



Starkovich, Huckaby to be ordained Transitional Deacons

LAKE CHARLES – Jeff Starkovich and John Huckaby, both seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles, will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on Thursday, September 9, beginning at 6 p.m. during a Liturgy celebrated by The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles.

Starkovich, currently studying Theology at the North American College in Rome, is a Lake Charles native and a parishioner of Christ the King Church while Huckaby, a native of Eunice, is a Theology student at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.

Diaconate internships have found Huckaby stationed at St. Henry Catholic Church in Lake Charles with Father Daniel Torres and Starkovich working under the watchful eye of Father Charles McMillin at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings. Huckaby also participated in the week-long Abrazando Cristo Mission Trip to Nicaragua and both men assisted with the Christian Leadership Institute sponsored by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry held in June. Starkovich will return to Rome the day following his ordination to the diaconate while Huckaby will remain at St. Henry until October 17, when he returns to Notre Dame for his final year of studies.

Huckaby was admitted to "Candidacy for the Diaconate and Priesthood" in March of this year in the Chapel at Notre Dame Seminary. The Most Rev. Robert J. Baker of the Diocese of Birmingham, Ala., celebrated the Liturgy.

Admission to Candidacy is a public acknowledgement on the part of the seminarian of his intent to proceed toward Holy Orders and to continue to prepare diligently in the final period of preparation. Starkovich was admitted to "Candidacy" during the summer of 2007 prior to his departure for the North American College.

Starkovich will complete a Masters Degree in Theology from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas and return to the Diocese in June 2011.

The two men see their diaconate ordination with great feeling.

"My first reaction is excitement," Starkovich said. "It is such a humbling experience. God calls so many people to serve in his Church, but he has called me to ordained ministry. He designed me in such a way that he could ask me to serve him in his Church, to open my life to what God wants me to do.

"Everyone has been so supportive in every step of the way," he continued. "This is the beginning of the fulfillment of the vocation process."

For Huckaby, "it is with a true sense of awe" that he comes to this point in the vocation journey.

"I have a deep gratitude to God and the Church, particularly the Church of Lake Charles for bringing me to the beginning of the fulfillment of that vocation and especially to Bishop Provost," Huckaby said.

Huckaby's internship at St. Henry has been a wonderful



Jeffrey Starkovich



John Huckaby

experience.

"There is so much to learn and I have the benefit of doing my internship in a teaching parish, one that does it so well," he continued. "I am fortunate to have priest and deacon leaders and lay leader mentors.

"I am having the opportunity to experience every type of ministry that a diocesan priest might face," Huckaby said. "I see it all first hand. This time of internship guides me to what it means to be a diocesan priest."



Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles opened their doors for the 2010-2011 school year in mid-August. Students from Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings (top photo) move through the gates of the school on their first day August 11 while in bottom photo St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School principal Brenda Dufrene welcomes a young student to the school on August 17, opening day for Catholic schools in Calcasieu Parish. Initial figures from the Office of Catholic Schools placed enrollment for PreK through eighth grade in the eight schools in the Diocese at 2,668 students.

"Sapphire and Ice Gala" will help seminarians, St. Henry

LAKE CHARLES – The inaugural Sapphire and Ice Gala Fundraiser, sponsored by the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver Council and Court #168 of St. Henry Catholic Church, will be held Friday, Nov. 5, at Treasures of Marilyn, 3510 Fifth Avenue.

Proceeds from the event will be used to support College-level seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles and St. Henry's Building Bridges Capital Campaign, which is in its second year.

Tickets for this formal "Black Tie" event are \$50 per person and no tickets will be available at the door. The event begins at 6 p.m. with a Sapphire and Ice Mimosa Sip, Hors d' Oeuvres and a silent auction, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The Most Rev-

erend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will be the guest speaker and the "Distinguished Catholic of the Year" Award will be presented by St. Peter Claver Court and Council #168. Following the dinner and presentations, veteran recording artist Beau Williams will provide musical entertainment for dancing.

Tickets may be purchased at St. Henry Catholic Church, 1021 Eighth Avenue, Jones Grocery, 1845 Gerstner Memorial Drive, and from any Knight or Lady of St. Peter Claver Council and Court #168. Seating will be limited for the Gala, so tickets should be purchased early.

For additional information please call Lady Sandy Mason at 337-474-0414 or Brother Stanley Strauss at 337-526-6553.

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Twenty-six parishes achieve Bishop's Services Appeal goals

LAKE CHARLES – Twenty-six of the 38 parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles either met or exceeded their goals for the 2009-2010 Bishop's Services Appeal campaign just completed, according to reports from the Fiscal Office of the Diocese.

A total of \$587,097.23 or 97.9 percent, of the \$600,000 goal was raised through the generosity of the Catholic faithful of the Diocese during the annual campaign that provides funding for numerous programs and ministries of the Diocese, including Catholic Education, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Vocations/Seminarians, Catholic Charities, Family Life Seafarers' Center, Diocesan Counseling, Evangelization, Communications and Saint Charles Center.

Those parishes include St. Joseph, Elton, \$2,563.21; St. Paul, Elton, \$6,863.00; Immaculate Conception, Jennings, \$7,823.00; Our Lady Help of Christians, Jennings, \$21,085.00; and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Jennings, \$4,319.00.

Also, St. Philip Neri,

Kinder, \$10,718.10; Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Arthur, \$10,718.00; St. Joan of Arc, Oberlin, \$8,832.00; St. Lawrence, Raymond, \$6,681.00; Our Lady of Seven Dolours, Welsh, \$11,350.00; St. Joseph, Welsh, \$3,221.93; St. Charles Borromeo, Fenton, \$6,598.00; St. Mary of the

Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles, \$82,586.00; St. Henry, Lake Charles, \$32,223.95; Immaculate Conception, Maplewood, \$25,793.00; St. Joseph, Vinton, \$13,946.00; St. John Bosco, Westlake, \$13,852.00; and St. Martin DePorres, Lake Charles, \$29,981.00.

On a percentage of its parish goal, St. Henry achieved the highest overage, reaching 128.9 percent of its \$24,996.00 goal.

Nine other churches achieving more than 105 percent of goal included Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lake Charles, (124 percent); St. Charles Borromeo (119 percent); St. Joseph, Elton (114 percent); St. Eugene Grand Chenier (110.6); Our Lady Queen of Heaven (109.4 percent); St. Joseph, Welsh (106.7 percent); Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Jennings (106.1 percent); St. Peter the Apostle, Hackberry (105.6 percent).

The 2010-2011 Bishop's Services Appeal will open with Announcement Weekend on Sept. 10-11 and begin on Sept. 17-18.



Lake, Big Lake, \$6,112.00; Our Lady Star of the Sea, Cameron, \$1,235.00; Our Lady of LaSalette, DeQuincy, \$6,381.00; St. Joseph, DeRidder, \$15,055.40; St. Eugene, Grand Chenier, \$2,378.00; and St. Peter the Apostle, Hackberry 6,588.25.

Others include Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lake Charles, \$37,916.50; Our Lady of Good Counsel, Lake Charles, \$17,851.00; Our

Deacons celebrate Patronal Feast

(For more on this story and photos go to lcdioocese.org – Deacons celebrate.)

RAYMOND – The annual celebration of the Feast of St. Lawrence, the Patron Saint of Deacons, was held August 10 at St. Lawrence Church with The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, as celebrant.

St. Lawrence, martyred in the year 258 during the reign of the Roman Emperor Valerian, was one of seven deacons who were in charge of giving help to the poor and the needy.

In his homily, Bishop Provost spoke of the grain of wheat, mentioned in the readings of the day. "We heard the important words in the Gospel that 'if a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it will produce much fruit.' Whoever loves his life will lose it and who-

ever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. The Lord said, whoever serves me must follow Me and where I am there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves Me."

The Bishop also spoke of the importance of the spiritual life.

"We strive to take the spiritual life seriously, but we never take it seriously enough," Bishop Provost said. "For those of us in Orders (deacons, priests, bishops) it begins I think, not only with the Eucharist which is the very heart and center of our prayer, but with the Liturgy of the Hours – morning prayer, evening prayer, sanctifying the day, mid-day prayer, night prayer. Through the Office of Readings we let the Scriptures nourish us.

"If indeed we are serious

about prayer then we will spend time before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament everyday without fail," he continued. "As St. John Vianney said, 'listening to God in his presence.'"

The Bishop also noted that there is a pastoral application of the dying of the grain of wheat.

"We are offered every opportunity every day in ministry that we might die to self through the embarrassments, humiliations, disappointments we experience. Indeed, we are not called, as our Lord will say, to be served but rather to serve. We are all called to be servants. This requires the virtue of humility, humility to admit we are wrong, that things could be done differently. This is what our Lord called us to, to take up our cross every day and follow in his steps."



Deacons of the Diocese of Lake Charles reaffirm their vows of ordination during the celebration of the Feast Day of their patron, St. Lawrence, during Liturgy at St. Lawrence Church in Raymond. The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, was the celebrant and homilist for the annual event.

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Papal, Diocesan Awards to highlight closing of 30th Anniversary year

LAKE CHARLES - Long-time service to the Diocesan and Universal Church will be honored on Sunday, Sept. 12, during the Vesper Service (Evening Prayer) in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on the feast day of St. Peter Claver, the patron of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Awards presented by Bishop Glen John Provost to some 90 people will include Pontifical Order of Knighthood of Pope Saint Gregory the Great, Pontifical Order of Knighthood of Pope Saint Sylvester, the Pontifical Cross "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice", the Pontifical Medal "Benemerenti", the Diocesan Order of Saint Charles in all three classes, and the Diocesan Devoted Service Medal.

With the distribution of these awards the honorees will become members of the Companions of Honor, an organization of Catholic clergy, including Monsignori, other clergy, religious, and lay people who have been decorated by the Holy See or the Diocese of Lake Charles, plus those Catholic members of internationally recognized

Orders of Chivalry residing in the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Since the 18th Century the Vatican has recognized outstanding service and contributions to the Church on the part of Catholic lay people and over the years it has developed orders of Knighthood and decorations for the laity.

The Order of St. Gregory the Great was instituted by Pope Gregory XVI in 1831 as a reward for subjects of the Papal States. In 1905 it was reorganized by Pope Pius X as a worldwide Order, available to those laymen who have contributed in an outstanding way to the welfare of Church and Community and who have displayed indisputable zeal in service to the Holy See.

The Order of Pope Sylvester was instituted in 1841 by Pope Gregory XVI as a recognition for those who have been of outstanding service to the church in the Papal States. It 1905 it was re-organized by Pope Pius X as a worldwide recognition for services to the Church.

The Papal Cross "Pro Ec-

clesia Pontifice" (For the Church and the Pope) is a decoration authorized by the Holy See for men and women who have contributed noteworthy services to the Church. In the Diocese of Lake Charles, the Cross is presented for services and contributions to the Church at the Diocesan level over a period of 10 years or more.

The Papal Medal "Benemerenti" (Well Merited) is a decoration authorized by the Holy See for men and women who have contributed outstanding services to the Church. In the Diocese of Lake Charles the medal is presented for services and contributions at the deanery level over a period of 10 years or more.

Diocesan awards, which can be given to members of the Local Church include the Order of Saint Charles and the Devoted Service Medal.

The Most Reverend Jude Speyrer, the founding Bishop of Lake Charles, and now Bishop Emeritus, established a personal award for recognition which may be presented to members of the clergy and laity of the di-

ocese, and others, for services to the Church and the Bishop.

This award is the Order of St. Charles, a decoration named in honor of the patron saint of the City of Lake Charles, and which was established in three classes - Companions, Officers and Members.

The Companion class is limited to 12 living recipients. Four Officers may be invested each year. There is no limit placed upon the number of Members.

The award was created to afford the Bishop an opportunity to express his personal thanks to those who have contributed in a special way to the welfare and development of the Church and the Diocese.

The second decoration established by the Diocese of Lake Charles is the Devoted Service Medal, which is presented to men and women for outstanding services at the church parish level. These awards are made upon recommendation of the pastors of the parishes of the Diocese.

Bishop Provost announces new translation for the Roman Missal

LAKE CHARLES -- Official word has been received by the Diocese of Lake Charles that the Holy See has approved the English translation of the Roman Missal, third edition. The effective date for use is the First Sunday of Advent, 2011 (November 27, 2011), according to a statement by The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles.

Bishop Provost in his statement announced the following: "It is a great pleasure to have received word that the official text of the new translation of the Roman Missal is approved. There is much to recommend this text that has been the subject of so much discussion and hard work by expert translators for many years.

"Two of its strongest points, in my opinion, are its fidelity to the original text and its awareness of references from Sacred Scripture, which have always permeated Catholic liturgy. The priests of the diocese will receive a timetable for catechesis on the new Roman Missal at this year's Fall Deanery meetings. The priests of the diocese are also invited to a workshop in Alexandria in October on this topic. The pastors of the diocese will be invited to lead their parishioners to a deeper understanding of the liturgical celebration for which this new translation is a real help."

Forty Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament begins this month

LAKE CHARLES -- The practice of "Forty Hours" or "Extended Eucharistic Adoration" for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life will resume in the Diocese of Lake Charles in September.

The following parishes will host the Eucharistic Adoration as indicated:

Our Lady of Seven Dolors in Welsh, Sunday, September 12 from 11 a.m. until

Monday, September 13 at 5 p.m.; St. Joseph in Welsh, Tuesday, September 14 from 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; Saint Paul in Elton; Wednesday, September 22, from immediately after 5:15 p.m. Mass until Friday, September 24 at 10 a.m.; Sacred Heart of Jesus in Oakdale, 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 28 through October 1.

Bishop's Golf Classic to be held October 4

(For more on this story and photos go to lcdioocese.org)

LAKE CHARLES - The Third Annual Bishop's Golf Classic will be held on Monday October 4 at the Lake Charles Country Club, with shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Registration opens for the morning at 7 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for the afternoon.

The 2009 tournament raised \$39,500 for the Seminarian and Priest Retirement Funds. This year's title sponsors are Alfred Palma Contractors, Cameron State Bank and Bubba Oustalet.

Cost for the four-person scramble is \$125 per individual or \$500 a team. Hole sponsorships are available for \$150 each and banner sponsorships are \$1,000. Registration forms are available at area golf courses and at the Diocese of Lake Charles, 414 Iris Street. The entry deadline is September 28.

Checks should be made payable to The Diocese of Lake Charles and returned with the entry form to The Bishop's Golf Classic, P. O. Box 2225, Lake Charles LA 70602. For general information, contact Larry DeRoussel at (337) 794-8339 or by email at lderoussel@laia.com.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st Low Gross, 2nd Low Gross, 10th Low Gross as well as the longest drive and closest to the pin hole in each session. A cash prize of \$5,000 will be awarded for a hole-in-one.

Food and refreshments will be provided on the course. Deadline for registration is Sept. 27.

The cost of educating the men who are studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of



Bishop Glen John Provost, center back row, is surrounded by the 10 men studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles. Picture around the Bishop are, from left, back row, Bryan Thompson, Matthew Cormier, Corey LaVergne, Bishop Provost, John Huckaby, Brandon Jones, Ruben Villarreal; front row, Micah Rasberry, Jeffrey Starkovich, David Hardey Jr. and Cristian Gonzalez.

Lake Charles is an expensive task. The 10 men currently in various stages of their discernment, education, and training are attending five different seminaries.

This year the cost of tuition and fees for these men will be more than \$250,000. Bishop Glen John Provost's appointment of vocation recruiters as well as a director of Vocations and Seminarians shows his strong determination to seek out others whom the Holy Spirit is calling to the vocation of diocesan priest.

The Diocese provides 55 percent of a seminarian's ed-

ucational cost at the college/philosophy level with the student responsible for the remainder, which may be paid through grants and loans. At the theological seminary the Diocese obligates itself to pay 100 percent of the educational costs.

At the opposite end of priestly life is the retired priest. We must see to the care and welfare of these men who have given their lives to spreading the Gospel message in the faith communities of Southwest Louisiana. Currently ten men, nine priests and our Bishop-emeritus, are in this

category.

The Diocese will expend nearly \$300,000 on the welfare of these wonderful and holy men during the next fiscal year. The depth of their sacrifice to the Faith is reason enough to aid them for the remainder of their days.

The offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed Labor Day. They will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 8:30 a.m.

Catholic University collection this weekend

LAKE CHARLES -- This weekend the faithful of the Diocese of Lake Charles are asked by Bishop Glen John Provost to make a contribution to the National Collection for The Catholic University of America (CUA) this weekend, Sept. 4-5.

"Catholic University is unique as the national university of the Catholic Church and the only higher education institution founded by the U.S. bishops and chartered by the Vatican," Bishop Provost said. "As such, it has a special responsibility to educate future leaders for our Church and our Nation. In this sense, The Catholic University of America belongs to all of us in the Church, regardless of where we live. The financial sacrifices required of Catholic parents to provide a truly Catholic college education are enormous.

"All of the funds received through this collection underwrite the financial aid program at the university," Bishop Provost continued. "Simply put, your contributions directly benefit students at Catholic University

from all over the United States, including our own diocese, by funding scholarships for those who would not otherwise be able to attend. Students at Catholic University receive personalized attention in a wide range of programs, combining an excellent liberal arts curriculum with courses in their major fields of study. Grounded in the philosophy of the Catholic intellectual tradition, these students are well prepared for success in life and ready to make a difference in today's world."

The National Collection for The Catholic University of America gives parishes the opportunity to financially support students who want to gain an excellent education in the values-based environment of CUA.

Through its seminary, Theological College, its School of Philosophy and its School of Theology and Religious Studies, the university prepares men for the priesthood for more than 30 U.S. dioceses, including Ruben Villarreal of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Clergy, religious anniversary Mass

LAKE CHARLES - Priests, deacons and religious serving in the Diocese of Lake Charles celebrating significant anniversaries in 2010 will be honored at a special liturgy Tuesday, Sept. 7, at St. Henry Catholic Church, 1021 Eighth Avenue.

Bishop Glen John Provost will be the celebrant and homilist.

"Called2BCatholic Youth Festival"

LAKE CHARLES - The Fourth Annual Called2BCatholic Youth Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 11 at St. Louis Catholic High School, beginning at 12 noon. The event will end with a Eucharistic Procession, starting at 5:45 p.m. from the school to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for Mass, celebrated by

Bishop Glen John Provost, at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at the Diocese of Lake Charles, 411 Iris Street and in various parishes of the Diocese. Call the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 337-439-7400 for tickets and information.

Holy Cross College class schedule

LAKE CHARLES - Holy Cross College course offerings for Fall 2010 as well as Spring and Summer 2011 have been announced by the Office of Religious Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Deadline for registration and payment of fees for Fall courses is Tuesday, Sept. 14.

For more information contact Bobbie LeBlanc at 337-439-7400, Ext. 309 or go to lcdioocese.org - Holy

Cross College Schedule - to print out a brochure and registration form.

Bishop's Scripture Teachings begin

LAKE CHARLES - The new year of Scripture teachings by Bishop Glen John Provost begin on Friday, Sept. 10 at the Men's Prayer Breakfast and on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at the Women's Luncheon.

The Bishop's topic for the year is "The Gospel of St. John" and he asks that everyone coming to the September events read John 1-4 to prepare for the presentation.

St. Joan of Arc Bazaar

OBERLIN - The 22nd Annual Bazaar of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church will be held Sunday, Sept. 5, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Church.

Admission is free to this family-

oriented, alcohol-free festival.

St. Charles Borromeo Bazaar

FENTON - The annual St. Charles Borromeo Church Country Bazaar will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 12 on the church grounds.

There will be rides, games for the kids, crafts, a country store, bingo and auction, which will begin at noon.

Pork dinners along with hamburgers and much more will be served.

"Calca Chew" Food Festival

LAKE CHARLES - St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church will hold its annual Calca Chew Food Festival on Sunday, Sept. 26 beginning at 7 a.m. with a French language Mass celebrated by Bishop Glen John Provost.

Did you know...

The year 1971 saw two priests of the Diocese of Lake Charles ordained, Fathers Roland Vaughn and Marshall Boulet. In that same year Bishop Maurice Schexnayder of Lafayette established the parish of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus in Carlyss on August 22. The new parish had been a mission chapel of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Sulphur. The burgeoning petrochemical industry in that area of the parish brought many new families. Father John C. McDonald, M.S. was the founding pastor.

A visit by the famous Extension Society Chapel Car persuaded one community to start a building fund for a permanent church. Do you know the parish this community eventually became? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.

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