



Reverend Orsot, Deacon Caraway ordained June 30

LAKE CHARLES -- Bishop Glen John Provost was the presiding prelate on Saturday, June 30, at the Mass of Ordination for Reverend Samuel Orsot as a priest for the Diocese of Lake Charles as well as the ordination of a transitional deacon -- Deacon Michael Caraway - in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

At the conclusion of the liturgy, before the final blessing by Bishop Provost, Deacon George Stearns, diocesan chancellor, pronounced the pastoral changes for a number of diocesan parishes, including the first priestly assignment for Father Orsot -- Parochial Vicar to St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church.

Father Orsot celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, July 1, at his home parish -- St. Henry Catholic Church. Deacon Caraway also served in his capacity as a deacon in the liturgy.

In his homily to the two ordinands and to those assembled, on the Memorial of the First Martyrs of Rome, Bishop Provost spoke of those deaths, using the account recorded in *The Annals of Imperial Rome*:

“Covered with the skins of beasts, they were torn by dogs and perished, or were nailed to crosses, or were doomed to the flames and burnt, to serve as a nightly illumination, when daylight had expired. Nero offered his gardens for the spectacle, and was exhibiting a show in the circus, he mingled with the people in the dress of a charioteer or stood aloft on a car. Hence, even for criminals who deserved extreme and exemplary punishment, there arose a feeling of compassion; for it was not, as it seemed, for the public good, but to glut one man’s cruelty, that they were being destroyed.”

“This passage describes the gruesome deaths in the year 64 of the First Martyrs of Rome.” Bishop Provost said. “We owe our knowledge of this horrifying episode to the pagan Roman historian, Tacitus. He describes the tormented demise of these early Christians as a result of the devious whim of a deranged emperor.

“Like Eleazar in the first reading (II Maccabees 6:18, 21, 24-31), they were hanged, burned, and thrown to beasts,” he continued. “leaving a model of courage and an unforgettable example of virtue’ (II Maccabees 6:31). St. Paul’s words emboldened their resolve, when he writes, ‘For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord’ (Romans 8:38-39. And the reassuring words of our Lord in the Gospel bolstered their hope: ‘But the one who goes perseveres to the end will be saved.’” (Matthew 24:13).

“The life of a priest, truly lived, must be ready for martyrdom,” Bishop Provost continued. “So, it is highly appropriate that this ordination should be celebrated on the day set aside by the Church to recall the sacrifices of the First Martyrs of Rome.

“As fathers and ministers of the Church our lives are an offering for the flock,” the Bishop continued. “The Second Letter of St. Peter saves this closing admonition for priests: ‘Tend the flock of God in your midst, overseeing not by constraint but willingly, as God would have it, not for shameful profit but eagerly. Do not lord it over those assigned to you, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory’” (I Peter 5:2-4).

In speaking to the ordinands, the Bishop noted. “You are called to become one of those exemplary priests about whom from time to time we sit around the table reminiscing, recalling their charity, their fidelity, their sacrifices, and their unwavering pursuit of what was better for their parishioners than for themselves. In short, they sought holiness. So should we.”

Priests aiding the two ordinands in vesting were Father Charles McMillin for Deacon Caraway and Father Roland Vaughn for Father Orsot.



Following the Saturday, June 30, Ordination Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop Glen John Provost, center, stands with the newest priest of the Diocese of Lake Charles, Rev. Samuel Orsot, right, and the newest deacon, Deacon Michael Caraway, left. Just before the final blessing, diocesan Chancellor George Stearns announced several pastoral assignments, including appointing Father Orsot as the Parochial Vicar at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church. Deacon Caraway was appointed to his diaconate internship as Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Following the internship, he will return to Rome for his final year of theology classes at the Pontifical North American College. With God’s grace, Deacon Caraway will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 29, 2019.

Saint Charles Center July, August events

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 summer schedule of events showcasing the themes, content and impact of the Catechism here in the Diocese of Lake Charles.

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 the Friday, July 27, deadline. The suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

“Camp Karol: Now and Into the Future” (A Meet & Greet Evening with Deacon Brian Soileau) will be offered on Tuesday, August 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. Effective July 1, Bishop Provost has appointed Deacon Soileau as the Associate Director of the Saint Charles Center / Director of Camp Karol. In that role, Deacon Soileau will be working with Fr. Miller to develop and plan for the establishment and future programming of the Camp Karol youth retreat facility. Come

for prayer, a meal, and a presentation by Deacon Soileau on the latest developments associated with Camp Karol as well as opportunity given for other ideas, suggestions and recommendations. Register by calling (337) 855-1232 or at stcharlescenter.com by the Friday, August 3, deadline. The suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

“The Love of God” will be offered by Sr. Diane Depwe on Tuesday, August 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. Jesus as well as the Old Testament tells us “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” What does this mean? Jesus teaches us what it means as well as providing examples of how to live by it. Register with a call to (337) 855-1232 or at stcharlescenter.com by the Friday, August 10, deadline.

Saint Charles Center stands as a place apart, offering an atmosphere of serenity and peace, where one can deepen one’s relationship with God and achieve spiritual renewal and growth, rediscovering life’s meaning in quiet reflection.

Plans approved for Camp Karol

MOSS BLUFF – Bishop Glen John Provost has approved the final plans and specifications for the Camp Karol Catholic Retreat Center, according to Father Whitney Miller, Director of Saint Charles Center and Camp Karol.

Bishop Provost also named Deacon Brian Soileau Associate Director of Saint Charles Center and Camp Karol. That appointment became effective on July 1.

Father Miller also noted that the contractor for the project will be a firm Palma LLC, though a firm start-date has not been confirmed. The architect for the project is Champeaux, Evans, Hotard. The construction of Camp Karol was one of the goals of the Return to the Lord Capital Campaign which the diocese conducted. The goal for Camp Karol was



Deacon Brian Soileau

\$1.6 million and contributions from pledges continue to be provided.

The official groundbreaking for The Lodge at Camp Karol took place in October 2017

“The Lodge” will feature a dining hall for guests/retirees/campers, a large conference/meeting area, a full service kitchen with large pantry, cooler, freezer and dish washing room, office, staff conference room, a small interior chapel that can be reconfigured into a large exterior chapel for outdoor gatherings, restrooms, storage space and mechanical rooms.

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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 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 seething 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

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:

The Very Rev. William Elder - Reappointed as **Judicial Vicar**

The Rev. Samuel Orsot - **Parochial Vicar**, St. Margaret of Scotland, Lake Charles

The Rev. Mr. Michael Caraway - **Pastoral Summer Assignment** to Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles

Signed by our hand and that of our Chancellor, given on this 30th day of the month of June in the Year of our Lord, 2018.

The Most Reverend
Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

Rev. Deacon
George Stearns
Chancellor



Msgr. Louis J. Melancon

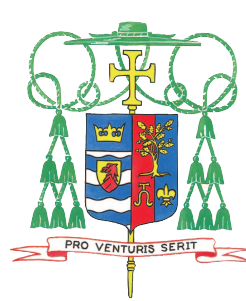
Msgr. Louis Melancon dies

OPELOUSAS - A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, July 3, for Reverend Monsignor Louis J. Melancon, a retired priest of the Diocese of Lake Charles, in St. Landry Catholic Church in Opelousas. Msgr. Melancon, 82, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 30.

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, and Diocese of Lafayette Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel concelebrated the Mass.

The Rite of Committal followed at Bellevue Memorial Park Cemetery.

Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

July 20, 2018



July 4, 2018

Wednesday

My dear People of God,

As we enjoy these summer days, may the grace of our Lord be with you!

Our Lord taught us in the Gospel, "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more" (Luke 12:48). We are to be good stewards.

With these treasures in mind and in a spirit of openness, I wish to present the accompanying financial statements of the Diocese of Lake Charles for your review.

An independent accounting firm conducted an audit of our financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. If you would desire greater detail or have any questions, please feel free to contact our diocesan Office of Administration (337-439-7400) or visit the Diocesan website (www.lcdioocese.org).

Please note that in keeping with established practice, this financial statement does not include the financial reports of individual parishes within the Diocese. Each pastor is responsible for reporting publicly the financial statement of his parish in the parish bulletin.

I am deeply moved each year through your generosity. The Bishop's Services Appeal and the Return to the Lord Capital Campaign reflect the generosity of the people of this Diocese. I have asked that updates be reported in the *Catholic Calendar* concerning the five areas of the Capital Campaign. We see the fruits of Camp Karol already, the revitalization of the structure of the Cathedral, the expansion of Catholic Charities, and the ordination of a new priest just last month in our Diocese as we thank God for the years of service of previous generations of priests now retired. A more detailed report concerning the Campaign will be forthcoming.

With humble gratitude, I remain

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

✠Glen John Provost

Bishop of Lake Charles

THE SOCIETY OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES

Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015

	2017	2016	2015
Assets:			
Cash and equivalents	\$ 16,076,476	\$ 9,695,017	\$ 8,588,957
Investments	842,981	815,929	701,297
Accounts receivable, net	338,472	269,874	148,673
Grants receivable	72,500	125,000	419,652
Pledges receivable, net	12,791,798	3,169,729	52,214
Loans receivable	68,389	68,475	81,494
Cash value of life insurance policies	683,147	648,413	627,862
Prepaid insurance and other expenses	305,928	388,970	381,716
Property, equipment, and improvements, net	8,461,672	8,557,127	8,686,669
Investments pledged as collateral	100,000	100,000	100,000
Deposit in self-insurance pool	285,116	285,116	285,116
Beneficial interests in securities held in trust	1,934,358	1,808,708	1,914,434
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 41,960,837	\$ 25,932,358	\$ 21,988,084
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 531,154	\$ 755,656	\$ 497,382
National collections and other payables	270,941	204,333	267,049
Accrued insurance claims payable	201,273	170,283	184,048
Contributions and benefit payables	159,068	107,228	78,389
Due to parishes	1,471,982	104,694	-
Deferred revenue	8,507	26,256	30,225
Contingent liability	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,642,925	\$ 1,368,450	\$ 1,057,093
Net Assets:			
Unrestricted			
Undesignated	\$ 6,804,848	\$ 8,886,434	\$ 8,988,233
Designated for specific purposes	9,214,350	9,207,553	8,532,810
Total unrestricted net assets	16,019,198	18,093,987	17,521,043
Temporarily restricted	21,695,953	4,988,048	1,850,605
Permanently restricted	1,602,761	1,481,873	1,559,343
Total Net Assets	\$ 39,317,912	\$ 24,563,908	\$ 20,930,991
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 41,960,837	\$ 25,932,358	\$ 21,988,084

Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2017 Totals	2016 Totals	2015 Totals
Support and Revenue:						
Parochial tithes	\$ 2,763,580	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,763,580	\$ 2,653,823	\$ 2,648,767
Diocesan assessments	6,594,603	273,012	-	6,867,615	6,631,702	6,551,013
Diocesan appeals	-	126,183	-	126,183	291,146	291,774
Contributions and bequests	83,825	17,241,311	-	17,325,136	4,778,884	1,029,112
Grants	-	311,217	-	311,217	450,906	917,617
Investment income	95,379	76,706	120,888	292,973	50,368	195,964
Loss from disposal of property	(88,968)	-	-	(88,968)	(8,122)	(7,088)
Specials program and other revenues	992,529	120,917	-	1,113,446	877,389	1,029,565
Less: Cost of direct benefits to donors	(37,927)	-	-	(37,927)	(51,863)	(59,904)
Net assets released from restrictions	1,441,441	(1,441,441)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 11,844,462	\$ 16,707,905	\$ 120,888	\$ 28,673,255	\$ 15,674,233	\$ 12,596,820
Expenses:						
Program expenses						
Clergy life	1,267,094	-	-	1,267,094	1,020,300	1,018,077
Christian formation	2,285,504	-	-	2,285,504	2,097,839	2,321,012
Pastoral services	1,340,604	-	-	1,340,604	1,735,045	1,551,976
Health care and casualty insurance	5,453,026	-	-	5,453,026	5,355,877	5,139,827
Supporting services						
General administration	1,313,223	-	-	1,313,223	1,049,799	1,099,914
Fund raising	2,259,800	-	-	2,259,800	782,456	117,786
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 13,919,251	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,919,251	\$ 12,041,316	\$ 11,248,592
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$(2,074,789)	\$ 16,707,905	\$ 120,888	\$ 14,754,004	\$ 3,632,917	\$ 1,348,228
Net assets, beginning of year	18,093,987	4,988,048	1,481,873	24,563,908	20,930,991	19,582,763
Net assets, end of year	\$ 16,019,198	\$ 21,695,953	\$ 1,602,761	\$ 39,317,912	\$ 24,563,908	\$ 20,930,991

Diocesan Briefs.....

Seminar set at Our Lady Queen of Heaven FLCC

LAKE CHARLES -- "Divorce in the Eyes of a Catholic," an educational seminar open to everyone, will be held on Saturday, August 4, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Life Community Center, 3939 Kingston Street.

Father Trey Ange and Deacon Harold Nixon, both assigned to Our Lady Queen of Heaven, will be the presenters.

Being divorced does not define who we are. All Catholics are called to be "Christ-like." The morning will briefly explore what it means to be a Catholic in good standing, what the sacrament of matrimony is, and what an annulment is. A "Question and Answer" period will follow.

Registration for the event, sponsored by Catholic Singles United, is free but those attending are asked to call the church (337-477-1236) to confirm. Questions can also be submitted, anonymously, at www.olqh.org.

Radio broadcasts of Cathedral 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 streaming on the two stations' websites, will 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.

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 continue until Friday, July 27, at 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.

Charlene Marie Richard Mass of Petition August 3

RICHARD -- Father Keith Pellerin, Pastor of St. Philip

Neri Catholic Church in Kinder, will be the celebrant for the Annual Mass of Petition marking the 59th anniversary of the death of Charlene Marie Richard on Friday, August 3, at 6 p.m. in St. Edward's Church.

Sponsored by the Friends of Charlene Richard, the celebration begins at 5:30 p.m. with a Rosary in the church. Following the liturgy there will be a reception in the hall.

For more information contact the Friends of Charlene Richard at P.O. Box 91623, Lafayette, LA 70509.

"Havana Nights" set Saturday, August 18

LAKE CHARLES -- St. Louis Catholic High School kicks off the academic year on Saturday, August 18, with a "Havana Nights" All Saints Dinner and Auction in the Historic Calcasieu Marine National Bank Building beginning at 6:30 p.m.

There will be Cuban cuisine, salsa dancing and music by the group The Flamethrowers. Make reservations online at slchs.org or call 337-439-7275, Ext. 237

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.