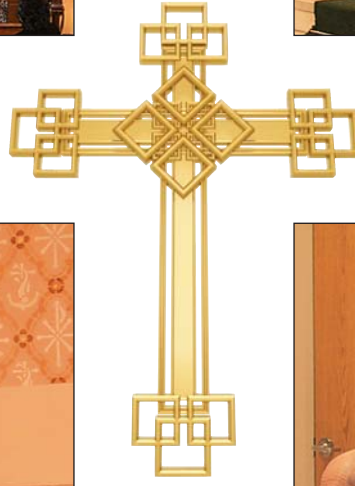


Bishop Provost's schedule busy in early 2008



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost schedule is hectic as is shown by the photo grouping above. At top left, Bishop Provost greets the Catechumens and Candidates from all the parishes at the Rite of Election and the Celebration of the Call to Continuing Conversion in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sunday, Feb. 10. At top right, the Bishop celebrated a special Mass for Catholic School Week in the Diocese Jan. 28 to Feb. 1 with eighth graders from Catholic schools and students from

St. Louis Catholic High School attending. At bottom left, the Bishop Provost offers prayer during the ceremony in the Cathedral at which seminarian Scott Conner was accepted to candidacy for Holy Orders. This is the first step for Conner toward ordination to the Diaconate and the Priesthood. In the bottom right photo, Bishop Provost chats with some of the attendees at the February 1 First Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast, held in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral's office building.

La. Catholic Conference now La. Conference of Catholic Bishops

BATON ROUGE - The Louisiana Catholic Conference officially changed its name to the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops (LCCB) effective January 1, 2008. Louisiana's Catholic bishops hope the name change will help to identify the conference as a direct representative of the Catholic Church with its authority from the bishops.

"Completely on their own, reporters have begun adding 'of bishops' to our name when I'm quoted in articles," said Daniel J. Loar, LCCB's executive director. "Obviously, they believe it more clearly shows who I am representing."

The name change more closely identifies the state bishops' conference with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

(USCCB). Also, Louisiana is following suit with other bishops' conferences throughout the country as they work to help the public understand their purpose and identity. Those bishops' conferences that have made the change feel it has been well received by both the public and the legislators they are in contact with.

The Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops formulates public policy positions through a board of directors composed of the archbishop of New Orleans and the bishops of the other six Catholic dioceses in Louisiana.

More information about the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops is available online at www.laccb.org.



John Ed Bradley, a former LSU football standout and author of the recently released book, "It Never Rains in Tiger Stadium," is shown during a visit to Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School. While at the school Bradley, who has written several highly praised novels and now lives in Opelousas, spoke to the fifth through eighth graders. Earlier in the day, he spent time with students at St. Louis Catholic High School.

Saint Charles Center sponsoring stage play

LAKE CHARLES - "Haunted by God: The Life of Dorothy Day", a one-woman play about the cofounder of the Catholic Worker Movement, will be performed at 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 27th at the Central School Theater, Central School Theater, 809 Kirby Street.

The play, with Lisa Wagner portraying Dorothy Day, is being sponsored by Saint Charles Center of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Admission is by free will offering and proceeds will benefit the Center's scholarship fund.

Dorothy Day was a powerful woman of immense conviction who spent 47 years living with the poor and challenging the United States government to halt acts of war.

40-Hours Devotion sites, times

- Immaculate Conception, Maplewood**
Monday, Feb. 25 to Thursday, Feb. 28, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.
- St. Philip Neri, Kinder**
Monday, March 3 at 6 p.m. to Wednesday, March 5 at 10 a.m.
- St. Joan of Arc, Oberlin**
Thursday, March 13 at 8 p.m. to Saturday, March 15 at 12 noon.
- Our Lady Help of Christians, Jennings**
Tuesday, March, 25, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Immaculate Conception, Jennings**
Wednesday, March 26, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Jennings**
Thursday, March 27, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Did you know...

Bishop Jude Speyrer appointed Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc and Rev. (now Monsignor) James Gaddy as the first Vicars General of the Diocese of Lake Charles in 1980. Rev. Harry D. Greig (now Monsignor) was named as the first Chancellor of the newly formed diocese.

Monsignor is a form of address for those members of the clergy of the Catholic Church holding certain ecclesiastical honorific titles. There are three classes - Chaplains of Honor to His Holiness, Prelates of Honor to His Holiness, and Protonotaries Apostolic, the highest grade of monsignor found outside Rome. Eight priests in the Diocese may be addressed as Monsignors. Only two men have been honored as Protonotaries Apostolic since the Diocese was established. Do you know who they are? Find out in our March 7 Catholic Calendar.



The Fourth Degree Assembly No. 22, Knights of Peter Claver and Fourth Degree Chapter No. 22, Ladies of Grace recently made a contribution of toiletries and sundries to the Calcasieu Women's Shelter in Lake Charles. Pictured, from left, are Lady Birdie Harmon, Ann Polak, Director of the Center, Sir Knight Lionel Daniel Lady Patricia Daniel and Lady Kitty Prudhomme.

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