



Second Annual Fortnight for Freedom begins today

WASHINGTON — The U.S. bishops' second annual Fortnight for Freedom — a period of prayer and fasting to raise awareness of challenges to religious liberty, both nationally and internationally — begins today, June 21, and continues until Thursday, July 4.

The observance kicks off with Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore celebrating an evening Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Baltimore. It will conclude with a noon Mass July 4 to be celebrated by Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in the nation's capital.

Here in the Diocese of Lake Charles, the Fortnight starts at the Rally in Support of Religious Freedom and Conscience Rights Saturday, June 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Heritage Square Pavilion in Sulphur. Bishop Glen John Provost will be one of a number of speakers at the rally, which is sponsored by the Diocese of Lake Charles, the Sulphur Area Ministerial Alliance, and various pastors and churches of the area including Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Maplewood, La., Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church, Maplewood Baptist Church, The Shepherd's Rest, Trinity Baptist Church, New Destiny Assembly of God, Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, St. Theresa of the

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Child Jesus Catholic Church, Covenant Presbyterian, and Victory Worship Center. In addition to Bishop Provost, state and local officials, judges, clergy, and others scheduled to speak include District Attorney John DeRosier, Judge Kent Savoie, Judge David Ritchie, State Representative Mike Danahay, Olympic Gold Medalist Jenny Finch, Judge Charles Schrupf, City Councilwoman Veronica Allison, Mayor Carol Ponthieux, City Prosecutor Jennifer Page, Pastor/Army Reserve Chaplain Jerry Thompson, Pastor Ronnie Burke, and Mitchell Wyninger.

Musical groups appearing are the Hous-

ton River Baptist Church Choir, Life Church Band, and the Barry Badon Band. Food and drinks will be available.

Bishop Provost will be the celebrant of the 5 p.m. Mass Saturday, June 22, at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church. A youth event and concert will follow the celebration of the Mass in the Parish Hall. The concert will feature the Christian group, Core 13. Concessions will be available.

The website www.Fortnight4Freedom.org has details of fortnight events and suggested activities for parishes and families, as well as fact sheets, educational resources and

suggested prayers for the observance.

The site includes a study guide on the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Religious Freedom, "Dignitatis Humanae," and quotes about religious freedom from the nation's Founding Fathers and the writings of Blessed John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

Archbishop Lori, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, noted the fortnight occurs just weeks before Aug. 1, the date final rules take effect for implementing the federal contraceptive mandate, requiring most employers to provide contraceptive coverage for employees.

The Catholic Church and other faith groups object to the requirement "coercing us to violate our deeply held beliefs," the archbishop said in a statement.

During the fortnight, the Supreme Court's decisions on the definition of marriage "will likely be handed down as well," he added, referring to rulings the court is expected to issue in late June on two same-sex marriage cases. One is a challenge to the constitutionality of California's Proposition 8, a voter-approved initiative banning same-sex marriage, and the other is a challenge to the federal Defense of Marriage Act.

"Those decisions could have a profound impact on religious freedom for generations to come," Archbishop Lori said.

Seven things to know about the New Evangelization

(Special from the USCCB Office of Communications)

WASHINGTON—To honor the fiftieth anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the twentieth anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed a Year of Faith, which began October 11, 2012 and ends November 24, 2013, to strengthen the faith of Catholics and draw the world to faith by their example. The Year of Faith is meant to reflect one of the themes of the New Evangelization.

Peter Murphy, D.Min., executive director of the Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), shares "Seven Things Catholics Should Know About the New Evangelization." Murphy, who is in Rome as an auditor of the October 7-28 Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization, offers:

1. It's not new in content, but new in energy and approach. The New Evangelization re-proposes the faith to a world longing for answers to life's most profound questions. It's a call to share Christ and bring the Gospel, with renewed energy and

through ever-changing methods, to new and different audiences.

2. It begins with personal conversion. The New Evangelization begins internally and spreads outward. We are called to deepen our own faith in order to better share it with others. Then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger described this in the Jubilee Year 2000 as daring to have faith with the humility of the mustard seed that leaves up to God how and when the tree will grow. Conversion to Christ is the first step.

3. It's for believers and non-believers alike. Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM Cap., recently observed that the most difficult people to evangelize are the ones who think they've already been converted. So, whether it's someone at Mass every Sunday, an inactive Catholic or someone for whom religion is not part of life, the New Evangelization invites all people to discover faith anew.

4. It's about a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Before a person can share Christ with others, they must first experience Christ

in their own life. The New Evangelization is about promoting a personal encounter with Christ for all people, wherever they are in their lives. Whether that means finding faith for the first time or spreading the Good News, the most authentic and effective efforts are the ones closest to Christ.

5. It's not an isolated moment, but an ongoing practice. Personal conversion and the encounter with Christ is an ongoing experience that lasts a lifetime. Catholics are blessed to encounter their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in the Sacraments. Catholics are called to live in a way that reflects the love of Christ - God's love shared with our neighbors through caring for the poor and welcoming those who feel distant from God.

6. It's meant to counter secular culture. G.K. Chesterton wrote that "each generation is converted by the saint who contradicts it most." The New Evangelization responds to Western society's ongoing move away from religion by urging Catholics to enthusiastically share Christ in word and through the credible witness of their lives. This is why Pope Benedict encourages Catholics to study the lives of the saints during the Year of Faith and learn from their example.

7. It's a priority for the Church. Blessed Pope John Paul II made it a major priority of his 26-year pontificate. Continuing this, Pope Benedict launched the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization in 2010 and made it the theme of the 2012 Synod of Bishops. The U.S. bishops issued a document in April, "Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization," focused on welcoming inactive Catholics back to the faith. The New Evangelization has an urgency about it - an urgency for all Catholics to embrace the grace of their baptismal call and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with their family, friends and neighbors.



Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School first graders Isabella Tassin, left, and Sammy Kennison, right, present a check in the amount of \$10,871.47 to Monsignor James Gaddy, representing money collected and earned by students to participate in the first bricks placed in the "Layers of Legacy Courtyard" to be located in the new Middle School Building as a part of the school's Cornerstone Capital Campaign. Each grade level, in the 2012-2013 school year, will be represented by a brick, valued from \$100 to \$1,000. Included in this total are also donations of the school clubs, which also purchased bricks, including the culinary club, Student Council, Beta, SWAG, and Athletic Department and Cheerleaders.

Did you know...

St. Francis de Sales was declared the Patron Saint of writers and journalists in 1923 by Pope Pius XI while Pope Pius XII made St. Clare of Assisi the patron of television in 1958.

Do you know why a 13th Century saint like St. Clare was chosen for such a 20th century patronage? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

Mission program raises \$74,500

LAKE CHARLES — A total of \$74,500 was realized from two fundraising efforts to aid the Abrazando Cristo Mission Program and its work in Nicaragua, according to Msgr. Daniel Torres.

The 24 missionaries depart on Saturday, June 29 and will return Sunday, July 7.

"All of the missionaries and the Abrazando Cristo Mission Program express gratitude to God, the numerous benefactors, and volunteers for the two successful fundraisers," Torres said. "The Johnnie Thibodeaux Memorial Golf Tournament donated \$30,000 for projects in Matagalpa, Granada, and Managua."

All 500 tickets were purchased for the annual raffle, Torres noted.

Ticket number 0412 S.M. won the top prize of \$5,000, ticket number 0304 A.C. captured \$1,000, and ticket 0195 T.H. picked up \$500. Proceeds benefit construction work at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, St. John the Baptist Catholic Rectory, the Blessed John Paul II Center, and the on-going education of the Pan y Amor School in Managua.

Official Appointments



By Order of the Most Reverend Bishop:

Effective Monday, June 10, 2013

Reverend D. Bryan Thompson is appointed to the Institute on Matrimonial Tribunal Practice at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Upon successful completion of his studies, he will be appointed as an Advocate for the Office of the Tribunal for the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Effective Monday, July 1, 2013

Reverend Jeffrey Starkovich is appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He is also appointed Chaplain to Saint Louis Catholic High School.

Reverend J. Scott DesOrmeaux is appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Theodore Catholic Church in Moss Bluff, Louisiana.

Reverend Felix Anyikwa is appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana, with particular responsibilities as Chaplain of the nursing care facilities within the territory of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church with provisional responsibilities in the nursing care facilities within the territories of Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church and Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church. Reverend Anyikwa is also appointed Chaplain to the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Mercy in Lake Charles.

Reverend J. Scott Conner is appointed Pastor of Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Oberlin, Louisiana.

Given from His Chancery, this fifth day of June, in the Year of our Lord, 2013.

+Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2013 the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles pray the following prayer, composed by The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette, following Hurricane Audrey in 1957:

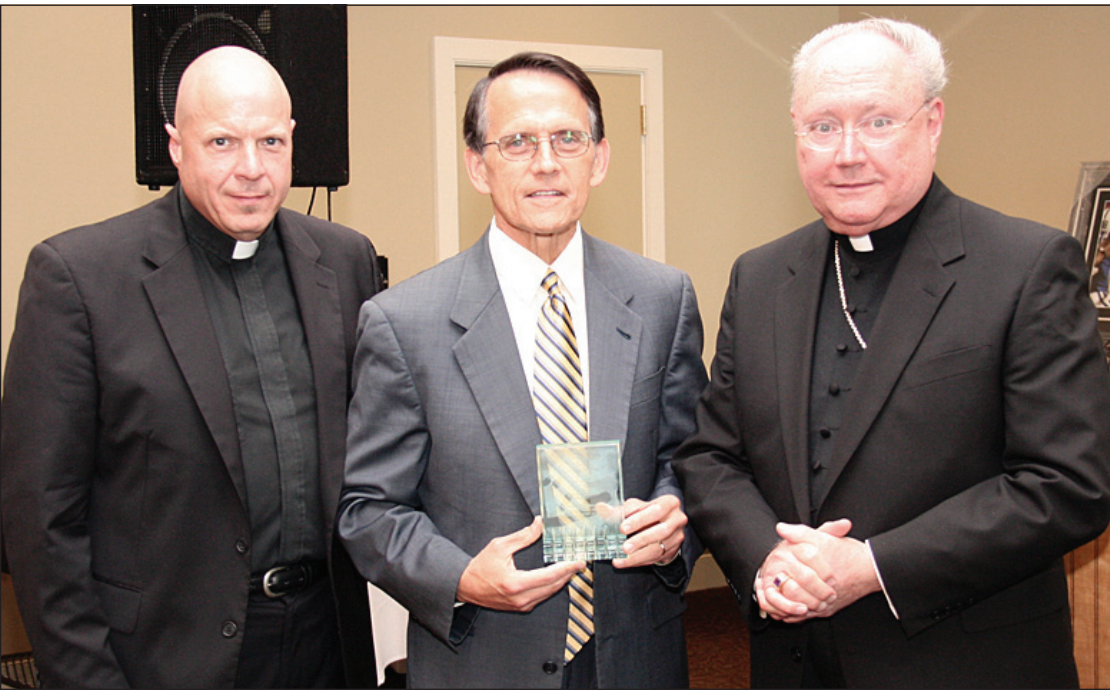
O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, and overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder
Second Bishop of Lafayette

On Thursday, July 4,
the offices of the
**DIocese OF
LAKE CHARLES**
will be closed in
celebration of the
237th anniversary of
our country's
independence.

Regular office hours -
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. -
will be followed on
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Friday,
July 1, 2, 3, and 5.



In the photo at left, Lake Charles Mayor Randy Roach, center, stands with Bishop Glen John Provost, right, and Father Wayne LeBleu, Secretary for the Ministry of Pastoral Services following the presentation of Caritas Award, while in the photo at right, Bishop Provost and Father LeBleu are joined by Bob Weber, the 2013 St. Peter Claver Award recipient and Trish Trejo, Deputy Director of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana.



Mayor Roach, Bob Weber receive Catholic Charities awards

(Read more at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/1333-mayor-roach-bob-weber-receive-catholic-charities-awards.html>)

LAKE CHARLES – Lake Charles Mayor Randy Roach and Catholic Charities volunteer Robert Weber, a parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, were the 2013 recipients of the Caritas Award and the St. Peter Claver Award, respectively, at the recent Jazz Brunch for Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana. The awards were presented by Father Wayne LeBleu, Secretary for the Ministry of Pastoral Services, and Trish Trejo, Deputy Secretary for Catholic Charities.

Mayor Roach has served as the leader of the City of Lake Charles since 2000 and has worked closely with the city and parish governments and other agencies to form partnerships and pool resources that benefit not only the city, but also

the entire area of Southwest Louisiana. Through his largesse and that of the city, Catholic Charities receives a grant to “assist those facing eviction from their homes.” A native of Lake Charles, Roach served as the assistant city attorney for Lake Charles from 1985-1987 and had two terms as state representative from 1988-1996.

The St. Peter Claver Award seeks to honor individuals or organizations who have served those in our community most in need by partnering with the work of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana. Sometimes these are individuals who are volunteers at the agency, but often they are not. Catholic Charities states as its mission ‘to empower people, in the Spirit of Christ, to respond to the basic needs of the people of Southwest Louisiana.’

Weber, who moved to Lake Charles with his family at age

nine, graduated from Landry Memorial High School and McNeese State University. He served as a loyal and dedicated teacher in the science department of Sulphur High School for 35 years. A volunteer in the Catholic Charities food warehouse, Weber “never tires from his work brining food to those who are in need, seeing as his commission, from Matthew 25, feeding those who are hungry.”

A member of the Our Lady Queen of Heaven St. Vincent de Paul Society, Weber “works at keeping the warehouse well stocked with boxes to pack the groceries for distribution and can often be seen carrying the boxes to the cars of those who come to us for food. Bob has brought food to other parishes for Catholic Charities and is in charge of picking up donated items from many of the area Churches as well as food which has been donated from commu-

nity gardens.”

In making her annual “State of Catholic Charities” talk, Trejo spoke of the many paid and unpaid members of the staff. “Each Monday morning the phones in the office ring incessantly with calls from people in need of rent, utility, funeral, medication, or TWIC application fee assistance. These calls are answered by staff and volunteers. Then the calls are screened by two of our volunteers. Rental calls are passed to Shirley Walker, our caseworker, who expertly deals with landlords and the tax assessor’s office. Nearly all of the Utility Assistance calls are handled by Debra Richard and Barbara Leblanc, both volunteers. They take information over the phone and then see the clients in person to determine their eligibility before I pledge their assistance. In 2012, Catholic Charities assisted 133 households with almost \$20,000

in utility assistance. This was almost entirely due to the work of volunteers.

Continuing, she said, “At present a program we are putting great energy into is our Beat the Heat Program. With the help of the 4th Degree Knights of Peter Claver Assembly 22 and numerous donors including the City of Lake Charles, we provide window unit air conditioners for individuals 65 years of age and older or for people with disabilities. The Knights install the units in the homes. This program is run totally by volunteers with only paid staff oversight. Last year 82 households received these air conditioner units in four of the five civil parishes in the Diocese.

“Throughout all of the office programs, it is Gloria Hypolite, our office assistant, who manages all with a serenity rarely seen in such a busy place. She calmly keeps all the plates spin-

ning with a smile for everyone.”

Trejo noted that the largest number of volunteers can be found in the Food Distribution Program. “Monthly, they come to unload the food truck from Second Harvest of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana,” she said. “That same day, they prepare the food for the volunteers who will come later to pack the food for distribution. The packers, some gathered by Bob Weber each week and some gathered by Lily Zaunbrecher, prepare 310-320 boxes of food for each monthly distribution according to specific packing lists set by their Warehouse Manager, Blanche Landry, who keeps the inventory lists organized. Then, on the day of Distribution, Weber and Bob McCorquodale organize the box distribution, and Debra Richard keeps the paperwork in order for new and returning clients.”

St. Louis Catholic Senior award winners

LAKE CHARLES – Numerous awards and scholarships were presented to the St. Louis Catholic High School Senior Class of 2013 in the days prior to their May graduation. The total value of scholarships offered to 2013 graduates was \$2,911,588, not including the Louisiana Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) scholarships. Those awards and scholarships are listed here:

President’s Honor Awards and Louisiana House of Representative Awards:

Valedictorian: Margaret Lie
Salutatorians: Sarah France and Melissa Snider

Honor Graduates: Christopher Ange, Matthew Berry, Sara Casiday, Autumn Cormier, Lindsey Courville, Morgan Delvecchio, Julia Falgoust, Sarah France, Leslye Guidry, Jenna Hebert, Sarah King, Emily Lancon, Margaret Lie, Tori Link, Sierra Maust, Victoria Primeaux, David Rau, Grant Reddoch, Melissa Snider, and Thomas Vogel

National Merit Finalist: Margaret Lie
Student of the Year: Margaret Lie (District Winner)

Rally Awards: This year 31 of ninth through twelfth grade students placed at District Rally. Sixteen were first place winners with five being overall winners for the entire rally. Those placing were: Christopher Ange, 1st, Biology II; Autumn Cormier, 3rd, Adv. Math Func. & Stat.; Andrew Courville, 2nd, Financial Math; Morgan DelVecchio, 1st, Psychology; Jules Gonsolin, 1st, Civics; Margaret Lie, 1st, Calculus, Overall Winner; 2nd at State Rally; Celeste Morris earned Excellent rating in Fr. III Interpretive Reading at State Rally; Victoria Primeaux, 1st, English IV; Grant Reddoch, 1st, Physics, Overall Winner; Harry Schwartzberg, 3rd, Environmental Science, 3rd at State Rally; and Mason Veillon, 1st, Fine Arts Survey.

Plauche DAR Special Award: Lindsey Courville; Calderara Student Council Award: Michael Beverung

National and Community Awards

U.S. Senate Youth Program Award: Margaret Lie, American Legion Award: Morgan Davis and Grant Reddoch, Voice of Democracy Award: Madison Crain, Scottish Rite Patriotism Award: Julia Falgoust and Michael Beverung, MSU Regional Math Awards: Level 12 Team placing 3rd: Christopher Ange and Grant Reddoch, Level 12 Team placing 2nd: Margaret Lie, Matthew Berry, and Sarah France, Knights of Columbus Patriotism Award: Christopher Ange, The Catholic Youth Leadership Awards: St. Margaret Parish: Sarah France, St. Martin dePorres Parish: Annie Whitbeck, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish: Matthew Berry (placed 2nd in area) and Margaret Lie (diocesan winner).

Mayor’s Community Commitment Award: Michael Beverung, Wesley Guidry, and Jennifer Gabb, Service Above Self Award: Sarah France, Army Scholar/Athlete Awards: Jordan Fuselier and David Rau, Marine Corps Awards: Distinguished Athletes: John Paul Crawford and Hillary Henning, Semper Fidelis Award-Margaret Lie, Scholastic Excellence-Matthew Berry, Tournament of the Stars: Morgan Claire Labove and Taylor Edwards, Propeller Club Scholarship: Mason Veillon, Jazz in the Arts Chester Daigle Scholarship: Marshall Simien III, Daffodil Tea Scholarships: Creative Writing: Celeste Morris, Instrumental Music Performance: Margaret Lie, Vocal Music Performance: Wesley Guidry, Sarah King, and Emily Lancon, Alpha Kappa Alpha Versie L. Williams Scholarship: Maaliyah Papillion, Murphy Ambrose Scholarship: Maaliyah Papillion, Black Heritage Scholarship: Morgan Hawkins and Brooke Walker, Greater St. Mary Baptist Church Scholarship: Raven McZeal, Adnil Services Scholarship: Maaliyah Papillion, Zeta Phi Beta Scholarship: Destinee Delahousaye, Jerard Schexnider, and Brooke Walker, 2000 Health Foundation Nursing Scholarship: Anna Bellow, John J. Johnson Scholarship: Anna Bellow, AmeriCorps Scholarship: Raven McZeal, SW Business Development Center Scholarship: Raven McZeal, Papa John’s Scholarship: Thomas Vogel, Ruby Sue Clifton Scholarship:

Thomas Vogel, Burger King Scholarship: Morgan Davis and Nicholas McCracken, Showtime International Scholarship: Jenna Hebert.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Tulane, Jeffrey Joseph-Legislative Scholarship; Xavier University, Morgan Davis-Merit based scholarship and housing grant; Loyola University New Orleans, Autumn Cormier-Dean’s Scholar Award, Sarah King-Loyola Scholar Award, Lauren Stroh-Dean’s Scholar Award;

Louisiana Tech, Nathan Hammond- Outstanding Student Scholarship, Emily Lancon-Outstanding Student Scholarship, Choral Service Award, and a Dorm Scholarship, Grant Reddoch-Presidential Scholarship, Thomas Vogel-Outstanding Student Scholarship; Louisiana College, Wesley Guidry-Academic Scholarship, Leadership Scholarship, Cheer Scholarship, and a Scholarship for Excellence in the Arts, Chandler Mayo-Academic Scholarship; Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Paula Dejean-Presidential Honors and NSU Opportunity Award, University of Louisiana – Lafayette, Morgan Aleshire-Academic Excellence Scholarship; University of Louisiana-Monroe, Kathryn Billeaudeau-Academic Excellence Tier I Scholarship.

Millsaps College, Jules Gonsoulin-Founders Scholarship and Millsaps Major Grant; Springhill College, Annie Whitbeck-Ignatius Leader Award, John Patrick Winterton-Gautrelet Award; University of Incarnate Word, Bridgette Prunty-Distinguished Scholarship; LSU, Morgan Delvecchio – Tiger Excellence Award, Jennifer Gabb – Academic Scholars Resident Award, Jane Johnson- Tiger Excellence Award, Victoria Primeaux- Academic Scholars Resident Award, David Rau- Academic Scholars Resident Award; McNeese State University, Chelsea Abshire-H.C. Drew Scholarship, Christopher Ange-Honors College Scholarship, Sara Casiday- Board of Supervisor’s Scholarship, Emily Cormier- H.C. Drew Scholarship, David Crawford- Board of Supervisor’s Scholarship, Andrew Dietz-Lake

Charles American Press Scholarship, Michael Eccles- MSU Foundation Achievement Award, Julia Falgoust- Honors College Scholarship, Sarah France-Honors College Scholarship, Jordan Fuselier-Distinguished Achievement Award, Madeline Gaspard-Choral Service Award, Tori Link- H.C. Drew Scholarship, Alberto Maxwell-Band Scholarship, Nicholas McCracken-H.C. Drew Scholarship, Michael Richard- Band Scholarship and MSU Foundation Achievement Award, Christopher Sims- Distinguished Achievement Award, Melissa Snider- Honors College Scholarship, Mason Veillon- Distinguished Achievement Award, Michael White-Distinguished Achievement Award

Athletic Scholarships

Haden Hernandez-Baseball Scholarship to Bossier Parish Community College, Catherine Cuccio – Bowling Scholarship, David Pigno-Louisiana College scholarship, where he will play football, Elijah Woods-Louisiana College Scholarship, where he also will play football, Sarah Booth-Women’s Track and Field Scholarship to University of New Orleans. She is also receiving a UNO Silver Scholarship and Housing Scholarship, Blair Henderson-Men’s Track and Field Scholarship to LSU, Charles Hunter Crochet-Golf Scholarship to Loyola University New Orleans, and also receives an academic award.

Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc Service Award- Matthew Berry; Ceremony of Lights Participants: Seniors - Readers: Sierra Maust and Jeffrey Joseph

Loyalty: Sarah France and Wesley Guidry, Scholarship: Margaret Lie and Matthew Berry, Leadership: Morgan Davis and Michael Beverung, Christian Community: Julia Falgoust and Chris Ange. Juniors – Loyalty: Alexandra Loftin and Brett Montelaro, Scholarship: Olivia Hansen and Andrew Ammons, Leadership: Frances Thompson and Lee Metoyer, Christian Community: Suzanne Monlezun and Collin Reed.

St. Louis Award: Sarah France and Wesley Guidry

Diocesan Briefs.....

House Manager job open at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF – Saint Charles Center is seeking applicants for the position of House Manager, to be available for employment on July 1.

Responsibilities will include oversight and management of Center personnel and programming in both the housekeeping and kitchen departments of the facility.

Background and experience in the field of hospitality services is required.

All qualified candidates should contact Michelle Monceaux at 337-855-1232 to schedule an appointment for an initial interview as soon as possible.

Veritas Conference September 14

LAKE CHARLES – “How to Answer the New Atheism” will be the topic for the Veritas Conference on Faith and Evangelization set for Saturday, Sept. 14, at St. Louis Catholic High School with Benjamin Wiker, Ph.D. as the keynote speaker.

Dr. Wiker graduated from Furman University with a B.A. in Political Philosophy and has an M.A. in Religion and a Ph.D. in Theological Ethics from Vanderbilt University.

Breakout topics for the conference will include Faith and Science, Demonstrations of God’s Existence, Darwinism and Evolution, The Dictatorship of Relativism, and more.

“Beat the Heat” program continues

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.

Clergy, religious anniversaries to be honored

LAKE CHARLES – St. Henry Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus will honor saints, 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 single-

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

Special Needs Mass July 7

LAKE CHARLES – Father Whitney Miller will celebrate a Mass for Individuals with Special Needs and their families at 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 7, in St. Louis Catholic High School.

The Mass is offered as an opportunity for all to worship despite difficulty, embarrassment, or frustration.

Call Karen Duhon at 337-478-0243 or Shari Cormier at 337-478-0043 for more information.

Icon Writing Workshop July 9-14

MOSS BLUFF – A beginner/intermediate Icon Writing Workshop is set Tuesday, July 9 through Sunday, July 14, at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

Instruction will be in the Byzantine-Russian tradition of iconography.

For more information contact Sylvia Marcantel at 337-304-2911.