



## New burses established, total tops \$850,000

LAKE CHARLES – Three new seminary burses along with contributions to a number of others has increased the amount the Diocese of Lake Charles has invested to aid in the payment of the education costs of the men studying for the priesthood to \$854,711.33, according to The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles.

"The Diocese of Lake Charles and all concerned about the education of seminarians join me in expressing a heartfelt appreciation to these generous donors who are providing for the future formation of our priests," Bishop Provost said. "A seminary bursary is indeed an investment for the future."

These funds are in the form of 49 seminary burses established by individuals and organizations for the benefit of the Diocese and the education of its future priests.

The most recent burses opened are the The Ordinario Family bursary, the Walter Henry and Agnes Stevenson Granger bursary, and the Edward Thomas (Tom) Cassidy bursary.

Burses had also been opened in the name of Lorraine Yelverton as well as another in the name of Truman Stacey.

The Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc bursary currently contains \$159,827.43 and the \$100,000 gift to establish that bursary was the largest ever received by the Diocese.

A seminary bursary is a permanent fund set aside to provide income for the education of seminarians. The principal of the fund is never spent but invested, with

the interest used each year for seminarian education expenses. Since the principal is never touched, this fund is truly a "gift that will give forever." Donations made to any seminary bursary will continue to support the education of seminarians every year in perpetuity.

Seminary burses can be started with any amount of money and gifts may be made to already established burses.

Some of the burses have been established in memory of a number of other highly regarded priests, such as Msgr. Amos Vincent, Father Oris Broussard, Father John Giles and Monsignors Curtis Vidrine and Murphy J. Bernard along with Msgr. Jules Daigle, Msgr. Aloysius Van Buijtenen and Msgr. Louis H. Boudreaux.

The Diocese has nine men in various stages of study for the priesthood - Jeff Starkovich, Pontifical North American College; John Huckaby, Notre Dame Seminary; Bryan Thompson, Pontifical College Josephinum; David "Doc" Hardey, Jr., Pontifical College Josephinum; Matthew Cormier, St. Joseph Seminary College; Ruben Villerreal, Catholic University of America; Brandon Jones, St. Joseph Seminary College; Corey LaVergne, St. Joseph Seminary College; and Cristian Gonzales, St. Joseph Seminary College.

For more information about making a contribution to create a special bursary of your own choosing or adding to an existing bursary contact Bishop Provost or Father Daniel Torres, at 337-439-7400, Ext. 220, or email to daniel.torres@lcdioocese.org.



## Diocese of Lake Charles Seminary Burses

(As of September 28, 2009)

Msgr. Louis Boudreaux	\$6,982.50
Bishop Jeanmard	\$9,276.69
Latrielle Houssiere	\$15,000.00
Charles Houssiere	\$15,000.00
Gelu Houssiere	\$15,000.00
Henry Houssiere	\$15,000.00
Msgr. William J. Teurlings	\$3,092.23
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Houssiere	\$15,000.00
Israel Hebert Family	\$15,000.00
Fr. Moise Hebert	\$2,231.66
Pro Ecclesia	\$5,203.55
Immaculate Conception	\$3,092.23
Saint Joseph	\$1,217.93
Lake Charles Seminary	\$15,000.00
Cure d' Ars	\$3,092.23
Mr. & Mrs. C. Delahoussaye	\$15,000.00
Msgr. Lerschen	\$1,203.35
Saint Theresa	\$5,356.71
Catholic Daughters of the Americas	\$1,666.46
Herrington Family	\$15,000.00
Horvath Family	\$12,500.00
Harry Van Tiel Family	\$1,031.96
Habetz-Oustalet-Mitchell Families	\$5,000.00
Msgr. A. Van Buijtenen	\$5,020.00
Msgr. Jules Daigle	\$15,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Galip Jacobs/Sam Joseph	\$600.00
Msgr. Charles Levasseur	\$70,000.00
Plauche Family	\$4,000.00
Rev. Oscar S Vasquez-Munoz	\$1,429.00
Msgr. Bede Becnel	\$23,652.68
Jeffery Savant	\$2,435.00
Rev. Robert Lee Shreve	\$25,973.33
Bishop Jude Speyrer	\$4,000.00
Our Lady of the Snows/ CDA Court	\$20,200.00
Msgr. Curtis Vidrine	\$28,689.60
Msgr. Murphy Bernard	\$27,476.90
Rev. Alphonse M. Volpe	\$25,122.62
East Deanery Serra Club	\$550.00
Msgr. Charles Dubois	\$9,926.70
Msgr. Amos J. Vincent	\$34,723.21
Rev. Oris A. Broussard	\$27,810.66
Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc	\$159,827.43
Rev. John Giles	\$25,132.21
Rev. Maurice Martineau	\$27,087.40
Truman Stacey	\$10,382.09
Lorraine Yelverton	\$2,725.00
*The Ordinario Family	\$50,000.00
*Walter Henry/Agnes Stevenson Granger	\$40,000.00
*Edward Thomas (Tom) Cassidy	\$2,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$854,711.33</b>

\*Newly established

## Diocesan Briefs

### St. Raphael Bazaar this weekend

IOWA – St. Raphael Catholic Church will have its annual bazaar on the church grounds on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-4.

Events will include a "Guitar Hero" contest, a Wii sport contest, train rides, musical entertainment and a silent auction.

### Red Mass set October 16

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will celebrate the Red Mass at 8:30 a.m. Friday, October 16 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. On hand will be judges, attorneys and government officials from the five civil parishes which make up the Diocese of Lake Charles – Calcasieu, Cameron, Allen, Beauregard and Jefferson Davis.

### Called2BCatholic Music Festival

LAKE CHARLES – Called2BCatholic, a Catholic music festival for the whole family will be Saturday, October 24 on the Sulphur High School Freshman Campus. Doors open at noon with Adoration ending at 9 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Call 337-439-7400, Ext. 301 or e-mail youth.ministry@lcdioocese.org for more information and about tickets.

### Bishop's Golf Classic to be held October 9

LAKE CHARLES – The Second Annual Bishop's Golf Classic will be held on Friday October 9 at the Lake Charles Country Club.

The event provides funding for the Seminarian and Priest Retirement Funds.

The four-person scramble will have two shotgun starts, 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$125 per individual or \$500 a team. Registration forms can be found at area golf courses and at the Diocese of Lake Charles, 414 Iris Street.

For general information, contact Larry DeRoussel at (337)794-8339 or by email at lderoussel@laia.com.

### Calca-Chew Festival Oct. 4

LAKE CHARLES -- St. Margaret of Scotland's "Calca-Chew Festival" will be held at the church's Family Center from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4.

A French Mass will open the festival at 7 a.m. with music by Les Amies Louisianaises Singers. Live music by "Red" Saltzman & Friends begins at 9 a.m.

### OLQH School auction set

LAKE CHARLES – Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School will host its 2009 auction, *Treasures Under the Sea* on Friday, Oct. 9 in the Family Life Community Center gym.

A silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m. and tickets may be purchased in the school office. Call 477-7349 for more information.

### Safe Environment Initial Training Sessions

LAKE CHARLES -- Three Safe Environment Initial Training sessions have been scheduled for October, according to Bernell Ezell, Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection.

The first workshop will be Monday, October 12 in the Chancery of the Diocese, 414 Iris Street, beginning at 6 p.m. Attendees are asked to use the east side parking lot entrance.

Saint Peter The Apostle Church in Hackberry will be the venue for the October 13 session which begins at 6:30 p.m. The final session of the month will be held at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings on Monday, October 19 beginning at 6 p.m.

All clergy, religious, and lay volunteers who have direct contact with youth and young adults are required to attend an initial training session if they have not already done so in order to be certified.

### Mass for Special Needs Oct. 11

LAKE CHARLES - A Mass for individuals with special needs and their families and friends will be celebrated Sunday, October 11 at 11 a.m. in the Saint Louis High School Commons, 1620 Bank Street, Lake Charles. Father Brian King will be the celebrant. For information, call Karen Duhon at 478-0243 Or Shari Cormier 478-0043.

### Annulment workshop set Oct. 31

LAKE CHARLES --The Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles and Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church will sponsor a workshop for persons interested in requesting church annulments from 9 a.m. until approximately noon on Saturday, October 31 in the Activity Room of the Our Lady Queen Of Heaven Family Life Center, 3939 Monsignor DeBlanc Place.

The workshop is designed to provide information to aid someone preparing to petition for a church annulment. There is no charge for the workshop and while reservations are not necessary, they would help to assure sufficient materials for those attending. To register, contact the church office (337) 477-1236 or e-mail olqh@lcdioocese.org.

### Cash giveaway at St. Henry

LAKE CHARLES - The big cash giveaway will be the highlight of the annual Saint Henry Church Bazaar on Sunday, October 25. The drawing will be held at 2:30 p.m. and the top prize is \$10,000, second prize is \$5,000, and third prize is \$1500.

Tickets are available at \$100 each. The bazaar will be held on the church grounds at 1021 8th Avenue from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 436-7223.

### Bishop's Dinner for Scouting

LAKE CHARLES - The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will present qualifying scouts with their religious emblems at the annual Bishop's Dinner for Scouting on Sunday, October 18. The event is sponsored by the Calcasieu Area Council Catholic Committee on Scouting.

The dinner begins at 5 p.m. in the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Life Center, 3939 Kingston Street, Lake Charles. For more information, please call Susan Fontenot at 855-2812.

### SE update lessons posted to lcdioocese.org

LAKE CHARLES - The web-based safe environment single update lesson for the 2009-2010 year is now posted on the Diocese of Lake Charles website - lcdioocese.org, according to Bernell Ezell, Director of Child and Youth Protection.

She urges safe environment coordinators to encourage all those on their parish and school lists to complete the lesson as early as possible and noted that if anyone has yet to complete the two update lessons for the year 2008-2009, it is not too late as the lessons are archived.

## St. Peter Claver honored at Vespers

LAKE CHARLES – The celebration of Evening Prayer was used to pay tribute to St. Peter Claver, the patron saint of the Diocese of Lake Charles, as well as inaugurate a year of celebration of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese. The Most Reverend Glen John Provost presided over the Vespers Service in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, Sept. 13.

"From the Gospel of the Poor and Needy come these words of Our Lord to his disciples," Bishop Provost said to begin his homily. "Whoever listens to you, listens to me." We celebrate the evening prayer of our Diocesan patron and start the observance of the 30th anniversary of the Diocese of Lake Charles. We must not forget we have entered the Year for Priests.

"Our Holy Father Pope Benedict has clearly stated that the Year for Priests is set aside for the interior renewal of all priests," Bishop Provost said. "Their patron, our patron, is St. John Vianney. I think that St. Peter Claver and St. John Vianney share a great deal in common, certainly as servants and primarily as priests. Both came from humble origins and almost 200 years separated their births.

"One was born in rural Catalonia and the other in rural France," the Bishop continued. "As social upheaval always brings a response from the Church, it was the expansion of the slave trade in Western Europe that left its mark on young Peter Claver and the French Revolution left its mark in the formative years of little John Vianney.

"Both saints-to-be saw an opportunity to bring Christ to the most obscure and the most forgotten. So that whoever listened to them would listen to Christ. They would preach in Christ's name and they would heal in Christ's name.

"In this complex society, there was one thing certain, and I think it is an important point to understand what St. Peter Claver did and that is



Clergy on hand at the annual Vespers Service in the Cathedral paying tribute to the Diocesan patron saint, St. Peter Claver, included Very Rev. Aubrey Guilbeau, Rev. Ruben Buller, Rev. Keith Pellerin, Very Rev. Daniel Torres, V.G., Rev. Michael Barras, Rev. Marcus Johnson, Deacon Joseph Bushnell, and Rev. Augustine Mulanjanany.

that Christians could not be slaves in a Christian kingdom," Bishop Provost noted. "What makes the efforts of St. Peter Claver amongst the African slaves of Colombia so remarkable is his desire to Christianize them. Here was a Christian kingdom, Spain, importing non-baptized Africans, in the thinking of the conquerors that this was acceptable. Yet, a trained Jesuit and a Spaniard, St. Peter Claver would have known of the condemnation of slavery by Pope Paul III in the early 1500s. He would have known the teaching of the Church that they were human beings with an immortal soul. Saint Peter Claver's response was to baptize. In so doing he tried to instill in them some degree of self-respect to give them at least some idea that as redeemed human beings, they had dignity and they had worth."

Peter Claver's work was a remarkable endeavor.

"Like St. John Vianney he was tireless," the Bishop continued. "In baptizing the

slaves, Saint Peter Claver was not only spreading the gospel, and this is my point, he was not only spreading the Gospel to those who had never heard it, he was laying the foundation for a logical abolition of slavery on the grounds that these were brothers and sisters in Christ. This is what Peter Claver was doing.

"How remarkable it is for our diocese to have Saint Peter Claver as its primary patron," Bishop Provost said. "He can teach us a great deal about the imitation of Christ, not only to the poorest of the

poor but also to those who know not Christ. Along with Saint John Vianney, Saint Peter Claver joins a litany of priests who gave their all and did so because their relationship with Christ was intimate.

"They sought to imitate Christ totally. In this respect the Year for Priests and the anniversary of our diocese find their common purpose and are blessed by the apostle to the slaves and the patron of priests. (Go to lcdioocese.org – Saint Peter Claver honored – for more on this story).

## Did you know...

The Marianites of the Holy Cross sisters opened a third school in what would become the Diocese of Lake Charles on August 31, 1904 when St. Henry's Convent opened in Jennings on the property of Our Lady Help of Christians Church. It would last for 12 years on that site, closing at the end of the 1915-1916 school year.

In 1908, a young educator came to Lake Charles who would change the lives of thousands of boys and girls in the city. Do you know who that might have been? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.

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## The challenge of building a culture of life: Where to from here?

**(EDITOR'S NOTE: This Sunday, October 4, begins Respect Life Month in the Catholic Churches of the Diocese of Lake Charles and across the nation. Visit Pro-Life at [lediocese.org](http://lediocese.org) for more information.)**

By Cardinal Justin F. Rigali

The effort to restore legal protection for unborn children faces new challenges, as we deal with a new Administration and Congress that support "abortion rights." Many are asking: Where do we go from here?

We first need to recall why we are here, why we Catholics became involved in these tough battles. We begin with the dignity of each human person.

Each and every one of us has intrinsic and immeasurable worth. That is because God created each of us in his image by the outpouring of his infinite and unconditional love. In return he asks only that we share that love with others, beginning with those most in need – the poor, vulnerable, and despised of this world.

This intrinsic God-given human dignity is the basis for all inalienable human rights – beginning with the most basic right, the right to life. It is most basic because it is the condition for all the others. First we must live, then we can talk about living well.

The right to life is the core element of other rights. All other earthly rights involve something more than life itself – but without life, they are nothing.

That "something more" is vitally important. The defense of life reaches its fullness when it expands to defend the entire range of human flourishing. This is all one vision, and ultimately one issue – the dignity of the human person. In the words of St. Irenaeus, *Gloria Dei vivens homo* – the glory of God is man fully alive.

To keep that vision constantly before our eyes, to remember why we are here and to gain the strength to move forward, we need to begin all our efforts with prayer.

In defending the right to life, our first duty is to oppose the direct taking of innocent human life – any human life, at any stage. As Pope John Paul II confirmed in his encyclical on The Gospel of Life, "the direct and voluntary killing of an innocent human being is always gravely immoral." Abortion and euthanasia are preeminent concerns of the Church for reasons that are intrinsic to these issues, as well as reasons that are situational.

Intrinsically, these acts always constitute the direct taking of a human life when it is most innocent and defenseless.

And they are willed and carried out by those most called to defend human life – members of the healing professions, and of one's own family. To undermine these two havens of life is to make a culture of life impossible.

Situationally, these issues are the places



where those committed to a conditional and selective vision of human rights have planted their flag in our time. They want to draw lines between the important and unimportant members of society, between persons and "nonpersons." In a different time or place the forcing issue might be slavery,

racism or anti-Semitism – today abortion and related issues force us to decide whether we mean what we say in speaking of inalienable human rights, inherent in simply being human.

In particular, the Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision has made abortion the battleground over our tradition of inherent human rights, and has polarized our society as nothing else has. Later efforts to use law as a weapon against other innocent human lives – against newborn children with disabilities, for example, or against the sick and elderly through a "right" to assisted suicide – have cited *Roe* as their inspiration and precedent.

Thus in promoting a culture of life, we must give priority to defending innocent unborn boys and girls from direct attack. We must also make it clear how this effort stands for the dignity and well-being of everyone, before and after birth.

In defending conscience rights in health care, for example, we stand with the unborn child, and also with the women and men of our healing professions whose freedom of conscience is at risk – and with women who will lose access to basic life-affirming health care if those who truly care about them and their children are forced out of medicine. **(Go to [live.lediocese.org/prolife/](http://live.lediocese.org/prolife/) - The Challenge of Building a Culture of Life - for more on this story)**



**Father Richard Adiukwu sprinkles Holy Water on those attending the recent Mass remembering the first year anniversary of the passage of Hurricane Ike held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Creole.**

## Creole church remembers Ike anniversary

CREOLE -- The people of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and other members of the coastal communities of Cameron Parish met in celebration on Sunday, Sept. 13, to mark the one-year anniversary of the passage of Hurricane Ike.

In 2008, Sacred Heart Church had been very close to being able to reopen after almost three years of rebuilding and refurbishment caused by the damage wrought by Hurricane Rita, whose fourth anniversary of landfall was Sept. 24.

The church buildings of St. Eugene Parish in Grand Chenier and Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Cameron had already reopened at that time and Masses were being celebrated there. Then came Ike and all three churches, along with the homes and businesses that had been rebuilt since Rita, were once again damaged.

The Rev. Richard Adiukwu, pastor of St. Eugene and administrator of Sacred Heart and Our Lady Star of the Sea, prayed with the people that the communities would be protected from further storms and calamities.

"We thank you God for maintaining our lives today," Father Adiukwu said. "Some of those who were here a year ago are not with us today."

"We faced Hurricane Ike a year ago, the losses suffered during Hurricane Rita in 2005 and the terrible loss of life and property in 1957 from Hurricane Audrey," he continued. "We have been through a lot but we must know that we have God. In times of trouble we sometimes question the exist-

tence of God, but I will tell you that God was there with us, every step of the way."

Father Adiukwu told the story of the "Footprints in the Sand" whose origin is unknown. "One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him he looked back, at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it: "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The LORD replied: "My son, My precious child, I love you and I would never leave you, During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Assisting in the liturgy's music and preparation were Bernadette Monlezun-Ponton, Constance Monlezun Darbonne, Eva Bellomo, and Renee Reina.

A display of memorabilia dealing with the storms of the past was laid out in the vestibule of the church through the end of September.

## Project Build A Future completes seventh house

LAKE CHARLES -- Affordable housing in the community continues to be a chief concern for Project Build A Future, Inc. and to that end the group held an open house recently at its newest home located on Franklin Street

The Franklin Street house, the seventh that the group has built since its inception, is the home of Raynekia Ceril and her son, Raylon. "I just want to thank everyone who helped with building my new home and I am very excited," she said. Many people and organizations helped in the construction of the house, including students from Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky, who spent part of their summer break working on landscaping the property. On hand for the open house were, among others, members of the group's board of directors, representatives of First Federal Bank of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Authority Foundation, along with Lake Charles mayor Randy Roach.

Project Build A Future is committed to building and selling quality and affordable housing. It started as a ministry of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in 2001, led by the church's pastor Rev.



**The Rev. Henry Mancuso, center, uses Holy Water to bless the new home of Raynekia Ceril, which is located on Franklin Street. Project Build A Future was responsible for building the house for the first-time homebuyer.**

Henry Mancuso. The group's mission was to improve and beautify the area surrounding the church, north of Broad Street and south of Interstate 10, and it built its first home in 2004. Board members include Willie King, president; Lutricia Cobb, vice-president; Father Mancuso, secretary; and Benny Foskey, treasurer. At large members are Tom Filo, Luvertha August, Rudella Taylor, and Raymond Phillips. Nicole Miller serves as the group's Executive Director.

The organization, which has two additional houses

under construction at the corner of Mill and Franklin streets, continues to work steadily to improve the Enterprise Boulevard neighborhood.

A typical home features three bedrooms and two baths, a concrete drive, washer and dryer connections, central air and heat, dishwasher and stove, with an open floor plan.

Homes built by PBAF are available to people who meet a number of criteria and applicants are considered regardless of race, color, or religious affiliation.

A successful applicant must be considered low-in-

come by Housing and Urban Development guidelines, earning less than 80 percent of the area's Median Income, must be able to qualify for a home loan, must complete a free homebuyer education course and must have a minimum annual income of at least \$20,000.

Anyone interested in obtaining an application should contact Project Build A Future, 1102 Mill Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601; call 337-439-2646; FAX, 337-439-2650; or e-mail, [project-buildafuture@yahoo.com](mailto:project-buildafuture@yahoo.com).

## World Mission Sunday October 18

LAKE CHARLES -- World Mission Sunday, organized by the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. In the Diocese of Lake Charles, this year it will be celebrated on October 18.

His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI recently gave his message for World Mission Sunday 2009, saying, "Annually, World Mission Sunday is celebrated on the next-to-last Sunday in October. As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world."

"On this Sunday, dedicated to the missions, I turn first of all to you, my brothers in the episcopal and the priestly ministry, and then to you, my brothers and sisters, the whole People of God, to encourage in each one of you a deeper awareness of Christ's missionary mandate to "make disciples of all peoples" (Mt 28:19), in the footsteps of Saint Paul, the Apos-

tle of the nations.

"The goal of the Church's mission is to illumine all peoples with the light of the Gospel as they journey through history towards God, so that in Him they may reach their full potential and fulfillment. We should have a longing and a passion to illumine all peoples with the light of Christ that shines on the face of the Church, so that all may be gathered into the one human family, under God's loving fatherhood."

Your World Mission Sunday gift may be used to buy Bibles for catechists in Sierra Leone, or provide for a small parish in India. Your offering may be used to help Sisters in Sudan provide loving care for orphans in Jesus' name, or it may buy a bicycle for a priest in Thailand so that he can travel from village to village to celebrate Mass. Most importantly, wherever your offering is sent, it brings with it the Good News of Jesus Christ and His message of peace, hope, and salvation. **(Go to [lediocese.org](http://lediocese.org) - World Mission Sunday - for more information.)**

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