



Return to the Lord – Seminarians continue their studies

LAKE CHARLES – Thirteen men continue their seminary studies in this second half of the 2018-2019 academic year in three institutions, two here in Louisiana and one in Rome.

These men's education expenses are financed in various ways, including through one of the pillars of the *Return to the Lord* Capital Campaign that continues with its redemption of pledges from the faithful of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Contributions to the campaign for seminarian education will be placed into a trust, from which only the earned interest is spent for tuition and other funding needs for the education of men studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Deacon Michael Caraway, assigned at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church for his diaconate internship, was ordained to the diaconate on June 30, 2018. He returns to the Pontifical North American College in Rome for his final semester of fourth year theology.

Caraway's priestly ordination is scheduled for June 29 of this year in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Along with the priestly ordination by Bishop Glen John Provost, four other men – Samuel Bond, Andrew DeRouen, Levi Thompson, and Joseph Caraway – all in their third year of theology will be ordained to the diaconate.

Bond continues his study at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and worked towards a Master of Arts in Liturgy at the Liturgical Institute at the University of St. Mary of the Lake near Chicago.

Thompson, DeRouen, and Joseph Caraway are in their third year of theology, studying at the Pontifical North American College. The trio's parish assignments last summer had Thompson at St. Henry Catholic Church in Lake Charles, DeRouen at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church in Carlyss, and Caraway at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur.

The four seminarians set to be ordained to the diaconate in June are expected to be or-

daind to the priesthood in June of 2020.

Other men are in various levels of study and discernment include:

Michael Beverung of Lake Charles in his second year of Theology at Notre Dame. He was at St. Paul Catholic Church in Elton last summer and his priestly ordination is expected in 2021.

Olin Chester of Vinton graduated from St. Joseph Seminary College and entered his first year of theology at Notre Dame Seminary. He was assigned to Our Lady Queen of Heaven last summer and his priestly ordination is expected in 2022.

Joshua Page of Oberlin is in his fourth year at St. Joseph Seminary College. He spent time with Father Nathan Long at Vianney House in the Villa experience. His priestly ordination is anticipated in 2023.

Alec January is entering 4th College at St. Joseph Seminary College. He is at the Villa experience with Fr. Long at Vianney House. His priestly ordination is expected in 2023.

Lai Nguyen, a native of Vietnam, continues his second year of Pre-Theology at Notre Dame Seminary. He spent last summer at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Ragley and his priestly ordination is expected in 2023.

Three men were accepted as seminarians by Bishop Provost at the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year and are in their initial year of study and discernment - Garrett Broussard, attending first year pre-theology at Notre Dame, spent his time last summer at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church; Treville Belcher in first year pre-theology at Notre Dame was also assigned to Our Lady of Good Counsel; and Conner Chaisson, in his first year at St. Joseph Seminary College as a sophomore, is expected to graduate from St. Joseph in 2021.



The Catholic Calendar will be next published on Friday, March 15.

Offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, March 4-5, for Mardi Gras. The offices reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 6, with regular office hours – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – for the remainder of the week. Lent begins on Wednesday with the distribution of ashes in the churches and missions of the Diocese.

Ash Wednesday

Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate Holy Mass at Noon in St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 2500 Enterprise Boulevard.



Last year Bishop Glen John Provost, second from left, accepted three men to Candidacy to Holy Orders during Mass with Bishop Provost in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The trio, pictured with Bishop Provost in Photo 1, were Michael Beverung, Samuel Bond, and Olin Chester. The Admission to Candidacy offers those seeking ordination the opportunity to publicly express their intention to receive ordination as a Deacon and perhaps later as a Priest. The aspirant proposes before ordination and then signs and dates before the start of the rite in the presence of the Bishop a declaration stating his conscious intention to serve others in the Spirit of Compassionate Presence as an ordained cleric and is making this intention freely on his own accord. The Bishop also signs and dates this declaration, attesting acknowledgement of receipt thereof in the name of the Church. The 13 men currently studying and discerning the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles are pictured in Photo 2 with the Bishop. They are Beverung, Bond, Chester, Levi Thompson, Andrew DeRouen, Joseph Caraway, Lai Nguyen, Deacon Michael Caraway, Alec January, Joshua Page, Garrett Broussard, Conner Chaisson, and Treville Belcher.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Bishop Provost to speak at "Truth Poured Out"

LAKE CHARLES - Truth Poured Out, an event held by Fully Alive is an event for young adults age 18-39. Bishop Glen John Provost will lead the discussion on "The Difference God Makes" on Tuesday, February 19.

Meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at the Brickhouse downtown to discuss relevant topics in our world and faith.

Villa Maria Mardi Gras February 22

LAKE CHARLES - Villa Maria Retirement Center's Mardi Gras celebration will be Friday, February 22, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Lake Charles Mayor Nic Hunter will present his mayoral proclamation of the king and queen and present keys to the city.

There will be a Cajun band, food and drinks, and special visitors.

"Come and See" Retreat April 12-14

ST. BENEDICT -- Men, 16 years and older, are invited to a "Come and See" Retreat on April 12-14, at St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College. The weekend is about discerning God's call for your life, according to Father Jeffrey Starkovich, Director of Vocations and Seminarians.

There is no cost to attend the retreat and transportation will be provided from Lake Charles and return.

Those interested can register at vocations@lcdioocese.org or Fr. Starkovich at 337-725-3719.

Morning of Reflection on March 9

LAKE CHARLES - The Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan, will hold a Morning of Reflection for women on Saturday, March 9, at the St. Hubert's Convent, 1414 Martha Street.

Following morning prayer at 7 p.m., the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated by Father Trey Ange at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served after Mass and the morning will continue with talks on religious life along with discussions.

Adoration will follow from 11:30 a.m. to noon with lunch. RSVP is requested at 337-564-0030 or by e-mail - St.Huberts.Convent@gmail.com.

Cathedral radio broadcast suspended

LAKE CHARLES - The radio broadcast of the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception has been suspended until the completion of restoration work in the Cathedral, which has been closed for that purpose.

Masses for the Cathedral parish, both daily and Sunday, will take place in the Ave Maria Hall located on the southeast corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets.

Plans call for the radio broadcasts to recommence once the inside work has been completed and the Cathedral reopens,

hopefully by July 2019.

When broadcasts return, the Diocese has been assured that the Mass will still be available each Sunday on KLCL (1470-AM) and KJEF-AM (1290-AM) in Jennings as well as on Radio Maria 91.1 FM on the second Sunday of each month.

Respect Life fundraiser March 16

LAKE CHARLES - The Diocese of Lake Charles Respect Life fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Prien Lake Park with priests and deacons from around the diocese bringing their best cooking teams competing for attendees' taste buds and votes. The winning "clergy team" will receive a \$500 donation to their parish.

The fundraiser will support Respect Life ministries in the diocese such as Rachel's Vineyard, which continues to help people heal from the wounds of abortion and the newest ministry - Grief to Grace - which provides healing retreats for anyone who has suffered from physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Efforts are also being enhanced in the diocese to teach Natural Family Planning and helping married couples grow in love and generosity.

Tickets are \$50 each with children under 12 admitted free. The Trinity Package, which includes eight tickets, a ticket to the raffle, and a signed thank you card from Bishop Glen John Provost, is \$500. This can be done safely online at the Diocese of Lake Charles website - lcdioocese.org - by clicking the Event Registration button and then the Respect Life fundraiser link.

There will be games for the children and raffle prizes, \$20 per ticket, include, first prize - a golf cart; second prize - a Tim Tebow jersey; and third prize - jambalaya prepared for 50 people.

If you have any questions, contact Ms. Marjorie Long at 337-439-7400, Ext. 317 or at marjorie.long@lcdioocese.org.

Catholic mission trip July 5-14

LAKE CHARLES - The *Abrazando Cristo* Mission Trip for 2019 will be July 5-14 to Puerto Rico, according to Monsignor Daniel Torres.

The cost of the trip will be \$2,200, which covers all air and ground transportation, meals, lodging, trips, taxes, retreat, and mission shirts.

For an information packet/registration form contact Felicia Borel at 337-477-1236 or by e-mail at Felicia.borel@lcdioocese.org.

A \$300 non-refundable deposit with the registration to secure a seat. Only 25 seats are available.

Fully Alive Community seeks young adults

LAKE CHARLES -- Young adults and non-students, ages 18-39, are invited to become part of the Fully Alive Community in

the Diocese of Lake Charles, according to Father Trey Ange.

Reach Fully Alive at fullyalivelakecharles.com, Facebook @ FULLY ALIVE! Lake Charles, text "Fully" to 84576, and at fullyalivelakecharles@gmail.com

Pilgrimage to Italy in 2019

LAKE CHARLES - Visit Rome, Monte Cassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Manoppello, Loreto, Tolentino, Assisi, Orvieto, Florence, Padua, and Venice with Spiritual Director Father Rommel Tolentino, on September 16-27, 2019.

The 12-day pilgrimage is \$3879 per person with double occupancy. The price includes round trip airfare from Houston, \$450 government taxes and airline surcharges, accommodations in first class hotels, most meals, comprehensive sightseeing, daily Mass, and more.

For a brochure and more information, call 337-436-7251 or email rommel.tolentino@lcdioocese.org. Space is limited!

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.

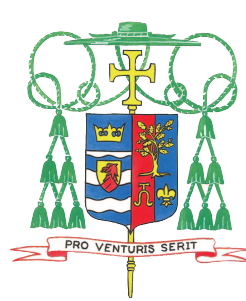
Center for Catholic Studies class schedule

LAKE CHARLES - Paula Hunter will teach Theology of the Body and the Interior Life on the Tuesdays of March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Student Center.

"In this course, the student will develop a basic understanding of St. Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body, and also of St. Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises. We will explore the profound meaning of being human--our purpose and fulfillment. Lecture and discussion topics include but are not limited to: The truth of Trinitarian love Scriptures and Church documents about the nature of the Human Person Some key affective states we experience as we move closer to--or further away from--our ultimate destiny as Human Persons. The most typical resistances men and women feel in spousal and/or friendship relationships."

Cost is \$50 per person for each course. Registration is available online at lcdioocese.org by clicking the Event Registration button.

For more information, or to be placed on a list for future announcements, call 337-439-7400, Extension. 308 or e-mail marlie.mudd@lcdioocese.org.



Spring Saint Charles Center program schedule

MOSS BLUFF – Spring events at Saint Charles Center continue with Father Whitney Miller and Deacon Brian Soileau leading “Let the Children Come to Me” (And Bring Your Parents Too), a Family Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, February 19, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The suggested donation is \$25 per family. Deadline for registration is today, Friday, February 15.

Simone Dubois will present an evening of reflection, “Stop the Treadmill, I Want to Get Off!”, from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26 with a registration deadline of Friday, February 22 and suggested donation of \$20 per person.

A Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat for Healing After Abortion with Fr. Rommel Tolentino, Margie Long and the Diocesan Team will be Friday, March 1 to Sunday, March 3. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a memorial service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential. The cost is \$220.00, which includes meals, private room with private bath and all retreat materials. If someone has 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 rachels.vineyard@lcediocese.org.

Father Miller and Deacon Soileau will host “Our Call to Lenten Grace” the Ash Wednesday Evening of Reflection on Wednesday, March 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be no cost for the evening, but a free-will offering will be accepted. Funds procured will benefit the Maintenance Account for the Center. Deadline for registration is Friday, March 1.

“The Impact of Technology on Our Spiritual Lives” will be presented by Sr. Diane Depwe on Tuesday, March 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. Deadline to register is Friday, March 8, with a suggested donation of \$20.

Courtney Kerlegon will present “Soulcore” on Thursday, March 14, and Friday, March 15 in the Saint Katharine Drexel Conference Center. Soulcore is a movement that combines strengthening, stretching, and functional exercise with the prayers of the rosary; a sensory experience combining candlelight, music, scripture, reflections & movement to nourish the body, mind and soul and encourage deeper meditation on the mysteries and virtues of the rosary. Classes will be from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursday and resume at 9 a.m. continuing until 5 p.m. on Friday. Cost for these classes is \$350.00. For more information contact Courtney Kerlegon at (337) 304-2387. Visit www.soulcore.com for additional information.

“Lenten Private Directed Retreats” with Msgr. Ronnie Groth, Fr. Miller, Fr. Marshall Boulet, Deacon Soileau, Judy Savoie and Gloria Villegas will be Monday, March 18 to Sunday, March 24. A directed retreat is a form of silent retreat

based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola focusing on the personal prayer of the individual. The retreatant may choose to do three or five days. For more information or to register, call the Center at (337) 855-1232. For this retreat, you must call the Center to register and cannot do so online. Suggested donation is \$350.00 for three days or \$475.00 for five days.

The “Lenten Introduction to the Directed Retreat” will be Thursday, March 21 to Sunday, March 24 with Msgr. Groth, Fr. Miller, Fr. Boulet, Deacon Soileau, Ms. Savoie and Ms. Villegas. Call the Center to register at (337) 855-1232. Registration for this retreat is not available online and one must call the Center to register. Suggested donation is \$350.00 per person.

Deacon Soileau will present “The Existence of Angels – A Truth of Faith” from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26. Deadline to register is Friday, March 22 with a suggested donation of \$20 per person.

Sr. Diane Depwe will present “Spiritual Spring Cleaning” Tuesday, April 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. Registration deadline is Friday, April 5, with a suggested donation of \$20 per person.

“Sisterhood of Saints: Guidance and Inspiration from Holy Women Along the Way of Christ’s Passion, Death and Resurrection,” the Annual Women’s Lenten Silent Retreat, sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish and presented by Fr. Miller, is Friday, April 12 to Sunday, April 14. Suggested donation for the retreat is \$225.00 for a private room and \$205.00 each for shared accommodations. Contact Andrea Blanchard at (337) 794-9679, the Center at (337) 855-1232, or at stcharlescenter.com to register.

“An Evening of Mercy and Forgiveness” will be held Tuesday, April 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available for all who choose to come by the Center and spend some time in prayer and spiritual preparation during the holy season of Lent with priests available until 7 p.m. At 5 p.m., the Blessed Sacrament will be enthroned on the altar of the Assumption Chapel, for any who might want to spend a Holy Hour in this sacred space. At 7 p.m., Benediction will be celebrated to conclude this blessed opportunity of Lenten worship and praise. Pre-registration is not required for this event.

“Good Friday Meditations,” with Fr. Miller and Deacon Soileau is Friday, April 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Honor these holy hours of quiet spirit and solemn reflection throughout one of the most sacred days of the liturgical year by spending some time in prayer at the Saint Charles Center. A brief meditation will be given by Fr. Miller on the hours of 11 and 1 and by Deacon Soileau on the hours of noon and 2. After each short presentation, a contemplative silence will be observed

by all participants until the next hour of meditation. If attending, bring your own lunch and beverage, if desired. There is no fee but pre-registration by Tuesday, April 16, would be appreciated.

A Theology of the Body Preached Retreat for Women - “On Being a Woman: Icon of Love” led by Paula Hunter and Becky Clements will be Thursday, April 25, to Sunday, April 28. Beginning Thursday at 5 p.m. it will end by noon on Sunday and is open to all women 18 years and older. There will be Mass and Adoration, as well as presentations, discussions, music, prayer and silence. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. Cost is \$250 for a single room (limited number of single rooms available) and \$225 for a double room. A \$100 nonrefundable deposit is required when you register at www.icsulphur.org or call Jamie Drummond at (337) 625-9719, if you have any questions.

“A Catholic Guide to Civility” will be presented by Fr. Miller Tuesday, May 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. St. John Baptist de la Salle is the patron saint of all teachers of youth. Throughout his own years of ministering to troubled teens and challenging students, he developed customs for character formation and laid for them a cornerstone of civility upon which the foundations of faith could be built. The suggested donation is \$20 per person with registration deadline of Friday, May 3.

“Co-Dependency According to Scripture” with Sr. Diane Depwe is Tuesday, May 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. The suggested donation is \$20 per person with a deadline of Friday, May 10.

“Grief to Grace: Healing the Wounds of Abuse, Reclaiming the Gift of Human Dignity” is a five-day psychological and spiritual journey providing safety and support for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect. It will be presented by Fr. Miller, Courtney Kerlegon, Margie Long and the diocesan team on Tuesday, May 21, to Saturday, May 25. The cost is \$1,500.00, which includes a private room, meals and all materials. Scholarship assistance is available upon request for those in need of partial aid for participation. All inquiries are confidential. To register for Grief to Grace, call (337) 489-2473 or email griegtograncelouisiana@lcediocese.org.

For more complete explanations of all of these events visit stcharlescenter.com and click on Events and Programs at the top of the page. Call (337) 855-1232 or visit stcharlescenter.com to register. Scholarship assistance is available for some of these events, please inquire.

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.

As it happened ...



Events around the Diocese of Lake Charles are happening throughout the year. In the past months there have been any number that, for many, may have not even been noticed. With the following photos, relive or see for the first time auspicious occasions in the life of the local church in Southwest Louisiana. The 2018 *Relics of the Passion* program came to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and, with two one-hour meditative sessions, guided many to accompany Jesus through His suffering during the Passion. Photo 1 shows Bishop Glen John Provost and Father Rommel Tolentino kneeling in veneration of the relics, which included, among others: the relic of the True Cross; a piece of stone from the table or room where the Last Supper was held; a piece of the Crown of Thorns; a piece of bone from St. Longinus, the centurion that pierced the side of Jesus; and a thread from the cloth used as the wrapping for the Burial Shroud. In Photo 2, Diocesan priests are seen in the Chapel of the Assumption for Mass on their annual retreat at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center. Father Michael Champagne, CFC, a priest of the Community of Jesus Crucified, served as retreat master. Photo 3 shows Bishop Provost celebrating the Mass for the priests with Father Champaign concelebrating and Father Ruben Buller serving as Master of Ceremonies. In Photo 4, Father Matthew Cormier, at right, walks up Eighth Avenue toward St. Henry Catholic Church with the runners of the *Carrera Antorcha Guadalupana* Mexico to New York relay accompanying the Holy Fire. The relay runners were led by the *Los Matachines* of St. Henry Church, a traditional religious dance and the dancers, musicians, and elders who participate in it as they all walk to the church with images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego. Monsignor Daniel Torres, in Photo 5, blesses the graves in one of the mausoleums at Consolata Cemetery in November following Mass celebrated for those who have died. The 2018 Silver Rose Program journey began with eight Silver Roses, one seen in Photo 6, starting their journeys on various routes in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. In its annual trek through Louisiana, this Rose was transferred from members of the Louisiana Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus to Texas Fourth Degree Knights following the celebration of Mass at Vinton’s St. Joseph Catholic Church in Photo 7, which was celebrated by Father Carlos Garcia. All eight of the routes concluded their journeys on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In Photo 8, Monsignor Torres incenses the large image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the wall of St. Henry Church during the Mass on Our Lady’s Feast Day, as well as the site where, in Photo 9, children brought flowers to Our Lady - mostly roses since that is what the Virgin Mary gifted to Juan Diego during her fateful apparition in 1531.