



## “A Tale of Two Worlds”

By Bishop Glen John Provost

I thought myself in two different worlds recently when after celebrating the feast of St. Teresa of Avila (October 15, 2016), I read the daily papers report of comments on Catholicism by certain individuals associated with a particular political campaign. The contrast could not have been greater. First, the world of St. Teresa.

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) was a great a reformer in the Catholic Church, so great in fact that she was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church along with St. Catherine of Siena, the first women to be so recognized. She was a reformer not because she lobbied against an all-male priesthood or because she wanted her sisters to be “empowered.” During St. Teresa’s lifetime, a woman sat on the throne of England (Mary Tudor 1516-1558), a woman governed France briefly as regent (Catherine de Medici 1519-1589), another was Queen of Scotland (Mary Queen of Scots 1542-1587), and women, sometimes called “mitered abbesses,” administered large and important abbeys across Europe. No, her reform was of a different sort. In her day, the religious order to which she belonged was in need of reform because the members had strayed from an evangelical lifestyle and a profound commitment to prayer. In effect, they had lost their zeal and had become interested in the pursuit of this world rather than the world to come. This reform, she thought, was God’s work, calling them to fulfill the Gospel mandates of our Lord. Her reforms only came with great effort and after great suffering and, yes, even persecution.

The heroic reform of St. Teresa reflects the teachings of the Gospels. Jesus warns His followers that in preaching His message they will be persecuted. They are not to worry, however, because “the Holy Spirit will teach [them] at that moment what [they] are to say” (Luke 12:12). St. Teresa understood this dynamic also. She knew that when one was committed to the truth of Jesus Christ, there was no compromise possible, but the spirit of the world enjoys immensely compromise and accommodation. However, this is not the Spirit to which our Lord refers. The Spirit to which He refers is the Divine Spirit to which His followers must be absolutely faithful. Otherwise, they risk being unforgiven (Luke 12:10). Why? Because the truth He is proclaiming is so essential as to be defining, and God thinks the truth is so important that He gives to His Church the Holy Spirit to insure its integrity

and continuance. This was the world that St. Teresa sought.

I was reminded in what disdain the secular world holds the truths of the Christian faith this week when I read about the contents of leaked emails between some now associated with a particular political campaign. What I say here has nothing to do with politics or any endorsement, for the emails pre-dated the present election cycle, but rather has to do with the flagrant condescension which secularists demonstrate towards Christians in general and Catholics in particular. We were informed that these “secular progressives” were appalled at how many in the conservative moment had turned to Catholicism.

And what do “progressives” think causes this embrace of Catholicism? “They must be attracted,” wrote one, “to the systematic thought and the severely backwards gender relations” (*Wall Street Journal*, “Non-Catholics for Church ‘Reform,’” Friday, October 14, 2016). Another progressive activist wrote that there needed to be a Catholic “spring” to “demand the end of a middle ages dictatorship and the beginning of a little democracy and respect for gender equality in the Catholic church” (*ibidem*).

We live in a world where if you preach the truth about marriage or the dignity of the human person, this is considered bigotry. The Church is viewed by some as a sort of “middle ages dictatorship.” Believers can close their eyes to the spirit of this secular world or try to reach some accommodation with it, but they do so at their own risk. This progressive secularism makes a pretense of tolerance which only masks its pursuit of power and ambition to neutralize any opposition and marginalize any voice contrary to its own. So what do we do, living in one world while seeking another?

We do what our Lord asked us to do. We hold fast to the truth and, yes, prepare to suffer the consequences. “When they take you before synagogues and before rulers and authorities, do not worry about how or what your defense will be or about what you are to say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you at that moment what you should say” (Luke 12:11-12). And let the famous admonition of St. Teresa be our final word: “Let nothing disturb you/ Nothing dismay you/ All things are passing/ God never changes.”



Rory Partin and his 21-piece orchestra at the Grand Ole Opry

## Tickets now available for Fifth Annual Bishop’s Gala

LAKE CHARLES – Tickets are now on sale for the Fifth Annual Bishop’s Gala in the parishes of the Diocese, at the diocesan Chancery (414 Iris Street) or on-line at [www.lcdiocese.org](http://www.lcdiocese.org), set for Saturday, Dec. 10, in the Lake Charles Civic Center.

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 a 21-piece “big band” sound – is the featured entertainment for this year’s event.

Tickets are \$125 each and a table for 10 is \$1,250.

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 admission 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 *L’Évêché*, 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.

Proceeds netted from the event aid in the continuing evangelization efforts of the diocesan Offices of Com-

munications, including the production and airing of the Sunday morning *Glad Tidings* television program on KPLC-TV, preparation and publication of the *Catholic Calendar* in five regional newspapers, maintenance and updating of diocesan website – [lcdiocese.org](http://lcdiocese.org) – along with the broadcast of the 9:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on two local radio stations.

Originally from Moss Bluff, Partin has traveled to and performed in places such as Brussels, Paris, Prague, San Francisco, New York, Chicago, Toronto, London, Helsinki, and many more. His 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. He most recently has resided in Los Angeles where his career continues to grow and expand.



## Sean O’Hare speaks at New Life Counseling banquet

LAKE CHARLES – Sean O’Hare, a young, dynamic and influential speaker on the topics of pro-life, Christian apologetics, business and philanthropy, was the guest speaker at the annual New Life Counseling Pro-Life Banquet.

In his keynote address, O’Hare, who hails now from New York though a native of Manassas, Virginia, is the product of a Catholic education, and currently serves as chairman of Students for Life, told the story of an abortion clinic in his hometown and how after nearly three decades prayers, rosaries, and town legislation, closed its doors.

“For all the years I was going to school in Manassas there was an abortion clinic that never lacked for a clientele,” O’Hare said. “The clinic was housed in a storefront office complex, and when it opened there was a vacant office next door. One lady, Pat Lohman, decided that she was going to occupy that office and make it a pro-life center and make this her life’s work. She called her place Triple-A Women for Choice – this was listed first when Triple A got you back in the Yellow Pages.

“Now one has to worry about search engine optimization on Google ... technology has changed for sure, but the fundamental battle has not,” he continued. “Pat offered free pregnancy tests, had shelves stocked with donated baby items, and regularly had women who were looking for the abortion clinic, walk in accidentally and stay to receive counseling and help. This went on year after year after. Many, many abortions took place during those years; many fewer babies were saved from abortion. It seemed in this particular battle of the global war that the value-changing side always had the upper-hand.”

Lohman never allowed statistics to deter her from her purpose and resolve, according to O’Hare.

“Each year her Christmas card sent to donors had pictures of the babies that had been born in the past year through the efforts of the Triple A volunteers,” O’Hare said.

The abortion clinic continued in business for 27 years,



Sean O’Hare

but two local men – the fathers of students at O’Hare’s high school were working on different fronts.

One, Councilman Aveni, was working the chambers of the City Council with potential legislation and another, Mr. Shaw, regularly talked with the owner of the abortion clinic. “In addition, there were a number of moms and dads who organized 40 Days for Life prayer campaigns near the abortion clinic,” O’Hare said. “Mr. Shaw decided that establishing a friendship with the owner of the abortion clinic would be the way that would eventually change her heart.”

With time moving inexorably forward, the two approaches began bearing good fruit.

Aveni worked hard promoting his legislation, which called for a public hearing before any medical facility could open in the community.

He had two votes, his and another, with three of the four remaining against him. The mayor of Manassas had told him his vote, if there were a tie, would be in favor. Aveni talked to the holdout and at the end of the discussion did something “he had never done before – he simply pleaded, and begged the other councilman to vote with him.”

When the vote came, it was 3-2 against passage before the final vote came – a vote in favor, which deadlocked the question. The mayor was as good as his word and broke the tie in favor of Aveni’s proposal.

Only days later, the clinic closed its doors and owner’s last standing block, finding a job for her son that worked for her, was handled by Shaw. Additionally, local businessmen and donors raised enough money – in a very short period – to purchase the space and block Planned Parenthood from gaining a foothold.

New Life Counseling’s mission is to minister to the spiritual, physical, emotional and financial needs of women in Southwest Louisiana & Southeast Texas throughout her untimely pregnancy. At New Life Counseling, we provide accurate information regarding abortion, adoption, single parenting and marriage. New Life Counseling promotes moral purity; and provides healing support for post abortive women. The New Life Counseling staff provides basic pregnancy services to young ladies who find themselves in an untimely pregnancy.

## All Saints Day Hours

The offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 1, for the Feast of All Saints; reopening at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2. Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate Mass for All Souls Day at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Consolata Cemetery.





## Catholic Charities food distribution schedule changed

LAKE CHARLES – The distribution schedule of Second Harvest food baskets for eligible clients by Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana at its 1225 Second Street location has changed.

Two distributions will take place each month, the first on the second Friday for last names ending in A through L, starting at 9 a.m. and concluding at 11 a.m. For the remainder of the year those days are Nov. 11, and Dec. 9. For the first six months of 2017, distribution will be Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, and June 9.

The second food distribution day each month, for those whose last names end in M through Z, falls on the third Friday – Nov. 18 and Dec. 16 – for the remainder of

2016. For the first six months of 2017, those days are Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, and June 16.

All clients wishing to register or to recertify to receive food must provide:

- 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.

## Spring course offerings at Center for Catholic Studies

LAKE CHARLES -- The Diocese of Lake Charles has announced three classes for the Spring Semester 2017 through the Center for Catholic Studies at the Catholic Student Center of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 221 Aqua Drive.

Students receive college credit through these courses for the University of Holy Cross in New Orleans. Courses may also qualify as electives in many McNeese State University degree programs.

Theology 104: Origins of the Catholic Faith is a three credit hour course that is an explanation of faith, morals, and doctrines in the Catholic tradition presented through the Nicæan-Constantinople Creed. Topics such as divine revelation, virtue, Church history, Christ and the Triune God will be covered by instructor: Deacon Glenn Viau, M.Ed., M.P.S. Classes will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, beginning January 23.

Dr. Kathleen Dorsey Bellow will teach Theology 290: History of Blacks in The American Catholic Church. This three credit-hour course will examine the historical, cultural and religious de-

velopment of the Catholic Church in the African American community. Included will be a focus on the active participation of Louisiana Black Catholics in the life of the Church. Among important contributions are those made by black religious communities, Catholic educators, and civil rights leaders. The class, which takes place from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning January 17

The final course offering for the Spring, taught by Father Nathan Long, is Theology 290: Spiritual Theology. The three credit-hour course provides a look at Christian Prayer, Mystical Union, and the Ascetical Struggle, Meditation and Contemplation, the Three Ages of the Spiritual Life, Dark Nights, and the Battle for Purity. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning January 17, from 12:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m.

Registration forms are available through the Office of Religious Education and the Newman Center as well as at [www.lcdioocese.org](http://www.lcdioocese.org) by clicking Forms on the front page, then scrolling to Center for Catholic Studies to access the registration form.




You are cordially invited to the

### Camp Karol Groundbreaking

Saturday, October 22, 2016  
12:00 noon  
1087 Bozo Road  
Moss Bluff, Louisiana

His Excellency,  
Most Reverend Glen John Provost  
presiding  
On the Feast of Saint John Paul II, Pope

A light lunch to follow of  
hot dogs and s'mores



## Saint Charles Center events

MOSS BLUFF – Upcoming Saint Charles Center events include a “Come Alive” High School Retreat 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.

Other programs 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. with a suggested donation of \$20 and a registration deadline of Friday, Oct. 28.

Also “An Evening of Intercessory Prayer and Discernment” is set for the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo, Friday, Nov. 4, with a \$20 suggested donation and Tuesday, Nov. 1 deadline to register.

Father Whitney Miller will conduct an Evening of Reflection - “Meditation and Mercy: How Prayerfulness Can Transform Our World”- on Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 6 to 9 p.m. The suggested donation is \$20 with a signup deadline of Friday, Nov. 11.

Call (337) 855-1232 for more information or to register for these events as well as programs in December. Registration and payment of fees is also available by going to [stcharlescenter.com](http://stcharlescenter.com) for most events.

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



**Reverend Robert Boxie, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC, a native of Lake Charles, and former parishioner of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, preaches the homily, in photo 1, at a Mass of Thanksgiving at Sacred Heart in which he thanked the people of the parish – friends, parishioners, and family – for their prayers for him. In Photo 2, Lake Charles Mayor Randy Roach presents him a proclamation making the day (Sept. 18) Father Robert Boxie Day in the City of Lake Charles.**

## 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**

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### “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 Saturday, 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](http://olqh.org) or call 337-477-1236.

### “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass”

LAKE CHARLES – Discover the Riches of the Mass in the five-part video Bible Study featuring Dr. Edward Sri set for Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m. from Nov. 2 to 30 in the Activity Room of the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Life Community Center, 3939 Kingston Street.

Deadline for registering and paying the \$20 fee, which covers the book and a workbook, is Oct. 24. Go online to [www.olqh.org](http://www.olqh.org) or call Felicia at 337-477-1234.

### 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 on December on Dec. 1-4 at Immaculata Center.

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 using another NFP method but interested in becoming a certified Billings teacher, there is sufficient time to switch.

Today is the deadline to register and interested individuals or couples should contact Rickard Newman at [rickard.newman@lcdioocese.org](mailto:rickard.newman@lcdioocese.org) or call 337-439-7400, Ext. 313.

### Popcorn balls, barbecue at St. Henry

LAKE CHARLES – St. Henry Catholic Church Altar Society

will be selling its “famous” popcorn balls on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28 and 29 while Knights of Columbus Council 5022 hosts a barbecue dinner on Saturday, Oct. 29, both in the St. Henry Community Center.

Popcorn ball sales begin at 9 a.m. and will continue until all are sold while the barbecue begins at 8 a.m.

For popcorn balls call 337-912-2185 or 337-439-1159 and for barbecue dinners, which are \$9 each and include either half a chicken or a pork steak along with rice dressing, baked beans, and potato salad, call 337-436-7223.

### St. John the Evangelist bazaar Oct. 30

LACASSINE – St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church hosts its annual bazaar on Sunday, Oct. 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Lacassine Community Center.

Great food and fun will be offered along with bingo from 10 a.m. until noon, a silent auction from 9:30 a.m. to noon and a live auction starting at noon.

Call Terry Meyers at 337-405-9077 or 337-588-4542 for more information.

### 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.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.

### 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](mailto:deborah.faul@yahoo.com) or call 337-478-3845. Cost of the seminar is \$15 and a light lunch will be served.

### St. Philip Neri Harvest Festival Nov. 5-6

KINDER – The St. Philip Neri Catholic Church Harvest Festival is Saturday, Nov. 5, and Sunday, Nov. 6, with live music and opening ceremonies beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Enjoy the Knights of Columbus sauce piquante cook-off, chicken and sausage gumbo, shrimp Creole, and much more Saturday. Sunday features include homemade fried chicken dinners for \$6 each, along with silent, bucket and live auctions.

### “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.