



## Two to be ordained; one to priesthood, one to diaconate

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will be the ordaining prelate on Saturday, June 3, during a 10 a.m. liturgy in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for the priestly ordination of Deacon Sam Anthony “Trey” Ange III and the ordination to the diaconate of Samuel Orsot.

Deacon Ange completed his theological studies at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans while Deacon Orsot will enter his fourth year of theological training at Notre Dame.

Before the conclusion of the liturgy and the final blessing by Bishop Provost, the first priestly assignment of Father Ange will be learned along with other pastoral changes to become effective in July.

Following the ordination, Orsot will serve his diaconate internship until mid-October at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur, under Rev. Edward Richard, M.S., before returning to Notre Dame. Orsot, a parishioner of St. Henry Catholic Church in Lake Charles, is the son of Francis and Jacqueline Orsot.

Ange is a native of Lake Charles, the son of Sam Anthony Ange Jr. and Evette Ange Westlake and a parishioner of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and the McNeese Catholic Student Center. He is the grandson of Deacon Garrett Caraway of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Westlake along with Sam Anthony and Barbara Ange of Lake Charles and has three first cousins studying for the priesthood for the diocese. The late Rev. Archimandrite Herbert J. May, J.C.L. was also a cousin.

He was ordained to the transitional diaconate on Aug. 10, 2016 by Bishop Provost at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Though a native of Lake Charles, Deacon Ange, after graduation from McNeese State University, worked for a time in the communications office of the Diocese of Austin, Texas. The calling to a vocation came to him strongly while in Austin and he returned to his hometown and the Diocese of Lake Charles to come to a final decision.

Ange expressed some thoughts on his journey to the priesthood and his upcoming ordination.

“As I draw closer, I cannot help but think of a servant about to enter a banquet, but also - a soldier about to go into battle, - and at the same time, a person returning home to be with family,” he said. “I still have a lot to learn about being a priest for eleven years. It will be so great to return home and serve after being away for over a decade.

“But this will not be an easy transition,” Ange continued. “It’s going to be more of a spiritual battle, but one for which I feel that I’ve been well equipped, especially with the prayers of the faithful who are praying for me and all of the priests of the Diocese of Lake Charles.”

As for any fears or trepidations on his continuing vocation journey, now as a priest, Ange said, “I would hope that in the future, I can remain close to my brother priests and remain close with Christ in prayer, as well as know my own limitations, so that I do not become quickly overwhelmed and burned out. I still have a lot to learn about being a priest and I must patiently walk with Christ in His priesthood.”

In the final months of school, leading to ordination, Ange thought it surprising how tough those days were. “It is sort of surprising how difficult it was to push through this last year. I knew it would be tough, but it is very difficult to get through these last few months of classes, with ordination so close. Again, it’s more of a spiritual battle - one where I must allow



Samuel Orsot

Christ to guide me.”

Orsot first felt the call to a vocation when he was a young child.

“I first felt called to the priesthood when I was about five years old,” he said. “I was at Mass and watching the priest pray the Mass, and I was struck by how he prayed the words of Institution, and I felt my heart desiring to do what Father did.

“At Father’s urging, and with my parent’s encouragement, I began praying for discernment, something that I kept up through the years of my life. As I got older and went to High School, I started to discover not only the sacrifices a priest willingly made, but also the many stigmas and stereotypes that came along with his ministry, and my response was to close my heart to God and His plan. I did not want to be alone the rest of my life or even to give up my family. I allowed my fears to dictate how I would discern God’s will for my personal happiness. God, I believe, would not let me turn my back on his call.

The summer before my senior year in high school, God and I had a tug of war. Through prayer and talking with other priests, He debunked each stigma, stereotype, and excuse I made. After a summer of restless running from God, I decided that I would discern in seminary what I thought He was asking me. I went to College with the intention of continuing to discover where God was calling me to serve Him.

In 2013, I entered into priestly formation and discernment with our diocese. As I have gone through discernment, it has been a process of growth and transition for me. Growing in my ability to selflessly give myself in ministry, and discerning



Deacon Sam Anthony “Trey” Ange III

if God was indeed asking me to give my life to Him as a priest went hand in hand for me. I have grown in confidence as I have gained clarity and confirmation of God’s plan for my life. As I have continued on this path, I have grown in the peace and happiness that comes along with following God’s plan. I can’t wait to taste the joys that will come with serving God as a deacon and hopefully as a priest.

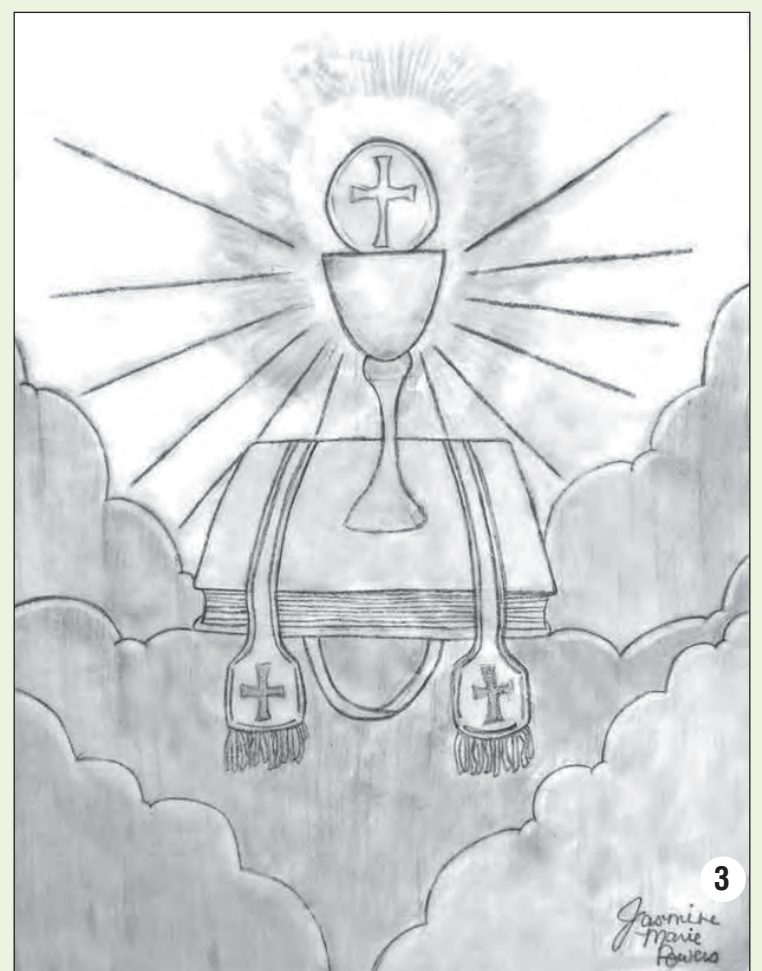
Feelings about the penultimate step to the priesthood, his diaconate ordination, Orsot said, “I am very excited. As I think about how God has led me to this point in my life and has allowed me to encounter and serve so many great people in our diocese, I am filled with gratitude. Everything has been grace-filled so far, and I can’t wait to begin serving our great diocese as a transitional deacon.

As he looks forward to the next year and, God willing, his priestly ordination, Orsot said, “As I get closer, I am filled with a sober excitement. I am counting down the time until I can return home and love our people as a priest. Southwest Louisiana is filled with the most loving and faith-filled people I have ever seen. Being able to serve them has brought me more joy than I could have anticipated.

“Each day, as I ask God for the graces necessary to be formed as a good and holy priest, I realize that to whom much has been given, much is expected. I am mindful that God has given me so much, especially to be able to minister to wonderful people, and I am cognizant of the responsibility that comes with this. I beg God each day for the graces to faithfully serve our people, whom He has chosen to give me to.”



World Day of Prayer for Vocations was celebrated in the Diocese of Lake Charles on Sunday, May 7, with a liturgy at St. Henry Catholic Church. Representatives from the vocation committees of the 39 church parishes in the diocese were on hand to receive candles to return to their home parishes in order that prayers could be offered seeking an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Rev. Jeffrey Starkovich, pastor of St. Henry, (Photo 1) blesses the candles with the vocation representatives standing at the right. In Photo 2, Father Starkovich stands with Jasmine Powers, the winner of the annual Diocesan wide vocation drawing contest. Powers, a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Oberlin, created the winning image shown in Photo 3. Second place went to Rylee Keating and third to Tia Reder, both of Lake Charles.



## Vocations celebrated

## Saint Charles Center summer schedule announced

MOSS BLUFF – Programs for the months of June, July, and August at Saint Charles Center have been announced by Father Whitney Miller, the Center’s Director.

For deadlines and suggested donations, call 337-855-1232 or go to sthcarlescenter.com to register.

On Tuesday, June 13, Sr. Diane Depwe will present “Stepping Out of Chaos” from 6 to 9 p.m. in Tabor Retreat House.

Father Miller, Fr. Marshall Boulet, Judy Savoie and Gloria Villegas will offer “Private Directed Retreats” from Monday, June 19 to Sunday, June 25. The same team will also offer an “Introduction to

the Directed Retreat” Thursday, June 22 to Sunday June 25. Registration for these two programs must be done by contacting Saint Charles Center directly at 337-855-1232.

The Office of Vocations of the Diocese will offer the “Quo Vadis Days Retreat” from Monday, June 26 to Wednesday, June 28, for Catholic men ages 15 to 25 to learn about the priesthood and how to discern a vocation aided by priests, seminarians, and other young men according to Fr. Jeffrey Starkovich. For those interested in this free-of-charge event call Fr. Starkovich at 337 436-7223 or Fr. Nathan Long at 337-477-1434.

On Wednesday, July 5, Father Miller will facilitate “United in Prayer: A Holy Hour of Intercession for Our Country” from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Those present we will pray a Patriotic Rosary, as well as spend time in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, with opportunity available for Confession. The evening will conclude with Benediction, followed by an ice cream sundae social. There is not a donation expectation for this event, but attendees are asked to pre-register by Monday, July 3.

A “Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat for Healing After Abortion” will be offered from Friday, July 7 to Sunday, July

9, with Father Rommel Tolentino, Margie Long and Diocesan Team. For more information or registration contact: Rachel’s Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana at 337-439-7400 ext. 317 or e-mail rachel.vineyard@lcdioocese.org. Financial assistance is available.

Sr. Diane Depwe will present “Emotional Sobriety” on Tuesday, July 11 from 6 to 9 p.m.

On Tuesday, July 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. Michael Papania will present “Trust: Establishing Trust as the Foundation of a Healthy Relationship”.

Instruction in the Byzantine-Russian Tradition of the Prosoption School of Iconography will be offered at

a “Beginning/Intermediate Icon Writing Workshop” from Monday, July 24 through Sunday, July 30. Class size is limited and reservations are on a first come, first served basis. For information on costs and other requirements call workshop coordinator, Sylvia Marcantel, at 337-304-2911 or e-mail: smarcantel@suddenlink.net.

Well-known local spiritual companion Joan Broussard, author of the book “Grief, Guts and Grace,” and a frequent facilitator of retreats on grief for the Diocese of Lafayette, will present “A Catholic Journey Through Grief” on Tuesday, August 1 from 6 to 9 p.m.

“Blessings from the Fall”

will be presented by Sr. Diane Depwe on Tuesday, August 8 from 6 to 9 p.m.

“Growing in Prayer: What to Do AFTER the Mountain-top Experience of a Retreat” will be presented by Fr. Miller on Tuesday, August 22 from 6 to 9 p.m.

A Married Couples Retreat, “God Created Us, Man and Woman,” will be presented by Mark and Shila Cowart from Friday, August 25 to Sunday, August 27. The donation per couple for the weekend is \$385.00 with a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit necessary to reserve a space. For more information call 337-905-2032 or e-mail shilacowart@camtel.net.



## St. Louis Catholic High School graduates 159

LAKE CHARLES – Reverend Monsignor Daniel A. Torres, Vicar General of the Diocese of Lake Charles, was the featured speaker of the 2017 commencement ceremonies of St. Louis Catholic High School at which 159 seniors of the school graduated May 16 in Burton Coliseum. Of those seniors, 59 were honors graduates, the highest in the school's history.

Reverend Nathan Long, Rector of the school, gave the Invocation and concluded the ceremonies with Benediction.

The 2017 St. Louis Awards went to Emily Rose Dempsey and Andre Joseph Ange at the May 10 Baccalaureate Mass celebrated in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The awards, made possible by the Lake Charles Serra Club, go to the students who have shown Love of God and Neighbor, Strong Moral Character, Desire to Serve Community, Courage to stand up for Christian Principles, a Daily Christian Lifestyle, and Proper Use of God-Given gifts and are chosen by a vote of their peers and approval by members of the faculty.

The Salutatorian and Valedictorian of the Class of 2017, Noah Michael McNally and Samuel David Bruchhaus, respectively, gave addresses to their classmates and those attending.

McNally spoke of how he and his classmates lived a legacy of love at St. Louis and how welcomed he felt when he came to the school for the first time three years ago. He also spoke of lyrics to a song by U2 and Bono that was written to honor Nelson Mandela and was included in the biography film *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*. In repeating some of the lyrics, McNally spoke of 'ordinary love'.

Bruchhaus challenged his classmates to "go out and turn the do's into done's and that the only way to fail is to not try."

Monsignor Torres used a scripture verse from the sixth chapter of the Book of Sirach in his remarks to the students: Graduates of 2017 - We hear the sacred words from Sirach 6:14, "Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one finds a treasure. As you go forth into the world, allow Jesus Christ to be that faithful friend guiding you. As you go forth, allow Jesus Christ to be the sturdy shelter in your life to find refuge and peace. As you go forth, allow Jesus Christ to be the treasure in your life so that your words and actions will always emulate the spirit of charity and love. If you can succeed in letting Jesus Christ be your ultimate faithful friend, your Lord and Savior, and your God--how blessed all your days will be."

Members of the Senior Class of 2017 were Kassem Abu-Shamat, John Ammons, Andre Ange, Jaina Ange, Meghan Antoine, Joseph

Bang, Ryan Bartek, Parker Belaire, Mary Bell, Luke Benoit, Daniel Best, Katherine Booth, Emma Bouillion, Gabriel Bourgeois, Jacob Bourgeois, Ashley Bowler, Brianna Broussard, Ian Bruce, Samuel Bruchhaus, Andre Buisson, Kaitlin Burguieres, Luke Burnham, Anna Bushnell, Caroline Cagle, Amanda Casiday, Juan Felipe Castillo, Kaitlyn Chaffin, Ellen Clements, William Clements, Sarah Corbello, Steven Corbello, Sarah Cormier, Gentry Crain, Kennedy Darbonne, Emily Dempsey, Frederick Dempsey, Michael Dempsey, Cristina DeSantos, Hunter Dore, Sophia Dore, Zachary Dowling, Bailey Dubus, Mark Ebersole, Charles Ehlers, Zachary Eisner, Anthony-Beau Faul, Marcus Ferguson, and Alayah Fontenot.

Also, Cameron Fontenot, Zachary Fontenot, Bryan Gabb, Anthony Gagliano, Bailey Galicia, Emile Garry, Luke Gaskin, Lauren Gayle, Kyle Godeaux, Julian Gonzales, Isabella Griffith, Noel Grove, Corinne Grubb, Madelyn Guidry, Logan Guillory, Samuel Hacker, Sophie Hacker, Kennedy Hebert, Olivia Hebert, Emily Hedlesky, William Heinen, Grace Helms, Alyssa Hoag, Peyton Huval, Alexander Ieyoub, Matthew Ieyoub, Amanda James, Erika Jarrell, Jarrod Jennies, Ethan Johnson, Ellen Johnston, Mark Johnston, Ameera Kattash, Dylan Kay, Grant Kelly, Sarah Kohrs, Kara Kramer, Thomas Kratz, John Kuehn, Maggie Kuehn, Kale Labauve, Gregory Laborde, Kayla Lambert, John Lavergne, Patrick Lavergne, Madeline Lechtenberg, Mary Leger, Tiffany Lowery, Wyatt Mallett, Will Malone, Dejah Malveaux, Tatiana Manthey, Abigail Martin, and Dasia May.

Also, Claudia Mayo, Cooper Mayo, Matthew McCracken, Christopher McGill, Noah McNally, Logan Meaux, Stephanie Menou, Julie Mere, Shajia Mitchell, Gabriela Moran, William Navarre, Caroline Neck, Madison Oertling, Andie Ottenweller, Jacob Ottenweller, Grace Owen, Emilee Papadimitriou, Mary Paul, Anthony Pulido, Bryce Rachal, Evan Rasbeary, Alec Reddoch, Jacob Reeves, William Richard, Dean Riviere, Quinton Roan, Lucy Ryder, Reagan Saltzman, Madelynn Sanders, Annie Schindler, Kaden Sharpe, August Simien, Nicholas Simien, Emily Snider, Bethany Soileau, Tabitha Sonnier, Brandon Soram, Sara Stewart, Madeline Stine, Lawrence Sweet, Emily Tassin, Grant Tassin, Ashlyn Theriot, Zachary Thierry Taylor-Therese Tran, Everlynn Truong, James Vanchiere, George Villaume, Julie Vincent, Heather Vogel, Clara Wade, Jenna Watkins, Jasmine Weber, Brandon Whittington, Londyn Worley, McKenzie Wyninger, and Chloe Zareck.



Emily Rose Dempsey and Andre Joseph Ange received the St. Louis Awards at the conclusion of the Baccalaureate Mass celebrated for the Class of 2017 by Bishop Glen John Provost on Wednesday, May 10 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The award, made possible annually by the Lake Charles Serra Club, goes to the graduating male and female senior student voted as the outstanding Christian student by their peers and approved by members of the faculty. Pictured above, from left, are Dempsey; Bishop Provost; Father Nathan Long, Rector; and Ange.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### 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, will present special certificates of recognition to those celebrating these significant jubilee anniversaries. There will be a reception in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral office building on the corner of Kirby and Bilbo Streets after the liturgy.

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.

### Big Cash Giveaway

LAKE CHARLES – Tickets for the Abrazando Cristo Mission program's "Big Cash Giveaway" are still available. Proceeds of

the annual fundraiser benefit the work of the Mission in Nicaragua.

Tickets are \$100 each with only 750 to be sold. First prize is \$5,000.00; second is \$1,000, and third is \$500.00.

To purchase a ticket, mail your check, payable to Abrazando Cristo Mission Program, to Monsignor Daniel Torres, 414 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601. The drawing is June 18.

Call 337-439-7400 for more information.

### Marriage Prep 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.lcdiocese.org](http://www.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 "Diocesan Forms" link on the website.

## Christian Leadership Institute Summer Camp scheduled June 28-July 3

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, can be done at [www.dolceyouth.org](http://www.dolceyouth.org) with the payment of deposits and fees with the completed registration form to the Office of Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles, 411 Iris Street, Lake Charles. Deadline 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, and 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; downtime (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."

## U.S. Bishops to meet June 14-15

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will gather for their annual Spring General Assembly, June 14-15, in Indianapolis. During the assembly, the full body of bishops will address issues of immigration and refugees, religious freedom at home and abroad as well as health care policy developments. The bishops will also begin consultation on the upcoming Ordinary Synod of Bishops being convened by the Holy Father in 2018.

Bishop Oscar Cantú of Las Cruces, New Mexico, chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace, will lead a presentation on religious persecution, genocide and human rights

violations in the Middle East. The bishops will receive a briefing from their working group on immigration and hear from outside experts.

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap., of Philadelphia, chairman of the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, and Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. of Newark, chairman of the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, will lead the discussion on the 2018 Ordinary Synod of Bishops, which will focus on young people, faith and vocational discernment.

The bishops will also discuss and vote on whether to establish the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty as a permanent USCCB committee.



The Vocation Committee of Christ the King Parish treated the religious sisters of the Diocese of Lake Charles to a luncheon at the parish residence on May 7 honoring their ministries. Those attending included, from left, Sr. Jeannette Touchet, SEC; Sr. Camille Martinez, SEC; Sr. Marirose Rudek, RSM; Sr. Diane Depwe; Sr. Claire Pellerin, SE; Sr. Tracy Dolan; Sr. Mary Vianney Walsh, RSM; Sr. Mary Elizabeth Ann McCullough, RSM; Sr. Catherine Leroux, SE; Sr. Joyce Susan Njeir Mbataru, CCVI.

## Changes in store 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 more in touch with more of today's media savvy Catholics.

Changes 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 coming 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 at [lcdiocese.org](http://lcdiocese.org).

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.

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.