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Four honored at Catholic Charities Jazz Brunch

LAKE CHARLES – Four individuals, two posthumously, were honored at the 2016 Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana Jazz Brunch for their generous contributions of self and resources to aid those most in need of assistance in Southwest Louisiana.

Posthumous awards were given to local philanthropists Russell Stutes, Sr. and Billy Navarre. Both men will be remembered in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered at Catholic Charities for one year.

ISM, in making those presentations Sr. Mary Vianney Walsh, Sr. Mary Vianney Walsh, director of Catholic Charities, talked about Stutes and Navarre.

About Stutes, she said, "He had many of the manly and gentle characteristics of St. Joseph, husband of Mary and stepfather of Jesus. He was a man of quiet virtue whose faith guided him and was the source of his strong character, which reflected his integrity in relationships and workmanship. He was successful in his business because of the quality of work performed. He taught his children to be good to people, be a forgiving and kind human being and not to focus on worldly things."

Sr. Mary Vianney said, that Navarre "leaves behind to the community of Lake Charles a legacy of benevolent giving. He provided aid to those who sought assistance for the poor, handicapped, or marginalized as well as for many youth programs and education for our youth. As a businessman, he gave back to the community. and he built people up by challenging them to not be afraid to be their best. He was a godly man who lived his faith."

His family members of Russell Stutes were present and his wife Cissy accepted the honor while Tim Broussard was present representing Billy Navarre's family, receiving the accolades from Sister and Bishop Glen John Provost.

Also honored for their continuing work aiding Catholic Charities and those in need throughout Southwest Louisiana were Ryan Bourriaque of St. Eugene Catholic Church in Grand

Chenier who received the Caritas Award, and Deacon Edward Lavine, a former director of Catholic Charities as well as former Interim Secretary for Pastoral Services and currently serving as Coordinator of Ministry, Office of Black Catholics and Prison Ministry, who was honored with the St. Peter Claver Award.

The Caritas Award goes to someone who exemplifies a life of selfless giving. The St. Peter Claver Award is for one who demonstrates a particular love for the poor.

Bourriaque, a native of Cameron Parish, was formed as a child by great-grandparents, grandparents, and his parents into a close knit Cajun community, according to Sr. Mary Vianney. He left the area to go to college and work but was drawn to return with his wife and family.

"After Hurricane Rita and later Ike, the social fabric of Cameron was stripped away," Sr. Mary Vianney said. "Bryan returned as Parish Administrator and did the work necessary to provide his children and others the opportunity to be raised in the same culture in which he was raised. He fought for the people of Cameron, fought to rebuild the communities and represented their right to return to their homes when the Federal government wanted to keep them away."

An image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which serves as a "symbol of unity among diversity," was emblazoned on the Caritas Award. Bourriaque will also have his intentions for the restoration and renewal of faith and livelihood of Cameron Parish remembered at each Mass offered at Catholic Charities until the end of April 2017.

Deacon Lavine, who celebrated 30 years of ordination as a deacon and is now in his 31st year, was honored with a Papal Blessing from the Holy Father, Pope Francis.

"He continues to celebrate these years of dedication to the church and to Sacred Heart Parish," Sr. Mary Vianney said. "He has a heart for those who are poor and those who are marginalized. He pours out every ounce of his gifts, financial means, and compassion and concern to all who approach him."

Father Keith Pellerin, pastor of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder, presented an accapella medley for the crowd's listening pleasure.

Sr. Mary Vianney also presented her annual report along with an video of the work done by Catholic Charities, including comments by staff and volunteers as well as remarks from individuals helped during the year through the aid of the organization.

Disciple table sponsors included Bishop Glen John Provost, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, Levinston Engineering, LLC, Alfred Palma LLC, Robichaux, Mize, Wadsack & Richardson, LLC, and Mrs. Cissy Stutes and Family.

Friend table sponsors included Deacon and Mrs. Glen Bertrand, Mrs. Megan Bourriaque and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Kim Bourriaque, First Federal Bank of Louisiana, Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Landry, and St. Henry Catholic Church.

Table sponsors were Industrial Refrigeration, JD Bank, Cathedral Parish Outreach Ministry, Christ the King Catholic Church, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Johnson, St. Eugene Catholic Church, St. Theodore Catholic Church, and St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church. Special sponsors were Pete and Valerie Unkel as well as Jeff Molbert.

Catholic Charities board leadership includes Stephanie Rodrigue, chair; Anthony Bartie, Deacon Glen Bertrand, Larry DeRoussel, Bianca Gonzales, Cindy McGee, Hanh Vu, and Rev. Jay Alexius. Bishop Provost and Sr. Mary Vianney served as ex-officio members of the board.

Catholic Charities staff includes Sr. Mary Vianney, director; Jessica Watson, associate/assistant director; Shirley Walker, caseworker; and Gloria Hypolite, administrative assistant.

Catholic Charities of the Sea (AOS) Louisiana is located at 1225 Second Street, just off Enterprise Boulevard in Lake Charles. The office number is 337-439-7436.

Teen leadership summer camp scheduled July 7-13

(Read more at live.lcdioocese.org)

LAKE CHARLES – The ANNUAL Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) and Advanced Christian Leadership Institute (ACLI) are set for Thursday, July 7, through Wednesday, July 13, at Camp Mary Hill, 600 Mary Hill Road, Pineville, La.

CLI and ACLI are weeklong training experiences sponsored by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles focusing on developing and sharpening leadership skills in a Christian manner that can be used in every aspect of their lives. The focus of the training includes the following:

- Effective communication skills
- Facilitation skills
- Decision making skills
- Consensus seeking skills
- Temperament

and leadership styles

- Male/female leadership styles
- Living the Catholic Faith
- Call to ministry

The training involves experiential learning and is reinforced by hands-on activities and small group challenges. The young people themselves play a part in shaping the routine activities of each day from waking up in the morn-

ing, to setting the environment and planning prayer for meals, morning and evening prayer, the evening liturgy and the evening socials. ACLI takes the skills learned at CLI and continues to sharpen the skills and planning process on a larger scale. It is an exciting and challenging experience!

Contact the Youth Ministry Office at 337-439-7400, Ext. 301 for more information.

MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE HOURS

Offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles closed Monday, May 30, in celebration of Memorial Day, will be the Chancery, the Bishop Harold Perry Building, the Office of Catholic Schools, Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana, and the Seafarers Center. The offices reopen on Tuesday, May 31, at 8:30 a.m. and observe regular office hours throughout the remainder of the week.



The 2016 Bishop's Golf Classic, which provides funding for the Seminarian Education Fund and the Priest Retirement Fund, is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 7 at the National Golf Club of Louisiana in Westlake. Last year's event netted \$33,000 for the two funds. This success was made possible by the continuing generous support of City Savings Bank and Trust Company of DeRidder and Alfred Palma LLC of Lake Charles. Pictured above are, from left, Robert "Robbie" Touchette of City Savings, Bishop Glen John Provost, Alfred Palma and James Palma of Alfred Palma LLC.

"Works of Mercy"



The theme for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, called for by Pope Francis, is "Be Merciful Like the Father." The Holy Father has encouraged everyone to perform the Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy. For their "Works of Mercy," Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Lady of the Lake #695, of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception asked parishioners of the Cathedral to donate paper products (paper towels, cups, napkins, toilet paper, Kleenex and paper plates) at each Mass during an early April weekend. The items were provided to help four homes for adults with autism located in Lake Charles. These four homes are the only homes that are specifically for adults with autism in the state of Louisiana. Pictured above, from left, are Geri Landry, President of Autism Services of Southwest Louisiana, who distributed the items among the four homes; Toby Osburn, Executive Director of Autism Services of Southwest Louisiana; and Karen Fills, Regent of Court Lady of the Lake #695.

National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners

WASHINGTON—The National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea will be celebrated on Monday, May 23. The day is observed in conjunction with National Maritime Day in the United States, which has been celebrated since 1933, to recognize merchant mariners and others in the maritime industry.

The Apostleship of the Sea Ministry is active in 48 dioceses in the country, including here in the Diocese of Lake Charles, providing pastoral outreach in nearly 53 maritime ports in 26 states with

a network of about 92 chaplains, priests, religious, deacons and lay ministers.

"In this Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis, may we bring the opportunity of encountering the mercy of God to our brothers and sisters who are seafarers, fishermen, and those whose occupations require them to spend most of the year away from their families, in the high seas, and sometimes facing dangerous situations," said Bishop J. Kevin Bolland, retired bishop of Savannah, Georgia, and Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) promoter. "They too are our

brothers and sisters with spiritual needs, may we accompany them in their joys and trials in life, so they may also grow in faith and understanding of God's love."

The National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea was designated in 2005 to encourage the faithful in the country to support, remember and pray for merchant mariners, fishermen, port personnel and those in the maritime industry.

Ninety percent of the world's goods are transported by sea and the waterways



Reverend Archimandrite Herbert May dies

LAKE CHARLES – The Reverend Archimandrite Herbert J. May, J.C.L., 64, Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Creole and Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Cameron, died Monday, May 9, 2016, in a local hospital.

He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Lafayette on Nov. 14, 1975, by The Most Rev. Gerard L. Frey, Bishop of Lafayette, in St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in Lake Charles.

His parents, Herbert J. May Sr. and Francesca Tramonte May, and a sister, Frances M. Compton predeceased him. He is survived by one sister, Phyllis May of Welsh; along with numerous cousins, including four seminarians of the Diocese of Lake Charles

A native of Lake Charles, Father May’s seminary studies came at the University of Dallas and Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, where he earned a Master of Theological Studies. He attended McNeese State University earning a Bachelor of Arts before his seminary studies. He did post graduate work at the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now ULL) gaining a Master of Arts in History and Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., graduating with a Licentiate in Canon Law.

Assignments following his priestly ordination, included as Parochial Vicar at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Eunice, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Jennings, St. Martin de Tours Parish in St. Martinville, and St. Bernard Parish in Breaux Bridge. He also served as chaplain at Bethany Nursing Home in Lafayette.

He transferred to the Diocese of Lake Charles in 1981 and assigned as Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles. He was appointed Administrator on two separate occasions of St. Mary of the Lake Parish in Big Lake and was Administrator at St. John Vianney in Bell City.

He was in residence at St. Raphael Parish in Iowa, and then St. Theodore Parish in Moss Bluff. Father May also served as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Lake Charles, and Priest in Charge of St. Joseph Parish in Welsh. He served

as pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lake Charles, and was appointed Administrator of Our Lady of Seven Dolors Parish in Welsh, then named Pastor. He served there until July 2014 when he was named to Sacred Heart and Our Lady Star of the Sea. Father May served in numerous administrative assignments in the Diocese, including Vice Officialis of the Tribunal, Director of the Tribunal, Judicial Vicar of the Tribunal, Adjunct Judicial Vicar, and Promoter of Justice of the Tribunal. He was a member of the Diocesan Personnel Board and chair of the Senate of Priests.

He served as Diocesan Chaplain of the Companions of Honor. He was a member of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem and served as a Senior Chaplain of the Order as well as having received one of the Order’s highest honors, the Companionship of Merit in the rank of Knight. He was chaplain of the Bishop Jude Speyrer Chapter of Pontifical Knights and Dames and a Knight of the Military and Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem. Father May was a member of the order of Fleur De Lis. He was appointed Grand Archimandrite of the Church of Antioch by His Beatitude Maximos V. Hakim in May 1988. Father May was a member of the Canon Law Society of America (Press Officer and Consultor); the Conference of Chancery/Tribunal Officials of the Provinces of New Orleans and Mobile (President); and the Society for the Law of the Oriental Churches.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Father May by The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles with concelebrants Reverend Monsignor Daniel Torres, Reverend Carolos Garcia, and The Very Reverend Aubrey Guilbeau in the Cathedral on Thursday, May 12. Interment was in Graceland Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home. Visitation and a Scripture Service, led by Father Garcia, was Wednesday in the Cathedral. Monsignor Torres presented the homily at the Scripture Service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to the Seminarian Education Fund or the Priest Retirement Fund for the Diocese of Lake Charles.



Mass to Avert Storms June 3 in Cameron

CAMERON -- Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate a Mass to Avert Storms beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 3, at Historic Shrine and Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron.

The Bishops of the State of Louisiana – The Province of New Orleans – have called for the day to be one of Fasting and Prayer.

The 2016 Hurricane Season begins on Wednesday, June 1, but celebrating the Mass on this particular day and time may help facilitate attendance by a greater number of the faithful, including long-time residents of Cameron that have moved away because of Hurricanes Rita and Ike.

Concelebrants will include pastors of coastal churches, including - Father Clyde Thomas of St. Eugene Catholic Church in Grand Chenier and Father Gijo Ikkaramattom, H.G.N., of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hackberry.

The faithful who make this Diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine for the liturgy could receive spiritual benefits as if they had visited the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome, due to the special affiliation the Cameron church has with the Basilica. The pilgrimage provides a plenary indulgence with the fulfillment of certain requirements, including recent confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayers for the Holy Father, and the recitation of the Creed.

This “spiritual bond” was granted by His Eminence, Santos Cardinal Abril y Castellò , the Cardinal Archpriest of the Basilica and His Eminence, Emmanuel Cardinal Montero de Castro, the Cardinal Apostolic Penitentiary following Bishop Provost’s ad limina visit in 2012.

Bishop Provost asks that everyone pray the prayer penned by the Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette, in 1957 following Hurricane Audrey.

Let Us Pray:

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**

June events scheduled at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF – Saint Charles Center’s summer schedule of programs and events opens on Thursday, June 2, with a 6:30 p.m. Camp Karol Town Hall Meeting discussing the construction of the youth ministry facility to be built on property donated to the Diocese of Lake Charles. Funds are being raised through the Return to the Lord Capital Campaign ongoing in the diocese.

“A committee of the Saint Charles Center Advisory Board has been commissioned to guide this project from architectural renderings to completion in the near future,” Father Whitney Miller, Saint Charles Center director, said. “This Camp Karol Activities Committee is hosting this gathering for any and all who might be interested in sharing recommendations and considerations for this important project.”

No meal will be served but, according to Father Miller, “sweets and treats will be enjoyed by all in attendance.” Registration is requested by calling the Center at 337-855-1232 or going to stcharlescenter.com.

“Letting Go of Resentment and Hurts...Replacing with

Forgiveness and Mercy,” will be presented by Sr. Diane Depwe on Tuesday, June 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. The suggested donation is \$20 and the deadline to register is Friday, June 10.

Fr. Miller, Sr. Camille Martinez, SEC, Judy Savoie, and Gloria Villegas will direct Private Directed Retreats from Monday, June 20 to Sunday, June 26. These are a form of silent retreat based on the spiritual exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola focusing on the personal prayer of the individual. Retreatants may choose to do three or five days. For more information and to register, you must call the Center at (337) 855-1232. Scholarship assistance available upon request.

An Introduction to the Directed Retreat will also be offered by the same group of directors from Thursday, June 23 to Sunday, June 26. This weekend provides an understanding of the prayer technique of a silent retreat, preparing the individual for the longer retreat. Registration must be done by calling 337-855-1232. No online registration is available for directed retreats or the introduction

weekend. Scholarship assistance is available upon request.

Sr. Janelle Sevier, Director of Missions for the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur will present “The Call to Mission: Giving and Receiving Mercy” on Tuesday, June 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. In this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis calls us to be particularly mindful of the “least of our brothers and sisters” both in our families but also, throughout the world. Sr. Janelle will provide stories of ministry and mission that will serve as source of inspiration and of challenge for each of those attending. The suggested donation is \$20 per person and the deadline to register is Friday, June 24.

Additional information on these events and other programs at Saint Charles Center over the summer, call 337-855-1232 or go to stcharlescenter.com.

Saint Charles Center stands as a place apart, offering an atmosphere of serenity and peace, where one can achieve spiritual renewal and growth – rediscovering life’s meaning in quiet reflection.



Deacon Robert Boxie

Lake Charles native and St. Louis Catholic High School graduate Deacon Robert Boxie is set to be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Washington, DC on Saturday, June 25, at 10 a.m. in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (upper church). A Holy Hour is Friday, June 24 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Crypt Chapel (lower church) of the Basilica, (400 Michigan Ave NE, 20017). There will be a reception immediately following the ordination. He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 26, beginning at 10 a.m. in his home parish of St. Augustine Catholic Church, 2101 15th Street, Washington, DC.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Feast of Corpus Christi May 26

LAKE CHARLES -- On Thursday, May 26, the Feast of Corpus Christi, a Solemn High Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 935 Kirby Street beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Following the Mass a Eucharistic Procession will be held through the streets surrounding the Cathedral returning to the Cathedral with a reception afterward in the Ave Maria Hall.

Family Mission at Cathedral

LAKE CHARLES -- The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception presents the Family Mission on the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Monday through Thursday, May 30 to June 2 from 6:45 to 8 p.m. daily at 935 Bilbo Street.

Johnnie Thibodeaux golf tournament set

LAKE CHARLES -- The Johnnie Thibodeaux Memorial Golf Tournament will be Saturday, June 4 at Mallard Cove in Lake Charles. Proceeds benefit the mission work of Abrazando Cristo in Nicaragua.

For registration and information, contact Johnnie Thibodeaux at 337-405-8491 or Susan Thibodeaux at 337-249-6886.

Wedding jubilee celebration set

LAKE CHARLES – The Diocese of Lake Charles Office of Family Life will sponsor the annual Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, June 5, at the 11:15 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Glen John Provost will be the celebrant.

Couples celebrating their Silver (25 years) or Gold (50

years) as well as those celebrating anniversaries in multiples of five above those years – 55, 60, 65, 70, and 75, etc. are also invited to attend.

Contact your parish church office to register by May 27.

Big Cash giveaway tickets on sale

LAKE CHARLES -- The Mission Big Cash Giveaway for Abrazando Cristo is Sunday, June 19. Only 500 tickets are being sold at \$100.00 each.

First prize is \$5,000.00; second place is \$1,000.00; and third place is \$500.00. Proceeds benefit the mission work in Nicaragua in the dioceses of Matagalpa and Granada.

Send your check payable to Abrazando Cristo Mission for the number of tickets you wish to purchase to Abrazando Cristo Mission Program, Attn: Monsignor Daniel Torres, 414 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601.