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## Annual Mass marks special anniversaries for clergy, religious

LAKE CHARLES – Brother Don Smith, M.S., was recently honored at the Seventh Annual Clergy and Religious Recognition Celebration mass at St. Henry Catholic Church. Brother Don, a Missionary of Our Lady of LaSalette, celebrates 60 years since his profession as a LaSalette Brother. Bishop Glen John Provost was the celebrant of the liturgy, which took place on the Feast Day of St. Peter Claver, the patron of the diocese.

In his homily, Bishop Provost noted that the men and women being honored through priesthood and consecrated life, “have witnessed service to the people of God, given of themselves teaching and healing.”

In addition to Brother Don, 13 other clergy and religious were honored for significant anniversaries, including four priests with 50 or more years of service and one religious, Sr. Mary Leonie T. Iweh, D.M.M.M. with 45 years of professed life.

The Mass and luncheon is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 5022 and the St. Henry Catholic Church family along with donations from other assemblies, councils, courts, chapters, and altar societies in the diocese.

Priests celebrating more than a half century of service were Father John Poerio 55 years; Father Jude Brunnert, M.S., 50 years; Father Ernest Corriveau, M.S., 50 years; and Monsignor Charles Dubois, 50 years.

Three were honored for 45 years of priestly service, including Father Joseph Aquino, M.S., Monsignor Ronald Groth, and Father Augustine Mullanjanany.

Father Emanuel Tanu, S.V.D., was honored for his 10 years of priestly service while two recently arrived members of the Heralds of Good News, Reverend Jenesh Joseph, H.G.N. and Reverend Joby Kaniyampambil Mathew, H.G.N. are celebrating five years since their priestly ordination.

Other Sisters of the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Mercy in the Diocese celebrate significant anniversaries of professing their vows - Sister Mary Anayochukwu Iye, D.M.M.M., 35 years and Sister Chiebuka M. Mgbaronye, D.M.M.M., 20 years.

Father Poerio, a native of Chicago Heights, Ill., was ordained at the Pontifical North American College Chapel in Rome on Dec. 20, 1959, by The Most Reverend Martin J. O’Connor, rector of the North American. He celebrated his first Mass the next day in St. Peter’s Basilica.

Retired since 2003, Father Poerio has served as associate pastor in the parishes of St. Margaret of Scotland in Lake Charles, St. John Cathedral in Lafayette, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in New Iberia, and St. Raphael in Iowa. He was pastor in St. Lawrence in Raymond, Sacred Heart in Oakdale, St. Raphael in Iowa, St. John Vianney in Bell City, and St. Mary of the Lake in Big Lake.

Father Brunnert, Father Corriveau, and Msgr. Dubois were all ordained on Dec. 19, 1964.

Organizations contributing to the celebration included Knights of Columbus Councils and Assemblies - Msgr. Cramers Assembly 320; Fr. Veillard Assembly 2087; Our Lady Help Of Christians Council 2012; Our Lady Of The Lake Council 3012; See MASS, Page 6



Bishop Glen John Provost celebrated the Seventh Annual Clergy and Religious Recognition Celebration Mass at St. Henry Catholic Church. Concelebrants included Rev. Jude Brunnert, MS; Rev. Edward Brunnert MS; Rev. Augustine Mullanjanany; Rev. Msgr. Ronald Groth; Rev. John Poerio; Rev. Joseph Aquino, MS; Rev. Emanuel Tanu, SVD; Rev. Ernest Corriveau, MS; Rev. Bino Poovannikunnel, MS; Rev. Joby Mathew, HGN; Rev. Jenesh Joseph, HGN; Rev. Msgr. Charles Dubois; and Rev. Msgr. Daniel Torres.

## “Big Band” sound featured at Bishop’s Gala

(Read more about the orchestra on page 5)

LAKE CHARLES – The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra will provide smooth “Big Band” sounds at the Third Annual Bishop’s Gala on Saturday, Dec. 13, in the Lake Charles Civic Center, according to Msgr. Daniel Torres, V.G. and Msgr. Ronald Groth, Gala co-chairman.

The orchestra is led by Bill Tole and features vocalist Nancy Knorr. Tole has been the leader of the orchestra since Jan. 1, 2002.

Last year’s Gala raised \$63,193.47 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 available in the parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles, at the Chancery at 414 Iris Street, Crossroads Bookstore, 701 W. Prien Lake Road, and on the website of the Diocese. To buy tickets on the website, using your credit card or e-check, go the lcdioocese.org and click the “Support the Diocese” button on the front page, then the “Bishop’s Gala Tickets” link, and follow the easy instructions.

Special sponsorship opportunities include a Bishop’s Table for a contribution of \$30,000. For the donation, eight individuals receive dinner with Bishop Glen John Provost at the Gala with Concierge Service; special individual gifts; 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, including a photograph with Bishop Glen John Provost. In addition, they will be honored at a special Thank You dinner on a to-be-determined date at L’Évêché, the Bishop’s Residence.

Other levels of sponsorship are also available including Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Crystal. Multiple numbers of

these sponsorships are available.

Platinum Sponsors will receive two tables for 10, special individual gifts, special mention in the Gala program and from the bandstand that night, and the VIP social from 6 to 6:30 p.m. before the Gala opens to the public, including a photograph with Bishop Provost. Each of the Platinum Sponsorships is \$20,000.

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

For \$5,000, Silver Sponsors receive a table for 10 with special seating and recognition in the Gala program while Crystal sponsorships of \$3,000 each get a table for 10 and recognition in the Gala program.

Call Msgr. Torres at 337-439-7400 for additional information on these special sponsorships.

Proceeds from the Gala help the Office of Communications produce and air *Glad Tidings* television program each Sunday morning at 6 o’clock on KPLC-TV as well as the monthly preparation and publication of the *Catholic Calendar* in five regional newspapers. The website of the Diocese – lcdioocese.org – is, overseen by the Office of Communications including its continuous maintenance and upgrading while the office broadcasts the 9:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on two local radio stations – KLCL (1470) AM and KJEF (1290) AM, serving Lake Charles and Jennings, respectively.

## March for Life 2015 Pilgrimage Jan. 18-23

LAKE CHARLES – The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles is sponsoring the March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington, DC from Sunday, Jan. 18 through Friday, Jan. 23, 2015.

The Pilgrimage is for high school teens and young adults from the Diocese and all chaperones, at least one for each six students, must be up-to-date on the diocesan Safe Environment Training.

Cost of the trip is \$550.00, which includes travel, lodging, most meals, t-shirt, scarf, hat, bag, journal and entry fees into various events and sites.

A deposit of \$150.00 per person is due with the parish registration form and individual registration forms by Wednesday, October 22.

The remaining balance for the trip is due no later than Thursday, January 8, 2015.

Individual spending money in the amount of at least \$75 should be brought on the trip for “meals on the road.”

Spaces are reserved on a first come, first served basis. There will only be five buses, so seats will fill fast. It is advisable to complete and return forms and deposit as soon as possible.

All participants much register through St. Louis Catholic High School (contact Mrs. Kathy Owen) or their church parish.

Group leaders should contact Milissa Thibodeaux at 337-439-7400 or youth.ministry@lcdioocese.org with any questions.

## 2014-15 Respect Life Program launched

WASHINGTON—In a statement to mark Respect Life Month, October 2014, Cardinal Sean O’Malley, O.F.M. Cap., of Boston called for “community and solidarity” as an antidote to threats against life. Cardinal O’Malley chairs the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

The Cardinal’s statement launches this year’s Respect Life Program, with the theme, “Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God’s Creation.” This year’s theme echoes Pope Francis’ message during his 2013 Day for Life greeting. “Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect,” Pope Francis said.

“We want to be part of a society that makes affirmation and protection of human rights its primary objective and its boast,” Cardinal O’Malley said in his statement. “Yet to women faced with an unexpected pregnancy, abortion is often presented as their only ‘choice.’ A

large percentage of children pre-diagnosed as having Down syndrome are never given the chance to live outside their mothers’ wombs. Elderly members of our families fear they will become burdensome and seek physician-assisted suicide. We see these and many more of our brothers and sisters pushed to the periphery.”

Cardinal O’Malley called for “community and solidarity” as an antidote to the individualism behind these and other such threats. “We must ask the Lord for the grace to see ourselves and others as he sees us—as masterpieces of his creation,” he said.

Begun in 1972, the Respect Life Program stresses the value and dignity of human life. It is observed in Catholic dioceses throughout the United States. In addition to new prayers and other resources, the 2014-15 Respect Life Program features six articles highlighting the respect due to each person as a “masterpiece of God’s creation.” A variety of topics is treated: adoption, miscarriage, healing within marriage after an abortion, advance medical directives, the treatment of children as commodities, and the connection between poverty and abortion.

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My dear friends in Christ: Pope Francis has captivated the world with his humility, warmth and compassion for each person. Vivid accounts of his tenderness for “the least of these”—the elderly, the imprisoned, those with disfiguring disabilities, the unborn, and many more—seize our attention. Why?

At the heart of each of these interactions is a truth which resonates in our hearts, revealing to us something essential to understanding ourselves and our purpose.

We are loved.

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### Did you know...

Pope Liberius (352-366), who initially condemned Athanasius, the theologian behind the Nicene Creed that expounds the basics of the Christian faith, is the only Pope to not have been canonized during the first 500 years of the Church.

There is normally a five-year waiting period before a cause for canonization can begin, though Pope Benedict XVI waived it for St. John Paul II. But, which Pope gave the papacy the final say over whether a dead person who was venerated locally could be officially recognized as a saint by the church? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar, published on November 21.

## November 4 Courtyard dedication scheduled at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF -- The Dedication of the Memorial Courtyard at Tabor Retreat House will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4 – the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo – and led by Bishop Glen John Provost. There will be an Evening Prayer Service,

followed by the ritual of dedication and a reception in Bulet Dining Hall. All are invited to attend and participate. Memorial bricks are still available for those who might want to be part of this worthwhile project. Each brick will be engraved with

the name of your choice, either your own family’s name or in honor and in memory of a loved one. Call (337) 855-1232 for more information on this lasting legacy of support for the Center’s Maintenance Fund. Order online at stcharlescenter.com.

# PLANTING THE SEED

## Praying the rosary to bring about peace!

I pray the rosary daily. My parents gave me this rosary when I entered the seminary to study for the priesthood in 1965. This instrument of prayer has always brought me great peace. Today more than ever we need the rosary to help bring about peace, beginning with our personal lives. But let us review a little history to help us to understand this.

October is the Month of the Rosary for one very important reason. On October 7, 1571, an historic naval encounter called the Battle of Lepanto was fought off the coast of Greece. The Turkish navy had launched a campaign to invade Christian Europe. The Turks had already attacked Malta, where they were repelled, but had seized Cyprus. Strategically the Turks were taking advantage of a religiously divided Europe, a consequence of the Protestant Reformation, to further their own dominion and the interests of Islam.

Pope St. Pius V recognized the danger and was instrumental in forming what was called the "Holy League," comprised of Catholic states in Southern Europe. The "Holy League" formed a navy of over 200 ships, which was slightly smaller than the Turkish navy whose ships were carrying an army that greatly outnumbered the Christian defenders.

Pope St. Pius V in Rome encouraged the citizens of Rome and Catholic Europe to pray the rosary for victory, to defend Christendom and restore peace. These prayers were answered. Early on the morning of October 7, the two fleets met for battle and by the end of the day the navy of the "Holy League" had won a consequential victory. The vast majority of

the Turkish navy had been sunk and the invasion had been stopped.

Some accounts maintain that Pope St. Pius V had a miraculous vision of the victory. There is no doubt the Pope understood the significance of the battle and instituted a feast day which is now celebrated as Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7.

I was reminded of this recently when I read that the young American journalist, James Foley, who was beheaded in August by ISIS, prayed the rosary in his captivity. The wars and social upheaval of today prompt us to pray for peace, especially for persecuted Christians and other minorities in the Mid-East, Africa, and Asia.

I strongly encourage you and your families to pray the rosary daily. The rosary is a powerful prayer for a number of reasons. First, each decade of the rosary points us to Redemption in Jesus Christ by reflecting on the mysteries of His life. Each decade invites us to enter into Christ, literally engage through meditation on a saving moment in His life. Second, the rosary reminds us of the importance of intercessory prayer. Since the beginning of Christianity, prayer of interces-



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Provost**

sion has been a part of the community at prayer as the Sacred Scriptures richly attest (Acts 12:5; 20:36; 21:5; II Corinthians 9:14; II Thessalonians 1:11; Colossians 1:3; I Timothy 2:1-2; etc.). Third, the repeated praying of the "Hail Mary" is not the "[babbling] like the pagans" warned against by our Lord in [Matthew 6:7]. A little historical research about how the pagans prayed in the Roman world will instruct us about that. The repetition of the "Hail Mary" is more akin to the repeated refrains of ancient Jewish prayer or the early Church, as we find it in Psalm 136 or in the hymns and prayers repeated by the saints who worship God "day and night" (Revelation 7:15). Fourth, the faithful and daily praying of the rosary can instill in us a habit of peace. Peace in the world begins with peace in our own personal lives. We cannot hope for peace in some foreign land we have never seen, if we are "at war" with our neighbor whom we see. The rosary introduces us, through Mary, to this quiet and tranquility.

It is for this reason that Pope St. Pius V strongly encouraged believers in Jesus Christ to pray the rosary for peace when Europe was threatened by invading forces. Because it knows the power of prayer, the Church instituted the Feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary. And for this reason we should pray the rosary for peace in a world that is now less dangerous. As our Lord reminded us, the peace He brings is a peace that this world cannot give. Let us pray the rosary for His peace.

## Guadalupean Torch Run Nov. 9-10; runners needed

LAKE CHARLES - The Carrera *Antorcha Guadalupeana Mexico-New York Torch Race* connecting Mexico and the United States makes two stops in the Diocese of Lake Charles - Sunday and Monday, Nov. 9 and 10.

The Holy Fire and the images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego accompanying the relay are on the way from the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadaluca in Mexico City to St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City for Our Lady's feast day on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Runners are being sought here in the Diocese to partic-

ipate in the local legs of this historic annual relay. Those who would like to take part should contact Msgr. Daniel Torres, V. G., at St. Henry Catholic Church at 337-436-7223.

On Sunday morning, Nov. 9, the Torch will arrive at the Louisiana Visitor's Center at the Louisiana-Texas state line. The relay will commence at U.S. 90 and Toomey Road going through Vinton, Edgerly, Sulphur and Westlake. In the early afternoon, the Holy Fire will arrive at the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau off I-10 on Lakeshore Drive. The relay will contin-

ue east on Lakeshore Drive to Broad Street and to St. Henry Catholic Church, 1021 Eighth Avenue, where the torch and images will remain overnight.

Monday, Nov. 10, the relay recommences down Broad Street and on to U.S. 90 going through Iowa, Lacassine, Welsh, Roanoke, and on to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 705 Lake Arthur Avenue, in Jennings.

The torch and images will remain in Immaculate Conception overnight and leave the Diocese on Tuesday continuing its journey to New York.



**The Very Rev. James Wehner, S.T.D., gave his keynote address on The New Evangelization at the New Faith and Evangelism Conference - On Faith and Evangelism - held at St. Louis Catholic High School on Saturday, September 20. Father Wehner, the president-rector of Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, previously served as rector/president of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. Approximately 200 people attended the conference, which also provided numerous breakout sessions in the afternoon.**

## World Meeting of Families less than a year away

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) - With the opening of the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia less than a year away, organizers for the event briefed the staff of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on the latest details during meetings on Sept. 22.

Registration for the Sept. 22-25 event will begin within several weeks as agreements with speakers for the program are finalized. That part of the planning is ahead of schedule, as registration for the meetings held every three years in a different city typically begins only eight to nine months before the event.

Donna Farrell, executive

director for the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, acknowledged the excitement for the event in the city and said the most frequently asked question her staff hears is, "How can I help?"

That willingness to help will be tested because Farrell estimates 7,000 to 10,000 volunteers will be needed. Probably around a thousand of those will be needed for the four days of discussions and programs that will comprise the World Meeting of Families at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Organizers are hoping for about 10,000 attendees for the

four-day meeting, perhaps up to 15,000. It will be the largest convention in Philadelphia next year.

Most volunteers will be needed to help with the large public events expected to be attended by Pope Francis after the meeting, though confirmation of his visit has not yet been made official. After a volunteer coordinator is hired, volunteers will be accepted by the end of this year and mostly next year, with background clearances and training to follow in the summer.

Planning for the papal visit is continuing, and Farrell described the some details of that portion of the week.

Pope Francis would arrive Friday evening, Sept. 25, 2015, at the close of the World Meeting of Families with a public welcome ceremony at Independence Hall in Philadelphia with perhaps 40,000 in attendance.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to join the pope Saturday night, Sept. 26, at a public Festival of Families cultural celebration along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia's center city. It will feature musical and dance acts and other family entertainment, along with selected families from around the world giving witness to their family's faith.

"It will be one of the most beautiful events of the week," Farrell said.

Capping the week of festivities will be the public Mass celebrated by Pope Francis also on the Parkway Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015. No time has been set for the Mass yet, and multiple other details remain in flux as it is still a year away. But Farrell did say that "well in excess of 1 million people are expected."

## Religion increases longevity, and marriage does too

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Study after study has confirmed that those who are involved in religion and those who are married are healthier, physically and mentally happier and live longer than those who are not.

"The health benefits of marriage are so strong that a married man with heart disease can be expected to live, on average, 1,400 days (nearly four years) longer than an unmarried man with a healthy heart," said Dr. Scott Haltzman, a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry and human behavior at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island.

"This longer life expectancy is even longer for a married man who has cancer or is 20 pounds overweight compared to his healthy but unmarried counterpart," Haltzman added. "The ad-

vanantages for women are similar."

Couples with higher levels of religiosity "tend to enjoy greater marital satisfaction, fidelity and stability, with less likelihood of domestic violence," according to a compilation of studies by the Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based think tank.

Religious belief and practice are also associated with lower divorce rates, lower levels of teen sexual activity, less abuse of alcohol and drugs, lower levels of many infectious diseases, less juvenile crime and less violent crime, the foundation said.

"Marriage and religion influence various dimensions of life, including physical health and longevity, mental health, happiness, economic well-being and the raising of children," wrote sociologist Linda J. Waite and economist

Evelyn J. Lehrer in a paper published in 2009 by the National Institutes of Health.

"We argue that both marriage and religiosity generally have far-reaching positive effects; that they influence similar domains of life; and that there are important parallels through which each achieves these outcomes," they added.

In a 2012 interview, the late psychiatry professor Robert Coombs, from the University of California at Los Angeles, concurred on the positive effects of marriage. "Virtually every study of mortality and marital status shows the unmarried of both sexes have higher death rates, whether by accident, disease or self-inflicted wounds, and this is found in every country that maintains accurate health statistics," he said.

## Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

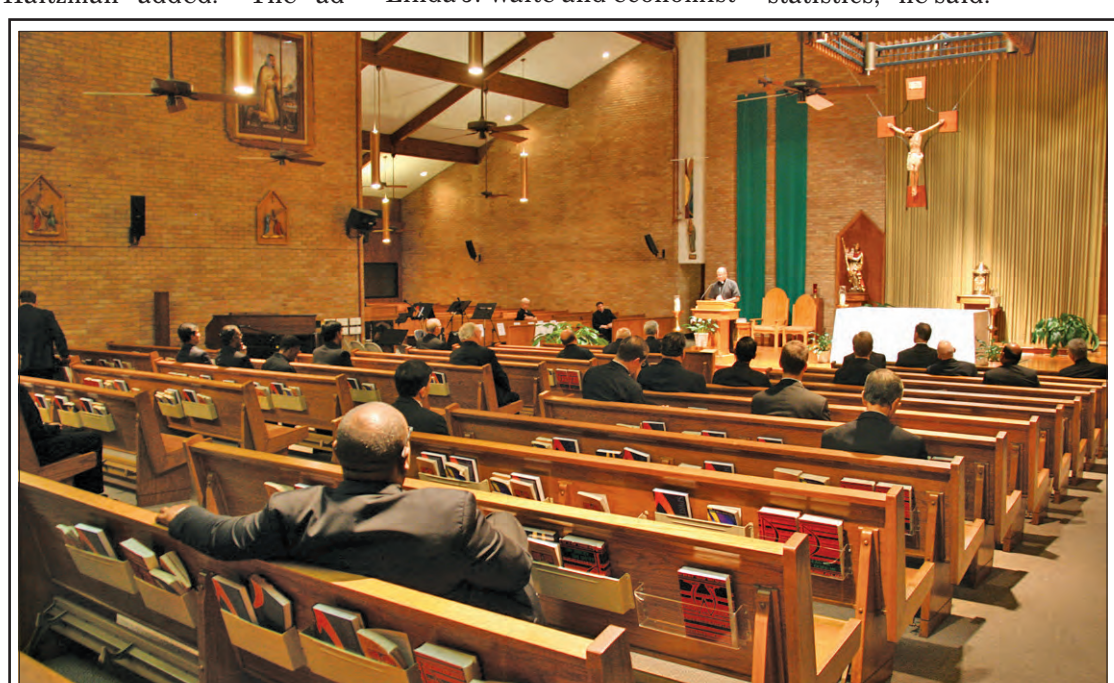
The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2014 the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles pray the following prayer, composed in 1957 by The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette, following Hurricane Audrey:

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 former 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.

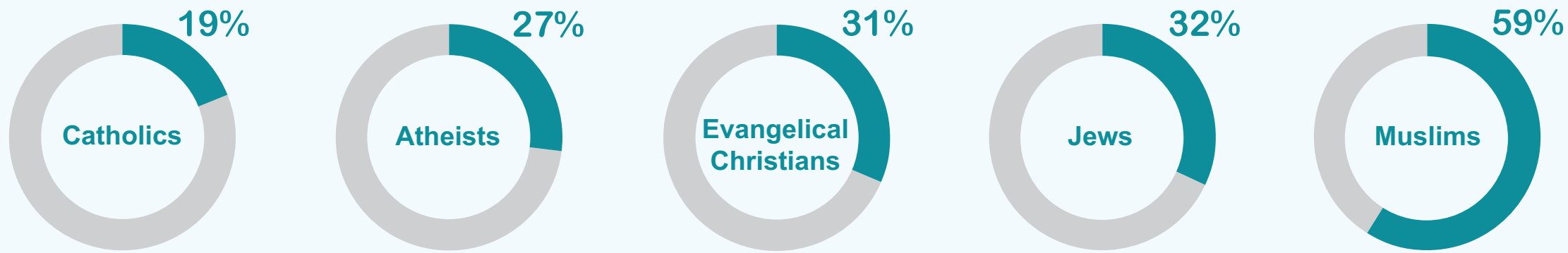
**The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder  
Second Bishop of Lafayette**



**The Most Reverend Shelton Fabre, Bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, was the guest speaker at the recent Morning of Reflection for the priests of the Diocese of Lake Charles held at St. Henry Catholic Church. Bishop Fabre, at the ambo, presented a number of talks to the diocesan presbyterate.**

## Perceptions of Religious Discrimination

Percent of Americans saying there is a lot of discrimination against...



Source: Pew Research Center report: "Public Sees Religion's Influence Waning"

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# Perceptions of discrimination against people of faith

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- People of various religious groups tend to think followers of their faith are more apt to face discrimination than the general public thinks, but majorities of all backgrounds agree that Muslims, gays/lesbians, blacks and Hispanics face discrimination.

According to a Pew Research Center report released Sept. 22, 19 percent of the general public said there is a lot of discrimination against Catholics, while 33 percent of Catholics hold that view, for example.

Similarly, among the whole survey of 2,002 adults, 31 percent said evangelical Christians face a lot of discrimination, while 50 percent of evangelicals said they are on the receiving end of discrimination.

The telephone poll conducted in early September asked about attitudes toward religion in public life, including questions about the role of religion in politics and discrimination based on various factors.

Sixty-five percent of the whole survey said gays and lesbians are subject to a lot of discrimination, 59 percent said Muslims are, 54 percent said blacks are, and 50 percent said Hispanics are. No other segment in the questionnaire was thought by a majority of those surveyed to be subject to a lot of discrimination.

The poll also asked whether people think it's now more difficult to practice one's faith. About a third of Catholics think they face discrimination, but vast majorities of the faith say it has not become more difficult to be a practicing Catholic. Nor do Catholics think of themselves as a minority because of their faith.

On the latter point, 86 percent of Catholics don't think their faith puts them in the minority. Of the whole sample of Americans surveyed, 78 percent said they don't think of themselves as a minority.

About 31 percent of people who are unaffiliated with a particular religion -- identified in the social survey world as "nones" -- told the survey team that it has become easier to be a person with no religion, while 60 percent said it hasn't changed much.

Just under three quarters of Catholics, 73 percent, said the ease or difficulty of being a Catholic hasn't changed much recently, the report said.

Evangelicals are both more likely than other Protestants or Catholics to think of themselves as a minority -- though only 30 percent do so -- and more likely to say it is more difficult to be an evangelical Christian, at 34 percent.

Among other details about the responses to

questions about discrimination, majorities of every sub-group in the survey said gays and lesbians face a lot of discrimination. When asked the same question about Muslims, a majority of all subgroups except white evangelicals said they are subject to a lot of discrimination.

The greatest discrepancy between what the overall survey said about discrimination faced by various groups and what members of those same groups perceive for themselves came among blacks. Overall, 54 percent said blacks face discrimination, while 82 percent of blacks said so.

In other questions, the poll found a trend continues of a majority of people thinking the influence of religion on public life is waning. Now 72 percent said the influence of religion is on the decline, compared to 67 percent who said so in a similar poll four years ago.

The percentage of people who think churches should express views on political and social issues also increased since 2010, up to 49 percent from 43 percent.

The survey found a similar increase in the number of people who said there is "too little" voicing of religious faith and prayer by political leaders, though that view is still a minority opinion, expressed by 41 percent, up from 37 percent four years ago.

Thirty-two percent said churches should endorse candidates for political office, while 67 percent said they should not. In 2010, 70 percent said churches should not endorse candidates, while 24 percent said they should.

The views that churches should be vocal about political issues and endorse candidates were held more strongly among people who are affiliated with a faith (54 percent and 35 percent respectively) than by "nones," (32 percent and 23 percent respectively) and more strongly by Republicans than Democrats.

Thirty eight percent of Republicans said churches should endorse candidates and 59 percent said churches should express political opinions. Among Democrats, 28 percent said churches should endorse candidates and 42 percent said they should express political views.

The results had a margin of error of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points for the entire survey sample. For the subgroups, the margin of error varied with the number of people queried, such as: from plus or minus 5.7 percentage points for all Catholics and plus or minus 11.4 points for Hispanic Catholics.



Bishop Glen John Provost continued to preside at the installations of pastors in their new posts during the month of September. Shown here, in top photo, Father Anthony Fontenot, the Dean of the newly formed South Deanery, pronounces the Oath of Fidelity during his installation as pastor of Christ the King Catholic Church in Lake Charles. In the bottom photo, Father Nathan Long, Secretary for the Ministry of Christian Formation and Director of the Center for Catholic Studies, places his hand on Holy Scripture as he speaks the Oath of Fidelity as pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Father Ruben Buller, serving as Master of Ceremonies, accompanied Bishop Provost to the installations.

## Saint Charles Center schedule of events

MOSS BLUFF -- Late October and November events at Saint Charles Center includes the conclusion of the "Oremus, A Guide to Catholic Prayer" Series, facilitated by Father Whitney Miller, the Director of Saint Charles Center.

The final evening of the program is Oct. 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. and topics for the final session are "Dealing with Distractions" and "Desolation and Consolation."

The Oremus study program teaches the essentials of an effective and fruitful spiritual life. This is one of the recommended adult education series being made available throughout the Diocese for those catechists working toward certification as well as an excellent opportunity for any and all of the adult faithful to grow in prayer and learn more about the rich heritage of Catholic spirituality.

The suggested donation for each evening is \$20. Call (337) 855-1232 to register or visit stcharlescenter.com.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, Sr. Diane Depwe will present "Good vs. Evil" from 6 to 9 p.m. Using excerpts from the movie "The Devil's Advocate," Sr. Diane will discuss our journey through life following "The God life vs. Satan's lies and enticements." Attendees should to bring their bible. Call (337) 855-1232 or visit stcharlescenter.com by Friday, October 17, to register. Suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

Father Miller will facilitate an Evening of Reflection

on "The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius: Prayers, Poems and Reflections" from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11.

Saint Charles Center offers Private Directed Retreats three times per year as an opportunity for continued growth in the spiritual life. These retreats are based upon the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This Evening of Reflection will provide background material and an overview of Ignatian spirituality.

Call (337) 855-1232 to register or visit stcharlescenter.com. The deadline is Friday, November 7 and the suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

The annual Fall Women's Silent Retreat, sponsored by the women of St. John Vianney Parish in Bell City is Friday, Nov. 14 to Sunday, Nov. 16. This year's program - "A Call to Perseverance" - will be led by Ms. Gwin Miller-Cronin, Ms. Gloria Vanderwall, and Fr. Miller.

This silent retreat is open to any and all women who may wish to participate and be inspired by a reading from Hebrews 10:19-23, a call to perseverance. This weekend's conferences will emphasize methods of prayer and strategies in life to develop, maintain and enhance balance in all areas of life but particularly physical, emotional and spiritual areas. There will be opportunities for private prayer, group prayer and guidance. As "lagniappe," a juicing demonstration will be provided with

taste testing for all those who choose to experience God's bounty of vegetables and fruit in a cup!

The suggested donation for this retreat is \$170.00 for a private room and \$150.00 each for shared accommodations. Contact Julie Raccatelli at (337) 622-3255, Ester Harrington at (337) 477-5184, the Center Office at (337) 855-1232 or stcharlescenter.com to register. Scholarship information is available upon request.

Sr. Diane Depwe will present "Saving America" on Tuesday, November 18 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Register by calling (337) 855-1232 or visit stcharlescenter.com by Friday, November 14. The suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

The Spiritual Book Club, led by Fr. Don Piraro, will read Jesus, A Pilgrimage by Fr. James Martin, S.J., and meet from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18.

The Spiritual Book Club is an informal group of women and men who read a good book and come together to eat dinner and discuss the selection. Fr. Martin is probably the best selling Catholic religious book author today. Call (337) 855-1232 to register or visit stcharlescenter.com by Friday, November 14. The suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

## Glad Tidings airs on KPLC, lcdioocese.org

LAKE CHARLES -- Each Sunday morning at 6 a.m., watch Glad Tidings, the television program of the Diocese of Lake Charles, on KPLC-TV or streaming on your computer at lcdioocese.org by clicking Resources and then Glad Tidings.

Hear Bishop Provost in a discussion about the day's Gospel; watch local, regional, national, and international news; and enjoy interviews with interesting and informative people from around the Diocese.

## Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference Nov. 7-8

LAKE CHARLES -- The 43rd Annual Catholic Charismatic Conference is Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7-8, at St. Louis Catholic High School. Guest speakers are Deacon Larry Oney and Dr. Sheryl Jones.

Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. on Friday with Prayer and Praise at 6 p.m. Father Emanuel Tanu, S.V.D., chaplain for Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Lake Charles, will celebrate the Opening Mass at 8:30 p.m.

The opening general session begins following the liturgy with Deacon Oney speaking on "Your Divine Appointment." Prayer teams will be available following all general sessions.

Registration re-opens on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. with Prayer and Praise at 9:30 a.m. A general session will begin at 10 a.m. with Deacon Oney speaking about "Divine Preparation." Confessions will be available at 11 a.m. with a break for lunch from noon until 1:30

p.m. Prayer and praise along with Word Gift and announcements take place from 1:30 to 2 p.m. followed by a testimony from Dr. Jones until 3 p.m. with more prayer and praise.

Deacon Oney will speak from 3:30 to 3:30 p.m. on "Your Divine Appointment."

At 5 p.m., there is a break for supper followed at 6:30 p.m. with the closing mass celebration by Father Tanu and the final general session with the

topic "Divine Battle and Victory."

Following the final session, there will be a Prayers for Healing Service with Father Tanu and Deacon Oney.

Registration donations are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for a family. Registration forms can be found in various parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles and at Catholic Charismatic Renewal, located at 2409 Second Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601. For more information, call Betty Bruney at 337-477-0065.

# Sixteen seminarians return to studies for Diocese

LAKE CHARLES – Sixteen men, the largest number ever in discernment and for the Diocese of Lake Charles, have returned to classes for the 2014-2015 year, attending four seminaries in the United States and Italy. Six new seminarians were added for this year – Joseph Caraway, Olin Chester, Samuel Bond, Andrew DeRouen, Randall Edwards, and Eric Gruspier

Deacon Ruben Villarreal and Deacon Jay Alexius, M.D. – have entered their final year of theological studies - Villarreal, from St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Raymond, at the Pontifical North American College in Rome and Alexius, of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lake Charles, to Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. Both are expected to be ordained to the priesthood in 2015, with God's grace.

Others returning include Trey Ange, from Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Lake Charles, and John Souder, from Our Lady Queen of Heaven, will both enter their second year of Theology studies – Ange at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and Souder at the Pontifical North American College.

Michael Caraway, from Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings, will begin second year Pre-Theology studies at Mount St. Mary's while Samuel Orsot, from St. Henry Catholic Church in Lake Charles, has started his Theology classes at Notre Dame Seminary.

Ryan Baca, of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in Lake Charles, and Levi Thompson, of St. Theodore Catholic Church in Moss Bluff, have each returned to St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, La.

Addison Pitre of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Oberlin and Michael Beverung of Our Lady Queen of Heaven are also at St. Joseph – the former in his third year of college studies and the latter in his second.

Joseph Caraway, from St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Lacassine, and Edwards, a parishioner of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings are both first-year Pre-Theology students at Notre Dame.

Chester, from St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vinton, entered his first year of college studies at St. Joseph Seminary College as did Gruspier, a parishioner of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Andrew DeRouen, also a parishioner of the Cathedral parish, entered third year college studies at St. Joseph while Bond, a parishioner of Our Lady of LaSalette started his first year of Pre-Theology course work at Notre Dame.

Msgr. Daniel Torres serves as Director of the Offices of Vocations and Seminarians. Vocation recruiters, appointed by Bishop Glen John Provost, are Rev. Susil Fernando, Rev. Nathan Long, Rev. Jeffrey Starkovich, and Very Rev. Marcus Johnson.



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Lake Charles



**Deacon Ruben Villarreal**  
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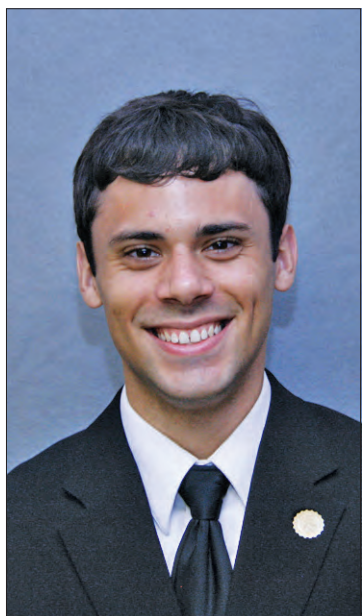
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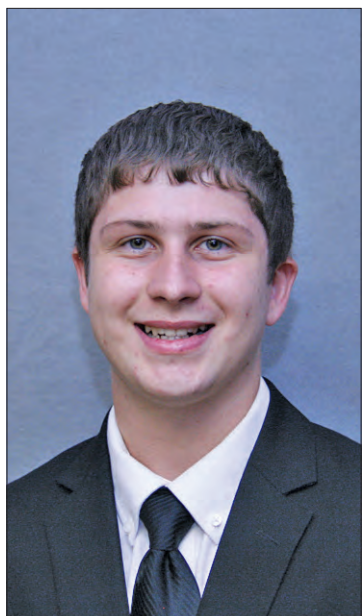
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## Diocese of Lake Charles Seminarians 2014-2015

*“Do not neglect the gift you have, which was conferred on you through the prophetic word with the imposition of hands of the presbyterate.”*

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

# The Divine Economy: The Kingdom of God

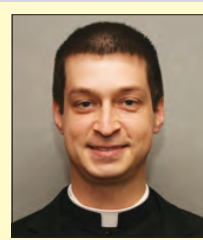
The market success of a fried chicken sandwich remains one of the most remarkable stories in the business world. If you're a fan of Chic-fil-A, like this writer, then you know what rates high is not only their great customer service but what a privilege it is for the employees. It is to the late Truett Cathy's credit that workers are joyful at their jobs as their quality customer service was a direct result of knowing they had a generous employer.

The connections to the Gospel here are easy to see. Throughout this liturgical year, we have been reading from the Gospel of Matthew, a former tax collector who knew well the realities of wages and debt, investing and interest, profit and loss. In one of the parables we find in Matthew, a landowner hires workers at all hours of the day, only to give everyone the same pay (20:1-16). To the ones who had worked since sunrise, this seemed to be an injustice. However, the reality was that the Master was not only just, but also merciful.

Jesus uses parables because the full reality of grace is difficult to capture in words. What is the Kingdom of God like? It is what the Catechism describes as a "Divine Economy." There is debt and interest, wages for work well done, growth through investment, and a sharing of goods and services between believers. In this economy, we have an employer who

is very, very generous. At the end of the day, He is likely to pay certain workers far more than they deserve.

Here lies the rub. The Master asks a question, "are you envious because I am generous?" (20:16) Literally, he says, "Is your eye evil because I am good?" The "evil eye" was an expression for envy - the sin which arouses malice because of someone else's good fortune. Envy is the devil's sin, and the reason death entered the world (Wis 2:24). It seems the devil could not fathom the immense generosity God would show toward men of flesh in making them partake of the divine nature. Here is an important insight into Jesus' question: is your eye evil? Do you think as the devil thinks? Many people cannot fathom the reality of Divine Mercy and so despair of ever being forgiven. Others refuse to accept Christian faith because they cannot conceive of a God who would be so kind to his former enemies. Yet when we disbelieve the message of Mercy, we are in fact thinking "not as God does, but



**Father Nathan Long**

as human beings," (Matt 16:23) or far worse, "My ways are not your ways nor are my thoughts your thoughts," the Lord says through Isaiah (55:9).

It strikes me that had the first set of workers realized what a privilege it was to have this kind Master they would not have grumbled. So too, we cradle Catholics easily forget what a privilege it is to serve the Lord. I'm reminded of Mother Teresa's haunting words to some of her sisters, "I am worried that some of you still have not met Jesus." Why are so many Catholics lacking in joy and zeal for the service of the Gospel? It could very well be that we have had the wrong impression of the Master: When we realize how gracious an employer is our Lord, we are much more likely to go the second mile in serving Him rather than standing idle all day long (Matt 20:6). And the best news of all is that it is not too late to start again, even if it is now the last hour of the day.

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**Father Nathan Long, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, serves in a number of administrative capacities, including as director of the Vianney House of Discernment and Formation, Secretary for the Ministry of Christian Formation, director of the Center for Catholic Studies, and director of Ongoing Formation of Clergy.**

## Entertainment for Bishop's Gala

(Read more about Gala on Page 1)

Jimmy Dorsey's musical training began when he was a young boy in Pennsylvania. Along with his brother Tommy, the talented young musicians joined Paul Whiteman's Orchestra and at the same time they were recording many records under the billing "The Dorsey Brothers Orchestra". Their band continued through the early thirties until a dispute over a tempo of a song separated the brothers for decades.

Jimmy found himself an instant leader of the band that became the birth of the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra. His records sold well in the late thirties, but as the forties got under way it was apparent that his momentum was increasing. With hits like "Amapola" and "Green Eyes" featuring Helen O'Connell, the band jumped to the top of the charts making Jimmy the biggest success story of the year. Other hit selling records and a series of motion pictures followed, establishing him firmly on top.

Helen played an important part of the band's success, both on records and in per-

sonal appearances. Her hits "I Remember You", "Tangerine" and others more took her to the top of the charts as well.

During the early fifties Jimmy was still a successful name in the business. Even with all of his success, he joined forces with his brother Tommy in 1953 to become the greatest band of all time!

With the untimely death of Tommy in 1956, Jimmy once again was left to carry on, but only for a short time as his own health was failing rapidly. In 1957, he left us with his last and greatest hit "So Rare" which topped the nation's popularity charts.

The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra has continued successfully for decades and is still in great demand all over the world. The past success of the Orchestra was due to the leadership of Lee Castle and more recently from 1990 through the new millennium, Jim Miller. The leadership has now passed to Bill Tole who will continue to bring joy to young and the "young at heart" as they enjoy the sounds of American Music - our history.



The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, led by the talented Bill Tole, will provide "Big Band" sound for this year's Bishop's Gala, set for Saturday, Dec. 13, in the Lake Charles Civic Center. (Photo courtesy Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra)



Bishop Glen John Provost incenses a sacred relic of St. Peter Claver during the Evening Prayer Service on Sunday, September 7 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. St. Peter Claver is the patron saint of the Diocese and his actual feast day is September 9. It has been celebrated in the Diocese on the Sunday closest to that day at Vespers.

## Religious Sister of Mercy appointed to International Theological Commission

ROME - Five women, a record number, were recently appointed by Pope Francis to the International Theological Commission. One of the 30 appointees was Sister Mary Prudence Allen, a Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma, Michigan.

Two members of the Religious Sisters of Mercy serve here in the Diocese of Lake Charles - Sr. Mary Vianney Walsh, RSM as Director of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana and Sr. Miriam MacLean as Director of

Religious Education.

In commenting on the appointment of Sr. Prudence to such an auspicious body, Sr. Mary Vianney said, "In professing the vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and service to the poor, sick and ignorant and in entrusting herself in all her giftedness to the Church, she has been able to bring all of those gifts to fruition.

"Sister Mary Prudence developed the philosophy program at St. John Mary Vianney Theological Seminary

in Denver where she taught for 15 years and has taught philosophy to the postulants and novices in the community as well as mentoring professed Sisters in their doctoral studies, Sr. Mary Vianney continued. "She has written many articles and books including a three book series on the concept of woman in western philosophy and has devoted years of study to the importance of the truth of the complementarity of man

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## Marriage preparation class dates for 2015 announced

LAKE CHARLES - The schedule for the marriage preparation program of the Diocese of Lake Charles for 2015 - Together for Life and Prepare/Enrich - has been announced by the Office of Family Life.

Together for Life will be a one-day program held on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Diocese Chancery Building at 414 Iris Street in Lake Charles.

Dates for the program next year are January 10, February 28, March 21, April 11, May 16, June 20, August 1, September 12, October 10, and November 21.

Couples may secure a registration form by contacting the Office of Family Life, 411 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601, by phone at 337-439-7400, or register on-line at lodiocese.org. Online, click the "Support the Diocese" button and then the Together for Life, Prepare-Enrich link,

to register and pay by either credit card or e-check.

Confirmation of a couple's registration will be mailed to the bride's address, along with directions. Registration fee is \$100 per couple and includes the Prepare/Enrich Online Assessment, lunch and materials. Classes fill up very quickly; therefore couples should not delay in securing and mailing in the registration form. If the couple's requested date is full, they will be automatically placed in the next available class. Contact Office of Family Life with questions 337-439-7400 Ext 301.

An alternative to the Together for Life program is the Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend, a three-day, two-night retreat. The next one scheduled in the Diocese of Lake Charles is January 23-25 at the Katharine Drexel Conference Center at Saint Charles Center in Moss Bluff.

The registration fee for this retreat is \$190

Beginning in February, 2015, these retreats will be held at the Acadian Baptist Center, in Eunice.

The retreat, presented by two married couples and a priest, is designed to give the engaged couple an opportunity to dialogue honestly and intensively about their prospective lives together. The program begins Friday at 7:30 p.m. and concludes with Mass on Sunday. Registration fee is \$200 per couple for the entire weekend including lodging, meals and materials. To register for a Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend, contact Paul and Carolyn Trahan at 337-254-8947, or email ce.trahan@gmail.com.

Other dates for 2015 include: February 6-8, March 6-8, April 17-19, July 17-19, August 7-9, and September 11-13.



Monsignor Jim Gaddy, center, the pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, was shocked at the first school mass of the year for Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School when it was announced that the new school building, completed just prior to the beginning of the school term, would be named in honor of him. Presenting him with a large photo of the building, properly named, are Frank Wood, left, and Gretchen Jester, right, members of the executive committee of Cornerstone Capital Campaign that raised funds to build the school.

# Sr. Miriam MacLean, RSM professed Perpetual Vows

SAGINAW, Mich. -- Two young women stood before the Lord and a congregation at St. Mary's Cathedral on August 16 and professed Vows of Poverty, Chastity, Obedience, and Service of the Poor, Sick and Ignorant; and to persevere until death in the Institute of the Religious Sisters of Mercy of the Alma.

Sister Miriam MacLean, RSM and Sister Micaela Hoffmann, RSM, professed their vows in the presence of the Superior General of the Institute, Mother Mary McGreevy, RSM; and the Vicar General, Mother Jane Mary Firestone, RSM; and many Sisters of the Religious Community. Bishop Joseph Cistone was the Principal Celebrant of the Mass. Concelebrants included Bishop-Emeritus Carl Mengeling of the Lansing Diocese and many priests. Also present at the ceremony to witness the vows was Cardinal Justin Rigali. The families and friends of the Sisters filled the Cathedral.

Sister Miriam, the only child of Joseph and Kathleen MacLean, was born in Manchester, New Hampshire. Before she entered the Community, she completed a Bachelor's Degree in Theology at Ave Maria University, and began working toward a Master's degree in Theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. After professing her first vows five years ago, she began working on a Master's Degree in Social Work, which she completed at Catholic University of America. At the same time, she served as the Director of Visitor Services at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. In 2013, she began doctoral studies at Michigan State University in the School of Social Work. She began her new assignment in Lake

Charles, in August, working as the Diocesan Director of Religious Education. Sister Miriam and her parents are happy and grateful for the very large family that they have gained with Sister Miriam's entrance into the Mercy Institute.

Perpetual Profession marks the culmination of nine years of intense personal preparation. During those nine years of basic formation, the Sisters come to understand their own vocations as a response to a personal call to each of them in love by Jesus Christ. They learn about community life within the Religious Sisters of Mercy of the Alma, and they begin to develop their professional life which will better enable them to serve the Church.

Their first years of Postulancy and Novitiate are spent at the Motherhouse in Alma in a time of formative dialogue with the community about Religious Life. When that initial period of formation is completed, the Sisters profess first (or Temporary) Vows for a period of five years. This was a time of living the vowed life completely, while still within a formative setting in which a Perpetually Professed Sister assigned to direct Sisters in Temporary Vows, is with them. During this time they study, and work in various apostolic settings.

August 16 is the traditional Perpetual Vow day for Religious Sisters of Mercy of the Alma. Each year Sisters make their profession of vows at St. Mary's Cathedral in Saginaw. The ceremony is always open to the public, giving people the opportunity to glimpse inside the wonders of the religious life. Young women who are thinking of a vocation to Religious Community are encouraged to attend.



**Sr. Miriam MacLean, RSM, professes her Perpetual Vows as she kneeled before Sr. Mother Mary McGreevy, the Superior General of the Religious Sisters of Mercy of the Alma, Michigan, in the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Saginaw, Mich. Sr. Miriam is the Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Lake Charles.**

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St. Theodore Council 3622; LaSalette Council 5755; Msgr. A. W. Van Buijtenen Council 9281; J.W. O'Reilly, Sr. Council 13931; and St. Martin De Porres Council 15006.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Courts making donations included: Lady Of The Lake 695; Stella Maris 1233; Our Lady Of LaSalette 1255; St. Raphael 1377; Mother Cabrini 1468; Our Lady Of Fatima 1506; Our Lady Queen Of Heaven 1785; Our Lady of Grace 1964; Our Lady of The Snows

1980; St. Joseph The Worker 1986; Our Court Of Visitation 1999; St. Barbara 2153; St. Theodore 2161; Sanca Santa 2293; and Our Lady of The Americas 2388;

Knights of Peter Claver Assembly, Councils, and Courts contributing were: Fr. Hannigan Assembly 6; Vernon W. Joseph Assembly 22; Fr. Schuster Chapter 22; Fr. Baudizonne Court 48; Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Court 132; St. Henry Council 168; St. Henry Court 168

Donations also came from parish Altar Societies: Christ The King, Lake Charles; Cathedral of the Im-

maculate Conception, Lake Charles; Immaculate Conception, Jennings; Immaculate Conception, Sulphur; Our Lady Help Of Christians, Jennings; Our Lady of LaSalette, DeQuincy; Our Lady of LaSalette, Sulphur; Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Sulphur; Our Lady of Seven Dolours, Welsh; Our Lady of The Queen, Lake Charles; Our Lady of Heaven, Lake Charles; St. Henry, Lake Charles; St. John Bosco, Westlake; St. Margareta, Lake Charles; St. Paul, Elton; St. Raphael, Iowa; St. Theodore, Moss Bluff; St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Carlyss.

# Wooden crosses on sale

MOSS BLUFF -- Crosses made from reclaimed wood previously used in the walkway from Tabor Retreat House at Saint Charles Center to the West Fork of the Calcasieu River are now on sale for \$25.

The walkway, which was initially built in 1998 due to

the generosity of the A.J.M. "Bubba" Oustalet family, was recently refurbished through the hardwork and determination of many volunteers.

The wood that was replaced has been cut and shaped into beautiful crosses, on which are stamped Saint Charles Center and its

logo.

Examples of the crosses are available for viewing and can be purchased at Tabor Retreat House or can be reserved by calling 337-855-1232 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## RESPECT LIFE

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In his 2013 Day for Life Greeting, Pope Francis conveyed that "even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." We see Pope Francis living out the truth of these words in his actions.

We want to be part of a society that makes affirmation and protection of human rights its primary objective and its boast. Yet to women faced with an unexpected pregnancy, abortion is often presented as their only "choice." A large percentage of children pre-diagnosed as having Down syndrome are never given the chance to live outside their mothers' wombs. Elderly members of our families fear they will become burdensome and seek

physician assisted suicide. We see these and many more of our brothers and sisters pushed to the periphery.

These tragedies go directly against respect for life, and they represent a direct threat to the entire culture of human rights. Rather than societies of "people living together," our cities risk becoming societies of people who are marginalized, uprooted and oppressed.

What can be done to prevent this? We must draw close to Jesus in prayer and in the sacraments. We must ask the Lord for the grace to see ourselves and others as he sees us—as masterpieces of his creation. When God created each of us, he did so with precision and purpose, and he looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness. We must look at ourselves and at others in light of this truth and treat all people with the reverence and respect which is due.

The Church's antidote to an individualism which threatens the respect for human dignity is community and solidarity. Are we moved by the suffering of those without shelter? Do we seek to alleviate the fear, confusion and panic that women facing unexpected pregnancies may be experiencing? Do our hearts ache for elderly patients in nursing homes who feel abandoned and unwanted, having no one to visit them?

Our mission is to show each person the love of Christ. As uniquely created individuals, we each have unique gifts which we are called to use to share Christ's love. We are continually given opportunities to do so in our interactions with the cashier at the grocery store, our spouses, children, friends and even the people we encounter in traffic. Each of these moments is valuable beyond our realization. We may never know how much

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and woman. The integration of her professional life with her religious life has served to enrich both herself and others. As a newly appointed member of the International Theological Commission, Sister Mary Prudence will approach this honor by humbly bringing the fruit of her years of philosophical scholarship to the service of the Church."

She received a Ph.D. in philosophy from Claremont Graduate School in California. She began to teach philosophy at Sir George Williams University in 1969 and became full-time assistant professor in 1972. In 1974, Sir George Williams University merged with Loyola College to form Concordia University.

Sister Prudence Allen was promoted to associate pro-

a simple gesture of compassion may affect someone's life.

As the 2014 Respect Life Program begins, let us take a moment to reflect on the theme, "Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation," and how this truth affects both our understanding of ourselves and others and the way we live. Pastoral and

ressor in 1977. She became full professor in 1993. She retired and was named professor emerita in 1996. She then moved to Denver, Colorado where she was full professor and held the Archbishop Charles J. Chaput OFM Cap., Chair of Philosophy at the St. John Vianney Theological Seminary. Since November 2013, she has been a member of the Chaplaincy Team at Lancaster University Chaplaincy, Lancaster, England.

On Sept. 23, the Vatican released the names of 30 theologians who will serve a five-year term on the commission. Women have served on the panel since 2004, but, until now, there have never been more than two.

The two women appointees also include Australian Tracey Rowland, Institute of the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family in Mel-

bourne, who is a prominent authority on the theology of Pope Benedict XVI; and Moira Mary McQueen, a Canadian-British citizen who serves as director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute at the University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto.



**Sr. Mary Prudence Allen, RSM**

# Diocesan Briefs.....

## Forty Hours Devotion continues

LAKE CHARLES -- Forty Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Lake Charles, continues through the remainder of the month.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church will each host 20 hours of devotion, on Monday and Tuesday, October 20-21, at Immaculate Heart of Mary from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day and at Sacred Heart on Wednesday and Thursday, October 22-23, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day.

The final site for the month is St. Raphael Catholic Church in Iowa from Monday through Friday, October 27-31. Times of adoration are: Monday - 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## Sapphire and Ice Gala Nov. 14

LAKE CHARLES -- The 2014 Sapphire and Ice Gala, sponsored by Knights of Peter Claver Council and Court #168, is scheduled Friday, Nov. 14, at Treasures of Marilyn, 3450 Fifth Avenue.

Deputy Grand Knight of the Order, James K. Ellis, will be the guest speaker. Tickets for the annual event are \$50 each and formal attire is required.

Proceeds from the event help with educational expenses for college-level seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles and the St. Henry Catholic Church Building Bridges Capital Campaign. At the Gala, the "Distinguished Catholic of the Year" will be announced. Pastors from the parishes of the Diocese provide nominations for the award and a special committee makes the final choice.

Previous honorees have included Mrs. Rosie Richards (2013); Herman Guidry (2012); Mrs. Cheryl Riley (2011); and Candace Prudhomme (2010).

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with a social, followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m., and dancing at 8:30 p.m.

## Two named National Merit Semifinalists

LAKE CHARLES -- Two St. Louis Catholic High School senior students - Zachary Boullt and Lauren Hammond - have been named National Merit Semifinalists in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

The pair will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 Merit Scholarship awards, worth more than \$33 million, that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists advance to the Finalist level of the competition by fulfilling several requirements. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and more than half of the finalists will be selected as Merit Scholarship winners, earning the Merit Scholar title.

## Sacred Heart opens clothing outreach

LAKE CHARLES -- Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church has opened a new outreach ministry for women in the area called "Gently Used Business & Dress Attire" This was done in anticipation of job creation and hiring due to the growth of the area in the future;

Clothes can be donated or those in need can shop free for women's business attire on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 5 to 7 p.m. at 1024 Division Street, across from the former junior high building of Sacred Heart Catholic Drexel Catholic School.

For more information, contact Deneen Sweet at gently-usedbusinessdressclothes@gmail.com

## First Friday, Saturday Devotions at Cathedral

LAKE CHARLES -- First Friday and Saturday Devotions have begun at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, according to Rev. Rommel Tolentino, pastor.

Following the First Friday 12:05 p.m. Mass, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar of the Sacred Heart for Adoration.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar of Our Lady from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. on each First Saturday, followed by Benediction and celebration of the Extraordinary Form of the Liturgy starting at 8 a.m.

## Members sought for KC Council 1207

LAKE CHARLES -- Men are being sought to become part of the revived Calcasieu Council 1207 Knights of Columbus. The council has been inactive since June 1999 and an effort to revive it continues to grow.

Men interested in being a part of the revitalization of Calcasieu Council 1207 should contact John Day at 337-274-6886 or e-mail: john.day@kofc.org.

## Masses in the Extraordinary Form

LAKE CHARLES -- The celebration of Mass in the Extraordinary Form in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conceptions takes place each Sunday at 5 p.m., at 8 a.m. on each First Saturday, and on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

## Together for Life Marriage Preparation

MOSS BLUFF -- Together for Life, a weekend marriage preparation event, sponsored by the Office of Family Life, is Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 15-16, with Saturday's events at Tabor Retreat House at Saint Charles Center and Sunday at the Diocesan Chancery, 414 Iris Street.

For more information, call 337-439-7400, Ext. 301. A registration form is available at [www.live.lcdiocese.org/forms.html](http://www.live.lcdiocese.org/forms.html).

## Bishop's Dinner for Scouting upcoming

LAKE CHARLES -- The Bishop's Dinner for Catholic Scouting Awards is set Sunday, Nov. 2, at 5 p.m. in the Hall of Knights of Columbus Council 4562 of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church on Ernest Street.

A variety of medals earned through the Religious Emblem programs of Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Camp Fire, American Heritage Scouts and others.

Some of the awards that could be presented include the Family of God, I Live My Faith, and Mary, the First Disciple for girls and Light of Christ, *Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei* and the Pope Pius XII for boys. Adult recognition for service to Scouting can come in the form of the Bronze Pelican. Bishop Glen John Provost, aided by Father Matthew Cormier, Chaplain for the Catholic Committee on Scouting, will present the awards.

## Work of Human Hands sale in December

LAKE CHARLES -- Christ the King Catholic Church is hosting a Work of Human Hands sale just in time for the Christmas season, from Saturday and Dec. 13 through Friday, Dec. 19.

On Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13-14, the sale will take place in the parish hall following each Mass. Masses are 5 p.m. on Saturday and 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. During the week, Dec. 15-19, stop by the office to shop during regular hours - Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Christ the King Catholic Church is located at 7680 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles, LA 70607, near the Lake Charles Regional Airport. Call 337-478-0213 for more information.