



Msgr. Harry Greig retiring at year's end

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LAKE CHARLES – Msgr. Harry D. Greig, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Big Lake and St. Patrick's Mission in Sweetlake, will retire at the end of 2016 after 40 years of priestly service.

He served in many positions in diocesan administration and in pastoral settings, but his two year stint as Diocesan Administrator during what was one of the most difficult times for this local church – the recovery following the devastation of Hurricane Rita – was recently acknowledged by comments by Bishop Glen John Provost.

“We in the Diocese of Lake Charles owe Monsignor Greig an enormous debt of gratitude,” Bishop Provost said, “He served not only in various leadership positions throughout the history of the Diocese from its beginning but also as Diocesan Administrator for two years, a very trying period in the history of our area because of the devastation of Hurricane Rita. “On a personal note, when I arrived in the Diocese in April of 2007, Monsignor Greig introduced to me every kindness and generous cooperation, welcoming me to Lake Charles and making his services and experience available to me,” the Bishop continued. “He has been a faithful steward of God's gifts and I pray that our Heavenly Father will bless him in his retirement.”

Msgr. Greig was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Lafayette on May 28, 1976 in Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.

Included in his many pastoral assignments was Associate Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland here in Lake Charles. He was at St. Margaret when the Diocese of Lake Charles was established in 1980 and decided, as did other priests of the Diocese of Lafayette, to remain here in Lake Charles as a priest of the new diocese. Other assignments over the years included stints at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady Queen of Heaven and as Administrator of St. Margaret in 1986.

He was appointed co-pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven in 1991 and became pastor in 1992, serving until 1995, when he was named rector of the Cathedral in 1995, serving there until his appointment as pastor of St. Mary of the Lake in July 2003.

With the establishment of the new diocese, Bishop Jude Speyrer asked Msgr. Greig to serve as Chancellor and he did so until August 1988, taking on the additional duty of Vicar General in June 1982 as well as serving in the Tribunal the positions of Prosynodal Judge, Advocate, and Defender of the Bond. In 1988, he accepted a position with the Sacred Congre-

gation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican serving until August 1991. Upon his return, Msgr. Greig was named Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia.

Upon his election as Diocesan Administrator by the College of Consultors in June 2005 following the transfer of Bishop Edward K. Braxton, Msgr. Greig didn't anticipate a long time before a new bishop would be named. However, those additional duties would last for nearly two years and encompass two hurricanes. He served until the ordination and installation of Bishop Provost on April 23, 2007.

“I think, having been involved in the beginnings of the diocese, I didn't anticipate any surprises,” Msgr. Greig said. “It would be just until a new bishop was named, perhaps six months, I thought. We had staff in place and there was nothing traumatic to deal with. I did not anticipate the length of time it would be, didn't even think about it.

“I had been elected by the Consultors to be administrator and I chose to use them during my time in that role,” he said. “Throughout the process we would meet regularly. We didn't have a chancery but had the bishop's house and met there for me to consult them and them to offer guidance and advice. I think that was beneficial for the whole diocese because they were able to own the decisions we made as well. Their support was important as well as we moved forward.”

He noted it was the unexpected – the hurricanes – that caught him, and everyone else, short.

“First, there was Katrina and the people relocating into the diocese,” he said. “We were trying to help them and then came our own experience, with Rita. It was a situation of doing what we had to do. We were fortunate that people were generous to us, such as the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Extension and others who gave us funding to help those in need, who had lost everything.”

While administrator, Msgr. Greig had retained his post as pastor of St. Mary of the Lake. “Some had suggested that I give up the parish, but as I didn't think it would a long period of time, I stayed.”

This would prove to be a good choice as St. Patrick's Mission “was the only Catholic structure that remained in Cameron Parish for us to celebrate Eucharist after the storm,” he said. “The coastal parishes and St. Mary of the Lake all operated out of it. In hindsight things worked smoothly but as you were going through it, you were just operating with what you saw as a need and responding to it. We had never been through a hurricane as a diocese, so you came realize there is a Holy Spirit working.”



During his two-year, June 2005-April 2007, tenure as Diocesan Administrator, Msgr. Harry Greig presided over many functions, such as the blessing and dedication of the new Cathedral office building.

Bishop Provost publicly acknowledged Msgr. Greig at the recent Gaudete Dinner, a diocesan celebration of all priests, deacons, religious and seminarians of the Diocese in preparation for Christmas. The Bishop thanked Msgr. Greig for his many years of service in leadership to the Diocese, especially as administrator from 2005 to 2007.

Christmas Message 2016

Christ is our Light. And as the winter days grow shorter and darkness descends more rapidly, we are reminded of the shadows that can darken our own lives. Loneliness, illness, separation, addiction, unemployment, alienation, poverty, and sin can bring loss of hope and even despair. Christmas proclaims that it does not have to be that way. The poor shepherds heard “good news of great joy” that pierced the cold midnight sky and the same can happen to us. The Savior is born. Light has entered the world. The Clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Lake Charles join me, Bishop Provost, in wishing you the joyful light of a Merry Christmas.

†The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, D.D., M.A.
Bishop of Lake Charles

Respect Life Banquet Jan. 17

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 Caro-

line 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



Jennifer Roback Morse, Ph.D.

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.



The top image is an architect's rendering of the entry gate at the Camp Karol Youth Retreat facility to be built in Moss Bluff. The bottom photo is the diocesan youth core team pictured with Bishop Glen John Provost at the groundbreaking for the gate. Pictured from left are, Luke Hagen, Msgr. Daniel Torres (Vicar General), Abie Hebert, Olivia Boudreaux, Joel Brabham, Matthew Foltz, Allen Wyninger, Milissa Thibodeaux (Director of Youth Ministry), Noel Grove, William Fultz, Kyle Baudoin, Very Reverend Ruben Buller (Secretary for Ministry of Administration), Ellie Clements, and Ashlyn Theriot. Camp Karol is one of the key beneficiaries of the *Return to the Lord* Capital Campaign ongoing across the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Diocesan offices closed for Christmas

LAKE CHARLES – The offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed Monday, Dec. 26 through Monday, Jan. 2. They will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3, for regular office hours – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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.

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 a.m. 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 classes for 2017

LAKE CHARLES – Openings for the next Marriage Preparation class, offered by the Office of Family Life of the Diocese, is Saturday, Feb. 11, 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 in 2017 are 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.



Craig A. Guillory named Distinguished Catholic of Year

LAKE CHARLES – Craig A. Guillory, a life-long parishioner of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Lake Charles, received the 2016 “Distinguished Catholic of the Year” from St. Peter Claver Court and Council #168 of St. Henry Catholic Church at the annual Sapphire and Ice Gala fundraiser. Rev. Jeffrey Starkovich, pastor of St. Henry, made the presentation to Guillory.

Father Starkovich introduced the winner, pointing out the many leadership positions Guillory has attained in a variety of church groups and other organizations.

“He is an original member of the Sacred Heart Gospel Choir,” Father Starkovich

said. “He has also been a parish pastoral council member, a member of the social justice committee, and the “Hamburger Grill Master” for the parish’s annual bazaar.”

In the community, Guillory is equally busy as the founder of Krewe Chetu Jadi (Swahili for Krewe of our Ancestors) and its captain for 30 years, according to Father Starkovich. He currently serving his fourth term as regions-president of Southwest Louisiana Mardi Gras Association.

A designer and costume maker for many of the area’s Mardi Gras Krewes, Guillory has been featured in national publications promoting tourism in Louisiana. With his son Creighton, he appears in

a television commercial locally promoting the Carnival season with the saying, ‘Let’s get this party started.’

Guillory is also a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity with various leadership roles. He is Commander of the Junior Knights of Peter Claver of Sacred Heart Council #31, playing a major role in grooming young men to be leaders. His sons, Creighton and Carrington, have made history on the national KPC level with each serving the Order as Junior Supreme Knights.

He is the Faithful Navigator of Father Hannigan Fourth Degree Assembly #6 of the Knights of Peter Claver and has been Area Commander of District 6, Southwest Central Committee as well as District Vice President.

Proceeds from the event will be used to support College-level seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles and the St. Henry Catholic Church’s *Building Bridges* Capital Campaign.

Pastors of the church parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles were asked to nominate an individual for the award, except for St. Henry since it was serving as a host for the gala.



Bishop Glen John Provost, left, presents the 2016 “Distinguished Catholic of the Year” St. Peter Claver Award to Craig A. Guillory of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Lake Charles, middle, with Father Jeffrey Starkovich, right, pastor of St. Henry Catholic Church at the recent “Sapphire and Ice Gala fundraiser. Proceeds from the event will be used to support College-level seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles and the St. Henry Catholic Church’s *Building Bridges* Capital Campaign. St. Peter Claver Council and Court #168 of St. Henry Catholic Church sponsors the award.

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)