



Eucharistic Congress will offer chance to renew faith in Real Presence

By Pamela Seal
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The Diocese of Lake Charles will hold the first Eucharistic Congress in its 41-year history November 12-21 to bring about a spiritual renewal and deeper understanding of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

The gathering of clergy, religious, and laity will include the celebration of Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, processions, engaging speakers, and other devotions throughout the 10-day event. A special day will be set aside focused on the youth in each church parish.

The Congress will kick off at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at the Lake Charles Civic Center Amphitheatre, followed with the main event, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, at the West Cal Arena and Events Center in Sulphur. The Most Reverend Glen John Provost will be the celebrant for Mass at 6 p.m. on Saturday to close out the all-day event.

For Monsignor Daniel A. Torres, V.G., chairman of the Congress, the expectation is for people in the Diocese to rekindle their faith in

Jesus Christ, to return to the Catholic Church and the Sacraments, and to possess a reverence for the Eucharist.

“During this time of the pandemic, recovery from hurricanes, a winter storm, and flooding, as well as personal pain and struggles of life, family, economic hardships, and a numbness to everything, the Eucharistic Congress can offer an opportunity for all to see that God is with us; God has not abandoned us,” Torres said.

The idea for a Eucharistic Congress was presented to Bishop Provost and the Presbyteral Council by the Very Rev. Edward Richard, M.S., V.F., pastor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur.

Father Richard, who also serves as Dean of the West Deanery, said the intention is to provide an opportunity for Christian formation regarding the mystery of the Eucharist and how lives can be molded in the light of this great gift of God.

“The number one priority of the Eucharistic Congress should be directed to the increase of faith in the Most Holy Eucharist for what it truly is, the Real Presence of Jesus Christ,” said Father Richard.

“If Angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion.”

— St. Maximilian Kolbe

“The Lord Jesus has given this Holy Sacrament so that we might encounter Him who Is,” Father Richard continued. “My hope is that the entire mystery of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is better integrated into the way parishes worship as well as into the personal faith lives of Christians.”

Opening night at the Civic Center includes outdoor praise and worship music in English and Spanish, a bilingual Rosary, and candlelight procession with the Blessed Sacrament from the amphitheatre to the Cathedral for all-night Adoration until 6 a.m. on Nov. 13.

Highlights of the main event in Sulphur will feature talks from local priests, including Father Ruben Buller, Monsignor Arthur Calkins, Father Ruben Villarreal, and Father Richard, on various aspects of the Eucharist.

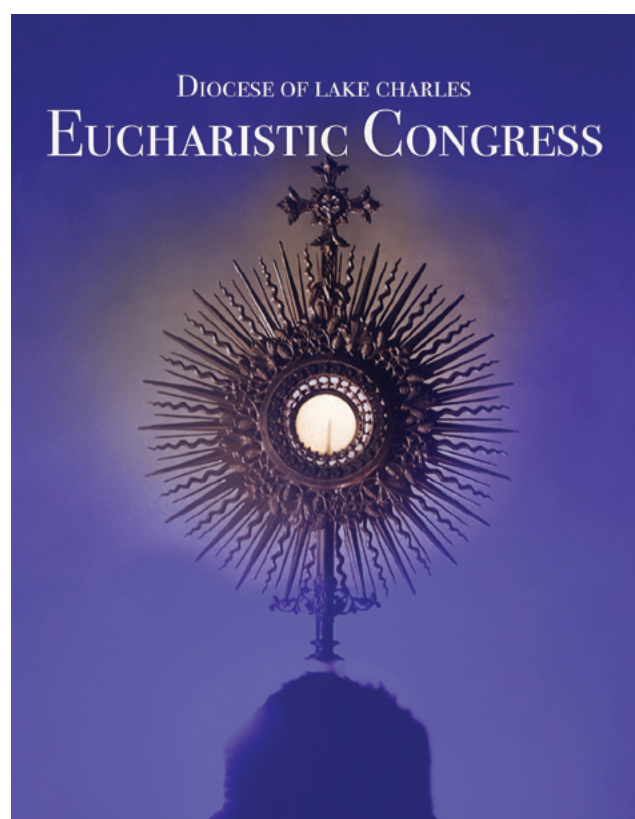
On Wednesday, Nov. 17, a Spanish-language Mass

will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. at St. Henry Catholic Church in Lake Charles. Adoration and a Eucharistic talk will be presented by Father Randy Courville from the Diocese of Lafayette.

Church parishes throughout the week will offer special hours of adoration, pray novenas and litanies, and offer catechesis on the Eucharist.

When public Masses were suspended in the spring of 2020 at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Monsignor Torres, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, said he recognized a concern for those who do not believe in the True Presence. For two months, he carried the Blessed Sacrament throughout the streets of Our Lady Queen of Heaven parish territory with the help of three red Ford trucks.

“The first week, people thought it was a parade; the second week, people continued to act up and did not take it seriously,” Torres



said. “By the third week and the weeks that followed, tears were streaming down the faces of the faithful as they knelt in their yards as the Lord Jesus passed them for a few seconds. ... All one could do was cry that they were not able to receive the physical Presence of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ himself in the Eucharist.”

Monsignor Torres said he hopes the Eucharistic Congress will spark a greater awareness, offer catechesis, and help Catholics realize that priests are doing everything possible to bring Jesus to the people of God. All events are free, and no registration is required. Seating at the West Cal Arena and Events Center, 401 Arena Road, is limited to 1,200. A love offering will be accepted during the Mass on Nov. 13 to help with the expenses.

Red Mass celebrated for legal profession

LAKE CHARLES — Bishop Glen. John Provost was the celebrant for the annual Red Mass on Friday, September 10, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. He was joined by the Very Rev. Edward Richard, M.S., V.F., who served as homilist, and Rev. Samuel Bond, who assisted as Master of Ceremonies.

The Red Mass is celebrated at the opening of the judicial year and requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice. It offers those in the legal profession the opportunity to reflect on their God-given power and responsibility of justice. The liturgy focuses on wisdom, understanding, counsel and fortitude for those in attendance. The Mass is so named because of the

color of the vestments worn by the bishop and priests, donned in symbolism of the tongues of fire that descended on the Apostles. The celebration of the Red Mass goes back many centuries with the first recorded Mass in the Cathedral of Paris in 1245. In Louisiana, the first Red Mass was offered in St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans on October 5, 1953.

Locally, the annual Mass is open to judges, attorneys, and government officials from the five civil parishes of the Diocese — Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis. It is sponsored by the Diocese of Lake Charles and the Saint Thomas More Society, Judge Henry Yelverton Chapter.



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost is joined by the Very Reverend Edward Richard, M.S., V.F, pastor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur, during the Red Mass on Friday, Sept. 10, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass is celebrated annually for those in the legal profession and requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice.

The text of Father Richard's homily follows:

Your Excellency Bishop Provost, Your Honors, Members of the St. Thomas More Society and Members of the Bar, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to begin by thanking Professor J. Randall Trahan of the LSU Law Center for his presentation last evening. Professor Trahan holds the Saul Litvinoff Distinguished Professor of Law Chair, among other positions of distinction, at the school. The analysis of US Supreme Court jurisprudence on the First Amendment rights pertaining to religious practice and speech was engaging and timely.

Historians Schweikart and Allen (A Patriot's History of the United States, Sentinel, 2004) tell us that Abraham Lincoln is said to have seen God's hand in numerous events during the war, and in 1862 he wrote, "The will of God prevails. In great contests, each party claims to act in accordance with the will of God. Both may be, and one must be wrong. God can not be for, or against, the same thing at the same time." (287)

These were the kind of thoughts that formed Lincoln's rebuke of slavery, as it evolved over the course of his debates with Stephen Douglas in the contest for the Illinois Senate.

In 1857 Douglas espoused popular sovereignty in the slavery debate. He thus raised the central fact that slavery was not a cultural or economic institution but a relationship based upon power. It was oppression by political power.

By this point, however, Lincoln had maneuvered Douglas into defending the position that it did not matter if slavery was right or wrong, or even if the US Constitution according to the Court was right or wrong. It was a matter of the will of the majority. Lincoln, on the other hand, had placed the argument on a different philosophical plane, that of the morality of slavery. He identified it a moral, social, and political wrong. He went further declaring that the "black man" was "entitled to all the natural rights enumerated in the Declaration of Independence, the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness...In the right to eat bread, without leave of anybody else, which his own hand earns, he is my equal and the equal of Judge Douglas, and the equal of every living man." (Schweikart and Allen, 286-289.)

Do we act as though we truly believe God's hand is at work today? Our faith in Christ illuminates our minds and directs our actions if we are to be just and righteous. The tenets of that faith that hold that the human person is made in the image and likeness of God and that he has been redeemed by the sacrifice of God's own Son, are the foundation of the Christian ideal of justice.

St. Paul, a pharisee, understood justice from the perspective of righteousness based upon the restraint of the law before his conversion. After his conversion, he came to know life in Christ through the new, Evangelical Law of Christ. It is a formulation of the law so extraordinary that the Fathers of the Church saw in the Sermon on the Mount, the Charter for Christian living, not only because of it being Christ's own words, but because of its predominant element, the Holy Spirit through which this New Law works in each of us. In every respect, the New Law of the Gospel completes and fulfills the Old Law, however, it in no sense abolishes it. Following St. John Paul II and St. Ambrose we recognize that the Law of Christ brings out the fullest meaning of the Decalogue and interiorizes its demands. "You have heard it said, 'Love your friends and hate your enemies,' But I say to you, 'Love your enemies: do good to them that hate you: and pray for them that persecute and calumniate you.'" (Douay-Rheims Bible, Matt. 5:44.)

Indeed, if love of God and love of neighbor is the summation of the law, then the

love of one's own soul, after the commandment to love God, must be first in the order of charity. For while Christ tells us to love our enemies, he does so with the caveat (in today's Gospel reading from Luke, Ch. 6) that we must remove the plank from our own eye first; clearly a reference to a pure soul. This movement in wisdom leads ultimately to the realization of Christ's example and teaching that the greatest love is found in laying down one's life for one's friends. "When fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." (NAB, Luke 6:40)

Recognizing the great responsibilities imposed by our judicial system and the many day-to-day, practical realities faced by all of us in administering justice, of taking care of oneself and one's family, and of serving the common good, it is imperative that we disciples not allow the Incarnation and Resurrection of Christ to escape from our vision. Our souls will flourish and be strengthened in the light of Truth.

Having distanced the law of the land from God, however, we live with the processes of this thing we human beings created. It was not always that way in our system of law but it is the way we see it now. Nonetheless, we are not slaves to such a system unless we choose to be. If by some fate we find ourselves in that position, it is because we who had the power over it have made it so. I suggest that there is no remedy for this, not a secular one, anyway. Secular humanity is always going about ejecting from our collective consciousness anything that is not consistent with its own immanent view of the world's destiny. *There is no secular formula that will make the world less fallen.* There is no humanistic juridical decree that will make the course of justice the perfectly engineered reality that, in all our brilliance, we would like to be. There is only you, O Christian, and there is your God. And God has set you free in Christ. And if the son of Man makes you free, you are free, indeed. (See, John 8:36)

Bishop's Bible Study on Genesis

LAKE CHARLES – The next series of Bible Study classes, this year focusing on the Book of Genesis and hosted by Bishop Glen John Provost, continue in November, with the men meeting on Friday, November 5 and the women on Wednesday, Nov. 3, in Ave Maria Hall, 935 Bilbo Street.

Men may register by calling the Diocese of Lake Charles at 337-439-7400, Ext. 309. Mass is celebrated in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 6:30 a.m. with the Bishop's talk following.

Reservations for the women's luncheons, which begin at 11:30 a.m., should be made prior to each luncheon by sending a check in the amount of \$12.50, 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. For more information, call 337-439-7400, Ext. 309.



'Cowboy Awakening' ignites faith in college students

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Sometimes the best way to reach students where they are on their faith journey is through their peers. That's exactly what Awakening retreats do — offer college students the opportunity to encounter Christ on a personal level in community with others their own age.

Cowboy Catholics, the student ministry at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, hosted "Cowboy Awakening 75" the weekend of Sept. 17-19 with remarkable success. The student-led retreat is held twice a year — fall and spring — to help students grow deeper in their faith.

Faith Dalton and Landon Leger, co-directors for the fall semester retreat, both agree that prayer and spending time in adoration play a key role in the transformation of students from Friday night to Sunday.

"We allow the students a ton of time in front of the Blessed Sacrament," Landon said. "The main thing I heard from most of the retreatants at the end of the weekend was that it was either a life-changing experience or something they would hold dear to their hearts because it impacted them that much."

Faith credits the power of prayer with one of the highest turnouts of students, many who had been on a waiting list to attend.

"For a couple of weeks leading up to the retreat, everyone serving on staff set their phone alarms to 10 p.m., and we all prayed a 'Hail Mary' each night asking for Mary's intercession to take

away any fears or doubts the retreatants might have about the weekend," said Faith.

Father Paul Jussen, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel and chaplain of Cowboy Catholics, said a lot of the students told him they felt the presence of God like they never felt before.

"They expressed their experience with adoration and small groups where they can share parts of their lives that they don't normally open up about," said Father Jussen. "They were able to open up with their peers knowing they can trust them in this setting."

Key elements of Awakening are small group reflections, Mass, confession, prayer, talks and activities, some of which are kept secret to allow the retreat to be veiled in mystery for those attending. Awakening is formed on Catholic principles, but students from all denominations are invited.

Landon said he was not Catholic when he made Cowboy Awakening 68. He fell in love with the structure of the Mass compared to the non-denominational church he had been attending.

"The Awakening introduced me to the sacraments in a way that I had not seen before. It sparked a conversion and not long afterward, I signed up for R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) through the McNeese student center," Landon said. "I was confirmed in the Spring of 2019."

Aggie Awakening 111 at Texas A&M was the beginning of Faith's spiritual growth.

"After I transferred to McNeese, I didn't want my Awakening experience to

end in Texas, so I started staffing retreats with Cowboy Catholics," she said. "Over the years, staffing Awakenings has been impactful for my faith. There is a whole new level in serving rather than receiving."

Faith said she was excited but nervous when she was asked to lead the Awakening. She did not think she was capable or worthy.

"Over the summer, I was part of F.O.C.U.S. Summer Projects in Colorado," Faith said. "It was my involvement with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students when I learned faith formation that challenged me and allowed me to grow. Because of that growth, I was able to lead the Awakening retreat with confidence."

When Faith chose the retreat theme, "Called to Sainthood," her intention was to remind the students that everyone is called to do great things, and to die to Christ day after day.

"I feel like the saints are not talked about enough," she said. "The staff really wanted to instill in the students that the saints lived such great lives of heroic virtue."

Father Jussen said the college students are recognizing that there is something in themselves that is yearning to be with God.

"I am edified because our young people have countless pressures with school, sports, breakup of family, finances, hurricanes, the pandemic, and social isolation," said Jussen. "Awakenings help them to recognize God's presence in their lives amid all the stuff that is happening in the world and in Southwest Louisiana."



"Cowboy Awakening 75" had one of the highest turnouts of college students during the fall semester retreat Sept. 17-19 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Put on by college students for college students, the retreat is designed to "awaken" their faith, offer fellowship, and strengthen their relationship with God during college life. Staff leaders on the front row, from left, are Conner Williams, Amy Yokubaitis, Faith Dalton (retreat coordinator), and Landon Leger (retreat rector and master of ceremonies). Father Paul Jussen, far right, is pastor of OLGC and serves as chaplain for Cowboy Catholics, the student ministry organization.

Bond of charity shared between dioceses affected by hurricanes

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As the saying goes: One good deed deserves another, especially when it comes to disaster relief between two dioceses affected by Category 4 hurricanes one year apart.

Before Hurricane Ida devastated the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux on Aug. 29, much like Laura did to the Diocese of Lake Charles on Aug. 27, 2020, parishioners at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Ragley were texting and calling Father Jeffrey Starkovich, asking, "Are any of your friends who came to help us going to be affected by the storm? We want to help them the way they came to help us."

Those friends belong to the same priest support group with Father Starkovich, pastor of St. Pius, and get together monthly for fellowship and spiritual nourishment. Within days after Hurricane Laura, their parishes from the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Dioceses of Houma-Thibodaux, Lafayette, and Baton Rouge, drove to Ragley to bring supplies, cook meals in the parking lot, and clean up the church property.

"That was a wonderful experience to have my close priest friends, eight in all, from my support group coming to help us out," recalled Father Starkovich. "As Hurricane Ida was approaching, we were checking in with each other making sure everyone was okay. My friend, Father Andre Melancon, and his parish St. Bernadette Catholic Church in downtown Houma were among those who had assisted us several times."

St. Pius parishioners didn't waste any time after Ida's landfall heading to St. Bernadette with chainsaws and equipment to clean up around the church.

"Everyone knows how much we benefitted from the support of surrounding parishes and dioceses. Our goal was to meet the emergency of our neighbors to the east. We couldn't wait. We had to get them stable and safe," said Father Starkovich. "Just this Christian charity saying, 'now let's go help them.' That's the beauty."

Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana, led by Sister Miriam MacLean, R.S.M., was also ready to spring into action. For the first trip on Aug. 31, Sister Miriam was joined by Father Starkovich, Father Joseph Caraway, parochial vicar at St. Henry Catholic Church; and Sydney Thomas, who coordinates disaster recovery at Catholic Charities. They loaded "Big Joe" — a 26-foot box truck — with bottled water, tarps, and basic supplies, and caravanned to Houma along with Catholic Charities of Acadiana.

"All the Catholic Charities in the state have very strong relationships with one another," said Sister Miriam. "Before the storm came, we



Father Andre Melancon, left, pastor of St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Houma; and Father Jeffrey Starkovich, pastor of St. Pius X Catholic Church in Ragley, belong to the same priest support group. They helped each other out in the aftermath of Category 4 hurricanes in both of their dioceses — Hurricane Ida on Aug. 29 in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux and Hurricane Laura a year ago (Aug. 27, 2020) in the Diocese of Lake Charles.

had been in communication with each other. Once it became evident that it was going to hit southeast Louisiana, the conversation shifted to what do you need?"

The day after Hurricane Ida's landfall, Catholic Charities offered 900 meals, donated by Phillips 66, for evacuees staying in the Lake Charles area.

Looking back to last year, Sister Miriam said that God allowed things to happen in the Diocese of Lake Charles with back-to-back hurricanes while at the same time preparing her to help other dioceses. She and her team shared first-hand experiences providing immense resources to Bishop Shelton Fabre and his diocesan leadership of Houma-Thibodaux to assist with their own recovery.

"Part of the reason we always had what we needed after Hurricane Laura was because other people knew from their experiences what we needed, and they just brought it before we could even anticipate we needed something," Sister Miriam said. "It's like a bond that only those who have been through a similar experience can share."

The Saturday of Labor Day weekend, Father Starkovich made another trip to St. Bernadette with nearly 50 volunteers from St. Pius X Parish. They cooked 400 plates of jambalaya, brought 300 gallons of gasoline, and another truckload of water and supplies on "Big Joe."

Father Starkovich said he was amazed at the interest shown by the youth as young as elementary age and middle school students getting involved with their families.

"It's beautiful to see entire families loading cars, talking to people, praying with people. The faith of the people in Louisiana is very much at the heart of their generous response," said Father

Starkovich. "We have received blessings from the people who helped us, and now we have the opportunity to help them, too."

Pairing Parishes Together
After St. Bernadette Parish was stabilized, St. Pius partnered with two other parishes to make sure the rural areas have what they need.

Father Andrew DeRouen, parochial vicar at St. Pius and St. Theodore, organized "Pairing Parishes Together" to work with priests in the dioceses impacted by Ida. While participation is optional, the idea is for priests throughout Louisiana to adopt one parish from the list.

"Response from the pastors has been wonderful," said Father Starkovich, "making sure all the affected parishes have what they need. Parishioners of each partner parish can stay in contact with each other and do mission trips to bring supplies, work crews, or cook meals."

In addition to St. Pius X, parishes in the Diocese of Lake Charles participating are Christ the King, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, St. Henry, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, St. Martin de Porres, and Sacred Heart of Jesus, all in Lake Charles; Our Lady Help of Christians and Immaculate Conception, both in Jennings; St. Theodore in Moss Bluff; Our Lady of Prompt Succor and Our Lady of LaSalette, both in Sulphur; and St. Joseph in Vinton.

"I know God is bringing something good out of these enormous struggles," said Father Starkovich. "Somehow in God's mysterious way, we are going to see some very beautiful things. I have already seen the generosity and service people are doing. We will continue to hope, pray, work together and trust in the Lord. Whatever God has in store is what's best for us."

White Mass, Blessing Oct. 24

LAKE CHARLES — The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will celebrate the second annual "White Mass and Blessing for Medical Professionals" at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 935 Bilbo Street. All doctors and health care professionals attending are invited to wear their white coats.

"COVID-19 and natural disasters have taken a toll on many, especially health care personnel," said Sister Mary Benedicta Maier, R.S.M., co-director of the Offices of Marriage, Family Life, and Pro-Life for the Diocese of Lake Charles. "It is especially important that we ask the Lord to intercede for them, as well as their patients and families."

Following the Mass will be a brunch and talk for medical professionals and their families in the Ave Maria Hall. Dr. David P. Darbonne, a local obstetrician-gynecologist, will speak on "The Joys and Struggles of a Catholic Physician."

Sister Mary Benedicta said that Dr. Darbonne will reflect on the many choices he has made along his medical training and practice as a physician who desires to be informed by his faith.

"His experiences are, yes, personal, though universal to those who serve in the health care profession," she said. "Dr. Darbonne considers himself to be a

very ordinary person in an extraordinary profession of medicine. He sees himself as no different than his patients and colleagues with the joys and struggles of family life and career."

Sister Mary Benedicta noted that those who know Dr. Darbonne might say that the mentality of faithfulness to his values has propelled him to care for so many women, children, and their families in his OBGYN practice in the greater Lake Charles area.

The White Mass receives its name from the white coats worn by physicians and the color that was associated with nurses. The Mass finds its origins in the Catholic Medical Association, which was founded in the 1930s. Each year, the White Mass is celebrated in many dioceses to invoke God's blessing on health care professionals.

All those who serve in the ministry of the medical profession, including physicians, dentists, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, nurses, technicians, administrators, health care personnel, ministers of consolation, compassionate care ministers, chaplains, and mental health workers, are invited, along with their families. All faiths are welcome to come to pray and receive a blessing.

For more information and to confirm attendance at the brunch, please email marybenedicta.maier@lcdiocese.org no later than Monday, Oct. 18.

Clergy and religious honored

MOSS BLUFF — His Excellency, the Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, was the celebrant and homilist for the 15th annual Clergy and Religious Recognition Celebration on Thursday, September 9, at Camp Karol. The Mass took place on the Feast of St. Peter Claver, patron saint for the Diocese of Lake Charles, followed by a luncheon for the honorees.

The event is coordinated by the Serra Club of Lake Charles and supported by Knights of Columbus Assemblies and Councils; Knights of Peter Claver Assemblies, Chapters, and Courts; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Courts, Catholic Mothers, and parish Altar Societies. Other benefactors of time, talent, and/or treasures are Bob and Brenda McCall, and Christopher and Pamela Menou.

For a combined 780 years of service to the Catholic Church, this year's honorees included a total of 12 priests, 10 deacons, and 6 religious sisters.

The following were recognized for significant anniversaries: **60 years** — Rev. Lawrence Kohler, M.S.; **55 years** — Sister Gerard Earls, CCVI and Sister Claire Pellerin, S.E.; **50 years** — Rev. Marshall

Boulet and Rev. Roland Vaughn; **45 years** — Deacon Fred Reed and Sister Mary Charles Chiduolue, D.M.M.M.; **40 years** — Rev. Albert Borel and Sister Maria Regina Osundu, D.M.M.M.; **30 years** — Very Rev. Edward Richard, M.S. and Rev. William Miller; **25 years** — Rev. Monsignor Daniel Torres and Rev. Richard Adiukwu; **20 years** — Rev. John Payne, Rev. Anthony Fontenot, Deacon Joseph Bushnell, Deacon Wayne Chapman, Deacon Dale Deshotel, Deacon Patrick Lapoint, Deacon Ray Menard, Deacon Roy Nash, and Deacon Michael Tramel; **10 years** — Rev. Jom Joseph, HGN, Rev. Jeffrey Starkovich, Deacon Paul Gregory, and Sister Mary Benedicta Maier, RSM; **5 years** — Deacon Brian Kirk and Sister Kim Xuan Nguyen, CCVI.

The welcome and acknowledgments at the luncheon were given by Col. John Halloran, Serra Club president. Monsignor Daniel Torres, past Serra Club chaplain, gave the invocation and blessing of the meal; and closing remarks and benediction were given by Bishop Provost.