



Father Michael Caraway, four deacons ordained



Bishop Glen Provost was the presiding prelate on Saturday, June 29, for the Mass of Ordination for a new priest for the Diocese of Lake Charles – Rev. Michael Caraway – and four transitional deacons (the largest number of transitional deacons ever ordained for the diocese) – Deacon Sam Bond, Deacon Joseph Caraway, Deacon Andrew DeRouen, and Deacon Levi Thompson – 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 Caraway as Parochial Vicar to Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur. Additionally, the summer pastoral assignments for the four deacons was announced – Deacon Bond is attending the Liturgical Institute of Chicago; Deacon DeRouen is serving at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur; Deacon Joseph Caraway at St. Henry Catholic Church in Lake Charles; and Deacon Thompson at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Lake Charles. Father Caraway celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 30, at his home parish of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings. Deacon Joseph Caraway, Father Caraway's cousin, was the homilist for the liturgy. Pictured above left Bishop Provost lays hands on the head of Michael Caraway and silently prays the prayer of consecration to the priesthood. An essential act of ordination, this liturgical gesture is handed down from the Apostles and signifies the conferral of the Holy Spirit. At right Bishop is pictured with the priest and deacons outside the newly restored Cathedral, from left, Deacon Caraway, Reverend Caraway, Deacon DeRouen, Bishop Provost, Deacon Thompson, and Deacon Bond. With God's grace, the four deacons will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles next June.

Catholic schools open in August

LAKE CHARLES – The Catholic schools of the Diocese of Lake Charles will begin the 2019-2020 school year with the return of students 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.

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.

Dr. David Dupuis will take the reins as principal of Our Lady Immaculate Catholic

School. Dr. Dupuis is an experienced educator with 40 years of service in the private and public sector retiring from the public school system with 35 years working as a teacher, coach, and principal.

A graduate of Louisiana State University (1979), University of Louisiana-Lafayette (1990, 1992), and NOVA Southeastern University (Florida, 2010), he has been employed as an Adjunct Professor for the University of Louisiana-Lafayette (20 years) teaching in the Education and Foundations Department developing future teachers.

"For the 2019-2020 year, the Office of Catholic Schools will hold trainers and administrator trainings prior to the start of school which focus on

curriculum and instructional leadership," said Kimberlee Gazzolo, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, "We hope to fulfill our mission of providing leadership, guidance and service to the Catholic school community in this way. It is important that our schools promote Catholic identity, academic excellence and high expectations for all students. Ensuring that all schools have access to high quality curriculum is an important focus for us this year."

"We are excited that all our schools have access to Renaissance Flow 360," she continued. "This is instructional software that provides a flow of data in reading and math from assessment to instruction and practice resources, then back into a measure of student mastery. Our teachers desire to meet their students where they are and take them where they need to be, and Renaissance provides the tools."

All school staff will be celebrating a Back to School Mass on Tuesday, August 6, at St. Louis Catholic High School, celebrated by Father Nathan Long, rector of St. Louis. During this in-service day, teachers and administrators will receive Suicide Awareness Training provided by CHRISTUS Ochsner Health Systems.

St. Margaret Catholic School has added several new faces to their staff for the upcoming school and also added an additional section to Pre-K-4.

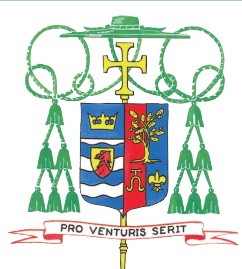
At Our Lady's Catholic School in Sulphur, STREAM (Science, Technology, Reli-



Dr. David Dupuis

gion, Engineering, Art, and Math) will be offered. Forensic Studies is a very important part of STREAM and new to OLS this year is the addition of Spanish classes.

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.



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 Nineteen for the Diocese of Lake Charles, Louisiana:

Effective July 1, 2019:

The Very Rev. Anthony Fontenot - **Temporary Administrator** of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Creole and Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Cameron

The Rev. Gali Pradeep, HGN - **Pastor**, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Welsh with the mission of St. Peter Claver, Iowa.

Rev. Louis Tigga, HGN - **Pastor**, Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church, Dequincy

The Rev. Mr. Samuel Bond - **Pastoral Summer Assignment** to the Liturgical Institute of Chicago

The Rev. Mr. Andrew DeRouen - **Pastoral Summer Assignment** to Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church

The Rev. Mr. Joseph Caraway - **Pastoral Summer Assignment** to St. Henry Catholic Church

The Rev. Mr. Levi Thompson **Pastoral Summer Assignment** to Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church

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

The Very Rev. Ruben Villarreal - **Vice Chancellor/Secretary** Adjutant continuing as Tribunal Judge and Chaplain to St. Louis Catholic High School

The Rev. Rev. Ruben Buller - **Vicar General**, Diocese of Lake Charles with concentration on Administration

The Rev. Msgr. Daniel Torres - Continuing as **Vicar General** with concentration on Pastoral Ministry

The Rev. Michael Caraway - **Parochial Vicar** Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church

Effective August 15, 2019:

The Rev. D.B. Thompson - **Pastor** Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Creole; Our Lady Star of the Sea, Cameron Catholic Church; and Rector of the Historic Shrine in Cameron; Tribunal of the Diocese of Lake Charles; Sacramental Ministry to the Diocesan Hispanic Community

Signed by our hand and that of our Chancellor, given on the 31st day of the month of May in the Year of our Lord, 2019 and on the 29th day of the month of June, the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul, in the Year of our Lord, 2019.

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, D.D., M.A.
✠ Bishop of Lake Charles

Reverend Deacon George Stearns
Chancellor

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2019 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 yielded 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 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.

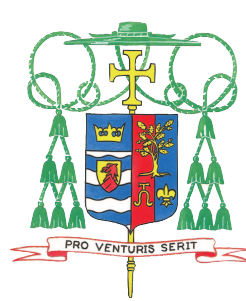
The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder
Second Bishop of Lafayette

The next *Catholic Calendar* will be published Friday, August 16.



The offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed on Monday, September 2, for Labor Day, open the remainder of the week for regular business hours.

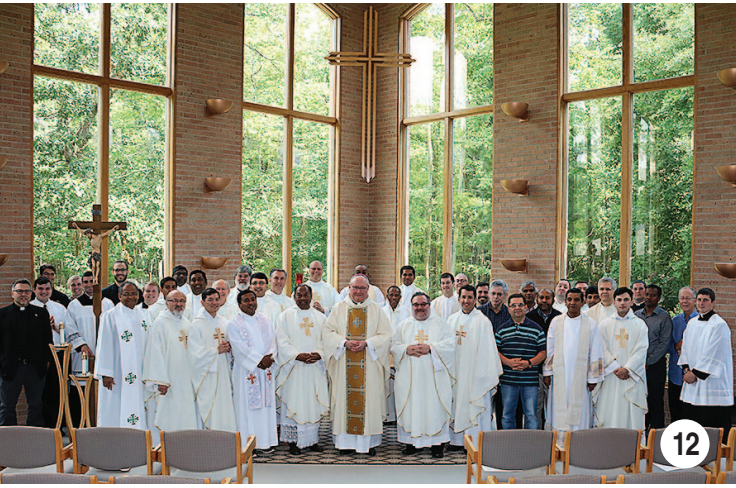
Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

July 19, 2019

As it happened ...



Many and varied activities occurred in the life of the local church of the Diocese of Lake Charles in recent months. Above, in pictures, are some of them. In photo 1, Bishop Glen John Provost meets with members of the special needs community and their families following the celebration of Mass - which was offered as an opportunity for all to worship despite difficulty, frustration and without embarrassment - in the Commons of St. Louis Catholic High School. The 48th Biennial Louisiana State Convention for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas was held in Sulphur in April. In photo 2, Bishop Provost and Bishop Douglas Deshotel, Bishop of Lafayette, process into Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur for the Opening Mass of the convention on Friday, March 29. Holy Week began on Palm Sunday at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church with the blessing of palms by Bishop Provost, as seen in photo 3. On Wednesday, April 17, Bishop Provost celebrated the Chrism Mass, which was concelebrated by the priests of the diocese. Bishop Provost, after pouring balsam (a scented oil) into the container of olive oil and stirring them together, breathes into the vessel of chrism, a gesture which symbolizes both the Holy Spirit coming down to consecrate the oil and the life-giving sanctifying nature of the sacraments for which it is used during the year. On Holy Thursday, at the conclusion of the liturgy in photo 5, Bishop Provost carries the Blessed Sacrament from St. Margaret in procession to the church's day chapel where a prayerful watch is continued throughout the remainder of the evening. On Good Friday, the only day of the year when Mass is not celebrated, a large wooden cross is brought to the altar, stopping three times on its journey down the center aisle to be incensed and for recited prayers in photo 6 by Father Samuel Orsot (Behold the wood of the cross on which hung the salvation of the world and the response Come, let us adore). Bishop Provost venerated the cross by kissing it, which is followed with its veneration by the people. The Easter Vigil began after sunset, the start of the new liturgical day, with the Service of Light outside the church. Following the homily, Bishop Provost blessed the water to be used to initiate those received into the Church. In photo 7, the Bishop performs the Rite of Baptism of one of the Elect, pronouncing the words, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." In photo 9, at The Ruth Institute's Annual Awards Dinner, which preceded the Survivors Summit, awardees for the 2018-2019 academic year stand with Founder and President Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse, second from left, Dr. Robert Cagnon, Scholarship Award; Moira Greyland Peat, Public Witness of the Year; and Jeff Morgan, Activist of the Year. Children from Catholic schools collected funds from their peers on "jeans day," totaling \$1,661.55, and presented a check to Sr. Miriam MacLean, RSM, photo 9, for use by Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana. Students represented are Emma Findley, Our Lady's School; Ana Poncho, Immaculate Conception Cathedral School; Elena Guidry, Our Lady Queen of Heaven; Andrew Castle, St. Louis Catholic High School; and Bayleigh Vincent, St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School. Bishop Provost prayed the Invocation at the Memorial Day Avenue of Flags Ceremonies in Orange Grove-Graceland Cemetery. The Bishop is shown in photo 10 along with former Lake Charles mayor Randy Roach, current Mayor Nic Hunter, Lt. Col. Aaron Duplechin, and Ted Harless. The 12th Annual National Maritime Day Memorial Service and Celebration, photo 11, had Deacon Patrick Lapoint, director of the Lake Charles Seafarers Center, blessing the boats that passed along the seawall of the Lake Charles Civic Center. The 2019 Convocation of priests of the Diocese was held at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center in Moss Bluff. In photo 12, Bishop Provost stands with priests and seminarians in the Chapel of the Assumption following Mass.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Pontifical Masses scheduled

LAKE CHARLES — Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate 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.

"Wiffle" ball game pits priests, seminarians

LAKE CHARLES -- Teams made up of priests of the Diocese of Lake Charles and diocesan seminarians will battle it out in a "wiffle" ball contest set for 10 a.m. Saturday, August 3, in the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Life Center Gym.

The contest will be hosted by the Serra Club of Lake Charles.

Altar Society Popcorn Ball Sale

LAKE CHARLES -- The St. Henry Catholic Church Altar Society popcorn ball sale will be held from 9 a.m. on Friday, August 2, in the St. Henry Community Center.

Popcorn balls, \$3.00 each, are guaranteed when pre-ordered. Orders are being taken now until Friday, July 26, by calling 337-912-2185 or 337-436-7223.

Cathedral sesquicentennial history book

LAKE CHARLES - To commemorate the 150th anniversary of Immaculate Conception Church, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is planning a 150th Anniversary history book and the book committee is in need of materials on a variety of topics.

The material can be history, personal anecdotes, photos,

names of leaders, notable functions, etc). Among those are Altar Society, Rebuilding of Church Organ, Choir and Music History, History of the Altar, Local Knights of Columbus Chapter, Church Bell Tower, Stained Glass Windows, Ave Maria Hall History, Serra Club, Seminary Burses sponsored by or in the name of Immaculate Conception Cathedral parishioners, Old Catholic Cemetery, Latin Mass, Priests and Deacons since 1991, New St. Francis de Sales Statue and St. Peter Claver Statue (history and pictures), Episcopal Ordinations (Speyrer, Braxton and Provost), Some account of persons named as stained glass window donors, before and after Cathedral Restoration Photos, stories about the workers, processions, and 150th Anniversary Celebration functions.

Please send an email describing your materials to Pamela Seal at sealproperties@mac.com or contact her at 540-6388 or 433-0891. The book committee will arrange to have the materials collected, copied and returned to you.

Quo Vadis Days Retreat July 30-August 1

MOSS BLUFF -- The annual Quo Vadis Days Vocation Camp, sponsored by the Office of Vocations, will begin Tuesday, July 30 and conclude on Thursday August 1, at Sam Houston Jones State Park, according to Father Jeffrey Starkovich, director of vocations and seminarians.

There is no cost to attend as the Diocese will cover the cost. The event is open to male freshman high school students to those age 25.

Fearing persecution from the Roman emperor, an ancient tradition says that St. Peter decided to flee for his life. After leaving the walls of Rome, he encountered Jesus carrying his cross in the direction of the city. St. Peter asked Jesus, "Quo

Vadis, Domine?" (Where are you going, Lord?) Jesus answered, "I am going to Rome to be crucified again." With that, St. Peter turned around and followed Jesus as he led him to Rome where he continued his apostolic ministry and faced his martyrdom with courage.

"St. Peter was open to following where Jesus led him," Father Starkovich said. "Come discover where the Lord is leading you in your life during the Quo Vadis Days Vocation Camp. You will learn about the priesthood and how to discern your vocation with priests, seminarians, and other young men like yourself gathered together in fellowship, recreation, prayer, and discussion to help you explore our Lord's call in your life."

For more information and to register call Father Starkovich at 337-725-3719.

"Beat the Heat" Air Conditioner Program

LAKE CHARLES -- Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana and the Fourth Degree Knights of Peter Claver, Assembly 22, with the help of the City of Lake Charles are once again offering air conditioner units for elderly and disabled low-income individuals.

Call 337-439-7436 on Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., if you are in need of an air conditioner unit.

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.