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The Most Reverend Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

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## Bishop Provost will lead Christ the King Procession

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LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will lead a Eucharistic Procession along the 1.4 mile route from St. Louis Catholic High School through the streets of Lake Charles to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, Nov. 24, the Solemnity of Christ the King.

The procession will begin at 2 p.m., following an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Louis, which will include silent prayer and songs to our Lord Jesus Christ in thanksgiving for being the King of the Universe and our lives. Adoration begins at 1 p.m. in the Commons of the school.

Beginning at 2 p.m., with Bishop Provost carrying the Blessed Sacrament, the procession will go north on Bank Street, turning left onto Seventh Street, then right onto Kirkman Street continuing to Broad Street. At Broad, the procession turns left onto Broad and moves west to Bilbo Street, turning left onto Bilbo and walking south to the Cathedral for the 3 p.m. Prayer Service. Bus transportation from St. Louis to the Cathedral will be provided for those who wish to participate in the procession but cannot make the walk.

The afternoon prayer service will feature Adoration, Benediction, Bishop Provost leading those in attendance in an Act of Consecration entrusting the Diocese to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ, and a homily by Father Mitch Pacwa, S.J. A reception will follow in Ave Maria Hall, located at the



Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J.

southeast corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets. Shuttle service will be provided from the Cathedral back to St. Louis to retrieve vehicles following the service.

These events mark the conclusion in the Diocese of Lake Charles of the Year of Faith, called for by Pope Benedict XVI in October 2012

Father Pacwa is Founder and President of Ignatius Productions, 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. He 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 School of Theology of Loyola University, magna cum laude. At Vanderbilt University, he received his Master of Arts, Ph.D. in Old Testament.

Father Pacwa, who is fluent in twelve languages and has a unique understanding of the peoples and cultures of the Middle East, has taught at the high school, university, and seminary 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.

His extensive travels to the Holy Land 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), where he currently hosts two television programs – “Threshold of Hope” and “EWTN LIVE” and as the weekly host of EWTN Radio “OPEN LINE” program.

Father Pacwa is a best-selling author including two new books released in 2013: “The Eucharist: A Bible Study for Catholics,” and “Winning the Battle Against Sin.”



Eucharistic Procession Route

## Ammons receives honors in National Merit program

LAKE CHARLES -- Andrew Ammons, a senior at St. Louis Catholic High School has been awarded a Letter of Commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Program for his outstanding performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Ammons placed in the top 50,000 of over 1.5 million students who entered the 2014 National Merit Program. He

is a graduate of Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School.

Honors and awards Ammons has received while at St. Louis Catholic High School include The St. Louis Award, Twirp Court, The Adam Puckett Memorial Scholarship, Ceremony of Light Scholarship Representative and District and State Literary Awards. He is a member of the Saints soc-

cer, cross country and tennis teams.

He earned All State honors in cross country and made the first team All-District soccer squad. Other extracurricular activities include Student Council, Spanish Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and the National Honor Society. He is also a Student Ambassador.



Andrew Ammons

## Catholic Calendar expansion begins

LAKE CHARLES – The new format for the Catholic Calendar, the print side of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Lake Charles begins today with this six-page insert in the American Press.

The Catholic Calendar will be printed each month in this manner on the third Friday. Publication dates for the remainder of this year and next are: 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. A one-page revised Catholic Calendar will also appear in the Jennings Daily News and the Beauregard Daily News on those

same dates. It is printed in the weekly Cameron Pilot on the Thursday before the Third Friday of the month.

This expansion will allow the Diocese to reach a greater number of people with more Church and diocesan news, will also facilitate the preaching of the Gospel and allow for more outreach in matters of the Faith both to our own Catholic faithful and to our non-Catholic brothers and sisters.

Bishop Glen John Provost will provide a monthly column – Planting the Seed – while a number of others will offer their ideas on a rotating basis. These 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. Bryan Thompson, Parochial Vicar of St. Henry Catholic Church; Father Jeffrey Starkovich, Parochial Vicar of St. Margaret of Scotland 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

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## PLANTING THE SEED

## Concluding the Year of Faith Sunday, November 24

In his Apostolic Letter *Porta Fidei*, Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed the “Year of Faith.” The beginning of the Year of Faith was to coincide with the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council on October 12, 1962, a defining moment in the history of the Church in the Twentieth Century. Pope Benedict in *Porta Fidei* mentioned another lesser known anniversary. On October 11, 1992, Blessed John Paul II promulgated the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Therefore, *Porta Fidei* reflected back on a period initiating renewal in the Church and thrust us forward into a re-engagement of the faith. What was the purpose for the “Year of Faith”?

As we read the document, we are struck with two motives for its observance. The Holy Father was inviting us to engage the faith by 1) renewing its expression and 2) knowing the content of that faith. Basically the “Year of Faith” was an invitation. God was inviting us to open the “door of faith,” to respond to the invitation, to enter the room, to come to the banquet of faith.

Accepting an invitation requires something from us. We must respond. We must let the host know whether or not we are coming. And once we arrive, still more is required. I am thinking of those cultures where one removes shoes before entering the house or, as in our own area, guests bring a gift for the hosts.

Pope Benedict in *Porta Fidei* said that the “Year of Faith” was to be a “summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Savior of the world” (#6). Let us

repeat that. The “Year of Faith” is a “summons” to “conversion.” There is nothing static about it, where we sit back with self-satisfaction and say how wonderful everything is. In words taken from *Porta Fidei*, “[w]e cannot accept that salt should become tasteless or the light be kept hidden (cf. Matthew 5:13-16)” (#3). How might we allow this to happen?

I have reflected much on this question during the “Year of Faith.” As a bishop—or cleric or lay person—no one is exempt—I am less than what I am called to be when I neglect my duties, one of which is to speak the truth “in and out of season.” I might hide the light by not practicing the Spiritual Works of Mercy, for example by not admonishing the sinner or leaving the ignorant to languish in their unknowing. I might allow my salt to become tasteless by not practicing the Corporal Works of Mercy, for example by not welcoming the stranger or not giving food to the hungry. “We cannot accept that salt should become tasteless or the light be kept hidden.” Those are challenging words—and we all need to be challenged.

In the “Year of Faith” we should have taken the opportunity to accept the invitation and to deepen our faith by attending the banquet God prepares for us.



Bishop  
Glen John  
Provost

Speaking of banquets, we will conclude the “Year of Faith” by celebrating with a Eucharistic Procession on Christ the King Sunday, November 24. I thought of this because our Faith is indeed a banquet, epitomized in the Eucharist itself. We will begin at 1 p.m., gathering in the Commons of St. Louis Catholic High School for Exposition and Adoration. Then, at 2 p.m. we will begin our Procession through the streets of Lake Charles to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Finally, at 3 p.m. we arrive at the Cathedral and celebrate a Holy Hour, with a presentation by the well-known author and evangelist, Father Mitch Pacwa, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament to conclude the prayerful event.

During the concluding Holy Hour at the Cathedral, I will invite all of us to pray a Prayer of Consecration. This act of consecration will entrust the Diocese of Lake Charles, with all its needs and gifts, to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ. The idea for entrusting our diocese to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ came to me in prayer during the “Year of Faith.” If the Eucharist is the “source and summit” of our Catholic lives and worship and the Eucharist gives us an intimate share in the Person of Jesus Christ, then what better way for us to conclude the “Year of Faith” than by entrusting ourselves, our families and our needs, to the loving Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ.

Join us November 24, Christ the King Sunday!



# Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe set Dec. 12

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate a Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, Dec. 12, in St. Henry Catholic Church at 6:30 p.m. A reception will be held in the St. Henry Community Center following the liturgy.

All priests of the Diocese of Lake Charles are invited to concelebrate and all people are welcome to the event honoring the Patroness of the Americas.

At 5:15 p.m., a mariachi band will begin playing the *Mañanitas* – the little morning, according to Father D.B. Thompson, co-chaplain for Hispanic Ministry in the Diocese. On Wednesday, Dec. 11, a Penance Service will take place at St. Henry beginning at 6:30 p.m., with Confession heard in both English and Spanish.

This annual diocesan event, held at St. Henry, reminds everyone of the importance of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego in 1531 in Mexico. (CNS photo/Nancy Wiechec)

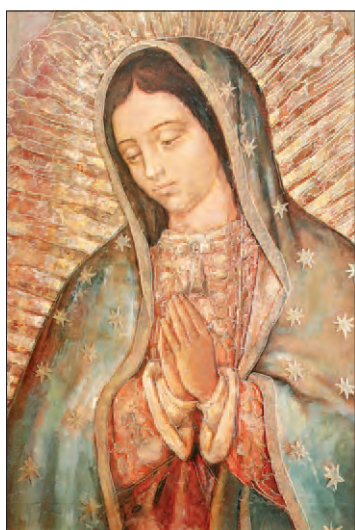
Father Thompson noted that as the Patroness of the Americas – North, Central, and South – Our Lady is the Mother of Life in two very related ways.

“The first is in just as the way she appears,” he said. “You can see that she is wearing a black belt, basically a kind of a sash or belt. In the Aztec culture, when she appeared to a Christian man, Juan Diego, she appeared as an Indian, with the skin of an Indian.”

“She was called by many, the ‘little dark one,’ because they were celebrating that she chose to show her closeness to them by looking like them,” Father Thompson continued. “Another part of that looking like them was that she adopted their dress. The black belt in their culture in significant because it was the sign of a pregnant woman. So it is not only Our Lady appearing to Juan Diego, it is Our Lady with child - Our Lady with the Christ child - truly appearing as a mother. As the Mother of Christ, the Mother of God, but also, of course, as the mother of the Mexican people and of all Hispanics and those who she eventually touches.”

Blessed Pope John Paul II, in 1999, gave her the

titles of Patroness of the Americas, “Empress of Latin America”, and “Protectress of Unborn Children.” She is also known as the Queen of Mexico and the Heavenly Patron-



**The Virgin Mary is depicted as Our Lady of Guadalupe in a modern painting. The genesis of this popular Marian icon is Mary's appearance to St. Juan Diego in 1531 in Mexico. (CNS photo/Nancy Wiechec)**

ess of the Philippines, the latter given to her in 1935 and revised by Pope Pius XII in 1942

Traditional accounts tell that the peasant Juan Diego saw at the Hill of Tepeyac, near Mexico City, a vision of a girl of fifteen or sixteen years of age, surrounded by light. It was the early morning of December 9, 1531, celebrated as the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in the Spanish Empire.

Speaking to him in Nahuatl, his language, the girl asked that a church be built at that site in her honor. From her words, Juan Diego recognized the girl as the Virgin Mary. He told his story to the Spanish Archbishop of Mexico City, Archbishop of Zumárraga, who instructed him to return to Tepeyac Hill, and ask the “lady” for a miraculous sign to prove her identity. The first sign was the Virgin's healing Juan's uncle.

The Virgin told Juan Diego to gather flowers from the top of Tepeyac Hill. Although December was very late in the growing season for flowers to bloom, Juan Diego found Castilian roses, not native to Mexico, on the normally barren hilltop. The Virgin arranged these in his peasant tilma cloak.

When Juan Diego opened his cloak before Bishop Zumárraga on December 12, the flowers fell to the floor, and in their place on the fabric was the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe, miraculously imprinted there.

The icon is displayed in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, one of the most visited Marian shrines. The icon is Mexico's most popular religious and cultural image.

Blessed Pope John Paul II beatified Juan Diego in 1990 and in 2002; he became St. Juan Diego when the Holy Father canonized him. Both his beatification and canonization took place in the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

“She came as a bearer of life to the Mexican people and eventually to all the Americas,” Father Thompson continued. “At the time she came to the Aztecs, they were not many conversions. The missionaries before she came were not very successful in converting the people. The people belong to a particularly gruesome pagan religion in which the giving a heart of the victim to their god was important. They would have to find a willing or should I say unwilling victim and help to detach from them their heart and offer that living heart into the mouth of their idol.”

“So it was a very, very bloody religion characterized by death,” he said. “Our Lady comes in as Mother of Life, Mother of the Living, because she brings in her womb the child who is to bring the light of true things and therefore leads the people out of darkness of the practice of human sacrifice. She teaches them to trust in God not to fear God as a taskmaster – not to fear God as One who desires their death but to know that God died so that they might have life.”

“I would say in those two ways, both because she bears life within herself, she becomes a symbol of life bearing and by coming to them she brings to them the light of the true faith which brings the detachment of a religion of darkness and human sacrifice into a true faith of light and love.”



**A band of Mariachis played last year at the Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – December 12. This year they will begin playing the *Mañanitas* – the little morning – at 5:15 p.m. with Mass, celebrated by Bishop Glen John Provost beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

## ¡Que viva la Guadalupana!

El Apostolado Hispano de la Diócesis celebrará la Fiesta de la Santísima Virgen de Guadalupe (Fiesta de 12 de diciembre) con una Misa ofrecida por Su Excelencia, el Reverendísimo Glen John Provost, Obispo de la Diócesis de Lake Charles. La Santa Misa tendrá lugar a la Parroquia de Saint Henry (1021 Eighth Avenue), a las 6 de la tarde y las *Mañanitas* empezarán a las 5:15 de la tarde, animadas por un Mariachi. Se les invita a todos los guadalupanos, hijos de María.

Ya conocemos que la Virgen de Guadalupe es la Madre de Cristo, la Madre de Dios, pero como dijo Beato Juan Pablo II, ella es también la Madre de las Américas, de todos los pueblos de los dos continentes. La Morenita mostró su cercanía a los pueblos de la América cuando apareció vestida como los indígenas. En este vestido, ella apareció como Reina, pero además llevaba un cintillo o faja negra. Esta faja fue un signo de una mujer embarazada. Entonces, la Santísima Virgen vino a los pueblos de América no como individual, pero como madre, como

portador de la vida. Así que, la Virgen de Guadalupe es Madre de la vida en dos sentidos muy importante. Primeramente, apareciendo como una madre, ella afirma el valor y la dignidad de cada vida, de cada persona humana, dentro de la viente o ya nacida. Segundo, ella llevó a los pueblos de las Américas la luz de la verdadera Fe, la Fe Católica.

Antes de su aparición, la gente de los Aztecas no abarcaron mucho la Fe. Pero, después del milagro de la Tilma, muchos se abrieron al Hijo que ella llevaba, Jesucristo. En esta manera, de una religión de muerte y sangre, la gente se convertían a la verdadera Fe, en donde no se buscaba un corazón por la muerte de una víctima, como hicieron los “dioses” de los Aztecas, sino que el verdadero Dios busca que todos conozcan que Él se encarnó y se entregó a la muerte sí mismo para que ellos tengan verdadera vida. En estos dos sentidos, la Virgen de Guadalupe es la Madre de la Vida y somos orgullosos de conocerla como Madre de las Américas ¡y de nosotros también!

## Day of Reflection for African American Catholics set Dec. 7

LAKE CHARLES -- Black Catholics from throughout the Diocese of Lake Charles will gather at St. Louis Catholic High School on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 8:30 a.m. until noon to pray, reflect, and discuss the Pastoral Plan of Action Instrument developed from the National Black Catholic Congress XI.

Bishop Glen John Provost will be present to lead everyone in prayer and will facilitate a small group discussion on priestly and religious vocations with the youth in attendance.

African American Catholics of the Diocese gathered in March 2012 to begin preparations for Congress XI to prioritize the National Pastoral Plan document.

Action plans to be dis-

cussed for our Diocesan African American parishes will include: Holiness of Life, and Dignity of the Human Person; Walking with the Saints; Parish Light and Evangelization; Faith Informed; Schools Too Valuable to Sell; Vocations-Every Catholic's Priority; Getting Married and Staying Married; and The Social Apostolate.

Attendees will have three major reflection statements, which will facilitate the discussion in the various areas of concern for the next five years with an emphasis on particular concerns for our African American parishes.

The Day of Reflection will empower and equip the participants to return to their home parishes and assist the Church in her evangelization

efforts to their brothers and sisters.

The Black Catholic Ministry office requests that all parishioners come and participate in the diocesan evangelization efforts in the African American Community. In addition, all who are Liturgical Ministers, Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver, Junior Knights and Junior Daughters of St. Peter Claver, Confirmation Students, youth groups, and parish Evangelization Teams should plan to attend this special Diocesan Day of Reflection for Black Catholics.

A continental breakfast will be available for attendees.

Call 337-439-7436 for Deacon Edward Lavine to register or for more information,

## Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development set Nov. 23-24

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is November 23-24, the weekend before Thanksgiving. The collection is taken up in parishes and dioceses nationwide, including here in the Diocese of Lake Charles. The theme of this year's collection is: “Defend Human Dignity. Take Poverty Off the Map.”

This annual national collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs. These programs enable low-income people to join together to identify problems, make decisions and improve their communities. For over 40 years, CCHD has funded organizations that address the root causes of poverty, providing lasting solutions for the future.

During the 2012-2013 grant cycle, the campaign gave out 214 grants in community and economic development, totaling more than \$9 million.

Of these grants, 178 went to community development and 36 went to economic development and job creation projects. Additionally, 10 grants were given in the category of technical assistance.

“In the United States, 46 million people live in poverty,” said the Most Rev. Jaime Soto, Bishop of Sacramento, California and chairman of USCCB's Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. “Many families face continuing unemployment and increasing costs of living; our neighbors are struggling to meet the cost of health care, child care, and even food.”

“CCHD brings the Gospel message to issues of social justice. We cannot simply help a struggling family today and leave them with no means of support tomorrow,” continued Bishop Soto. “Instead, the projects funded by CCHD focus on long-term solutions to poverty. This complements the work of direct-assistance

programs like Catholic Charities and pro-life activities.”

Twenty-five percent of the proceeds from each CCHD collection stay in each diocese to fight poverty and foster liberty and justice at the local level. CCHD uses the national portion of the collection to fund projects across the country through grants. These grants fund community efforts to promote human dignity and fight poverty. Many of the funded projects focus on health care, immigration, community safety, political participation and environmental justice.

CCHD funded projects help people and communities in a number of ways:

- Started by Italian immigrants in 1943, Holy Rosary Credit Union is a not-for-profit credit union that extends development and financial education services geared toward the low-income population of Kansas City, Missouri. With help from the collection, the credit union encourages



**Father Whitney Miller, center, Director of Saint Charles Center, presents a check for \$2,806.95 to the St. Louis Catholic High School Fine Arts Department as the school's half of the money raised from the second annual “Running of the Bulls” fundraiser and fun-raiser held at the Center. Pictured, from left, are Robbie Austin, Fine Arts Survey; Holley Fontenot, Drama Club; Father Miller; Stephanie Robertson, Art Club; and Geneva Breaux, Director of Alumni Advancement and Admissions.**

## Cardinals to be named in Feb.

ROME - Pope Francis will appoint new cardinals at a consistory in February 2014, the Vatican has announced.

Confirming reports that had circulated a day earlier, the Vatican press office revealed that the consistory will be held on February 22.

the feast of the Chair of St. Peter. The Vatican did not announce the names of the prelates to be named cardinals.

There are currently 109 cardinals under the age of 80, the age at which they become unable to vote in the election of the next pope.

That number will fall to 106 by February, as three current cardinals are due to turn 80 by then.

Pope Paul VI set a limit on the number of voting cardinals at 120, but popes waived that limit in the past.



# Seminary burses total more than \$1.5 million

LAKE CHARLES – The 71 seminary burses already established to aid the Diocese of Lake Charles in helping finance the education expenses of the men studying for the priesthood for the Diocese now total more than \$1.5 million.

Payments received for burses memorializing Bishop Jude Speyrer and Monsignor Joseph A. Bourque increased the total amount invested to \$1,527,340.78.

A seminary burse is a permanent fund set aside to provide income for the education and training of future priests.

The principal amount of the fund is never spent but invested, with the interest used each year for education expenses of those men studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles. Since the principal is never touched, this fund is truly a “gift that will give forever.” Donations made to any seminary burse will continue to

support the education of seminarians in perpetuity.

Seminary burses can be established in honor or memory of a loved one, in the name of especially well-loved priests (there are a number of these types of burses already established) or an organization with any amount of money. Contributions may be added to current burses at any time.

Checks made payable to The Diocese of Lake Charles should be sent to Rev. Msgr. Daniel Torres, V.G., Diocese of Lake Charles, P.O. Box 3223, Lake Charles, LA 70602-3223 along with a description of the donor’s wishes for the naming of the burse. Please also note in the memo portion of your check that the gift is for a seminary burse. The list of burses can be seen below.

If you would like further information on seminary burses, please call Monsignor Torres at 337-439-7400, Ext. 220 or e-mail him at daniel.torres@lcdiocese.org.

## Diocese of Lake Charles Seminary Burses

(As of October 23, 2013)

Msgr. Louis Boudreaux .....	\$ 6,982.50
Bishop Jeanmard .....	\$ 9,276.69
Latrielle Houssiere .....	\$ 15,000.00
Charles Houssiere .....	\$ 15,000.00
Gelu Houssiere .....	\$ 15,000.00
Henry Houssiere .....	\$ 15,000.00
Msgr. William J. Teurlings.....	\$ 3,092.23
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Houssiere.....	\$ 15,000.00
Israel Hebert Family .....	\$ 15,000.00
Fr. Moise Hebert.....	\$ 2,231.66
Pro Ecclesia.....	\$ 5,203.55
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 3,092.23
Saint Joseph.....	\$ 1,217.93
Lake Charles Seminary.....	\$ 15,000.00
Cure d’ Ars.....	\$ 3,092.23
Mr & Mrs. C. Delahoussaye .....	\$ 15,000.00
Msgr. Lerschen .....	\$ 1,203.35
Saint Theresa .....	\$ 5,356.71
Catholic Daughters of the Americas .....	\$ 1,666.46
Msgr. Louis Boudreaux .....	\$ 15,000.00
Herrington Family .....	\$ 15,000.00
Horvath Family .....	\$ 12,500.00
Harry Van Tiel Family.....	\$ 1,031.96
Habetz-Oustalet-Mitchell Families.....	\$ 5,000.00
Msgr. A. Van Buijtenen .....	\$ 5,328.00
Msgr. Jules Daigle .....	\$ 15,000.00
Mr. and Mrs. Galip Jacobs/Sam J. ....	\$ 600.00
Msgr. Charles Levasseur .....	\$ 70,000.00
Plauche Family .....	\$ 4,000.00
Rev. Oscar S Vasquez-Munoz .....	\$ 1,429.00
Msgr. Bede Becnel.....	\$ 23,652.68
Jeffery Savant.....	\$ 2,435.00
Rev. Robert Lee Shreve .....	\$ 25,973.33

Bishop Jude Speyrer .....	\$ 72,775.73
Our Lady of the Snows/ CDA Court .....	\$ 20,200.00
Msgr. Curtis Vidrine.....	\$ 28,689.60
Msgr. Murphy Bernard .....	\$ 27,476.90
Rev. Alphonse M. Volpe .....	\$ 25,122.62
East Deanery Serra Club.....	\$ 550.00
Msgr. Charles Dubois.....	\$ 9,926.70
Msgr. Amos J. Vincent.....	\$ 34,723.21
Rev. Oris A. Broussard .....	\$ 27,810.66
Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc .....	\$ 160,127.43
Rev. John Giles .....	\$ 25,132.21
Rev. Maurice Martineau .....	\$ 27,087.40
Truman Stacey .....	\$ 10,382.09
Lorraine Yelverton .....	\$ 4,550.00
The Ordinario Family .....	\$ 50,000.00
Walter Henry/Agnes Stevenson Granger.....	\$ 40,000.00
Edward Thomas (Tom) Cassidy .....	\$ 2,000.00
Mitchell Duhon.....	\$ 252,984.11
Joe and Janet Stoma .....	\$ 6,250.00
Marion Bond Courrage.....	\$ 1,000.00
Bill Moriarity .....	\$ 50.00
Dr. and Mrs. David Buttross, Jr. ....	\$ 7,000.00
Blessed Pope John Paul II.....	\$ 1,500.00
Edgar and Penny Perkins .....	\$ 25,000.00
Angela and Frank Miller.....	\$ 7,500.00
Rev. Charles Soileau.....	\$ 42,173.35
Rev. T.L. Herlong/Sr. Pius Blanchard, MHS.....	\$ 24,343.35
John and Dinah Bradford.....	\$ 2,500.00
Dr. W. Gerry & Susan Hebert Family Burse.....	\$ 15,000.00
Ola Mae and F. M. Thornton.....	\$ 100,000.00
Kenneth and Marjorie Long.....	\$ 1,000.00
Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Evans .....	\$ 5,000.00
Rev. James A. Doyle .....	\$ 41,813.14
Ray and Dorothy Conner .....	\$ 275.00
Todd and Missy Theriot Family.....	\$ 5,000.00
Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Bourque .....	\$ 57,340.74
Most Holy Trinity .....	\$ 3,000.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Louviere.....	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL .....	\$ 1,527,149.78



Bishop Jude Speyrer



Msgr. Joseph A. Bourque

## Bishop’s Gala Dec. 14, tickets still available

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-chairmen.

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 lcdiocese.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’Eveché, 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 is made possible by attending the Gala. The website of the Diocese – lcdiocese.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.



Louis Gaudet, left, Grand Knight of St. Martin de Porres Knights of Columbus Council 15006, accepts the Double Star Council Award from District Deputy Gladwin Ball, right.

## Local KC Council receives top award

LAKE CHARLES -- St Martin de Porres Knights of Columbus Council 15006 has earned the distinction of Double Star Council, for the 2012-2013 fraternal year. The organization’s headquarters, located in New Haven, Connecticut, made the announcement. District Deputy Gladwin Ball presented the award to the Council membership at the September Business meeting.

The award recognizes overall excellence in the area of membership recruitment for reaching 200 percent of quota, thereby making it “double star.” The award also honors the Council for retention, promotion of the fraternal insurance program, and sponsorship of service-oriented activities.

In announcing the local winner, Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight and chief executive officer, said, “Your dedication to the Order is seen in the high standard of excellence you have achieved. At the same time, I encourage you to carry forward

this enthusiasm to meet the challenges that will face the Knights of Columbus in the years ahead. May this award be a reminder and an inspiration to the members of your council to continue to promote the ideals of Columbianism for the good of the Church, your community and the Order.”

Louis Gaudet, Grand Knight of Council 15006, said, “Receiving the Double Star Council Award is quite an honor for us. We are extremely proud of this accomplishment.”

The Knights of Columbus is the world’s largest Catholic lay organization. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Church, their communities, families and young people. With more than 1.8 million members and 15,000 councils around the world, the Knights of Columbus annually donate more than \$167 million and 70 million hours of service to charitable causes.

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

## Vatican not worried about possible monitoring of calls

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Vatican has no evidence its calls were monitored by the U.S. National Security Agency and, even if they were, “we have no concerns about it,” the Vatican spokesman said.

Asked about the possibility that the NSA’s electronic eavesdropping program had monitored Vatican calls, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi told reporters Oct. 30: “We have no evidence of this.”

The spokesman made his comments after the Italian newsweekly Panorama announced that its issue going on sale Oct. 31 would include a report that phone calls to and from the Vatican were among the 46 million calls in Italy allegedly monitored between Dec. 10, 2012, and Jan. 8, 2013.

The magazine said it also is possible the eavesdropping continued for months and included calls made on the eve of the conclave that elected Pope Francis in March.

The NSA said in a statement that the eavesdropping claims were false.

The agency “does not target the Vatican,” said a statement from the NSA Public Affairs Office dated Oct. 30 and sent to Catholic News Service in Washington Oct. 31. “Assertions that NSA has targeted the Vatican, published in Italy’s Panorama magazine, are not true.”

The magazine’s story was prepared in the midst of growing European coverage and anger over the NSA’s alleged call-monitoring program.

## ‘Lectio divina’ manual developed

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Vatican publishing house, the American Bible Society and the vicar general of the Diocese of Mar del Plata, Argentina, have teamed up to develop a step-by-step manual in the Catholic art of praying and meditating with the Bible.

Part of the aim of the project is to get Catholics to read the Bible and the other is to get them to rediscover ‘lectio divina,’ the traditional Catholic method of reading, meditating on and praying with the Bible, said Mario Paredes, who runs Catholic programs for the American Bible Society.

The manual, in Spanish and English, will be avail-

able for purchase through the American Bible Society’s website, www.bibles.com.

Presenting the manual, “Pray With the Bible, Meditate With the Word,” at the Vatican Oct. 30, Father Gabriel Mestre, the author and Mar del Plata vicar general, said Pope Francis’ morning Mass homilies are the result of ‘lectio divina.’ He said the homilies offer a glimpse into the pope’s process of reading the text, meditating on it, praying with it and reflecting on what it is calling him and other Christians to do.

Jesuit Father Stephen Pisano, vice rector of the Pontifical Biblical Institute, spoke at the Vatican presentation of the manual.

## November Prayer Intentions

### Pope Francis

#### General: Suffering Priests

That priests who experience difficulties may find comfort in their suffering, support in their doubts, and confirmation in their fidelity.

#### Mission: Latin American Churches

That as fruit of the continental mission, Latin American Churches may send missionaries to other Churches.

#### Bishop Glen John Provost

#### For Armed Forces and Veterans:

That those men and women who serve in our armed forces and our veterans, particularly our injured, may receive the dignity, care and respect they deserve.



# New bishop installed for Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux

HOUMA – The new shepherd of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, the Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, was installed Wednesday, Oct. 30, in the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales with Archbishop Carlos Mario Viganò, Apostolic Nuncio and Papal Ambassador to the United States and New Orleans Archbishop Gregory Aymond attending.

In fact, 23 bishops were there to witness the 50-year-old native of New Roads accept the pastoral staff and responsibility to guide the 126,000 Catholics that make up the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, which is made up of six civil parishes with 39 Catholic churches and 13 Catholic schools.

Bishop Fabre, the fourth ordinary of the diocese replaces Bishop Sam Jacobs. Bishop Jacobs had reached the Church's mandatory bishop's retirement age of 75 in March of this year and Bishop Fabre accepted his resignation in September when he named Bishop Fabre to the position.

In his homily, the Bishop used the Gospel of Luke's retelling of Christ's command for his disciples to lower their nets into the deep after a fruitless night of fishing. Though Christ commanded them to a place they might not normally fish, the catch was miraculous.

"We must venture into the deep both as individuals and as a church because it is in the deep that the power of Jesus Christ makes the miraculous occur in great and small ways. In the deep, God's comfort is known and experienced by others because of our presence and efforts. And our fears and the fears of others give way to stronger faith," Fabre said.

He is the first African American bishop of the diocese, the second to be named to head a diocese in Louisiana (Bishop Edward K. Brax-

ton was the first in December 2000 when he was named the second Bishop of Lake Charles), and the youngest African-American ordinary in the United States.

Before his appointment to Houma-Thibodaux, Fabre was Titular Bishop of Pudenziana and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, named by Pope Benedict XVI on December 13, 2006. He was consecrated a Bishop on Feb. 28, 2007 by Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes, then Archbishop of New Orleans.

He graduated from Catholic High School of Pointe Coupee in New Roads in 1981, received a B.A. in History from St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, La., in 1985 and received a B.A. (in Religious Studies in 1987) and an M.A. (in Religious Studies in 1989) from the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium.

He was ordained for the

Diocese of Baton Rouge in 1989 and served his first assignment as Associate Pastor of St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church in Greenwell Springs, La. In 1996, he was named to his first pastorate at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Grosse Tete, La. and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Maringouin, La.

Later in his homily, Bishop Fabre spoke about his duties as auxiliary bishop in New Orleans as sort of a chief of staff to Archbishop Aymond.

"God constantly stretches us and it was a stretch for me. I had to transition from being responsible for one parish to being responsible for many parishes together and helping the archbishop do that. It took me a long time," he said. "I'd like to think I grew into what being a bishop means and now I bring that experience here."



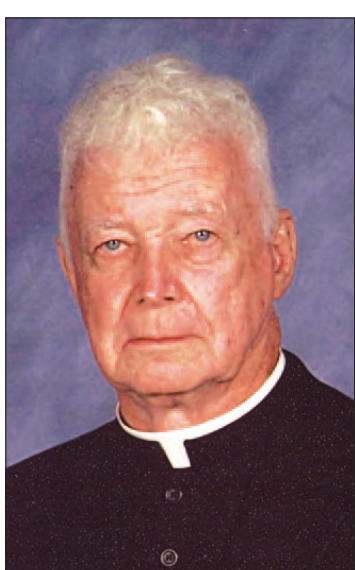
**Bishop Shelton J. Fabre**  
(CNS photo/Lawrence Chatagnier, Bayou Catholic)

## Father Doyle memorialized at St. Theodore

MOSS BLUFF – Donations are being sought to assist St. Theodore Catholic Church in completing the remodeling of the late Father James Doyle's residence in the parish as a multi-purpose meeting facility.

Father Doyle, who was in residence at St. Theodore at the time of his death last November, was a native of New York but served the Diocese of Lake Charles in various capacities for many years including as pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Fenton and as Defender of the Bond in the Diocesan Tribunal.

A quiet spirit, Father Doyle rose early each weekday and could be found walking the grounds of the church reading his Breviary and praying. Called by many a modern day St. Francis of Assisi, Father Doyle was famous for finding and caring for abandoned animals he came across on his journeys around the diocese. He shared his love for animals with the students at Holy Family Catholic School each year at the blessing of



**Father James Doyle**

the animals on the Feast of St. Francis.

The former residence has been completely stripped inside and is ready for new walls, flooring, furnishings and other materials. Work has been donated by St. Theodore parishioner Bubba Gilley.

Donations can be made in the collection basket at St. Theodore masses, through the mail to St. Theodore Catholic Church, P.O. Box 12726, Lake Charles, LA 70612 or at the church office, 785 Sam Houston Jones Parkway.

Call Ruthie Singer at 337-855-6662 for information.

## SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

# Faith is an embrace, a way of life

It is no coincidence that the Year of Faith concludes on November 24, 2013, the Feast of Christ the King. Faith is not simply belief, nor pious sentiment. Faith is an embrace, a way of life that demands my all. In the words of the Christian apologist Dr. Peter Kreeft, faith is less like "a math equation" and more like "pledging loyalty to a king." Jesus Himself indicates this in his insistence that we "seek first the Kingdom" (Matthew 6:33). In the very same breath, Our Lord calls those whose priorities are instead bodily and material needs, "O you of little faith."

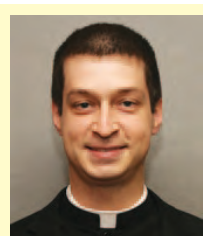
That Jesus as King begins in the first place in our lives is not flowery religious sentiment – it is an urgent call. Between the two world wars that would engulf Europe, Pope Pius XI related privately to the saintly Fr. Mateo Crawley-Boevey: "We are living in the darkest hour that mankind has lived since the deluge". In his 1925 encyclical instituting the Feast of Christ the King, the Pope noted that the reason that so many evils were flooding the world is that so many people had put Jesus Christ and His law out of their ordinary lives and public affairs (Quas Primas 1). Such a bold statement cannot be made unless we understand that Christ is not King only for those who want Him to be – He is King and Lord of all people.

No other major religious figure was ever prophesied to the extent and precision of Jesus Christ. Not only was Jesus' birth, death and resurrection foretold, but the founding of an international empire was also depicted with remarkable accuracy. The prophet Daniel relates a vision of a giant statue representing various kingdoms in succession to the king of Babylon. He also describes a tiny pebble which strikes the last of those kingdoms, toppling the statue and replacing it with an everlasting kingdom (2:36-45). In fact, Daniel says this will

take place "in the lifetime of those kings" – in other words, during the reign of the Roman Empire, which began to peak during the time of Jesus. Thus, in the Acts of the Apostles when we see the tiny band

of Jesus' followers journeying ever closer to Rome, we know what is soon to happen. This is the kingdom predicted by Isaiah when he tells us, "a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon His shoulders dominion rests. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful" (9:5-6).

Since the disruption of society is due to revolt against this rule of truth, peace, and love, rebuilding of a civilization must begin with devotion to the Heart of Christ. Since families form the basis of society and are the primary target of assault today, renewal must begin in the home. Thanks to the work of Fr. Mateo, the "Enthronement" of the home to the Sacred Heart has become widespread. This devotion places an image of Jesus in His rightful place – on the throne, or the center of the house. It acknowledges that His will comes first before all other family considerations – family activities, television viewing, financial decisions, sports, and others. It also provides a perfect point of focus for daily family prayer. Let us remember that our culture and society will honor Christ only to the extent that our families serve Him first as well. As we conclude this Year of Faith, may we pledge our loyalty to this sovereign king, whose rule is "forever peaceful."



**Reverend Nathan Long**

## WYD 2016 dates confirmed

KRAKOW, Poland - Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz of Krakow, Poland has officially confirmed the official dates of World Youth Day 2016 - July 25-3, 2016.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### St. Louis Catholic Open House

LAKE CHARLES – St. Louis Catholic High School will host an Open House on the school campus, located at 1620 Bank Street, on Wednesday, Nov. 20 with doors opening at 5 p.m.

Tours of the school building, led by St. Louis Ambassadors, begin at 5:30 p.m. Deborah Frank, the school's president, will make a presentation prior to the beginning of the tours.

St. Louis teachers will showcase curriculum and class expectations.

Attendees should park at the gym, off Seventh Street, or in the Bank Street parking lots with entry for sign-in on the Bank Street side.

Contact Geneva Breaux at 436-7275, Ext. 244 or gbreaux@slslchs.org for more information.

### Beaujolais Soiree benefit on Nov. 30

LAKE CHARLES – The annual Beaujolais Soiree to benefit St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School will be Saturday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. in the Brick House, 110 West Pine Street.

The evening features tastings of five different Beaujolais wines expertly paired with hors d'oeuvres, jazz music, and a wine raffle.

Tickets are \$65 per person and can be purchased at the St. Margaret School office or online with a credit card at <https://beaujolaislakechailes.eventbrite.com>. All attendees must be 21 years of age or older.

### 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 Sunday, 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 benefit 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.

### Domestic Church Couples Retreat

LAKE CHARLES – A Domestic Church Couples Retreat is set for Thursday, through Sunday, Dec. 12-15, at Saint Charles Center.

Domestic Church is a lay movement that provides lifelong formation for sacramentally married couples. For more information contact David Dawson at 337-439-7400, e-mail david.dawson@lcdiocese.org, or visit [www.domesticchurchfamilies.com](http://www.domesticchurchfamilies.com)

### Prayer breakfast in December

LAKE CHARLES – The next Men's Prayer Breakfast with Bishop Glen John Provost is Friday, Dec. 13 in Ave Maria Hall

on the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets.

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

The women's prayer luncheon with the Bishop will not be held in December and January, recommencing in February.

### March for Life Pilgrimage for youth

LAKE CHARLES – The Diocese of Lake Charles is sponsoring a youth pilgrimage to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

One of the most spiritually fruitful and educational experiences of the year, the pilgrims will join over 300,000 others in standing for the dignity of all human life. The pilgrimage will depart on Saturday, Jan. 18 and return Thursday, Jan. 23.

For more information or to register, contact your parish's youth minister, or Milissa Thibodeaux at 337-439-7400, or e-mail milissa.thibodeaux@lcdiocese.org.

### Natural Family Planning Training

LAKE CHARLES – The incredible gift of Natural Family Planning (NFP) is now available in the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Three NFP instructors certified in the Creighton Method work with the Diocese and Dr. David Darbonne.

For more information about training in the Creighton Method of NFP or to schedule training contact Laura Hobgood at 338-480-1280; Jackie Stewart at 337-540-8959 or the office of Dr. Darbonne at 337-474-3883.

### "Holy Hour to Discern Vocation"

JENNINGS – The next "Holy Hour to Discern My Vocation, a ministry of "VOCARE" and the Office of Vocations, will be Sunday, Feb. 2, at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

The program is designed for young men age 15 and older 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, will be in the Eastern Deanery in December.

Sites and dates are Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Lake Arthur on Dec. 4-6; St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Raymond Dec. 8-11; St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Fenton on Dec. 17-18; and at St. John Catholic Chapel in Lacassine on Dec. 19-20.

Contact the churches to determine specific times for adora-

tion. attributed to their influence - Honoria "Nano" Nagle (1718- 1784), an Irish religious; Celestina Bottego (1895-1980), the American-born daughter of an Italian immigrant who returned to his native land; she became a religious founder there; and Olga della Madre di Dio (1910-1943), born Olga Maria Fortunata Gugelmo, an Italian religious.

ber 31, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, with the approval of Pope Francis, issued a decree recognizing the Romanian prelate as a martyr, clearing the way for his beatification.

The Congregation also issued decrees recognizing the "heroic virtue" of three candidates, who now will be eligible for beatification if a miracle is

tion.

### Extraordinary Form of Mass starts at 3 p.m.

LAKE CHARLES – The Sunday celebration of the Extraordinary Form of the Mass in Latin in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception now begins at 3 p.m.

The Mass remains at that time until Sunday, March 9, 2014, when Daylight Saving Time begins again and it reverts to 5 p.m.

### Respect Life Dinner Jan. 14

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 Buccaneer Room of the Lake Charles Civic Center.

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

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 for Caroline Matt, e-mail rachel.vineyard@lcdiocese.org, or caroline.matt@lcdiocese.org for more information.

### Crowning Rite streaming on website

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 Viganò, 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.lcdiocese.org/video-specials.html>.

### "Come, Follow Me" retreat

BATON ROUGE – The Diocese of Lake Charles joins with the Dioceses of Baton Rouge and Lafayette to hold the annual "Come, Follow Me" retreat, this year held at the Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center on the campus of The Catholic Life Center of the Diocese of Baton Rouge.

The retreat, for men 16 years and older discerning a vocation to the sacred priesthood of Jesus Christ, is slated for Friday, Feb. 7 to Sunday, Feb. 9. For more information and/or to register contact: Fr. Marcus Johnson, Vocation Recruiter, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 2031 Opelousas Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601, call 337-436-8093, or e-mail marcus.johnson@lcdiocese.org



# Annual Red Mass celebrated in Cathedral

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost was the celebrant and homilist at the Red Mass on Friday, Oct. 18, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Judges, attorneys, and government officials from the five civil parishes that make up the Diocese of Lake Charles – Calcasieu, Cameron, Allen, Beauregard and Jefferson Davis – were invited to attend.

In his homily, Bishop Provost mentioned the coincidence of the Red Mass falling on the Feast of St. Luke as the Gospel reading was taken from that evangelist’s own writing.

“He was a physician, a man from a healing profession finding a greater remedy for the ailments of mankind in the Lord Jesus Christ,” the Bishop noted. “In the eloquent prologue to his Gospel, St. Luke said that while others had ‘undertaken to compile a narrative of the events’ recounting the life of Jesus, he was moved to write yet another account for his readers to ‘realize the certainty of the teachings [they] have received’.

St. Luke had researched his topic and could testify to its truth and accuracy.

“In a certain sense, the legal profession is involved in healing, Bishop Provost continued. “The profession pursues the truth. It executes justice but it does so because it determines the truth by the best means at its disposal. Through diligent investigation, cautious deliberation, and a thorough knowledge of the law, the legal mind makes its rewarding journey toward the truth. This is, of course, the ideal. But, the ideal must be kept before the eyes of the professional.

“I am sure that the disciples in the Gos-

pel encountered unpredictable obstacles,” he said. “They had to keep before them the words of Jesus Christ and the instructions He had given them. The Kingdom of God had arrived. Their proclamation was to reflect that Kingdom.”

The local St. Thomas More Society, Judge Henry Yelverton Chapter, is the sponsor along with the Diocese. The Mass is so named because of the color of the vestments worn by the Bishop and priests, donned in symbolism of the tongues of fire that descended on the Apostles. Additionally, Judges of the High Court of England and all doctors of law wore red robes or academic hoods.

The Red Mass celebrates the opening of the judicial year and requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice and offers the opportunity to reflect on Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession.

The first recorded Red Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral of Paris in 1245. From there, it spread to most European countries. Around 1310, during the reign of Edward II, the tradition began in England. It was attended at the opening of each term of Court by all members of the Bench and Bar. The event gradually fell out of fashion until 1931, when Sydney became the first English-speaking city to re-institute the practice. The first Red Mass held in the United States was celebrated in St. Andrew’s Church in New York City, near the courthouses of Foley Square.



**Judges and attorneys in the Diocese of Lake Charles took part in the celebration of the Red Mass by Bishop Glen John Provost on Friday, Oct. 18, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Members of the legal community pictured, following the liturgy are Walter Sanchez, Honorable Guy Bradberry, David Palay, Steve Beverung, and Honorable Kent Savoie.**

# Center for Catholic Studies Spring courses announced

LAKE CHARLES --The Center for Catholic Studies, an initiative of the Diocese of Lake Charles, in conjunction with Holy Cross College of New Orleans will offer two undergraduate theology courses in the Spring. The courses, depending on the student's degree program at McNeese, may transfer as liberal arts credits.

The two courses will be taught beginning Monday, Jan. 27, at the Catholic Student Center, 221 Aqua Drive, in Lake Charles. Each is a three credit hour offering with a January 10 registration deadline.

**Theology 101: Fundamentals of Catholicism** is a study of the doctrine, liturgy, mor-

als and prayer of the Catholic faith drawn from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Deacon Glenn Viau, M.Ed., M.P.S., will teach the course on Mondays, –from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

**Theology 290: The Catholic Novel** will be taught by Father Ruben Buller, M.Div., on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The course will be an exposure to the Catholic mind as it comes through the literary works of Flannery O’Conner, G. K. Chesterton, C. S. Lewis, Graham Greene, and Walter Miller Jr. The course will consider three novels and two short stories.

Our Lady of Holy Cross College courses are available

for credit or audit and may be taken by college students or any interested lay faithful who meets enrollment requirements. For more information, contact Susan Borgman at the Office of Religious Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles – 337-439-7400, Ext. 309.

Fees are \$225 per course for credit and \$90 if audited. Additionally, for new students taking a course for credit there is a fee of \$15.

Registration forms are available at the Catholic Student Center, the Office of Religious Education (411 Iris Street) or online at lcdiocese.org by clicking Forms on the Main Menu.



# Mall Ministry slated on Advent weekends

LAKE CHARLES – For the fourth year, the Office of Evangelization of the Diocese of Lake Charles will provide a Catholic presence in the Prien Lake Mall during the Season of Advent with its Mall Ministry, according to Bernell Ezell, Director.

Dates are Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, Dec. 7-8, Dec. 14-15, and Dec. 21-22 during the times the Mall is open. Tables will be placed in the Center Court of the mall, near the theater entrance and the Customer Service kiosk.

“During these days we will be at the “Crossroads of the Mall” bringing the message to the marketplace,” Ezell said. “There will be free information available to everyone including sacramental items like rosaries and religious medals as well as CDs on spiritual topics, Bible reflection

books and booklets that will coordinate with the Sunday readings and pamphlets on various topics of the Church.

“Volunteers of many ages and demographics of the Diocese will staff the space,” she said.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help should call Ezell at 337-439-7400 or e-mail [bernell.ezell@lcdiocese.org](mailto:bernell.ezell@lcdiocese.org).

She pointed out the wonderful help her office is receiving in this aspect of the ministry from several members of the Evangelization Core Team – Lee Kinney, Lance Mudd, and Julie Racca.

Ezell noted several things she hopes the event would accomplish during its four-week stay in the Mall

“First, that during this hubbub of the shopping season it would allow people

to pause and remember the most important aspect of the season – the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,” she said.

“Secondly, to provide for people who may have moved into the area but are not quite certain which church parish they should attend,” Ezell continued. “They can receive information on various area churches. Thirdly, to provide people who have a life situation that may make them feel alienated from the Church. We hope that we can provide them with information letting them know they are always welcome in the Church.”

As in past years, “we hope to show the face of the local Catholic Church in all its different varieties,” Ezell said. “We also want to make sure that Catholics remember that through our Baptism, we are all called to evangelize.”



**Dr. Benjamin Wiker, Ph.D., was the keynote speaker at this year’s Veritas Conference, sponsored by the Office of Religious Education, at St. Louis Catholic High School. Dr. Wiker, the author of “Answering the New Atheism, The Darwin Myth, The Catholic Church and Science,” spoke in the morning and also moderated one of the conference’s many breakout sessions attended by more than 200 people.**

# Keeping the habit: Franciscans look to counter culture’s impact

Hundreds of members of the Franciscan family -- friars from different branches as well as different congregations of religious women -- gathered in Rome recently to discuss the impact the “culture of the provisional” is having on religious life. In brown robes or black veils or bright batik African scarves, the sisters and friars spent a day discussing a key challenge

for modern religious life: “fidelity and perseverance.” The problem is decades old, but all the speakers quoted Pope Francis’ succinct descriptions of the cultural atmosphere that makes it difficult today for young people to make lifelong commitments and encourages those who have made vows to head for the door when trouble arises.

Meeting with families -- grandparents, engaged couples, parents and children -- in, Pope Francis said the “culture of the provisional cuts life up into pieces.” Meeting with novices in July, he said he’d once heard a seminarian say he would go forward to ordination and “try out” the priesthood for 10 years, and then he’d see.

## THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS

During the week of Thanksgiving, the offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be open for regular business hours - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Monday, Nov. 25 to Wednesday, Nov. 27, but will close Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29 for the Holiday. They reopen Monday, Dec. 2.

# Medjugorje apparitions still not recognized

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The Vatican ambassador to the United States has reminded U.S. Catholics that the Vatican has not recognized alleged Marian apparitions in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina, as authentic.

Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic nuncio, wrote to Msgr. Ronny Jenkins, general secretary of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and told him the reminder came as one of the visionaries was scheduled to tour U.S. parishes.

He said the reminder was being sent at the request of Archbishop Gerhard Muller, prefect of the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which has said it was not yet possible “to state that there were apparitions or supernatural revelations” by visionaries in Medjugorje, Yugoslavia.

The letter said the visionary, Ivan Dragicevic, would make presentations about Medjugorje, where six village children said they first saw Mary in June 1981. Archbishop Viganò’s letter said, “It is anticipated, moreover, that Mr. Dragicevic will be receiving ‘apparitions’” during his parish visits.

Most of the Medjugorje “seers” have said the apparitions have continued every day for years. Three say they still have visions each day, while the other three see Mary only once a year now. All six are now married and have children.

A blog on the National Catholic Register site said Dragicevic’s U.S. tour was canceled after the letter was sent.



# By declining case, high court allows monks to make, sell simple caskets

By Peter Finney Jr.  
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NEW ORLEANS (CNS) -- It took the U.S. Supreme Court to make the final decision.

By declining to review a lower court's ruling, the high court last month left standing what Benedictine Abbot Justin Brown has known in his heart for the past six years: The Benedictine monks of St. Joseph Abbey in Covington are not breaking the law by handcrafting plain cypress caskets and selling them to Louisiana residents.

Without comment, the court declined to hear an appeal of a ruling from earlier this year by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, giving the monks a victory in their legal wrangling with the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Homes.

For many years, the monks had made the simple caskets to bury members of their religious community. They received regular requests for the caskets from people outside their community, but a decades-old state law protecting the funeral home industry required anyone selling a casket in Louisiana to be a licensed funeral home director.

The monks tried to amend the law by lobbying the state Legislature, but a bill that would have allowed them to sell their caskets got out of a Senate committee only once and was voted down by the full body.

That's when the monks decided to press their case in federal court, and the nonprofit Institute for Justice in Washington, which represents entities in cases of governmental overreach, took the case on a pro-bono basis. The monks won a huge victory in 2011 when U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval ruled the state law unconstitutional, allowing the monks to sell their caskets.

Still, the funeral home association pressed its case with the federal appeals court, which affirmed the lower court, and then with the Supreme Court.

Benedictine Abbot Justin Brown expressed elation and thanksgiving over the Supreme

Court's final decision.

"It's more of a heart thing," Abbot Justin said. "We didn't quite understand all the legal ramifications when we started this, but we certainly felt it was a common-sense thing that something was wrong with this law. It affected our ability to simply sell our caskets to someone who wanted to buy them."

Abbot Justin said many funeral home directors in the area understood the monks' motivation and have been gracious in dealing with them despite the legal case.

"We really never intended to be in any kind of fight or adversarial relationship with the funeral directors," Abbot Justin said. "But as we went into the case more and more, it became clear that according to the constitution we did have a right to free enterprise and that the regulations in this case were not well grounded because of the fact that there were no health and safety issues. In fact, Louisiana doesn't even require caskets for burial."

"All of those things added up in our minds that we really ought to continue fighting this. It became clear that we were fighting not only for ourselves but for other people like us who encounter these kinds of regulations and keep them from going into business or to make an honest living."

The state funeral home association threatened the monks with hefty fines and a "cease and desist" letter after a 2007 story in the Clarion Herald, New Orleans archdiocesan newspaper, detailed their casket-making operation. After several years of trying unsuccessfully to amend the law, the monks found legal help through the Institute for Justice.

"If it hadn't been for the Institute for Justice, we couldn't have pursued this case," Benedictine Abbot Justin Brown said. "We really have a lot to be grateful for. They certainly supported the idea of upholding the constitution and individual liberties."

Deacon Mark Coudrain, who runs St. Joseph Abbey Woodworks on the abbey grounds, said the monks deliver about 20 caskets per month. They make two models: one selling for



**Deacon Mark Coudrain and Abbot Justin Brown inspect one of the caskets being manufactured at St. Joseph Abbey in St. Benedict, La., in 2008. The U.S. Supreme Court last month confirmed the monks have a legal right to sell handcrafted caskets by rejecting a request from Louisiana's board of funeral directors that the court overturn an appeals court ruling that said the monks can sell caskets without having to be state licensed funeral directors. (CNS photo/Frank J. Methe, Clarion Herald)**

\$1,500 and another for \$2,000. The money is used to support the abbey's operations.

A special aspect of the casket-making operation, Deacon Coudrain said, is that the monks and the volunteers who help them regularly pray for the families who will use the caskets in the future. He said the positive publicity resulting from the legal fight -- which went viral -- "doubled" casket sales.

"It's been very, very consistent," Deacon Coudrain said. "Now we can begin to think about advertising and things like that. We have gotten a lot of support, even from funeral home directors, who thought this was an unjust law."

Deacon Coudrain recently participated in a nationwide television show in New York with John Stossel, who interviewed small-business people who felt they were being unfairly regulated by the government. In addition to the monks' casket-making operation,

Stossel interviewed "Marty the Magician," whose act includes pulling a rabbit out of his hat.

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture said he has to do an evacuation plan for the rabbit," Deacon Coudrain said. "If he leaves town with the rabbit, he has to file paperwork. They have the right, 24 hours a day, to check on the rabbit without telling him. He couldn't bring the rabbit to New York because there was so much paperwork."

Deacon Coudrain made Marty the Magician an offer he couldn't refuse.

"I told him when the rabbit dies, we'll make his casket for him," Deacon Coudrain said. "It may not be legal, but we'll do it anyways."

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**Latest Memorial Courtyard rendering**

## Brick donations sought for Memorial Courtyard at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF -- Design work continues on the Saint Charles Center Memorial Courtyard to be built at Tabor Retreat House, according to Father Whitney Miller, Director of the Retreat Center.

The project offers donors the opportunity to honor or memorialize a family's name or the memory of a loved one, friend, favored priest, or religious. These gifts make for a lasting legacy, showing support for a project that will provide peace and comfort for many generations, according to Father Miller.

The Courtyard will be named in memory of A.J.M. "Bubba" and Lena Mae Oustalet, the patriarch and matriarch of the family whose generous support has been of great importance to Saint Charles Center. The fountain feature of the project will be dedicated to the memory of Peggy Chapman Oustalet, the late wife of Rick Oustalet.

Two sizes of bricks are available -- 4 inches by 8 inches and 8 inches by 8 inches. Each brick will be engraved with a name of the donor's choice. The 4x8 brick is avail-

able for a \$100 donation and provides three lines of type with a maximum of 60 characters. 20 per line including spaces. A donation of \$250 allows the donor an 8x8 brick with six lines of type and a maximum of 120 characters - 20 per line including spaces. General donations for the project will be gladly accepted, according to Father Miller.

For information call 337-855-1232 or to make a credit-card contribution online go to stcharlescenter.com.



**More than 1,200 Confirmation candidates and their sponsors took part in an Afternoon of Reflection on Sunday, Oct. 20, in the W.W. Lewis Middle School Auditorium in Sulphur. This allowed them to spend time in conversation discerning what it means to be a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. Bishop Glen John Provost, who will confirm the youth between Easter and Pentecost next year, spoke to them and they heard testimonies from four high school students and one young adult before the celebration of the Mass by Father Nathan Long to conclude the event.**

## COLLECTION

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thrift, savings and the wise use of credit for individuals and small businesses. It teaches its members how to manage and control their finances, helping move them out of poverty and into financial stability.

• In the Archdiocese of Seattle and the Dioceses of Spokane and Yakima, the Intercom-

munity Peace and Justice Center works with help from 16 religious communities and local "Women's Justice Circles." One program, "Justice for Women," organizes women living in poverty by bringing them together with economically stable women from local faith communities. With low-income women in the lead, the Circles identify the conditions that need changing and offer women spiritual strength and support.

## EXPANSION

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In addition, our senior seminary 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. 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.

## Pope asked for world day of prayer against trafficking

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- After Pope Francis entrusted two Vatican academies to study the problem of human trafficking, a group of women religious asked the pope to raise greater awareness in the church about the issue by establishing a worldwide day of prayer and fasting.

"The pope was very interested in our suggestion and asked us what date we would like the day to be," Consolata Sister Eugenia Bonetti told Catholic News Service.

"We told him Feb. 8 -- the feast day of St. Phineas Bakhita," a Sudanese slave who found freedom in Italy and became a nun in

the late 19th century.

She said the idea for a worldwide day of prayer came from "the need to do something that joins us together" to tackle the global problem; some dioceses and parishes are active on the issue while others are unaware or indifferent, she said.

Sister Eugenia, a leader among religious women in Italy working against human trafficking -- particularly women and young girls forced into prostitution -- was one of about 80 people at a Nov. 2-3 working group on trafficking.



**Harrison Veuleman met Denver Broncos' quarterback Peyton Manning during the St. Louis Catholic High School sophomore's visit to Denver. He also watched as the Broncos won a 35-10 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars. The trip was made possible by the Louisiana State Police Grant A Wish Program. Pictured here are Harrison's brother Nicholas, kneeling, Paula Livingston with the State Police, Peyton Manning, State Trooper Jimmy Rogers, and Chance Thomas, president of the Louisiana Troopers Association, Harrison's mother Amy, and Harrison - front and center.**