



## Boston Auxiliary Bishop homilist at 2010 Red Mass

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, celebrated the 2010 Red Mass on October 15 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. On hand were judges, attorneys and other government officials from the five civil parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles – Calcasieu, Cameron, Allen, Beauregard and Jefferson Davis. The Most Reverend Robert Hennessey, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston was the homilist.

In his homily Bishop Hennessey urged anyone Catholic lawyer or judge who was not a member of the St. Thomas More Society to do so. "It is a great way to express your faith."

Born in 1952 in South Boston, he noted that he comes from a family with a history of law enforcement careers, specifically members of the Boston Police Department, the Massachusetts State Police, the U.S. Customs Service and U.S. Marshal's Service.

"We were the typical Boston Irish Catholic family," he said. "But those professions – police and priests - have suffered ups and downs in the public esteem in the past several years in Boston.

"Professions like judges and lawyers do not always enjoy the highest level of esteem also," he continued. He noted that he Googled jokes about lawyers and was directed to some 96,100 different sites as well as 126,400 sites for jokes about lawyers. "I resisted going to those sites," he said.

"I also Googled 'jokes about Bishops' and was duly informed that 12,600 sites were devoted to that subject. I didn't resist that temptation though, but not all of them were jokes."

He pointed out that even in the Bible; professions like judges and lawyers didn't fare well. "In twenty-third Chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus addressed the guardians of law, saying 'Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You lock the kingdom of heaven before human beings. You do not enter yourselves, nor do you allow entrance to those trying to enter. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You traverse sea and land to make one convert, and when that happens you make him a child of Gehenna



Msgr. Jace Eskind and the Very Rev. Daniel Torres, both at left, process into the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for the 2010 Red Mass in front of Boston Auxiliary Bishop Robert Hennessey, who was the homilist, and The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles. Deacon Glenn Viau stands behind Bishop Provost at right.

na twice as much as yourselves. Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If one swears by the temple, it means nothing, but if one swears by the gold of the temple, one is obligated.'"

He also noted that Jesus himself was described as a judge, such as Matthew where he will "on the last day separate us on his right and left."

"Jesus is often revealed in his role as an advocate for our cause to the tribunal of God," Bishop Hennessey said. "In Hebrews, Jesus is the lawyer who wins every single case. In Chapter 7, Jesus is always able to save those who approach

God through him."

The St. Thomas More Society, Judge Henry Yelverton Chapter, organized in 2008, is the sponsor of the Red Mass, which refers to the Liturgy celebrated for judges, prosecutors, attorneys, law school professors, students, and government officials at the opening of the judicial year. The Mass requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice, and offers the opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession.

## Catholic School Notes from the Diocese of Lake Charles

Christy Papania Jones, the counselor at Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School, has been awarded the 2010 Blue Cross Blue Shield Angel Award. The annual award recognizes eight individuals in Louisiana who do extraordinary volunteer work for at-risk children. Christy founded The St. Nicholas Center, which helps bring affordable therapy to autistic and developmentally delayed children in Southwest Louisiana. She was awarded \$20,000 for the center.

Pets were blessed for the Feast Day of St. Francis and students supported Cancer Awareness Month. Over 100 people represented OLI in the Jennings Fair Parade.

All are welcome! Sacred Heart SKD strives to Live Holy: Mind, Body and Spirit!

### Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School

OLQH will hold its Third Annual Taste-N-Tell Chef's Showcase on Thursday, Dec. 9 in the Family Life Center Gym. Limited tickets at \$40 each are available, with tickets at the door costing \$50. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Over 25 amateur chefs entering in the divisions of entree, appetizers and desserts will offer their wares to taste and sample. Emcee for the evening is guest Chef John Folse, who will also be available to autograph his books.

### Our Lady's Catholic School

Our Lady's School will be honoring veterans on Thursday, Nov. 11. The ceremony is intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces.

Please call the school for more information at 527-7828

### Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School

ICCS will hold its annual book fair November 11th through November 18th. This year's theme is "Super Heroes: Reading Saves the Day!" There will be a special shopping day for the community on Sunday, Nov. 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the ICCS Library.

### St. Louis Catholic High School

St. Louis is hosting its annual "Grandparents' Day" today, November 5 in the gym. The theme this year is "Grandparents-God's Gift To Children." The event will begin at 10:15 a.m. with a prayer service followed by the student-led program

### St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School

BOOK IT CELEBRATION at Holy Family is Monday through Friday, Nov. 15-19. It will be a fantastic week of reading and storytelling! The 2010 French Market Bazaar is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendor reservation forms are available now. Contact Elizabeth Eustis at 855-9465.

### Sacred Heart of Jesus/Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School

The Sacred Heart SKD School Book Fair will run November 8-12. The PTO Family Reading Night will be held Tuesday, November 9 at 6:30pm in the SH Gym. Veterans will be honored at the 8:30am School Mass on Friday, November 12.

### Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic School

St. Margaret will honor veterans with a school program on Thursday, November 11, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Family Center Gym. A reception will follow in the Family Center East Room. The school will celebrate the Ninth Annual Alumni Mass, Tuesday, November 16, starting at 8:40 a.m. in the church, with a reception following in the Bride's Room. All alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends of St. Margaret are invited to join in this celebration!

### Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School

October was special! The third through eighth graders participated in Adoration with Benediction and the fifth through eighth graders lead a rosary during Rosary Month.



Lauren Snider Bruno Beltran Jordan Aubey Danielle Bercier Manon Burns Ellen Landry Rachel Livingston Maria Mendez Anne Monk

## Nine St. Louis seniors recognized in scholarship competition

LAKE CHARLES -- Nine seniors at St. Louis Catholic High School have received recognition in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Competition (NMSC). Lauren Snider and Bruno Beltran have been named National Merit Semifinalists, Jordan Aubey has been named a Semifinalist in the National Achievement Scholarship Program, and Danielle Bercier, Manon Burns, Ellen Landry, Rachel Livingston, Maria Mendez, and Anne Monk have been named Commended Students.

continue in the competition for some 8,400 Merit Scholarship awards, worth more than \$36 million, that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must advance to the Finalist level of the competition by fulfilling several requirements.

have each been selected as one of 34,000 high performers named on the basis of their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2011 competition for National Merit Scholarships, these students placed among the top five percent of the more than 1.5 million students who took the PSAT last year.

Snider and Beltran have been identified as academically talented high school seniors who will have an opportunity to

Aubey has been chosen as one of only 1,600 Black American high school seniors who will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 800 Achievement Scholarship Awards, worth \$2.5 million, to be offered next spring.

In addition, Beltran and Mendez have also been named National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars. They are among the nearly 5,000 students nationwide who were selected for this honor.

Bercier, Burns, Landry, Livingston, Mendez and Monk

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Bishop Provost to speak on Cardinal Newman

LA FAYETTE – Bishop Glen John Provost will deliver a talk on John Henry Cardinal Newman's *The Idea of a University* at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Our Lady of Wisdom Center, located on St. Mary Boulevard, on the campus of the University of Louisiana. The Bishop was invited to speak by the Our Lady of Wisdom Newman Club.

In the talk, entitled *The Idea of a University: "A Grand Mysterious Harmony"*, a reference to Newman's poem *Dream of Gerontius*, Bishop Provost will discuss how Newman envisioned a university as reflecting the "harmony" that should exist between all disciplines in a broadly based curriculum. The talk is being given in part to observe and commemorate the Beatification of Cardinal Newman by Pope Benedict XVI in September.

### Pro-Life Persuasion Workshop Nov. 13

LAKE CHARLES – The Office of Pro-Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles in collaboration with Louisiana Right to Life will present a "Pro-Life Persuasion Workshop" on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Brulet Hall of Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

Benjamin Clapper of Louisiana Right to Life will present methods to become a more persuasive pro-life support and to speak the message of life with confidence.

The cost is \$20 for the day, which includes lunch and extensive materials.

Registration for this interactive workshop, that has been held around the state, should be made to Kathy Owen, director of pro-life for the Diocese, at 337-439-7400, Ext. 301 or by e-mail at kathy.owen@lcdioocese.org

### Forty Hours Devotion Schedule

LAKE CHARLES – Forty Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament or "Extended Eucharistic Adoration" praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life in the Diocese of Lake Charles will be held in churches of the Western Deanery during November.

On Nov. 8-12 the site will be Our Lady of LaSalette in DeQuincy; Nov. 15-19 at St. John Bosco in Westlake, and on Nov. 22-26 at St. Joseph in DeRidder.

For specific times, please contact the individual parish.

### Institute for Black Catholic Studies in July

NEW ORLEANS -- The Institute for Black Catholic Studies is a school of ministry for clergy, religious and laypersons working in the Black community and Roman Catholic Church that convenes each summer at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans. The 2011 session is scheduled for July 1-July 23.

The Master's Program is a three-week course of study. Certificate and Enrichment courses for Catechists, Youth Ministers, Parish Leaders, and Elders are held in three one-week modules. For more information, check the website at www.xula.edu/ibcs or call (504)520-7961.

For more detail regarding each program, contact the IBCS office by phone or e-mail: Sr. Jamie T. Phelps, O.P., Director; Mrs. Loretta D. Solomon, Administrative Assistant; or Ms. Glenda A. Brown, Program Assistant, at 504-520-7691 or e-mail IBCS@xula.edu.

### Vocaré held monthly at Our Lady Queen of Heaven

LAKE CHARLES – Young men, ages 16 to 25, who are seeking to understand God's call in their lives are invited to attend the Vocaré meeting scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 21 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church's office building, 617 West Claude Street.

The meeting lasts from 7:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Other Fall events include a visit to St. Joseph Seminary College at a date to be determined and Vocaré Game Day on Saturday, Dec. 18.

For more information about vocations to the priesthood and Vocaré, call Father Nathan Long, 337-477-1236.

### Msgr. Eskind to lead pilgrimage

LAKE CHARLES – A 12-day pilgrimage to Italy, visiting Rome, Perugia, Assisi, Florence, Brescia, and Milan will be Monday, March 21, through Friday, April 1, 2011 and led by Msgr. Jace Eskind and Msgr. Ken Hedrick.

Cost of the trip, which will leave from New York, is \$3,855 per person.

Call the Cathedral offices at 337-436-7251 for more information.

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## Core Team provides guidance to Office of Evangelization

**By Bernell Ezell**  
**Director of Evangelization**  
So often we are told as Catholic Christians that by our baptism we are called to evangelize others about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In a September 2006 homily Pope Benedict XVI reminded people of how we can do this. He said:

"To be a witness of Jesus Christ means above all to bear witness to a certain way of living. In a world full of confusion we must again bear witness to the standards that make life truly life." (*Homily at ecumenical Vespers in the Cathedral of Regensburg, September 12, 2006*)

The diocesan Office of Evangelization, therefore, is not necessarily where the best evangelization will happen, but rather in the living witness of the faithful. The Office of Evangelization does have programs aimed at supporting initiation ministry in our church parishes as well as encouraging those al-

ready living the Faith. The Evangelization Core Team (ECT) is a group of people from various corners of the diocese who meet regularly to pray about and discuss Catholic outreach has created some of these programs. During a table discussion about how important it is to affirm all Catholics that their life stories, struggles and reliance on God should be something shared in community, this group came up with *Catholicism on the Road*, where lay people give their testimonials during the weekend Masses followed by giving resource packets to parishioners as they exit. In much the same way that Jesus likes to use real life stories in teaching, we should be willing to share ourselves, imperfect followers of Christ's message, with our community of fellow believers.

They also offered workshops to church parish evangelization teams in an effort

to encourage their activities. The billboards that displayed the annual theme of the Pope during the last three years are another product of this group. The group is fluid in attendance, depending on who feels called and who can take time out from work and family. What we have come to believe is that the Holy Spirit knows who to send according to the work at hand.

It is noteworthy that this small group of devoted, unselfish volunteers, who are all very involved with busy lives and other ministries, make a difference in our diocese. Every one of us has been given just the right gifts from God to also go and make a difference. Let us pray that more and more people will be empowered to dare to share those gifts in any way God wills.



The Office of Evangelization of the Diocese of Lake Charles is aided by a group of individuals - clergy and laity - who make up the Evangelization Core Team providing support for the ministry. The group, shown here at a recent meeting, includes, from left at the front, Alice Tramel, Deacon Mike Tramel, Frieda Shuff and Lance Mudd, and, from left at back, Rachel Robinson, Jacque Mathews, Bernell Ezell (Director of the Office); Father Whitney Miller (Secretary for the Ministry of Christian Formation), and Lee Kinney.

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch Run Nov. 10-11

LAKE CHARLES - The annual relay, the *International Run Carrera Antorcha Guadalupeana Mexico-New York Torch Race*, which connects Mexico and the United States, will make its way through the Diocese of Lake Charles on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 10-11.

The journey began in early October at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City and will end at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sunday, Dec. 12.

The run, which had its beginnings in 1998, represents the fervor and faith Hispanics have for Our Lady of Guadalupe, arguably the premier national symbol of Mexico and its culture. The relay seeks to promote friendship and solidarity among Mexican-American community groups all along its path, and provide a symbolic link for those families divided by the international border. More than 25,000 people take part in the relay and an audience of more than 22 million in Mexico and the United States monitors its progress.

Runners, representing Mexico's migrant community, will bring the blessed fire of the Torch of Our Lady of Guadalupe along with a large painting of Our Lady across the Texas-Louisiana state line at on Wednesday, Nov. 10. It will be met by runners from Southwest

Louisiana who will join with the Mexican runners, and Rev. Arturo Lozano, S.J., Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Lake Charles, along a route down U.S. Highway 90 through Vinton, Sulphur and Westlake.

The runners will be driven from the west side of the Calcasieu River I-10 Bridge into Lake Charles and will meet with other local runners at the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitor's Bureau on Lakeshore Drive before continuing the journey through downtown Lake Charles along Broad Street to Eighth Avenue and then to St. Henry Catholic Church for a 5:30 p.m. Liturgy. A reception will follow in the St. Henry Community Center. Everyone is invited to come meet the torchbearers and attend the Mass and reception.

On Thursday, Nov. 11 runners will recommence their journey from St. Henry down Broad Street to U.S. 90 through Iowa, Welsh, Roanoke and Jennings before crossing over into Acadia Parish at the Mermen-tau River and into the Diocese of Lafayette.

At the conclusion of the journey the torch will have gone through nine Mexican states, 13 in the United States, while passing through more than 60 cities and covering more than 3,133 miles.

## Catholic presence at Mall set for Advent

LAKE CHARLES - Evangelization Emmanuel Effort - E3 - a Catholic presence during each weekend of Advent in the Prien Lake Mall - is being coordinated by Office of Evangelization for the Diocese of Lake Charles, according to Bernell Ezell, Director. The dates are Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 27-28, Dec. 4-5, Dec. 11-12, and Dec. 18-19.

"We have reserved tables in the Center Court of the mall, near the theater entrance and the mall customer service kiosk, where free materials on the Church and the many ministries and programs of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be available to anyone interested," Ezell said. "They will be staffed by Catholics of all ages and demographics of the Diocese of Lake Charles."

"The free information will include church parish brochures, brochures from all Catholic schools in the Diocese, more than 20 titles of informative brochures

about the Church, and many spiritual CD's," Ezell said. "We pray that our efforts will bear much fruit."

The booth will be open the same hours that the Mall is open, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on each of the eight weekend days.

"With this event we aim to show the faces of the local Catholic Church in all its different varieties," she continued. "We also want to make sure that Catholics remember that through our Baptism, we are all called to evangelize. It also defines evangelization as we Catholics see it, particularly through the mission statement of the Secretariat for the Ministry of Christian Formation - 'Spreading the Gospel message by Teaching and Living as Christ's disciples.'"

For more information or to volunteer to help call 337-439-7400, Ext. 305 or e-mail [bernell.ezell@lcdioocese.org](mailto:bernell.ezell@lcdioocese.org).



Father Herbert May, left, pastor of Our Lady of Seven Dolours Parish in Welsh, stands with Father Whitney Miller, director of Saint Charles Center, next to the new street sign on Monsignor Jules Daigle Drive at the Center. Our Lady of Seven Dolours made the new street sign possible honoring the late Msgr. Daigle's 44 years as pastor.

## Saint Charles Center refreshes signage for 15th anniversary

LAKE CHARLES - Saint Charles Center, consisting of the Saint Katharine Drexel Conference Center and Tabor Retreat House, celebrates the 15th anniversary of its official dedication today, Friday, Nov. 5.

In conjunction with the celebration, new and refreshed signage can be found on the property to provide easy directions around the facility, according to Rev. Whitney Miller, director of the Center. One of the most spectacular of the new signs is the one that greets visitors after they have entered the property from Sam Houston Jones Parkway. That sign, a wrought iron post topped by a reflective green background, provides the name of the entry roadway - Msgr. Jules Daigle Drive.

Msgr. Jules Daigle, the pastor of Our Lady of Seven Dolours in Welsh for 44 years who authored the Cajun Dictionary and a Cajun language textbook, was a generous donor to the capital campaign that raised funds to help build Saint Charles Center. Bishop Jude Speyrer made the decision that Msgr. Daigle's generosity would be remembered by naming the entry road for him.

The new sign was made possible by the generosity of Our Lady of Seven Dolours, its parishioners and its current pastor, Rev. Archimandrite Herbert J. May.

Other signs include a welcome to Saint Charles Center sign that also includes a directional sign to Tabor Retreat House across the causeway.

In order to help pay for the new signage Father Miller, who was named to replace Rev. Don Piraro as director on July 1, has instituted a "Sign Up Appeal". Contributions are being requested to help maintain the long term investment in Saint Charles Center, which will "reap blessings and benefits for years to come," Father Miller said.

Father Miller also asked everyone to continue to pray for all of those in ministry at Saint Charles Center as well as guests and programming participants and called upon the intercession of St. Charles Borromeo to help make spiritual graces be abundant in this place of holy ground, 'like a tree planted near running water that yields its fruit in due season.'

For information on making a contribution to Saint Charles Center's "Sign Up Appeal" call 855-1232. Gifts of any size will be appreciated and may be made to honor or memorialize a loved one, a treasured friend, or member of the clergy or religious.

Saint Charles Center was dedicated on Sunday, Nov. 5, 1995 by the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop (later Cardinal) Agostino Cacciavillan. Bishop Speyrer had made his home on the grounds of the center until his retirement in 2000.

The Center was a project 10 years in the planning and development and consists of nine buildings and in recent years New Bethany Cemetery, where a number of clergy have already been interred.

## Did you know...

Hurricanes Rita in 2005 and Ike in 2008 forced rebuilding and/or refurbishment of all the Catholic churches in Cameron Parish - Sacred Heart of Jesus in Creole, St. Mary of the Lake in Big Lake, Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron, St. Eugene in Grand Chenier, and St. Peter the Apostle in Hackberry. Work continues on many of the other structures - rectories, religious education classrooms and the like - damaged or destroyed by Rita and Ike. Storms in the earlier part of the 20th Century and Hurricane Audrey in 1957 also destroyed churches and chapels on the coast. Since 1980, two parish churches and one chapel have been destroyed by fire - Immaculate Conception in Sulphur (destroyed 1981, rebuilt 1984), St. Paul in Elton (destroyed 1982, rebuilt 1984) and St. John the Baptist Chapel in Lacassine (destroyed 2003, rebuilt 2005). The fire at St. Paul was the second time the church had burned, the first in 1929.

Two parishes will celebrate 50th anniversaries in 2011. Do you know which? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.

## Cardinal-designate Burke to speak at "A Night for Life"

LAKE CHARLES - "A Night for Life", the annual fundraising event for New Life Counseling, a local pregnancy counseling agency, will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, in the Lake Charles Civic Center.

Cardinal-designate Raymond Leo Burke, Prefect of the Apostolic Signatura of the Vatican, will be the guest

speaker. Pope Benedict XVI will elevate Archbishop Burke to the College of Cardinals on Saturday, November 20. Cardinal-elect Burke will be the guest of Bishop Provost during his stay in the Diocese of Lake Charles.

For more information and tickets to call 478-8562 or 474-7003.

## CCHD collection November 20-21

LAKE CHARLES - The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty, social justice program of the U.S. Catholic bishops. The collection will be held the weekend of Nov. 20-21 in the churches of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Twenty-five percent of funds contributed remain here in the Diocese to aid Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana.

Those funds are used directly for rent and mortgage assistance, utility payment assistance, and other finan-

cial assistance to citizens in the five civil parishes that make up the Diocese.

Founded in 1969, its mission is to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and through transformative education. The group's pastoral strategy is empowerment of the poor through a methodology of participation and education for justice, leading to solidarity between poor and non-poor.

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