

Long-married couples honored

LAKE CHARLES - The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, honored 51 couples marking marriage milestones during 2009 at a Liturgy on Sunday, June 7, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The annual event is sponsored by the Office of Family Life of the Diocese.

Bishop Provost spoke to the couples about Jesus' instruction on how to pray. "Jesus said we must begin prayer with addressing God as 'Father', the Bishop said. 'Jesus was trying to tell us that God was a Father to us. The word in Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke, is 'Abba', a word that literally means 'Daddy.' Our relationship to Him is intimate and childlike, one of total dependence on God. As parents watch for the day when their child speaks its first word, God waits for us to call him 'Abba'."

A reception was held for the couples and their families and friends in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral Office Building. The Bishop greeted each couple and presented them a special certificate honoring their lifelong commitment to Christian marriage.

Four of the couples celebrate 65 years of Christian marriage this year. They are Nelson and Verna Anne Bourgeois, Cherris and Mary Lois Dupree, Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Rhodriguez, and Joseph Ray and Vina Richard.

Marking their 60th wedding anniversary are Bobby and Jean Fortenberry, while Rick and Barbara Arnold celebrate their 55th year of marriage.



One of the 51 couples honored at the recent Mass celebrating milestones of Christian Marriage was at left, Stephanie and Philip Reynolds. Accompanying them was their daughter, Kate, along with Philip's parents, Amy and Deacon Jack Reynolds.

Golden Jubilee couples are George and Louella Andrews, Bennett and Patricia Augustine, Clifton and Evelyn Avery, Robert and Rosalie Babineaux, George and Ruth Bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Ray Breaux, Ronald and Dolores Cart, Olin D. and Ruth A. Chester, Richard and Linda Dahlen, Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Daigle, Mr. and Mrs. Claude M Duplechian, LeRoy and Mary Fontenot, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert J Gaillard, Norris and Joyce Gobert, Sedrick and Judith Gregory, and Hilbert and Mary Guillory.

Also, Joseph and Marlene Guillory, Dale and Sandra Hotard, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hunsicker, Levander and Elizabeth Hursey, Harold and Maureen Jacobson, Walter and Julia Joubert Jr., Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy LaPoint, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Laurent, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Legnion, James and Barbara LeGros, Leonard and Ruby Malone, Charles and Jessie Petee, Alvin A. and Wanda B. Richard, Leroy and Carolyn Slack, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stratton, and Donald and Arlene Waguespack. Couples celebrating their

25th anniversary of Christian marriage were Douglas and Michelle Casteel, Mr. and Mrs. James deLaunay, James Ray and Maurine Granger, Dr. Hardin J and Henrietta Guidry, Keith and Monica Guidry, Kevin and Lisa Lambert, Ronald and Jennifer Legnion, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Mueller, Garland and Marie Prejean Jr., Phillip and Stephanie Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J Singer, John and Barbara Small, and Jon and Alyson Yokubaitis.

Seminarians home for the summer

LAKE CHARLES - All of the men studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles have returned to Southwest Louisiana for their summer assignments. Each of these seminarians, along the Deacon Scott Conner, has been placed in a parish during their break from classes.

Deacon Conner, recently graduated from the Pontifical College Josephinum, will serve as Pastoral Assistant at St. Philip Neri Parish in Kinder until August 31, 2009.

The newest Diocesan seminarian, John Huckaby, will be working at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston doing Clinical Pastoral Education.

Jeff Starkovich, who is studying at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, will serve an internship at St. Henry Church.

Bryan Thompson, who just finished his first full year as a Diocesan seminarian, will be studying in Italy for six weeks and, upon his return, be at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Lake Arthur.

David "Doc" Hardey, who recently graduated from the Pontifical College Josephinum, will be at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Jennings while Ruben Villarreal, who is studying at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, will be in his home parish of St. Lawrence in Raymond.

Matthew Cormier will be serving at Immaculate Conception Church in Jennings, Brandon Jones will be at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, and Corey LaVergne will be at Our Lady of Good Counsel, the McNeese Student Center.



The past and the present are represented in the photos above of Immaculate Conception Church in Maplewood, which concludes its 50th anniversary celebration at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 28, with the Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, as celebrant. A catered luncheon will follow in the church hall with current and past parishioners as honored guests. The top photo shows the church at the time of the parish's establishment on July 5, 1959 with the Rev. Henry Lenz, M.S. as founding pastor. The second photo shows the current church, which was rebuilt after the devastating 1981 fire.

Did you know...

Over the years, there have been a number of priests who served in parishes of what is now the Diocese of Lake Charles for more than 30 years. The longest serving of the trio was Msgr. Jules Daigle, who came to Our Lady of Seven Dolours in Welsh in 1930 and served until 1974. Not far behind was Msgr. A.J. Robichaud, who was pastor of St. Philip Neri in Kinder from 1942 until 1984. The third longest-serving

pastor is Rev. William Frantzen, who served St. Paul in Elton from 1928 until 1970. Next is Msgr. Louis B. Boudreaux, who led Immaculate Conception Church (now Cathedral) from 1940 to 1974 while Msgr. Hubert Cramers was pastor there from 1902 to 1935. Then comes Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc, who was pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven from 1961 to 1992. Three others earn honorable mention for

a quarter century of service in the same parish - Msgr. M. J. Bernard, who shepherded Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Creole, 1972-1997; Rev. Joseph Peeters, Our Lady Help of Christians, 1892-1917; and Msgr. Charles LeVasseur, St. Mary of the Lake, 1942-1967.

Do you know which Diocesan priests have celebrated more than 60 years of service? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.

Mass schedule for lower Cameron

GRAND CHENIER - Rev. Richard Adiukwu, who will shepherd St. Eugene and administer Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron and Sacred Heart in Creole, has announced Mass times for the churches beginning July 4, 4 p.m., St. Eugene; 6 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea; July 5, 8 a.m., St. Eugene; 10 a.m., Sacred Heart.



Official Appointments

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, D.D., Bishop of Lake Charles, makes the following appointments:

The Most Reverend Bishop has accepted the retirement, according to diocesan norm, of the Reverend Monsignor Vincent Sedita, effective Tuesday, June 30, 2009. The Bishop joins all in the Diocese in expressing our sincere appreciation to Monsignor Sedita for his distinguished service over many years as Pastor, Dean, and Vicar General, along with many other pastoral duties. May God grant him many blessings in gratitude for his years in assignment. He will continue to be active in retirement, living in a yet to be named parish of the Diocese.

The Reverend Richard Adiukwu is appointed as Pastor of St. Eugene Parish in Grand Chenier and Administrator of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Creole and Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Cameron, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

The Reverend Marcus Johnson is appointed as Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lake Charles, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

The Reverend Monsignor Jace Eskind is appointed as Rector of the Parish of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

The Reverend Jude Brunnert, M.S. is appointed Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in DeRidder, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

The Reverend William Miller is re-appointed Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Lake Charles, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

The Reverend Monsignor Harry Greig is re-appointed Pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Parish in Big Lake, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

The Reverend Aubrey Guilbeau is appointed Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Sulphur, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

The Reverend Felix Anyikwa is appointed Administrator of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Oberlin, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

Upon the presentation of the Very Rev. James A Pawlicki, Provincial of the Society of the Divine Word Missionaries, Bishop Provost has accepted his recommendations regarding the following :

The Reverend Andreas Kedati, S.V.D is appointed Administrator of St. Raphael Parish in Iowa, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

The Reverend Emmanuel Tanu, S.V.D., is appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Raphael Parish in Iowa, with pastoral duties as well to St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Lake Charles, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

The following are appointments to specific positions or offices:

The Reverend Marcus Johnson is appointed as Dean of the Central Deanery, effective July 1, 2009.

The Reverend Nathan Long is appointed as Vocation Recruiter for the Central Deanery, effective July 1, 2009.

The Reverend Rommel Tolentino is appointed as Chaplain to the Seafarer's Ministry, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

The Reverend Ruben Buller is appointed as Vocation Recruiter for Catholic Schools and Secretary Adjutant to Bishop Provost, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

The Reverend Roland Vaughn is appointed Diocesan Penitentiary, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

The Very Reverend Daniel Torres is appointed as Vocation Director and Director of Seminarians, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

The Reverend Aubrey Guilbeau is appointed as Dean of the West Deanery, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009

The Reverend Susil Fernando is appointed as Vocation Recruiter for the West Deanery, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

The Reverend Timothy Goodly is appointed for pastoral assistance and in residence at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

The Reverend Derek Covert is assigned for a period of three years for study in Canon Law, to complete a licentiate at the Gregorian University in Rome and to be in residence at the North American College.

Deacon Scott Conner is appointed Pastoral Assistant to St. Philip Neri Parish in Kinder, until August 31, 2009.

Given at the Chancery on Monday, June 1, 2009 by order of The Most Reverend Bishop.

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