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Tickets still available for Bishop's Gala

LAKE CHARLES – Tickets remain available for the Fifth Annual Bishop's Gala set for Saturday, Dec. 10, in the Lake Charles Civic Center featuring Rory Partin, a locally born talent, that made a name for himself around the country with his smooth crooning style and 21-piece "big band" sound.

Buy tickets now through the parishes of the Diocese, at the diocesan Chancery (414 Iris Street) or on-line at www.lcdiocese.org for $125 each or a a table for 10 at $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 admittance at 6:30 p.m.

A number of special sponsorships are also still available including 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 Communications, 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 – 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.

Solemn Pontifical Mass Dec. 28

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Mass in the extraordinary form on Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 5:30p.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

Our Lady of Fatima statue visiting diocese

(See tour schedule at www.lcdiocese.org)

LAKE CHARLES - The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, traveling worldwide since 1947, is on an historic two-year journey across America, March 2016 – December 2017, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima, visiting more than 100 dioceses in 50 states. The Diocese of Lake Charles is participating in the tour December 5-9, 2016.

Parishes hosting the tour include St. Theresa of the Child Jesus in Carlyss (Monday, Dec. 5); Our Lady of Prompt Succor and Our Lady of LaSalette in Sulphur (Tuesday, Dec. 6); Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Lake Charles (Wednesday, Dec. 7); The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (Thursday, Dec. 8); and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Jennings (Friday, Dec. 9). Each parish is planning a special day to commemorate the Fatima celebrations, which may include processions, Mass, Rosary, confessions, talks on Fatima, and private veneration of the statue.

Our Lady of Fatima

In photo 1, Bishop Glen John Provost, left, extends his episcopal blessing on the newly dedicated Bishop Jude Speyrer Hermitage House at Saint Charles Center. The repurposing of the former residence of Bishop Speyrer provides the opportunity to offer individuals private directed retreats. Very Rev. Ruben Buller, right, assisted Bishop Provost in the blessing ritual of the residence. Photo 2 shows the residence building and the sign acknowledging the hermitage near the front of the Saint Charles Center grounds.

Bishop Jude Speyrer Hermitage House opens

MOSS BLUFF – The repurposing of the former residence of the late Bishop Jude Speyrer – the Bishop Jude Speyrer Hermitage House – has provided Saint Charles Center with the opportunity to offer more private directed retreats for individuals – clergy, religious and laity. The ability to use the house helps fill a need for which director Father Whitney Miller had seen more and more of a call recently.

Bishop Glen John Provost blessed and dedicated the Bishop Jude Speyrer Hermitage House recently. Reservations are now being accepted for use of the Hermitage House by calling the Center, according to Father Whitney Miller, director.

"We started getting more and more calls requesting that sort of space," Father Miller said. "We are thankful to God that our schedule is very full now and there is very little space on our calendar that would allow us to bump a group of people for one person. I can't put one person in here (Tabor Retreat House) when I have an ACTS group wanting to, so it was a way to pastorally meet both of those needs.

"Respecting those who had signed up for the calendar and filled it up, you know we are scheduling now 18 months out, and at the same time the residence did come available," he continued. "Knowing him like I did, I felt that Bishop Speyrer would feel really happy about using the house that way. I think the house for him was a place of refuge and prayerfulness and contemplation and continuing to use the house in that way was a really good use. And, it met a need here."

The Bishop Jude Speyrer Hermitage House is available on a "first call, first served" basis and those wishing to make a reservation, should contact Michelle Monceaux, the Assistant Director at the Saint Charles Center at 337-855-1232, Extension 202, or email the request to michelle.monceaux@lcdiocese.org.

Recommended rates for use for priests, deacons and religious women will be a free will donation upon departure. A guideline for a guest choosing to eat in the Private Dining Room of Tabor Retreat House when there are other groups present on the campus, suggested donation rates are $10 for breakfast, $14.50 for lunch and dinner/supper $15.50 or a three-meal schedule at $40 per day.

A guest of Hermitage House can also choose to bring their own food and make use of the kitchen, which is provided, within the residence. Dishes, pots, pans and the basic necessities of food preparation are also made available for the guest.

The suggested rate for all other guests at Hermitage House will be $75.00 per day. Meals can be arranged at the previously suggested rates when another group is present at Tabor Retreat House. Meals for guests of Hermitage House will be taken in the Private Dining Room of Brulet Hall. Scholarship assistance is available upon request.

A five-day limit for the length of stay will be in place for the Bishop Speyrer Hermitage House, with occupancy beyond five days requiring the approval of the Director of the Saint Charles Center. Only one guest per hermitage will be permitted.

The house is spacious, with areas of quiet, peace, reflection and rest. A small adoration chapel within Hermitage House provides the guest with a prayerful space of holy presence and divine companionship.

For the fourth year, the Mudd Family Memorial Scholarship is providing Catholic education to children diagnosed with autism that attend St. Nicholas Center for Children for therapy. Standing in front (from left to right): Conner Nixon, St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School; Michelle Mudd, Treasurer, St. Nicholas Center for Children Board of Directors; Holden Hebert, St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School; William Hellums, St. Margaret Catholic School; Jackson Duplechin, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School; Zachary Simon, St. Margaret Catholic School; Jacob Savoie, St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School; Brady Demeritt, St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School. Standing in back (from left to right): Jennifer Bellon, Principal, St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School; JoAnn Wallwork, Principal, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School; Ryan Smith, St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School; Christi Jarreau, Principal, Immaculate Conception Cathedral School; Andrew O'Quain, Immaculate Conception Cathedral School; Chad Mudd, Bain Jones, Immaculate Conception Cathedral School; The Most Rev. Glen John Provost, Bishop of the Diocese of Lake Charles; Karson Dietz, St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School; Slade Clark, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School.

Diocesan Briefs.....

"Work of Human Hands" sale at Christ the King

LAKE CHARLES – A Catholic Relief Services/Fair Trade "Work of Human Hands Advent Sale" continues today, Dec. 2, in the office of Christ the King Catholic Church from 9 a.m. until noon.

The sale will take place in the parish hall following all of this weekend's, Dec. 3-4, masses as well as in the office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 5 and 6.

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

Second Annual Quiz Bowl, Dec. 10

LAKE CHARLES – The Second Annual Quiz Bowl – Where the Game Begins with Truth – sponsored by the Office of Religious Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles is Saturday, Dec. 10, in St. Louis Catholic High School.

Last year more than 100 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students took part in the inaugural event.

Four-person teams can be formed from diocesan parishes or Catholic schools in the diocese, according to Sr. Mary Elizabeth Ann McCullough, RSM, interim director of Religious Education. The top two squads will be awarded prizes.

Questions have been available to study at https://quizlet.com/_1nngfj with the password: dolc since last year's competition.

Call 337-439-7400, Ext. 305 for more information.

St. Louis tuition giveaway

LAKE CHARLES – St. Louis Catholic High School has begun its "Great Tuition Give-Away" with a chance to win one year's tuition at the school, though fees are not included.

Five hundred tickets are being sold at $25 each. The tuition prize is transferable, redeemable for up to two years (August 2018), and can be gifted or donated to the scholarship fund.

Tickets are available on-line at www.slchs.org or at the school office, 1920 Bank Street.

Deadline to purchase tickets is Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017 and the winner, who needs not be present to win, will be chosen on Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 at St. Louis Catholic's Grandparents Day.

Contact Ann Vincent at 337-436-7275 or avincent@slchs.org for more information.

Informational meeting for 2017 Pilgrimage

MOSS BLUFF -- Join Father John Huckaby for an informational meeting about his next pilgrimage to the Holy Land set for Nov. 15-24, 2017.

The meeting is Saturday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. in the Activity Center at St. Theodore Catholic Church.

Call St. Theodore at 337-855-6662 for more information or to request a brochure.

Center for Catholic Studies Spring classes

LAKE CHARLES – Deadline to register for classes offered in the Spring at the Center for Catholic Studies at the Catholic Student Center of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church is Dec. 22.

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

Courses include Theology 104: Origins Of the Catholic Faith from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on Mondays, beginning January 23; Theology 290: History of Blacks in The American Catholic Church from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning January 17; and Theology 290: Spiritual Theology on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning January 17, from 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.

Registration forms are available through the diocesan Office of Religious Education (337-439-7400), the Newman Center, and at www.lcdiocese.org by clicking Forms on the front page and scrolling to Center for Catholic Studies.

Luncheon and breakfast dates

LAKE CHARLES -- The next Women's Luncheon and Men's Prayer Breakfast with Bishop Glen John Provost are Wednesday Jan. 4, and Friday, Jan 6, respectively, in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Office Building. The events will not take place in December.

Women should send a check for $15, payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles, to Women's Luncheon Tickets, 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 for 2017

LAKE CHARLES – Openings for the next Marriage Preparation class, offered by the Office of Family Life of the Diocese, is Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017.

The class is 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. It can be accomplished 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.

Other dates of classes for the first six months of 2017 are February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, and June 24.

Holy Spirit Women's Retreat

LAFAYETTE - Michelle Moran and Fr. Joe Krafft will be the featured speakers at the annual Holy Spirit Women's Retreat January 27-29, 2017 at the DoubleTree by Hilton. The theme is "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Also on the program are Deacon Larry Oney, a dynamic preacher, author and businessman, his wife, Andi, along with Patti Mansfield and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO) Team.

The retreat is sponsored by CCRNO. Weekend and Saturday commuters are welcome. Register online at www.ccrno.org or call (504) 828-1368.

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December 2, 2016

Dr. Morse to speak at Respect Life Banquet

LAKE CHARLES – Jennifer Roback Morse, Ph.D., will be the guest speaker at the annual Diocese of Lake Charles Respect Life Banquet set for Tuesday, Jan. 17, in the Lake Charles Civic Center. Presentation of the "Pro Vita" awards will take place in addition to Dr. Morse's remarks.

The awards will recognize the work and service of people of the diocese in pro-life activities during the year.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with silent auction items available for bid. The dinner is 6:30 p.m. and Dr. Morse will speak at 7 p.m. Tickets are $50 each and a table for eight can be purchased for $400.

Call 337-439-7400 for Caroline Matt; or e-mail rachels.vineyard@lcdiocese.org or caroline.matt@lcdiocese.org for more information. Tickets can also be purchased by going to the website of the Diocese – live.lcdiocese.org – clicking the "Support the Diocese" button and the Respect Life Banquet link

A number of diocesan pro-life ministries, including Rachel's Vineyard, The Gabriel Project, youth pilgrims traveling to the annual March for Life gathering in Washington DC, and a new pro-life project Grief to Grace, which will be introduced at the banquet, are benefitted by the proceeds from this event.

Dr. Morse is the founder and president of the Ruth Institute, a global non-profit organization, dedicated to creating a Christ-like solution to family breakdown. She earned her doctorate in Economics at the University of Rochester in 1980 and taught economics at Yale University and George Mason University. She has served as a Research Fellow for the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty and has held fellowships at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, Cornell Law School, and the University of Chicago's Economics Department.

She has authored several books and spoken around the globe on marriage, family and sexuality and was named one of the "Catholic Stars of 2013" by Our Sunday Visitor – a list that also included Pope Francis and Pope Benedict XVI.

Awards will be given in the categories of the laity – adult man or woman – and a youth. The winners will have exemplified the characteristics of carrying out this important reality.

Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat program offered to men and women harmed by the abortion experience. The Gabriel Project provides a 24-hour hotline staffed by volunteers as well as spiritual and emotional support for unwed mothers and those facing difficult pregnancies as well as baby items that the mother might need. For information on Rachel's Vineyard retreats and the Gabriel Project, call 337-439-7400, Ext. 317.

Jennifer Roback Morse, Ph.D.

Relic of St. John Berchmans in Shreveport, Dec. 7-19

(Read more at www.lcdiocese.org)

SHREVEPORT - On Wednesday, December 7, the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans will host a unique and exciting historical and spiritual event when a rare Catholic relic – the literal heart of Saint John Berchmans – makes its way from Belgium to Shreveport. This special event coincides with the 150th anniversary of the apparition and miracle of St. John Berchmans that occurred in Louisiana.

The presence of this relic in the Diocese of Shreveport is uniquely special because this is the first time the heart has ever traveled outside of its homeland, modern day Belgium. Accompanied by the pastor of the church where Saint John Berchmans was baptized, the heart will make its way to the only cathedral in the world named for this saint.

It will stay at the Cathedral from December 7-19, except for one day, December 14, when it will travel to Grand Coteau, the site of the apparition and miracle. During the heart's stay at the Cathedral, there are scheduled times for veneration and for Mass, as well as a series of events and talks related to the saint and relics that are free and open to the public.

The schedule of events, including Masses, speakers and veneration times, is available at www.sjbdevotion.org. Individuals are welcome to all events, but groups should call the Cathedral's office at 318-221-5296 before coming.

Christmas Mass Schedule for the churches of the Diocese of Lake Charles

Bell City
St. John Vianney
(7120 Highway 14 E.)
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Day)

Big Lake
St. Mary of the Lake
(11054 Highway 384)
4:00 p.m. (Eve)

Cameron
Our Lady Star of the Sea
(135 Our Lady Road)
4:00 p.m. (Eve)

Carlyss
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
(4822 Carlyss Drive)
4:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (Day)

Creole
Sacred Heart of Jesus
(5250 West Creole Highway)
5:30 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

DeQuincy
Our Lady of LaSalette
(203 S. Grand Avenue)
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)

DeRidder
St. Joseph
(1125 Blankenship Drive)
5:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

Elizabeth
St. Frances of Rome Mission
(204 Poplar Street)
8:00 a.m. (Day)

Elton
St. Joseph
(209 N. Washington Street)
5:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m. (Day)

St. Paul
(1100 St. Mary Street)
7:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)

Fenton
St. Charles Borromeo
(804 Third Avenue)
6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

Grand Chenier
St. Eugene
(5035 Grand Chenier Highway)
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m. (Day)

Hackberry
St. Peter the Apostle
(1210 Main Street)
6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8 a.m. (Day)

Iowa
St. Raphael
(211 S. Thomson Avenue)
5:30 p.m. (Eve); 10:15 a.m. (Day)

Jennings
Immaculate Conception
(705 S. Lake Arthur Avenue)
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. (Day)

Our Lady Help of Christians
(710 N. State Street)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve);
9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 5:00 p.m. (Day)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
(920 S. Broadway)
8:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)

Johnson Bayou
Our Lady of the Assumption Mission
(5556 Highway 82)
11:00 a.m. (Day)

Kinder
St. Philip Neri
(607 Fourth Avenue)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

Lacassine
St. John the Evangelist Mission
(306 Ann Street)
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m. (Day)

Lake Arthur
Our Lady of the Lake
(203 Commercial Avenue)
4:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)

Lake Charles
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
(Corner of Kirby and Bilbo Streets)
4:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve);
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m.,
5:00 p.m. (Extraordinary Form) (Day)

Christ the King
(7680 Gulf Highway)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)

Immaculate Heart of Mary
(2031 Opelousas Street)
4:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve);
8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Day)

Our Lady of Fatima Mission
(1700 Graham Street)
7:00 a.m. (Day)

Our Lady of Good Counsel
(221 Aqua Drive)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.
12:00 Midnight (Extraordinary Form) (Eve);
9:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m. (Day)

Our Lady Queen of Heaven
(3939 Lake Street)
4:00 p.m. (Main Church),
4:15 p.m. (Family Life Center gym),
6:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Main Church) (Eve);
7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m. (Day)

Sacred Heart of Jesus
(610 Louisiana Avenue)
4:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Day)

St. Henry
(1021 Eighth Avenue)
4:00 p.m. (Eve);
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. (Day)

St. Margaret of Scotland
(2500 Enterprise Blvd.)
(NW Corner of Enterprise Blvd & 17th Street)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve);
7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)

St. Martin de Porres
(5495 Elliott Road)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)

St. Patrick Hospital Chapel
(524 Dr. Michael DeBakey Drive)
9:00 a.m. (Day)

LeBleu Settlement
St. Joseph Mission
(2110 Claude Hebert Road)
8:30 a.m. (Day)

Moss Bluff
St. Theodore
(785 Sam Houston Jones Parkway)
4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 11:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:30 a.m., (Day)

Oakdale
Sacred Heart of Jesus
(1208 E. 7th Avenue)
7:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)

Oberlin
St. Joan of Arc
(110 W. 5th Avenue)
4:30 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Extraordinary Form) (Eve);
7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)

Ragley
St. Pius X
(16816 Highway 171)
6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (Day)

Raymond
St. Lawrence
(5505 Pine Island Highway)
5:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Day)

Sulphur
Immaculate Conception
(2700 Maplewood Drive)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Day)

Our Lady of LaSalette
(602 N. Claiborne Street)
4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (Day)

Our Lady of Prompt Succor
(1109 Cypress Street)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve);
7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Day)

Sweetlake
St. Patrick Mission
(469 Highway 27)
8:00 a.m. (Day)

Vinton
St. Joseph
(1502 Industrial Street)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

Welsh
Our Lady of Seven Dolors
(209 N. Adams Street)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)

St. Joseph
(310 N. Sarah Street)
5:00 p.m. (Eve)

Westlake
St. John Bosco
(1301 Sampson Street)
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)