



## Msgr. Cramers Assembly presents annual awards

MOSS BLUFF – The annual Msgr. Cramers Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Awards banquet held recently in the St. Theodore Knights of Columbus Hall saw a number of honors announced.

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost was named the Assembly's Citizen of the Year. This award was established in 1981 to recognize the individual who is deemed to have made the most distinguished contributions to the welfare and progress of the Diocese of Lake Charles in the previous year. Bishop Provost is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, the Order of St. George and serves on several committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The Anthony J. Abate Memorial Award, named for the long-time Comptroller and past Faithful Navigator of the Assembly, was given to John Halloran. Halloran currently serves as the president of the Lake Charles Serra Club, was Senior Vice Commander of the VFW Post 9933 in Moss Bluff, associate editor of the newsletter for the Order of St. Lazarus, is the diocesan representative of the Order of Malta and the national chairman for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting among numerous other duties.

The award was established in 1996 to recognize the person who is deemed to have made the most distinguished contributions to the public welfare within the Assembly area during the previous year.

The Audry Pizanie Memorial Award, which recognizes a Knight that has performed outstanding service in an appointed office or chairmanship at the Assembly or District level for at least 10 years, went to Wylace Vincent.

Vincent has been an officer in the Msgr. Cramers Assembly for more than 22 years holding numerous positions. He is the former recipient of the Assembly Family of the Year award, the Jack O'Reilly Sr., Memorial Award, the Fourth Degree Order of Merit, Sir Knight of the Year, and the Howard Joubert Memorial Award.

The Assembly Family of the Year Award, which recognizes a family residing in the As-



sembly area that has distinguished itself for service to Holy Mother Church, Assembly and the civic community, went to the Dr. Keith DeSonier, his wife Dale and daughter Ainsley. The family belongs to Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church and is very involved in numerous ministries of the church and community.

The Lawrence Toups Jr. Memorial Award, named for the long-time mayor of Iowa and Past Faithful Navigator of Msgr. Cramers Assembly, recognizes a public official who has fulfilled the duties of that office with integrity and efficiency.

The 2011 recipient of the award was the Honorable Estes LeDoux, Jr., mayor of Kinder.

Mayor LeDoux previously served as a deputy sheriff in Allen Parish, has been a lector at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder, and very active in the pro-life movement. He has been a Knight of Columbus for more than 42 years. Prior to his appointment as interim mayor following the death of the town's mayor, he served as a town councilman for 22 years. He was subsequently elected in his own right and re-elected in 2006.

He is responsible for many improvements in the town and has authored a number of other community initiatives.



Five awards were presented at the recent Msgr. Cramers Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus banquet. In (1) The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles accepts the Assembly's Citizen of the Year award from Sir Knight Jack O'Reilly, Jr. In (2), Sir Knight Wylace Vincent is presented with the Audry Pizanie Memorial Award by Sir Knight Fred Fluitt. In (3), Kinder Mayor Estes LeDoux receives the Lawrence Toups Jr. Award from Sir Knight Wylace Vincent and in (4) the Assembly Family of the Year, Dr. Keith and Dale DeSonier and daughter Ainsley, receive their plaque from Sir Knight J. W. "Bill" Marcantel. In (5) Nila Halloran accepts the Anthony J. Abate Memorial Award for her husband John, who was unable to attend the event, from Mary Jane Vaughn.

## Serra Club officers installed

LAKE CHARLES – The 2011-2013 Board of Directors for the Serra Club of Lake Charles was installed at the club's recent annual banquet.

John J. Halloran, Jr. will serve a second term as the club's president. Elaine Heape and William Koehl are the vice presidents for vocations; Marie Davidson and Mandy Robichaux are vice presidents for external programs while Charlie and Joanna Viccellio will serve as vice presidents for internal programs.

Phyllis Wilson and Dolores Beaco will serve, respectively, as vice presidents of communications and membership. Dale and Ainsley DeSonier will jointly serve as secretary while Dr. Richmond Corley will serve as treasurer.

Three-year trustee is George Kuffel, two-year trustee is Luvetha August, and one-year trustee is Dan Eason. Joe Stoma will continue to serve as the Serra International Foundation representative.

Rev. Msgr. Daniel Torres is the club's chaplain.

In addition a number of



Members of the Board of Directors of the Serra Club of Lake Charles are pictured with The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, following the recent annual banquet. Pictured are, seated, from left Marie Davidson, Elaine Heape, Bishop Provost, Joanna Viccellio, Dolores Beaco, Mandy Robichaux; and standing, from, left George Kuffel, William Koehl, John Halloran, Msgr. Daniel Torres, Charles Viccellio, Dr. Richmond Corley, and Dan Eason.

awards were presented to club members. Mary Ann and Fillmore Johnson were named Serrans of the Year for 2010 while Joe Stomas received the presidential commendation award from Halloran.

Halloran also made a special presentation to Betty Henry and Marie Davidson for their faithful attendance at club events during his

two-year term of club leadership.

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost attended the banquet extended his remarks to those in attendance while Reverend Nathan Long, Secretary for the Ministry of Christian Formation and Director of Vianney House, the diocesan house of discernment set to open in August, was the guest speak-

er. Also attending was Serra District 13 Governor Joe Agosto who spoke of the good work of the Lake Charles Serra Club.

The banquet was dedicated to the late U. Joseph East, a longtime club member. Several of East's children in attendance received tokens of the esteem for which the club had for their father, from President Halloran.

## St. Louis students garner "La. Student Achievement Award"

LAKE CHARLES -- Twenty-three St. Louis Catholic High School sophomore students have received the "Louisiana Student Achievement Award" from the Louisiana ACT Council for their performance on the PLAN (Pre-ACT) Assessment. These students are on target to meet or exceed ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks by graduation. ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks are empirically-based and identify the level of achievement necessary in English, mathematics, reading and science to have a successful college fresh-

man experience. The students receiving this recognition from the Louisiana ACT Council are: Henry Abrahams, Matthew Berry, Kathryn Billeaudeaux, Autumn Cormier, Andrew Courville, David Crawford, Charles Crochet, Morgan Davis, Jacob Eccles, Michael Eccles, Julia Falgoust, Sarah France, Timothy Griffen, Scott Hebert, Jane Johnston, Jeffrey Joseph, Jr., Margaret Lie, Sierra Maust, David Rau, Grant Reddoch, Christopher Sims, Mason Veillon, and Michael White

The Louisiana ACT Council is composed of secondary and postsecondary educators who advise ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in Louisiana schools and colleges. ACT, Inc. is the not-for-profit organization that provides assessment, research, information and program management services in the broad areas of education and workforce development and the publisher of the ACT Assessment. The ACT Assessment is the college admissions test accepted by all colleges nationwide.

According to Karen Pennell, ACT Assistant Vice President and Southwest Regional Manager, "The Louisiana ACT Council recognizes those students who are making significant strides to prepare themselves for college by taking rigorous courses and meeting the PLAN (Pre-ACT) College Readiness Benchmarks. We also want to recognize that student PLAN (Pre-ACT) achievement is the result of a strong commitment by St. Louis Catholic High School teachers, staff, administrators and parents to increase college readiness for all students."

## Three seminary burses established

LAKE CHARLES – Three new seminary burses for the Diocese of Lake Charles have recently been established, including one as a legacy and another in memory of Blessed Pope John Paul II.

The estate of the late Penny Perkins established a \$25,000 burse in her name and the name of her late husband, Edgar Perkins, Jr., of DeQuincy.

Members of the clergy of the Diocese of Lake Charles recently made a \$1,500 contribution to open a burse in the name of Blessed John Paul II.

The latest burse to be established is in the name of Angela and Frank Miller.

A seminary burse is a permanent fund set aside to provide income for the education and training of future priests. This latest burse brings the total amount invested to \$1,142,168.47. Seven men will be in various stages of discernment and education beginning this fall semester and three men have applied for entry to the diocesan house of discernment, Vianney House.

(As of July 10, 2011)

Msgr. Louis Boudreaux	\$ 6,982.50
Bishop Jeanmard	\$ 9,276.69
Latrielle Houssiere	\$ 15,000.00
Charles Houssiere	\$ 15,000.00
Gelu Houssiere	\$ 15,000.00
Henry Houssiere	\$ 15,000.00
Msgr. William J. Teurlings	\$ 3,092.23
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Houssiere	\$ 15,000.00
Israel Hebert Family	\$ 15,000.00
Fr. Moise Hebert	\$ 2,231.66
Pro Ecclesia	\$ 5,203.55
Immaculate Conception	\$ 3,092.23
Saint Joseph	\$ 1,217.93
Lake Charles Seminary	\$ 15,000.00
Cure d' Ars	\$ 3,092.23
Mr. & Mrs. C. Delahoussaye	\$ 15,000.00
Msgr. Lersch	\$ 1,203.35
Saint Theresa	\$ 5,356.71
Catholic Daughters of the Americas	\$ 1,666.46
Msgr. Louis Boudreaux	\$ 15,000.00
Herrington Family	\$ 15,000.00
Horvath Family	\$ 12,500.00
Harry Van Tiel Family	\$ 1,031.96
Habetz-Oustalet-Mitchell Families	\$ 5,000.00
Msgr. A. Van Buijtenen	\$ 5,118.00
Msgr. Jules Daigle	\$ 15,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Galip Jacobs/Sam Joseph	\$ 600.00
Msgr. Charles Levasseur	\$ 70,000.00
Plauche Family	\$ 4,000.00
Rev. Oscar S Vasquez-Munoz	\$ 1,429.00
Msgr. Bede Beemel	\$ 23,652.68
Jeffery Savant	\$ 2,435.00
Rev. Robert Lee Shreve	\$ 25,973.33
Bishop Jude Speyrer	\$ 4,000.00
Our Lady of the Snows/ CDA Court	\$ 20,200.00
Msgr. Curtis Vidrine	\$ 28,689.60
Msgr. Murphy Bernard	\$ 27,476.90
Rev. Alphonse M. Volpe	\$ 25,122.62
East Deanery Serra Club	\$ 550.00
Msgr. Charles Dubois	\$ 9,926.70
Msgr. Amos J. Vincent	\$ 34,723.21
Rev. Oris A. Broussard	\$ 27,810.66
Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc	\$ 160,127.43
Rev. John Giles	\$ 25,132.21
Rev. Maurice Martineau	\$ 27,087.40
Truman Stacey	\$ 10,382.09
Lorraine Yelverton	\$ 3,500.00
The Ordinatio Family	\$ 50,000.00
Walter Henry/Agnes Stevenson Granger	\$ 40,000.00
Edward Thomas (Tom) Cassidy	\$ 2,000.00
Mitchell Duhon	\$ 252,984.14
Joe and Janet Stoma	\$ 6,250.00
Marion Bond Courge	\$ 500.00
Bill Moriarity	\$ 50.00
Blessed Pope John Paul II	\$ 1,500.00
Edgar and Penny Perkins	\$ 25,000.00
Angela and Frank Miller	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,142,168.47</b>

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## Burglary, vandalism at Vianney House

LAKE CHARLES – Construction work continues on Vianney House, the soon to be opened house of discernment for men considering the diocesan priesthood, even though a recent burglary and theft caused between \$8,500 and \$9,000 worth of damage to the project. Thieves took nearly \$5,000 worth of copper tubing from air conditioning units and the plumbing of the house over the Independence Day weekend.

Vianney House, which opens on August 4 – the feast day of St. John Vianney, the patron of priests – will be a residence for those in the Diocese of Lake Charles who are discerning seriously God's call to a vocation to the diocesan priesthood but who have not yet made a decision to enter the seminary.

Located on the corner of Bank and Ninth Streets, it previously served as the faculty residence for St. Louis Catholic High School, which provided it to the Diocese of Lake Charles for this project.

Vianney House is another aspect in Bishop Glen John Provost's program to seek out men considering the call to diocesan priesthood. While the Diocese has been fortunate to have had three priests ordained in the past six months, the need for more men discerning their calling and more ordinations is vital. The Bishop's institution of Forty Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament in the early months of his episcopacy continues to bear fruit with not only priestly vocations for the Diocese but men and women considering the vocations of priests, brothers, and sisters in various religious orders around the country.

Several diocesan priests were granted retirement status this year and others are nearing retirement age, exacerbating the continued search for men being called to the vocation.

In the fall, there will be seven men in vari-

ous stages of study and discernment, including three who are just entering the seminary – Joseph Ferrer, John Souder, and Trey Ange. All three will be attending St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, La. According to Father Nathan Long, Director of Vianney House, three men have made application for fall residence in Vianney House.

While the Diocese does have a good number of seminarians, there could always be more.

"We certainly could do better," Father Long said. "We need at least one ordination per year and need to maintain a steady pace of men entering the seminary. Vianney House is a way to build the community of vocations."

Programs such as Vianney House have shown great results in other parts of the United States.

The recent break-in was costly not only in the loss of materials but also in the time and money it will take to bring the project back to its original time schedule, according to Father Long.

"We have had numerous patrons and donors who gave both of their time and financial contributions," Father Long said. The thieves were stealing from those generous individuals as well, according to Father Long. The incident was reported to the Lake Charles City Police and insurance claims have been filed to recover the losses. In addition, a security system is being installed in the house to protect from future.

Applications for residency will be processed through the Vocations Office and continue to be accepted. Anyone interested in financially assisting with the project, should contact Msgr. Daniel Torres at 337-439-7400 or by writing to him at P.O. Box 3223, Lake Charles, LA 70602-3223.



Vandals broke through this window to gain entrance to Vianney House and stole about \$5,000 worth of copper tubing from the air conditioning system and the hot water heater. There were between \$8,500 and \$9,000 in total damages to the residence.

## Schedule and topics for breakfasts, luncheons with Bishop Provost

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will be speaking on The Gospel of St. Matthew when he begins the new year of breakfasts and luncheons with the men and women of the Diocese in September. Each of the events will be held in Ave Maria Hall of the office complex of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, located on the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets.

The breakfasts begin at 7 a.m. following the 6:30 a.m. celebration of Mass in the Cathedral.

In September, the Bishop will speak on the First through Fourth chapters of St. Matthew, *The Infancy and Preface to the Ministry of Jesus*. The men's breakfast is Friday, Sept. 9, and the women's luncheon is set for Tuesday, Sept. 13. The remainder of Chapter 4 through Chapter 7, *The Sermon on the Mount*, will be the October discussion topic for the women on Tuesday Oct. 4 and on Friday, Oct. 7 for the men.

November's breakfast is Friday, Nov. 4 while the luncheon is Tuesday, Nov. 8. Chapters 8 through 12 of St. Matthew's Gospel, *The Messianic Miracles and the New People of God*, will serve as Bishop Provost's topic in November.

December's topic, *The Parables of the Kingdom*, come from Chapter 13 of Matthew. Currently, only the men's breakfast will be held on Friday, Dec. 9.

The January luncheon will be Tuesday, Jan. 10 while the breakfast is set for Friday, Jan. 13. The completion of Chapter 13 through 16, *The Withdrawal and Journeys of Jesus*, will be the scripture topic in January.

There will be a men's breakfast in February on Friday, Feb. 10 discussing the remainder of Chapter 16 through Chapter 20, *The Transfiguration and Discourse on the Church*.

March's luncheon is set for Tuesday, March 6, and the breakfast is scheduled for Friday, March 9. Chapter 21 through 23, *The Cleansing of the Temple and Controversies*, will serve as discussion material in March.

The April luncheon is Tuesday, April 10, while the breakfast is set for Friday, April 13 discussing Chapters 24 and 25, *The Eschatological Discourse*.

The Bishop will complete his discussion on St. Matthew in May using Chapters 26-28, *The Passion, Death and Resurrection*, at the Tuesday, May 1, luncheon and the Friday, May 11 breakfast.

Women should 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. Men are asked to call 337-439-7400 to register for the breakfast.



The St. Louis Foundation, the trust fund for the future was established in 1983 for the sole purpose of giving financial assistance to St. Louis Catholic High School. The Foundation distributed \$90,000 to the school this year. Pictured, left to right, are Joey Pousson, Foundation Chairman; Deborah Frank, President of the school and Wendell Fontenot, Foundation Executive Director.

## St. Katharine Drexel to be inducted into Hall of Fame

(To read more go to <http://live.lcdiocese.org/news/888-st-katharine-drexel-to-be-inducted-into-womens-hall-of-fame.html>)

SENECA FALLS, NY -- The National Women's Hall of Fame has announced the upcoming induction of 11 American women, including St. Katharine Drexel, who have made valuable and enduring contributions to our nation. These women will be formally inducted on September 30 and October 1 in Seneca Falls, the birthplace of the American Women's Rights Movement.

The National Women's Hall of Fame is the

nation's oldest membership organization recognizing the achievements of great American women.

St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955) was a missionary who dedicated her life and fortune to aid Native Americans and African Americans. She is only the second recognized American-born saint. In 1891, Saint Katharine founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, a religious order that today remains devoted to the education and care of Native Americans and African Americans.

## 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.

### 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.

### August programs at Tabor Retreat House

MOSS BLUFF – Several programs take place in August at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

Father Whitney Miller, director of the Center, will lead a "Parent Survival Mini-Boot Camp" on Wednesday, Aug. 10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. This "crash course" will help those who attend gear back up for the beginning of a new school year in this time for parents to get "in shape" once again in the basics of family life tidbits for effective discipline, solid communication skills, and spiritual guidelines for constructive growth and long term happiness. The suggested donation of

\$20.00 includes supper.

The Spiritual Book Club, moderated by Father Don Piraro, will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 30 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Spiritual Book Club is an informal group of women and men who read a good spiritual book and come together to eat supper and to discuss the selection. The August selection is *The Paradox of Power* by Michael Crosby. Drawing from real life examples as well as theory, this book explores the potential for inspiration and wisdom that resides in power and can heal and invigorate relationships, marriages, and families, and benefit larger organizations such as corporations, churches and even nations. Michael Crosby is a Capuchin Franciscan. The book is a five star selection on Amazon.com. The suggested donation of \$20.00 includes supper.

Sr. Diane Depwe will lead "Let Go, Let God" on Tuesday, Aug. 30 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. This program will help attendees experience God's love for them in a way that will help them let go of worries, perfectionism, past hurts from others and /or events. The suggested donation of \$20.00 includes supper.

For more information, call the Center to register at (337) 855-1232.

### 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.

### Did you know...

Four churches of the Diocese celebrate anniversaries of establishment this month. They are St. Theodore in Moss Bluff (July 1, 1974); Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Jennings (July 3, 1951); Immaculate Conception in Maplewood (July 5, 1959); and St. Margaret of Scotland (July 16, 1945)

Only one parish celebrates an anniversary in August and this year will be its 40th year of establishment. Can you name the parish? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.