



International Torch Run stops at St. Henry Church

LAKE CHARLES -- For the second year in a row a group of international runners was joined by people from Southwest Louisiana in the Torch of Our Lady of Guadalupe Relay run from Mexico City to New York.

The torch runners, who began the journey from the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City on October 1, will conclude their journey at St. Patrick's Cathedral on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 12.

The group of runners from Mexico, and several from Beaumont, Texas, who made the trip to Southwest Louisiana for a second year, arrived on the afternoon of Monday, Nov. 9, having crossed the Texas border and were met in Sulphur by Rev. Arturo Lozano, the Director of Hispanic Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Father Lozano. With the gracious assistance of the Louisiana State Police, the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office and Lake Charles City Police the torch and its caravan of runners and vehicles traveled down U.S. 90, stopping just west of the I-10 Bridge to be driven into Lake Charles.

From the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau on North Beach, the relay continued down Lakeshore Drive, onto Broad Street, and finally to Eighth Avenue and St. Henry Church.

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost greeted the Torch, the runners and their entourage at the Church. Father Lozano transferred the flame from the Torch to a candle,

along with large images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego, were brought into the Church. The flame was transferred yet again to candles flanking the altar and the paintings were placed on each side of the sanctuary.

The Bishop spoke to those in attendance in both Spanish and English, welcoming them to Southwest Louisiana.

The Torch is a tradition of the Mixteca zone (an enclave territory in Puebla, Oaxaca and Guerrero) in central Mexico and the International Run brings together two nations and thousands of families divided by the border and to unite people who are separated by the borders of two countries and promote friendship and solidarity among community groups. The Torch passes through every state where families of immigrants reside. In this run, family members of Mexican immigrants carry a torch in Mexico, which will be touched later on by their relatives who live in the New York City area.

After an overnight rest, the torch was relit from the candle flame, the group was blessed by Father Lozano for the continued journey and began their way down Broad Street to U.S. 90, and on through the towns of Iowa, Welsh, and Jennings before crossing the Mermentau River into the Diocese of Lafayette.



In the top photo, Bishop Glen John Provost sprinkles Holy Water on an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in St. Henry Catholic Church. The Rev. Daniel Torres, pastor of St. Henry, assists at right. The Bishop greeted the Torch of Our Lady of Guadalupe on its relay journey from Mexico City to New York. In the bottom photo, two runners exchange the torch carrying the flame on a stretch of U.S. 90 west of Lake Charles.



Deceased Companions of Honor are remembered

LAKE CHARLES -- The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, celebrated the annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Companions of Honor in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Saturday, Oct. 31.

Concelebrating the liturgy were Very Reverend Daniel Torres and Reverend Archimandrite Herbert J. May. Also on the altar were Msgr. Jace Eskind and Rev. Timothy Goodly. Deacons George Stearns and Wayne Chapman served Bishop Provost.

Twenty-one members of the Companions who died in the previous year were remembered during the General Intercessions. Those include: Norma Jean Cormier + October 26, 2008; Joseph Trail, + October 31, 2008; Leah Soulier, + November 7, 2008; Sir Luderin Darbone + November 21, 2008; Raymond Ebersole + December 3, 2008; Eve Billiot + January 11, 2009; Martin Goodly + January 26, 2009; Iris Rosteet Miller + February 25, 2009; Merle Rivette + March 2, 2009; Jo Ann Stark + April 3, 2009; John Durio + May 16, 2009; Mary Louise Elms + May 22, 2009; Willadene Rawley + June 1, 2009; Hilda Drake Beloney + June 11, 2009; Vincent J. Martarona + June 18, 2009; Ruby Martarona + June 28, 2009; Stephen Roger + July 27, 2009; Judge Henry Yelverton + July 31, 2009; Milford Theriot + August 3, 2009; Laura Landry + August 6, 2009; Marcelette Guinn +

September 23, 2009.

The organization, which was established by Bishop Jude Speyrer in December 1982, is composed of clergy, religious and laity who have been honored by the Diocese or the Holy See or who are members of recognized orders of chivalry residing in the Diocese.

The purposes of the Companions of Honor, as outlined in its constitution and bylaws is to uphold and to encourage the support of Papal teachings, documents and directives as well as those of the Diocese of Lake Charles and its Bishop; to make an annual voluntary offering to the Evangelization Program of the Diocese of Lake Charles; and to pray for and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood and the religious life.

The Companions of Honor has contributed more than \$380,000 during its 27-year history. Members of the organization donated \$13,593.50 during the fiscal year 2008-2009.

Following the Mass, the group met for lunch in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral, located at the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets.

Reports from president Fred Fluitt and treasurer, Bernard Beaco were given as well as a report on the evangelization efforts of the Diocese from Mrs. Bernell Ezell, the office's director.



Bishop Glen John Provost dries his hands after washing them during the Memorial Mass for the Companions of Honor. The Bishop is served by Deacon Wayne Chapman right, and altar servers, from left, Col. John Halloran, K.M., and Sir James P. Martin, K.S.S.

Men's breakfasts, women's luncheons restart in February

LAKE CHARLES -- The monthly presentations of Bishop Glen John Provost on the Book of Revelation will not be held during December and January.

Bishop Provost's First Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast will next be held on Feb. 5 while the Women's Prayer Luncheon with the Bishop has been set for Tuesday, Feb. 9.

The Breakfast will be held in Ave Maria Hall at the corner of Kirby and Bilbo Streets at 7 a.m., following the 6:30 a.m. celebration of the First Friday Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Men may register by calling 439-7400.

The Women's Luncheon will be held in the Lake Charles Civic Center. Those who wish to attend should send a check in the amount of \$10, payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles, to Esther Gallardo, 612 Alamo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 and include a stamped, self addressed envelope.

Portion of national collection goes to Diocesan programs

LAKE CHARLES -- The annual diocesan-wide collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) will be this weekend, Nov. 20-21, in parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

For nearly 40 years, CCHD has worked alongside poor and low-income people to identify their needs and create long-lasting change. Millions of Americans have been lifted above the poverty line through the support of CCHD. Here in the Diocese of Lake Charles along with arch/dioceses around the country, 25 percent of our contributions remain in Southwest Louisiana to fund local projects that help strengthen our communities.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. Each parish is part of the Church Universal; it is the Catholic Church in a particular place. The bishops of the United States created national collections, like CCHD, so that, by combining resources, we can more effectively carry out our mission as Catholics. Each of these important collections

is worthy of your support. Each collection represents our community of faith at work in the world, saving souls and improving lives.

The bishops encourage us to view the national collections in the light of stewardship and of sharing. God has given us our light and our prosperity, all we need and more. It is right and just that we give something back through these collections, helping people in our own country and around the world to live better and to grow in the love of Jesus.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Subcommittee Chairman, Bishop Roger Morin of Biloxi, Miss., said, "The people's continuing support and generosity have helped empower 250 groups of low-income people throughout the country to lift themselves from poverty and live in dignity; assisted economic development initiatives in 18 different communities, including employment, housing, and urban and rural development; advanced the mission of Catholic social teaching throughout the country with education efforts to share the Church's principles and their implications in the midst of this economic tur-

moil and preached the good news of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

"CCHD is deeply integrated into the life of the Catholic community," he continued. "For example, in 2008, CCHD funded groups involved 683 Catholic priests, 776 Catholic parishes, 18 Catholic Charities agencies and 51 religious communities. CCHD is a complement to the direct-assistance mission of Catholic Charities agencies and other Church emergency relief programs. It helps make long-term changes in the economic condition of communities by supporting projects that address the root causes of poverty.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development also helps our faith communities respond to the challenge of Pope Benedict XVI in his 2009 World Day of Peace Message: "I extend to every disciple of Christ and to every person of good will a warm invitation to expand their hearts to meet the needs of the poor and to take whatever practical steps are possible in order to help them. The truth of the axiom cannot be refuted: 'to fight poverty is to build peace.'"

Did you know...

In August 1950, four members of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Fall River, Mass., came to St. Joseph Parish in Vinton, at the request of Rev. Armand Nadeau, to staff the new school, which boasted an initial enrollment of 107 in kindergarten through

fourth grade. A grade was added each of the next four years. The school continued in operation until the end of May 1966 when the enrollment had increased to 270. The closure was due to the recall of the Sisters back to Massachusetts.

The beginnings and ultimate growth of one school (and the parish surrounding it) came from the hard work of the "Rodeo Priest." Do you know the school and parish and well as the name of that priest? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.

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Called2BCatholic Music Festival successful

SULPHUR - Nearly 700 people took part in the recent Called2BCatholic Family Music Festival - "Embrace It, Proclaim It", sponsored by the Office Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles, according to Milissa Thibodeaux, director. The venue for the event was the Sulphur High School Freshman Campus.

The day was highlighted by the celebration of Mass by The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles. The Festival's main stage brought together numerous Catholic Christian musical entertainers for the day, including Heath Mosser, Gabriel's Cry, Augie Leal, Greg Walton, Nichole Ackoury Lanthier, Josh Blakesley, ValLimar Jensen, and Ceili Rain. An hour of Eucharistic Adoration ended the day with music by Cooper Ray and Blakesley.

The Vocations.com Coffee Shop saw a number of speakers talking about a variety of "vocations". Those who made presentations included Bishop Provost, Rev. Whitney Miller, Rev. Nathan Long, who spoke about their own priestly vocations, along with members of the laity, Kenny Lantier, David and Kate Dawson, Katie Prejean, Joshua Boutte and Chip Gauthier.

Additionally, on the Music and Ministry Stage, presentations were made by Katie Prejean, Cooper Ray, Greg Walton and David Dawson.

According to Mrs. Thibodeaux, the day was great. "Ceili Rain was amazing," Mrs. Thibodeaux continued. "The crowd really loved their energy on stage and off-stage they were very interactive with the youth. Even though they did not go perform until after Mass, they were at the Festival all day.

"Another real hit was the Vocations.com Coffee Shop," she said. "The crowds were great for every speaker and the feedback on all the talks was very positive."

The crowds who attended the presentations on the Music and Ministry Stage were large.

"Katie Prejean had over 150 people at her talk and Cooper Ray had more than that, which told me people were really looking for teaching and a message, as there was a concert going on on the main stage at that same time," she continued. A special "Kid's Zone for Christ" drew children 10 and younger and had varied interactive games and activities. Included in those youthful experiences were rosary making, origami, sand art, and many others.

"The Gift" offered on Dec. 15

LAKE CHARLES - "The Gift: *Your Call to Greatness*", an Adult Formation Program, will be held Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Chancery of the Diocese of Lake Charles, 414 Iris Street.

Your Call to Greatness is a "vision for life" presentation intended for those who are new to the Theology of the Body. The message of The Gift is a life-changing experience, according to sponsors.

"You will come to see, perhaps for the first time who you really are and what you are called to be," said Kathy Owen, the director of the Office of Family Life. Mrs. Owen along with Mrs. Milissa Thibodeaux, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese, are co-hosting the evening.

The \$10 registration fee includes a participant's guide and a light supper. You may pay at the door but pre-registration is required.

To register, please call 337-439-7400, Ext. 301 or e-mail caroline.dupre@lcediocese.org.



Cooper Ray of Baton Rouge was one of the four keynote speakers presented on the Music and Ministry Stage at the Called2BCatholic Family Music Festival held in Sulphur.



"Kids Zone for Christ" provided entertainment for younger children at Called2BCatholic with activities like fishing, tic tac toe, musical chairs, arts and crafts as well as rosary making, sand art, face painting, and other interactive games.

"Silver Rose Run" honors Our Lady of Guadalupe

LAKE CHARLES - Mass will be celebrated in conjunction with a North American effort of the Knights of Columbus along with Councils of Lake Charles, Sulphur and the surrounding area in paying special tribute to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, in St. Henry Catholic Church, 1021 Eighth Avenue.

The Silver Rose honoring Our Lady will also be venerated in three other communities of faith in the Diocese - St. Joseph Church in DeRidder, Sunday, Nov. 22 (Rosary, 8:15 a.m., Mass, 9 a.m.); St. Joan of Arc Church in Oberlin, Tuesday, Nov. 23 (Rosary, 5 p.m.) and Our Lady of the Lake Church in Lake Arthur, Friday, Nov. 27 (Mass, 6:30 a.m.). The Rose will leave the state on the morning of Nov. 29 and continue its journey through Texas.

The run began in Ontario, Canada, and the Silver Rose will be carried on to Monterrey, Mexico, for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12.

The Rose will journey over 700 miles through Louisiana during the period of November 8-28 with scheduled overnight stops in 21 cities. At each stop a special prayer service is scheduled.



Silver Rose

Through the Silver Rose Program the Knights of Columbus show our support for the Church and its bishops and priests as we pray for the continued strength to do so in these trouble times. The Silver Rose also symbolizes our commitment to restoring respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses," said Ben Davidson, state deputy, chief executive of

the Knights of Columbus in Louisiana.

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program began in 1960 as a project of the Columbian Squires of North America to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The program has continued since then as a project of Squires Circles, councils and Fourth Degree assemblies in several jurisdictions. In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson expanded the program by beginning the "Running of the Rose" from the 119th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in Toronto. "The 'Running of the Rose' is a perfect program for the Knights of Columbus," said Supreme Knight Anderson. "Through it we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the Order, but we also reaffirm the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses."

Diocesan Briefs

Diocesan offices to be closed

LAKE CHARLES - The offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26-27 for Thanksgiving. They reopen on Monday, Nov. 30 at 8:30 a.m.

On Tuesday, Dec. 8, the offices will again be closed for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and will reopen Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 8:30 a.m.

Catholic Calendar December publication schedule

LAKE CHARLES - The Catholic Calendar will be published on Friday, Dec. 11 and Friday, Dec. 25.

Inaugural Suicide Prevention Walk Saturday

LAKE CHARLES - The Suicide Prevention Intervention Coalition for Youth will host the inaugural "Out of the Darkness Community Walk" at the Lake Charles Civic Center Amphitheatre on Saturday, November 21.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the walk starting at 9:30 a.m. All proceeds will support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Registration may be done the day of the walk or by visiting www.outofthedarkness.org.

Saint Charles Center events

MOSS BLUFF - Sister Diane Depwe, a licensed professional counselor, will hold two events in early December at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center while Judy Savoie and Paula Hunter will present An Introduction to the Directed Retreat on the weekend of Dec. 4-6.

Sister Diane will host "Angels - Past, Present, Future" on Sunday, Dec. 1 from 6 to 9 p.m., which takes a journey in Scripture and participants own personal lives regarding angels. On Friday, Dec. 6, she presents "Old Fashioned Christmas," from 5 to 8 p.m., which will feature singing and story-telling from the first Christmas until now. The suggested donation for the Dec. 1 program is \$17 and the Dec. 6 retreat is \$8, both of which include supper.

The weekend "Introduction to the Directed Retreat" is held in prayerful silence and tailored to the individual needs of each retreatant. It is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and is limited to 10 participants. Suggested donation is \$140 per guest.

For more information or to register for any of these programs contact the Center at 855-1232.

KC informational meeting set

LAKE CHARLES - An informational meeting regarding the possible formation of a new Knights of Columbus Council at St. Martin dePorres Catholic Church will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7 at St. Martin dePorres.

For further information, call Peter Sntatic, District Deputy, at 478-3079 or 764-0541.

"Taste-N-Tell" set for Dec. 9

LAKE CHARLES - Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School's "Taste-N-Tell Chef's Showcase", featuring special guest and emcee Chef John Folse will be held Wednesday, Dec. 9, in the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Life Center gym beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Chef Folse will debut his new cookbook, "Hooks, Lies & Alibis" at this exceptional event and be available to personally autograph copies

Tickets are on sale in the school office, 3908 Creole Street, and will be available in a limited supply at the door for \$30 and \$40 each. Call 477-9349 for more information.

Local chefs are also invited to share their culinary specialties and have the opportunity to be chosen as the "top chef" of the evening. Chef participation registration forms are available through Lisa Jakel or Diane Jackson at 439-7349 or by e-mail: ljakel@olqhs.org. Chef registration fee is \$250.

Attendees can vote for their favorite dish or chef by purchasing "Baron Bucs" on the night of the event. All donations are tax deductible.

October Seafarers Center report

LAKE CHARLES - Eighty-five ships visited the port docking facilities of Southwest Louisiana during the month of October, according to Deacon Patrick Lapoint, director of the Seafarers Center at the Port of Lake Charles.

Center staff boarded 51 of those vessels, a total of 269 sailors used the center's facilities, and 493 were transported to various destinations around the area. Reverend Rommel Tolentino, center chaplain, celebrated one mass and two communion services onboard ships.

Zydeco dance set November 27

LAKE CHARLES - A benefit Zydeco dance for the Southwest Louisiana Organ Donor Awareness Program will feature Geno Delafosse and French Rocking Boogie on Friday, November 27 at American Legion Post Number 1, located at the corner of Ninth Street and Second Avenue.

The dance begins at 8 p.m. and ends at midnight. Admission is \$10 at the door. A raffle to benefit Sacred Heart Of Jesus/Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School will also be held.

40 Hours Devotion locations, dates told

LAKE CHARLES - Forty hours devotion before the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life in the Diocese of Lake Charles will be held at St. Joseph Church in DeRidder, Nov. 23-25.

Extended exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in December will be at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Lake Arthur; St. Lawrence Church in Raymond; St. Charles Borromeo Church in Fenton and St. John Chapel in Lacasine and at St. John Vianney Church in Bell City.

For times and hours of devotion please contact the individual parish.

"Glad Tidings" now on Internet

LAKE CHARLES - Video streaming of the Diocese of Lake Charles' Sunday morning television program "Glad Tidings" is now available on lcediocese.org the diocesan website.

If you missed a previous program you can watch it at your leisure at home through the Internet. Just go to the website of the Diocese, click on Resources at the top of the page, move down to "Glad Tidings" and click. On the next page, just click screen corresponding to program you would like to watch.

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