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An Easter Message from Bishop Glen John Provost



There is an ancient Latin hymn sung in the past on very solemn occasions in Catholic ceremonies whose refrain is as follows: "Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands" (in Latin *Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat*). The sentiment these words express are very much what Easter is all about.

On the night of the Easter Vigil, throughout the Catholic world a tall, stately candle is carried in darkened churches. The candle has embedded in its five wax nails, usually painted red, to symbolize the wombs of Christ. Also inscribed on what

is called the Paschal Candle are the Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, recalling the triumphant message of the Sacred Scriptures that Jesus Christ is the beginning and the end. Finally, the candle has the year 2019 written on it, reminding us that Jesus Christ is now.

When I see that candle being carried into the church at the Easter Vigil, I cannot help but recall that "Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands." He is our all. He is everything to us. His death and Resurrection gives us hope, a hope that we desperately need today.

The world is filled with cynicism and indifferentism. People seem to have lost a sense of what is really important. They do

not seem to really care. They look for consolation in destructive gimmicks and substances. The world, as a consequence, can become very dangerous and very dark indeed.

But the tomb is empty. Christ conquers both sin and death. Christ reigns with His truth and His goodness. Christ commands in a gentle invitation, "Do not be unbelieving, but believe" (John 21:27).

As I extend my Easter greetings to you, I pray that our faith in Jesus Christ will be renewed and strengthened. May He conquer our fears, reign in our hearts, and command our lives. Then we will see more clearly how empty the tomb is and how more fully faith is fulfilled.

"Grief to Grace" retreat experience May 21-25

LAKE CHARLES – Grief to Grace is a new retreat experience being offered by the Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles, according to Marjorie Long, site leader:

"We as the prospective team members have all had to travel to Pennsylvania to attend a G2G retreat, experiencing the retreat ourselves," Long said. "Courtney (counselor) and myself were then assigned to work a retreat on location with Dr. Theresa Burke and her team.

We have been for two months working and practicing for the five-day retreat manuals," Long continued. "Theresa and her assistant Katie plus two other national team members will be traveling to Lake Charles two days prior to our first retreat to work with our team in training and also assisting us throughout the five-day retreat.

"They will also have with them a Licensed Professional Counselor along with clergy and a trained site leader plus a well-schooled team working to keep them secure and safe to do their work with God.

"With the blessings of having them here we

will be trained by the best and with their help we are able to cap off attendance at 18," Long said. "At this time that gives a chance for up to seven more to register.

This first retreat in the Diocese of Lake Charles - "Grief to Grace: Healing the Wounds of Abuse, Reclaiming the Gift of Human Dignity" - will take place Tuesday, May 21, through Saturday, May 25, at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center. It is a psychological and spiritual journey providing safety and support for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect. Others assisting in this first retreat are Father Whitney Miller, Courtney Kerlegon, and other members of the diocesan team

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, call (337) 489-2473 or email griegtograncelouisiana@lcdiocese.org.

Second Annual Clergy Cookoff



Msgr. James Gaddy and his St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church team captured first prize in the Second Annual Clergy Cookoff held to aid Respect Life ministries of the Diocese of Lake Charles, including provide seed money for a new retreat experience - Grief to Grace. This year's event was held at Prien Lake Park. The winning offering, "Redfish Le Duc," earned a \$500 contribution for the church. Second place in the competition was captured by Father Rommel Tolentino and his Exodus 90-team from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with their Jambalaya, while Father Trey Ange and his Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church team garnered a third place finish with Cajun Chili. The fundraiser, which had musical entertainment all day, supports pro-life ministries including Rachel's Vineyard, which has suffered from different form of abuse - is in its preparatory stages. Efforts are increasing to teach Natural Family Planning in order to help married couples grow in love and generosity. Raffle winners were chosen for three exciting prizes. Josh and Makinzy were the winners of a specially constructed golf cart; Liz Glass was the winner of a framed and autographed Tim Tebow football jersey; and a jambalaya dinner prepared for 50 people was won by Sean Corcoran.

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church captures first place



Ten teams were entered in the 2019 edition of Quiz Bowl and for the second year the team from Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church (OLHC) in Jennings captured first place, going undefeated in the double-elimination event. In the photo above, Sr. Marirose Rudek, RSM, director of the Office of Religious Education for the diocese, is shown with the winning team, which included Gabriel Wild, Gabrielle Caraway, Patrick Fontenot, Colleen Fontenot and Lucy Moncla along with Erin Fontenot and Karen Wild. OLHC captured a \$300 prize for the victory. Second place went to St. Margaret of Scotland (\$200), third to Immaculate Conception Cathedral School White team (\$160); and fourth to ICCS Black squad (\$100). Other teams including Our Lady Immaculate School, St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, St. Pius X Catholic Church, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lake Charles; and a Home-Schooled team. St. Margaret's team members included Mary Wicke, Nicholas Harris, Reid Cruickshank, and Michael LaFleur. ICCS White team members were Rachel Reed, Stuart Riviere, Grant Evans, and Alyson Gagliano. The fourth place ICCS Black tea was made up of Malia Hubbard, AnnaKate Fredericks, Asha Austin, Owen Schwem, and Sophia Bergen.

Advocacy centers help abuse victims tell their story, regain trust and heal

By Eleanor Kennelly Gaetan
Catholic News Service

Backgrounder: Part of the Children at Risk series

WASHINGTON (CNS) — On a long, low shelf at Safe Shores in downtown Washington, colorful figurines of wild animals, army soldiers, a winged dragon and an angel appear to be the toy collection of an overly neat child.

It's the "sand tray room," where young survivors of sexual assault arrange figures in a tray of sand to tell stories about their experiences, often, too difficult to put into words.

One 10-year-old girl, abused by her father, remained silent through five sessions of therapy. Only after arranging figures in the sand tray, creating a tableau depicting a child separated from adults by a bridge, did she open up and talk at length.

"We've used sand play in this field for about 25 years," remarked Lisa Dominguez, director of clinical services at Safe Shores, one of 854 children's advocacy centers located across the nation.

One out of every 10 Americans will suffer sexual abuse, involving physical contact, before turning 18 years old. An astonishing 90 percent of child victims personally know their abuser. Of those offenders, approximately 30 percent are family members — a tragic statistic that climbs to 50 percent when you look at who perpetrates abuse against children under age 6.

"Sexual victimization of children is a serious and per-

vasive issue in society. It is present in families, and it is not uncommon in institutions where adults form mentoring and nurturing relationships with adolescents, including schools and religious, sports and social organizations," according to a report on the causes and context of abuse of minors prepared by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice some years ago as a mandate of the bishops' "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People."

Over the last 30 years, the network of children's advocacy centers has emerged as one of the nation's most comprehensive responses to sexual violence against children. The centers serve three goals: providing treatment to victims and support to their caregivers and families; collecting evidence and coordinating investigations with law enforcement and child welfare authorities; and training those with responsibility for children, especially schools, on prevention strategies.

In 2017, 334,000 children were served through the CAC network, a 9 percent increase over 2016. The system's annual cost is about \$450 million; two-thirds of the budget came from public resources in 2016: federal (20 percent), state (34 percent) and local (14 percent).

Experts agree: the major

reason child sexual assault has garnered intense attention — and more severe criminal sanctions — is the mountain of evidence that it results in deep, often lasting, harm.

"Not only mental health, but long-term negative health outcomes" may be the result of untreated abuse, observed Dominguez.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a direct correlation exists between child sexual abuse and the number of what it calls "adverse childhood experiences," including sexual assault, and lifelong problems with health (obesity, suicide attempts, heart disease, cancer, stroke), behavior (smoking, alcoholism, drug use) and life fulfillment (graduation rates, lost time from work).

"We know that trauma impacts the brain even in utero and it impacts the wiring of the brain, but we know the brain can be rewired. It can heal," Dominguez told Catholic News Service.

The evidenced-based therapy model used by Safe Shores is trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy. It begins with skill building and "psycho-education" to help survivors and caregivers "understand what they are living," including what happens to the brain when it experiences trauma.

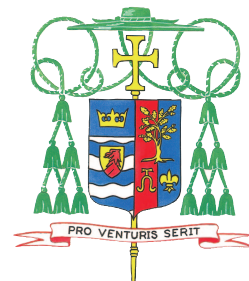
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The Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America (AOS-USA) held its annual convention at the AMO facility in Dania Beach, Florida. Attendees were enlightened by numerous topics which covered many issues emanating from the maritime ministry served by the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) and AOS-USA. Deacon Patrick Lapoint, director of the Diocese of Lake Charles Seafarers Center and Port Chaplain representative on the AOS-USA Board of Directors, center. The group was discussing the goings-on in their various ports and how problems that come up with seafarers were handled along with operating a successful center. Pictured, from left, are Mark DelMonico, USCCB certification committee; Rose Kearney, AOS Ireland; Fr. Peter Lin, AOS Miami; and Deacon Milton Vega, AOS Jacksonville.



Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

April 19, 2019

Providing care to Christians in the Holy Land

Today's Good Friday collection is taken up in Catholic Churches of the Diocese of Lake Charles and around the world to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them during this special day in the Church and our life of faith.

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America is the home of a world-wide Commissariat of Friars Minor and monasteries who function as bridges between the Holy Land and Christians all over the world. The Commissariat offices here at the Mon-

astery in Washington, D.C. coordinate the vital support for the work of the Franciscans who work in the Holy Land.

The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. It is vital that we care for the Christians living in the Holy Land in order to maintain a Christian presence in a land that is filled with a majority Islamic and Jewish population.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection is applied to these programs below.

Faith, Memory & Culture – The Holy Places

Holy Land Franciscans staff and maintain the Holy places and shrines. This enables those who live in the Holy Land and those who visit to deepen their faith and their spiritual and cultural connection to Salvation history.

Social & Charitable Activities

In order to assist Christians to remain in the Holy Land, including the poor and young couples, the Custody builds thousands of residential units. Additionally, they

build senior care facilities. Medical assistance is provided for the needy.

Educational & Scientific Activities

The Franciscans operate and support schools open to all, regardless of religion or nationality. They provide scholarships for students to prepare them to get jobs and remain in the Holy Land as part of living Catholic communities. Funds are distributed to young men studying to become Franciscan priests or brothers. Finally, Franciscan archaeologists pursue ongoing research at the Holy

Places discovering historical artifacts.

Pastoral Activities

The Franciscans provide pastoral care in 29 parishes in the Holy Land offering Worship, Christian Formation, youth and family programs.

Liturgical, Ecumenical and Communications Programs

The Franciscan Media Center tells the story of the Holy Land through multimedia distributed throughout the world in more than seven languages. The friars organize Liturgical Celebra-



tions for the local Christians and Pilgrims and share with other Christian communities in the Holy Land in ongoing Ecumenical cooperation.

Catholic Scouting awards

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LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost was aided by Rev. Trey Ange, Chaplain of the Catholic Committee on Scouting of the Diocese of Lake Charles, in presenting religious emblems to worthy scouts at the annual Bishop's Brunch Saturday, April 6.

Father Ange prayed the Invocation and Blessing with Colonel (Retired) John Halloran, a past national chairman of the Catholic Committee on Scouting, welcoming the scouts, their parents and



Bishop Glen John Provost, joined by Father Trey Ange, appear with the recipients of various religious emblems and awards at the Saturday, April 6, Bishop's Brunch.

guests. At the conclusion of the event, Bishop Provost offered the Benediction.

Receiving the God is Love award was Jaylee Cahilog. The God is Love program is designed for use with students who are in kindergarten or first grade. It helps students discover an appreci-

ation that God created, cares for, and loves us all.

Family of God awards were earned by Sylvia Armentor, Jayle Cahilog, Piper Fusilier, Ellie Gage, Isabella Lafosse, and Isabella Polito. Family of God is the official religious recognition program for children grades second and third

who are enrolled in the Girl Scouts, Camp Fire, American Heritage Girls, and other Catholic youth organizations. The program is a bilingual activity series developed to complement the catechetical efforts of the parish and families with children. It helps children discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their family and parish.

Earning the Light of Christ Religious Emblem were Maddox Doucet, Aeden Plunk, and Dillion Sonnier. The Light of Christ program was developed by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting under the auspices of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. In order to receive the Light of Christ emblem, the scout must complete all requirements before he starts the third grade.

Those earning the *Parvuli Dei* emblem and medal were Seth Cormier, Audi Fuselier, Luke LeBeouf, Zachary LeBeouf, Elena Grace Lorenzi, Heyd Murphy, Keelan McCall, Casey Reed, Aiden Ritchie, and Kaden Trent.

The *Parvuli Dei* (Children of God) emblem is a recognition that the Catholic Church presents to Cub and Webelo Scouts for advancement in religious knowledge and spiritual formation.

Three earned the Altare Dei emblem – Jacob LaBouve, J. R. Watts, and Darnell Taylor.

Programs, events at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF – Spring events at Saint Charles Center continue with "A Catholic Guide to Civility" presented by Fr. Whitney Miller on Tuesday, May 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Tabor Retreat House.

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 from 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@lcdioocese.org.

For a more complete listing of all events visit stcharlescenter.com and click on Events and Programs at the top of the page. Call (337) 855-1232, 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.

The next Catholic Calendar will be published on Friday, May 17, 2019.

The Offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles are closed today, Good Friday, as well as Easter Monday, April 22. Regular office hours will be observed next week from Tuesday, April 23, onward.

Survivors Summit set April 26-27

LAKE CHARLES -- The Second Annual Ruth Institute Awards Dinner and Summit for the Survivors of the Sexual Revolution will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, at Treasures of Marilyn's.

The conference will speak on why the Church has been right all along about divorce and the gay lifestyle and will include "testimonials" from people who have suffered from the Sexual Revolution, as well as presentations by experts. Bishop Glen John Provost has endorsed the event and is inviting clergy and the lay faithful to attend, saying "...which I know will be an inspiring and educational event. I am particularly encouraged by the healing which takes place for many through Christ and His Mystical Body."

The awards dinner on Friday begins at 6 p.m. at

Treasures, 3510 Fifth Avenue, and will recognize the work of Moira Greyland, keynote speaker, with the Public Witness Award. Greyland is also the author of the of "The Last Closet. New Testament scholar Dr. Robert Gagnon will receive the Scholarship Award and Jeff Morgan will be honored for Divorce Reform in Texas with the Activism Award.

On Saturday, there will be speakers, panels, presentations...and you'll connect with others pursuing the same goals and hear perspectives that deepen your own understanding.

Speakers and topics from 9 a.m. to noon include Dr. Stephen Baskerville of Patrick Henry College, "How No-Fault Divorce Empowers the State"; Mrs. Leila Miller, the author of "Primal Loss, "The Lifelong Impact of Divorce on Children; Jeff Morgan & Chris Brennan

J.D will lead a Divorce Reform Panel; and there will be a Survivor Panel of adult children of divorce and reluctantly divorced.

The Saturday afternoon program includes Dr. Robert Gagnon of Houston Baptist University, "What the Bible Really Teaches About Homosexual Activity"; Fr. D. Paul Sullins, Ph. D. of The Ruth Institute, "What it's Costing our Children: Clergy Sex Abuse & Gay Parenting by the Numbers"; a Survivor Panel of Spouses and adult children of LGBTs and refugees from the gay lifestyle; and Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse of The Ruth Institute, "We Can Make a Difference!"

Tickets for the Awards Dinner and the Saturday Summit are \$115 each while cost for the Summit only is \$60 each. Register at ruthinstitute.org/survivors-summit.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Bishop's breakfast, luncheon dates

LAKE CHARLES -- The final presentations of this series with Bishop Glen John Provost at the First Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast and the Ladies Luncheon will be Friday, May 3, for the former and Wednesday, May 1, for the latter.

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 and include a stamped self-addressed envelope with payment.

These two dates conclude this series of presentations until fall.

The breakfast will be preceded by Mass beginning at 6:30 a.m. in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral Office Complex with breakfast in the Assembly Room of the Chancery, 414 Iris Street, at 7 a.m. Men should call 337-439-7400 to register.

St. Henry Altar Society Popcorn Balls

LAKE CHARLES --The St. Henry Catholic Church Altar Society's Popcorn Ball sale is set for Friday, May 3, from 9 a.m. until sold out in the St. Henry Community Center, located east of the church.

Popcorn balls, \$3 each, are guaranteed if pre-ordered and orders are being accepted until Friday, April 26. Call 337-912-2185 or 337-436-7223 to order.

Knights of Columbus #5022 barbecue dinners

LAKE CHARLES -- Barbecue dinners will be sold by the St. Henry Knights of Columbus Council #5022 on Saturday May 4, from 8 a.m. until sold out from the Community Center, located east of the church.

Dinners are \$10 each and include a choice of a half chicken, pork steak, or ribs along with rice dressing, pork and beans, and potato salad.

For more information and to pre-order dinners call 337-499-9226 or 337-436-7223.

Big Cash Giveaway for Abrazando Cristo

LAKE CHARLES -- The *Abrazando Cristo* Mission Program's "Big Cash Giveaway Fundraiser" features a chance to win the top prize of \$5,000.

Second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Only 750 tickets will be sold for the event at \$100 each. The drawing will be Sunday, June 16.

Proceeds benefit the ongoing work of the missions in Nicaragua and Puerto Rico.

To purchase a ticket, mail your check, payable to Abrazando Cristo Mission Program to 617 West Claude Street, Lake Charles, LA 70605. A ticket stub will be mailed to you.

Call Felicia Borel at 337-477-1236 with questions.

Johnnie Thibodeaux Memorial Golf

LAKE CHARLES -- The annual Johnnie Thibodeaux Memorial Golf tournament will be Saturday, May 18, at Mallard Cove Golf Course.

For more information call Johnnie and Susan Thibodeaux at 337-478-4095 or Will Fruge at 337-540-0410.

Proceeds from the tournament benefit several of the projects of the *Abrazando Cristo* Mission Program in Nicaragua and Puerto Rico.

Mass on Radio Maria

ALEXANDRIA -- The celebration of the Mass can be heard at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday, 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, and at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday on Radio Maria (91.1 FM) and on www.radiomaria.us.

The previously mentioned website will provide you the location as well as by calling 1-888-408-0201.

Pontifical Masses scheduled

LAKE CHARLES -- Bishop Glen John Provost will cel-

ebate a Pontifical Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Thursday, August 1, Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The Bishop is also scheduled to be the celebrant on Sunday, December 29, Sunday in the Octave of Christmas, at 11:15 a.m.

Catholic schools open August 9 and 12

LAKE CHARLES -- The Catholic schools of the Diocese of Lake Charles will begin the 2019-2020 school year with the return of students to classes on Friday, August 9, at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings and on Monday, August 12, at the six schools located in Calcasieu Parish.

This is according to calendars for the 2019-2020 school term that were recently released by the Office of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Schools in Calcasieu include St. Louis Catholic High School, Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School, St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School, all in Lake Charles; St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School in Moss Bluff; and Our Lady's Catholic School in Sulphur.

Holidays during the school year - days the students are not in attendance - include Labor Day, Monday, September 2; Fair Day (Our Lady Immaculate) Friday, October 4; Veterans Day, (Calcasieu schools) Monday, November 11; Thanksgiving, Monday, November 25 to Friday, November 29; Christmas, Monday December 23 to Friday, January 3; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday January 20; Mardi Gras, Friday February 21 through Tuesday, February 25; and Easter, Friday April 10 to Friday April 17.

In-service days for teachers and staff in Calcasieu schools include October 14 and March 16. Our Lady Immaculate will have service days on August 6-8, October 3, February 15, and February 26.