



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

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will be the ordaining prelate on Saturday, June 30, during a 10 a.m. liturgy in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for the priestly ordination of Deacon Samuel Orsot and the diaconate ordination of Michael Caraway.

Before the conclusion of the liturgy and the final blessing by Bishop Provost, the first priestly assignment of Father Orsot will be announced.

Deacon Orsot is a parishioner of St. Henry Catholic Church in Lake Charles – where he will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday July 1, at 10:30 a.m. – and the son of Francis and Jacqueline Orsot. He completed his theological studies at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, graduating with a Master of Divinity Cum Laude. Caraway, a parishioner of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings and the son of William and Betty Caraway, will return to the Pontifical North American College in Rome for completion of his theological studies later in the year, following his diaconal assignment at Our Lady Queen of the Heaven Catholic Church under the tutelage of Msgr. Daniel Torres.

Deacon Orsot noted that as the ordination approaches, “everything is surreal.”

“I have wanted for so long to be a priest, and I am grateful to God that it is happening,” he said. “As we get closer, I have been thinking about how many people have supported me and helped me to arrive at the Altar of God, to both hear and answer His call to the Priesthood. While I am filled with gratitude and joy, I am also filled with a sense of responsibility. The People of the Diocese have left me with a great debt to God and to them, and I will spend the rest of my life, begging the Lord Jesus to reward all those who have helped me get here, doing the best I can to serve them.

“June Thirtieth, while it is the biggest moment of my life and culminates a lifetime of prayer and study, is not about me,” Deacon Orsot continued. “It is about our great local Church, as God answers Her prayer for another Priest. I am excited that very soon, I will be able to serve our Church full time. I can’t wait to begin using the tools that the Lord has given me in priestly formation to help our people continue to live out their vocations. On the other side, the transition has been a little tough, in that I am not very good at saying good-bye. At Notre Dame Seminary, I received not only the best priestly formation, but also brothers who I will carry with me in my heart for the rest of my life.”

Orsot noted he has been inspired by the leadership and selfless priestly examples of love.

“I want to thank firstly, His Excellency, Bishop Provost, Msgr. Torres, Fr. (Jeffrey) Starkovich, Fr. (Roland) Vaughn, Fr. Susil Fernando, Fr. (Marshall) Boulet, Fr. (Timothy) Goodly, Fr. John Payne, Fr. (Romel) Tolentino, Fr. (Jacob) Scott, Cerner, and Fr. (Edward) Richard and Fr. (Robert) Boxie, he said. “I wish also to thank, my parents, Francis and Jackie Orsot, my siblings, Monica, Ramona, Nancy, Chad, Victoria, Christina, and Lucas, as well as Ronny and Terry Breaux.

“Vocations are heard first and foremost in the home, with the family that God has given each person, Deacon Orsot continued. “These remarkable people, since I was a young boy, have helped me to not only hear the voice of God, but have helped me to follow it. I wish to thank also the Serra Club, and the various groups who reach out and support the seminarians. I wish also to thank the priestly formation team of



Deacon Samuel Orsot

Notre Dame Seminary. I would like to also thank the people of St. Henry, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, St. Pius X, St. Paul, and St. Joseph parishes, who have opened their homes and hearts to me, and have helped to form me for service in Our Lord’s vineyard. And lastly, I wish to thank the great people of the Diocese of Lake Charles, your love and your prayers have helped me in ways that I cannot begin to describe. I know that I am here today because of all of you.”

Caraway said he was humbled and excited to be called by Bishop Provost. “It is at this diaconate ordination that I will give my life over to Christ and his Church in a new way as I will make life long promises of prayer, obedience, and celibacy,” Caraway said. “It is with joy that I am ready to do so, for if there is one thing that I have learned along the path to



Michael Caraway

ordination, it is that there is nothing more fulfilling than following Christ.”

With the grace of God, Caraway will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles next year.

“Approaching the priesthood is an amazing thought and I find myself in awe that I will be given the opportunity to be a minister of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God to the world,” Caraway said. “I find myself humbled and utterly astounded to be called to such a great task. To think that my life as a priest will be a life that allows me to witness the work of Christ in the lives of his people is a life that I long to live. To think that God wants to use me as his instrument to bring the grace of Christ into the world for the glory of God and the sanctification of his people is something that never ceases to amaze me.”

Diocesan offices closed July 4

LAKE CHARLES – The offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed Wednesday, July 4, Independence Day, the 242nd anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, and the declaration by The Continental Congress that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America, and no longer part of the British Empire.

Regular office hours – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – will be observed Monday and Tuesday, July 2-3, and Thursday, July 5. Summer office hours on Friday, July 6, will be 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2018 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 you in quietude.

Its former 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 on 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**

Men’s breakfasts, ladies luncheon topics, dates set

LAKE CHARLES – The topic of the 2018-2019 cycle of Bishop Glen John Provost’s First Friday Men’s Breakfasts and the Wednesday Ladies Luncheons will be St. Paul’s Letters to the Corinthians and will begin on Friday, Sept. 7 and Wednesday, Sept. 12, respectively, in the Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Office Complex at the southeast corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets.

Breakfasts begin at 7 a.m. and are preceded by the celebration of the Mass at 6:30 a.m. in the Cathedral.

The luncheons begin at 11:30 a.m. with the Bishop’s teachings starting at noon.

Men should call 337-439-7400 to register while women should send a check in the amount of \$15, payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles, to Victoria Walter, 411 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601. A stamped self-addressed envelope should be included with payment.

Breakfasts will be held on Friday, Sept. 7 (I Corinthians, 1-4); Friday Oct. 5 (I Corinthians, 5-8); Nov. 2 (I Corinthians, 9-12); and Dec. 7 (I Corinthians, 13-16).

The breakfast will take a hiatus in January and conclude beginning Friday, February 1 (II Corinthians, 1-4) continuing Friday, March 8 (II Corinthians, 5-7); Friday, April 5 (II Corinthians, 8-10); and Friday, May 3 (II Corinthians, 11-13).

Luncheon dates and topics for 2018 are as follows: Wednesday, Sept. 12 (I Corinthians, 1-4); Wednesday, Oct. 3 (I Corinthians, 5-8); and Wednesday, Nov. 7 (I Corinthians, 9-12). Due to scheduling there will be no luncheon in December or January.

The luncheons resume on Wednesday, Feb. 13 (II Corinthians, 1-4) continuing Wednesday, March 13 (II Corinthians, 5-7); Wednesday, April 10 (II Corinthians, 8-10); and Wednesday, May 1 (II Corinthians, 11-13).

Religious Freedom celebrated Sunday in Sulphur at 11 a.m.

SULPHUR – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of the Diocese of Lake Charles, will celebrate Religious Freedom with the Holy Mass on Sunday, July 1, at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church.

The Mass concludes “Serving Others in God’s Love” Religious Freedom Week – June 22-29 – in the Diocese and across the United States. Religious Freedom Week began on the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher – Friday, June 22.

Decree of Announcement of Pastoral Assignments



I, The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, hereby announce the pastoral assignments for the Year Two thousand and Eighteen for the Diocese of Lake Charles, Louisiana:

Effective July 1, 2018:

Rev. Matthew Cormier	Pastor, St. Henry, Lake Charles
Rev. Timothy Goodly	Pastor, Immaculate Conception, Sulphur
Rev. Jenesh Joseph, HGN	Pastor, St. John Bosco, Westlake
Rev. Dismas Mauk, SVD	Pastor, St. Raphael, Iowa and its mission of St. Joseph in LeBleu Settlement and Pastoral care of the mission of St. Peter Claver.
Rev. Vijaya Peddoju, HGN	Pastor, Sacred Heart, Oakdale
Rev. Jeffrey Starkovich	Pastor, St. Pius X, Ragley
Rev. Ruben Villarreal	To serve as Chaplain and faculty member of St. Louis Catholic High School, while continuing his duties in the Diocesan Tribunal.
Deacon Brian Soileau	Associate Director, Saint Charles Center and Camp Karol

The Most Reverend
Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

Rev. Deacon
George Stearns
Chancellor

Cathedral Restoration Work Ongoing



Work sign acknowledges Cathedral's restoration work



Metal work repainted surrounding stained glass windows



Scaffolding in place on upper windows of Cathedral



Using scaffolding a worker blocks stained glass on windows



North courtyard scaffolding allows access roof

Restoration work, made possible through contributions to the *Return to the Lord* Capital Campaign, continues on the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Father Rommel Tolentino, pastor of the Cathedral said, "The Cathedral restoration is progressing well. Our parishioners are very excited to see the work being done on the church. We are grateful to God and to Bishop Provost for giving us this wonderful opportunity to participate in such a worthy endeavor of restoring the mother church of our diocese. No words could express my sincerest gratitude to all those who generously contributed to the capital campaign. Our united efforts and sacrifices today will benefit future generations of Catholics in southwest Louisiana." Ribbeck Construction Company, the general contractor for the project noted a number of items of work being done. Mockup steps were made and setup to accommodate the modifications that will take place at the main altar and the side altars. Additional work to be done include the augmentation of the center steps at the main altar eastward. Restoration of the steel window frames of the existing stained glass window frames has been challenging. Following the restoration of the frames, they are being coated with a high-performance rust inhibitor primer and high-performance topcoat. Work on the crawl space vents around the church also continues with salvaging the brick that was removed. New galvanized lintels will be fabricated and installed once the crawl space work is complete, using the salvaged brick to close out the crawl space vent openings. In the Cathedral's crawl space, work continues with the removal of existing deteriorated metal ductwork, removal of trash and debris, regrading soil in the crawl space to prepare for a new concrete slab to create a common HVAC return space and do away with ductwork under the finished floor or within crawl space. This work is ongoing and will continue. A set of construction drawings for the air conditioning and electrical design is being worked on by the design team and could be finalized within the next following weeks. Work also continues on the restoration of the steel frame windows at the upper levels with the ground floor windows nearly 95 percent complete according to the general contractor.

July events scheduled at Saint Charles Center

LAKE CHARLES – Saint Charles Center continues marking a quarter century of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church – October 11, 2017 – with its schedule of events showcasing the themes, content and impact of the Catechism here in the Diocese of Lake Charles during the month of July.

Fr. Rommel Tolentino, Margie Long and the Diocesan team will lead the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing After Abortion, Friday, July 6 to Sunday, July 8. If someone is struggling with guilt, depression, regret or other difficult emotions from an abortion, they are not

alone, and this weekend is a way to experience the healing love of Jesus Christ. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a memorial service and a Mass of Entrustment Participation is strictly confidential, and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. The cost is \$215.00 for meals, private room with private bath and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. For more information or registration contact: Rachel's Vineyard of SWLA (337) 439-7400, Ext. 317 or e-mail rachel@vineyard@lcdioocese.org.

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Join Sr. Diane Depwe as she presents "The Sacrament of the Eucharist" on Tuesday, July 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. According to Vatican II liturgy documents, the Eucharist is the summit from which all spirituality flows. We are a thanksgiving people and we are to go forth to witness to others that the Eucharist is truly the real presence of the body and blood of our Savior. Come learn the depth of this sacred mystery of our Lord in the Eucharist! Register by calling (337) 855-1232 or at stcharlescenter.com by Friday, July 6. The suggested donation is \$20.00 per person. A Beginning/Intermediate

Icon Writing Workshop will be Monday, July 23, to Sunday, July 29. Instruction is in the Byzantine-Russian Tradition of the Prosopon School of Iconography (www.prosoponschool.org). Cost for beginners is \$1,165.00, which includes 36 hours of studio instruction, all art supplies, meals and room with private bath. Intermediate/advanced students have the same amount of instruction time along with room and board, but they must provide their own art board and supplies. The cost for those students is \$1,005.00. Prior art experience is helpful but not required. A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of

\$150.00 is required to reserve a space in the class. Class size is limited, and reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Deposits will be refunded only in the case of workshop cancellation. Please make checks payable to: Prosopon Icon Workshop-Lake Charles. Contact the workshop coordinator, Sylvia Marcantel at (337) 304-2911 or e-mail: smarcantel@suddenlink.net.

"Baltimore Catechism and the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Similarities and Differences" will be presented by Fr. Miller on Tuesday, July 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. One text was published in 1885 and the other in 1994. One text

was intended primarily for an elementary/young adult student, and the other for the adult community of believers. One text was circulated in the dioceses of the United States while the other "is offered to every individual who wants to know what the Catholic Church believes." (Pope John Paul II) Learn more about each text and what it means to be Catholic in each and every generation! To register call (337) 855-1232 or at stcharlescenter.com by Friday, July 27, deadline. The suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Abrazando Cristo Mission destination changed

LAKE CHARLES -- Due to continued civil unrest and other violence occurring in Nicaragua, the Abrazando Cristo Mission Program has set its sights this summer on Puerto Rico, which continues recovering from the devastation of two 2017 hurricanes according to Msgr. Daniel A. Torres, program director.

The dates of the mission trip remain the same, July 1-15, Msgr. Torres noted.

The programs' main fundraising have been completed and the benefactors of the Johnnie Thibodeaux Memorial Golf Tournament and the Big Cash Giveaway were thanked for their generosity.

"For the past 18 years, the mission program has been fostering God's work in Nicaragua." Msgr. Torres said. "Thank you for all your support and thank you to Almighty God for blessing us with these gifts to do Your work."

The golf tournament gave the program \$30,000 for this year's trip while the cash giveaway drew winning raffle tickets on Sunday, June 17, for the \$5,000 first prize (ticket number 0190, JL); \$1,000 second prize (number 0369, TC); and the \$500 third prize number 0096, KT).

Radio broadcasts of Cathedral's Sunday Mass

LAKE CHARLES -- The celebration of the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, which has been broadcast on KLCL (1470-AM), since the beginning of the Diocese of Lake Charles and more recently on Jennings' KJEF-AM (1290-AM), as well as streaming on the two stations' websites, will also be broadcast on Radio Maria (91.1 FM) on the second Sunday of each month and streaming on Radio Maria's website.

Women sought to join Theresians

LAKE CHARLES – Catholic women are being sought to join a monthly faith-filled spiritual community, especially to form a new Theresians group in the Westlake, Sulphur, Vinton and Carlyss areas, according to Cookie Phillips, outreach coordinator for the Theresians International Organization.

To learn more about the Theresians call 337-474-9205 or email cookiephil@suddenlink.net.

Mass for individuals with special needs

LAKE CHARLES – Reverend Whitney Miller will celebrate a Mass for individuals with special needs and their families on Sunday, July 8, at 11 a.m. in St. Louis Catholic High School.

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost will celebrate Mass on Sunday, October 7.

All are welcome to attend the celebration, which is offered as an opportunity to worship despite difficulty, embarrassment or frustration.

Call Karen Duhon at 337-478-0243 or Geri Christ Landry at 337-433-5662 for more information.

Popcorn balls, BBQ dinners at St. Henry

LAKE CHARLES – The St. Henry Catholic Church Altar Society will hold its Popcorn Ball sale on Friday, August 3, and the St. Henry Knights of Columbus Council #5022 will be selling barbecue dinners on Saturday, August 4.

Both events will occur in the St. Henry Community Center located behind the church.

Popcorn balls, which are guaranteed when pre-ordered, will be available from 9 a.m. until gone. Pre-orders are currently being taken, continuing until Friday, July 27 by called 337-912-2185, 337-436-7223, or 337-439-1159.

The Knights of Columbus barbecue dinners, which include a half-chicken, pork steak, or ribs with rice dressing, pork and beans, and potato salad, are \$10 each. They can be pre-ordered by calling 337-499-9226 or 337-439-1159, or 337-912-2185.

Rachel's Vineyard retreat in July

LAKE CHARLES -- Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana, sponsored by the Office of Pro-Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles, will host its next retreat on Friday through Sunday, July 6-8, at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

The retreat is for anyone – men or women – suffering from the trauma and after-effects of abortion. A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat provides an opportunity to deeply enter the grieving process and identify all the ways an abortion may have affected you.

The retreat can also help participants accept forgiveness for themselves and others. There is also an opportunity to re-connect with the children that were aborted on a spiritual level, to give them honor and dignity through special and creative spiritual exercises as well as in a memorial service.

Contact Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana at 337-439-7400, Ext. 317 or e-mail rachel.vineyard@lcdioocese.org to register or for more information.

Center for Catholic Studies class schedule

LAKE CHARLES -- Instructors and subjects for upcoming classes offered at the Center for Catholic Studies at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 221 Aquia Drive, have been announced by the Office of Religious Education and the Office of Adult Education of the diocese of Lake Charles. The actual

dates and times for the classes will be made public later, according to Sister Marirose Rudek, RSM, director of the offices.

Father Ruben Buller will teach Introduction to Spiritual Theology during September and October while Father Ruben Villareal will lead Introduction to Philosophy in November and December.

Father Nathan Long will teach on the Letters of St. Paul during the months of January and February while Paula Hunter will teach Theology of the Body & Interior Life during March and April.

Cost is \$50 per person for each course. For more information or to be placed on a list for future announcements, call 337-439-7400, Ext. 308 or e-mail marlie.mudd@lcdioocese.org.

Parish catechists summer workshops

LAKE CHARLES -- Summer workshops for parish catechists and Professional Catechetical Leaders offered by the Office of Religious Education have been announced by Sr. Marirose Rudek, RSM, director of the office. Topics are the same in each workshop, so those who are catechists or those thinking about become a catechist in their parish should only register for one day. There is a \$5 fee for the workshop, according to Sr. Marirose.

The dates and locations are Saturday, August 11 at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder; Saturday, August 18 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Lake Charles; and Saturday, August 25 at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur from 8 am to 11:45 a.m. each day.

Each workshop begins with an overview of Theology of the Body for catechists followed by breakout sessions for catechists doing religious education for elementary, middle school, high school (Life Teen), high school classroom, and special needs students.

Catechists are asked to register with their parish PCL for the workshop of their choice.

Saint Charles Center accepting applications

MOSS BLUFF -- Saint Charles Center is accepting applications for a part-time cook.

Interested applicants need to be available for immediate employment and previous work in the kitchen is preferred. Applicants need to be flexible and available to work various hours during the week as well as some weekends.

The setting of the retreat center provides the employee a peaceful environment with a spirit of shared collaboration among cooperative staff members.

Call Michelle Monceaux at 337-855-1232 for information.