



Priests ordained, celebrate First Masses



In this grouping of photos, beginning at top left (1) the two candidates for ordination make their way from the sacristy to the front of the Cathedral before the procession. In (2) Deacon John Huckaby, nearest, and Deacon Jeffrey Starkovich listen as they are presented to Bishop Glen John Provost for ordination. Here Reverend Joseph Fowler, representing the Pontifical North American College in Rome speaks about Deacon Starkovich's readiness for ministry; in (3) Bishop Provost addresses the people and the candidates on the duties of priestly ministry; and in (4) Bishop Provost extends his hands over the candidates and prays the Prayer of Ordination. In photo (5), Reverend Huckaby celebrates his first Mass on Saturday, June 11, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Lake Charles. In (6), Reverend Starkovich, before the final blessing at his first Mass at Christ the King in Lake Charles, offers his personal thanks to the many who helped him in his vocation journey, particularly his mother, father and grandmother.

Stories of challenges, success for Asociación Pan y Amor

(Read more at <http://live.lcdiocese.org/news/882-asociacion-pan-y-amor.html>)

LAKE CHARLES – On what has become her annual trip to Southwest Louisiana to thank those who assist the *Asociación Pan y Amor* through a spring golf tournament and the Abrazando Cristo Mission Program, Charlotte Somarriba brought stories of advancement and success among the poor of Managua, Nicaragua.

With three facilities now, that not only feed but provide educational opportunities that were limited or unavailable for children from age three through high school before, the organization advances despite adversity.

"The past year has been a difficult one but a good one," Mrs. Somarriba said. "Difficult in that we acquired a school with over 1,000 students and then we added a pre-school that was not there before. We have gone from 90 pre-school students to now 180.

"In the high school we graduated 77 last year," she continued. "Besides their high school diplomas those young people left us with a certification in computer and in accounting or secretarial skills. They had the basic computer program skills – Excel, Word, PowerPoint. Next year we will have 75 graduates and we have added a program of career training."

Because of government educational mandates, all the students had to learn typewriting skills – on real typewriters. But, now the program will be enhanced from mere secretarial to more of an executive assistant training.

"We have had to crawl before we could walk," she continued. "Even with the government mandates that they learn typewriter skills, we want these young people to have total computer skills."

In addition to classroom work, the young people who graduate also gain on-the-job training.

"In the last three years of high school, these graduates will have accomplished 480 hours of apprenticeship in a private enterprise," Mrs. Somarriba said. "We want them to leave us prepared to work in the private sector."

These children will have come from a place where they had little or not chance at a reasonable future but the school will have given them the ability to fend for themselves and provide for a family.

"You have to remember that this was the first year of taking on these high school graduates," she continued. "We plan each year that these young people will be even more prepared. We are working with a group that is giving them even more life skills."

Dr. Patricia Corasco, who heads the high school, was accompanying Mrs. Somarriba on the spring sojourn in Southwest Louisiana. Dr. Corasco has been with the organization since its inception in 2000. The centers have a team of social workers, psychologists, and physicians who have the task of monitoring the welfare, emotion, and physical development of the students.

"They work with the children's emotional issues," Dr. Corasco said. "We work on teaching them discipline and responsibility and they help them understand things in the new world offered to them by education and working to meet the needs of each child."

Because of the culture of the country and the dire poverty of the people, many of these children will never have learned about the power of team-building and collaboration at home.

"We teach them how to work together because they don't learn a lot of that at home," Mrs. Somarriba said. "In their homes it will be one family is the enemy of another family."

The original school, which was led by Dr. Corasco, began in 2000 and sits in one of the largest informal markets in Central America. Those students have been taught collaboration from the beginning.

"We have taught and are teaching them to get along with each other," she continued. "This is something our market children learned from years back but these new students are learning it anew, the business of being responsible."

One of the hopes from last year has also been realized, with the opening of a bakery. This was a project that would provide students with additional career training opportunities.

"We have opened a bakery in the big school and it is going wonderfully," Mrs. Somarriba said. "We've been open three or four months and we are not in a rush to do things all at once. The young lady who runs it is still learning. We sell all our products to the school cafeteria or use them ourselves in the feeding program, though we have already begun selling to the community."

Another difficulty of previous years, not having enough textbooks for each student, has been remedied to a certain extent.

"We began the last school year with \$8000 in donations allotted to books, so all our classes have textbooks, but not every child," she continued. "There is still a need for sharing, about one book for each five students."

"This is a great accomplishment," she continued. "This is a much lower ratio than in previous times when there was only a single book for an entire class."

Challenges will always be there but Mrs. Somarriba and Dr. Corasco along with the other staff and faculty of all the facilities look to God for his divine help and inspiration.



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost made a surprise appearance at the recent Johnnie Thibodeaux, Jr., Memorial Golf Tournament held at Mallard Cove. Proceeds from the event are used to aid the *Asociación Pan y Amor*, whose mission is the elimination of child labor and breaking the cycle of poverty through an excellent education, teaching life skills and technical training to children and adolescents from some of the poorest and most violent neighborhoods of Managua, Nicaragua, thus enabling them to grow up to lead dignified and productive lives. Pictured here, from left, are Kathryn Stutes Thibodeaux, Angie Thibodeaux Papania, Dr. Patricia Corasco, the director of one of the schools; Charlotte Somarriba, the head of the organization, Bishop Provost, Susan Thibodeaux, Johnnie Thibodeaux, Sr., and James Thibodeaux. The golf tournament is held to remember the Thibodeaux's son who died in an automobile accident in 2005.



Rev. Msgr. Daniel A. Torres, gives the invocation at the Avenue of Flags ceremony held on Memorial Day at the Graceland-Orange Grove Cemetery. Presenting the colors were members of the United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Lake Charles. Guest speaker was Lieutenant Commander Robert C. Compher, USCG Marine Safety Unit Lake Charles, commanding officer.

Did you know...

The Reverend Edward J. Richard, M.S., was installed as the pastor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur on June 4 by Bishop Glen John Provost. Father Richard is 25th Missionaries of LaSalette priest to shepherd the church. It is significant that Fr. Richard is native of DeQuincy, returning to his home Diocese after a lengthy stint teaching at the Kenrick-Glenon Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.

Three churches of the Diocese celebrate anniversaries of establishment in July, one on July 1, another on July 3, and the third, on July 5. Can you name them? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

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Sixtieth anniversary for Bishop Leonard Olivier

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Leonard J. Olivier, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Washington, DC, a native of Lake Charles, and one of two Bishops to hail from Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, celebrated his 60th anniversary of priestly ordination on Sunday, June 12 – the Feast of Pentecost – in Sacred Heart Church.

Joining Bishop Olivier were the Bishops of the Diocese of Lake Charles, The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, and the Diocese of Lafayette, The Most Reverend Michael Jarrell. Other priests concelebrating were Msgr. Ronald Groth, pastor of Sacred Heart; Rev. Marcus Johnson, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary; Rev. Joseph Angadiath, CMI; Rev. Jerome LeDoux, SVD (also a Sacred Heart and Lake Charles native), Rev. Emanuel Tanu, SVD, and Rev. August L. Thompson.

Family and friends from Lake Charles and from far

away attended the Mass, which is one of a number that Bishop Olivier will celebrate during his Diamond Jubilee of priestly service. Other celebrations took place 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. The Bishop was ordained on June 29, 1951 as a priest of the Divine Word Missionaries, in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

The late Bishop Harold R. Perry, SVD, was also a product of Sacred Heart Church and school, being named the Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans in 1965, serving there until his death in 1991. Bishop Perry was the first African-American Catholic Bishop of the 20th Century.

In his homily, Bishop Olivier, first asked his family to stand and they received a rousing round of applause. The Bishop then said, “I don’t think I could have

done these sixty years without my family. I was always able to come back home and drink from that fountain of support, friendship, and their prayers. God has blessed me that I was able to come back, even though sometimes I was far away and couldn’t come back often. In later years I was able to come back more often.”

In speaking about the importance of the day – Pentecost – the Bishop noted, “The Church celebrates (today) God sending his Holy Spirit to be with us and guide us. Remember that Jesus, several times toward the end of his life, promised that he would send us the Holy Spirit.”

“With the sacrament he gave us, the Eucharist, he also gave us the priesthood,” Bishop Olivier said. “That is what we really celebrate today. It is true that it’s my 60th anniversary as a priest, but we are really celebrating the institution of the priest, the priesthood of all priests.”



Bishop Leonard Olivier, SVD, center, celebrated Mass on Pentecost Sunday at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Lake Charles in honor of the 60th anniversary of his priestly ordination. Bishop Olivier is the Auxiliary Bishop emeritus of Washington, DC. The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, and The Most Reverend Michael Jarrell, Bishop of Lafayette, concelebrated with Bishop Olivier. Clergy pictured are, from left, Fr. Jerome LeDoux, SVD; Fr. Joseph Angadiath, C.M.I.; Fr. Augustus Thompson; Bishop Olivier; Fr. Marcus Johnson; Fr. Emanuel Tanu, SVD; Deacon Edward Lavine; Msgr. Ronald Groth; Bishop Provost; and Bishop Jarrell.

Selah House ... Promoting total wellness - mind, body, and soul

LAKE CHARLES -- Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Daughters are proud to sponsor The Selah House, a home that will provide housing and other resources for homeless male and female veterans 18 years and older, by providing a nurturing and supportive environment that promotes total health and wellness.

About one-third of the adult homeless population has served their country in the Armed Services. Current population estimates suggest that about 131,000 male and female Veterans are homeless. Presently the number of homeless Vietnam era Veterans is greater than the number of service persons who died during that war, and a small number of Desert Storm veterans are also appearing in the homeless population.

The Selah House will help veterans establish a support network between families, medical professionals, and the community for mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness. The agency caters to the immediate, short and long-term concerns so that residents can focus on their individual treatment plan, as well as educational and social needs. They will also provide housing, transportation, education, job readiness, life skills, computer training, and drug and alcohol abuse groups to residents of the Veteran Administration.

The infrastructure of The Selah House will include implementing an outreach program that focuses on educating rural communities about ending veteran homelessness. The agency plans to have support groups as well as non-medical services and treatments. Funding for The Selah House is established through federal, state, local government agencies, corporate foundations, and private foundation grants.

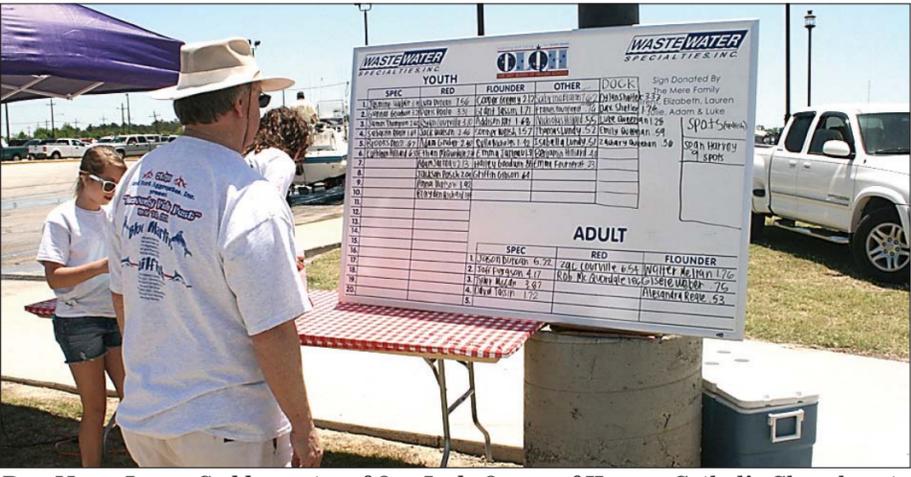
In addition, the organization plans to allow local corporations and businesses to sponsor private rooms.

The Executive Director/Founder Shelia Doucet Bellow was born in Lake Charles and attended Lake Charles Boston High School, graduating from Eternity Christian Academy. She attended Delta School of Business and also attended and graduated from Ocean Corporation, where she studied Non-Destructive Testing. She is also the founder of a ministry called Daughters of Destiny and Angel Essence. Her candle hobby is used to help fund both entities. While living in Texas she was a Partner in BST Extended Stay where they did corporate apartments for the Texas Medical Center.

Sheila says, “I’ve always dealt with the sick, hurting, and disabled. The Selah House is designed to help

the hurting. My overall goal is to promote happiness and to bring peace and hope to people that have been diagnosed with deadly diseases, illnesses, and chronic homelessness. This agency offers the participating individuals a second chance, despite what walk of life they came from. In The Selah House I have found my purpose. I am assured that this is what I am supposed to be doing.”

The Catholic Daughters invite you to take part in this important foundation. They are looking for volunteers to help with many tasks. You may contact Shelia Doucet Bellow directly at The Selah House Inc.; Physical Address - 2208 Commercial Street; Lake Charles, LA 70601; Mailing Address -5923 Swift Plant Road; Lake Charles, LA 70615; Cell - 337-214-9162; Office - 337-493-2031 sheliadoucet@theselahhouse.org ; www.theselahhouse.org



Rev. Msgr. James Gaddy, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, gets a good look at the leaderboard for the church’s Heavenly Fish Fest tournament held at Calcasieu Point.

Fishing tournament a “boatload of fun”

LAKE CHARLES – Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School’s annual Heavenly Fish Fest drew more than 300 anglers and a large crowd of onlookers recently at Calcasieu Point.

The tournament’s chief weighmaster was Msgr. James Gaddy, an avid fisherman in his own right and Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. He was aided by Barry Barger at the scales.

Sean Harvey brought in the redfish with the most spots - nine.

Other tournament placing was established by the heaviest fish landed in each of a variety of classifications.

The largest flounder was boated by Cooper Gregory with a 2.12 pound fish followed by Bonnie Brame, 2.06; Grant Henning, 1.85; Blade Robinson 1.76; Grant Tassin, 1.71; Addison Kay, 1.68; Conner Welsh, 1.57; Bella Nicholas, 1.43; Emma Jarreau, 1.31; and Kinsi Da-

ley, 1.13. Top places in the adult flounder division were Mike Bono, 2.09; Cindy Daigle, 2.00; Walter Melton, 1.76; Matt Brumwell, 1.18; Giselle Weber, 0.75; Ali Reale, 0.53; and Keith Williams, 0.44.

Jason Duncan brought in the largest trout in the adult division with a 5.22 pounder, followed by Jeff Ferguson, 4.17; Tyler McCann 3.87; David Tassin, 1.72; and Sebastian Reale, 1.69. Top youth winner in the trout division was Aiden Welsh with a 3.90-pound specimen. Other top youth were Jasmine Weber, 3.49; Gunner Goodwin, 3.23; James Thompson, 2.62; Katalina Daley, 1.21; Brooks Drost, 0.67; and Kathleen Hilliard, 0.63.

Winners in the adult redfish category were led by Homer Dupin, 7.86; Zac Courville, 6.54; Gary Williams, 4.90; Hunter Dupin, 4.60; Ryan Evans, 4.33; Gordon Leitz, 4.24; Sean Fontenot, 4.16; Will

Moreno, 3.85; A.J. Bellard, 3.61; and Jerry Sonnier, 3.47.

Luke Duncan boated a 7.56-pounder redfish to win the youth redfish category followed by Hunter Keller, 6.62; Emily Bono, 5.89; Gabie Moreno, 5.70; Will Gage, 5.17; Jacob Hebert, 3.87; Paris Reale, 3.31; Brennan Welsh, 3.16; Ryan Courville, 4.10; and Ryan Monk, 2.88.

Youth winners were chosen by heaviest catch and included: Sabrina Brame, Drum, 17.65; Tanner Dupin, Gafftop, 5.25; Chris Gayle, Drum, 2.74; Riley Hebert, 2.60, Catfish; Stephen Kershaw, 2.25, Croker; Frances Fournierat, 0.76; Crab; Thomas Lundy, 0.52; Croker; Isabella Lundy, 0.51, Croker; Benjamin Hilliard, 0.40, Croker; and Emma Fournierat, 0.23, Ribbon.

Jacob Verzywvlt brought in a 36.24-pound Drum to capture the top spot in the wharf division.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Open House for Father Don Piraro

MOSS BLUFF – A celebration of gratitude Open House in honor of Father Don Piraro, Director Emeritus of Saint Charles Center upon the occasion of his retirement, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 17, in the Brulet Hall Dining Room of Tabor Retreat House at Saint Charles Center.

Mass for Special Needs July 10

LAKE CHARLES -- Everyone is invited to a Mass for Individuals with Special Needs and their families and friends on Sunday, July 10 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Louis Catholic High School, 1620 Bank Street, Lake Charles. Rev. Whitney Miller will be the celebrant and all denominations are invited to join this celebration. The Mass is an opportunity for all to worship despite difficulty, embarrassment, or frustration. For more information, call Karen Duhon @ 478-0243 or Shari Cormier @ 478-0043.

Dining & Jazz fundraiser July 24

LAKE CHARLES – *Smooth Music & Great Food*, a fundraiser for Sacred Heart/St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, July 24, at the Harlequin Restaurant, 501 E. College Street.

Enjoy this evening of dining and jazz with a select menu of appetizers, entrée and dessert including Crawfish Etouffée-topped Tilapia or Beef Shish-Kabob.

Tickets are \$30 per person or a table of eight can be purchased for \$250.

Call the school office at 436-3588 to purchase your tickets or 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.

Women on the Way support group

LAKE CHARLES – *Women on the Way* is a monthly support group for women discerning a possible vocation to the Religious Life. Sponsored and hosted by various women Religious in the Diocese of Lake Charles, the meetings are open to all women 16 years and older.

For more information, call Sr. Camille Martinez, SEC at 477-1236.

Women’s silent retreat set in August

MOSS BLUFF – A silent retreat for women, sponsored by St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Bell City and led by Father Whitney Miller, will be held Friday, August 19 through Sunday, August 21, at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

Retreatants will reflect on the fifth chapter of St. Paul’s Letter to the Galatians and will examine the call to holiness as revealed in the fruits of the Holy Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Silence will be maintained throughout the weekend.

To register call Ester Harrington at 477-5184 or Saint Charles Center at 855-1232. The suggested donation is \$139 per person in a shared room or \$155 for a private room.

Clergy, religious anniversaries

LAKE CHARLES – The Knights of Columbus and the faith community of St. Henry Catholic Church will honor priests, deacons and religious celebrating significant anniversary years in multiples of five on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at a Mass beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the church at 1021 Eighth Avenue.

A luncheon for the honorees will follow the Mass in the St. Henry Community Center, located behind the church.