



## Bishop's Services Appeal for 2010-2011 begins

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop's Services Appeal, the annual campaign to raise funds to subsidize the operations of a number of ministries and programs of the Diocese of Lake Charles will begin this weekend, Sept. 18-19 in the parishes of the Diocese.

The goal for this year's campaign, "Seek the Lord" is \$600,000, the same as in the past three years.

Ten identifiable programs and ministries are provided support from contributions to the Bishop's Services Appeal. Those include Catholic Education, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Vocations/Seminarians, Family Life, Seafarers Center, Diocesan Counseling, Evangelization, Communications, and Saint Charles Center.

This year's campaign begins the fourth decade of existence for the Diocese of Lake Charles, which was established by Pope John Paul II. The Holy Father made the announcement of the newly created Diocese on January 29, 1980 and its founding Bishop Jude Speyrer. Bishop Speyrer was ordained and installed as the first bishop on April 25, 1980.

Since that time great strides have been made in the local church of Southwest Louisiana. Bishop Glen John Provost, who was ordained and installed as the third shepherd of the Diocese on April 23, 2007, leads us into this 31st year.

"I offer you my grateful and prayerful thanks for all that you have done, not only in your parish church, but for the Diocese as well," Bishop Provost said. "We have seen much in recent times. In fact, in the first 10 years of this 21st century we have seen devastation from hurricanes and storms not thought possible at the close of the last century. But you have persevered and entire parish communities have been revitalized from the unspeakable damage of Rita and then, three years later, Ike.

"Even through our trials and tribulations, we have seen the goodness of the Lord," the Bishop continued. "Only material things were destroyed or damaged for us. You have shown your thankfulness for God's goodness in the many sacrifices you have made, even as you were rebuilding your own lives and property. As I continue to be about the work of shepherd for the nearly 100,000 Catholics of the Diocese of Lake Charles, I see the Lord's glorious work being done through you."

The Bishop pointed out though, that there is more to be accomplished.

"Our priests continue to age and we must find men in our communities who will hear and respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to the vocation of diocesan priesthood," he said. "We can be thankful for the men who have come to us as missionaries from other lands but we must find more of our own as well. In fact we have 10 seminarians in vari-

ous stages of formation this fall and, God willing, a number of ordinations to the priesthood next spring. Thus, new vocations are extremely important to us. I ask that you continue to talk to your sons, grandsons, and nephews about what God may be calling them to do for the Church."

Contributions to the Bishop's Services Appeal provide help to pay the ever-increasing cost of educating and training those seminarians, nearly \$300,000 annually.

The Church has always had diligent workers, whether in the parishes or in the ministries and programs of the Diocese, and this continues.

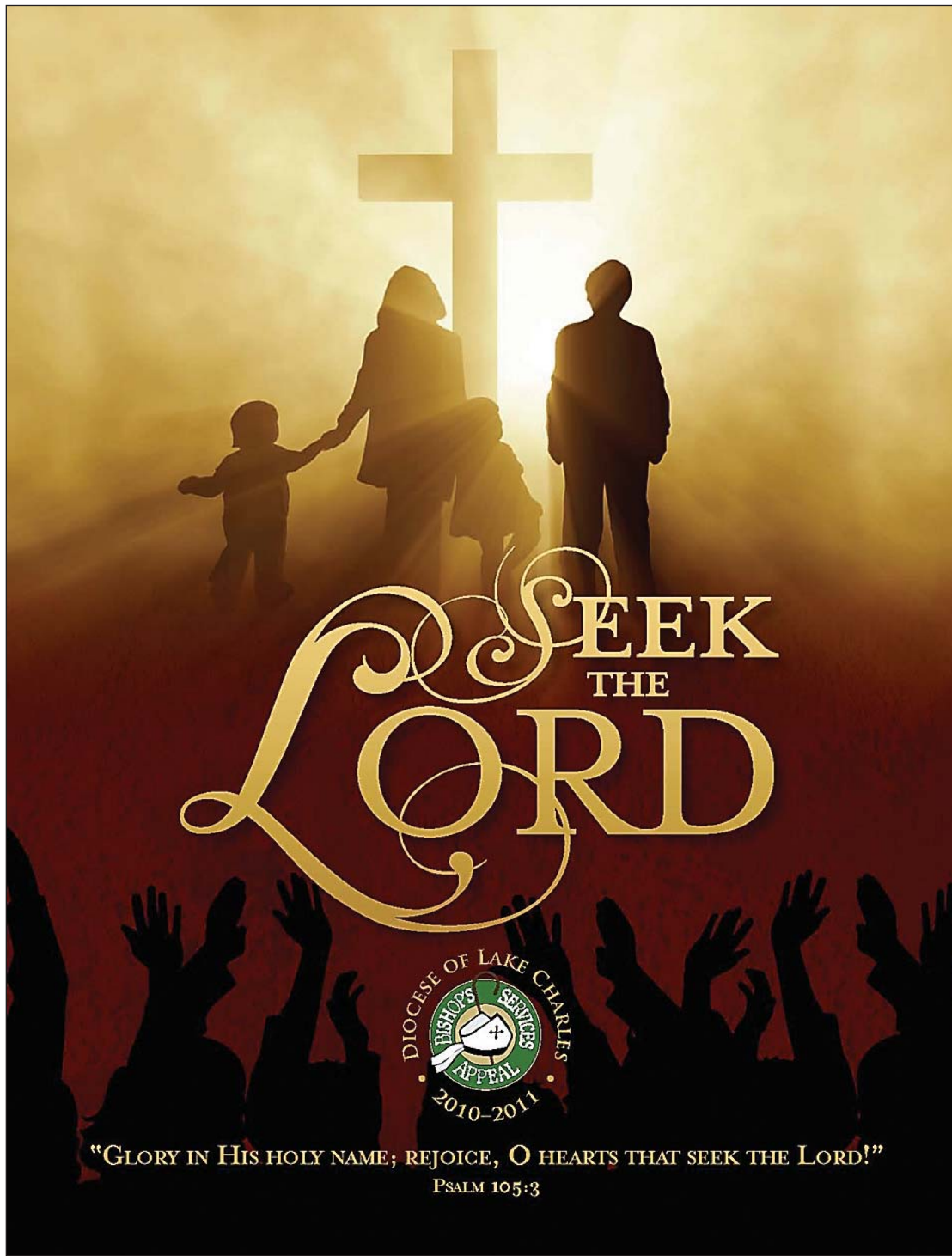
"With your contribution to the Bishop's Services Appeal, I will be able to maintain the scores of ministries that help so many people in so many ways," Bishop Provost said. "With your gift, you make it possible for Catholic Charities to provide aid in many different forms, from food to financial assistance for rent or mortgage arrears as well for help with payments of utility bills."

Programs of evangelization in the Diocese are also helped by contributions to Bishop's Services Appeal through programs like "Catholicism on the Road" and the innovative billboard programs of the past several years.

Over the years the Diocese has provided for those in need, evangelized among the unchurched, and given our youth and young adults a greater appreciation for the Faith. Many other programs are also made possible through the generosity you have shown to the Bishop's Services Appeal, such as Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Communications, Family Life and Pro Life, Catholic Charities, and Religious Education. Your gift this year will continue to make these ministries possible for all the people of the Diocese.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry offers numerous programs for our Catholic young people. One, the Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) has provided a wonderful week-long leadership learning experience for about 100 youth annually. In the last several years the program has expanded to include an Advanced Christian Leadership Institute, which runs side-by-side with CLI. As has been noted many times before, "the young are the future of the Church." They face much different lives and have many more choices, sometimes much more difficult ones, than were faced by previous generations. The Church must provide them with faith skills as well as help to hone their leadership abilities so that they can be the best they can be for this local Church in the years to come. Your support of Bishop's Services Appeal helps make this happen!

Providing authentic information about the Church through various news media is the responsibility of the Office of Communica-



tions. Our Sunday morning *Glad Tidings* television program, broadcast on KPLC-TV, brings a weekly discussion of the Gospel led by Bishop Provost as well as Catholic news of the Diocese and the world along with unique interview segments which brings the viewer valuable information about the Diocese, its parishes, and the world that might be hard to find elsewhere. The twice-monthly *Catholic Calendar*, published in four area newspa-

pers, brings information about the Church to more than 70,000 readers. The Diocesan site on the Internet, [lcdioocese.org](http://lcdioocese.org), enables visitors to not only keep up to date with the local Church but the Vatican as well. You can even watch streaming video of *Glad Tidings* or download the *Catholic Calendar* from [lcdioocese.org](http://lcdioocese.org).

Your generosity to Bishop's Services Appeal makes this and so much more possible.

### Financial aid from Diocese for hurricane relief

LAKE CHARLES – Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike brought devastation and misery to people along the Gulf Coast. Since 2005, the Diocese of Lake Charles and Catholic Charities Southwest Louisiana have provided direct assistance totaling \$3,288,458.47 to those affected by the storms.

The Lake Charles area was hosting Katrina refugees when Rita brought its own brand of disaster in September 2005. Gustav and Ike in 2008 were reminders of how much better prepared we were for such disasters.

Those storms changed lives for thousands of people in Southwest Louisiana. The Diocese of Lake Charles, through Catholic Charities Southwest Louisiana, helped those affected to rebuild their lives and their homes.

The funds for this aid came from grants through Catholic Charities USA, the national office for Catholic Charities agencies and affiliates nationwide, other Catholic dioceses around the country, individual contributions, and grants from a number of local and regional non-profit organizations.

As of June 30, 2010, the end of the fiscal year 2009-2010, all grant funds and contributions received for hurricane relief direct assistance had been expended.

## Diocesan budget launches

LAKE CHARLES – The financial well-being of the programs and ministries of the Diocese of Lake Charles is dependent upon the generosity of the Catholic faithful of Southwest Louisiana as well generous grants from a number of other sources.

For this fiscal year, which began July 1 and continues until June 30, 2011, the Diocese will have approximate revenues of \$5,834,304.51.

Sources of that money include the annual Bishop's Services Appeal, with a goal of \$600,000.00, and the parochial tithes, which comes to the Diocese from the parishes, of an estimated \$2,300,000. Other funds are derived from programs of the various diocesan offices, direct contributions, and various collections. This total for the 2010-2011 year is estimated at \$2,124,313.53.

Bishop's Services Appeal provides partial funding for a number of offices, programs and ministries of the Diocese and a successful campaign means those offices can operate to their full capacity. However, an appeal that raises less than the goal would force possible cutbacks in programs that make a difference in the lives of many in Southwest Louisiana.

The Diocese of Lake Charles is also the beneficiary of a number of grant making organizations that financially assist specific programs and ministries of this local church.

Those organizations, which have been generous to the Diocese since its founding, include the Catholic

Church Extension Society, the Committee on the Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Mission Collection. Grants from these and other grantors will total \$644,990.98 this fiscal year.

The Diocese will also receive about \$165,000 in investment income.

The operation of the Diocese of Lake Charles can be separated into four basic areas – Christian Formation, Pastoral Services, Clergy and Religious, and Administration. The Diocese has 36 full-time employees and 10 part-time staff.

The expenditures for those four areas for the current fiscal year have been budgeted at \$5,809,946.31.

Individually the budget for Christian Formation, which includes offices such

as Catholic Schools, Religious Education, Child and Youth Protection, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Worship, Saint Charles Center, Family Life, Pro-Life, Evangelization and Communications, is \$1,819,710.40.

Offices and programs under the umbrella of Pastoral Services include Catholic Charities, Tribunal, Deaf Apostolate, Special Ministries, Seafarers' Center, Diocesan Counseling, Cultural Diversity, Immigration, Disaster Preparedness and Response, and special subsidies with a budget of \$1,502,839.30.

Clergy and Religious includes Retired Priests, Clergy Welfare, Vocations, Continuing Education and Permanent Diaconate Formation and has a budget of

\$1,307,294.40.

The \$1,180,102.21 budgeted for Administration will be used for General Operational Expenses, Assessments, Fiscal Office, Development, Vicar General, Chancellor, the Bishop's Office and the Bishop's Residence.

Thus, the projected budget for the Diocese for this fiscal year shows revenues of \$5,834,304.51 and expenditures of \$5,809,946.31, or a slight surplus of \$24,358.21.

All of these dollar figures are estimates. Each year a professionally audited financial statement of the operations of the Diocese is made and the results of that 2010-2011 audit will be published in the *Catholic Calendar*.

## Bishop Provost to teach on the Gospel of St. John

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will base his October teaching to the men and women of the Diocese on the fifth and sixth chapters of the Gospel of St. John. The Bishop asks all who attend to read those chapters in preparation. They are also asked to bring their Bibles to the presentations.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held, following the 6:30 a.m. celebration of

the Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, in Ave Maria Hall at the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets on Friday, October 1. Men should call 337-439-7400 to register.

The Women's Luncheon with Bishop Provost is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, in the Lake Charles Civic Center. Women are asked to send a check for \$10, payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles, to Ms. Esther Gallardo, 612 Alamo

Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 and include a stamped, self addressed envelope. The cutoff date for luncheon reservations is Thursday, Oct. 7. Attendees should arrive by 11:30 a.m. and the Bishop's presentation will begin at 12:15 p.m.

The "Navarre Bible Commentary on the Gospel of Saint John", which is available at Crossroads Bookstore, 601 W. Prien Lake Road, will be helpful during the presentations.

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The Most Reverend Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

September 17, 2010

## Bishop's Golf Classic to be held October 4

LAKE CHARLES – The deadline for entries to the Third Annual Bishop's Golf Classic, to be held Monday, Oct. 4 at the Lake Charles Country Club, is Monday, Sept. 27. The tournament will have shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. This year's title sponsors are Alfred Palma Contractors, Cameron State Bank and Bubba Oustalet. The 2009 tournament raised \$39,500 for the Seminarian and Priest Retirement Funds.

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 and entry forms, 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.

Proceeds go to the Seminarian Fund and the Priests Retirement Fund of the Diocese.

Ten men are in various stages of discernment, education, and training for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles this fall at five seminaries. The cost to educate these men is dramatic, over \$250,000.

Our retired priests have worked many faith-filled years for this local church and in their retirement should be cared for properly, although this too is a substantial amount of money, nearly \$300,000. The depth of the sacrifice of these holy men is reason enough to continue to aid them for the remainder of their days.



Bishop Glen John Provost, left, and Larry DeRoussel, chairman of the Bishop's Golf Classic committee, prepare for the annual event set for Monday, Oct. 4, at the Lake Charles Country Club.

## Catholic Charities USA head meets Bishop, charity leaders

LAKE CHARLES – Father Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), and Kim Burgo, vice president of Disaster Operations, visited with Bishop Glen John Provost and Catholic Charities Southwest Louisiana (CC-SWLA) recently as the five-year anniversary of hurricanes Katrina and Rita neared. Catholic Charities USA provided more than \$3 million in grants to the Diocese of Lake Charles to provide assistance in recovery from those storms as well as hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008.

They met with Bishop Provost in the diocesan Chancery and then with officials from other non-profit agencies with whom CC-SWLA worked to provide help to those in need following the storms along with Trish Trejo, director of CC-SWLA and Hanh Vu, associate director and head of Disaster Preparedness and Response, along with CCSWLA case manager Shirley Walker and Larry DeRoussel, chairman of the Catholic Charities Advisory Board. Also attending were representatives from United Way of Southwest Louisiana, Southwest Louisiana Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster, Rebuilding Together Calcasieu, Cameron Parish Emergency Preparedness, Cameron Council on Aging, Habitat for Humanity, Family and Youth Counseling, Project Build A Future, and Red Cross of Southwest Louisiana, all of whom spoke of their partnerships and work with Catholic Charities Southwest Louisiana to forging meaningful partnerships in the community to help overcome future disasters.

Burgo has several decades of working with international disasters when she was tapped to head the response CCUSA response to Katrina. "Like many of you I got thrown into Katrina as well," she said. "I got a call one afternoon saying I was needed to handle a domestic disaster and thought 'well, okay, I can do this'. I remember coming down on the flight (from Washington) and looking through the book (the listing of Catholic Charities agencies in the U.S) and trying to figure out where Baton Rouge was. I had maps of Kenya, Honduras and Ethiopia, but Baton Rouge, where the heck was this?"

"I ended up loving Louisiana and stayed four months helping out the Catholic Charities office," Burgo continued. "One of the things we talked about with Bishop Provost, was that we recognized, that in any disaster in any part of the world, folks that work for organizations such as yours will always be victims and caregivers at the same time. Yet there is a beauty of coming together and working with each other's strengths and supporting each other's weaknesses, that allows the recovery of a community to happen."

Sandy Gay, the recently retired director of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Response, was lauded by Burgo. "When a disaster happens you can't just go to the office and pull a disaster plan off the shelf. Your response is going to depend on your relationships and your intuition to kick things into play. I am very happy that

Sandy has played that role well. She knew instinctively that she needed to engage the whole community in the response. It's not just Catholic Charities; it's everybody, because this is your recovery. You have to live here."

Father Snyder, who came to Lake Charles five years ago following Hurricane Rita and saw the devastation done by the storm to the infrastructure of the Diocese and its parishes, spoke of partnerships.

"We are honored to be here today, to hear the stories of forging partnerships for the future," he said. "When I came to Lake Charles after Rita to see what you folks were doing and ask what we do to help you accomplish what you need to accomplish. We didn't come in saying here is what you need to do. That wouldn't have made any sense. You knew you would be doing what you needed to do."

"Everything was make-shift then and it is incredible to come back five years later and to see how this has progressed and how the community is responding in such an incredible way," Father Snyder continued. "Coming down for the Katrina anniversary events in New Orleans, we were especially excited though to come here, because when you talk about transformations, the transformation here in Southwest Louisiana has been as great as anywhere. It is not Catholic Charities doing all these incredible things but it is the community coming together, it is all of you. We couldn't do it without community partnerships that make it possibility."



Bishop Glen John Provost welcomed Father Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA to Lake Charles recently as the five-year anniversary of Hurricane Rita nears. Catholic Charities USA provided more than \$3 million in grants to help provide assistance to those who suffered damages from the storm. Pictured, from left, are Hanh Vu, Associate Director of Catholic Charities Southwest Louisiana; Shirley Walker, case manager; Sandy Gay, recently retired Director of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Response; Bishop Provost; Father Snyder, Kim Burgo, vice president of Disaster Response for Catholic Charities USA; Larry DeRoussel, chairman of Catholic Charities Southwest Louisiana Advisory Board; and Trish Trejo, Director of Catholic Charities Southwest Louisiana. Catholic Charities USA is celebrating its 100th anniversary this month with a four-day celebration, Sept. 25-28, in Washington, DC. The organization, which serves about nine million people each year, was founded in 1910 "to bring a sense of solidarity" among those in charitable ministries.

## Did you know...

St. Joseph Catholic Church in DeRidder was served by priests on horseback and buggy in early part of the 20th Century, sometimes from Lake Charles and other times from Alexandria. Arriving late in the evening, the priest would celebrate Mass the next morning at the home of one of the faithful and spend the rest of the day baptizing infants, validating marriages, and administering other sacraments as needed. In 1917, Catholic Church Extension Society's famous Chapel Car, in which the seats were replaced by pews, made a visit, which spurred community leaders to begin a building fund for a permanent chapel. This was accomplished with the completion of the chapel in 1922 using funds from the community and a grant from Extension Society. The first Mass was celebrated on June 13. St. Joseph Parish was established on June 13, 1938, 16 years later.

The farthest north of the parishes in the Diocese of Lake Charles is Sacred Heart in Oakdale. Distance was always a problem for priests making their way to the community. Do you when the first chapel was built?? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### "Calca Chew" Food Festival Sept. 26

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. Call 337-439-4585 for more information.

### Immaculate Heart of Mary Fall Bazaar Oct. 2-3

LAKE CHARLES – Immaculate Heart of Mary's 2010 Fall Bazaar will take place on the church grounds on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, Oct. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 436-8093 for more information.

### St. Raphael "Fall Bazaar"

IOWA – The annual "Fall Bazaar" at St. Raphael Catholic Church will be held on the weekend of Oct. 1-3. Friday night, Oct. 1, will see festivities begin with a dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall. On Saturday, Oct. 2, following the 4 p.m. Mass, gumbo will be sold and bingo will be held in the Church hall. The bazaar on Sunday will feature lots of food, including barbecue, fun, and games along with a raffle. Call Margie Habetz at 337-582-3503 for more information.

### "Autumn Fest" in Jennings Oct. 23

JENNINGS – The Knights of Columbus of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will host its "Autumn Fest" on

Saturday, October 23, at the Grand Marais Center, located at 919 Lake Arthur Avenue.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. There will be auctions from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$100 for two people and include two raffle tickets. They may be purchased at the Church office, Parkers, Allwest Business Machines and the Grand Marais office.

### Scouting Religious Awards Oct. 3

LAKE CHARLES – The Bishop's Religious Awards Presentation Program for scouts in the Diocese of Lake Charles will be October 3, at 5 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall on the corner of Ernest and West Claude streets.

Scouts or other youth who have completed, are working on, or are interested in starting a Religious Emblems Program should contact Susan Fontenot at 855-2812.

### Pro-Life webinar set October 5

LAKE CHARLES -- The Office of Pro Life will be hosting a "webinar" or on-line training seminar on Tuesday, October 5 from noon to 1:30 pm at the Diocese of Lake Charles Chancery, 414 Iris St.

The webinar topic is "Poor Prenatal Diagnosis of Lethal or Non-lethal Conditions & Disability" and is in response to the alarming high abortion rate when a family receives a poor prenatal diagnosis of a pregnancy. This important webinar is presented by the National Catholic Partnership on Disability in collaboration with the United States Confer-

ence of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, and the Archdiocese of Washington.

The webinar is open to all and especially recommended for parish staff and those in healthcare and the mental health field. There is no fee to attend but an RSVP is appreciated, by calling 337-439-7400 ext 301.

### "Sapphire and Ice Gala" Nov. 5

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 Most Reverend 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.

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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