



## Bishop Provost celebrates Pontifical Mass in the Extraordinary Form

**(EDITOR'S NOTE: See a gallery of photos from the Mass at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/resources/image-galleries/view/35.html>)**

SULPHUR - The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, was the celebrant of a Solemn Pontifical Mass on Saturday, June 29 - The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles - in Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church. It was also the 38th anniversary of the priestly ordination of Bishop Provost - June 29, 1975 in St. Peter's Basilica by Pope Paul VI.

The celebration of the Extraordinary Form of the Liturgy was the first in the newly renovated sanctuary. Workers were putting the near-finished touches on it on Friday, June 28, according to Father Edward Richard, M.S., pastor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor. "Our parish suffered a terrible loss when all of our statues were destroyed by vandalism at the end of 2012," Father Richard said. "We had already been in the process of planning a renovation of the sanctuary when that happened so we decided to merge the replacement of the statues with the renovation. "The new furnishings and statues, those in the sanctuary and those to come, were

designed by Heritage Restoration and Design Studio of Peoria, Ill."

Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church in Sulphur was also a victim of the December vandalism.

Bishop Provost noted that, "The celebration of this Pontifical Mass in Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Sulphur was quite appropriate, since only recently the church parish experienced the trauma of being vandalized. Many parishioners expressed their appreciation for such an opportunity to celebrate a special liturgy in their cherished parish church."

The Bishop also lauded "the very fine music done by the 'Latin Mass' Choir - the Missa Secunda by Hans Leo Hassler." He pointed out later that it was the first time since 1965 that he had had the pleasure of hearing this particular musical setting of the Mass sung.

With the celebration of this Pontifical Mass, the Bishop has celebrated four since his ordination as the ordinary of the Diocese, which continues his wish to celebrate the Extraordinary Form of the Liturgy on "appropriate solemnities."

Priests participating in the liturgy included Father

Roland Vaughn, the chaplain of the Extraordinary Form of the Liturgy in the Diocese, Father Richard, and Father Derek Covert, Judicial Vicar.

Father Rommel Tolentino, pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hackberry and Father Bryan Thompson, parochial vicar of St. Henry Catholic Church acted as masters of ceremonies. Other priests participating included; Father Scott Conner, pastor of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Oberlin and Father Nathan Long, Secretary for the Ministry of Christian Formation. Deacon Matthew Cormier and Deacon Patrick LaPoint as well as Deacon candidate Daniel Foreman of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, attended. Seminarians of the Diocese taking part were Ryan Baca, Michael Beverung, Michael Caraway, Samuel Orsot, Cristian Gonzalez, Addison Pitre, and Trey Ange.

The congregation attending was estimated at over four hundred persons.

The Holy Father, in his *motu proprio Summorum Pontificum* of July 7, 2007, issued an Apostolic Letter on the celebration of the Roman Rite according to the Missal of 1962. This made celebration of the rites of the Extraordinary Form more ac-



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cessible for use.

At the conclusion of the Mass, Father Vaughn, on behalf of Bishop Provost, announced a plenary indulgence for those attending

following the fulfillment of the required conditions.

Father Richard and his parish hosted a dinner following in the Father Egidio Vecchio Parish Hall. Father

Richard, himself a gifted jazz musician, had arranged for musical entertainment while everyone ate a delicious meal prepared by the ladies and gentlemen of the parish.



**The new altar and reredos that now adorn the sanctuary of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur were designed by Heritage Restoration and Design Studio of Peoria, Ill. A planned renovation of the sanctuary was merged with the need to replace statues destroyed in an act of vandalism last December in the church.**

## New altar and reredos adorn Sulphur church

SULPHUR -- Recently, the celebration of the Extraordinary Form of the Liturgy took place in Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church. This was not a necessarily unusual occurrence, as Bishop Glen John Provost had celebrated the Extraordinary Form of the Mass and the Novus Ordo in the church on a number of occasions. The unusual part - it was the first celebration of any Mass in the church, following the refurbishment of the sanctuary made necessary by last December's devastating acts of vandalism.

"Our parish suffered a terrible loss when all of our statues were destroyed by vandalism at the end of 2012," Father Edward Richard, M.S., the pastor, said. "We had already been in the process of planning a renovation of the sanctuary when that happened so we decided to merge the replacement of the statues with the renovation. The new furnishings and statues, those in the sanctuary and those to come, were designed by Heritage Restoration and Design Studio of Peoria, Ill."

The Altar of repose and reredos is approximately 22 feet high and 16 feet wide at the base according to Father Richard. It is approximately 20 feet wide at the top.

"The altar is said to be designed in a French style due to its wider apex and more narrow base," he continued. "The centerpiece of the reredos is a scene of the Crucifixion with the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. John at the foot of the Cross. The Crucifix floats on a painted backdrop depicting old Jerusalem as it is envisioned at the time of the Crucifixion. To either side of the Crucifixion center panel is a panel depicting coastal New Orleans on the left and a panel depicting Cartagena Colombia on the right.

"The New Orleans painting includes the representation of a square-rig French ship that would have been typical of the ship upon which the statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor was transported to New Orleans," Father Richard said. "The Cartagena painting depicts the mission in which St. Peter Claver

ministered to the people who were enslaved as they arrived in the port. Cartagena was the location of the principal slave exchange in the New World. The painting contains a depiction of a slave ship from the time."

Those two panels lay empty now but they will serve as the backdrop for the new statues of Our Lady of Prompt Succor and St. Peter Claver that are being crafted in Spain, the originals of which were destroyed in the vandalism. These statues should arrive within the month.

"The statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Patroness of Louisiana and of our Parish, will be very close in appearance to the original in New Orleans," Father Richard said. "The statue of St. Peter Claver, Patron of the Diocese of Lake Charles and of our former mission church, is a new design created especially for us."

"The Altar of Sacrifice is similar in design to the rear altar. The altar is fronted with a large icon of the Paschal Lamb. The ambo matches each of the other pieces and is fronted with icons of the four Evangelists. There are two pedestals with backdrops of a design similar to the altar on either side of the sanctuary for the placement of the statues of Our Lady of LaSalette and St. Joseph with the child Jesus holding carpenter's tools.

"Finally, in addition to the statues that I have already mentioned, there are two adorning angels at the uppermost point of the altar of repose and between them is an image of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove with golden rays extending out behind it."

**(EDITOR'S NOTE: A reredos or raredos is an altarpiece, or a screen or decoration behind the altar in a church, usually depicting religious iconography or images. It can be made of stone, wood, metal, ivory, or a combination of materials. The images may be painted, carved, gilded, composed of mosaics, and/or embedded with niches for statues. Sometimes a tapestry is used, or other fabric such as silk or velvet.)**

## Second Annual Bishop's Gala tickets now on sale

LAKE CHARLES - The Harry James Orchestra with Fred Radke on first trumpet will provide smooth "Big Band" sounds at the Second Annual Bishop's Gala set for Saturday, Dec. 14, in the Lake Charles Civic Center, according to Msgr. Daniel Torres, V.G. and Msgr. Ronald Groth, Gala co-chairman.

The orchestra, along with talented vocalist Gina Funes, features show tunes, standards, loves, songs, and music from the golden age of swing.

Last year's inaugural Bishop's Gala raised \$56,623.96 to support the ministries of the diocesan Office of Communications.

Tickets are \$125 each and a table for 10 can be purchased for \$1,250. They are now available for purchase at the parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles, the Chancery at 414 Iris Street, Crossroads Bookstore, 701 W. Prien Lake Road, and on the website of the Diocese. To buy tickets on the website, using your credit card or e-check, go the [lcdioocese.org](http://lcdioocese.org) and click on the "Support the Diocese" button on the front page. Then, click on "Bishop's Gala Tickets" and follow the easy instructions.

Special sponsorship opportunities include one Bishop's Table for a contribution of \$30,000. For the donation, eight lucky individuals receive dinner with Bishop Provost at the Gala with



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Concierge Service; special individual gifts; and special mention in the Gala Program and from the bandstand that evening; and attendance at the VIP social from 6 to 6:30 p.m. before the Gala opens to the public and includes a photograph with the Bishop. In addition, they will be honored at a special Thank You dinner at a to-be-determined time at L'Evêché, the Bishop's Residence.

Several other levels of sponsorship are also available - Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Crystal. Multiple numbers of these sponsorships will be offered.

Platinum Sponsors will receive two tables for 10, special individual gifts, special mention in the Gala program and from the bandstand the

night that night, and VIP social from 6 to 6:30 p.m. before the Gala opens to the public and includes a photograph with Bishop Provost. Each of the platinum sponsorships is \$20,000.

Gold Sponsors receive a table for 10, special mention in the Gala program and from the bandstand that night, and a VIP social from 6 to 6:30 p.m. before the Gala opens to the public and includes a photograph with Bishop Provost for a \$10,000 donation.

For \$5,000, Silver Sponsors receive a table for 10 and listing in the Gala program while Crystal sponsorships pick up six tickets and listing in the Gala program for a \$2,500 donation.

For any of these special sponsorships please contact Msgr. Torres at 337-439-7400.

Participation in this wonderful event provides for the continuation of the production and airing of the Glad Tidings television program each Sunday morning on KPLC-TV and the preparation and publication of the Catholic Calendar in local newspapers. The website of the Diocese - [lcdioocese.org](http://lcdioocese.org) - is maintained as well as continually upgraded through your attendance as well as the broadcast of the 9:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on two local radio stations.



**Deacon Patrick LaPoint, right, director of the Stella Maris Seafarers Center at the Port of Lake Charles, stands with Dwayne Boudreaux, the Gulf Coast coordinator for the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) from New Orleans, next to the new van purchased for the transportation ministry of the Center through a \$29,804 grant from the ITF. The new vehicle replaces a van with more than 200,000 miles of travel among the 17 facilities and 36 docks that make up the Center's area of operation. In the first half of this year, 2,842 seafarers from 539 ships have used the Center's transportation service.**

# Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

July 19, 2013

## Msgr. Joseph A. Bourque, 87, laid to rest

WESTLAKE – A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Bourque, a retired priest of the Diocese of Lake Charles, last Saturday, July 13 in St. John Bosco Catholic Church. Msgr. Bourque, 87, died at 3:00 a.m. Tuesday July 9. Bishop Glen John Provost was the celebrant with priests of the Diocese of Lake Charles concelebrating. Father Jacob S. Conner, pastor of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Oberlin, was the homilist. Burial was in Prien Memorial Park.

Msgr. Bourque was born on July 23, 1926 in Iowa, La., the son of Joseph Clement Bourque and Areece Bertrand Bourque, the eighth of 12 children and a twin. He was educated in the public schools of Calcasieu and Jefferson Davis Parish. Msgr.

Bourque also attended St. Joseph Seminary in St. Benedict, La., McNeese State University, and St. John Seminary in Little Rock, Ark., from which he earned a Masters Degree in Theology. He also graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Law and did other post-graduate work from a variety of schools, including Catholic University and Jerusalem Biblical Study.

Msgr. Bourque was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Lafayette on June 4, 1955 in the Cathedral of St. John in Lafayette and celebrated his first solemn Mass on June 5, 1955 in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Lake Charles. His first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Breaux Bridge where he also taught



Monsignor Joseph A. Bourque

and coached football and basketball. During that time he served as state chaplain of

the Columbian Squires.

In 1961, Msgr. Bourque was named assistant pastor to the newly established Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Lake Charles, staying there for six years. He was then named pastor to St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Hathaway, serving until 1972. While at St. Lawrence he began teaching at Immaculata Seminary in Lafayette.

He was named pastor to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in New Iberia in 1972 and also served the Diocese of Lafayette as the part-time Assistant Director for Religious Education. His next assignment came in 1978 when he became pastor of St. Theodore Catholic Church in Moss Bluff, where he was instrumental in the institution of St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School.

In 1980, in the then new Diocese of Lake Charles, Msgr. Bourque served as the Director of Evangelization and was also named to the National Bishop's Committee of Evangelization. In 1982, he was named a Prelate of Honor to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, with the title Monsignor.

From 1985 to 1991, he was pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings and served as pastor of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Westlake until 2000. Even in retirement, Msgr. Bourque kept up an active life, presenting Bible study programs weekly at Crossroads Bookstore.

Msgr. Bourque is survived by nieces and nephews.

A seminary burse has been established in memory of Msgr. Bourque and the family requested that, in lieu of flow-

ers, contributions be made to the Msgr. Joseph A. Bourque Seminary Burse with the Diocese of Lake Charles.

As can be evidenced by his life, Msgr. Bourque's actions as a priest were high religious education and youth involvement. He also placed a high priority for quality liturgies to satisfy the hunger of the people to hear the Word of God.

His years as a priest helped him to strongly recognize the strength of lay people in the Church and the need for in-service training of volunteers. His dedication to others, show to all that he was truly a gift from Jesus. His actions all confirm that Msgr. Bourque was a priest of vision – a vision of what can be done and the means to make those dreams come true.



Bishop Glen John Provost accepted seminarian John Souder, kneeling, to candidacy for Holy Orders, an early step in Souder's journey to priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles, during the celebration of a Votive Mass for Vocations to Holy Orders at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Others pictured here participating in the ceremony included, from left, Father Derek Covert, Deacon Matthew Cormier, Bishop Provost, seminarian Jay Alexius, M.D., and Msgr. James Gaddy, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven. Souder will be attending the Pontifical North American College in Rome this fall continuing his studies and discernment.

## Rally for Religious Freedom a success; draws large crowd

(Read more at <http://live.lcdiocese.org/news/1361-rally-for-religious-freedom-a-success-draws-large-crowd.html>)

SULPHUR – Bishop Glen John Provost was one of a large number of speakers and entertainers taking part in the Rally in Support of Religious Freedom held recently in the Heritage Square Pavilion.

The event, taking place for a second year, was larger than the inaugural occasion with between 1,000 and 1,500 people ebbing and flowing during its four hours timeframe – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. In Southwest Louisiana it was also the beginning of the nationwide Fortnight for Freedom called for by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This 14 day period of prayer and fasting was to be used to raise awareness of the challenges to religious liberty around the world.

He shared six risks to our religious freedom, beginning with the Health and Human Services mandate that would force religious institutions to facilitate or fund sterilization, abortion inducing drugs and contraception, “which are contrary to the moral teaching of many of us.” He noted that the government is also trying to define which religious institutions are religious enough to merit protection of their religious liberty. “This is unprecedented in history of our nation,” he said.

“The government has never before tried to define what a religious institution was or is.”

His second point was the government's forcing of agencies in places like Boston, San Francisco, and Illinois out of the service of providing adoption or foster care by revoking licenses or ending government contracts because of the organization's failure to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite sex couples who cohabitate. “We, the Catholic Church, can not do this in conscience.”

He noted that several states have passed laws that forbid “harboring” undocumented immigrants. “The Church considers this act Christian charity and pastoral care of immigrants,” he said. “In states where such laws exist, if an undocumented immigrant receives assistance from one of our Catholic Charities we would be held in violation of the



Bishop Glen John Provost

law even if we didn't know this person was undocumented, not that that would make any difference to our “exercise of charity.” There is discrimination against small church congregations of certain areas of the country, New York City for instance, where the city adopted a policy that barred some churches from renting public schools on the weekend for worship services even though non-religious groups could rent the schools

for many other uses.

“The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Migration and Refugee Service services administered contract services for victims of human trafficking that received rave review from objective sources about how effective Catholic Charities and the Migration and Refugee Services were,” Bishop Provost said. “In spite of being recognized as successful and effective, the government requires that the programs provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services, a violation of Catholic teaching. We will not and cannot do that.”

In conclusion he noted that at numerous state colleges, Christian student organizations are denied status because they require their leaders to be Christian and to abstain from immoral activity such as premarital sex.

“These limitations placed on the free exercise of religion - this threat to religious freedom is larger than any single issue or case and has roots in the secularism of our country,” Bishop Provost concluded.

## 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

## Bishop Provost praises the Pope's decisions

(Read more at <http://live.lcdiocese.org/news/press-releases/1357-bishop-provost-comments-on-sainthood-for-blessed-john-paul-ii-and-blessed-john-xxiii.html>)

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost issued the following statement in response to the approval by Pope Francis of a second miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed John Paul II and the approval of the votes of the Congregation of the Causes of Saints in favor of the canonization of Blessed John XXIII.

“We rejoice in the good news regarding Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II. Both of these worthy pontiffs, by lives of extraordinary virtue, made invaluable contributions to the life of the Church and the improvement of the world. ‘Good Pope John’ promoted peace, worked for renewal, and sought to reconcile. Blessed John Paul II ‘the Great’ assisted other world leaders in overseeing the fall of Soviet Communism, averted wars and left a significant legacy of teaching on matters of faith and morals.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Mass of Petition for Charlene Richard

RICHARD – A Mass marking the 54th anniversary of the death of Charlene Marie Richard will be celebrated at 6 p.m. on Friday, August 9, in St. Edward Catholic Church. Father Mitchell Guidry, pastor of Our Lady Queen of All Saints Catholic Church in Ville Platte, will be the celebrant.

A rosary will be prayed beginning at 5:30 p.m. and a reception will follow the Mass in the parish hall. For more information, contact “Friends of Charlene,” P.O. Box 91623, Lafayette, LA 70509.

### David Kauffman concert Aug. 16

JENNINGS – Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church will host David Kauffman in concert in the church on Friday, Aug. 16, beginning at 7 p.m. There will be no charge for the concert but contributions will be accepted.

### 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.

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@lcdiocese.org](mailto:fred.reed@lcdiocese.org).

### Late Nite Catechism @ 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.

Tickets, from \$32 to \$52, may be purchased by calling the Civic Center Box Office at 491-1432 or on the internet at [Ticketmaster.com](http://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.