building will house fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades, and will include classrooms, administrative offices, a teachers' lounge and a brick-paved courtyard. A covered walkway will connect the new building to the cafeteria and other campus buildings.

"This new facility will allow us all the advantages of a true middle-school model," said principal JoAnn Wallwork. "The building will be spacious, filled with new technology, and designed to serve the learning needs of our middle-school students."

Bishop Glen John Provost led a group of honorary ground-breakers that turned the first spadefuls of earth on the north end of the campus near West Claude Street. Wielding shovels were Msgr. James Gaddy, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church; Catholic School's Superintendent Kimberlee Gazzolo; OLQH School Principal JoAnn Wallwork; St. Martin de Porres Pastor Father Keith Pellerin; student council officer Quinn Roan; Gretchen Jester and Frank Wood, leaders of the Cornerstone Capital Campaign; Lake Charles Mayor Randy Roach; Calcasieu Parish Police Juror Chris Landry; Lake Charles City Council Member Stuart Weatherford; and project architect Randy M. Goodloe.

The groundbreaking ceremony was attended by parents, friends, donors and the entire student body. Msgr. Gaddy told the gathering, "As a community, we place our first attention on the education of our children. Your commitment and generosity have led to this new milestone in our school's rich history—a state-of-the-art middle-school building."

The new building is the first phase of a three-phase facility improvement project funded by donations to the Cornerstone Capital Campaign. Phase Two involves renovation of the present school building and relocation of some grades. Phase Three will move the Early Childhood Center into a renovated school building on the east side of Creole Street, and the old Early Childhood Center building will be demolished to create 43 new parking spaces. The Cornerstone Capital Campaign has achieved 90 percent of its \$3.5 million goal.

The project also brings safety and traffic-flow benefits to the school by consolidating all kindergarten through eighth-grade students onto a unified campus west of Creole Street, eliminating the need for students to cross the street during the school day.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School was established in 1958. It currently has an enrollment of 700 K-8 students and 55 students in its Early Childhood Center.



Shovels full of dirt flew as ground was broken for the construction of a new middle school building at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School. Assisting in the groundbreaking ceremonies, which brought out the entire school enrollment as well as many who had made generous contributions to the project, were from left, Frank Wood, Gretchen Jester, JoAnn Wallwork, Msgr. James Gaddy, Bishop Glen John Provost, Kimberlee Gazzolo, Father Keith Pellerin, OLQH student council officer Quinn Roan, Randy Goodloe (architect), Mayor Randy Roach, Stuart Weatherford (City Council), and Chris Landry (Police Jury).

"Reclaiming Sunday" winners announced

LAKE CHARLES - The Office of Religious Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles and Father Nathan Long, its director, has announced the winners of its "Reclaiming Sunday" drawing/writing contest held in the Catholic schools of the Diocese during Lent.

The theme for the students to ponder was "How can we reclaim the importance of Sunday as individuals, as a family, and as a society?"

Class categories were: Early Childhood, PreK-second grade; Elementary, third-fifth grades; and junior high, sixth-eighth grade. The

early childhood category had drawings to represent the answer to the question while the elementary group wrote 150-word essays and the junior high group composed 150 to 300 word essays.

Meredith Guidroz, a first grade student at St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School, captured the early childhood category while Ana-Claire Perkins, a fifth grader at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School, won the elementary group. Kain Babineaux, a sixth grade student at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings was the junior high winner.



Winning drawing by Meredith Guidroz

Bishop Provost to preside at Holy Hour on June 2

LAKE CHARLES - The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will join with His Holiness Pope Francis and the bishops of the world on Sunday, June 2, when he presides at a Holy Hour for the Year of Faith in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception beginning at 3 p.m.

Bishop Provost has invited all the priests of the Diocese, as well as the Catholic faithful, to attend for an hour of silent prayer, the public recitation of the Rosary, the reading of Sacred Scripture, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelisation, informed the bishops of the world that the Holy Father would be presiding at a Holy Hour on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ - Corpus Christi - and requested that each bishop in each diocese do likewise to emphasize the Eucharistic centrality of the Year of Faith.

The Year of Faith began on October 11, 2012 with Mass in St. Peter's Square celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI. The now Pope Emeritus had called for the Year of Faith to strengthen Catholics who go to church, reach out to those who have left but still yearn for God in their lives, offer a response to those who are searching for meaning and help those who think they do not need God.

The first day of the Year of Faith marked the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The year is dedicated to encouraging Catholics to study, profess and demonstrate their faith.

The Year of Faith concludes on the final Sunday of the liturgical year, the Feast of Christ the King - November 24.

How I Reclaim My Sundays

By Ana-Claire Perkins
Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Fifth Grade

I love Sundays with my family, friends, church and animals. We go to church on Sundays. We usually go the afternoon Mass. I just went to altar service class the other day, so I will be serving the Lord in Church. At Church all of us sing, praise, and listen to the Word of the Lord. Our priest tells meaningful stories that I focus on to understand the real message. Another thing we do on Sundays is that mom and I pray in a special way. We have a prayer area that I set up for us. I enjoy that special place because it is our spot to thank God for all he does for us.

On Sundays, we try to do relaxing family activities. Such as laying in the beautiful yard, we look at the puffy clouds and nature. I reflect on how lucky we are. I also have asked myself, "how earth came to be?" Do you ever think about this? In the evenings, we usually go to dinner at our family's homes or we play board games and sit by the fire with our animals. This is our inner peace. Also, we set goals for our next week ahead. My Mom writes me an inspiring quote every week in my planner. It is something positive to read and enjoy discussing them with her. We have volunteered on Sundays to help others. We often sell lemonade to earn money for the animal shelter and for our donation for the sick children at St. Jude's. We helped pitch in at the park by painting and picking up trash. All of these deeds help me reclaim my Sundays. This is what SUNDAY means to me: S=Special Day, U=Understanding, N=Nice to everyone, D=Determined to do my best, A=Affectionate, and Y=Young at heart.

PNAC nabs Clericus Cup soccer

ROME (CNS) - For the second straight year, the Pontifical North American College took home the championship title in Rome's Clericus Cup soccer series, this time with a 1-0 victory over the Legionaries of Christ's Mater Ecclesiae College, 1-0, in the final playoff May 18.

Andrew Mattingly, a second-year seminarian from the Dio-

cese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., scored the winning goal for the NAC Martyrs, dedicating it to Mary, the Mother of God.

The Clericus Cup tournament for priests and seminarians studying in Rome was established in 2006 and first played in 2007; the seventh season saw 355 seminarians and religious from 56 countries playing.

Did you know...

In protest at the suppression of religion in North Korea, the Church has, since 1962, considered Francis Hong Yong-ho to be the incumbent Bishop of Pyongyang and continues to list him as such in the *Annuario Pontificio*, the ultimate record of Catholic bishops, with the indication "disperso" (missing). However, he was arrested in 1949 and is generally presumed dead. He would today be nearly 107 years old.

Pope Francis will make his first international journey as Supreme Pontiff in July to World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro. Do you know how many times Blessed John Paul II traveled to Latin or South America? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

Diocesan Briefs....

Mass and Prayer for Healing on May 29

MOSS BLUFF - A special Mass and Prayer for Healing will take place Wednesday, May 29, at 7 p.m. in St. Theodore Catholic Church, according to Msgr. Charles Dubois, Pastor.

Rev. John Pardue, a priest of the Diocese of Alexandria and pastor of Mary, Mother of Jesus Catholic Church in Woodworth, La., will be the celebrant.

All are welcome and Msgr. Dubois invites everyone to attend. Call 337-855-6662 for more information.

Altar Society Popcorn Ball Sale

LAKE CHARLES - The annual St. Henry Catholic Church Altar Society popcorn ball sale is set for Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. until in the St. Henry Community Center.

Call 337-912-2185 or 337-439-1159 to order for \$2.50 each.

St. John Bazaar June 9

LACASSINE - The St. John Church bazaar is Sunday, June 9, in the Lacassine Community Center.

There will be bingo and a silent auction from 9 a.m. to noon with a live auction beginning at noon. Pork steak dinners will be available for \$7 and can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Contact Betty at 588-4224 for information on the dinners.

A raffle drawing will give first place \$400, second place \$250, and third place \$100. Call Charlotte at 588-4535 or George at 488-4466.

"Beat the Heat"

LAKE CHARLES - Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisi-

ana 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.

St. Martin de Porres Garage Sale June 8

LAKE CHARLES - St. Martin de Porres Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Knights of Columbus are teaming up for a garage sale to raise money for the "Respect for Life Monument" Saturday, June 8 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Granger Vincent Complex on Elliott Road.

Anyone with garage sale type items, except clothing, can drop them off at the Granger Vincent Complex, Thursday, June 6, Friday, June 7, and early Saturday, June 8. Please call the church before dropping off items to make sure someone will be there to accept them.

Clergy, religious anniversaries to be 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.

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 the Abrazando Cristo Mission Program in Nicaragua.

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