



## 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 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: Pastrics* 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 students, 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.lcdiocese.org](http://www.lcdiocese.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.

The Center for Catholic Studies is made possible by an articulation agreement between McNeese State University and Our Lady of Holy Cross College (OLHCC). The Diocese of Lake Charles facilitates coursework in theology offered on site through Holy Cross, which is SACSCOC accredited. Courses therefore may transfer as liberal arts credits and depending upon a student's degree program, the credits may be used to fulfill elective degree requirements. McNeese students are encouraged to speak with their advisor to find out what works best for them.

Center for Catholic Studies courses are available for credit or audit and may be taken by college students or any interested lay faithful meeting enrollment requirements.



Three seminarians of the Diocese of Lake Charles, all who will be attending the Pontifical North American College in the fall, were accepted to Candidacy for Holy Orders during the 12:05 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, June 15, by Bishop Glen John Provost. The three were Joseph Caraway of St. John the Evangelist Church in Lacassine, Andrew DeRouen of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles, and Levi Thompson of St. Theodore Church in Moss Bluff. After being called forward by Monsignor Daniel Torres, director of seminarians and vocations, for examination by Bishop Provost, the bishop asked them the questions, "In response to the Lord's call are you resolved to complete your preparation so that in due time you will be able to be ordained for the ministry of the Church?" as well as "Are you resolved to prepare yourselves in mind and spirit to give faithful service to Christ the Lord and his body, the Church?" The three answered "I am" to each of the questions. The Bishop then accepted the men to candidacy, saying, "The Church receives your declaration with joy. May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment." The Admission to Candidacy offers candidates for ordination the opportunity to publicly express their intention to receive ordination as a Deacon and perhaps later as a Priest. The aspirant composes beforehand and then signs and dates before the start of the rite in the presence of the Bishop a declaration stating his conscious intention to serve others in the Spirit of Compassionate Presence as an ordained cleric and is making this intention freely on his own accord. The Bishop also signs and dates this declaration, attesting acknowledgement of receipt thereof in the name of the Church. Other diocesan seminarians took part in the Mass, including Samuel Bond serving as Master of Ceremonies and Eric Gruspier, seen holding Book of Rites as the Bishop reads in the photo.

## LC native Deacon Gerard Jordan to be ordained

PAOLI, Penn. – Rev. Canon Gerard Jordan, O. Praem., a native of Lake Charles, will be ordained a priest of the Order of Canons Regular of Prémontré, on Saturday, July 9, in the Abbey Church of Daylesford Abbey, by The Most Reverend Michael Fitzgerald, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The Norbertine Order was founded in 1121 by St. Norbert in the French village of Prémontré. The Norbertine charism is one of common life, prayer and ministry marked by fostering peace, healing and reconciliation.

Deacon Jordan grew up in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and is the grandson of the late Mrs. Eva and Lloyd Pitre, founding members of Immaculate Heart of Mary. His parents are the late Mrs. Leola and Frank Jordan. A sister, Mrs. Altha Jordan Green, remains a parishioner of Immaculate Heart.

He attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School with the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, graduated in 1981 and continued his Catholic education at St. Louis Catholic High School, graduating in 1985.

Recent assignments of internal ministries at Daylesford Abbey are: Assistant Vocation Director and Assistant Development Director; while participating in an external ministry of evangelization in a South Philadelphia local parish.

He was appointed Special Assistant to the Bishop and Diocesan Postulator for the Cause of the Canonization for Servant of God, Father Augustus Tolton on April 1, 2013. In November of 2014, the Tolton Ambassador Initiative was created, which is Phase Two of the Cause, and was elevated to the Promoter of the Cause for the Tolton Ambassador



Rev. Canon Gerard Jordan, O. Praem

Programs around the USA by the Petitioner of the Cause, Archbishop Francis Cardinal George and the Postulator of the Cause, Bishop Joseph N. Perry. Serving as a consultant to those lay formation programs that would like to start the Cause in their area.

He became an aspirant to religious life in 2005, a postulant at Daylesford Abbey in 2007, a novice in 2009, took simple (temporary) vows of Poverty, Chastity, Obedience, Stability, and Service in 2011, Solemn (final) Vows in 2014, and was ordained a Deacon and a Canon Regular in 2015.

His First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving will be in the Monastery on Sunday, July 10 with The Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, as Homilist.

His First Mass of Thanksgiving Outside of the Monastery is to be Sunday, July 17, at 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lake Charles with The Most Reverend Dominic Carmon, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of New Orleans, as Homilist.

LAKE CHARLES – The annual Veritas Conference, sponsored by the Office of Adult Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles, is Saturday, Sept. 10, 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. Pickup registration forms 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.lcdiocese.org](http://live.lcdiocese.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 founding 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 parishes, 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



Dr. Edward Sri

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.

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 Thibodaux; How to teach the Whole Truth-Katie Prejean McGrady; E x -tending 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 Fontana and Mary Beth Conner.



The Offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed on Monday, July 4, in celebration of the 240th anniversary of the birth of the United States of America. Offices reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 5, with normal business hours the remainder of the week.



The annual United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Fortnight for Freedom culminates in the Diocese of Lake Charles on Saturday, July 2, with the celebration of Mass at 5 p.m. in the Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur with Father Edward Richard, M.S. as homilist. Fortnight activities began last week with the showing of the PBS video – *First Freedom: The Fight for Religious Liberty* – in the Father Egidio Vecchio Hall. Before the airing, those in attendance, shown above, prayed the Patriotic Rosary. This Rosary dedicates one Hail Mary in the traditional rosary to each state of the United States and asks God's protection of and guidance for our country. The Patriotic Rosary includes intentions to the three branches of our government and our elected officials before each of the decade, and a quotation from a historic American leader such as George Washington is read after reciting of the each mystery. Another video presentation – *Freedom, The Family, and the U.S. Supreme Court* – aired last Wednesday in Vecchio Hall.





## Solemnity of Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession



Rev. D.B. Thompson, parochial vicar of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur, was the celebrant of a Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Thursday, May 26, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception celebrating the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Rev. Rommel Tolentino, pastor of the Cathedral and Rev. Luke Krzanowski, M.S., pastor of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus in Carlyss took part. A Eucharistic Procession, held to build up the Kingdom of God, went through the streets of downtown Lake Charles - out the doors of the Cathedral, then north on Bilbo, west on Division, south on Ryan, East on Kirby, to Bilbo and then returning to front doors of the Cathedral. In photo 1, not even a steady drizzle of rain could stop the procession, which was led by young girls spreading rose petals on the street, followed by Deacon Chris Fontenot carrying the cross and Father Thompson carrying the Holy Eucharist. Those in attendance at the Mass brought up the rear. In photo 2, a small altar at the corner of Division and Ryan streets, provides a location for the Holy Eucharist to be incensed and for prayers to be recited. The Church still teaches of the importance of Eucharistic Processions with the words of St. John Paul II to guide us: "The devout participation of the faithful in the Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ [Corpus Christi] is a grace from the Lord which yearly brings joy to those who take part in it."

## Return to the Lord website launched

LAKE CHARLES -- The Diocese of Lake Charles capital campaign - *Return to the Lord* - continues in many parishes of the diocese and now it is even easier to find information about this historic effort, its goals and objectives by clicking on the new website - [campaign.lcdioocese.org](http://campaign.lcdioocese.org).

The website provides listing of the goals of the campaign in addition to a dropdown menu of campaign benefits, the ability to watch a 10 minute campaign video - in either English or with Spanish subtitles.

Information on the many ways provided for someone to contribute or to get more information for a special gift. In addition, the names of those men and women - clergy, religious and laity - of the diocese who play key leadership roles in the campaign are listed.

Visitors have the ability to download a number of files and forms, including the campaign case statement, a pledge form, the Diocese of Lake Charles campaign prayer, a spiritual needs assessment, and a brochure for volunteers. The success of Return to the Lord will put the diocesan Priest Retirement fund into a stronger financial position so



## Men's, women's breakfast, luncheon schedule announced

LAKE CHARLES -- The first of Bishop Glen John Provost's new cycle of Men's Prayer Breakfasts and Ladies Prayer Luncheons will be Friday, Sept. 2 and Wednesday, Sept. 7, respectively, in Ave Maria Hall of the office complex of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The scriptural topic for the year's programs is St. Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Men should call 337-439-7400 to register while women should send a check in the amount of \$15, payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles, to Gaynell Carrier, 414 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601, to register. A stamped self-addressed envelope should be included with payment.

Breakfasts begin at 7 a.m. and are preceded by the celebration of the Mass at 6:30 a.m. in the Cathedral. The luncheons begin at noon. Breakfasts are on the Fridays of September 2, October 7, November 4, January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, and May 5. Luncheons are on the Wednesdays of September 7, October 5, November 2, January 4, February 1, March 8, April 5, and May 3.

There are no breakfast or luncheon events in December.

## World Youth Day in Diocese set July 30

LAKE CHARLES -- The Diocese of Lake Charles World Youth Day event is Saturday, July 30, at St. Louis Catholic High School with music by the Josh Blakesley Band as well as talks by Blakesley, Tommy McGrady, and Katie Prejean McGrady.

Numerous activities scheduled throughout the day include a prayer chapel for Adoration, available Confession, lunch provided, and snacks - candy, chips, snow cones, and popcorn, etc., available at a concession stand throughout the day.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. with the event starting at 10 a.m. and concluding between 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Cost is \$20.00 per person or \$50.00 per family and tickets available at 411 Iris Street. Call 337-439-7400 for additional information.

that a dignified retirement can be provided for our priests, those men who have given up their lives to serve the Lord and the people of Southwest Louisiana.

In addition, it will increase the diocese's ability to ensure a vocation to the priesthood is an affordable option for quality young men called into the Lord's service.

The "Parish Share" will enable the parishes to invest in facilities and programs to improve the quality of everyone's Catholic experience. Twenty percent of contributions to the campaign up to a parish's goal are returned to the parish and after reaching goal, 80 percent of the donations received over the goal remain in the parish to continue to aid the church community.

Strengthening and fortifying the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will provide for this foundation and symbol of the Faith in Southwest Louisiana to stand proud and vibrant for another 100 years.

The construction of Camp Karol of Saint Charles Center will provide the ability and resources to pass on a dynamic faith to children and youth for generations to come.

The campaign is being conducted in segments throughout the diocese. If you have not heard very much about it in your parish, check with your pastor or the parish staff about when it will start in your church.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Abrazando Cristo fundraisers successful

LAKE CHARLES -- Fundraisers of the Abrazando Cristo Mission Program were successful over the last month with the Big Cash Giveaway bringing a net of \$43,500, according to Msgr. Daniel Torres.

First prize of \$5,000 went to ticket number 0334, second prize of \$1,000 was won by ticket number 0072, and the \$500 third prize was won by ticket number 0331.

The Johnnie Thibodaux Memorial Golf Tournament also brought in \$21,000.

### St. John Mission fundraiser July 23

KINDER -- Family and Friends of St. John the Evangelist Mission in Lacassine will hold a social gathering fundraiser on Saturday, July 23, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Koasati Pines Golf Course.

Live and silent auctions are scheduled with heavy hors d'oeuvres to be served.

Proceeds will benefit the church's effort to raise money to build a church hall/religious education building.

Call Paul at 337-526-5475 or Cindy at 337-912-8455 for tickets and more information.

### Positions open in Catholic schools

LAKE CHARLES -- The Office of Catholic Schools is announcing the following available position for the 2016-2017 school year:

Our Lady's School in Sulphur is also seeking applications for the position of Guidance Counselor/Curriculum Coordinator. Application forms are available at [olcs.org](http://olcs.org) and should be mailed to Our Lady's School, Attention: Principal, 1111 Cypress Street, Sulphur, LA 70663.

### Trey Ange diaconate ordination

LAKE CHARLES -- Trey Ange, a native of Lake Charles and

a third-year theology seminarian at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans is to be ordained to the transitional diaconate, the penultimate step to priestly ordination, on Wednesday, August 10 at 6 p.m. in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church.

Bishop Glen John Provost will be the ordaining prelate.

### "Beat the Heat" program

LAKE CHARLES -- The annual "Beat the Heat" air-conditioning program of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana continues.

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.

### Marriage Preparation class in September

LAKE CHARLES -- Openings for the Saturday, September 17, 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](http://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.

### "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](http://olqh.org) to register or call Felicia at 337-477-1236 to register and for more information.

### Vocation Discernment Retreat scheduled

LAKE CHARLES -- *Quo Vadis Days*, an encounter with Jesus Christ for young men seeking to know God's will for their lives that is sponsored by Diocese of Lake Charles, is Sunday, July 31 to Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Chicot State Park, near Ville Platte.

Contact Father Nathan Long at 337-477-1434 for information or registration forms. Forms may also be picked up at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 221 Aqua Drive in Lake Charles or the Diocesan Office at 414 Iris Street for this Vocation Discernment Retreat.

### "Sorting the Fish" set for July 30

LAKE CHARLES -- "Sorting the Fish," a Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Day of Learning is July 30 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Diocese of Lake Charles Chancery.

Jim Schellman, the former executive director of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate, will lead the day as he explains the difference between candidates, catechumens and those needing only to be confirmed.

### Vocation Discernment Retreat for Single Women

MOBILE, Ala. -- "Opening the Door to the Joy of Mercy," a Vocation Discernment Retreat for single women, ages 17 to 35, is Friday, August 5 at 5 p.m. to Saturday, Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge for the retreat and there is an option for extended stay.

To register or for more information contact Little Sisters of the Poor, 1655 McGill Ave., Mobile AL 36604; [vocmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:vocmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org); or (251) 591-3700. Registration deadline is August 3 and early registration is appreciated.