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Catholic Schools Week slated for Jan. 26-Feb. 1

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Catholic Schools Week is celebrated across the country and in the Diocese of Lake Charles this year during the week of Sunday, Jan. 26 through Saturday, Feb. 1. The seven Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles are St. Louis Catholic High School, Immaculate Conception Cathedral School, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School, St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School, all in Lake Charles; St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School in Moss Bluff; Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings; and Our Lady's Catholic School in Sulphur.)

LAKE CHARLES – Monsignor Daniel A. Torres, Vicar General, will celebrate the Catholic Schools Week Mass on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 8:30 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass is the central part of the celebration of Catholic Schools week, which also includes open houses at the various schools.

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2014 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Schools typically celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open houses, and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and the community at large.

Our Lady Immaculate held its open house on Monday, Feb. 17; St. Margaret of Scotland hosts an open house on Tuesday, Jan. 28 beginning at 6 p.m. and on Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our Lady's School has an open house on Tuesday, Jan. 28 beginning at 6 p.m. while Immaculate Conception Cathedral School's open house is Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 9

a.m. until 2 p.m.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven's open house begins at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m.

Holy Family will have two open houses, the first on Tuesday, Jan. 28 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and on Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

St. Louis continues its registration period for returning tenth through twelfth grade students Monday, Feb. 3 through Friday, Feb. 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. each day

New students registering for tenth through twelfth grade will be from Monday, Feb. 10 until Wednesday, Feb. 19 during office hours - 7:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. each weekday.

The 2014 national theme was developed in response to member requests for a theme and logo that would last more than a year, the new theme will be used for at least three years. This will provide opportunities for schools to brand the week and their ongoing marketing activities with repeated mentions and use of a consistent logo.

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munity of home, church, city and nation. Faith, knowledge and service are three measures by which any Catholic school can and should be judged.

The annual Catholic Schools Week celebration is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

According to NCEA President Karen Ristau, "The theme encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of a Catholic education. First, schools are communities—small families in their own right, but also members of the larger community of home, church, city and nation. Faith, knowledge and service are three measures by which any Catholic school can and should be judged."

The new logo features a swirl of colors interacting around a cross, which is at the center of all Catholic education. "The vibrancy of the colors and the movement and shadows in the logo portray the inner-connectivity and community life that are present in any Catholic school" said logo designer Beatriz Ruiz, who is NCEA's manager of graphic design and production.

NCEA, founded in 1904, is a professional membership organization that provides leadership, direction and service to fulfill the evangelizing, catechizing and teaching mission of the church. NCEA's 200,000 members include elementary schools, high schools, parish religious education programs and seminaries.

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Students representing each of the seven Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles attended last year's Catholic Schools Week Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. This year Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, Jan. 26 and continues through Saturday, Feb. 1 with open houses and special events in each school. Msgr. Daniel A. Torres, Vicar General, will be the celebrant of the Mass on Tuesday, Jan. 28, in the Cathedral.

Abrazando a Cristo mission registration deadline Jan. 27

LAKE CHARLES – Registration deadline for the *Abrazando a Cristo* mission trip to Nicaragua is Monday, Jan. 27, according to Msgr. Daniel Torres, director.

Catholics who feel called to pray and work daily in the heat and be with the poorest of the poor, being Christ for them, in Nicaragua, should contact Connie Perkins at connie.perkins@lodiocese.org to have a registration packet e-mailed. Completion of the registration form and payment of the \$300 non-refundable deposit is required for one of the seats for the journey.

The journey begins on Saturday, June 28, and returns to Lake Charles, on Sunday, July 6. Cost is \$1,950.00 per person and includes roundtrip charter bus transportation from Lake Charles to Houston airport, roundtrip air transportation from Houston to Managua, Nicaragua, all meals and lodging, all shirts for the mission, private transportation in Nicaragua for entire stay, and airport fees/taxes, visas, and tips. Work during the trip

includes helping with the construction of the Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in the Diocese of Matagalpa - three hours north-east of the Managua, the country's capital, as well as the building of the priest's residence, painting, Vacation Bible School, working at a makeshift medical clinic, evangelizing the Catholic Faith, and feeding the poor.

The mission's daily routine is structured and focused upon prayer, work, and rest with a daily schedule as follows: 5:00 a.m., wake up call; 6:00 a.m., Morning Prayer as a group with breakfast to follow; 6:45 a.m., departure to work sites praying Rosary en route; 7:30 a.m., work; noon, lunch; 12:45 p.m., work; 3:45 p.m., finish work with quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament; 5:00 p.m., depart; 6:30 p.m., Evening Prayer then dinner followed by reflection; 9:00 p.m., Rest.

Daily Mass is celebrated either in the morning at 6 a.m. or in the evening at 7 p.m., depending on the structure and activities of the day.

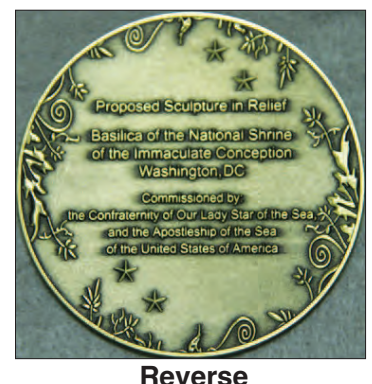
Stella Maris image for National Shrine

LAKE CHARLES – Within 17 months, a representation of Our Lady Star of the Sea – *Stella Maris* – will be in place in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, according to Deacon Patrick LaPoint, director of the Seafarers Center of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Deacon LaPoint is also the National Treasurer of the Apostleship of the Sea United States of America (AOS-USA).

Deacon LaPoint recently presented Bishop Glen John Provost with a smaller medallion representation of the *Stella Maris* Relief in thanks



Obverse



Reverse

for the generosity of the Bishop and the Diocese to the campaign to raise funds for the design, execution and placement of the 4.5 foot wide marble oval, at a cost of about \$100,000. The relief is to be installed above the Cardinal's Door in the East Narthex of the Basilica. St. Jude Liturgical Arts Studio, under the leadership of Louis R. DiCocco, has designed and will carve the relief that portrays Mary calming the troubled sea, with the North Star over her head.

According to Deacon LaPoint, the project was conceived by the Confraternity of Our Lady Star of Sea, located in Morgan City. Members of the Confraternity realized in 2009 that of the many images and titles of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the National Shrine, none represented Our Lady Star of the Sea. The group approached AOS-USA to assist with reaching out to the Shrine for approval of the project. The culmination of the project, the installation of the roundel, is anticipated on May 22, 2015, National Maritime Day.

For centuries, Our Lady Star of the Sea has guided and protected merchant mariners, fishermen, and those in the sea forces. The relief is expected to become a point of spiritual pilgrimage for the people of the sea when they come to the national shrine. In addition, it will help draw attention to

the important services that mariners, fishermen and sea forces have done for our country and the world.

The Confraternity began in 1973 as the Our Lady Star of the Sea Rosary Group and started with a Novena to seek protection from hurricanes and natural disasters in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux and to enable seamen to seek her protection and those making their livelihood by the sea. In 1979,

Bishop Warren L. Boudreaux, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux, officially changed the Rosary Group to the Confraternity of Our Lady Star of the Sea, making the decree public on September 8 – the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the continuing campaign to pay for the relief and its installation make checks payable to AOS-USA, 1500 Jefferson Avenue, Port Arthur, TX 77642-0646.



Bishop Glen John Provost, left, accepts a smaller representation of the *Stella Maris* Relief that will be installed in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, from Deacon Patrick LaPoint, National Treasurer of the Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America and director of the Seafarers Center at the Port of Lake Charles.. Bishop Provost and the Diocese provided assistance in the drive to design, carve, and install the 4.5 feet round marble relief.

Bishop Olivier celebrates 25 years of service as a bishop

WASHINGTON – Bishop Leonard T. Olivier, S.V.D., a native son of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Lake Charles, was recently honored on the 25th anniversary of ordination as a Bishop during Mass in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Family and friends were on hand to enjoy honoring the Bishop's quarter century of service in the episcopacy. Pope John Paul II appointed Bishop Olivier as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC on Nov. 11, 1988 to serve under Arch-

bishop James A. Hickey.

Bishop Olivier will celebrate his 63rd anniversary of ordination to the priesthood on June 29. The Bishop was honored in June 2011 at the celebration of Mass and a reception at Sacred Heart Church on his 60th anniversary.

He was born on Oct. 12, 1923, the fifth of eight children of Mathilda Rochon and James L. Olivier, and attended Sacred Heart Catholic School. In 1939, Bishop Olivier completed his studies for high school at the Divine Word Missionary in Bay St. Louis, Miss., continuing his studies at various Divine Word Seminaries. He earned his masters degree in education from the Catholic University of America in Washington and did post-graduate studies in education and liturgy at Loyola University in New Orleans.

Following his ordination he was named assistant prefect at St. Augustine Seminary and later served as rector there as well as at Divine Word College Seminary. He served as pastor of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Lafayette and was named Vicar for Black Catholics for the Diocese in 1986, a position he held until his appointment as a bishop.



Bishop Leonard T. Olivier, S.V.D.

PLANTING THE SEED

2013: A year of two popes – part of God’s wise plan

I give thanks to God for the pontificates of both Pope Francis and, before him, Pope-emeritus Benedict.

2013 was a momentous year. The main reason was the retirement of Pope Benedict XVI and the election of Pope Francis. Such happenings are rare in Church history. So many questions flooded my mind as events unfolded.

From my perspective, the moment that struck me deeply was the night the resignation of Pope Benedict was effective. The clock struck the hour and the Swiss Guard closed the formidable wooden doors of Castel Gandolfo and the people outside began to shout, “Viva il Papa!” I felt a lump in my throat and still do when I think of the longing farewell and the cries of the crowd in that thick March air. How does one say good-bye to the Holy Father? Pope Benedict had named me a bishop, personally signing, as he did for many others, the official document of appointment. On about four occasions, I had the good fortune to meet him. I admired him long before, however, having read his books and studied his thought. He was and is a remarkable churchman with an astounding intellect and an astute understanding of the modern world and what makes it what it is. He is also humble, and as one commentator remarked when Pope Benedict resigned, he demonstrated more humility than his critics. They just keep talking and writing, but like the prophets of old, Pope Benedict knew when to pass the mantle.

Pope Francis came from the “new” world, as some describe it. In actual fact, we seem to forget that the Americas contain evidence of civilizations that stretch back before the arrival of Cortez and Pizarro. And this is not to discount the contribution since the 16th century of Spain and the diverse ingredients of European influence that flavor the culture of countries like Argentina, the homeland of Pope Francis. He is a pope of many “firsts,” but these are obvious to us all and can

be interpreted superficially. More important is who he is, what he says and what he does. What moved me deeply, as it did many others, was his embrace of the man with a deformity at a November audience.

Vinicio Riva suffers from neurofibromatosis type 1, a genetic disorder that causes tumor-like growths and swelling on the skin from head to toe. He lives in northern Italy with his sister and works at a home for the elderly as a cleaning person. At the home he is well received, but from strangers he usually meets with silence and the usual hostility from those who are fearful of his appearance.

On that November day, Vinicio attended a public audience along with his aunt and tens of thousands of others. The Swiss Guard ushered him to a seat in the middle of the front row. Pope Francis came down to meet him, and it is at this point that the remarkable occurred. The Pope embraced him, held him tight, kissed him and engaged in some conversation. Vinicio later said, “I feel stronger and happier. I feel I can move ahead because, “I feel the Lord is protecting me.” Then, I thought of the words Pope Francis had tweeted: “True charity requires courage: let us overcome the fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need.” This occasion was truly remarkable, but not for the reasons that might be apparent at first.

Popes have embraced the sick and the poor before. Think recently of Blessed John Paul II and Pope Benedict—that well-documented cure of the Colorado youth, Peter Srsich, with stage-4 cancer after having been touched by Pope Bene-



Bishop Glen John Provost

dict at an audience in May of 2012 (cf. ABC News September 4, 2013 and various other sources). We can be grateful to God for providing us with exceptional popes.

The popes have also had their critics. People who speak the truth do, and critics love to compartmentalize. Critics are fond of saying that this pope is liberal, that pope is conservative. Some have criticized the comments of Pope Francis on capitalism in the recent Apostolic Exhortation, even calling him a “Marxist.” Some see him as a champion of a liberal agenda. Others don’t think him progressive enough. But history is not a competition. In fact, Pope Francis, commenting on capitalism, was simply translating into the 21st Century the Church’s social teaching, long ago articulated by Pope Leo XIII in *Rerum Novarum* of 1891. Politicized comparison might work when commenting on politicians, but popes are something else indeed. The Church is not governed by majority vote, and the papacy is not the trophy of “republicans” and “democrats.” Catholics call the pope “Holy Father” for a reason.

All that is happening is part of God’s wise plan. This plan is larger than public opinion about what kind of shoes or vestments the pope wears, whether he smiles a great deal or appears solemn. When we concentrate on these things, we lose perspective. God’s plan involves substance, for God’s ways are truly not ours. The plan—God’s providential will—is what it is all about, and when Pope Francis embraced a man who is others shunned, then he cut through to the heart of the matter. A distressed appearance meant nothing. Neither did words or politics. Something larger was happening here, something from the Gospel and from the Lord Himself.

There is much to be thankful for as we begin a New Year.



Children, some dressed as St. Juan Diego, gather to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe during the Mass celebrated at St. Henry Catholic Church on Our Lady’s Feast Day – Dec. 12. Bishop Glen John Provost celebrated the annual feast day liturgy, which drew a large crowd. Concelebrating were Rev. Msgr. Daniel A. Torres, pastor of St. Henry, Very Rev. Derek Covert, Rev. D.B. Thompson, Rev. Charles Okorougo, and Rev. Ernest Corriveau, M.S. Father Ruben Bull, Director of the Office of Louroux, and the Master of Ceremony. Attending the Bishop was Deacon Glenn Viau. A mariachi band serenaded the crowd before the Mass started and added a musical interlude at the reception that followed the liturgy in the St. Henry Community Center.

McNeese Black Alumni Chapter scholarship applications being taken

LAKE CHARLES – Applications are being accepted until March 1 for 2014 Scholarships made available through the Black Alumni Chapter of the McNeese State University Alumni Association.

Applicants must be graduating black high school seniors and must have applied and been accepted to attend McNeese in the Fall 2014 semester. An applicant must have at least a minimum 2.5 high school grade point average (GPA) and have one of the following: an ACT score of 20, ranked in the top 35 percent of the school’s graduating class, or have a 2.75 cumulative high school GPA on a 4.0 scale which must be verified by their High School Counselor.

Completed scholarship applications must be received in the MSUAA-Black Alumni Chapter, MSU Box 90775, Lake Charles, LA 70609 by March 1; all information must be completed by the applicant, school representative, and/or parent/legal guardian per instructions; required documents must ac-

company the application; applicant’s official high school transcript with school seal and ACT high school report must be included with the scholarship application. An essay, typed double-spaced, of two pages minimum and three pages maximum must accompany the application. The essay topic will be a description of the applicant’s most meaningful achievements and how they relate to the field of study chosen and future goals. Include in your essay a discussion of some of the major challenges the applicant has faced and how they have been able to overcome them. The essay must be in 12 point, Times New Roman font with one-inch margins.

Incomplete information will void the application.

An application may be obtained from the McNeese State Alumni Association, Black Alumni Chapter. Call 337-475-5232, 1-800-475-258337 or e-mail alumni@mcneese.edu for more information.



OLPS Hall named for Father Vecchio

SULPHUR – Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church has dedicated its parish hall in honor of Rev. Egidio Vecchio, M.S., who served as pastor of the parish for 10 years – 1975 to 1985.

Father Vecchio entered Missionaries of LaSalette Novitiate in Bloomfield, Conn. on July 1, 1947 and made his First Profession of Vows on July 2, 1948. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 1955 at St. Catherine of Siena, Norwood, Mass. by Bishop Jeremiah Minihan, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston.

Now living in retirement at Our Lady of Prompt Succor, he served many years as an associate pastor and pastor in many parishes in Michigan, Texas, and Louisiana. During his tenure as OLPS pastor, he helped in the design and building of the new church, rectory and parish hall.

His photograph, along with a resolution, honoring him hangs outside the Father Egidio Vecchio Hall.

Fr. Egidio Vecchio, M.S.

Day of Reflection for African American Catholics held

LAKE CHARLES -- Black Catholics from throughout the Diocese of Lake Charles gathered at St. Louis Catholic High School to pray, reflect, and discuss the Pastoral Plan of Action Instrument developed from the National Black Catholic Congress XI.

Bishop Glen John Provost led everyone in prayer and facilitated a small group discussion on priestly and religious vocations with the youth in attendance.

African American Catholics of the Diocese had gath-

ered in March 2012 to begin preparations for Congress XI, which took place that July, to prioritize the National Pastoral Plan document.

Action plans discussed for 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.

There were three major reflection statements, which facilitated 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 was meant to empower and equip participants to return to their home parishes and assist the Church in her evangelization efforts to their brothers and sisters.



Bishop Glen John Provost led the prayer service for a Morning of Reflection for African American Catholics reflecting and discussing the Pastoral Plan of Action Instrument developed from the National Black Catholic Congress XI held in July 2012. Above, Bishop Provost reads a prayer, aided by Deacon Edward Lavine, left, of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church and Deacon Elroy Joseph Bushnell, right, of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.



In the photo at right, Bishop Provost and Father Nathan Long talk with young boys and girls about priestly and religious vocations during one of the breakout sessions.

Catholic schools are vital to the New Evangelization, because they reflect the light of Christ in a powerful way. The place a candle in children’s hands and God lights it with his Son. Catholic schools guard and nurture Christ’s light because we know it is the only by his light that children will see and learn the truth. I am convinced that Catholic education is one of our most effective tools for preparing a new generation of Catholic citizens who will offer the world the gift of a well-formed conscience and true vision of life, hope and peace.

Most Reverend Peter Sartain
Archbishop of Seattle

February programs scheduled at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF -- A number of programs will be offered during the month of February at Saint Charles Center, including an Engaged Encounter weekend from Friday, Feb. 7 to Sunday, Feb. 9.

The weekend is designed to give the couple planning marriage an opportunity to dialogue honestly and intensively about their prospective lives together. Contact Mr. and Mrs. Paul Trahan at 337-898-9257 to register. The suggested donation is \$190.00 per couple.

The Annual Preached Retreat for St. Pius X Chapel in Ragley, led by Father Whitney Miller and Father Scott DesOrmeaux, is Friday through Sunday, Feb. 14-16. This annual retreat for St. Pius X is a silent, preached retreat, sponsored by members of the chapel, but open to anyone wishing to participate. Call 337-855-1232, or go to stcharlescenter.com to register. Suggested donation is \$180.00 for a private room, and \$160.00 each for a shared room.

Sister Diane Depwe will present "Song of Songs" on Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. She will speak about this unique book of the Old Testament, which is a collection of love lyrics referring to mutual desire, courtship and the idol of human love. Call 337-855-1232 or go to stcharlescenter.com to register. Suggested donation is \$20.00 per person. Registration is due by Friday, February 14.

An Evening of Reflection - Praying Together as a Couple 101 - with Keith and Deborah Faul is from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25. The presentation is based on the "Together with Jesus" Couple Prayer Series and designed to help couples desire to want more out of their relationships with God and with each other through praying together. Call 337-855-1232 or visit stcharlescenter.com to register. Deadline is Friday, Feb. 21 and the suggested donation is \$40.00 per couple. Scholarship information is available upon request for those in need of assistance.

The Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend, set for Friday, Feb. 28 through Sunday, March 2, combines discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment to help those who may be struggling with guilt, depression, regret or other difficult emotions from an abortion. Fr. Nathan Long, Margie Long and the Diocesan Team will lead the weekend. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. The cost is \$210.00 for meals, a private room with private bath and all retreat materials. Aid is available for those with a financial burden. For more information or registration, contact Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana at 337-439-7400, Ext.317 or e-mail rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org.

Collection for the Church in Latin America Jan. 25-26

WASHINGTON—The annual Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA) is scheduled this weekend, Jan. 25-26, in the Diocese of Lake Charles and parishes across the country. The collection supports pastoral projects in Latin America and the Caribbean that help Catholics to share their faith.

In 2013, the collection awarded 393 grants for a total of \$5.5 million in aid. These grants were distributed throughout the Latin American and Caribbean region. Projects included the formation of lay leaders, seminarians and men and women religious, the development of youth ministry groups and the support of evangelization and catechetical activities.

The 2014 campaign highlights the call to share our faith. "Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean face many challenges when it comes to living and sharing their faith," said Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S., auxiliary bishop of Seattle and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America. "They also demonstrate tremendous courage and passion in the face of these obstacles. For example, at the recent Missionary Congress of the Americas, which took place in Maracaibo, Venezuela, and whose theme was 'Missionary America Share your Faith,' I interacted with many young people from all over the Americas who were hopeful and willing to go out on mission and share with others the Good News and Joy of the Gospel."

"The next Congress will take place in Bolivia and people there are willing to share what they have so they can welcome everyone in the name of Christ," Bishop Elizondo said. "We too are called to share our faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and inspire one another by example."

This collection offers an opportunity for all Catholics in the United States to show solidarity with the Church in Latin America and to share their faith with those who have fewer financial resources," Bishop Elizondo said. "It's important that we give pastors, lay ministers, and catechists the tools they need so that Catholics in Latin America can face challenges and deepen their faith."

Together for Life slated Feb. 15-16

LAKE CHARLES -- The next Together for Life, a weekend Marriage Preparation program provided by the Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles, is Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 15-16, according to David Dawson, Director.

Day One is held on Saturday at Saint Charles Center in Moss Bluff from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Day Two is in the Chancery of the Diocese, located at 414 Iris Street. Couples are invited to attend the 11:15 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday before the program, which begins at 12:30 p.m.. Parking can be at the Cathedral or in the Diocesan lots.

Confirmation of a couple's registration will be mailed to the bride's address along with directions to both locations. Registration fee is \$100 per couple, which includes lunch each day and program materials. Classes fill very quickly, so swift completion and delivery of the registration form is paramount. If the first choice of a date is full, the next available date will be substituted.

Contact 337-439-7400, Ext. 301, the Office of Family Life, for more information. A registration form is available online at: www.live.lcdioocese.org/forms.html

Future dates in 2014 include March 8-9, April 26-27, June 21-22, August 23-24, Sept 20-21, and October 18-19.



Bishop Glen John Provost speaks to students, faculty, and staff of Our Lady's Catholic School in Sulphur at an all-school assembly during his December visit. The Bishop visits each of the seven Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles each year. The school's choir, overseen by Mrs. Willa Golden, provided musical selections and Bishop Provost played the piano for those assembled. He also answered questions posed by class representatives.

Seminary burses now number 74

LAKE CHARLES -- Seminary burses of the Diocese of Lake Charles now number 74, with the total amount invested standing at \$1,549,799.78. New burses recently established include three in the names of Kevin P. Gayle, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Caraway, Sr., and Deacon Maurice and Patricia Serice.

A seminary burse is a permanent fund of which the principal amount is never spent but invested, with the interest used each year for educational expenses of those men studying for the priesthood for the Diocese. 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 or memory of especially well-loved priests and religious (there are a number of these types of burses already established) or in the name of an organization.

Donations 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 note in the memo portion of the check that the gift is for a seminary burse. For further information on seminary burses, please call Monsignor Torres at 337-439-7400, Ext. 220 or e-mail: daniel.torres@lcdioocese.org. Burses are listed below or can be found at live.lcdioocese.org/vocations/444-seminary-burses.html

Diocese of Lake Charles Seminary Burses (As of January 1, 2014)

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 Joseph	\$ 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	\$ 73,725.73
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	\$ 4,750.00
The Ordinario Family	\$ 50,000.00
Walter Henry/Agnes Stevenson Granger	\$ 40,000.00
Edward Thomas (Tom) Cassidy	\$ 2,000.00
Mitchell Duhon	\$ 252,984.14
Joe and Janet Stoma	\$ 6,250.00
Marion Bond Courrage	\$ 1,000.00
Bill Moriarity	\$ 50.00
Dr. and Mrs. David Buttross, Jr.	\$ 10,000.00
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	\$ 15,000.00
Ola Mae and F. M. Thornton	\$ 100,000.00
Kenneth and Marjorie Long	\$ 2,000.00
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
Kevin P. Gayle	\$ 10,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Garrett Caraway, Sr.	\$ 5,000.00
Maurice and Patricia Serice	\$ 2,500.00
Total	\$ 1,549,799.78

Fr. Guilbeau honored with Clergy Leadership Award

LAKE CHARLES --- Father Aubrey Guilbeau, pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sulphur, Vicar for the Western Deanery, and Vicar for Clergy, was honored by the Bishop Jude Speyrer Chapter of the Pontifical Knights and Dames with the 2013 Clergy Leadership Award at the group's Christmas luncheon.

The award is given to a Catholic clergyman who has distinguished himself and has rendered outstanding

service to the Church and to mankind.

Father Aubrey was born in Lafayette to Argie and the late Theresa Savoie Guilbeau. The family moved to Jennings when Father Guilbeau was a year old. He was raised there along with three brothers and one sister.

After graduation from Jennings High School in 1968, he attended McNeese State University, earning a degree in accounting in 1972. Over the next five years, he worked

as a bookkeeper, a bank employee, and a State Social Worker along with serving in the Army Reserve.

He entered seminary studies in 1977 at St. Joseph Seminary College and completed his theological formation at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He was ordained for the Diocese of Lake Charles on May 29, 1982 by Bishop Jude Speyrer in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

His first assignment following ordination found him at St. Margaret of Scotland as associate pastor. Subsequent appointments include: in residence at St. Theodore in Moss Bluff and full time Director of Vocations from 1989 - 1991; Director of the House of Discernment at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and full time Director of Vocations from 1991-1995; pastor of St. Raphael in Iowa and Director of Vocations from 1995-1999; Administrator of Our Lady Queen of Heaven for seven months in 1998; pastor of St. Margaret and Director of Vo-

cations from 1995-2003; Vicar General from 2003-2005; and pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception from 2003-2009.

He was named pastor of Immaculate Conception in Sulphur in 2009.

In addition, he has served as Vicar for Christian Formation and currently holds membership on the Diocesan Personnel Board, the Presbyteral Council and the College of Consultors. He is the Secretary for the Ministry for Clergy and Religious.

Since 1982, Father Guilbeau has served as Director of the Lake Charles Catholic Deaf Center, celebrating Mass in Sign Language every Saturday evening.

New officers for the group, serving two year terms, are President: Robert Chaisson; Vice President/President-Elect: Gayle Zembower; Secretary: Gayle Marshall; and Treasurer: Chester Jones.

New members introduced were Sir Larry DeRoussel, Dame Gloria DeRoussel, Sir Willie Moreno, and Dame Patsy Moreno.



Fr. Aubrey Guilbeau, left, and Sir Robert Chiasson, right.

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

The home is truly a holy place

Idea of home as “little Church” dates to St. Paul’s letters

In our own time, in a Church often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith. For this reason the Second Vatican Council, using an ancient expression, calls the family the Ecclesia domestica. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1656)

Ecclesia Domestica, “Domestic Church,” is a term that has often given families a sense of excitement and hope, and it affirms their feeling that something very real, very good, and very holy is happening under their roofs. Members of families are often pressed down by the day-to-day grind of constantly being needed and constantly being present with situations that require them to give of themselves. Then, there is little to no recognition of how immense this self-giving is, and it is even belittled by a culture with a vision of success and fulfillment that looks much different than a tired and chaotic household. The idea of the family as “Domestic Church,” however, is not new.

The idea of the home as a “little Church” dates back even to St. Paul’s letters, but it was also used by the early Church Fathers like St. Chrysostom and St. Augustine. However, it has made a comeback since Vatican II, especially in the document *Lumen Gentium*, which states, “The family, is so to speak, the domestic church. In it parents should, by their

word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children” (#11).

There is a lot of pressure on families, parents in particular, to produce balanced, holy offspring and they don’t always feel qualified, so this all-important task is often laid upon teachers and catechists. However, no matter how many religion classes or projects they complete, children constantly fall back on the experience of faith they grew up with in their families, especially that which they saw in the tiny, daily decisions their parents made: when they did or did not turn to prayer, how often they opened the Bible, whether or not they valued the Sacraments, or if they trusted that God would actually respond to prayer.

The positive side is that the influence that parents have on their children, and the influence that families have on society as a whole, *make the family and the home a place of intense sacredness and divine activity*. Every small sacrifice made for the sake of another within the home has the potential to bear the weight of Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross, which always bears *eternal fruit*. God knows that it is in the home that people first learn who He is, how prayer works, and what love



David Dawson

is all about, and to neither He, nor the Church, leave families in the dark to try to figure out how to somehow live like monks while also changing diapers and driving minivans.

In the Diocese of Lake Charles, there is now a lay movement for Sacramentally married couples called *Domestic Church*. It began in Poland with the support and guidance of Blessed John Paul II, and has spread all over the world. However, our diocese has the first English-speaking Domestic Church community in the world with over 50 couples involved. The Domestic Church movement provides lifelong formation for growing in holiness together as spouses, taking advantage of the rich spiritual tradition of the Catholic Church, especially the documents of Vatican II and the writings Bl. John Paul II. This naturally provides the ideal environment for raising balanced, faithful children, as well. For more information, visit www.domesticchurchfamilies.com, and for more on this or other resources for growing in holiness specifically as a couple or as a family, contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at (337) 439-7400, Ext. 13, or david.dawson@lcediocese.org.

David Dawson is the Director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles. He and his wife, Katherine Anne, are the parents of four children. Dawson continues to serve as a facilitator for annulments at Our Lady Queen of Heaven.



Bishop Glen John Provost celebrated a Pontifical Mass for the Extraordinary Octave at Our Lady of Prompt Bishop Provost on Sunday, Dec. 30 – the Sixth Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord. Participating in the Mass were Father Jacob S. Conner, Father D.B. Thompson, Reverend Roland Vaughn, Reverend Nathan Long, Reverend Edward Richard, M.S., and Reverend Rommel Tolentino. Attending Bishop Provost were Deacon Dale Deshotel and Deacon Edward Lavine while Deacon Patrick LaPoint also participated along with seminarians of the Diocese.

Pope Francis prefigured: Discovering John Paul I

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- “May God forgive you for what you have done,” the newly elected pope told the cardinals who elevated him to the highest office in the Catholic Church.

Later, he recounted the critical moments of voting in the conclave: “As soon as the danger for me had begun, the two colleagues who were beside me whispered words of encouragement.”

With such expressions and other disarming shows of informality, the new pope almost instantly earned a global reputation for humility.

Although Pope Francis made very similar remarks after his election in March, it was actually his predecessor, Pope John Paul I, who spoke these phrases in September 1978, thus introducing a new, down-to-earth style into the papacy.

Interest in Pope John Paul I, remembered for his winsome grin and death after only 33 days in office, has been rising since Pope Francis’ election. That makes “A Passionate Adventure” (Tau Cross), a newly published compilation of essays and speeches by the “smiling pope,” of both contemporary and historical relevance.

Since most of the John Paul I’s writings have still not been translated into English, misconceptions are widespread about the man Time magazine called the “September Pope.”

According to Lori Pieper, the new book’s editor and translator, John Paul I “adhered to the teachings of Vatican II,” and was neither a conservative nor a progressive.

Some have argued that then-Cardinal Albino Luciani implicitly criticized Pope Paul VI’s encyclical “*Humanae Vitae*,” which condemned artificial birth control, by failing to speak in support of it.

Pieper says this is not true.

“He adhered to the moral teaching of the church and he would not have changed the church’s teaching on birth control,” she said. “He recognized how contentious it was,” yet “always defended the pope on this.”

Pieper said that John Paul I also “got a lot of flak” for saying that God was more like a mother than a father.

“During one of his first audiences, he said that ‘before God we should feel like a child before his mother,’” and on another occasion, he said that God “was like a father but even more like a mother,” Pieper said. “He went on to say that if we are sick with wickedness, if we become sick, our mother will love us all the more, and God is like that.”

“Everybody was talking about it as if he were like a feminist, like we are getting rid of a male God, but that was not his point,” Pieper said. “He did say that just as a way of saying this is the way God is more like a mother, in tenderness and mercy.”

Among the pope’s most significant actions during his short reign was his rejection of some of the “royal trappings” of office, Pieper said. “He was the first pope in something like 1,000 years who was not crowned and never wore the tiara.”

“He did his best to get away from the sedia gestatoria,” a ceremonial throne used to carry the pope in processions, she said, “and just about demolished the papal ‘We,’” a royal self-referent used in papal writings.



Pope John Paul I

“His secretary in Venice had said that he thought about those things a lot and he didn’t do it on the spur of the moment,” Pieper said. “He said many, many times to his priests that people don’t want to see a priest who is rich, they don’t want to see a priest who flaunts his lifestyle.”

Pieper argues that, in these matters, the short-lived pope paved the way for his successors. Had the first non-Italian pope in 500 years, Blessed John Paul II from Poland, been the first to depart from such traditions, “it wouldn’t have gone over so well,” she said.

Pope Francis clearly shares much with John Paul I, including a strong devotion to Mary, especially Our Lady of Fatima; an emphasis on the mercy and tenderness of God; and a marked concern for the poor and marginalized. Not least among their similarities, Pieper argues, is their common method of evangelization.

“I think he would agree with Pope Francis” that the world should not just hear the church saying a “no,” Pieper said. “He had a sense that what the church really needs to present of herself is the very best.”

Order of the Holy Sepulchre-sponsored pilgrimage open to all

LAKE CHARLES – The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Southeastern Lieutenancy is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from March 16 through 26 with George’s International Tours, which is open to all.

Cost is \$3,499.00 per person with double occupancy while the single occupancy adds \$678 to the price. Included in the cost is roundtrip airfare from Newark, NJ on nonstop flight with United Airlines to Tel Aviv. All airline taxes and fuel surcharges are included as are accommodations in first class hotels, hotel taxes, daily breakfast and dinner; land transportation by deluxe motor coach, transfers and portage; comprehensive sightseeing with Father David Wathen, O.F.M. as the local guide, entrance fees and daily Mass.

Gratuities for the guide, driver, and hotel are an additional \$140 and are included on the final trip invoice. Land-only costs for those who prefer to make their own flight arrangements is \$2,280 per person.

Departure is Thursday, March 16 arriving in Tel Aviv on Monday, March 17. The group will travel to Netanya, a nearby coastal resort town for overnight.

On Tuesday, March 18, a drive along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea Maritima to visit the Roman Theater, Crusader’s Moat and the Byzantine Churches. The journey will continue to Haifa where the group will ascend to Mt. Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, to visit Stella Maris before driving to Tiberias.

On Wednesday, March 19, following breakfast, a drive to Cana of Galilee, the site of Jesus’ first miracle – changing water into wine at the wedding feast. Couples will be invited to renew their wedding vows. Later the pilgrims will visit Nazareth and the Basilica of the Annunciation. In the afternoon, there will be an excursion to Mt. Tabor to visit the site of the Transfiguration.

On day five, Thursday, March 20, enjoy a scenic boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum. Later there will be a drive to the Church of the Primacy, where Jesus appeared to the Apostles after his Resurrection, followed by a journey to Tabgha where the miracle of the loaves and the fishes occurred and on to the Mount of Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount took place.

Journeying to Jerusalem will begin Friday, March 21, and will include renewal of baptismal vows at Jordan River, viewing of an ancient Roman amphitheater. During the stay in Jerusalem, the group will have an audience with the Latin Patriarch for the awarding of Pilgrim Shells to members of the Equestrian Order.

Day seven continues in Jerusalem with a drive to the top of the Mount of Olives, a visit to the Church of Pater Noster, and a walk on the “Palm Sunday Road”. A visit to the Garden of Gethsemane will also be part of the day.

Sunday, March 23 will find the group viewing the Dome of the Rock from the Wailing Wall followed by a visit to the Church of St. Ann, the Pool of Bethesda, and the Chapel of the Flagellation. The group will then carry a wooden cross along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to visit Golgotha and the Tomb of Our Lord. A visit to the Shroud of Turin exhibit on display at the Notre Dame Center will complete the afternoon.

Travel to Bethany, the Judean Wilderness, and along the Red Sea will take the group to Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. If permitted, there will be a visit to Jericho. Tuesday, March 25, in Jerusalem will feature a travel to the Nativity Church, a visit to the Manger, the Grotto of St. Jerome, the Church of St. Catherine, the Crèche and the Milk Grotto. The last evening in the Holy Land will feature a farewell Middle Eastern dinner.

On Wednesday, March 26, the group will return to Tel Aviv for the return flight to the U.S.

For further information on the pilgrimage contact Sir Pierre Allemond, KC*HS and Lady Roz Allemond, LC*HS, at 318-0452-6443 or George’s International Tours, 9265 Dowdy Drive, Suite 232, San Diego, Calif. 92126, call 1-800-566-6692, or e-mail sales@georgesintl.com.

Did you know...

The name John has been chosen more times than any other by Popes – 21. The most recent was Blessed Pope John XXIII, who will soon be made a saint of the Church. Two names are in a tie for second with 16 instances each – Gregory and Benedict. Fourteen different years have seen three popes hold their position. What is the most recent year that such an occurrence took place? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar – February 21.

It is no exaggeration to say that providing young people with a sound education in the faith represents the most urgent internal challenge facing the Catholic community in your country.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

The Second Annual Bishop's Gala – An evening of fun



The Second Annual Bishop's Gala was once again a successful evening, with more than \$61,000 raised to aid the communications ministries of the Diocese of Lake Charles, and enjoyable time had by the nearly 500 guests who danced and socialized. In the photo top left, The Harry James Orchestra provides the musical entertainment with bandleader Fred Radke, center, on the trumpet. The date for the Third Annual Bishop's Gala is December 13, 2014 in the Lake Charles Civic Center. At top right, Reverend Monsignor Daniel A. Torres, V.G., the co-chairman of the Bishop's Gala Committee and pastor of St. Henry Catholic Church, greeted three of his parishioners attending the Gala, Sir Chester Jones, Past Supreme Knight of the Knights of Peter Claver, Mrs. Dolores Beaco, left, and Mrs. Eula Jones. In the bottom left photo, Bishop Provost stands with the winners and runners-up of the Orange Dance at the Gala. Pictured, from left, the winning couple – Vivian and Paul Barrilleaux; Rev. Msgr. Ronald Groth, co-chairman of the Gala Committee; Bishop Provost, Dr. Bryan and Kathy Barrilleaux, the second place couple; and Msgr. Torres. The Orange Dance involves couples balancing an orange between their foreheads while dancing to an ever-faster musical tempo. At bottom right, Bishop Provost provides a musical selection during one of the orchestra's breaks.

Pope names 19 cardinals: six from Latin America

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis named 19 new cardinals, including the archbishops of Westminster and Quebec and six men from his home region of Latin America, and announced a consistory for their formal induction into the College of Cardinals Feb. 22.

The pope announced the nominations to the faithful in St. Peter's Square shortly after noon Sunday, Jan. 12, after praying the Angelus.

The consistory will bring the total number of cardinals to 218 and the number of cardinals under age 80 to 122. Until they reach their 80th birthdays, cardinals are eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope.

Two current cardinal electors will turn 80 in March, bringing the number of electors back to the limit of 120 set by Pope Paul VI. (Other popes have occasionally exceeded that limit for short periods of time.)

Five of the new electors are from Latin America, an increase by one-third of the current number from the region. Latin America, home to about 40 percent of the world's Catholics, will account for 16 percent of the group eligible to choose the next pope.

Four of the new cardinal electors are from Italy, leaving that nation's share practically unchanged at nearly a quarter.

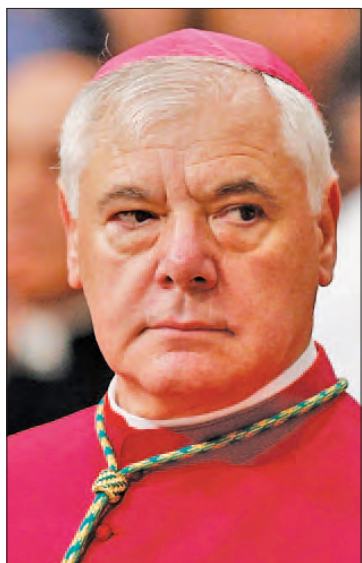
Four new cardinal electors are Vatican officials, three of them in offices that traditionally entail membership in the college.

Another three of the new cardinals are already over the age of 80 and, therefore, ineligible to vote in a conclave. The pope uses such nominations to honor churchmen for their scholarship or other service to the church.

Among the new so-called honorary cardinals is Cardinal-designate Loris Capovilla, who served as personal secretary to Blessed John XXIII.

Here is the list of the new cardinals:

- Italian Archbishop Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, who will turn 59 Jan. 17.
- Italian Archbishop Lorenzo Baldisseri, general secretary of the Synod of Bishops, 73.



**Archbishop
Gerhard Müller**

- German Archbishop Gerhard Müller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 66.
- Italian Archbishop Beniamino Stella, prefect of the Congregation for Clergy, 72.
- English Archbishop Vincent Nichols of Westminster, 68.
- Nicaraguan Archbishop Leopoldo Brenes Solorzano of Managua, 64.
- Canadian Archbishop Gerald Lacroix of Quebec, 56.
- Ivorian Archbishop Jean-Pierre Kutwa of Abidjan, Ivory Coast, 68.
- Brazilian Archbishop Orani Tempesta of Rio de Janeiro, 63.
- Italian Archbishop Gualtiero Bassetti of Perugia-Citta della Pieve, 71.



**Archbishop
Pietro Parolin**



**Archbishop
Lorenzo Baldisseri**



**Archbishop
Beniamino Stella**

- Argentine Archbishop Mario Poli of Buenos Aires, 66.
- Korean Archbishop Andrew Yeom Soo-jung of Seoul, 70.
- Chilean Archbishop Ricardo Ezzati Andrello of Santiago, 72.
- Burkina Faso Archbishop Philippe Ouedraogo of Ouagadougou, 68.
- Philippine Archbishop Orlando Quevedo of Cotabato, 74.
- Haitian Bishop Chibly Langlois of Les Cayes, 55.
- Italian Archbishop Capovilla, 98.
- Spanish Archbishop Fernando Sebastian Aguilar, retired, of Pamplona, 84.
- Saint Lucian Archbishop Kelvin Felix, retired, of Castries, 80.



A two-day retreat for Parish Catechetical Leaders and Catholic School Directors of Religious Education took place in Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center. Tina Arouajo, of Ascension Press, provided an overview of "A Quick Journey Through the Bible" – which encompassed a DVD presentation of Jeff Cavins' chronological walk the Bible story. The second day was used to answer questions and further explain the Bible study program. The presentation was done in a way that reveals God's plan for His Creation; what went wrong at the beginning; and how God worked through history to reconcile his lost children to Himself while building His kingdom. The retreat provided leaders with an introduction into new curriculum that will be instituted in the parish catechetical programs as well as Catholic schools in the Diocese. The training for PCLs, Catechists, and Catholic school teachers will provide further opportunity to gain appropriate religious education teaching certification.

Pope supports help for parents of disabled

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Meeting a leading Italian campaigner for the rights of people with disabilities, Pope Francis promised to encourage greater support for the parents of young people with disabilities and to support efforts to make churches and church buildings accessible.

Ileana Argentin, a member of the Italian Parliament, had written to Pope Francis, asking to speak with him about the problems facing people with disabilities. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said the pope responded quickly and the 30-minute meeting Jan. 11 was the result.

One of the key themes of the conversation, Father Lombardi said, was "the support that must be given to the parents of seriously disabled persons," because the parents live with growing concern about dying and leaving their children without appropriate care and love.

Argentin, who has spinal muscular atrophy and uses a wheelchair, told Vatican Radio that meeting the pope was "magic, if I can use that term."

"He's exactly what you see on television: a person who is human, real," she said.

Argentin said she asked to meet the pope to get his support for her ongoing efforts to defend the rights of people with disabilities.

"I am Catholic and I've always believed, but Pope Francis really has made a difference for the handicapped," she said. When, just a couple weeks after his election, images went around the world of him holding and kissing an 8-year-old boy with cerebral palsy, "the first wall -- that of prejudice -- fell," Argentin said.

Venerable Henriette Delille's cause still under consideration

NEW ORLEANS -- Declared Venerable on March 27, 2010, the cause for canonization of Mother Henriette Delille continues to be considered by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in the Vatican. The foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Family, a religious community for black women, Mother Henriette was a free woman of color born in New Orleans in 1813. Her cause was accepted by the Congregation in 1988 - the first United States native-born African American whose cause for canonization was officially opened by the Catholic Church - and could become the first African-American saint.

Before a person is considered to be venerable, he or she must be declared as such by a proclamation, approved by the Pope, of having lived a life that was "heroic in virtue" - the virtues being the Theological Virtues of faith, hope, and charity and the Cardinal Virtues of justice, fortitude, and temperance.

The next step would be for Venerable Henriette to be declared Blessed, which would

require a miracle be proven to have taken place through her intercession after having been medically investigated by the Church (two doctors, then seven doctors and seven theologians) and finally, a second proven miracle would be needed for canonization.

The miracle under review involves the cure of Marilyn Grolves from life-threatening double pneumonia and bacterial infection as a 4-year-old. Grolves began to rally from her serious illness after her family prayed for her healing through the intercession of Mother Henriette.

Recently Sr. Eva Regina Martin, SSF, and four other Holy Family sisters traveled to Rome for the Canonization of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha and Saint Marianne Cope. While there, they met with His Eminence, Angelo Cardinal Amato, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

"Our meeting with Cardinal Amato was truly a blessing," Sr. Regina said. "He stated that the Cause of Venerable Henriette Delille was still in good shape, but there

are questions from the seven doctors that need to be answered. Once those questions are answered, that should be the greatest hurdle. He told us that we as a Congregation must do two things.

"First, we must pray, do penance and sacrifice, because there are questions that must be answered for the seven doctors, and we need prayers," Sr. Regina continued. "We promised him we will do this. As a matter of fact, we are doing this right now, as a Congregation. And, we ask all who know Venerable Henriette to do the same. Second, he asked that we spread devotion to Venerable Henriette Delille both near and far. We gave him a schedule of what we, as a Congregation, are doing to spread the good news of Venerable Henriette Delille within the Archdiocese of New Orleans and elsewhere."

Father Cyprian Davis, a professor of Church History at St. Meinrad School of Theology in Indiana, has written her biography - "Henriette Delille: Servant of Slaves, Witness to the Poor" - though it required some 10 years assembling the various pieces of her life.

The father of Venerable Henriette was a white man and her mother a "free person of color," of mixed race. Both were Roman Catholics. Her parents could not marry under Louisiana law, but the arrangement was common in Creole society.

She was influenced by

Sister Marthe Fontier, who opened a school in New Orleans for girls of color but Venerable Henriette refused to follow the practice of her mother and two siblings and identified as white, and she also defied her mother to work with slaves, nonwhites, and whites among the poor of New Orleans.

She worked within church institutions, but when she tried to become a postulant, she was refused by both Ursuline and Carmelite orders because of her color. If she had passed for white, she most likely would have been admitted with a friend Juliette Gaudin, also a free person of color, she established a home for the elderly and bought a house to teach religion, both serving nonwhites. In teaching nonwhites, she defied the law against educating nonwhites.

The pair, and another free person of color, Josephine Charles, founded the Sisters of the Holy Family in 1842. They provided nursing care and a home for orphans. They took vows before Père Rousselon, a white French immigrant, in 1852, and adopted a plain religious habit.

After her death in 1862, the order grew from the 12 members it included at the end of her lifetime to a peak of 400 in the 1950s. As with many Roman Catholic orders, the number of sisters dwindled after that and the average age increased significantly, as fewer young women entered.



Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Henriette Delille

O good and merciful God, You called Henriette Delille to give herself in service and in love to the sick, to the orphan and the aged, to the forgotten and the despised.

Grant that inspired by her life, we might be renewed in heart and in mind. If it be Your will may she one day be raised to the honor of sainthood. By her prayers, may we live in harmony and peace, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Nihil obstat: Rev, Msgr. Franz Graef, S.T.D.

Imprimatur:
Most Reverend Francis B. Schulte
Archbishop of New Orleans Louisiana
August 23, 1997



Not long before his death last July 21, Bishop Emeritus Jude Speyer donated the beautiful work of art depicted above - *The Mystic Rose Madonna* - to Saint Charles Center. An original lithograph by the famed Spanish artist, Salvador Dali, it was painted in 1969 and depicts the Madonna in a blackish-brown robe with cowl covered head, holding the Christ child on her right knee. A red rose in a yellow frame is on the front of Mary's robe. Holding a long, slender cross in His left hand, the child, Jesus, sits in peaceful contemplation as He rests in the Virgin's supportive embrace. The work was cherished by Bishop Speyer and hung in his residence. It has been placed in a conspicuous place at the Center, the lobby of Oustalet Hall at Tabor Retreat House, to be enjoyed by guests and retreatants, as was the Bishop's request. *May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

TV film fare -- week of Jan. 26

NEW YORK (CNS) -- The following are capsule reviews of a number of theatrical movies on network and cable television the week of Jan. 26. Please note that televised versions may or may not be edited for language, nudity, violence, and sexual situations.

Sunday, Jan. 26, 8-10 p.m. EST (TCM) "Young Mr. Lincoln" (1939). Henry Fonda gives a warm, ingratiating performance as the young country lawyer whose self-deprecating wit and common-sense intelligence are put to the test in defending an innocent youth charged with murder. The Catholic News Service classification of the theatrical version was A-I -- general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

Friday, Jan. 31, 8-10 p.m. EST (TCM) "First Men in the Moon" (1964). H.G. Wells' tale of an eccentric English inventor (Lionel Jeffries) who uses his discovery of anti-gravity to take a couple (Edward Judd and Martha Hyer) on a trip to the moon in 1899. The Catholic News Service classification of the theatrical version was A-I -- general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

Saturday, Feb. 1, 9-11 a.m. EST (Showtime) "Prefontaine" (1997). Fact-based story of distance runner Steve Prefontaine (Jared Leto), who set track records at the University of Oregon, competed unsuccessfully in the 1972 Munich Olympics,

then became an activist for the rights of amateur athletes until his death in a 1975 auto accident. The Catholic News Service classification of the theatrical version was A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating was PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Saturday, Feb. 1, 6-8 p.m. EST (TCM) "The Wizard of Oz" (1939). Dorothy rides her tornado to the magic land over the rainbow in director Victor Fleming's classic that skyrocketed Judy Garland's career and has given generations of families prime entertainment again and again. The Catholic News Service classification of the theatrical version was A-I -- general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating was G -- general patronage. All ages admitted.

Saturday, Feb. 1, 10 p.m.-12:50 a.m. EST (Cinemax) "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" (2012). Epic adaptation of the opening part of Catholic author J.R.R. Tolkien's 1937 children's novel "The Hobbit, or There and Back Again," directed by Peter Jackson. The Catholic News Service classification of the theatrical version was A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating was PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Diocesan Briefs.....

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 Central Deanery in January.

The final site for the month is St. Theodore Catholic Church in Moss Bluff from 6:15 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 27, to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28.

Benefit garage sale Jan. 31

LAKE CHARLES -- A benefit garage sale equally helping the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Henry Catholic Church and the Abrazando a Cristo Mission trip to Nicaragua is Friday, Jan. 31, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Community Center at 1021 8th Avenue, behind the church.

There will be clothes, household items, lawn equipment, games and much more.

Also available for sale will be popcorn balls, \$2.50 each and hog cracklins, \$5.00 a bag.

9 Days of Prayer, Penance, Pilgrimage

LAKE CHARLES -- St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church will conclude the 9 Days of Prayer, Penance and Pilgrimage sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops with the Rosary for Life and the showing of the movie *October Baby* on Sunday, Jan. 26 in the nave of the church.

February prayer breakfast, luncheon

LAKE CHARLES -- The next Men's Prayer Breakfast with Bishop Glen John Provost is Friday, Feb. 5 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 will be Wednesday, February 5 in Ave Maria Hall.

Women should send a check for \$15, payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles, to Gaynell Carrier, P.O. Box 3223, Lake Charles, LA 70602-3223, and include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

"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@lcediocese.org.

"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.

Ladies of LaSalette style show

DEQUINCY -- The Ladies of LaSalette will host a style show and luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 8, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The show will feature a variety of fashions available at Shop Around the Corner in DeQuincy.

Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased in advance in the lobby of the church before and after Sunday Mass or through the church office at 337-786-3500.

Call Adri LeBlanc at 337-526-7269 or the church office for additional information.

Cathedral Altar Society Spring trip

LAKE CHARLES -- The Altar Society of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will host a bus trip to Natchitoches on Tuesday, March 18.

Cost is \$100 per person and includes meals, tours, fees, etc. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required. A check for that deposit can be written, payable to "ICC Altar Society," and mailed to Karen Fills, 1513 Anita Street, Sulphur, LA 70663. Call Ms. Fills at 337-625-8436 or e-mail mkfills@suddenlink.net for more information.

St. Louis Catholic registration dates

LAKE CHARLES -- St. Louis Catholic High School online registration for returning students is Monday, Feb. 3 through Friday, Feb. 14, while new or transfer tenth through twelfth grade students can register from Monday, Feb. 10 through Wednesday, Feb. 19.

In order to schedule classes for next school year, the student must be registered and the \$500 registration fee paid. Contact Geneva Breaux at 337-436-7275, Ext. 244 or email gbreaux@slchs.org for information.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat scheduled

LAKE CHARLES -- A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend is set for Friday through Sunday, Feb. 28-March 2 at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center in Moss Bluff.

This unique retreat allows participants to enter into the grieving process, identify effects the abortion has had and release deep feelings of anger, shame, and guilt that frequently accompany the abortion experience. It combines discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and Mass of entrustment. Participation is strictly

confidential.

Call Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana at 337-439-7400, Ext. 317 or e-mail rachel.vineyard@lcediocese.org for information.

Mass, Adoration for Healing on First Thursdays

HACKBERRY -- Mass and Adoration for Healing is held on the First Thursday of each month at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church with Father Rommel Tolentino as the celebrant. The next Mass is on Thursday, March 7, according to Father Tolentino.

It begins at 5:30 p.m. with Confessions, a Rosary, and Chapel of Divine Mercy. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is at 6 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with prayers for healing and deliverance, ending with Benediction.

Domestic Church movement in Diocese

LAKE CHARLES -- The Domestic Church is an officially recognized lay movement for Catholic married couples that provides lifelong formation for growing in holiness together with your spouse.

It is a beautiful, simple movement that began in Poland with the help of Blessed John Paul II, and has quickly spread around the world, according to David Dawson, Director of Marriage and Family Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

For more information about the next Domestic Church retreat call 337-439-7400, Ext. 313 or go to www.domesticchurch-families.com.

Natural Family Planning Training

LAKE CHARLES -- The incredible gift of Natural Family Planning is now available in the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Three instructors certified in the Creighton Model Fertility(Care) System work with the Diocese and Dr. David Darbonne.

For more information about training in the Creighton Method of Natural Family Planning or to schedule training contact Bonnie Kron at 337-377-7953; Laura Hobgood at 338-480-1280; Bonnie Kron at Jackie Stewart at 337-540-8959 or the office of Dr. Darbonne at 337-474-3883.

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.lcediocese.org/video-specials.html>