



'Day of Prayer and Fasting for Protection from Hurricanes' June 3

(Read more at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/855-day-of-prayer-and-fasting-for-protection-from-hurricanes.html>.)

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has announced that the bishops of the Province of Louisiana have designated Friday, June 3, in all the dioceses of the state as a 'Day of Prayer and Fasting For Protection From Hurricanes'.

"The bishops of the state encourage all Catholics to offer their prayers and fasting on that day so that our Heavenly Father will protect us from all storms and destructive weather and spare us from loss of life and property," Bishop Provost said. The Bishop also urges all of the faithful of the Diocese to pray the prayer written by Bishop Maurice Schexnayder of the Diocese of Lafayette, which he composed following Hurricane Audrey in 1957. It can be found on the website of the Diocese – lcdioocese.org – at the end of this story.

The Bishops unanimously approved the designation at a recent meeting of the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops held in Baton Rouge.

Bishop Provost will celebrate a Mass to Avert Storms on the first day of hurricane season, Wednesday, June 1, at 5 p.m. in Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Cameron. All are invited.

Bishop Provost will celebrate a 'Mass to Avert Storms' at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron on June 1

"As a diocese, we will celebrate a 'Mass to Avert Storms' in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church," Bishop Provost said. "This place has special significance to us all. It is the location of a shrine to Our Lady commemorating the horrific loss of life during Hurricane Audrey in 1957. So it is more than appropriate for us to gather every year on the first day of Hurricane Season praying to our heavenly Father for us on the Gulf Coast that He will spare us from the destruction of all

storms and will keep us all safe.

"There are two dispositions that I think we should bring to this Mass and to the start of the Hurricane Season," Bishop Provost continued. "First, we should be thankful. Since Hurricane Ike, we have been blessed. This is God's blessing, His care, and His love for us. Gratitude should fill our hearts and minds. Second, we should be repentant for our sins. We are not sinless. We are not angels. Never are we free of failures and deliberate acts against the will of God.

"On June 1, as we celebrate this Mass and make procession to the Shrine of Our Lady Star of the Sea, we will ask forgiveness in a great act of reparation for our personal sins and the sins of our society—greed, selfishness, and ingratitude," the Bishop said. "I am asking all parishes of the Diocese to add to their daily Prayers of Petition at Mass during the Hurricane Season the following petition: 'Almighty God is the Father of Creation. May He keep the people of the Gulf Coast safe and protect them from all storms and destructive weather during this Hurricane Season. We pray to the Lord.'"



Bishop Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, entertained members of the Southwest Louisiana legislative delegation before the start of the current session of the State Legislature. Pictured with Bishop Provost, center, is District 33 representative Mike Danahay of Sulphur, left, and District 37 representative John E. Guinn of Jennings, right. The Bishop, with members of the Diocesan staff and the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops, shared the concerns, ideas, and interests of the Church on a number of issues that will be brought up in the session, which continues until no later than 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 23.

Priesthood: The Class of 2011

As the Diocese of Lake Charles prepares to celebrate this summer the ordination of two deacons to the priesthood (Deacon Jeff Starkovich and Deacon John Huckaby June 11) and the ordination of a seminarian to the diaconate (Bryan Thompson August 6), as well as just having ordained a deacon to the priesthood (Father Scott Conner December 18, 2010), our thoughts turn to vocations to the priesthood. Every year the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) conducts a survey of men preparing for ordination to the priesthood in that given year.

Some of the results are worth noting:

- over the past five years the candidates for priestly ordination have trended

younger; over half of this year's ordination class are between the ages of 25 and 34;

- 71% were altar servers;
- 66% were encouraged to consider priesthood by another priest;
- 71% received encouragement in their choice by family and friends;
- almost 50% report that someone tried to discourage them from priesthood;
- Catholic education definitely had an impact on the candidates; they were more likely to have attended Catholic elementary or high school;
- 67% of those who attended college came from Catholic college;
- 70% faithfully prayed the rosary;
- 65% reported the practice of Eucharistic Adoration.

The full report can be found online www.foryourvocation.org.

The survey is quite revealing. First and foremost, it points to the importance of an "environment of vocation"—as Blessed John Paul II called it. This environment is consciously fostered by the Church and the family. Our Catholic institutions, organizations and societies, our Catholic families, our encouraging Catholic parents and friends, youth groups, schools, and religious education programs, as well as the liturgy, prayer and devotions of our Catholic parishes—all contribute to the fertile environment for a young person to consider a vocation. God is calling. He needs our help.

Special collections in Diocese

WASHINGTON — The collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) will be held in all the Churches of the Diocese of Lake Charles on the weekend of June 4-5 while Peter's Pence, the annual collection providing support to Pope Benedict XVI for his charitable initiatives in favor of the universal Church, is June 24-25.

While the Communications Collection is important on the national level it is no less important for the local communications efforts of the Diocese. Half of the funds contributed by the generous faithful of the local church remain in Southwest Louisiana to aid Diocesan communications efforts.

These ministries include the weekly Glad Tidings television program on KPLC-TV and the publication of the Catholic Calendar on the first and third Fridays of the month in four regional newspapers – the American Press; Beauregard Daily News; Cameron Pilot; and The Jennings Daily News. The maintenance and continuous updating of the diocesan website – lcdioocese.org – is also made possible as is the weekly airing of the 9:30 a.m. Mass from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on radio stations KLCL-AM and KJEF-AM.

Peter's Pence is an ancient custom dating back to the end of the eighth century when the Anglo-Saxons felt

so closely linked to the Bishop of Rome that they decided to send a regular annual contribution to the Holy Father – Alms of Saint Peter. The custom spread throughout Europe.

In a 2006 address to the Members of the St. Peter Circle, Pope Benedict XVI said, "The gesture has not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one, as a sign of communion with the Pope and attention to the needs of one's brothers; and therefore your service possesses a refined ecclesial character".

Bishop Provost urges all of the faithful to be as generous as they can to these two collections.



The St. Louis Catholic Library Society participated in the 2011 "In Love With Literacy" read-a-thon and fundraiser for the Literacy Council of Southwest Louisiana. The students pictured raised \$221. Front row from left, Elyce Ieyoub, Tatiana DeRouen, Alexandria Lemoins, and Ariel Chapman. Back row, from left, Margaret Lie, Morgan DelVecchio, Brittney Celestine, and Julia Falgoust.

Seminarians return to the Diocese for the summer

LAKE CHARLES – The men studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles have returned to Southwest Louisiana for the summer, a summer of work in the parishes of the local church.

Bryan Thompson, who completed his third year of theology at the Pontifical Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, has been assigned to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lake Charles and is slated to be ordained to the Diaconate on August 6. Ruben Villarreal graduated from Catholic University of America in Washington, DC and will

spend the summer at St. Henry Catholic Church in Lake Charles.

Matthew Cormier has completed his first year of theology at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and will work this summer at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder. Cristian Gonzalez will be in residence at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church and completed his second year at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington.

In addition, three men will begin their studies for the priesthood for the Diocese in the fall and have summer assignments as well.

Trey Ange from Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church will enter St. Joseph Seminary College in pre-theology and work at St. Paul Catholic Church. Joseph Ferrer, from St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Westlake, will be a college seminarian at St. Joseph Seminary College has been assigned to Immaculate Conception Church in Sulphur. John Souder, of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, will be in pre-theology at St. Joseph Seminary and will work at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hackberry.



Members of the Class of 1960 of Saint Charles Academy recently presented a plaque to Father Whitney Miller, director of Saint Charles Center, honoring their class and the Marianite Sisters of Holy Cross who taught the group at the school. The plaque reads – "In memory of the Class of 1960 and the Marianite Sisters of Holy Cross who taught them at St. Charles Academy in Lake Charles" It has a scriptural verse from Daniel, "Those that instruct others unto justice shall shine like bright stars for all eternity." Presenting the plaque to Father Miller were Judy Dugas Hannan of Lake Charles; Sharon Savoie Odegard, of Orange Texas, and Mary Jo White Cullen of Lake Charles. The plaque contains a pendant from another classmate, Judith Bride, who became a Marianite Sister.

In honor of Memorial Day, the offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed Monday, May 30. They will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31.

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Catholic Charities 2011 Jazz Brunch June 25

(Read more at <http://live.lcdio-cese.org/news/856-catholic-charities-jazz-brunch-june-25.html>)

LAKE CHARLES -- The 2011 Catholic Charities Jazz Brunch will be Saturday, June 25, from noon to 3 p.m. at Treasures of Marilyn. All proceeds from ticket sales and a live auction will support the ministries of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana.

Tickets are \$100 each and are available at the Catholic Charities office at 1225 Second Street in Lake Charles. Tickets are also available at the offices of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception as well as Crossroads Book Store. Additional information can be obtained by joining Catholic Charities' Facebook group or emailing the director at trish.trejo@lcdio-cese.org.

The live auction, featuring auctioneer Hal McMillin, will offer vacation condos in Colorado and Mexico as well as other great items. Last

year's Jazz Brunch raised \$34,000.

The 3J's and Les Amies, as well as a piano performance by The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will provide the musical entertainment.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Carolyn Woo, Dean of the Mendoza College of Business at Notre Dame University. Dr. Woo lectures regularly on individual integrity, ethical systems and corporate citizenship including her work with Catholic Charities USA Mission to Service Program, which was attended by the leadership staff and representative Advisory Board members from the diocese of Lake Charles. Among other duties, Dr. Woo also serves on the Board of Catholic Relief Services.

During the brunch, Catholic Charities will honor the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word with the annual Caritas Award. The order, based in Houston, has had sisters working at Christ

St. Patrick Hospital and in the community since the hospital's founding in 1906.

John Friend, a member of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, will be honored with the St. Peter Claver Award. Friend administers the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Conference Society, the church's social service agency.

Dr. Wood received her Bachelor of Science, a Master of Science in Information Assurance and a Ph.D., all from Purdue University.

Dr. Woo assumed the deanship of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame in 1997. Before then, she served as Associate Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at Purdue University. She joined Purdue as assistant professor in 1981, became full professor in 1991 and directed the Professional Master's Programs in the Krannert School of Management from 1993 to 1995.



Entertainment at the 2011 Catholic Charities Jazz Brunch, set for Saturday, June 25, will be provided by The 3J's, pictured here performing at last year's event, and Les Amies as well as a piano performance by The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles.

Interim principal at SH/SKD

LAKE CHARLES -- The Office of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Lake Charles has announced that Monsignor Ronald Groth, Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, has appointed Ms. Hattie Ashton as 2011-2012 Interim Principal for Sacred Heart / Katharine Drexel Catholic School.

In a brief statement, Ms. Ashton remarked, "I look forward to joining the Sacred Heart Community. May we collectively continue to promote the Christian values, morals and academic standards on which Sacred Heart/St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School was founded on. Together, we will make a positive impact on the future of our children, one day at a time".

Ms. Ashton has lengthy experience with Calcasieu Parish School Board and will assume her duties on July 1.

CLI/ACLI begins May 29

LAKE CHARLES -- The Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) and the Advanced Christian Leadership Institute (ACLI), week-long training experiences sponsored by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles, take place Sunday, May 29 through Friday, June 3.

The training focuses on developing and sharpening leadership skills in a Christian manner that can be used in every aspect of the lives of those attending. Areas covered include effective communication skills, facilitation skills, decision making skills, consensus seeking skills, temperament and leadership styles, male/female leadership styles, and call to ministry.

Call 337-439-7400, Ext. 301 for information.

Catholic Schools Notes

St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School

St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School holds its Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony at 6 p.m., today, May 20 in St. Theodore Catholic Church.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School

The Fourth Annual Heavenly Fish Festival held May 14 at Calcasieu Point was a great fundraiser with Monsignor James Gaddy as "Weighmeister". The event helps the school raise funds designated for tuition assistance. Bryan Vincent was named OLQH School Distinguished Graduate. He and his family were honored at a special alumni Mass on Sunday, April 10, with a brunch following in the Family Life Center Activity room. The 2011 Eighth Grade Graduation Ceremony will be today, May 20, in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church at 6:30 p.m. and the Kindergarten Stepping up Program is set for 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 24 in the Church. School closing ceremonies will be Friday, May 27, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Church.

Our Lady's Catholic School

Our Lady's School held its Pre-K and Kindergarten ceremony on Friday, May 13 in the school hall. The Eighth Grade Graduation took place in Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church on Tuesday, May 17.

Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School

Immaculate Conception Cathedral School celebrates its Kindergarten Closing Ceremony today, May 20 at 6 p.m. in the ICCS Gym. Eighth Grade Graduation will in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, May 24, beginning at 6 p.m.

Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic School

A traditional May Crowning ceremony was held Friday, May 13. The May Crowning Court consisted of four eighth grade boys and four eighth grade girls who possess positive attitudes and strong Christian values. They should be faith-filled with obvious qualities of honesty and humility. Eighth Grade Awards Ceremony followed the Mass, in which the students were honored for their academic achievement and school involvement in clubs and organizations. Eighth Grade Closing Ceremonies will be Sunday, May 22, at 1 p.m. in St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church. Registration continues for the next school year at SMCS. For information, schedule a tour or an interview, call the school office, 436-7959

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School

The OLI Eighth Grade Closing Mass and Ceremony will be Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. in Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church. First through seventh graders will be honored with Awards Day on Wednesday, May 25 at 9 a.m. in the school gym.

Sacred Heart of Jesus/St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School

On Wednesday, May 25, the school community celebrates Mass at 8:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. A 10 a.m. assembly will honor student achievement and a school-wide field event will begin at noon.

St. Louis Catholic High School

The St. Louis Catholic High School Transitions students recently participated in the Southwest Louisiana Special Olympics. The students participated in the pentathlon, 25 meter assisted wheelchair race, running long jump, tennis ball throw, softball throw, high jump, 50 meter race, 4 X 100 meter relay, bocce single and bocce unified games. The SLCHS Transitions Team showcased their athletic ability as they garnered numerous awards!

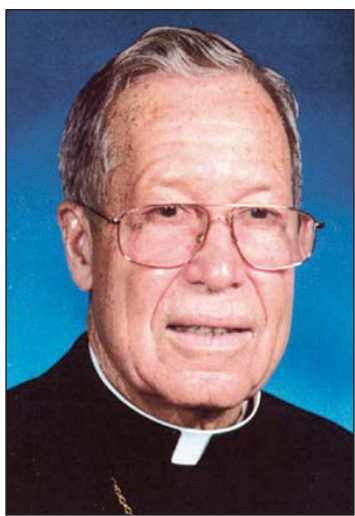
Bishop Olivier celebrating 60 years of priestly service

(Read more at <http://live.lcdio-cese.org/news/846-bishop-oliviers-60th-anniversary.html>)

LAKE CHARLES -- The Most Reverend Leonard J. Olivier, SVD, one of two Lake Charles natives appointed as Bishop and the former Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC, celebrates the 60th anniversary of his priestly ordination in June. Bishop Olivier was ordained to the priesthood for the Society of the Divine Word on June 29, 1951 in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

The Silver Anniversary celebration locally will be Sunday, June 12 at the 11 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church on Louisiana Avenue. Pope John Paul II appointed Bishop Olivier as Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, DC on November 10, 1988. He retired on May 18, 2004

Other anniversary cele-



Bishop Leonard Olivier, SVD

brations are June 9 at St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis, Miss., June 19 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC and June 26 at St. Patrick

Catholic Church in downtown Washington, DC.

Bishop Olivier was born in Lake Charles on Oct. 12, 1923, the son of Mathilda Rochon Oliver and James L. Olivier. He was the fifth of eight children, five sisters and two brothers.

He attended Sacred Heart Elementary School and completed his studies for high school in 1939 at St. Augustine Bay St. Louis, Miss. Bishop Olivier entered the Divine Word Seminary in Techny, Ill. and then St. Augustine Major Seminary in Bay St. Louis where he studied philosophy and theology.

Following his ordination, he was assistant prefect at the Divine Word Seminary in Bay St. Louis and from 1967 he served as Rector of St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis. In 1974, he was named Rector of the Divine Word College Seminary in Epworth, Iowa, where he served until 1982. Bishop Olivier received a masters degree in education at Catholic University of America and did post-graduate study in education and liturgy at Loyola University in New Orleans.

In 1982, he became pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Lafayette, serving until 1986, when he was named Vicar for Black Catholics of the Diocese of Lafayette. It was while serving in that position that Pope John Paul II raised him to the episcopacy.

Did you know...

Beginning with its first Kindergarten class in August 1981, St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School in Moss Bluff became the first Catholic school established in the newly formed Diocese of Lake Charles during the pastorate of Monsignor Joseph Bourque. Each fall thereafter, an additional grade was added. The school now provides for kindergarten through eighth grade students. The other seven Catholic schools in the Diocese include Immaculate Conception Cathedral School, Sacred Heart/St. Katharine Drexel School, St. Margaret of Scotland School, Our Lady Queen of Heaven School, all in Lake Charles; Our Lady's School in Sulphur; Our Lady Immaculate School in Jennings; and St. Louis Catholic High School.

Sixty years of existence is a milestone. Two parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles are celebrating their Diamond Jubilee this year. Do you know the parishes? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

Diocesan Briefs.....

National Maritime Day Sunday, May 22

LAKE CHARLES -- A Memorial Service and the celebration of National Maritime Day is Sunday, May 22, at 3 p.m. along the seawall of the Lake Charles Civic Center, sponsored by the Propeller Club of the United States, Ports of Southwest Louisiana.

Following the laying of a wreath by members of the United States Coast Guard, Lake Charles Station, Rev. Rommel Tolentino, Chaplain of Diocese of Lake Charles Seafarers Center at the Port of Lake Charles, will bless the fleet of boats as they sail past the seawall.

Others taking part will be the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Chennault Division of Lake Charles

Abrazando Cristo fundraisers

LAKE CHARLES -- The annual Johnnie Thibodeaux Jr. Memorial Golf tournament will be held at Mallard Cove Golf Course, beginning at noon on Saturday, June 4. Contact Johnnie or Susan Thibodeaux at 337-478-4095 for more information or check at local golf courses for registration forms. Proceeds help with the Pan y Amor boys home and school in Managua.

Tickets for the Annual Big Cash Giveaway, with a top prize of \$5000, that helps purchase medicine, construction supplies and evangelization materials for mission trip are still available. Contact Monsignor Daniel A. Torres at 337-439-7400, Ext. 220 for information and raffle tickets.

Forty Hours Devotion schedule

LAKE CHARLES -- Forty Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, praying for an increase in vocations to the priest-

hood and the religious life in the Diocese of Lake Charles will take place at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hackberry on May 26-28.

Priests' Convocation June 6-8

LAKE CHARLES -- The Most Reverend Michael Mulvey, Bishop of Corpus Christi, Texas, will be the guest presenter at the annual convocation for the priests of the Diocese Monday, June 6 through midday, Wednesday, June 8, at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

Bishop Mulvey was ordained and installed as the Bishop of Corpus Christi on March 25, 2010. The Bishop, who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Austin by Pope Paul VI in 1975 in St. Peter's Square, has been a seminary spiritual director and actively involved in numerous spiritual renewal programs. He will reflect on the spirituality of the priest and his topic will be "Jesus on the Cross: His Defining Moment As Priest."

Priestly ordination June 11

LAKE CHARLES -- Deacons John Huckaby and Jeffrey Starkovich will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles at a 10 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, June 11. The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will be the celebrant and ordaining prelate.

Priests of the Diocese of Lake Charles will concelebrate. The two men have completed their theological studies, Deacon Starkovich at the Pontifical North American College in Rome and Deacon Huckaby at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. A reception will be at St. Louis Catholic High School, 1620 Bank Street.

Marriage anniversary Mass June 26

LAKE CHARLES -- The annual celebration of couples in the Diocese of Lake Charles who will be married 25 or 50 years in 2011 will be for Sunday, June 26, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will be the celebrant of the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The Office of Family is the sponsor of the event.

Couples who will celebrate an anniversary of more than 50 years of Christian marriage that is divisible by five, such as 55, 60, 65, or 70 are also invited. All couples should contact their church parish office to register for the celebration so that a formal invitation from the Bishop can be mailed. The deadline to register is June 20.

A reception will be held in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral Office Complex on the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets will take place immediately following the Mass. The Cathedral is handicap accessible for those who may require this assistance.

Contact Kathy Owen, Director of the Office of Family Life, at 337-439-7400 for more information.

Diaconate ordination Aug. 6

LAKE CHARLES -- Bryan Thompson, a seminarian studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles, is scheduled to be ordained to the diaconate at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church.

A reception will follow the Liturgy in the Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc Family Life Center.