



Bishop's Gala orchestra celebrates Sinatra's centennial

LAKE CHARLES – The renowned Nelson Riddle Orchestra will provide a "Tribute to Frank Sinatra" at the Fourth Annual Bishop's Gala set for Saturday, Dec. 12, in the Lake Charles Civic Center, the Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Orchestra is generally considered the "World's Most Recorded Orchestra" having recorded with Frank Sinatra, Nat "King" Cole, Ella Fitzgerald, Rosemary Clooney, Peggy Lee, Jilly Jans, Dean Martin, Bobby Stinson, Linda Ronstadt and many others. The program features vocalist Bryan Anthony for a Centennial Celebration of the musical collaboration of Sinatra and Riddle, which has been called "the greatest musical marriage in American popular music." Christopher Riddle, Nelson's son, currently directs the orchestra.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for a VIP social with general admittance at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$125 each and a table for 10 is \$1,250. They can be purchased in the parishes of the Diocese, at the Chancery (414 Iris Street) and online at live.lcdioocese.org.

To buy tickets online, using your credit card or e-check, click on the "Support the Diocese" button on the front page., then click the "Bishop's Gala Tickets" link and follow the easy instructions. The patron of this year's event, on whose feast day the Gala is celebrated, is Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Special sponsorship opportunities in-

clude one 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; and special mention in the Gala Program and from the bandstand that evening; and attendance at the VIP social from 6:30 p.m. before the Gala opens to the public and includes a photograph with the Bishop. In addition, they will be honored at a special Thank You dinner on a to-be-determined date at *L'Évêché*, the Bishop's Residence.

Several other levels of sponsorship are also available – Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Crystal. Multiple numbers of these sponsorships will be offered. For information on these opportunities, please call 337-439-7400, Ext. 220.

Participation in this wonderful event provides for the continuation of the production and airing of the *Glad Tidings* television program each Sunday morning on KPLC-TV. The preparation and publication of the *Catholic Calendar* in five regional newspapers is made possible by attendance at the Gala. The website of the Diocese – live.lcdioocese.org – is maintained as well as continually upgraded through the purchase of a Gala ticket or table. The broadcast of the 9:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on two local radio stations is also made possible, in part, by the proceeds from this gala evening.



At last year's Gala, Bishop Glen John Provost played several numbers on the piano during one of the orchestra's breaks.

Bishop Provost celebrates 40th reunion with classmates

ROME – In this 40th year of his priesthood, Bishop Glen John Provost attended a reunion with his 1975 seminary classmates in the Eternal City. The event was two years in the making and the group resided at Casa O'Toole at the Pontifical North American College (PNAC) as the guest of the school's rector Msgr. James Checchio.

During the five-day event, there were numerous liturgical events with a concelbrated Mass at the Altar of the Chair in St. Peter's with Cardinal Raymond Burke, Patron of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, as the principal celebrant and Archbishop Leonard Blair of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn. as the homilist. On another occasion, the group concelebrated Mass at St. Paul-Outside-the-Walls with Cardinal James Sarvee, Archbishop of the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside-the-Walls, as the principal celebrant and Bishop Patrick Zurek, the Bishop of Amarillo, Tex. as homilist. In addition, for other Masses during the reunion, Bishop Provost was the celebrant at a Mass at the PNAC and Bishop Michael Mulvey was the homilist. On another day, Bishop Michael Cote of Norwich, Conn. was the celebrant and Father Jerry Riney was the homilist.

On Wednesday of the week, the group attended the customary audience with the Holy Father. Cardinal Burke personally requested that the Holy Father allow a photograph to be taken of the group. "The Holy Father graciously consented," Bishop Provost said. "As we departed from his presence, he turned to us as a group and very sincerely requested, 'Pray for me.' We all assured him of our prayers."

Bishop Provost noted, "There was a great deal of reminiscence, including some



Cardinal Raymond Burke, a classmate of Bishop Glen John Provost, asks Pope Francis for permission to take a group photo with all the classmates attending the September reunion celebration in Rome.

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surrounding the ordination ceremony (June 29, 1975) itself, especially what Pope Paul VI, the ordaining prelate, had said. One of these contained words addressed specifically to us prior to the ordination." The Holy Father said, "Always remember that your 'eternal service to God's holy people will be effective to the extent that your personal commitment to Jesus Christ remains strong and vital. For, in the words of St. Peter: 'Although you have never seen Him, you love Him, and without seeing, you now believe in Him and rejoice with inexpressible love.' The Pope continued, "It must always be so, if you are to fulfill the destiny to which the Lord calls you."

"Those were not just beautiful words," Bishop Provost said. "They contained signifi-

cant advice, and we were all touched deeply to remember them and to see how they had sustained us throughout our priestly lives."

On the last evening, Msgr. Checchio hosted a dinner for the class with the faculty of the North American in the Red Room of the College.

Bishop Provost pointed out that Casa O'Toole is the location of the Institute for Continuing Theological Education at the PNAC, since its beginning in 1971. "The Institute is an extraordinary opportunity for priests to study, pray and become zealous disciples of the Lord in a newer and deeper way," the Bishop said. Father Keith Pellerin, pastor of St. Philip Neri in Kinder, attended the Institute during a three-month sabbatical.



Some of the members of Bishop Provost's ordination class of 1975 are pictured above standing with the Holy Father, Pope Francis, after an audience with him. The group celebrated their 40th anniversary of ordination in Rome in September.

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Every life is worth living

By Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.
(Read more at live.lcdioocese.org)

One of the deepest desires of the human heart is to discover our identity. So often, as a society and as individuals, we identify ourselves by what we do. We base our worth on how productive we are at work or at home, and we determine

our lives to be more or less good depending on the degree of independence or pleasure. We may even begin to believe that if our lives, or those of others, don't "measure up" to a certain standard, they are somehow less valuable or less worth living.

With October as Respect Life Month, it is a fitting time

to reflect on the truth of who we are.

Our worth is based not on our skills or levels of productivity. Rather, we discover our worth when we discover our true identity found in the unchangeable, permanent fact that we are created in God's image and likeness and called to an eternal destiny with him.

Companions of Honor Memorial Mass Saturday

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate the annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Companions of Honor – those clergy, religious and laity honored by the Holy See or the Diocese of Lake Charles for their work for the Church – at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Companions that died in the past year, to be remembered in the Prayer of the Faithful, include: Willie Bargeman + June 14, 2014; Clinton Fobbs + November 9, 2014; Nettie Fontenot + November 23, 2014; Alvin Paul Weidner + December 11, 2014; Cora Hendrix + December 15, 2014; Carolyn Glynn + December 16, 2014; Earline Bacciga-

lopi + January 20, 2015; Fred Fluitt, Jr. + January 21, 2015; Amos L. Johnson + January 30, 2015; Elizabeth Gayle + February 20, 2015; Bernice Ciambotti + May 28, 2015; and Donald Brown + August 10, 2015.

A luncheon follows the liturgy in Ave Maria Hall.

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Saint Charles Center anniversary

MOSS BLUFF – "Books and Bon-Bons Open House: In Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Saint Charles Center" will be held Sunday, Nov. 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Brulet Conference Room and Dining Hall of Tabor Retreat House.

On Sunday, November 5, 1995, Saint Charles Center was dedicated by the Most Reverend Agostino Cacciavillan, Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to the United States, and the Most Reverend Jude Spyrcio, the first Bishop of Lake Charles.

Fr. Don Piraro, Fr. Whitney Miller, and other friends of the Center, will be offering a Book Sale in Brulet Conference Room. All funds from this sale are designated for the Center's Maintenance Account. During these same afternoon hours, various treats and "bon-bons" of delicious festivity will be available in the Brulet Dining Hall, along with chamber music, and enjoyable relaxation for all our welcomed guests.

"Take time on this Sunday afternoon to drive out to the Center and share in our joy and gratitude for 20 years of this anointed retreat ministry, richly blessed by our God," Father Miller said.

Pre-registration is not necessary, but much appreciated for advanced planning purposes.

Mass for Healing, Adoration Oct. 15

LAKE CHARLES – A Holy Mass and Adoration for Healing is Thursday, Oct. 15, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception 935 Bank Street beginning with Rosary and Confession at 5:30 p.m., according to Father Rommel Tolentino, pastor of the Cathedral.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrating beginning at 6 p.m. and followed by Eucharistic Exposition with Prayers for Healing at 7 p.m.

Mass for Special Needs Individuals

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate a MASS for INDIVIDUALS with Special Needs and their Families at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4, in St. Louis Catholic High School.

All denominations are invited to attend the celebration, offered as an opportunity for all to worship despite difficulty, embarrassment, or frustration. Family members and friends are welcome.

Red Mass on October 23

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will be the celebrant and homilist for the annual Red Mass set for 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 23, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Judges, attorneys, and government officials from the five civil parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles – Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis – are invited to attend. The local St. Thomas More Society, Judge Henry Yelverton Chapter, and the Diocese sponsor the event.

St. Joan of Arc bazaar slated

OBERLIN – St. Joan of Arc Church's 27th Annual Bazaar is Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1. Saturday entertainment provided by Father Edward Richard, M.S., and the Holy Mountain Bluegrass Band at 6 p.m.

No alcohol or ice chests allowed inside this family-friendly festival, which offers free admission. Call 337-639-4399 for more information.

Pro-life speaker in Jennings Oct. 4

JENNINGS – Court Mother Cabrini #1468, Catholic Daughters of the Americas present pro-life speaker and author Chad

Judice at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, October 4, in Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church.

Judice will share his on "Waiting for Eli: A Father's Journey From Fear To Faith". It was during a routine ultrasound that the Judice and his wife learned their unborn son, Eli, had the most severe form of a birth defect called spina bifida.

Following the talk, he will be in St. Mary's Center to greet those who may wish to visit. All are invited.

VOCARÉ Work Days this fall

LAKE CHARLES – This fall at Vianney House of Discernment, 1624 Bank Street, Father Nathan Long invites young men ages 16-25 to VOCARÉ Men's Work Days Saturday, October 24 and Saturday, November 28.

Schedule of the Morning: 8:30a.m., Morning Prayer; 9:00am Work; Noon, Holy Mass, followed by Lunch. Meet the residents, serve the Lord, and discern your vocation.

For more information call Nathan Long at 337-477-1434.

"Lumen Fidei" on Second Saturdays

LAKE CHARLES – Women – juniors in high school and older – welcome to join the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan, on the second Saturday of each month to discuss the Order's vocation to love as attendees discover God's particular and loving plan for their lives.

The meeting begins with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at noon and concludes at 6:20 p.m. Call 337-656-2911 or e-mail miriam.macleon@lcdioocese.org to RSVP.

Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

October 2, 2015

Seminarian Burse Endowment Challenge takes on more 'challenge'

LAKE CHARLES – The Seminarian Burse Endowment Challenge offered by the Catholic Extension Society has nearly been achieved and with that quick work comes an additional offer from Extension, according to Deacon Glen Bertrand, Director of Development.

Contributions establishing new burses and additional gifts to current burses for the challenge since January 1 now stand at the cusp of the \$50,000 goal that provides a \$25,000 contribution from Catholic Extension.

“Because we have nearly reached our goal, Extension has challenged us to raise an additional \$50,000 – using the same criteria of a contribution of at least \$1,000 – with another matching gift of \$25,000 from Extension,” Deacon Bertrand said. “The Diocese has happily taken the challenge to increase the funds that help pay for the educational expenses of our seminarians.”

The Seminary Burse Endowment is a permanent fund set aside to provide income for the education and training of future priests. The 90 current burses total \$1,687,181.03. Donors can establish a seminary burses in honor or memory of a loved one, in the name of especially well-loved priests (there are a number of these types of burses already established), or an organization with any amount of money. Additional contributions to current burses can be added at any time.

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

“With this new challenge, we have the opportunity to further enhance these funds,” Deacon Bertrand continued. “Just remember that qualifying contributions must be new or increased gifts of \$1,000 or more. Lesser donations are appreciated but they won’t qualify for the matching challenge.”

All funds must be received before December 31, 2015 to count for the matching gift.

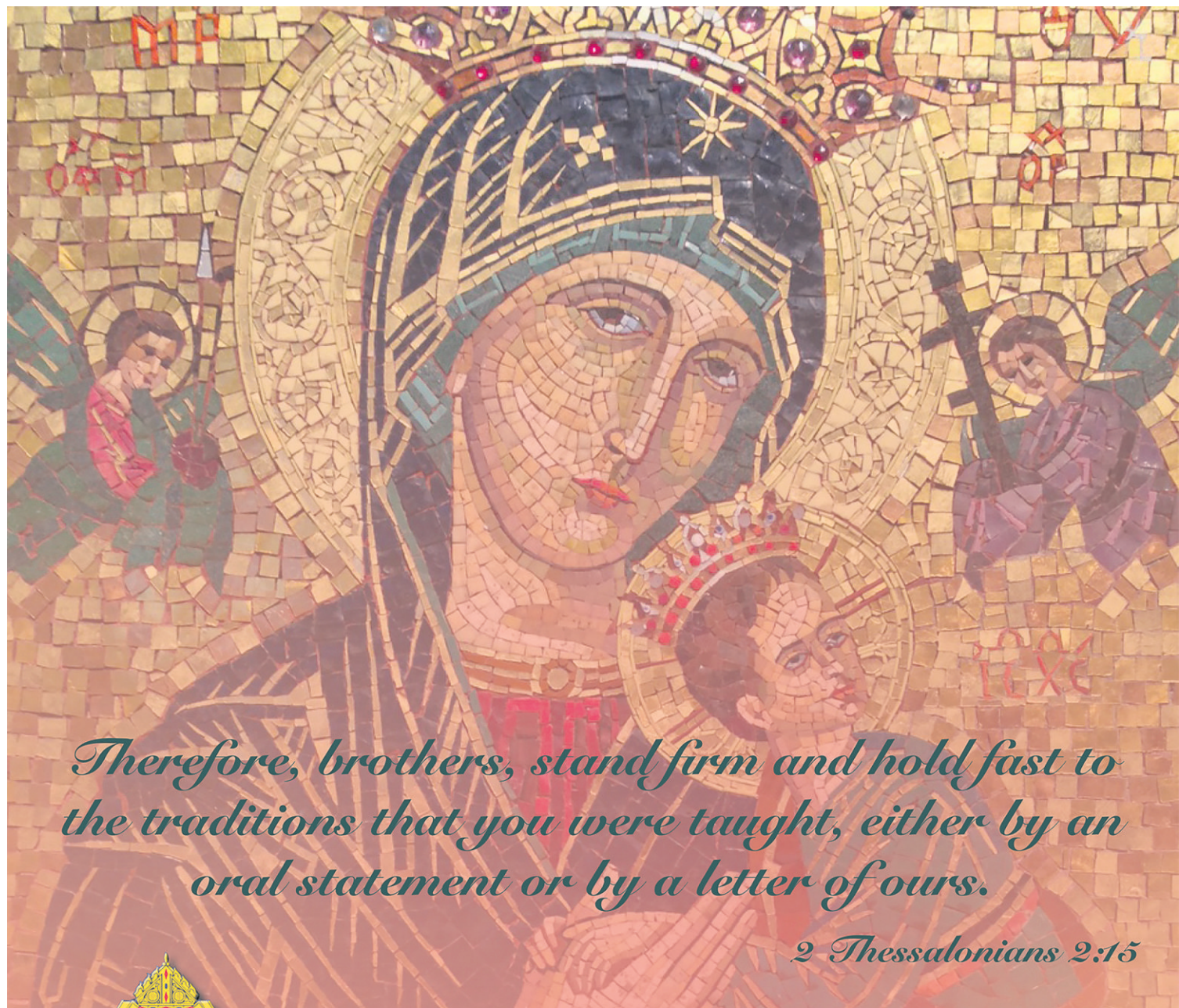
“The Diocese continues to enjoy record levels of seminarians in formation for the priesthood with 16 again this fall,” Deacon Bertrand said. “With this blessing comes the challenge of providing the necessary financial support for their studies while they are in formation. Our current costs amount to over \$600,000 per year.

“We hope that those who can will do everything possible to support the seminarians, Deacon Bertrand continued. “Catholic Extension is one of the most generous supporters of our Diocese. The Seminarian Endowment Challenge gives the Diocese another way to raise much needed funding to support our development efforts for seminarian education.”

Donors should make checks payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles and they may be sent to Deacon Bertrand or Rev. Msgr. Daniel Torres, V.G., Diocese of Lake Charles, P.O. Box 3223, Lake Charles, LA 70602-3223. Include a description of the donor’s wishes for the naming of the burse or to which current burse you want the contribution added. Please note in the memo portion of your check that the gift is for a “seminary burse.” If you would like further information, please call Deacon Glen Bertrand at 337-439-7400 or e-mail him at glen.bertrand@lcdioocese.org.

Diocese of Lake Charles Seminary Burses (90) (As of September 23, 2015)

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	\$ 5,808.00
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



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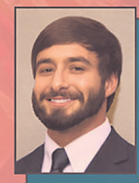
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Oberlin



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Walter Henry/Agnes Stevenson Granger	\$ 40,000.00
Edward Thomas (Tom) Cassidy	\$ 2,000.00
Mitchell Duhon	\$ 252,984.14
Joe and Janet Stoma	\$ 8,350.00
Marion Bond Courrage	\$ 1,000.00
Bill Moriarity	\$ 50.00
Dr. and Mrs. David Buttross, Jr.	\$ 11,000.00
Blessed Pope John Paul II	\$ 1,500.00
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Angela and Frank Miller	\$ 10,000.00
Rev. Charles Soileau	\$ 42,173.35
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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	\$ 19,500.00
Rev. James A. Doyle	\$ 44,963.14
Ray and Dorothy Conner	\$ 275.00
Todd and Missy Theriot Family	\$ 6,000.00
Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Bourque	\$ 57,340.74
Most Holy Trinity	\$ 3,000.00
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Maurice and Patricia Serice	\$ 2,500.00
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Nancy A. Hayes	\$ 5,000.00
Serra Club of Lake Charles	\$ 1,000.00
Jacob Louis Dietz	\$ 1,000.00
Rev. Whitney Miller, Ph.D., L.P.C.	\$ 5,400.00
Dale and Jennie Reichley	\$ 10,000.00
Benedict XVI	\$ 3,500.00
Earl and Alverdy Veron	\$ 1,000.00
Glen and Tirana Bertrand	\$ 15,000.00
Rev. James C. Miles	\$ 25,676.25
Hal, Gladys, Dotsy, and Francis Edwards	\$ 4,000.00
Leroy and Ellen Martin	\$ 10,000.00
Ray and Margaret Bertrand	\$ 3,000.00
Lester and Rubylee Roby Perez	\$ 2,525.00
The Vincent Family	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 1,687,181.03

Prayer For Priestly Vocations

Heavenly Father, the heart of your Son was moved to pity at the sight of the crowd who appeared like sheep without a shepherd. As a further sign of that divine pity, Your Son taught that we must ask You to send workers for the harvest, because the yield is abundant but the workers are few. With confidence, we make our request.

Please send, we beseech You, brave and holy priests who meet the challenges of a world that is often hostile to the message of Your Kingdom. Quickly raise up in our midst prayerful and dedicated priests who can witness to goodness, truth, and beauty through their consistent virtue, authentic teaching, and reverent worship. Kindly fill with Your grace the hearts and minds of many who would courageously answer “yes.” Gently inspire them to accept Your call so that the lonely, the ignorant and the poor may know that Your Love for them exists, that Your Son died for their sins, and that there is hope.

May Mary, the Mother of Your Son, and St. John Vianney, the Patron of Priests, be the holy advocates of our petition. All this we ask through our eternal high Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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The Most Reverend Glen John Provost

Bishop of Lake Charles

4 August 2010

Feast of St. John Vianney