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Bishop Glen John Provost, in photo at left, stands before giving the final blessing at the conclusion of the Companions of Honor Memorial Mass celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 5, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. With the Bishop are Deacon Matthew Cormier, Rev. Archimandrite Herbert May, and Rev. Ruben Buller, who served as master of ceremonies. The Mass is celebrated annually to remember members of the Companions that have died, particularly in the previous year. Sixteen members were remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful, including Bishop Jude Speyrer, the founding Bishop of Lake Charles. In the photo at right, Sir John Halloran, the current president of the organization, stands at the podium and opens the annual luncheon following the Mass.

Companions of Honor deceased remembered at Mass

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost was the celebrant and homilist of the annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Companions of Honor, on Saturday, Oct. 5, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Before the Mass, the Very Reverend Anthony Fontenot, Dean of the Eastern Deanery of the Diocese, led a Morning of Reflection for members in the Cathedral.

Rev. Archimandrite Herbert May, the chaplain to the Companions of Honor, concelebrated the Mass, Rev. Ruben Buller served as Master of Ceremony to Bishop Provost, and Deacon Matthew Cormier attended the Bishop. Msgr. Ronald Groth, Director of the Office of Development of the Diocese was also present in the sanctuary.

In his homily, Bishop Provost spoke about the current “Year of Faith” called for by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in 2012, which ends on the Feast of Christ the King, Nov. 24 of this year.

“The Year of Faith has opened the door for us to revisit the place and role of faith in our personal lives,” Bishop Provost said. “Life and the world have challenges enough to faith, sometimes quite disconcerting and unpleasant. But, the Year of Faith also challenges us to look deeply into ourselves and our relationship with Jesus Christ. Prompted by the Gospels, I am reminded that faith is lived in the present. This is where we encounter God.”

Sixteen members of the Companions died in the previous year. Each was remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful with the ringing of a bell, as were all other Companions who have previously gone to their rest. Those honored were: Clarence LeBlanc † November 9, 2012; Alvin Richard † January 10, 2013; Gloria Jean Ambrose † January 12, 2013; Gordon Armistead, Sr. † February 17, 2013; Eldridge Stein Harper † April 10, 2013; Dorothy Crochet † May 4, 2013; Effie Mae Trouille † May 28, 2013; Hazel Sampson † June 29, 2013; Reverend Monsignor Joseph A. Bourque † July 9, 2013; Mercedes Lemoine † July 9, 2013; Most Reverend Jude Speyrer † July 21, 2013; Rosa Polito † August 9, 2013; Miss Mary Gallardo † August 29, 2013; Lady Sandra Mason † August 30, 2013; Deacon Jack Reynolds † September 18, 2012; and Warren Goodly † September 27, 2013.

Current officers are Sir John Halloran, president; Sir David Marcantel, president-elect; Sir Paul Reed, secretary; and Sir Gayle Marshall, treasurer.

The Companions of Honor is an organization, established by Bishop Jude Speyrer in December 1982, that is composed of clergy, religious, and laity honored by the Diocese, the Holy See, or those who are members of recognized orders of chivalry residing in the Diocese. These include members of The Sovereign Military Order of Hospitaliers of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta; The Equestrian Order

of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; The Pontifical Order of St. Gregory the Great; The Pontifical Order of Pope St. Sylvester; The Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem; The Most Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem; The Sacred Military Constantinian Order of St. George; Order of the Fleur de Lis; Bearers of The Pontifical Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice; Bearers of The Pontifical Medal Benemerenti; Members, Officers, and Companions of The Order of St. Charles of the Diocese of Lake Charles; Bearers of The Devoted Service Medal of the Diocese of Lake Charles; and Bearers of The Bishop’s Medal of the Diocese of Lafayette.

The purposes of the Companions of Honor, as outlined in its constitution and bylaws, are to uphold and to encourage the support of Papal teachings, documents, and directives as well as those of the Diocese of Lake Charles and its Bishop; to make an annual voluntary offering to the Evangelization Program of the Diocese of Lake Charles; and to pray for and to promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood and the religious life.

During the last fiscal year, contributions from members of the Companions of Honor totaled \$16,314.00, bringing the overall total of donations from the organization since its establishment to \$435,697.76.

Three diocesan seminarians awarded scholarships

LAKE CHARLES – Three seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles have been awarded scholarships - Deacon Matthew Cormier, John Souder, and Jay Alexius, M.D.

Deacon Cormier, currently concluding his deacon internship at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, received the Father Michael J. McGivney Vocations Scholarship from the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. Deacon Cormier, a parishioner of Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church in Sulphur, is a member of the Father J. Shahrigan-North Sulphur Council No. 8978.

The scholarship funds, \$1,250 each semester, are to be used for tuition, room and board at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans where Deacon Cormier in his final year of theology studies.

Mr. Souder is a first year theology student at the Pontifical North American College in Rome and received the scholarship as a Val J. Peter Scholar. The scholarship covers 25 percent of his tuition costs for all four years of his theological education.

Dr. Alexius, now in his third year of theology study - the second at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. - is the recipient of two scholarships - the Msgr. William M. Begley Scholarship and the Michael Best Scholarship. The two stipends total \$4,124.00 for his educational expenses.



Deacon Matthew Cormier



Jay Alexius, M.D.



John Souder

Military Services Archdiocese special collection Nov. 9-10

LAKE CHARLES – On the weekend of Nov. 9-10, a special collection to benefit the work of the Archdiocese of the Military Services is set in the Diocese of Lake Charles and around the U.S.

Approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops last year, this new national collection will be held every three years and offers each of us a substantial way to “serve those who serve.” It will provide funds to help the Archdiocese and its endorsed priests bring the Church’s full range of pastoral services to the men and women in uniform as well as their families and patients in the nation’s VA Medical Centers. It will help support religious education in remote locations, priestly formation of new chaplains at a time of critical shortage, and financial planning to meet the challenges of shepherding a global archdiocese that is present wherever U.S. military personnel are stationed.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, which the only arm of the Church responsible for supplying priests to serve as chaplains in the U.S. military around the world, receives no gov-

ernment funding. The military does not allow a percentage of collections in its chapels to go to the military Archdiocese, which depends entirely on private giving to serve those who serve.

Now is a time of great transition for our Catholic brothers and sisters serving in the United States Military. While many are home with their families in the wake of troop withdrawals from the Middle East, others remain on the front lines to face a scattered but determined enemy. Those still deployed endure ongoing adversity, sacrifice and danger. Those back home confront major life adjustments—always aware they could be called back to action at any time, as are others who have yet to experience combat. Facing so many kinds of hardship, these Catholics in uniform rely on the priests who serve as military chaplains for spiritual support, guidance in faith and access to the sacraments.

To contribute to this important collection, contact your parish, make a gift at the Masses on the weekend before Veterans Day, or contact the Fiscal Office of the Diocese at 337-439-7400.



One of the volunteer runners in last year’s *International Run Carrera Antorcha Guadalupana Mexico-New York Torch Race* through the Diocese of Lake Charles makes his way down U.S. Highway 90 entering the City of Sulphur. The relay continued on to Westlake, Lake Charles, and Jennings enroute to St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12.

Torch Race starts Nov. 9 at 8 a.m.

LAKE CHARLES – The annual *International Run Carrera Antorcha Guadalupana Mexico-New York Torch Race* that will come through the Diocese of Lake Charles will arrive at the Louisiana Visitor’s Center on Interstate 10 west of Vinton early on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 9. The relay will leave the rest area at 8 a.m. on its way down U.S. 90 through Vinton, Sulphur, Westlake and Lake Charles.

Volunteer runners are still being sought to take part in the local segment of the relay, which is enroute from the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City to St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City for Our Lady’s feast day on Wednesday, Dec. 12. Those who would like to take part should call St. Henry Catholic Church at 337-436-7223

to register. The Holy Fire and the large images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego accompany the runners on their journey.

The relay will stop at St. Henry Church to overnight on Saturday. Father D.B. Thompson will celebrate Mass in Spanish at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10, at St. Henry. The relay will recommence following Mass and breakfast, traveling down Broad Street to U.S. 90 and continuing through Iowa, Lacassine, Welsh, and Roanoke to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Jennings.

The torch and images will remain at Immaculate Conception overnight Sunday, leaving the Diocese on Monday to continue its journey.

Prayer Intentions for October

Pope Francis

General Intention:

That those who feel weary from the heaviness of life, and even long for its end, may sense the closeness of God’s love.

Missionary Intention:

That the celebration of World Missions Day may make all Christians aware that they are not only recipients but also proclaimers of the Word of God.

Bishop Glen John Provost

For Respect for Life:

That in this country we increase in respect for human life from conception to natural death.

Special Notice

The Offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed Friday, Nov. 1 – the Feast of All Saints. They will be open Monday, Oct. 28 to Thursday, Oct. 31 - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. The next Catholic Calendar will be published on Friday, November 15.

Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

October 18, 2013

Catholic Calendar expands in November

LAKE CHARLES – The long time practice of publishing the *Catholic Calendar* in the secular media of the Diocese of Lake Charles will take a turn in a different direction next month. Beginning Friday, Nov. 15, the third Friday of the month, the *Catholic Calendar* will be printed as a six-page insert in the *American Press*.

It will still be published as a single page in the *Jennings Daily News* and the *Beauregard Daily News* on the third Friday and in the *Cameron Pilot* on the Thursday before the third Friday. This is a change from the current publication on the first and third Fridays of each month.

The new format, which includes a new masthead, provides more space for Catholic news of the Diocese, including regular columns from Bishop Glen John Provost and other clergy and lay leaders of diocesan offices as well as national and international news from Catholic News Service.

Local columnists, in addition to Bishop Provost, will include Father Nathan Long, Secretary for the Ministry of Christian Formation, Director of Religious Education and Director of Vianney House (the diocesan house

of discernment and formation) and David Dawson, Director of the Office of Family Life and Pro Life. Other writers will be Father D. B. Thompson, Parochial Vicar of St. Henry Catholic Church; Father Jeffrey Starkovich, Parochial Vicar of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church and director of Truth Poured Out, a young adult ministry; Father Edward Richard, M.S., Pastor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church and a civil and canon lawyer; and Katie Prejean, a religion teacher at St. Louis Catholic High School and youth minister. In addition, our senior seminarian in Rome, Ruben Villarreal, will provide us with a twice a year "View from Rome" column.

The original *Catholic Calendar* was published in the early years of the 20th Century by Father Cornelius van de Ven., pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Lake Charles. Father van de Ven was later named Bishop of the Diocese of Natchitoches, which later became the Diocese of Alexandria.

After the establishment of the Diocese of Lake Charles, Bishop Jude Speyrer decided to use the print media to bring Catholic news to a general audience with the publication of a "new" *Catholic Calendar* on Sept. 18, 1982.



CATHOLIC CALENDAR



New Catholic Calendar masthead

The name was chosen by Bishop Speyrer to suggest continuity with Father Van de Ven's *Catholic Calendar*. The single page was purchased in the Lake Charles *American Press* and printed 18 times per year until 2005. Following Hurricane Rita that year, Msgr. Harry Greig, Administrator of the Diocese in the absence of a bishop, saw the *Catholic Calendar* as a way to provide news of renewal and aid to those devastated by the storm – both Catholics and members of other faith traditions – in the Diocese.

The page was printed every two weeks in four regional newspapers – in Lake Charles, Cameron, Jennings, and DeRidder. Bishop Provost, appointed our third Bishop in 2007,

made the decision to continue using this method of providing Catholic news to the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

This timing continued until July 3, 2009 when the *Catholic Calendar* became two facing pages in the *American Press* while remaining a single page in the other three newspapers, run on the first and third Friday of each month.

Publication dates for the remainder of 2013 and 2014 are: November 15, December 20, January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, and December 19.

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**

Year of Faith will conclude Nov. 24

(Read more at lcdioocese.org – Eucharistic Procession)

LAKE CHARLES – The Solemnity of Christ the King, Sunday, Nov. 24, will see the Year of Faith conclude in the Diocese of Lake Charles with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Lake Charles, and an afternoon prayer service at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Father Mitch Pacwa, SJ, the founder and president of Ignatius Productions will be the homilist at the prayer service.

Adoration will begin at 1 p.m. in St. Louis Catholic High School and starting at 2 p.m. Bishop Glen John Provost will carry the Blessed Sacrament in procession with the faithful, singing and giving praise to God, to the Cathedral.

The prayer service in the Cathedral beginning at 3 p.m.

will have Bishop Provost leading those attending in an Act of Consecration, entrusting the Diocese to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ, as well as adoration, Benediction, and Father Pacwa's homily. A reception will follow the service in Ave Maria Hall.

Father Pacwa's Ignatius Productions is a Catholic media production apostolate he established in 2000. Its mission is to teach people the scriptures, educate Catholics about their Faith, and promote unity and understanding within the Mystical Body of Christ.

Father Pacwa received his B.A. in Philosophy and Theology from the University of Detroit, summa cum laude. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1976 with the Society of Jesus and then continued his studies and received his Master of Divinity and S.T.B. from the Jesuit



Father Mitch Pacwa, SJ

School of Theology of Loyola University, magna cum laude. At Vanderbilt University, he received his Master of Arts, Ph.D. in Old Testament.

He has taught at the high school, university, and semi-

nary levels. Being a well-known biblical scholar, he has lectured at hundreds of conferences and churches around the world, and has appeared and hosted international radio and television programs. He is best known for his appearances on EWTN.

Father Pacwa is fluent in twelve languages and has a unique understanding of the peoples and cultures of the Middle East. Father's extensive travels to the Holy Land has inspired him to write the "Holy Land Prayer Book," which has been published by his Jesuit apostolate, Ignatius Productions. Father Pacwa also has the privilege of being bi-ritual, which means he also celebrates the Maronite Mass of the Eastern Catholic Church.

He is best known for his appearances on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN).

Did you know...

Msgr. Louis H. Boudreaux was pastor of Immaculate Conception Church (now Cathedral) from 1940 until 1974 - 34 years - while Father (later Msgr) Hubert Cramers led that church from 1902 until his death in 1935 - 33 years. Another three-decade period of service at a single church can be ascribed to Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc as pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven for 33 years.



Natasha Miranda Navejar

Navejar named National Hispanic Scholar

LAKE CHARLES -- Natasha Miranda Navejar, a senior at St. Louis Catholic High School, has been named a National Hispanic scholar by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP). She lives in Westlake and attended elementary school at St. Theodore's Holy Family School in Moss Bluff where she was Eighth grade Student of the Year.

While attending St. Louis, Navejar has received many honors and awards including the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for one of the highest GPAs in her class for four consecutive years. She is an AP Scholar and a Tulane Book Award recipient.

Navejar is also involved in numerous extracurricular activities both in and outside of school. She is the vice president of the National Honor Society and a member of Mu Alpha Theta, a senior honors club for advanced mathematics. Navejar is also a contributing writer for the school newspaper, *The Trumpet*.

Navejar is a member of the St. Louis bowling team the past four years and captured Most Valuable Player honors while being named to the All-District First Team each year. She maintains the highest scoring average on the team and led the Lady Saints to the state championship in 2011. She also has been a United States Bowling Congress

youth league bowler at Petro Bowl for 13 years, winning numerous awards for regional and state tournaments.

Throughout her high school career, she has devoted time and effort to community service, volunteering at Abraham's Tent serving and preparing food for the homeless and needy. In addition, Navejar has aided the La Familia Resource Center by helping to lead a summer camp and tutor children. Last summer, she explored her interest in the medical field by volunteering at Christus St. Patrick Hospital through a summer program exposing high school students to possible careers in health and medicine.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Family Camp Night, Nov. 11

LAKE CHARLES – St. Martin de Porres and The Pines Catholic Camp present Family Camp Night on Monday, Nov. 11, at 6 p.m. in St. Louis Catholic High School, 1620 Bank Street.

Current first through 10th grade students and their parents are invited to come learn about the fun, life-changing Summer camp experience. There will be Q&A with the camp director, videos of fun at the camp, and prizes to win.

Contact Becky Clements at 337-478-3845 or e-mail bclements@smdpcatholic.com with questions about the event. Learn more about The Pines at www.thepines.org.

St. Louis Catholic High golf tournament

LAKE CHARLES -- The 2013 St. Louis Catholic High School benefit golf tournament is Friday, October 25 at the Lake Charles Country Club.

The school's Advancement Office along with the Saints Baseball Team is hosting the event, and proceeds will benefit both the St. Louis Foundation and the Saints Baseball Program.

An alumni flight begins at 8 a.m. and the baseball flight will tee off at 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in forming a team of four or sponsoring a Hole, forms and more information can be found at www.slchs.org in the Giving and Latest News sections.

Christ the King "Raise the Roof" raffle

LAKE CHARLES – Tickets for the "Raise the Roof" raffle of Christ the King Catholic Church are now on sale for the the Nov. 24 drawing.

Purchase of a \$10 ticket could win the first prize of \$10,000, second prize of \$3,500 or third prize of \$500.

Proceeds will be used for the church's multipurpose hall/classroom expansion project. Tickets are available at the church office from 9 a.m. until noon and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and following any weekend Mass.

Sapphire and Ice Gala on Nov. 8

LAKE CHARLES – The Annual Sapphire and Ice Gala, sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver Council and Court

No. 168, is Friday, Nov. 8, at Treasures of Marilyn's.

Tickets are \$50 each and are available at the St. Henry Catholic Church office or from any KPC Council 168 member. The Black Tie Formal event begins with a social at 6:30 p.m. following by dinner and dancing.

Proceeds are divided between the St. Henry Building Bridges Capital Campaign and the Seminarian Education Fund of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

November men's breakfast, women's luncheon

LAKE CHARLES – The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is Friday, Nov. 1 while the Prayer Luncheon with the women of the diocese on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Both events are slated for Ave Maria Hall on the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets. Rev. Nathan Long will be the presenter for the discussion on the Gospel of St. Luke.

Women should send a check for \$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.

The breakfast is preceded by 6:30 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

"Holy Hour to Discern Vocation"

JENNINGS – "VOCARÉ, a ministry of the Office of Vocations, will host a "Holy Hour to Discern My Vocation" for young men age 15 and over in Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3.

The program is designed for young men seeking to know God's will in their lives and intended to give them a united effort of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

The hour of adoration is followed by refreshments and fraternity.

Forty Hours Devotion schedule

LAKE CHARLES – Forty Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Lake Charles, next week is to be shared by Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church.

Adoration will take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary on

Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 21-22 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day while Sacred Heart of Jesus will host adoration from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 23-24.

The final site of the month for 40 Hours is the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, Oct. 28 to Friday, Nov. 1, each day from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Extraordinary Form Mass time change

LAKE CHARLES – The Sunday celebration of the Extraordinary Form of the Mass in Latin in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will return to a 3 p.m. Standard Time start on Sunday, Nov. 3.

During Daylight Saving Time the Mass begins at 5 p.m. and will return to that starting time on Sunday, March 9, 2014.

Respect Life Dinner set January 2014

LAKE CHARLES – The inaugural Diocese of Lake Charles Respect Life Dinner, which will aid Rachel's Vineyard, The Gabriel Project, and youth pilgrims to the National March for Life, is Tuesday, Jan. 14, in the Lake Charles Civic Center.

Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood director, will be the guest speaker in the Buccaneer Room.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with Ms. Johnson speaking at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each or \$400 for a table of eight.

Call 337-439-7400, Ext. 317 or e-mail rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org for more information.

Crowning Rite now streaming

LAKE CHARLES – A streaming video of the August 22 Liturgy and Crowning Rite of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, located in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, is available for viewing on the website of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganó, the Pope's Ambassador to the United States and Papal Nuncio, presided at the Crowning Rite during Mass celebrated by Bishop Glen John Provost and attended by 11 other Bishops from Louisiana, Texas, and Illinois.

View the 105-minute production at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/video-specials.html>.