



St. Louis Catholic High School graduates 125

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LAKE CHARLES -- Bishop Glen Provost was the featured speaker of the 2016 commencement ceremonies of St. Louis Catholic High School at which 125 seniors of the school graduated on May 17 in Burton Coliseum.

Bishop Provost, assisted by Very Reverend Anthony Fontenot, school rector, and school chaplain Father Jeffrey Starkovich presented the St. Louis Awards for Fallon Nixon and Aaron Baca. The St. Louis Award goes to the male and female senior student voted as the outstanding Christian student at the school by their peers and approved by members of the faculty.

The awards, made possible by the Lake Charles Serra Club, go to the students who have shown Love of God and Neighbor, Strong Moral Character, Desire to Serve, Courage to stand up for Christian Principles, a Daily Christian Lifestyle, and Proper Use of God-Given gifts.

Along with the talk by Bishop Provost, the 2016 Valedictorian Austin Dale Crawford and Salutatorian Amanda Celina Husein also made remarks.

The total value of scholarships offered to 2016 seniors at St. Louis Catholic High School was \$4,150,069 (as of May 16, 2016). This does not include any TOPS scholarships, which will be awarded in June.

2016 seniors plan to attend the following colleges: Baylor University; Dillard University; Louisiana Tech University; Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; McNeese State University; Rhodes College; Saint Francis University; SOWELA Technical Community College; Springhill College; Texas Christian University; Tulane University; University of Arkansas; University of Louisiana Lafayette; University of Louisiana Monroe; University of Oregon; University of Tennessee; University of Texas Austin; Xavier University New Orleans.

The St. Louis Catholic High School Class of 2016 included: Rad Masse Acuff; Katelynn Michelle Adrian; Jack Thomas Aguilard; Aaron Phillip Baca; James Charles Baggett; Sophia Rose Baggett; David Wayne Bercier; Elizabeth Nicole Bercier; Kaela Rae Berlin; Christian Jade Bernard; Raegan Makenzie Borders; Jacob Paul Boullion; Julia Ann Boullit; Ellen Margaret Briley; Cody Landry Broussard; Matthew Evan Broussard; Strack Simon Brown; Michael Craig Caillouet; Juliana Marie Cain; Anna Rachelle Chermie; Logan Scott Christiansen; Nicholas Colin Cironi; Morgan Paige Clayton; Carly Elizabeth Cline; Ferguson Patrick Cochran; Joshua Aaron Combre; Lauren Nicole Conrad; Danielle Shae Courville; Ja-

cob Lee Courville; Austin Dale Crawford; Alexandra Rae Crochet; Andrew Stephen Crowe; Connor Henry Cutrera; Matthew Scott Daigle; Madison Irene Darbonne; Ruby Ann DeRouen; Chase Alexander Doumite; Kyle Joseph Duhon; Anna Carlisle Duplechin; William David Ertell; Matthew Ryan Evans; Dawson Charles Falgoust; Logan Trent Fuselier; Lauren Elizabeth Gaskin; Matthew Karl Gatson; Jordan Diane Gautreaux; Molli Elizabeth Gibson; Rikki Lynn Gilmore; Alyssa Monet Guillory; Austin Anthony Guillory; Dreylin Elijah Guillory; Anna Claire Hanks; Jacqueline Paige Hardy; Patrick Terrence Hardy Jr.; Alexandra Leigh Hebert; Kelvin Dwayne Henry Jr.; Amanda Celina Husein; Mary Jewel Faith Jenkins; Benjamin Michael Jester; Laila Grace Jones; Kennedie Clair Khoury; Adam Zachary Kimball; Olivia Laura Kjellsten; Kelsy Marie Kohnke; Coline Stuart Kramer; Breanna Nicole Labbe; Graceanne Leigh LaCombe; Jared Nile Landreaneau; Kerrigan Noel LaPointe; Kaley Lynn LaRocca; Isabella Frances LaRocque; Christopher Harrison Latil; Chase Mark LeBeau; Gavin Pierce Ducote Ledet; Matthew Spencer LeJeune; Cameron Joseph Lemonia; Eamon Patrick Leonard; Jaymon Christian Levy; Emily Claire Mack; Michael Thomas Mack; Joseph Tritico Manuel; Madeline Ann McClain; Hannah Melicia McCloskey; Murphy Tate McIntosh; McKenzie Taylor McManus; John Travis McMillian; Victoria Lynne Mead; Lucas William Meche; D'Audra Irene Metoyer; Hernando Simon Moran; Jaquelyn Payge Newell; Fallon Blake Nixon; Madeline Michele Noble; Alyssa Ann Norwood; Ryan Keogh Palermo; Laura Elizabeth Patrick; Jacob Paul Bishop Percele; Karlee Elizabeth Pittatt; Da'Sha Nicole Pitre; Brian Keith Quedan Jr.; Zachary James Richard; Alexis Janelle Rigmalden; Terrell Jacolby Rodriguez; Hunter Austin Romero; Isaiah Christopher Roy; Jacobo Santacoloma; Gabrielle Ann Saucier; Hannah Beth Schwartzburg; Stone Bisseth Sikich; Leah Catherine Sims; Blake Emmett Sockrider; Evan Blake Soileau; Shayla Christian Stevens; Jacob Paul Stewart; Carter Andrew Sutton; Malia LaNae' Thigpen; Isaac Paul Thomas; Rhea Francis Thompson; Isaac Andrew Tyler; Alec John Verrett; Harrison Dean Veuleman; Tyler Calvin Washington; Logan Layzell Watkins; Morgan Mae Wilder; Emily Danni Williams; Rachael Elizabeth Willis; Madelin Turk Wilson; Nicholas James Young; and Keming Zhang.

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Bishop Glen John Provost, center, stands with this year's winners of the St. Louis Award -- Aaron Baca, Fallon Nixon - along with the Very Reverend Anthony Fontenot, St. Louis rector, and Father Jeffrey Starkovich, St. Louis chaplain, at the graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2016 on May 17 in Burton Memorial Coliseum. One hundred twenty-five students received diplomas.

Registration, recertification for monthly food distribution

LAKE CHARLES -- Dates for registration and recertification of both new and current clients recipients of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana Second Harvest Food Bank have been announced.

Dates (from 10 a.m. to noon each day) to complete the process for last names ending in A-D is Tuesday, June 14; last names ending in E-J on Wednesday, June 15, last names ending in K-P on Thursday, June 16; and last names ending in Q-Z on Friday, June 17.

Anyone unable to attend dates above can register/recertify on Friday, June 17, from 10 a.m. to noon.)

All clients must bring the following items to register/recertify to receive food:

- Picture ID for each adult in the Household
- Social Security card for each person in the Household
- Proof of one month's income for the household: Food Stamp letter, SSI, TANF, Social Security, Child Support Letter, Retirement, Unemployment, Veterans Benefits, Payroll Checks
- Proof of residency- a utility bill
- Proof of the number of persons in the Household

Other resource contacts include: Second Harvest Food Bank Benefits 1-855-392-9338 - Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for help with SNAP (Food Stamps), CCAP, TANF, Kinship Care, Child Support, referrals to closest food pantry.

Food for seniors 60 years of age and older, contact Calcasieu Parish Human Services Department at 721-4020 and ask for Wendy. Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Allen P. August Multi-Purpose Annex, 2000 Moeling St., Lake Charles, LA or call 1-800-522-3333 Ext. 9666 to register.

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. today, June 3, at the 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 this day to be one of Fasting and Prayer.

Decree of Announcement of Pastoral Assignments



I, The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, hereby announce the pastoral assignments for the Year Two thousand and Sixteen for the Diocese of Lake Charles, Louisiana:

Effective Immediately:

Rev. Vincent Vadakkedath Administrator, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Creole and Our Lady Star of the Sea, Cameron

Effective July 1, 2016:

The following retire from parochial ministry:

- Rev. Marshall Boulet
- Rev. Monsignor James Gaddy
- Rev. Monsignor Ronald Groth
- Rev. Roland Vaughn

Effective July 1, 2016:

- Rev. Richard "Uche" Adiukwu Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lake Charles
- Rev. Babasino Fernandes Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Creole, and Our Lady Star of the Sea, Cameron
- Rev. Jay Alexius Pastor, Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Arthur
- Rev. Msgr. Daniel A. Torres Pastor, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles and Continues as the Vicar General for Diocese of Lake Charles. Completes his service as Director of the Office of Vocations. Completes his service as Director of the Office of Hispanic Ministries.
- Rev. Jeffrey Starkovich Pastor, St. Henry, Lake Charles and Director of the Office of Vocations.
- Rev. William Miller Resigns as Pastor of St. Joseph, Elton and Continues as Pastor of St. Lawrence, Raymond
- Rev. Jose Vattakunnel, Pastor, St. Paul and St. Joseph, Elton
- Rev. Jenesh Joseph, HGN, Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Oakdale
- Rev. Rojo Koonathan, HGN, Resigns as Pastor of St. Joseph, Welsh and begins his service as Pastor, St. Charles Borromeo, Fenton and St. John the Evangelist Mission, Lacassine
- Rev. Vincent Vadakkedath, Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Jennings and Pastor, St. Joseph, Welsh
- Rev. Aravind Minz, HGN, Parochial Vicar, St. Henry, Lake Charles
- Rev. Peddoju Vijaya Prakash, HGN Parochial Vicar, St. Margaret, Lake Charles
- Reverend Deacon Josue Canelo, Director, Office of Hispanic Ministries

Signed by our hand and that of our Chancellor, given on this 17th day of the month of May in the Year of our Lord, 2016.

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

Rev. Deacon George Stearns
Chancellor

Veritas Conference Sept. 10

LAKE CHARLES -- The annual Veritas Conference, sponsored by the Office of Adult Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles, is Saturday, Sept. 12, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. in St. Louis Catholic High School with Dr. Edward Sri as the keynote speaker.

Registration fees are \$25 without lunch, if paid by August 26; \$30 with lunch if paid by August 26; and \$40 without lunch, if paid August 27 or later. Registration forms can be picked up at 411 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601. A check payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles for the appropriate fee must accompany the returned form. Registration and payment can also be done on the website of the diocese - live.lcdioocese.org - under the Event Registration icon and clicking the Veritas Conference link. Call 337-439-7400, Ext. 308 for more information.

Dr. Sri is a theologian, author and nationally-known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN. He has written several Catholic best-selling books, including A Biblical Walk through the Mass (Ascension Press) and is the author and presenter of a new video-based Bible study called Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother (Ascension Press). He currently serves as professor of theology and Vice President of Mission and Outreach at the Augustine Institute in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Sri is a frequent leader with Curtis Martin of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). He also is the host of a new 20-part video series on the Catholic faith called Symbolon.

He leads pilgrimages to Rome and the Holy Land and regularly speaks at Catholic par-

ishes, conferences, and diocesan catechetical congresses. He holds a doctorate from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome and resides with his wife Elizabeth and their seven children in Littleton, Colorado.

Registration is from 7:30 a.m. - 8:25 a.m. with the celebration of Holy Mass and welcome from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. with a 15 minute break following Mass.

Dr. Sri's keynote - Merciful Like the Father is from 9:50 a.m. - 11:10 a.m. followed by breakout session one with four topics to choose from.

Lunch goes from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. and includes exhibits. Confession will also be available during this time.

The second break out session goes from 1:40 p.m. - 2:40 p.m. and offers seven possible topics. At 2:45 p.m. everyone is dismissed for Adoration followed at 3:00 p.m. for the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3:20 p.m.

Breakout session 1 offers Love them to Heaven-Katie Prejean McGrady; The Mercy of our Heavenly Father-Father Whitney Miller; Purgatory and Indulgences: Consequences of God's Mercy-Father Rommel Tolentino; and Love Unveiled: Rediscovering the Heart of our Catholic Faith- Dr. Sri.

Breakout session 2 offerings are: The Joy of Love-Rickard Newman; Mercy in the Home-Blaine and Denise Wyninger; Let's be Sheep-Milissa Thibodeaux; Why not the Whole Truth-Katie Prejean McGrady; Extending Mercy to Students who Challenge Us-Sister Mary Elizabeth Ann McCullough, RSM; Teaching in order to lead to the Confessional-Cay Gibson; and RCIA Team Building-Alison Fontenot and Mary Beth Conner.

June at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF -- June events at Saint Charles Center include "Letting Go of Resentment and Hurts...Replacing with Forgiveness and Mercy," with Sr. Diane Depwe on Tuesday, June 14 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The suggested donation for the event is \$20 and the deadline to register is Friday, June 10.

Fr. Whitney Miller, Sr. Camille Martinec, SEC, Jean-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.



Dinners move Capital Campaign into full swing

Building on the planning study and successful, initial planning phases, the diocese's \$16 million, *Return to the Lord* Capital Campaign is nearly in full swing.

Parish leaders and campaign volunteers from the five parishes involved in the first of three waves of parish fundraising met with Bishop Glen John Provost on May 10 at St. Henry in Lake Charles and on May 18 at St. Theodore in Moss Bluff. Nearly 150 attended each dinner to hear more about the campaign and ask the Bishop and Deacon Glen Bertrand, Director of Stewardship and Development for the diocese, any questions.

At St. Henry, Bernard and Dolores Beaco, longtime supporters of the parish as well as the diocese, noted they, "Think it is a wonderful idea for the diocese. Each of the suggested projects has great need."

Mr. Beaco said, "I definitely like the idea of including the individual parishes in the contributions. The information presented was very thorough. I hope the people of the diocese respond favorably to this cause. We do intend to be a part of this campaign."

After each meal, a video was shown detailing the campaign goals. Bishop Provost began his remarks in Moss Bluff by thanking those volunteers who are helping the campaign succeed at their parish and to the parishioners attending in order to learn more. "Everyone's help is needed", the bishop said, "if we are going to be successful in this effort."

Before asking any laity to support this campaign with their financial gifts and pledges, Bishop Provost shared that he initially asked his fellow priests to support the campaign. Bishop Provost challenged his priests to raise the first \$100,000 of the \$3.2 million sought to support and enhance the priest retirement fund. If they did that, he added, he would match fifty cents of every dollar of their gifts. To date, the clergy have answered this call and have pledged \$200,000, with several holding back until their parishes begin fundraising this year.

"Now, I told them, I am still only matching the first \$100,000 in pledges," Bishop Provost said, drawing a laugh from the crowd. "They really wanted to make this a sacrifice for me."

Monthly pledge amounts spanning three years or longer have been encouraged. Money coming into the campaign will be distributed semi-annually to programs and efforts targeted for the campaign, including parish projects, restoration work at the Cathedral, the priest retirement and seminary funds and ministry efforts.

"This is the largest charitable donation I have ever made in my life" the bishop continued "and I hope people see this campaign as an invitation to do something special for our diocese, not only today, but something that will be lasting for many years to come."

Johnny and Perky Janese, parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church – another parish involved in the pilot wave of the campaign – and in the crowd at St. Henry had known something about the reason for the dinner, particularly as it related to the Cathedral.

"I knew the Bishop was going to ask for money to help with the Cathedral, he said. "I did not feel like the whole Diocese should foot the bill. Each church parish is responsible for their church, plus each church is taxed by the Diocese. After hearing the Bishop speak and watching the video, I was better informed and support the campaign."

"The video was very good," he continued. "The idea that we could specify the percentages to each campaign is really good. Of the pillars of the campaign, talked about in the video,

I thought Camp Karol was great. We lose so many young people to other faiths. I think affiliating Camp Karol with Saint Charles Center is good also, because many of our Catholics know little or nothing about the retreat center. This calls attention to it in a positive light."

The campaign is beginning with a pilot wave of five parishes that were invited to the kick-off dinners. The diocese hopes these parishes will provide a solid start to the campaign. The remaining 34 parishes will begin their campaigns later this year, with their own kick-off dinners and campaign activities.

"The response early on has been tremendous," said Deacon Glen Bertrand, director of the Office of Stewardship and Development. "And an impact already is being made by the campaign as we see the first five parishes coming together and having conversations about their faith and getting more done at their parish."

At St. Theodore, Bishop Provost said the campaign's ultimate goal is bringing people closer to Christ - through strengthening our priests, parishes and ministries.

"I am the diocesan pastor," the bishop said. "My chief hope and desire for this campaign is we will draw closer to Jesus Christ" and "return ourselves and others to His love".

Frank Foitek, a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in DeRidder, attended the St. Theodore event. "I knew a bit about the campaign already, but the talk at the dinner by Bishop Provost along with the video were very informative and clarified items for me. I was raised Catholic and have been here in DeRidder since late 50s early 60s and I think such a campaign for our diocese is overdue."

Many others commented at both events that while the entire amount being sought from the people of the diocese as a whole seemed large, the plan for the success of the campaign was well thought out. One attendee from St. Theodore who did not want to be named said, "We all just need to pray and do what we think is right and trust Lord will provide for us!"

The *Return to the Lord* Capital Campaign is a landmark effort to raise \$16 million for priests, parishes and ministries. Each parish will take part in the campaign in one of three waves and each has been provided information on their individual start date. More information about the campaign is available through your parish church or the diocesan Stewardship and Development Office at 337-439-7400.

The campaign will work through parish waves – a pilot wave continuing through July at five parishes then two additional waves – with preparation and implementation running May to October for the first wave and June to November for the second.

Campaign goals announced for the Return to the Lord effort include: Priest Retirement Fund: \$3.2 million; Seminary Education Fund: \$3.2 million; Parish Share: \$3.2 million (approximate). *Parishes receive 20 percent of funds raised for the projects and programs they identify at their parish. After meeting their campaign goal, they receive 80 percent of campaign contributions;* Restoration of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception: \$2.4 million; Camp Karol of Saint Charles Center: \$1.6 million; Catholic Charities: \$800,000; and unfulfilled intentions, campaign costs: \$1.6 million.



More than 300 people attended the two Pilot Wave kick-off dinners for the Return to the Lord Capital Campaign held at the churches of St. Henry and St. Theodore recently. In photo 1, Bishop Glen John Provost speaks to the people about the various aspects of the campaign and how important the three "pillars" of the effort – priests, parishes, and ministries – are to the future of the Diocese of Lake Charles. In photo 2, Father John Huckaby, pastor of St. Theodore Catholic Church, opens up the evening with a rousing introduction. The five pilot parishes are St. Henry, Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Theodore, St. Joseph (DeRidder) and St. Pius X (Ragley).

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2016 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

Center for Catholic Studies Fall courses

LAKE CHARLES – Fall semester courses offered at the Center for Catholic Studies held in the Catholic Student Center at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church begin Sept. 6 and Sept. 8, respectively.

Theology 280: Catholic Moral Principles is a three credit hour course taught by Rev. Edward Richard, M.S., that presents the development of Christian moral principles with a focus on theological and cardinal virtues,

as well as the morality of happiness. The application of the Catholic Church's moral teaching to everyday life and relationships is a central topic of discussion. Fr. Richard will teach the course on Thursdays, beginning September 8 at a time to be determined.

Theology 290: Pastristics is to be taught by Rev. Ruben Buller on Tuesdays, beginning on September 6 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. In this three credit hour course, the student will

see the thought of the Catholic Church throughout the early centuries of the Church in what is called the Age of the Church Fathers (Patristic Age). Theological development will be considered as well as the presentation of different types of ecclesial thought and genres of writing

For new student there is a one-time fee of \$15.00 and a course fee of \$225. The course may be audited for a fee of \$90.

Registration forms are

available through the Diocese of Lake Charles - Office of Religious Education, and on the web at www.lcdioocese.org. Just click on Forms on the front page Main Menu, scroll to the Center for Catholic Studies section to access the registration form and the two-page application form.

Deadline for registration is August 5. For more information, contact the Diocese of Lake Charles, Office of Religious Education for Susan Borgman at 439-7400, Ext. 309.

Diocesan Briefs.....

"Beat the Heat" program in place

LAKE CHARLES -- The annual "Beat the Heat" Air Conditioning Program of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana began on June 1.

A window air conditioning unit will be provided and installed to households with individuals who are over 65 or who are disabled and in need of an air conditioner.

Call Catholic Charities at 337-439-7436 for information and assistance.

Our Lady Immaculate Principal named

LAKE CHARLES -- Linda W. Bard of Kinder has been appointed principal of Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings, according to a release from the Office of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Bard is a parishioner of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder. She is a graduate of McNeese State University with a B.S. in Biology Education and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. A 32-year veteran of the public education system, Bard served as a classroom/lead teacher for 16 years and as a school administrator (principal and assistant principal) for 13 years.

For the last three years she has worked as curriculum supervisor in the areas of early childhood programs and K-12 science in the Jefferson Davis Parish School system.

According to Bard, she "looks forward with great anticipation to working with Father Charles McMillin of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings as well as with the families, children, and faculty of Our Lady Immaculate School."

Audrey Assad presentation June 18

LAKE CHARLES -- Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church and St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church present Audrey Assad's "Live Praise and Worship Music" plus her "Real Deliverance" testimony – a witness to freedom from pornography addition on Saturday, June 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, 3939 Lake Street.

Tickets open at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 each and available at the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church office, 617 W. Claude Street and at the St.

Martin de Porres Church office, 5495 Elliott Road.

Proceeds benefit Evangelization ministries of the two churches. Ages 12 years old and up suggested.

St. Margaret summer basketball camp

LAKE CHARLES -- The saint Margaret "little hoopsters" basketball camp is Monday through Thursday, June 20th to June 23rd from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily for boys and girls six to nine years old or entering grades first through fourth while the hi-hoops camp for boys and girls ages 10 to 13 or entering the fifth through eighth grade is Monday through Thursday, June 27th to June 30th from 8 a.m. to noon. All sessions take place in the Saint Margaret Family Life Center.

Fees are \$50 for a single camper, \$90 for two campers and \$130 for three campers.

Call Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church at 439-4585 or camp director Brandon Simon at 853-5074 for more information along with registration and release forms.

Marriage Preparation class in August

LAKE CHARLES – Openings for the Saturday, August 20, Marriage Preparation class offered by the Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles remain.

The class is held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Chancery of the Diocese, 414 Iris Street. Registration is \$100, which includes the Prepare/Enrich online assessment, lunch, and materials. Registration and payment can be achieved online at live.lcdioocese.org by clicking the Event Registration button, then the Marriage Preparation link.

A registration form can also be printed by going to Marriage Preparation under the forms link on the website.

Big Cash giveaway tickets on sale

LAKE CHARLES -- The Mission Big Cash Giveaway for Abrazando Cristo will be Sunday, June 19 and 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.

To purchase a ticket, send your check payable to Abrazando Cristo Mission for the number of tickets you wish to purchase at \$100.00 each and mail to Abrazando Cristo Mission

Program, Attn: Monsignor Daniel Torres, 414 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601. The ticket stub(s) will be mailed back to you.

"Praying as a Family" Workshop

LAKE CHARLES -- "Praying as a Family" Workshop - presented by the Nashville Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia is Saturday, July 9 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church.

There is no fee though a love offering will be collected. Registration is needed, including the ages of children attending. Go to olqh.org to register or call Felicia at 337-477-1236 to register and for more information.

Bereavement Workshop at St. Martin de Porres

LAKE CHARLES -- A Catholic Journey through grief is set for August 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Granger Vincent Complex, South 5326 Elliott Road, Lake Charles LA

Fee of \$30 includes supplies, snacks and lunch. Checks should be made payable to St. Martin de Porres. Register by calling Sue at 337-478-3845. Deadline is August 22.

The retreat will be led by Joan Broussard, a trained spiritual director.

Inaugural priests vs. seminarians kickball game

LAKE CHARLES – The inaugural Bishop's Invitational Kickball Summer Classic, sponsored by the Serra Club of Lake Charles, will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Power Center Ball Field on Gerstner Memorial Highway (U.S. Hwy 14).

The game will pit a team composed of Diocesan Priests, captained by Rev. Msgr. Daniel Torres, V.G. against a team of diocesan seminarians, captained by seminarian Trey Ange for at least a \$1,000 prize. The priests will be playing for the Priest Retirement Fund while the seminarians will play for the Seminary Burse Fund.

The event is held in coordination with The St. Louis Foundation, St. Louis Catholic High School, local Knights of Columbus and local Catholic Daughters

There is a \$10 donation for adults with children getting in free.