



Changes slated July 1 for Diocesan communications

LAKE CHARLES – Changes will be introduced to some of the communications vehicles of the Diocese of Lake Charles beginning in July in an attempt to be in touch with more of today's media savvy Catholics.

Changes will include the introduction of a weekly "Bishop's Message" video streaming on the website, while the Sunday morning *Glad Tidings* television program on KPLC-TV will be discontinued. A tab will be added to the front page of the site to allow for easy access to the weekly missive from Bishop Glen John Provost.

In addition, visitors to the website will be able to subscribe to the "Bishop's Message" free of charge, with a link sent to the viewer's e-mail address upon release of each new video. All videos will also be archived on the site so visitors may return to view previous messages.

Along with these changes, steps will be taken to strengthen and improve the website's streaming capability for a better quality video along with other improvements in the com-

ing months. Additionally, efforts have begun to start an "official" Diocese of Lake Charles Facebook page.

An archive of previous *Glad Tidings* program will remain available to view on the diocesan website.

The Diocese of Lake Charles will continue the Catholic Calendar with a monthly two-page spread. However, beginning in July, the publication of the monthly single page edition of the Catholic Calendar in four regional newspapers - the Jennings Daily News, the Southwest Daily News, the Beauregard Daily News, and the weekly Cameron Pilot - will cease.

That aspect of diocesan communications was added following the passage of Hurricane Rita in 2005 and its resulting long-term devastation. This was done in a concerted effort by the Diocese to provide those in need of assistance would know where such aid could be found and what the Diocese's social service ministry was doing to assist those whose homes had been damaged or destroyed.

The two-page publication of the Catholic Calendar, currently being published twice monthly in the (Lake Charles) American Press will continue there but at a lesser frequency.

Beginning in July, a new schedule will have the two side-by-side pages printed once a month, generally on the third Friday except for the month of December and the month in which Easter is celebrated. In the months of Christmas and Easter, the Catholic Calendar will be published twice, generally on the first and third Fridays - a total of 14 times yearly.

In speaking about the changes, particularly to *Glad Tidings*, Bishop Provost said, "In this age when fewer people are watching television and more people are turning to social media and the internet for news and updates, it is prudent for the Catholic Church to speak the Gospel through this media. We can see the Church responding to each generation through its media, and the Diocese of Lake Charles is approaching its message in the same way now through streaming video on its website that is sent directly to the faith-

ful through email."

"I would like to thank the people who since the inception of the Diocese contributed their time and talent to 'Glad Tidings,'" the Bishop continued. "They should be acknowledged and thanked for their effort and fine programs throughout the years. I do not see this as a cancellation of a program, but a furtherance of the spread of the Gospel through the means of the modern and more current media."

"Glad Tidings" first aired on October 5, 1980 and has continued unabated until now. Then Father Sam Jacobs was tapped by Bishop Jude Speyrer to oversee the television programming and C. Kirby Raymond was hired to provide television production work.

The Catholic Calendar was first printed in the American Press on Friday, September 8, 1982. At its inception, the Catholic Calendar was a single page published 18 times a year.

Registration open for CLI Summer Camp

LAKE CHARLES -- The 2017 edition of the Christian Leadership Institute Catholic Summer Camp (CLI) is scheduled from Wednesday, June 28, to Monday, July 3, at Maryhill Retreat Center in Pineville.

The cost of the camp is \$450 per child including a deposit of \$150. Registration for multiple siblings provides a discount of \$100.00 for the second child and a \$150 discount for the third, according to Milissa Thibodeaux, director of the Office of Youth Ministry. Those interested can sign up for the camp, which is limited to 150 participants, at www.dolceyouth.org with the payment of deposits and fees along with the completed registration form to the Office of Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles, 411 Iris Street, Lake Charles. Dead-

line is Thursday, June 8.

"Christian Leadership Institute is a week-long training experience sponsored by the Diocese of Lake Charles focusing on developing and sharpening leadership skills in a Christian manner that can be used in every aspect of their lives, according to Mrs. Thibodeaux. "The focus of the training includes effective communication skills, facilitation skills, decision-making skills, consensus seeking skills, temperament and leadership styles, male/female leadership styles, living the Catholic Faith, and call to ministry.

"The training involves experiential learning and is re-enforced by hands-on activities and small group challenges," she continued. "The young people themselves play a part in shaping the

routine activities of each day from waking up in the morning, to setting the environment and planning prayer for meals, morning and evening prayer, the evening liturgy and the evening socials."

Concluding, Thibodeaux said, "One of our main goals for the week is to learn how to really live as a Christian community. We offer a balanced existence of hard work in our learning, planning and implementation; prayer, down time (relaxation); as well as fellowship and social activity. It is truly a faith-filled experience in which young people are challenged to grow in their faith and truly experience what love of neighbor is all about."

For additional information go to www.dolceyouth.org or call 337-439-7400, Ext. 301.



Advanced Christian Institute Leadership participants take part in a wall-climbing exercise during the 2016 program. Only 150 individuals will be accepted to take part in this year's Christian Leadership Institute to be held at Camp Maryhill in Pineville.

State senator receives prestigious CHRISTUS Health Eagle Award

LAKE CHARLES – Louisiana State Senator Ronnie Johns has been named the recipient of the 2017 CHRISTUS Health Eagle Award for his commitment to uphold the dignity of citizens in Louisiana and his tireless efforts to protect and provide access to quality health care for the poor and vulnerable of our society.

This award was presented during a breakfast event honoring the Louisiana Delegation by CHRISTUS Health Leadership and the CHRISTUS Health Louisiana Board of Directors. The annual award, now in its 18th year, is presented by CHRISTUS Health to one or more lawmakers who share the health system's mission "to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ."

"Senator Johns deserves this award for his hard work to identify and solve the critical hurdles we often see in health care policy," said Stephen Wright, Senior Vice President of Group Operations of CHRISTUS Health.

As an advocate for some of the most vulnerable in this community, Senator Johns has led efforts for the past three years to put an end to human trafficking and to build a shelter, the *Metanoia* Home. The shelter, once built, will be devoted to minor females rescued from trafficking. Ending human slavery is an issue of particular importance to CHRISTUS Health and our sponsoring congregations. CHRISTUS advocates for laws to provide protection and support for victims of human trafficking. CHRISTUS Health's emergency room and obstetric Associates are often the first to detect a human trafficking victim.

"The senator has led efforts to make sure many social justices and health related issues are addressed. These efforts don't just help



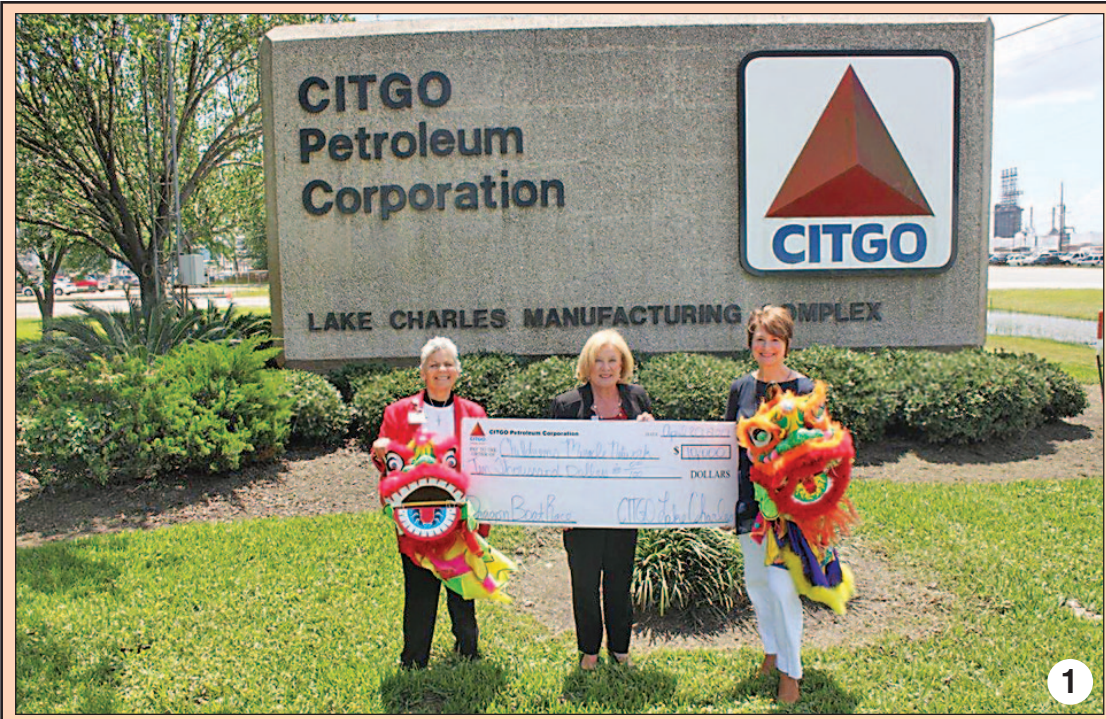
Senator Ronnie Johns

CHRISTUS as an organization, but help our patients as well as Louisiana's health care provider community," said Wright.

Senator Johns is a State Farm Insurance agency owner in Sulphur, Louisiana. In 2011, he was elected to the Louisiana State Senate from District 27 in Calcasieu Parish. A former member of the Louisiana House of Repre-

sentatives, and a pharmacist, Johns' experience makes him a valuable member of the CHRISTUS St. Patrick Hospital Board.

Senator Johns is a graduate of Bunkie High School and holds a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, then known as Northeast Louisiana University.



In photo 1, CITGO Lake Charles Manufacturing Complex representative Dana Keel, Government and Public Affairs Manager (far right), presents a \$10,000.00 check to CHRISTUS St. Patrick Foundation representatives Kay C. Barnett, CFRE, Executive Director of Development (center), and Cara Wyland, Children's Miracle Network Director (far left), securing CITGO a Premier Sponsorship for the Foundation's annual Dragon Boat Race and a Full Throttle Sponsorship for the 2017 Run with the Nuns. Photo 2 shows Entergy representatives Anthony "Chip" Arnould Jr., Senior Region Manager, Customer Service, ELA West (second from left) and Jamie Chapman, Region Engineering Supervisor and CHRISTUS St. Patrick Foundation Board Member (second from right) as they present an \$8,500 check to CHRISTUS St. Patrick Foundation Executive Director of Development Kay C. Barnett, CFRE, (far left) and Children's Miracle Network Director Cara Wyland (far right) as a VIP Event Sponsor of the 2017 Dragon Boat Race.



*His Excellency,
The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, D. D.
Bishop of Lake Charles
will ordain
Mr. Samuel John Orsot
to the Sacred Order of Deacon
and
Reverend Mr. Sam Anthony "Trey" Ange III
to the Sacred Order of Priest
at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 3
in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
935 Bilbo Street Lake Charles, LA 70601*

Msgr. Hubert Cramers 4th Degree Knights of Columbus



Awards were recently presented at the 72nd Msgr. Cramers Assembly 320, Fourth Knights of Columbus banquet. In photo 1, Sir Knight Richard Roy, left, is presented the Howard Jaubert Memorial Award by Sir Knight Fray Zamora, the Assembly's Faithful Captain. Sir Knight Zamora receives the Sir Knight of the Year Award from Sir Knight Herman Verkruijsen, Faithful Navigator in photo 2. The Anthony Abate Memorial Award was presented (photo 3) to Sir Knight Wylace Vincent, right, and his wife, Margaret (not pictured), by Sir Knight Lee Roy Cates, One-Year Trustee. Sir Knight Wilmer Dugas, right (photo 4), was named the Diocese of Lake Charles Citizen of the Year and given the award plaque by Sir Knight I.J. Tarou, District Marshall and Sir Knight Verkruijsen. Other award winners include Sir Knight Ernest Vincent, winner of the John W. O'Reilly Sr. Memorial Award; Father Michal MacMahon of Huntsville, Ala., the Charles Jaubert Memorial Award winner; Sir Knight Raymond and Loretta Mylen, the Assembly Family of the Year; and Lake Charles Police Chief Don Dixon, Jr., named the Lawrence Toups Jr. Memorial Award.

Mass to Avert Storms June 1 in Cameron

CAMERON -- Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate a Mass to Avert Storms beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 1 – the first day of the 2017 hurricane season – at the Historic Shrine and Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron.

The Bishops of the State of Louisiana – The Province of New Orleans – have designated First Friday, June 2, as a statewide Day of Prayer and Fasting for Protection from Hurricanes.

Concelebrants will include pastors of the coastal churches.

The faithful who make this Diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine for the liturgy could receive spiritual benefits as if they had visited the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome; due to the special affiliation the Cameron church has with the Basilica. The pilgrimage provides a plenary indulgence with the fulfillment of certain requirements, in-

cluding recent confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayers for the Holy Father, and the recitation of the Creed.

This "spiritual bond" was granted by His Eminence, Santos Cardinal Abril y Castelló, the Cardinal Archbishop of the Basilica and His Eminence, Emmanuel Cardinal Montero de Castro, the Cardinal Apostolic Penitentiary following Bishop Provost's ad limina visit in 2012. A Decree from the Holy See proclaiming this favor is framed and mounted in the vestibule of Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Bishop Maurice Schexnayder, then second Bishop of Lafayette, established a Shrine to Our Lady Star of the Sea at the parish church in Cameron; a beautiful statue to Our Lady, carved in Italy. It was installed and blessed by Bishop Schexnayder as a memorial to those who died in the devastation of the 1957 passage of Hurricane Audrey.

Jesus on campus

LAKE CHARLES -- Father Nathan Long and the Cowboy Catholics of the Catholic Student Center and Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church brought Jesus to the heart of the McNeese State University campus during Holy Week. For two days, dozens of students came to the quad to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Jenna Hacker, a junior studying mathematics said, "Adoration gave me a taste of how McNeese should be every day. There, Jesus should be visible at all times especially in the students."

Besides serving on campus, the Cowboy Catholics serve both nationally and abroad. Many students spent their spring break working with the Missionaries of Charity and serving the homeless in Atlanta. The student center will also be send-



A student prays before the Blessed Sacrament in the Quad of the McNeese State University campus during Holy Week 2017. Father Nathan Long, director of the Catholic Student Center, sees as his mission to "form lifelong disciples of Jesus."

ing twenty students to Jamaica this summer to serve with the Missionaries of the Poor.

Father Long explained, "Our mission is to form lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ: men and women who will live out the Gospel in their families and professions after

having attended McNeese State University."

The Catholic Student Center, 221 Aqua Drive, provides student-led Bible studies throughout the week, intellectual formation, retreats, free lunches and other events. All McNeese and

SOWELA Technical Community College students are welcome to participate at the center.

As the only Catholic collegiate ministry in the Diocese of Lake Charles, funding for Cowboy Catholics comes from benefactors across the community.

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2017 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**

Catholic Communication Campaign this weekend

WASHINGTON—The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) collection is an annual national appeal to support evangelization through the Internet, television, radio, and print publications. This year's collection will be taken up in the

Diocese of Lake Charles and many other dioceses around the United States on this weekend, May 27-28.

Of the funds you collect, 50 percent remains here in this local church to support diocesan communication efforts, such as the Catholic Calen-

dar. Last year, the diocesan half amounted to \$14,685.60.

"At its core, this collection is a way for all of us to be evangelizers," said Bishop Joseph J. Tyson of Yakima, Washington, chairman of the Committee on Communications' Subcommittee on the

Catholic Communication Campaign. "The message of the Church is one of hope and mercy—that God walks with us and does not leave us to face our suffering alone. With the collection, this is the message that we share."

Diocesan Briefs.....

Preparation for Black Catholic Congress XII

LAKE CHARLES -- A Day of Reflection, in preparation for Black Congress XII, is set for tomorrow, May 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in St. Louis Catholic High School, according to Deacon Edward Lavine, Coordinator of Ministries and Director of the Office of Black Catholics.

Congress XII will be held in Orlando, Florida on July 6-9.

Saturday's schedule features a prayer service, after which attendees will begin a review of the Black Catholic Congress principles dealing with social justice, human dignity, marriage and family life, youth and young adults, and activities for spiritual growth. Attendees will then gather in a general assembly to receive the reflections from the six groups and prepare a report to be sent to the National Black Catholic Congress office.

Contact Deacon Lavine at 337-439-2646 for more information.

Wedding Anniversary Mass June 11

LAKE CHARLES -- Bishop Glen John Provost will honor

couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries during this year of 2017 as well as those couples with anniversaries of more than 50 years that are divisible by five at the 11:15 a.m. Mass on June 11 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The Bishop will bless the couples in attendance and, following the liturgy, present special certificates of recognition. There will be a reception to those celebrating these significant jubilee anniversaries at a reception in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral office building on the corner of Kirby and Bilbo Streets.

Registration forms may be found in all of the 39 church parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Couples must contact their parish of their intention to attend the Mass. The parish will forward names to Office of Family Life, the office that sponsors the annual event. The deadline for parishes to return registration forms is Wednesday, May 31. A special invitation will be sent to the couple.

Big Cash Giveaway underway

LAKE CHARLES -- The Abrazando Cristo Mission Program

has tickets available for its annual fundraiser benefitting the work of the mission in Nicaragua.

Only 750 tickets will be sold at \$100 per ticket. First prize is \$5,000.00; second is \$1,000; and third is \$500.00.

To purchase a ticket, please mail your check, payable to Abrazando Cristo Mission Program to Monsignor Daniel Torres, 414 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601. The drawing will be June 18. Call 337-439-7400 for more information.

Marriage Preparation class August 19

LAKE CHARLES -- Openings for the next Marriage Preparation class, offered by the Office of Family Life of the Diocese, is Saturday, August 19.

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 www.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.