



Bishop Jude Speyrer † 1929 – 2013 † Rest in Peace



In the top left photo, the 11 visiting bishops from Louisiana, Texas, Alabama, and Illinois, join with Bishop Glen John Provost in celebrating the Mass of Christian Burial of Bishop Jude Speyrer. At top right, Bishop Provost prepares to incense the casket following the Mass and prior to the procession from the church. In the bottom left photo, seminarians of the Diocese of Lake Charles walk in front of the casket, accompanied by priests who were the first to be ordained by Bishop Speyrer; down Msgr. Daigle Drive at Saint Charles Center to New Bethany Cemetery for the interment. In the bottom photo at right, Bishop Provost presents a crucifix from the casket to Bishop Speyrer's brother, Oscar.



David Dawson heads Diocesan Offices of Family Life, Pro-Life

LAKE CHARLES -- David Dawson, a native of Baton Rouge, is now the Director of the offices of Family Life and Pro-Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles, located in the Bishop Harold Perry Building, 411 Iris Street. A member of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, Dawson attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and Theological Studies from St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, La. He attended Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans for two years, working toward a Masters of Theology degree as a seminarian for the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Since 2009, he worked as

the Director of Youth, Young Adult, Marriage and Family Life at Our Lady Queen of Heaven. From 2007 to 2009, he was the Educator and Director of Religious Education at St. John High School in Plaquemine, La. and helped with the opening and operation of Catholic Community radio in the Diocese of Baton Rouge in 2007 and 2008. He was a Curriculum Facilitator for the Governor's Program on Abstinence in Baton Rouge from July 2006 until June 2007. He and his wife, Katherine Anne, are the parents of four children. Dawson continues to serve as a facilitator for annulments at Our Lady Queen of Heaven.



David Dawson

Deacon Lavine named interim Secretary for Pastoral Services

LAKE CHARLES - The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has named Deacon Edward Lavine as the interim Secretary for the Ministry of Pastoral Services for the Diocese upon the Bishop's acceptance of the resignation of Father V. Wayne LeBleu. The appointment of Deacon Lavine was effective Friday, Aug. 2.

"We thank Father LeBleu for his dedicated service," Bishop Provost said.

Deacon Lavine, who is stationed at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, will continue his ministry in the areas of the Prison Apostolate and Cultural Diversity. Father LeBleu is pastor of Christ the King Catholic Church.

Veritas Conference on Faith and Evangelization set for Sept. 14

LAKE CHARLES - "How to Answer the New Atheism" is 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, the author of "Answering the New Atheism, The Darwin Myth, The Catholic Church and Science," 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.

Registration and exhibits are from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. with the celebration of Mass at 8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available

after Mass and throughout the remainder of the day.

Cost for the conference is \$25 with lunch or \$20 without until August 30. After August 30 until Sept. 6 the costs is \$30 with lunch or \$25 without. Beginning on Sept. 7, late registration is \$35 without lunch.

Dr. Wiker's keynote address begins at 10:15 a.m. with lunch slated for 11:30 a.m. The first round of breakout sessions begins at 12:30 p.m. with a break at 1:30 p.m. The final round of breakout sessions goes from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. The conference will conclude with Benediction from 3:25 to 4 p.m.

Breakout topics for the conference will include Faith and Science, Demonstrations of

God's Existence, Darwinism and Evolution, The Dictatorship of Relativism, and more. Moderators will be Dr. Wiker, Katie Prejean, David Dawson, Father Jeffrey Starkovich, Father Edward Richard, M.S., Father Nathan Long, and Father John Huckaby

Registration forms can be found in the parishes of the Diocese, the Chancery of the Diocese (414 Iris Street), and the Bishop Harold Perry Building (411 Iris Street). Checks, made payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles, can be mailed with registration forms to Diocese of Lake Charles, Veritas Conference, 411 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA. For more information, call 337-439-7400, Ext. 309.

Breakfast, luncheon dates for 2013-2014 announced

LAKE CHARLES -- The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has announced the schedule of men's prayer breakfasts and women's prayer luncheons from September through next May on the Gospel of Luke.

Both events are to be held in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception office complex, located at the corner of Kirby and Bilbo Streets.

Breakfast will begin at 7 a.m. on the Fridays of Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 13, Jan.

3, Feb. 7, March 7, April 4, and May 9. The breakfasts are preceded by the celebration of Mass in the Cathedral, starting at 6:30 a.m.

Luncheon dates are on Wednesday Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, April 2, and May 7.

Women should send a check in the amount of \$15 to Ms. Esther Gallardo, 612 Alamo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 and include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Men should call 337-439-7400 to register.



New officers for the Louisiana State Court Catholic Daughters of the Americas installed during the recent state CDA Convention held in Kenner pictured here are, from left, State Secretary, Connie Dronette, Sulphur; Second Vice State Regent, Barbara Michael, Baton Rouge; State Regent, Ellen Corbello, Iowa; First Vice State Regent, Lake Charles; and State Treasurer, Dawn Fortenberry, St. Amant. Not pictured are State Chaplain, Rev. Charles McMillin, Our Lady Help of Christians, Jennings and National Director, Ruth Guidry of Sulphur. Terms of service began on July 1.

Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

August 16, 2013

Crowning of Blessed Virgin Mary next Thursday in Cathedral

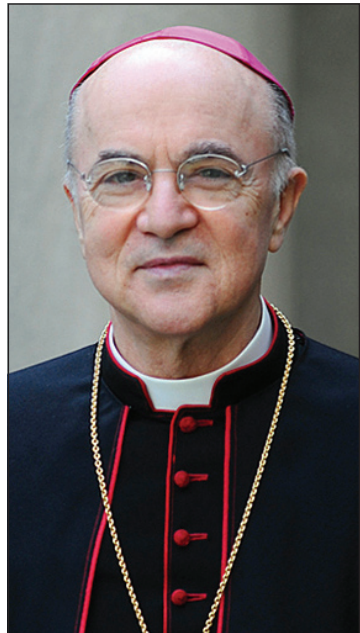
LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will be the celebrant of the Mass at 6 p.m. next Thursday, Aug. 22 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. During the Liturgy, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States from the Holy See, will officiate at the crowning rite of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and deliver the homily. The statue to be crowned, in the Name and by the Authority of the Holy Father, is located in the niche of the Cathedral high altar.

Attendance at the Mass, celebrated on the Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is by invitation only due to space considerations in the Cathedral. A special reception with Bishop Provost and Archbishop Viganò, open to the public, is set for 3 to 5 p.m. in The Historic Calcasieu Marine National Bank at 844 Ryan Street.

The crown being used for the crowning 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 Emeritus 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



Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò

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.



Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary

Last December on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop Provost inaugurated a "Jubilee Year of the Cathedral Church" in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Cathedral's completion and dedication. There is only one other "crowned" image of the Virgin Mary in the state of Louisiana that enjoys the privilege and it is the state patronal image of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in New Orleans.

At the time of inauguration of the Year, Bishop Provost said, "This Year is meant to renew the commitment of all the faithful to the mission of Christ in the Diocese of Lake Charles and to deepen Catholic unity in the same. The Apostolic Penitentiary has given a Decree granting both plenary and partial indulgences during this year for the benefit of all of the People of God making pilgrimages to our Cathedral or offering pilgrimage prayers in the Diocese of Lake Charles."

Archbishop Viganò was ordained a priest on March 24, 1968 and has a Doctorate in both Canon and Civil Law. He began his service in the

Diplomatic Corps of the Holy See in 1973 and has served in Iraq and Kuwait, Great Britain, the Secretariat of State of Vatican City, the European Council in Strasbourg, and Nigeria. He was Delegate for the Pontifical Representative and served as Secretary General of the Governorate of the Vatican City State before Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Apostolic Nuncio to the United States.



The crown

Second Annual Bishop's Gala set Dec. 14

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, love 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 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 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'Évêché*, 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 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 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. The preparation and publication of the Catholic Calendar in local newspapers is made possible by attending the Gala. The website of the Diocese – lcdioocese.org – is maintained as well as continually upgraded through your attendance as well as is the broadcast of the 9:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on two local radio stations.

Bishop's Golf Classic Oct. 4

LAKE CHARLES – The Bishop's Golf Classic this year is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 4, at the Lake Charles Country Club, 3350 Country Club Drive.

The four-person scramble tournament will have morning and afternoon tee times at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Registration for the morning round begins at 7 a.m. and at 12:30 p.m. for the afternoon tour.

Sponsors for this year's tournament are City Savings Bank of DeRidder, Alfred Palma LLC of Lake Charles, and Bubba Oustalet of Jennings.

Fees are \$500 per four-person team, with prizes for first, second and tenth low gross in both morning and afternoon rounds. The field is limited to 22 teams per session. Prizes will also be given for the longest drive and closest to the hole for each round and a \$5,000 cash prize goes to the first golfer to score a hole in one.

Tee box sponsorships are \$150, green sponsorships are \$300 and a banner sponsorship

is \$1,000.

Proceeds from the event provide financial assistance to the Seminarian Education Fund and the Priest Retirement Fund.

Eleven men are studying for the priesthood for the Diocese this year in four seminaries and the cost of educational expenses will exceed \$400,000.

The Diocese currently has 10 retired priests and expends more than \$300,000 to maintain their health and welfare. Several others are nearing retirement or could retire due to health issues.

Registration forms are available at area golf courses and the Diocese of Lake Charles. Deadline for entry is Wednesday, Sept. 27.

Contact Larry DeRoussel at 337-794-8339 or at lderoussel@laia.com for more information.

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

Did you know...

St. Lawrence was one of seven deacons in charge of giving help to the poor and needy of Rome under Pope Sixtus. Three days after the Pope was martyred, Lawrence was also killed for the faith by being roasted alive. He is the patron saint of deacons.

One church parish in the Diocese of Lake Charles will celebrate its centennial this year. Do you know the parish and the date on which it was canonically established? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

August Prayer Intentions

Pope Francis

General prayer intention: "That parents and teachers may help the new generation to grow in upright conscience and life."

Mission prayer intention: "That the local Church in Africa, faithfully proclaiming the Gospel, may promote peace and justice."

Bishop Provost

Prayer Intention For Students and Teachers: "That students and their teachers remain open to the truth and pursue their studies with a genuine thirst for knowledge."

Diocesan Briefs.....

David Kauffman concert tonight

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

Magnificat breakfast set Aug. 24

LAKE CHARLES -- The Lake Charles Chapter of Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic women, will host a breakfast on Saturday, Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Grand Marais Courtyard and Pavilion, 919 North Lake Arthur Avenue in Jennings with guest speaker Melissa Seilhan.

There will be limited seating and no tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets may be purchased at Crossroads Bookstore in Lake Charles, Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Lake Arthur, or by mail, with a check payable to Magnificat in a self-addressed stamped envelope, sent to Magnificat, Lake Charles, P.O. Box 655, Jennings, LA 70546.

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@lcdioocese.org.

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.

"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.

Job opening at Diocese of Baton Rouge

BATON ROUGE – The Diocese of Baton Rouge is accept-

ing applicants for the position of Associate Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Deadline for applying is Sept. 15.

Education and experience requirements include a Master's degree in Theology, Pastoral Ministry, Religious Education or a related field; at least two years direct experience at the parish or diocesan level working with youth ministry programs, adolescents, young adults, and adults who minister to youth; national certification in Youth Ministry preferred; demonstrated knowledge of the USCCB's document

"Renewing the Vision;" be a practicing Roman Catholic who is registered and active in a parish and possesses a working knowledge of Catholic teachings and doctrine.

For further information on duties and other requirements go to www.diobr.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=31&Itemid=45

Special Needs Mass October 13

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will celebrate a Mass for Individuals with Special Needs and their families at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13, 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.