



## Trey Ange diaconate ordination Aug. 10



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LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will ordain Trey Ange, a native of Lake Charles and soon a fourth-year theology seminarian at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, to the transitional diaconate, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10 in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church.

It is the penultimate step to priestly ordination, which with the grace of God will occur next spring at Pentecost.

Ange is the grandson of Deacon Garrett Caraway of St. John Bosco Catholic Church and one of five first cousins studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Ange's vocation journey to this point took him to the Diocese of Austin where he served as the project coordinator for the Sacramental Records Preservation Project – the digitizing and microfilming of every single sacramental record in the diocese from the 1800s to 2007 and working with the communications office. "It was a two and a half

year project," Ange said.

It was during his work experience in Austin that he felt his first "real" nudge from the Holy Spirit.

"I was 23 years old and remember hearing some sort of a call for the first time ever," he said. "Previously, I had never heard any kind of call, perhaps being too young or too immature. Perhaps, I just wasn't ready.

"I always assumed marriage but I remember what it was – some sort of pull and attraction toward the church and the diaconate, oddly enough. My grandfather is a deacon of the church and a deacon is married to the church and to his spouse. For some reason that sounded very appealing, something I was meant to do."

So, Ange went to the head of the deacons in Austin and told him of his feeling. The deacon told him that is was great that he was receiving a call to vocations but the problem was he had to be 35 years old and married to be a permanent

deacon in Austin. He also told him that since he was receiving a call at that time, perhaps he should explore what that call might be.

"I thought, yeah, he was insinuating priesthood," Ange said. "But, I had already thought that wasn't the case. I had discerned previously and had put that behind me. The Lord must have been saying priesthood not right now and I thought it was not priesthood ever."

He still thought it was the permanent diaconate. "I thought, I need to remain open to whatever this is. As of now I go find a wife and wait until I'm 35 but what the deacon said I had stuck in the back of my mind – that I might have been called to something else."

Ange was going through some personal turmoil and pain. "So much so that that I could not do much but knew that I had to give my entire heart to Jesus in the Eucharist and be able to say - this is completely useless to me be-

cause its broken. You take it and heal it and take as much time with it as you need and then give it back when you are done with it because I can't do anything with it.

"My heart was such a fertile seed bed that when the time came and I received it back from the Lord, He had given it back with that vocation and that call," Ange said.

It was on a visit to Lake Charles and at a Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel with Father Alan Trouille that it came. "I went to confession and then Mass," he continued. "During the General Intercessions, Deacon Glen Viau asked everyone to 'pray for our future priests' and that is when it hit me, I felt a tug at my heart. I knew that is what I am supposed to do. In Mass, having this revelation, it was joyful, it was peaceful, and I just knew it was right, though it did take some continued discernment to see what this really was – it was just God's timing."

He told select people of his

revelation and then in September 2010 his parents – on the day he was scheduled to meet with Msgr. (Daniel A.) Torres, the then Director of Seminarians and Vocations.

He finished up his work in Austin and returned home in April 2011. He was sent to St. Paul Catholic Church in Elton as his first seminarian assignment.

As he draws closer to this diaconal ordination and next year's hoped for priestly ordination, Ange said one of the things he has learned is that "even after years of CCD, religion classes, theology classes, and being in the seminary all these years I have realized that I don't know anything. The Faith is this humungous iceberg and we are at the top scooping off ice for a snow cone, thinking it tastes good. It is amazing just how vast the Church is and how little I

know." Following his diaconate ordination, Ange will continue in his assignment at St. Theodore Catholic Church until mid October under the tutelage of Father John Huckaby, before later in the year returning to complete various studies at Notre Dame.

## Veritas Conference registration continues

LAKE CHARLES – Registration continues for the annual Veritas Conference, sponsored by the Office of Adult Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles, on Saturday, Sept. 10, with keynote speaker Dr. Edward Sri in St. Louis Catholic High School. The event begins at 7:30 a.m. and continues until 3:20 p.m.

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

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.

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. by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3:20 p.m.



Sr. Mary Vianney Welsh, RSM, left, director of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana, accepts a \$10,000 gift to the organization from Tim Broussard and J & J Exterminating. The contribution will be used to continue to follow the example of Jesus, by serving the communities and neighbors that need help the most, according to Sr. Mary Vianney. Catholic Charities is located at 1025 Second Street in Lake Charles, a half block west of Enterprise Boulevard.

## Kickball Summer Classic



The inaugural Bishop's Invitational Kickball Summer Classic, sponsored by the Serra Club of Lake Charles, is tomorrow, Aug. 6, at 10 a.m. on Power Center Ball Field located on Power Center Drive off Gerstner Memorial Highway (U.S. Highway 14). The game will pit a team of diocesan priests, captained by Rev. Jeffrey Starkovich, director of seminarians and vocations, (at right above) against a team of diocesan seminarians captained by seminarian Trey Ange. (at left above). In the photo, Lake Charles Serran John Day, center, does his best to quell the impending epic battle between the team leaders. A prize of at least \$1,000 is at stake, with the priests playing to benefit the Priest Retirement Fund and the seminarians playing to benefit the Seminary Burse Fund. There is a \$10 donation for adults with children getting in free. The event is in coordination with The St. Louis Foundation, St. Louis Catholic High School, local Knights of Columbus Councils and Assemblies and local Catholic Daughters of the Americas Courts.

## Pope's advice to newlyweds

KRAKOW – Young people on Thursday of last week chanted and sang songs awaiting Pope Francis to come to the window of the Archbishop's residence in Krakow and when he came out, the Square below erupted with cheers.

His remarks were directed at newly married couples and

the Pope joked, "they say today there is a good group here, in this square, newlyweds."

He commended young men and women for having the courage to commit to marriage and because he said, "it is not easy to form a family."

The pope said that he sometimes is asked how married

couples can surmount various difficulties and he suggested that three words are always used - pardon, thanks, and forgiveness.

Marriage, the Pope stressed, "is something so beautiful, so beautiful that we must preserve it, because it is forever."

## Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked 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



## Capital Campaign Corner

Wave 1 of the Return to the Lord Kickoff Campaign started earlier this month. The campaign kicked off with a dinner hosted by Bishop Glen John Provost at the Grand Marais Hall last Monday and another next week in Our Lady of Prompt Succor Parish Hall on Thursday, August 11. The parishes that are a part of the Wave are:

- Immaculate Conception Catholic Church - Jennings
- Immaculate Conception Catholic Church - Sulphur
- Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church - Jennings
- Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church - DeQuincy
- Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church - Sulphur
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church - Jennings
- Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church - Sulphur
- Our Lady of Seven Dolors Catholic Church - Welsh
- Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Mission - Johnson Bayou
- Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church - Lake Arthur
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church - Oakdale
- St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church - Fenton
- St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church - Oberlin
- St. John Bosco Catholic Church - Westlake
- St. Joseph Catholic Church - Vinton
- St. Joseph Catholic Church - Welsh
- St. Lawrence Catholic Church - Raymond
- St. Paul Catholic Church - Elton
- St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church - Hackberry
- St. Philip Neri Catholic Church - Kinder
- St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church - Carlyss

Please pray these parish pastors, staff and volunteer teams have many blessings in supporting the goals of the campaign.





## Lake Charles native returns home as priest

LAKE CHARLES -- Only days following his ordination to the Order of Canons Regular of Prémontré, an order of men religious, in Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, Penn., Rev. Canon A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem., a Lake Charles native, returned to his home parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary, to celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving outside the Abbey on Sunday, July 17.

Bishop Dominic Carmon, S.V.D., the retired auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of New Orleans was the homilist in Lake Charles. Bishop Carmon spoke of the journey that Father Jordan had made from elementary school under the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament at Immaculate Heart to high school at St. Louis Catholic, graduating in 1985 to the various other vocations embarked upon -- U.S. Marine, married man with children, and successful businessman -- before returning to the seed of a priestly vocation planted in his formative years.

In 2005, he revisited that spark and over the ensuing years earned degrees at Cabrini College in Radnor, Penn., and La-Salle University in Philadelphia. He studied preaching at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, became a certified hospital chaplain through the University of Pennsylvania Health System at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and earned a Master of Divinity from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

Father Jordan was ordained a priest by Bishop Michael Fitzgerald, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, on July 9. His first Mass of Thanksgiving in the Abbey was celebrated the next day with The Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, as homilist.

In his homily at the ordination, Bishop Fitzgerald noted, "that Jesus personally summoned or called Twelve of His original disciples and gave them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to cure every disease and illness. We are told that the Lord gave them this authority and these spiritual gifts, not for their own sakes, but to be sent out into the world to use them in His name on behalf of others to bring God's healing, love, and forgiveness to a world hungering for His mercy and salvation."

Continuing, he spoke to Jordan, saying, "The Lord is calling you today Brother Gerard to be His priest and sends you out to be His ambassador of reconciliation to wounded souls in need of healing and mercy."

At the First Mass of Thanksgiving, held in the Abbey, Bishop Perry quoted Archbishop Fulton Sheen, saying in the homily, "When a priest receives the call from God, something happens to his soul, like that which happened to Peter in his boat one dark night when Christ walked on the water and then climbed into Peter's fishing boat. The young man with a vocation reacts as did Peter: 'Depart from me O Lord, for I am a sinful man!'"

He continued, saying, "There is at once a double tension here: one of 'attraction' to the Divine, the other, 'subtraction' because of a sense of one's own unworthiness; a desire to approach the all-holy and yet a shrinking because of one's own sense of inadequacy. Along the course of preparation, study and spiritual and moral training, a seminarian asks himself a thousand times if he is worthy. The priest knows how human he is and yet like Christ on the cross, suspended between heaven and earth, abandoned by one and rejected by the other, the world expects him to be more than human. Called to be as pure and as holy as an angel he is conscious of his own weakness, bearing about as he does a rich treasure in a frail vessel. For the rest of his life he no longer takes the short breaths of the world for he must now draw in breath and strength from the world of the spirit."



Rev. Canon A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem., lays prostrate during the recitation of the Litany of the Saints during his ordination Mass, in photo 1, on July 9 in Daylesford Abbey. Bishop Michael Fitzgerald, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia was the ordaining prelate and is seen in photo 2, along with the newly ordained Father Jordan, center, and Bishop Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, left. Bishop Perry was the homilist at Father Jordan's First Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated in the Abbey on Sunday, June 10. In photo 3, Bishop Dominic Carmon, retired Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, was the homilist for the First Mass celebrated outside the Abbey, which took place on Sunday, July 17, in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lake Charles. In photo 4, Father Jordan celebrates the Liturgy of the Eucharist with, at left, Father Joby Matthew, HGN; Rev. Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R., D.Min.; serving Deacon Edward Lavine; Rev. Msgr. Charles Dubois; and Father V. Wayne LeBleu.

## Fête-Dieu du Teche procession Aug. 15

The Second Annual Fête-Dieu du Teche Eucharistic Procession is Monday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, down Bayou Teche.

The day also marks the 251st anniversary of the arrival of French Canadian immigrants who brought the Catholic faith to Acadiana after enduring great trials and suffering. Hundreds will travel by boat to celebrate this occasion in honoring the Blessed Sacrament and Acadian heritage. Last year thousands travelled from throughout south Louisiana to gather along Bayou Teche in the inaugural event.

Diocese of Lafayette Bishop John Douglas Deshotel, D.D., a native son of Acadiana, will begin the event with the celebration of the Mass of the Assumption in French at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Leonville, starting at 8 a.m.

"After Mass, we will process with the Blessed Sacrament with a special monstrance built for the occasion to the Leonville boat landing and embark in a boat procession down the Teche toward St. Martinville," explains Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC, a native son of the Diocese of Lafayette and lead organizer of this unique event.

"The Blessed Sacrament will be fixed on an altar on the lead boat under a canopy, with a pair of adorers in adoration between the towns visited. The Eucharistic Procession will stop and disembark at the Catholic churches along the way for recitation of the rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament."

There will be planned stops at churches along the banks of Bayou Teche in Arnaudville, Cecilia, Breaux Bridge, and Parks, and finally in St. Martinville. Four priests and stations will be available at each stop for Confessions.



The 2015 Eucharistic Procession of boats down the Bayou Teche led by the monstrance holding the Holy Eucharist.

"Traveling down the Teche is highly symbolic, because it replicates what our ancestors did," said Bishop Glen John Provost, a native son of Acadiana and the Bishop of the Diocese of Lake Charles. "The Jewish people never forget their deliverance from Egypt and their arrival in the Promised Land. Acadians should never forget their passage from exile to a new home."

"The boat procession will arrive at the Evangeline Oak in St. Martinville at about 4:45 p.m.," Fr. Champagne continued. "We will disembark behind Notre Dame de Perpetuel Secours Catholic Church and process into it for Benediction. At about 5 p.m., we will process a few blocks into St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church for Benediction. From there the procession will continue down Main Street to Mater Dolorosa Chapel for the celebration of Solemn Vespers of the Assumption and Final Benediction at 6 p.m."

Time schedule: 8 a.m. Holy Mass in French at St. Leo the Great, Leonville; 9 a.m., procession from St. Leo to Leonville boat landing; 9:30 a.m. boat procession departs; 10:20 a.m. Rosary & Benediction, Arnaudville; 11:45 a.m. Rosary & Benediction, Cecilia; 1:35 p.m. Rosary & Benediction, Breaux Bridge; 3:15 p.m. Rosary & Benediction, Parks; 4:45 p.m. Arrival at the Evangeline Oak, St. Martinville; Procession to Notre Dame de Perpetuel Secours for Benediction; 5 p.m. procession from Notre Dame to St. Martin de Tours Church for Benediction 6 p.m. Procession down Main Street to Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel for Solemn Vespers and Final Benediction; \*Confessions will be available at all stops along the Teche.

For more information or to register a boat for the procession, send an email to fetediuduteche@gmail.com. Visit the website www.fetediuduteche.org or contact Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC, by telephone at (337) 394-6550.

## Saint Charles Center August events

MOSS BLUFF -- Saint Charles Center's August schedule of programs and events begins with ReACTS: Renewing and Rekindling the Spirit of the ACTS Retreat with Fr. Whitney Miller, Christy Moore Clark, Denis Husers and Cindy Hanks from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 20.

Many men and women throughout the Diocese have now experienced the powerful grace of the Holy Spirit

in and through an ACTS Retreat. This Day of Prayer is offered for anyone who has attended an ACTS Retreat and now wants to renew and rekindle the flame of faith into a fire of mission, evangelization, prayer and spiritual growth. The day will include elements of communal worship, presentation, small group interaction, as well as time for quiet and individual reflection. At the conclusion of the day, Mass will be cele-

brated for all participants in the Assumption Chapel. Suggested donation of \$25.00 per person is due by the registration deadline of Wednesday, August 17.

Father Miller will present Create In Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography on Tuesday, August 30, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Fr. Miller will present an overview of the U.S. Bishop's Pastoral on pornography issued in 2015 - "Create in Me

a Clean Heart" -- that recommend appropriate responses which will provide assistance to family and friends who struggle with this addictive behavior, as well as practical guidelines for spiritual healing and emotional recovery. The suggested donation is \$20.00 per person and the deadline for registration is Friday, August 26.

To register for either of these programs, call the Center at (337) 855-1232 or go to stcharlescenter.com.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Xavier alumni fundraiser

LAKE CHARLES -- The Lake Charles Chapter of the Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA) Alumni presents its fifth annual scholarship fundraiser, "Celebrating the Harlem Renaissance Era" on Saturday, August 27, at the Historic Charleston Hotel.

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with great jazz and blues music of the era from City Heat, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction. Guests are urged to dress in the style of the Harlem Era.

The fundraising will benefit area students planning to attend the historically Black and Catholic university. A portion of the proceeds will also help to fully fund an endowed scholarship in memory of the late James Mayo, a Lake Charles native and XULA alumnus.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling 337-513-9598.

### Witness to Love at Our Lady of Good Counsel

LAKE CHARLES -- Mary-Rose and Ryan Verret, the founders of the Witness to Love Marriage Preparation program will be at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church on Saturday, Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Witness to Love is a virtues-based, catechumenate model of marriage renewal and preparation that integrates modern principles of psychology and the Virtues to help couples facilitate an authentic dialogue about their relationship.

The presentation is open to everyone wishing to know

more about Witness to Love. Call 337-477-1434 for more information.

### A Catholic Journey Through Grief

LAKE CHARLES -- A Catholic Journey Through Grief will be presented by Joan Broussard, a trained spiritual director, on Saturday, Aug. 27, at St. Martin de Porres Granger Vincent Complex at 5326 Elliott Road.

There is a \$30 fee to attend that includes supplies, snacks and lunch. Deadline to register by calling Sue at 337-478-3845 is August 22.

### "Beat the Heat" program

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

Catholic Charities will provide and install a window air conditioning unit to households with individuals over 65 years of age or who are disabled and in need of an air conditioner.

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

### Dr. Peter Kreeft to speak Sept. 30

LAKE CHARLES -- Dr. Peter Kreeft, who teaches on the faculty of Boston College and is the author of more than 75 books, will present a lecture in the Catholic Student Center of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 221 Aqua Drive, on Friday, Sept. 30, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Kreeft holds a Masters from Fordham University, where he also completed his doctoral studies. He briefly did post-

graduate studies at Yale University and joined the philosophy faculty of Boston College in 1965.

For more information on the presentation call 337-477-1434.

### St Charles Borromeo Bazaar Sept. 11

FENTON -- The St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church Annual Country Bazaar is Sunday, Sept. 11, on the church grounds from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rides and games for the children will highlight the day along with a silent auction, country store, bingo, and a sweet shop. A live auction begins at noon.

Pork dinners along with hamburgers will be served.

### Marriage Preparation class in October

LAKE CHARLES -- Openings for the Saturday, October 15, Marriage Preparation class offered by the Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles remain.

The class is 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.lcdiocese.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.