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Crowning of Blessed Virgin Mary slated for Aug. 22 in Cathedral

LAKE CHARLES – The crown to be used in the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the niche of the high altar in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception has arrived in the Diocese. The crowning will take place during a 6 p.m. Mass on Thursday, Aug. 22 - the Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - with the Most Reverend Glen John Provost as celebrant. Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See to the United States will officiate the crowning rite and deliver the homily.

The Mass is by invitation only, due to space considerations, but a reception with Bishop Provost and Archbishop Viganò is open to the public and set for 3 to 5 p.m. in The Historic Calcasieu Marine National Bank at 844 Ryan Street.

The crown was fashioned by Fratelli Savi, one of the most distinguished workshops in Rome for church items. The Savi brothers fashioned items regularly for the Vatican during the pontificates of Blessed Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. Each item, including the crown for the Diocese of Lake Charles, is custom designed and hand made.

Generous donors made the manufacture of the crown possible without any cost to the Diocese. The design and construction of the crown was donated in memory of Edwin Pierre and Kathleen Lacour Rabalais and the gems on the crown – aquamarines and sapphire – were donated in memory of Durrell L. Hudson, Jr.

The crowning of Mary under various titles has a very long history in the Church, both in the East and in the West. Beginning with the Council of Ephesus (A.D. 431), the long held practice of crowning Mary, also known as the coronation, began to develop further and spread more rapidly. It was at the Council of Ephesus that the traditional title Theotokos, the Mother of God, was reaffirmed and definitively held against the Nestorian heresy. Since then the custom of the Blessed Virgin Mary wearing a regal crown has enjoyed the favor of the sensus fidelium under the guidance of the Magisterium. The growth of this custom led to the development of a liturgical rite in which the Blessed Virgin Mary is invoked as queen. The "Introduction" to the rite states that Our Lady is rightly regarded as queen since she is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King. Furthermore, it states that she is the perfect follower of Christ. Mary is the perfect follower of Christ because she believed the words spoken to her by the angel and did the will of God. Therefore, she has undoubtedly won the "crown of righteousness" promised to those who believe in and follow Christ.



The crown, above, was made by the well-respected workshop of the Fratelli Savi in Rome. The Savi brothers have provided custom designed and handmade items to the Vatican during the pontificates of Blessed Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

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



Following the May 29 Mass to Avert Storms celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron, Bishop Glen John Provost blessed the Shrine of Our Lady Star of the Sea in front of the church. Joining the Bishop for the Mass were Father Rommel Tolentino, pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Church in Hackberry; Father Richard Adiukwu, pastor of St. Eugene Church in Grand Chenier; and Father Timothy Goodly, pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea as well as Sacred Heart of Jesus in Creole. Additionally, Father Joseph Palermo, the Spiritual Director of Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans also concelebrated. This marked the beginning of the second year of the Cameron church's "spiritual bond" with the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome, granted by the Holy See. Those who attended the Mass were able to receive a plenary indulgence after having fulfilled certain conditions.

Permanent deacon candidates to be instituted as Acolytes, Aug. 10

SULPHUR – Candidates for the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Lake Charles will be instituted as Acolytes on Saturday, Aug. 10, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Maplewood. The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will preside.

Both the ministry of lector, into which the group has previously been instituted, and acolyte are in anticipation of their diaconal ordination, which is scheduled, upon completion of the group's fifth and final year of study and discernment, on Saturday, August 16, 2014 in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Cath-

olic Church in Lake Charles. Bishop Provost previously admitted them to candidacy for the Permanent Diaconate and, last year, as lectors.

The group, which represents 14 parishes, includes Glen Bertrand and Albert Weinnig of Saint Joseph Parish in DeRidder; Joseu Canelo and Patrick Hebert of Saint Henry Parish in Lake Charles and Erroll Deville and Harold Nixon of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Lake Charles.

Others are Richard Donahoe of Saint Martin de Porres Parish in Lake Charles; Keith Ellender of Saint Theresa of The Child Jesus Parish in Carlyss; Christopher Fon-

tenot of Our Lady of Counsel Parish in Lake Charles; Daniel Foreman of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Parish in Sulphur; James Christopher Gregory of Immaculate Conception Parish in Maplewood; and Michael Guillory of Saint Paul Parish in Elton.

Also, Leo Hebert of Saint Theodore Parish in Moss Bluff; Jesse Menard of Saint Joseph Parish in Vinton; Anthony Pousson of Saint Margaret of Scotland Parish in Lake Charles; Brian Soileau of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Oakdale; and Stephen Starr of Saint Raphael Parish in Iowa.



The newly completed Sacred Heart of Jesus / Our Lady Star of the Sea Life Center is shown in the left photo. The building is 142 feet by 72 feet in size with 7,790 total square feet perched 19 feet six inches above sea level. There are 12 rooms, including five classrooms, two offices, a 3,118 square feet multipurpose room, kitchen and restrooms. It is of raised wood frame construction on reinforced concrete pilings and concrete col-



umns. In the photo at right, Bishop Glen John Provost blesses the new facility, which has been in use since May 29. Since 2005, there has been no funeral home in the area and, according to Father Timothy Goodly, "With the Life Center, parishioners and former parishioners are able to gather the afternoon and night before the funeral. It is a welcome addition to Cameron parish." Two overnight vigils have already been held.

Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

July 5, 2013



The 50 married couples honored for their significant anniversaries during the Sunday, June 23, Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception stood as Bishop Glen John Provost blessed them and their commitment to Christian marriage.

Long-married couples honored by Diocese

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost honored 50 Catholic married couples of the Diocese of Lake Charles during the celebration of Mass on Sunday, June 24, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Office of Family Life of the Diocese sponsors this annual event.

In his homily, Bishop Provost told the jubilarians, “God rejoices in you because you are witnessing to the natural union that He intended from the creation of this world. Our Lord said in the Gospel, ‘Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate’.

“There was a time when we could have taken for granted this elementary truth,” the Bishop continued. “It would have been as certain as trusting that the sun would rise tomorrow morning. However, there are corrupting influences that are present in our world and are increasingly eating away at objective truth, tradition, and virtue and replacing them with relativism and secularism. In so doing, truth is being made relative—e.g., your truth is not my truth. Tradition has become an enemy of freedom, and virtue is a relic of an oppressive past. We are forced to think this way because not to embrace this relativism is to be insensitive, callous and uncaring. This mentality is what Pope-emeritus Benedict XVI called “the dictatorship of relativism.”

“Marriage to this way of thinking is one option among many, and commitment to a loving spouse is an outdated remnant of an outmoded past,” Bishop Provost said. “Marriage becomes another “whatever.” But you are different. You would not be here if you were not. And what makes you different?”

“What makes you different is that you have said ‘no’ to this tendency and ‘yes’ to God. You have acknowledged that God is important to you in your lives. And you have done so by living out faithfully your commitment to one another in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, for richer or poorer. You could

not have done this without God’s help, and you know it. Without this faith in God, your marriage would have been something less than it was, and you know it.”

Two couples were honored for their 65 years of Christian marriage - Orgy and Adrienne Broussard of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Iowa and D.J. and Euna LeDoux of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Lake Charles.

Celebrating 60th anniversaries this year are Lesa and Hazel Cormier, Bob and Doreen Fischer, Lester and Geraldine Landry, Ray and Shirley Lavergne, and Johnny and Lilly Taylor.

Fifty-fifth anniversary honorees were Walter and Sue Breaux, Dr. David and Joyce Buttross, Deacon Norris and Sandra Chapman, Rapheal and Selma Fontenot, James and Remanuel Hollier, and Rufus and Margie Ne-lands.

Golden jubilarians included Duane and Barbara Abshire, Walter and Mercedes Aguilard, Marshall and Theresa Andrepoint, Sig-mund and Yvonne Babineaux, Edward and Judy Ball, J.Y. and Clara Bellard, Rodney and Patricia Breaux, James and Helen Boyer, Tommy and Linda Cassell, Jack and Karen Delpapa, Wayne and Carolyn Doucette, Clarence and Billie Jean Ethridge, John and Nancy Friend, Johnny and Linda Hanks, Arthur and Birdie Harmon, Ronald and Judy Harmon, Dale and Rose Luttrell, James and Diann Manning, Edward and Nancy Pennartz, Lawrence and Carol Pollard, Johnnie and Elsie Reed, Edward and Jennie Rious, Adam and Elizabeth Rosemore, Robert and Gloria Rougeau, John and Jeanette Savoit, Ronald and Ann Stear, and Don and Peggy Strub.

Diamond anniversary couples were Christopher and Belinda Avery, Phillip and Jessie Cart, Jason and Charmaine Charles, John and Kelly Cornwell, Keith and Constance Greene, Doug and Adele Hamer, Manuel and Marge Michel, Lionel and Barbara Motte, Mark and JoLynn Pousson, and Paul and Norma Vidrine.

At the conclusion of Mass, Bishop Provost presented certificates to each couple in the Cathedral and a brief reception was held for jubilarians and their families in Ave Maria Hall.

Bishop Provost comments on recent Supreme Court decisions

LAKE CHARLES - In a statement, Bishop Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, said, “On Wednesday, June 26, 2013, the United States Supreme Court, for the first time in our nation’s history handed down rulings that impact the definition of

marriage. As Christians we believe that everyone has inviolable dignity and is entitled to love and respect, and we are committed to protecting the basic human rights of all.

The ability for individual States to redefine marriage

serves no one’s rights and further endangers the dignity of all men, women, and children. The society risks doing grave harm to its spiritual well-being and the common good when it presumes to redefine what God has ordained.

Our present Holy Father, Pope Francis, as Archbishop of Buenos Aires and as recently as his meeting last Friday with the new Archbishop of Canterbury, has communicated the Catholic Church’s consistent teaching on the sanctity of marriage. In 2010 commenting on the redefinition of marriage, he stated, ‘At stake is the total rejection of God’s law engraved in our hearts.’”



Saint Charles Center and St. Louis Catholic High School have again joined forces sponsor its own version of “Running of the Bulls”, a fundraising and fun-raising event from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, July 13. If you can’t make it to Pamplona, Spain, let the Center bring Spain and the bulls to you. The “bulls” will be students and faculty of St. Louis on roller skates. The runners, like those from last year’s event pictured above, will try and out maneuver the “bulls” along the covered pathways of the Center’s courtyard. All are invited to come out for a morning of family fun, *sopapillas*, festive music and a good time had by all. An entrance donation of \$5.00 individual and \$15.00 family will be asked of all guests. Wear red and white to get into the spirit of the day and join us! Call the Center (337) 855-1232 or St. Louis Catholic High (337) 436-7275 for more information.

Did you know...

St. Clare’s designation as the patron saint of television by Pope Pius XII was made on the basis that when she was too ill to attend Mass had reportedly been able to see and hear it on the wall of her room.

Saturday, July 6, is the feast of the patroness of teenaged girls. Do you know this 20th Century Italian martyr? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

Diocesan Briefs.....

“Faith of Our Fathers” set July 10

MOSS BLUFF - Msgr. Ronald Groth, Fr. Aubrey Guilbeau, and Fr. John Huckaby will share their faith stories in the next segment of “Faith of our Fathers” presented by Saint Charles Center on Wednesday, July 10, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The event begins with Evening Prayer, followed by supper and then the “Faith of Our Fathers” presentations. Call the Center at (337) 855-1232 to register or visit stcharlescenter.com.

Today, July 5, is the deadline for registration so that adequate arrangements can be made for dinner. The suggested donation is \$20 per person.

St. John Bosco RCIA to start

WESTLAKE – St. John Bosco Catholic Church will begin its Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults on Thursday, Sept. 5 in the church at 1301 Sampson Street, according to Deacon Fred Reed.

Interviews will start during the third week of August in Dolan Hall, just north of the church.

The Rite is for those who are considering becoming Catholic as well as those Catholics who have need of completing Christian Initiation or just want to learn more about the Faith.

For more information and to make an appointment for an interview contact Deacon Reed at 337-439-6585 or 529-8285, or by e-mail at fred.reed@lcediocese.org.

Poetry reading July 17 at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF -- Fr. Don Pirano will read from his recently re-published book, *Bisacchino and Other Poems*, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, in Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

The book deals with his response to making the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius and was originally printed in 1976. The reading will include a brief explanation of the 30-day Ignation retreat and how it is adapted to the silent directed retreat and the silent preached retreat.

There is no cost for the book and it is available at Saint Charles Center and Crossroads Bookstore and the night at the reading. The night will begin with evening prayer, dinner and then the readings.

Call the Center at (337) 855-1232 to register or visit stcharlescenter.com. Please register by Friday, July 12 to make adequate arrangements for dinner.

Late Nite Catechism 3 performance on Aug. 11

LAKE CHARLES – St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church will present “Til Death Do Us Part: Late Nite Catechism 3” in the Rosa Hart Theatre of the Lake Charles Civic Center for one performance at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11.

Ticket prices range from \$32 to \$52 and may be purchased by calling the Civic Center Box Office at 491-1432 or on the internet at Ticketmaster.com and search St. Martin de Porres Late Nite Catechism 3.

Veritas Conference set 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 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 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 Sunday

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.