



Voting in Perplexing Times: A Statement by Bishop Provost

Among candidates for elected office, the choices for voters can be perplexing. In any election, a Catholic is obligated to vote according to the judgment of correct conscience. This requires the Catholic voter to be informed about Church teaching found in definitive sources, such as the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Sacred Scripture, and Sacred Tradition, as well as the positions held by candidates and their party platforms.

The more fundamental the issue, like human life, marriage or religious freedom, the greater priority the issue possesses in the judgment of correct conscience. The exercise of a correct conscience requires that a Catholic vote for the candidate whose positions best correspond to the Church's moral teaching on such fundamental issues.

The authentic teachings of the Catholic Church are time-

less realities that defy being categorized as fossilized relics of a remote past. They are the legitimate expression of the teachings of Jesus Christ, and when lived out, they define us as Christians. These teachings exist because God cares about how we live and what happens to us.

The question to ask is fundamental. In voting for a candidate, to what end am I contributing? What goal am I seeking to accomplish? Simply stated, voting both endorses a candidate's goals and contributes to accomplishing them.

This statement is made without prejudice to any candidate or political party. It is intended rather to remind the Catholics of this Diocese that voting is a serious matter and can have immediate as well as eternal consequences, for we will ultimately stand before God for the decisions we make and the actions we take (cf. Romans 14:12).



Rory Partin

Rory Partin Orchestra featured at Bishop's Gala

LAKE CHARLES – Rory Partin, a local talent that made a name for himself around the country – from New York to Los Angeles – with his smooth crooning style and “big band” sound is the featured entertainment at the Fifth Annual Bishop's Gala Set for Saturday, Dec. 10, in the Lake Charles Civic Center.

Tickets are \$125 each and a table for 10 is \$1,250 and available in the parishes of the Diocese, at the Chancery (414 Iris Street) and at www.lcdiocese.org.

To buy tickets online, using your credit card or e-check, click on the “Support the Diocese” button on the front page, then click the “Bishop's Gala Tickets” link and follow the easy instructions.

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

Special sponsorship opportunities include one Bishop's Table for a contribution of \$30,000. For the donation, eight individuals receive dinner with Bishop Glen John Provost at the Gala with Concierge Service; special individual gifts; and special mention in the Gala Program and from the bandstand during the evening; and attendance at the VIP social from 6 to 6:30 p.m. before the Gala opens to the public and includes a photograph with the Bishop. In addition, they will be honored at a special Thank You dinner on a to-be-determined date at the Bishop's Residence.

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

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

Raised on the rivers and

bayous of southwest Louisiana, Rory Partin became a successful singer and musician at an early age; and his unique heart-felt style and sensational talents have taken him to over 30 countries performing for packed houses and eager audiences. Accompanied by a 21-piece band, Rory Partin is “nothing short of sensational.” “The Best!” said Billboard; “If you enjoy Harry Connick Jr. and Michael Buble, [Rory Partin] is up to that standard...one of the best!” says British music critic Ian Hayter. Audiences worldwide line up to see Rory Partin and The Rory Partin Band live in action. Rory explains, “I love to connect with an audience. I want to communicate what I'm feeling through my music, and I want the audience to come with me on the journey.”

Rory's soulful emotion and pure love for music and performing, is immediately evident in both his recordings and his live shows. Critics and clients alike have been wowed by Rory, and can't help but to ask for him back. JazReview.com said, “This crooner has everything...a breathtaking journey...absolutely stunning,” and the Ritz Carlton stated, “He brings a magical ambiance to any event.”

Originally from Moss Bluff, Louisiana, and then on to Nashville, Tennessee and Los Angeles, California, Rory's music has been influenced by some of the all time greats such as: Ray Charles, Bing Crosby, Louis Armstrong, Billy Joel, and The Doobie Brothers. Having later swapped one ocean for the other, Rory made the move to Los Angeles, where his career has taken off in ways he never imagined. His highly entertaining live show, his superb repertoire, and his mere love and gift for music and performing, have taken Rory around the world performing for sold out concerts, Presidential Inaugural Balls, casinos, corporate and charitable events, as well as countless private parties and weddings for some of the worlds elite.

Rory Partin is bringing back genuine passion for entertaining and making great music people can enjoy and relate to. Having traveled to and performed in places such as Brussels, Paris, Prague, San Francisco, New York, Chicago, Toronto, London, Helsinki, and many more, the demand for Rory's music is worldwide.

Last Two Months – Year of Mercy

LAKE CHARLES -- The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Lake Charles encourages the Catholic faithful in the Diocese of Lake Charles to obtain the special indulgences granted by His Holiness Pope Francis to those who make a pilgrimage through the Cathedral's Holy Doors during the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, which ends November 20, Feast of Christ the King.

In a *Pastoral Letter for the Year of Mercy*, Bishop Glen John Provost explains the significance of entering through the Holy Doors: “Here special indulgences are granted and we can participate in this significant act of entering God's house and demonstrating our own willingness to welcome Him into our house. There mercy is found. Let the door of God's mercy be opened. Like the prodigal son, let us renew our faith in the existence of God and His mercy. Let us return to God's house. Let the doors of our hearts be opened through repentance and conversion from sin. May we love more completely our God who is ‘rich in mercy.’”

INDULGENCES

“An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1471).

PLENARY INDULGENCE

A plenary indulgence removes all of the temporal punishment due to sin. Only one plenary indulgence may be obtained per day. It must be applied to oneself or a departed loved one. It cannot be applied to another living person. One must be baptized, in the state of grace, and must have the general intention of gaining the indulgence.

CONDITIONS

1. Holy Communion must be received in the state of grace each time the indulgence is sought.
2. Sacramental Confession* must be made within 20 days before or after. (*One Confession suffices for gaining several plenary indulgences)
3. Prayers* must be recited for the intentions of the Holy Father each day the indulgence is sought. (*One Our Father and one Hail Mary suffice.)
4. Freedom from attachment to sin*, even venial sin, is necessary; otherwise the indulgence is only partial. (*By this is meant attachment to a particular sin, not sin in general.)

HOLY DOORS SCHEDULE

The Holy Doors of the Cathedral are open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On certain feast days, the Cathedral Holy Doors will be open for pilgrims **ALL DAY** (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) on:



The Holy Doors

- October 7 (Friday) - Our Lady of the Rosary
- October 13 (Thursday) - Fatima miracle of the sun
- October 18 (Tuesday) - Saint Luke, Evangelist
- October 28 (Friday) - Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
- November 1 (Tuesday) - All Saints Day
- November 2 (Wednesday) - All Souls Day
- November 9 (Wednesday) - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- November 14 (Monday) - Saint Josaphat (E.F.)
- November 20 (Sunday) - Christ the King of the Universe

Visits to the Cathedral at any other time may be arranged by calling the church office (337-436-7251).

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Extraordinary Form)
Tuesday to Friday: 12:05 p.m.; First Saturday: 8:00 a.m. (Extraordinary Form); Saturday: 4 p.m. (Anticipated Mass); Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 5 p.m. (Extraordinary Form).

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Thursday: 11:30 a.m. to Noon, Friday: 11 a.m. to Noon, Saturday: 3 p.m. to 3:50 p.m., and Sunday: 30 minutes before each Mass.

TO OBTAIN THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE

Make a pilgrimage through the Holy Doors in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, reflecting on God's mercy. Go to Confession within 20 days before or after the pilgrimage.

Attend Mass and receive Holy Communion in the state of grace on the day of the pilgrimage.

Make a Profession of Faith (Creed) and pray for Pope Francis and his intentions.

Red Mass Oct. 21 in Cathedral

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will be the celebrant and homilist for the annual Red Mass at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 21, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

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

The Mass is so named because of the color of the vestments worn by the Bishop and priests, donned in symbolism of the tongues of fire that descended on the Apostles. Additionally, Judges of the High Court of England and all doctors of law wore red robes or academic hoods.

The Red Mass is celebrated at the opening of the judicial year and requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice and offers the opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession. The first recorded Red Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral of Paris in 1245.

Samuel Orsot accepted to Candidacy for Holy Orders



Bishop Glen John Provost accepted diocesan seminarian Samuel Orsot, kneeling, to Candidacy for Holy Orders during Mass Wednesday, September 9, the Solemnity of St. Peter Claver, at St. Henry Catholic Church in Lake Charles – Orsot's home parish. Assisting the Bishop is Very Reverend Ruben Buller. The Admission to Candidacy offers those seeking 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. Orsot has returned to Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans for his third year of theological studies with the prayerful anticipation of ordination to the diaconate next June.

Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

October 7, 2016

Clergy, religious honored for service

LAKE CHARLES -- Bishop Glen John Provost was the celebrant and homilist at the ninth annual clergy and religious recognition celebration coordinated by Msgr. Cramers Fourth Degree Assembly Knights of Columbus at St. Henry Catholic Church.

The event is supported by Knights of Columbus Assemblies and Councils; Knights of Peter Claver Assemblies, Chapters, and Courts; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Courts, parish altar societies.

The St. Louis Catholic High School Choir provided the music for the liturgy and an honor guard composed of Knights of Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and St. Peter Claver.

Beginning his homily, Bishop Provost welcomed all who were in attendance and especially the 30 honorees - priests, deacons and religious - whose composite years of service totaled 760.

Five priests with 40 or more years of service are listed below, including the date of ordination. Reverend Lawrence Kohler, M.S., leads the

group with 55 years of priestly service being ordained 09/24/1961. Reverend Fred Rusi, ordained 12/17/1966, has served for 50 years. Others are Reverend Marshall Boulet, 12/21/71, 45 years; Reverend Roland Vaughn, 12/21/71, 45 years; and Monsignor Harry Greig, 05/28/76, 40 years.

Other priests recognized for a significant anniversary in 2016 were Reverend Albert Borel, 06/06/81, 35 years; Reverend Edward Richard, M.S., 01/12/91, 25 years; Reverend William Miller, 05/18/91, 25 years; Monsignor Daniel Torres, 05/25/96, 20 years; Reverend Richard Adiukwu, 08/03/96, 20 years; Very Reverend Anthony Fontenot, 06/02/01, 15 years; Reverend Bino Poovannikunnel, M.S., 11/11/06, 10 years; Reverend Gijo George Ikkaramattom, H.G.N., 12/27/06, 10 years; Reverend John Huckaby, 06/11/11, 5 years; and Reverend Jeffrey Starkovich, 06/11/11, 5 years.

Deacon Fred Reed of St. John Bosco in Westlake was honored for his 40 years of diaconal service. He was

ordained on Feb. 1, 1976. Others include: Deacon Johnny Mounce, 12/21/96, 20 years; Deacon Maurice Serice, 12/21/96, 20 years; Deacon Joseph Bushnell, 12/01/01, 15 years; Deacon Wayne Chapman, 12/01/01, 15 years; Deacon Dale Deshotel, 12/01/01, 15 years; Deacon Patrick LaPoint, 12/01/01, 15 years; Deacon Bennett McNeal, 12/01/01, 15 years; Deacon Ray Menard, 12/01/01, 15 years; Deacon Roy Nash, 12/01/01, 15 years; and Deacon Michael Tramel, 12/01/01, 15 years.

Religious sisters honored for anniversaries of vows included Sister Claire Pellerin, S.E. with 50 years of service having taken perpetual vows on 08/15/66.

Other religious honored were Sister Mary Charles Chiduolue, D.M.M.M., 05/06/76; 40 years; Sister Maria Regina Osundu, D.M.M.M., 01/04/81, 35 years; and Sister Raphaela Ikeazota, D.M.M.M., 12/09/86, 30 years.



A specially-designated seating area had been arranged for the honorees - priests, deacons and religious - in St. Henry Catholic Church. The 30 individuals honored had totaled 760 years of service, led by Father Lawrence Kohler, M.S. with 55 years of priesthood, Deacon Fred Reed celebrating 40 years of diaconal service, and Sr. Claire Pellerin, S.E. with 50 years of service.

Saint Charles Center events

MOSS BLUFF - Upcoming Saint Charles Center events include an Evening of Reflection - "Practicing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy" - with Sr. Diane Depwe on Tuesday, Oct. 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. The suggested donation is \$20 per person and the registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 7.

"On Grace and Mercy," an Evening of Reflection presented by Sr. Janelle Sevier, SNDdeN, is Tuesday, October 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. Suggested donation is \$20 with registration deadline of Friday, Oct. 14.

A "Come Alive" High School Retreat will take place from Friday, Oct. 28, to Sunday, Oct. 30. Information and registration for this event can be obtained by contacting the Office of Youth Ministry, 411 Iris Street, or by calling 337-439-7400, Ext. 301.

Others include the "What Do the Saints Teach Us About Mercy?" Evening of Reflection with Sr. Diane Depwe on Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. and "An Evening of Intercessory Prayer and Discernment" on the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo on Nov. 4.

Call (337) 855-1232 for more information.

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



Bishop Glen John Provost, receives a check in the amount of \$1,715.00 from the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Diocesan Coordinator I. J. Tarou of Sulphur. The money comes from the annual contributions Knights of Fourth Degree Assemblies domiciled in the Diocese of Lake Charles - Msgr. Hubert Cramers Assembly #320 of Lake Charles, Fr. Eugene Veillard # 2087 of Sulphur, and Fr. James Shahrigan #2182 of DeRidder - to aid in the continuing excellence in religious education program of the Diocese. Pictured, from left, are Faithful Navigator Rogers Fields of Fr. Veillard, Past Faithful Navigator Peter Sntic of Msgr. Cramers, Bishop Provost, I. J. Tarou of Fr. Veillard, and Past Faithful Navigator Carlos Archield of Fr. Shahrigan.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Companions of Honor Mass Oct. 18

LAKE CHARLES - The annual Memorial Mass and Luncheon of the Companions of Honor of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, on the corner of Kirby and Bilbo Streets.

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will be the celebrant. The names of members of the organization that have died in the previous years will be remembered during the liturgy. The Companions of Honor is composed of clergy, religious and the laity honored by the Diocese of Lake Charles, the Holy See, or are members of recognized Orders of Chivalry who reside in the Diocese.

Documentary on Divine Mercy image Oct. 14

LAKE CHARLES -- The Secretariat for Christian Formation and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, offer a screening of the new documentary, "The Original Image of Divine Mercy" on Friday, October 14, in Ave Maria Hall.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with the screening beginning at 6 p.m. and is free to all.

The film follows the adventurous history of the original painting commissioned by St. Faustina and features appearances by key witnesses, as well as Bishop Robert Barron of Los Angeles, George Weigel, Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, Fr. Michael Gaitley, comedian Jim Gaffigan, Grammy award-winning musician Harry Connick Jr., and many others. The film has been endorsed by the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. A trailer is available to watch at www.divinemercyfilm.com

Director Daniel DiSilva, will attend and make a presentation following the screening. A replica and third class relic of the original image along with other beautiful paintings such as a copy of "Our Mother of Mercy" from Vilnius, Lithuania will be displayed.

NFP training offered in December

LAFAYETTE - The Offices of Family Life and Pro-Life are looking for more lay individuals and couples who are interested in becoming NFP instructors and will co-sponsor a Natural Family Planning-training in the Billings Model in December.

The exact dates are still to be announced. In order to become a teacher one must agree with Catholic teachings on sexuality, including the rejection of contraception, sterilization and abortion and have been charting Billings for three months. If one is currently using another NFP method but is interested in becoming a certified Billings teacher, there is

sufficient time to switch. For more information go to: http://boma-usa.com/teacher_training.php?page=2 or contact Rickard Newman at rickard.newman@lcdiocese.org or call 337-439-7400, Ext. 313.

Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide set

MOSS BLUFF - Sr. Catherine Leroux, S.E., will present the Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide beginning Sunday, Oct. 9, in St. Theodore Catholic Church, running each Sunday for six weeks into Advent.

The second half of the 12-week program will begin in January at a time to be announced.

Call Sr. Catherine at 337-802-2204 for more information and to register or contact the St. Theodore office at 337-855-6662. Cost for the 12 sessions is \$50.

"Healing Family Breakdown" half-day retreat

LAKE CHARLES -- The Ruth Institute "Healing Family Breakdown" Half-Day Retreat at the Family Life Community Center of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, is Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., featuring Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse.

The event is a training program for healing the family and culture, using prayer and insights taught by Dr. Morse. The author of *The Sexual Revolution and Its Victims* and a former economics professor at Yale and George Mason universities, Dr. Morse has taught around the globe on topics of marriage and human sexuality.

Cost is \$30 per person, \$50 for families, and free for clergy and religious. Register at olqh.org or call 337-477-1236

Luncheon, breakfast dates slated

LAKE CHARLES -- The next Women's Luncheon and Men's Prayer Breakfast with Bishop Glen John provost will take place on Wednesday Nov. 2, and Friday, Nov. 4, respectively, in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Office Building.

The topic for the current cycle of presentations is St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. The Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, which is available at Crossroads Bookstore, is of great assistance with the talks.

Women should send a check for \$15, payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles, to Gaynell Carrier, 414 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 and include a stamped self-address envelope.

The breakfast starts at 7 a.m. and is preceded by Mass beginning at 6:30 a.m. in the Cathedral. Men should call 337-439-7400 to register.

Marriage Preparation class in November

LAKE CHARLES - Openings for the Saturday, November 12, 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.

Sacred Heart of Jesus bazaar Oct. 8-9

LAKE CHARLES - Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church hosts its annual bazaar this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8-9, on the church grounds.

Festivities are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Barbecue chicken and rib dinners, sweet potato pies, and popcorn balls will be sold both days with fried chicken wings, hamburgers, and a variety of other foods as well as games, rides and music on Sunday.

Bingo is Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. Tickets for the raffle, with two top prizes of \$1,000 each, can be purchased by contacting the Sacred Heart office at 337-439-2645.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

LAKE CHARLES -- St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church will host a Life in the Spirit Seminar from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, in the Granger/Vincent South Meeting Room.

The Seminar is an invitation to renew and ignite the power of the Holy Spirit received at baptism and confirmation. It promotes a deep personal commitment to Jesus Christ in openness to the Holy Spirit and His gifts and charisms. To register, contact deborah.faul@yahoo.com or call 337-478-3845. Cost of the seminar is \$15 and a light lunch will be served.

"Work of Human Hands" sale at Christ the King

LAKE CHARLES - A Catholic Relief Services/Fair Trade "Work of Human Hands Advent Sale" is December 1 to December 6 at Christ the King Catholic Church.

The sale will follow each Mass on the weekend of Dec. 3 and 4 in the parish hall and in the parish office from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1; Monday, Dec. 5, and Tuesday, Dec. 3, as well as from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, Dec. 2.

Christ the King Catholic Church is located at 7680 Gulf Highway and the office telephone is 337-478-0213.