



Cardinal-designate Burke to speak Dec. 2

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LAKE CHARLES - Cardinal-designate Raymond Leo Burke, Prefect of the Apostolic Signatura at the Vatican, will be the guest speaker for *A Night for Life*, the annual fundraising banquet for New Life Counseling, Thursday, Dec. 2. A Silent Dessert Auction will begin at 6 p.m. and the meal begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Buccaneer Room of the Lake Charles Civic Center.

Banquet tickets are \$60 each and a table for eight may be purchased for \$480. Special table designations

include Bronze Sponsor (table for eight), \$750; Silver Sponsor (two tables for eight), \$1,500; Gold Sponsor (two tables for eight), \$3,000; and Platinum Sponsor (two tables for eight and a VIP Reception), \$5,000.

Tickets may be purchased by calling 337-478-8562 or 337-474-7003 or e-mail ncbanquet@gmail.com. Ticket deadline is Monday, Nov. 29, at 5 p.m.

The event is made possible through the coordination and support of The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, and the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Cardinal-designate Burke,

who will be elevated by Pope Benedict XVI to the College of Cardinals tomorrow, Nov. 20, in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, was appointed as Prefect on June 27, 2008. Cardinal-designate Burke, was, until that time, serving in two other Vatican offices, - the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, which authentically interprets canon law, and the Congregation for the Clergy, which regulates the formation and training of diocesan priests and deacons - while continuing to lead the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

His position as Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the

Apostolic Signatura, is roughly equivalent to that of Chief Justice of the United States, or President of the Conseil d'Etat of France. In terms of the importance of his Curial post, Archbishop Burke is the second-highest ranking American prelate at the Vatican after William Cardinal Levada, who took Pope Benedict's place as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

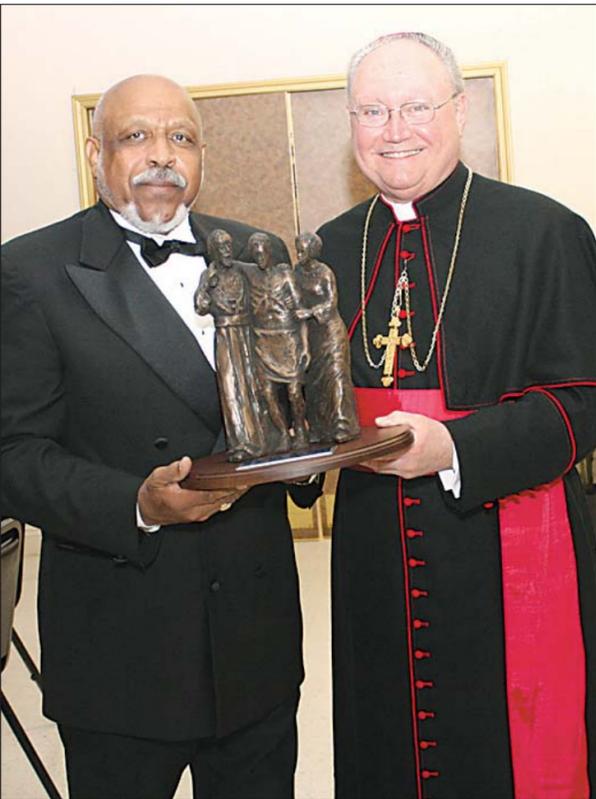
Prior to being named to succeed Cardinal Justin Francis Rigali as Archbishop of St. Louis on Dec. 2, 2003, Cardinal-designate Burke served as Bishop of LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

He is the first non-Euro-

pean named to head the tribunal within the Roman Curia. The Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura exercises final appellate jurisdiction concerning conflicts occurring between two or more Vatican Congregations or Dicasteries; appeals against administrative decisions rendered by diocesan bishops and Vatican Congregations; and appeals against judgments and other decisions issued by the Tribunal of the Roman Rota. With his appointment, the Archbishop became the tenth U.S. native to serve in the Roman Curia and will be created a Cardinal-Deacon Saturday.



Archbishop
Raymond Burke



Clarence Prudhomme, left, accepts the "Distinguished Catholic of the Year" award from Bishop Glen John Provost, right, at the inaugural Sapphire and Ice Gala fundraiser sponsored by St. Peter Claver Council and Court #168, which initiated the award.

Clarence Prudhomme Distinguished Catholic of Year

LAKE CHARLES - Clarence Prudhomme, a parishioner of St. Joseph Parish in Welsh, was named the "Distinguished Catholic of the Year" Award by St. Peter Claver Court and Council #168 at the inaugural Sapphire and Ice Gala, fundraiser. Proceeds from the event will be used to support College-level seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles and the St. Henry Catholic Church *Building Bridges* Capital Campaign, which is in its second year.

Pastors of the church parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles were asked to nominate an individual for the award, except for St. Henry since it was serving as a host for the gala. A special committee made the final decision on the 2010 recipient.

Prudhomme has been actively involved in his church parish as an Extraordinary Ministry of Communion, Lector, and Altar Server. He currently serves as a member of the Pastoral Council.

He has been invested as a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and is a past president of the Companions of Honor of the Diocese of Lake Charles. A Knight of Peter Claver, he serves on the board helping to establish schedules for various functions for the Knights.

His community involvement in the community of Welsh has had him volunteering with the Jefferson Davis Addictive

Disorder Clinic, helping those individuals under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Mr. Prudhomme is also a member of the Welsh Rotary Club and was instrumental in organizing a convention of high school students for the Interact Club. He has also helped to build playground equipment, renovate the home of an elderly couple, removed and replaced a rotten porch and helped paint the home of another woman.

For the past seven years, he has given the week of Thanksgiving to prepare food for the hungry and needy distributed on Thanksgiving Day. Last year he took part in the feeding of more than 1,100. He also volunteers at Abraham's Tent in Lake Charles.

Prudhomme has served as a fundraiser for the Grambling University Alumni Chapter for the past eight years and has helped to provide scholarships through the Rotary Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In the introduction of Mr. Prudhomme, the Very Rev. Daniel A. Torres, pastor of St. Henry Church, said, "He is proud of his Catholic Faith and his love for Christ."

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, presented the award to Prudhomme.

Next year's Sapphire and Ice Gala has been scheduled for Friday, Nov. 4.



Dr. Brant Pitre, standing, a professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, provided a morning of reflection for the clergy of the Diocese of Lake Charles and others on the Feast Day of St. Charles Borromeo, Thursday, Nov. 4, at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center. Dr. Pitre's topic, "Jesus and the Jewish Gospel" was an opportunity for a look at the Gospel of Matthew as the Church moves into the new liturgical year on the First Sunday of Advent. The Office of Continuing Formation of the Clergy, headed by Father Nathan Long, sponsored the event. Dr. Pitre received his Ph.D. in New Testament and ancient Judaism from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. Since then he has spent his time teaching, writing, and giving lectures on the Bible and on the Jewish roots of Christianity.

Bishop Provost's presentations on St. John's Gospel continue

LAKE CHARLES - Bishop Glen John Provost will continue his presentations on the Gospel of St. John on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at the monthly Women's Luncheon held in the Lake Charles Civic Center and on Friday, Dec. 10, at Men's Prayer Breakfast in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral Office Complex at 7 p.m.

The Bishop will be speaking on the tenth through twelfth chapters of the Gospel of St. John using the theme "Jesus and Father, life of the World, Messianic King." All who attend these

presentations are asked to read the passages to be discussed beforehand.

Women are asked to send a check in the amount of \$10 to Ms. Esther Gallardo, 612 Alamo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 to register and include a stamped-self addressed envelope.

Men should call 337-439-7400 to register for the Prayer Breakfast.

The Men's Breakfast will be preceded by the celebration of Mass by Bishop Provost in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception beginning at 6:30 a.m.

CCHD collection set this weekend

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 this weekend 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 financial assistance to citizens in the five civil parishes that make up the Diocese.

Founded in 1969, its mis-

sion 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-

ward solidarity between poor and non-poor as impelled by the Church's biblical tradition, modern Catholic social teaching, and the pervasive presence of poverty in the United States. This ministry for justice is rooted in our baptism and faith commitment.

Diocesan Briefs.....

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 Monday through Friday, Nov. 22-26 at St. Joseph in DeRidder.

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.

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. For more infor-

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

Taste-n-Tell set for Dec. 9

LAKE CHARLES - Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School's annual Taste-n-Tell featuring celebrity chef and emcee John Folse will be Thursday, Dec. 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center gym.

Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. Amateur chefs are invited to try out their favorite dishes and be judged "Top Chef". Registration fee for the contest is \$250.

Tables, sponsorships and reservations are available in the Our Lady Queen of Heaven School office. Contact Lisa Jakel or Diane Jackson for more information at 477-7349.

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.

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend in February

LAKE CHARLES -- Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest

Louisiana, a ministry of Priests for Life sponsored by the Diocese of Lake Charles will hold its second weekend retreat Friday through Sunday, February 18-20, 2011 at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend is an opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. to surface and release repressed feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief. The retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment.

Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience the mercy and compassion of God.

For more information or registration contact 337-439-7400, Ext. 317 or e-mail rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org.

Holy Cross College class schedule announced

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

In the Spring, courses will be *Collegial Ministry in a Collegial Church*, *Nature and History of Spirituality*, and *A Survey of Hebrew Scriptures*. Deadline for registration and payment of fees is Wednesday, Dec. 15.

For more information contact Bobbie LeBlanc at 337-439-7400, Ext. 309 or go to live.lcdioocese.org/adult-education.html to download and print out a brochure and registration form.

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Companions of Honor deceased 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. 30.

Concelebrating with Bishop Provost were Very Rev. Daniel A. Torres, V.G., Rev. Archimandrite Hebert May, and Msgr. Ronald Groth.

Twenty-four members of the Companions who died in the previous year were remembered during the General Intercessions. Those whose names were called were: Una Mary Monteaux + December 16, 2009; Euna LaFleur + January 1, 2010; Wilfred Boullion + January 2, 2010; Ralph Gary + January 7, 2010; Mary Ann Riviere + January 13, 2010; Sr. Rita Deschenes, S.S.J. + January 25, 2010; Lucille Atkinson + January 26, 2010; Grace Hoffpauir + February 10, 2010; Carrie Ann Vidrine + April 1, 2010; E. R. Hendrix + April 6, 2010; Josephine Moss + April 11, 2010; Joseph Sylvester + April 13, 2010; Sr. Helen Mary Gieb, S.S.N.D. + April

14, 2010; Clifford Conner + July 6, 2010; Sir Preston St. Romain + July 14, 2010; Mary Ann Foitek + July 20, 2010; Lady Betty Huber + July 23, 2010; Clyde Regan + August 3, 2010; Carolyn Marie O'Connell + August 6, 2010; Roland U. Primeaux + August 16, 2010; Austin Jones, Jr. + October 2, 2010; Nolan S. Fontenot + October 3, 2010; Sir U. Joseph East + October 12, 2010; and Henry Borel + October 19, 2010.

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. In September, 91 individuals were added to the rolls of the Companions, honoring their work for the Church. Awards included Devoted Service Medals, all three classes of the Order of St. Charles (Companion, Officer and Member), Papal Medal Benemerenti, and Papal Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice. New members to the Order of Pope St. Sylvester and the Order of Saint Gregory the Great



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, left, was the homilist at the annual Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the Companions of Honor, the diocesan organization made up of those men and women who have been honored by the Church for their good works. At right, those in attendance listen to the Bishop's presentation.



were also named by the Bishop.

The purposes of the Companions of Honor, as outlined in its constitution and bylaws, are to uphold and to encourage the support of Pa-

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 to promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood and the religious life.

Nearly \$400,000 has been contributed by the Companions of Honor during its 27-

year history and members donated \$10,976.50 during the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

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

The biennial election of officers was held during the luncheon and Dame Lauretta Fluitt, LCHS., was selected to serve as president of the organization for the next

two years. Other officers named were Sir John Halloran, K.M. vice president; Sir Robert Chiasson, KSG, secretary; and Sir Bernard Beaco, KCHS, treasurer.

Msgr. Ronald Groth, KHS, Director of Development for the Diocese and pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Lake Charles, spoke to the Companions as did Bernell Ezell, Director of Evangelization.



In the top photo, Bishop Glen John Provost walks down the center aisle of St. Joseph Church blessing those in attendance and the newly refurbished facility. Aiding Bishop Provost is Bryan Thompson, a seminarian studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles. The bottom photo shows one of the many stained glass windows, this one representing the coats of arms of the four Bishops who have led the diocesan church since the establishment of St. Joseph Church – Bishop Maurice Schexnayder (top left); Bishop Jude Speyrer (top right); Bishop Edward K. Braxton (bottom left); and Bishop Provost (bottom right).

St. Joseph Church re-dedicated

DERIDDER -- St. Joseph Catholic Church was established in June of 1938 in order to care for the spiritual needs of the people of Beau-regard Parish and surrounding area.

The first church was located near downtown on Pine Street. The Reverend James Shahrigan, M.S., was the founding pastor. The present location on Blankenship Drive was dedicated on November 3, 1966. The Reverend William Hanafin, M.S., was the pastor.

In March of 2003, plans to renovate the Church were initiated by the Reverend Daniel Torres. Plans includ-

ed additional seating space, enlarged foyer, new sacristy and reconciliation rooms, additional restrooms, bridal room, covered drive entrance, stained glass windows and other improvements.

It was decided to renovate the building to enhance the interior so that there would be a more pleasing and reverential atmosphere in which to pray.

The actual renovation work began on September 21, 2009, under the direction of the present pastor, the Reverend Jude Brunnett, M.S. Bishop Glen John Provost was in attendance to

bless and dedicate the newly renovated church building.

As the work progressed under the direction of Father Jude and the building committee, many changes were required. Some of these included the stucco finish applied to the brick interior, refinished pews and kneelers and relocation of the baptismal font. The group labored long and diligently to blend the old with the new and practical with the elegant. Their objective was to create a peaceful and prayerful environment for the parishioners that would serve to enhance their worship of the Lord.

Catholic presence in Mall during Advent

LAKE CHARLES -- Emmanuel Evangelization Effort – E-3 – will be a Catholic presence during each weekend of Advent in the Prien Lake Mall, according to Bernell Ezell, Director of the Office of Evangelization for the Diocese of Lake Charles. 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 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 during the same hours that the Mall is open 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.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven School receives donation

LAKE CHARLES -- Local Louisiana artist, Candice Alexander, has presented her rendition and interpretation of the Fleur de Lis... "Worlds Within OLQH Style" to Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School at a school-wide liturgy.

Known both nationally and internationally, Alexander generously donated one of the painted images to the school, while the other painted canvas was purchased and then donated to Monsignor James Gaddy, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. The school has used the design as a part of this year's theme... "Learning and Living the Good News... In Body, Mind and Spirit." The students purchased a bench to be placed on the grounds with an engraved plaque in Candice's honor and presented it to the artist at the Mass.

Did you know...

Between July and September of 1961, two new church parishes, on opposite sides of what is now the Diocese of Lake Charles, were established. The first, on July 3, was Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Jennings under the guidance of priests from the Society of St. Joseph. The second, on September 17, was Our Lady of LaSalette Church in Sulphur. The new parish was led by priests of the Missionaries of Our Lady of LaSalette.

Two parishes in the Diocese celebrate Diamond anniversaries in 2011. Do you know which? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.



Jo Ann Wallwork, center, principal of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School, accepts an original painting from two OLQH students. The painting was given to the school by well-known local artist Candice Alexander.

Pope's Prayer Intentions

General: That our personal experience of suffering may be an occasion for better understanding the situation of unease and pain which is the lot of many people who are alone, sick or

aged, and stir us all to give them generous help.

Missionary: That the peoples of the earth may open their doors to Christ and to His Gospel of peace, brotherhood and justice.

The offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25-26 in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday. They will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 29. Happy Thanksgiving!

