



Bishop Provost Announces New Evangelization Initiative

At the recent August meeting of diocesan leadership for Long Range Planning, Bishop Glen John Provost made the following announcement regarding plans to begin a New Evangelization Initiative in the Diocese of Lake Charles:

I wish to propose a New Evangelization Initiative for the Diocese of Lake Charles. Such an effort is, I believe, important for two reasons. First, the New Evangelization continues to be an ongoing pastoral concern for the Church. It is not a new topic and remains a priority for Church leadership. Second, there has been a growing awareness in this particular Diocese of pressing needs in the area of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and promoting the mission of the Church. We should not ignore the "signs of the times" that repeatedly manifest themselves in our own experience and in the pastoral life of our faithful.

Pope Benedict XVI has announced that the topic of the 13th General Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be convoked next year (October 7 to 28, 2012) will be "The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith." The "New Evangelization" has been the topic of much writing and consideration in the papacies of both the Servant of God Pope Paul VI and Blessed Pope John Paul II. In a recent statement, the General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops, H.E. Msgr. Nikola Eterovic, (March 4, 2011), presented the *lineamenta* or specific parameters for topics under consideration. In this document an important distinction is made between evangelization *ad gentes*, i.e. announcing the message to those who do not yet know Jesus Christ, and the *new evangelization*, i.e. announcing the message to people already baptized who have drifted away from the Church or lack adequate evangelization.

The General Secretary in his statement makes clear that the *lineamenta* are divided in three categories that reflect the theme of the upcoming Synod. The first is timing. The New Evangelization has been an emphasis consistently under the pontificates of Pope Benedict XVI and his two predecessors, beginning with *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (1974) and *Catechesi Tradendae* (1977). I have repeatedly made mention of this latter document in addressing my concerns about catechesis in our diocese. The New Evangelization continues to be of timely concern for a number of reasons, not the least of which are the growing secularization of our society, economic inequalities, rapid developments in scientific and technological research, changes in political structures, migration, and social communications.

The second is proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The General Secretary states, "Christians are called to establish a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus, in the community of the faithful and in the Church. ... The transmission of the faith as an encounter with Jesus Christ is brought about through Sacred Scripture and through the living Tradition of the Church" (ibid V). The proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ always requires renewed effort and increased zeal.

The third category for consideration is initiation into the Christian experience. Recently the concerns of catechetical leaders in the Diocese were brought to my attention in regards to Confirmation. Such a concern falls under this general category but should not be restricted to discussion of Confirmation. All the sacraments of Christian initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist - require our attention to focus on how they are communicated and celebrated. By extension, as well, we should not ignore how we sustain the Christian life through the other sacraments - Matrimony, Priesthood, Penance, and Anointing of the Sick.

As Blessed Pope John Paul II wrote in *Novo Millennio Ineunte* (n. 40), "A new apostolic outreach is needed." It is in this context that I am proposing a New Evangelization Initiative. Since no one person can undertake such a large endeavor and it must be a communal initiative, I ask that we will begin with discussions at the level of the Council of Priests and the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

To begin the discussion on New Evangelization in the

diocese, I am proposing initial questions to be considered by each of the above Councils. These questions arise in my mind from both recent and past studies conducted in the Diocese of Lake Charles and from our recent efforts, on the part of diocesan leadership, to formulate the Quinquennial Report for the 2012 *ad limina* visit. My questions for purposes of discussion are these:

1. While studies report an increase in the Catholic population of our Diocese, why is there a decreased number of Catholics in sacramental participation (cf. *status animarum* and October Headcount reports)?
- 2) Why are there significantly fewer participants in religious education programs in the West and Central Deaneries and only a slight increase in the East Deanery (cf. Blue Ribbon Religious Education Report)?
- 3) What do we judge to be effective evangelization initiatives in our parishes?
- 4) What impacts negatively on evangelization in our parishes?
- 5) In our own experience, what "works" in our parishes and what does not "work" in the areas of worship, education, and charitable outreach?
- 6) In our own parish, what new programs have been introduced over the last ten years to promote the evangelization of the faithful?
- 7) Catholic schools are generally perceived as an opportunity to evangelize our young people. In parishes that own a Catholic school or participate in its administration, does this school effectively evangelize or where could it better evangelize?
- 8) Over the last few decades, there has been a deepening of understanding or a shift of emphasis in the work of ecumenical outreach. What is your understanding of the Catholic Church's relationship with other ecclesial communities in our diocese? Where should be the emphasis?
- 9) Generally "Catholic identity" is seen as diminishing (cf. research studies by Pew and CARA show fewer identify themselves as Catholics or, if they do call themselves "Catholic," with Catholic positions or beliefs). From your perspective, where do you see loss of "Catholic identity" in your parish and in the Diocese?
- 10) At present a major discussion is developing nationwide regarding "religious freedom," in short, as has been stated, the Catholic Church has a right "to be church" in the public life of this country (cf. "But for Catholics, the common good can never mean muting themselves in public debate on foundational issues of human dignity. Christian faith is always personal but never private" Archbishop Charles Chaput, *Render unto Caesar*). Related to this issue are questions of what makes a Catholic institution "Catholic" and where is there possible infringement upon religious liberty? Fundamentally, where is "religious freedom" an issue in parish life?

If I were to summarize my concerns expressed in these questions, I would say that they include four: diminishing religious practice, increasing ignorance of the faith, a loss of Catholic identity, and a weakening of the Church's ability to inform the culture. Somehow these are interrelated and repeatedly surface in every study, survey, and statistical analysis at a national and diocesan level. In proposing these concerns, I do not mean to limit discussion to these topics. Simply I propose them to lay an introductory path

for future comprehensive consideration and action.

How do we proceed with a New Evangelization Initiative? I propose three steps for this Initiative in moving to a conclusion. First, over the coming months both Councils could address these questions and others separately, draw summary conclusions, and consolidate these in a recommendation. In this way there is an organic approach which allows for adaptation and focus. I would ask the two Councils to keep in mind the following emphases: 1) that we seek to address a revitalization of the Church and its message in our Diocese; 2) that we surface concrete measures to further the evangelizing mission of the Church in our Diocese; and 3) that we keep focused on two groups of Catholics, those who already practice who desire a deeper relationship with and understanding of Jesus Christ and His Church and those who no longer practice their faith, do so irregularly or have fallen away.

Second, the two Councils having completed their work, a second step would be for the Diocesan leadership, including the offices of the various Secretaries, to review these conclusions and offer their observations and input.

Finally, a conclusion with practical proposals would be presented to me, at which point I would formulate a plan in consultation with the two Councils. There is only one imperative: that the conclusion offers concrete and practical measures for furthering the New Evangelization in the Diocese of Lake Charles.

I daresay that any good pastor is constantly involved in reassessing evangelization in his parish. We review annually our catechetical texts and regularly the content of our preaching. We attend continuing education programs and rededicate ourselves repeatedly to deepening the spiritual life. We update our parish census and get to know our active and inactive parishioners. This initiative and whatever fruit comes from it should not be seen as replacing any pastoral work. Rather this initiative acknowledges the good work already taking place and also recognizes that the Catholic Church in the Diocese can always improve its outreach for the sake of Jesus Christ and His Gospel. Also, no pastoral initiative, however effective, can ignore the problems that continue to surface in the lives of our Catholics: ignorance of the faith, falling away from religious practice, breakup of the family, numerous addictions, lack of spirituality, and growing secularization, to mention only a few of the most obvious. The results of the forthcoming Synod of Bishops in 2012 will doubtless inform our efforts for the New Evangelization in the future.

Christ is the answer, and the Church has the message. Of this, as Catholic Christians, we are convinced. As our Holy Father has pointed out before, quoting the Second Letter of St. Peter, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" (II Peter 3:15). This is the call to the New Evangelization.

Committing this initiative to the prayers of Mary, Mother of the Church, and to St. Peter Claver, our diocesan patron who was so zealous in evangelization, I am confident that our efforts will yield rich fruit.

Devotedly yours in our Lord,

Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

Called2BCatholic Festival 2011 set September 10

LAKE CHARLES - "Love Out Loud", the 2011 Called2BCatholic Festival, is set for Saturday, September 10, in St. Louis Catholic High School, according to Milissa Thibodeaux, Director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Doors open at 11 a.m. for this event designed for the entire family.

Christian musical entertainers on the main stage include Laura Prejean, Gabriel's Cry, Ceili Rain, Mary Thompson, John Angotti, Michael Chaisson, and Nichole Lanthier.

Father Leo E Patalinghug, who hosts the television program *Grace Before Meals*, has been seen on numerous networks including EWTN, ABC, Food Network, PBS, CBS and Fox, will give the keynote address, which includes a cooking demonstration.

The *Grace Before Meals* movement encourages families to eat their meals together at least five times a week; to engage the family in conversation while preparing meals; say *Grace* before each meal; turn off the TV while eating; introduce interesting topics for the family to discuss, and tell friends and family about the *Grace Before Meals* movement.

Born in the Philippines and raised in the Baltimore area, Fr. Patalinghug developed his love for cooking while attending the North American College in Rome. There, he became friendly with several Italian restaur-

ant owners and would often invite them to the student kitchen to trade cooking secrets. They would teach him about rigatoni and lasagna; he would show them how to make hamburgers and ribs. Today, he is a skilled cook who enjoys learning how to make new dishes, and loves the process of preparing a meal, as much as he does sharing it with friends.

Father Patalinghug and the *Grace Before Meals* movement has been featured on the front pages of many newspapers and on television and radio programs, as well as Food Network's hit show, *Throwdown with Bobby Flay*, where Fr. Leo defeated the world renowned chef in a steak fajita cooking competition.

Two breakout sessions with talks for teens, young adults and adults will be presented by Angotti, members of Ceili Rain, Kathy Owen, Chaisson, Laura Adams, Roy Petitfils and Katie Prejean.

In addition, there will be a "Party for the Pope," arts and crafts in the Kids Zone for Christ, and a food concession. During the event, an Adoration Chapel with live music and prayer will be open. The event will conclude with a Eucharistic Procession to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception followed by Mass at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Diocese of Lake Charles, Office of Youth and Young Adults Ministry. Call 337-439-7400, Ext. 303, for information.



A Eucharistic Procession, like last year's pictured here, is planned from St. Louis Catholic High School to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for the closing Mass of the 2011 Called2BCatholic Festival.

Diocesan Pastoral Council members named

LAKE CHARLES - The members of the newly established Diocesan Pastoral Council have been named by The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles. The 12 individuals come from a cross-section faithful of the Diocese, including representatives of each of the three Deaneries of the Diocese, a student member appointed from the Catholic Student Center at McNeese State University and a woman religious. The term of service on the Council for the laity will be three years.

Council members include Luke Abrusley, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Oakdale; Glen Bertrand, St. Joseph, DeRidder; Patricia Billeaudeaux, Immaculate Conception, Maplewood; Burton David, Our Lady of the Lake, Lake

Arthur; and Rita Levings, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lake Charles. Also, Earline Marchand, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lake Charles; Karen Chamberlain, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles; Sarah Anne Gatte, McNeese Catholic Student Center; John Henry Poole, St. Peter the Apostle, Hackberry; and Peter Unkel, St. Philip Neri, Kinder. Also, Russell Touchet, St. Lawrence, Raymond; Stephanie Rodrigue, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Creole; and Sr. Shirley Gobert, SEC. Clergy serving as *ex officio* members are Very Rev. Anthony Fontenot, Presbyteral Council chair, and Deacon Glenn Viau, chair of the Deacons Council. All members of the Council will have the same rights and all exercise the right to voice and vote.

Bishop Provost solicited nominations to the Council from the pastors and those names were given to the Deans, who submitted the names to the Bishop, who made the appointments based upon those recommendations.

The Council's first meeting is set for 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, at the Chancery.

"I am establishing a Diocesan Pastoral Council for the Diocese of Lake Charles for essentially two reasons," Bishop Provost said, "First, as the Code of Canon Law states, this Council is a consultative body for the Bishop who 'investigates, considers, and proposes practical conclusions about those things which pertain to pastoral works in the Diocese.' This Council will create a further channel of communication

between the diocesan leadership, the laity, and me.

"In this way, all of us can hear, study, and reflect constructively on the pastoral efforts of the Church in our Diocese," the Bishop continued. "Second, this Council allows for an expansion of creativity on the part of our laity in the work of the New Evangelization. I see this as a primary function and role for this Council and look forward to working with its membership."

The Bishop will convene the Council at least twice a year and he may convene the membership at other times, as he may deem necessary. The Council will cease to exist when the Diocesan See becomes vacant and Bishop Provost may disband the group at his discretion.

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Thompson ordained a Transitional Deacon

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost ordained Deacon Dean Bryan Thompson II to the Diaconate on Saturday, August 6 - The Feast of the Transfiguration - during Mass celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Deacon Thompson will be entering his fourth year of theological studies later this month at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

The newly ordained transitional deacon spent his summer internship under the tutelage of the Very Reverend Marcus Johnson, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lake Charles.

In his homily, directed to Deacon Thompson as well as the congregants, Bishop Provost said, using the words of the 17th Chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, "As a minister of the Church, we must find the opening words of the Gospel for this Feast of the Transfiguration quite consoling. 'Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves'. Jesus takes his most intimate followers by the hand. Do they know where they are being led? I doubt it. As with trusting lambs taken by the Good Shepherd, they climb the mountain and there experience the glory of the Son. There in the presence of the quintessential lawgiver, Moses, and the supreme prophet, Elijah, Jesus is revealed for who He is, the Son of the living God.'

The Bishop also pointed out prayer is an essential part of preaching.

"A deacon of the Church begins his mission to address the starvation in the world by saying to our Lord, 'Take me by the hand and lead me to a high mountain,' Bishop Provost said. "This is a mystical experience, one that comes from deep conversation with our Lord, a communion with Him in prayer.

"We cannot preach without having prayed," the Bishop continued. "Of this, we are certain. How else could St. Peter have said what he did at the Transfiguration, 'Lord, it is good that we are here.'

"As a deacon, say that often to the Lord in His divine presence in the Blessed Sacrament," Bishop Provost said. "Realize the hunger that is your own for the glory of God, a glory that comes from love, not the pursuit of human pleasure or the ambitions of this passing world. 'Lord, it is good that we are here.' Say it over and over again, and see what He reveals.

"Bring to Him your sorrows, challenges and misunderstanding," he said. "They are inevitable, know it and embrace it. Then, with Elijah and Moses, when you hear a voice that confirms everything that in faith you believe, what will Jesus do? He will come to you, as He did to Peter, James and John, and Jesus will touch you and say, 'Rise, and do not be afraid'."

The entire transcript of Bishop Provost's homily may be found at the website of the Diocese of Lake Charles at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/bishop-provost/homilies.html>.



Bishop Glen John Provost, right, and Deacon Dean Bryan Thompson II stand together following the ordination Mass, in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church.

Vianney House dedicated

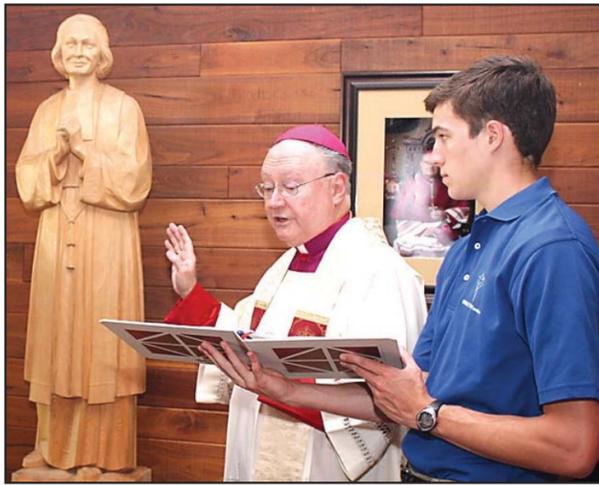
LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, blessed and dedicated the newly opened Vianney House, a house of discernment for men considering a vocation to the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles, on Thursday, Aug. 4.

A crowd of benefactors and supporters of the Diocese were in attendance at the newly renovated residence, located at 1624 Bank Street near St. Louis Catholic High School. Several major donors and many more individuals and organizations made financial contributions in order for needed renovations to be made to the house.

Major donors to the project included the Serra Club of Lake Charles, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Stine, and the Joseph and Linzay Lawrence Family. Three plaques recognized those donors and a listing of all contributors to the project are prominently placed in the dining room.

Three men have begun a year-long program of prayer and discernment in an effort to determine whether they are being called to the priesthood.

In addition to blessing



Bishop Glen John Provost, left, imparts his Episcopal blessing on a statue of St. John Marie Vianney, which resides in Vianney House, the newly opened Diocesan house of discernment. Assisting the Bishop was Levi Thompson, one of the residents of Vianney House.

each room of the residence, Bishop Provost also blessed a life-size wooden statue of Saint John Marie Vianney, the patron of priests. The statue stands in the residence's dining room.

"We have gathered here in joy on this solemn blessing day so that we might bless too this image of St. John Marie Vianney," Bishop Provost said. "The statue

will be a reminder of his intercession and prayers for us and this house will be under his protection and patronage. May those who look upon this image be reminded of the man who sought first the kingdom of heaven and strove in his own life, with zeal, to pursue the souls of those whom he sought to save for Christ Jesus."

Rio de Janeiro to host World Youth Day 2013

ROME - The Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro will host the next international celebration of World Youth Day, which will take place in 2013.

The announcement was confirmed by Vatican

spokesman Father Federico Lombardi, who said the date for the event was set a year early in order to avoid logistical conflicts with the World Cup, which Brazil will host in 2014.

Traditionally, Pope Bene-

dict would have announced the site of the 2013 World Youth Day while in Madrid this week, however the confirmation was likely made early due to comments by Brazilian officials that the city had been chosen.

Annual Catechetical Conference slated Saturday, September 17

LAKE CHARLES – The annual Catechetical Conference, sponsored by the Office of Religious Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles, will be held Saturday, Sept. 17 at St. Louis Catholic High School, 1620 Bank Street.

The event is held for parish, Catholic school and adult catechists, youth ministers, RCIA and evangelization team members, and other adults seeking to grow in their faith.

Sr. Sandra De Masi, SSJ, a Sister of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Penn., will be the keynote speaker. Sr. De Masi is pastoral associate for liturgy at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Short Hills, N.J. and a candidate for a Doctorate of Ministry from Catholic University

of America. She serves on the board of directors of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions and is a consultant for RCL Benziger Religion Publishers. She previously served as the Director of the Office of Divine Worship in the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J. for 14 years.

The conference begins at 7:30 a.m. with registration and exhibits. Bishop Glen John Provost will lead opening prayer from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and Sr. De Masi will give her address from 9 to 10 a.m. Following a break from 10 to 10:30 a.m. the first breakout session will take place until noon, when lunch will be served.

The second breakout session is set for 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., followed by closing

prayer to conclude the day.

Breakout session presenters include Rev. Clyde Thomas, Rev. Msgr. Ronald Groth, Paula Hunter, Cay Gibson, Milissa Thibodeaux, David Dawson, AnnaLuisa Huffman, Rev. Nathan Long. A brochure, which includes a registration form as well as presenters and their topics may be found at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/orehome/111-office-of-religious-education/897-catechetical-conference-set-september-17.html> on the website of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Deadline for registration, which is \$25 including lunch and \$20 without lunch, is Friday, Sept. 9. Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles and returned with a completed registration form, available at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/orehome/111-office-of-religious-education/897-catechetical-conference-set-september-17.html>, to Bobbie LeBlanc at 411 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601.

Diocesan youth attend World Youth Day in Madrid with Pope

LAKE CHARLES – Groups from two church parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles – St. Joseph in Vinton and St. Theresa of the Child Jesus in Carlyss – are participating in World Youth Day activities in Madrid, Spain.

A group of eight, including six youth and young adults along with two adults from St. Joseph, left on Aug. 8. They traveled to London, Madrid, Cordoba, and Rome, before returning to Madrid for the weekend climax of World Youth Day, the celebration of the Mass with His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI on Sunday, Aug. 21.

One of the St. Joseph youth, Garet Berry, is keeping everyone up-to-date on the journey on his Facebook page.

St. Theresa's six-person group left on Aug. 10 and plan to return on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

Did you know...

The church building that would become the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in 1980 upon the establishment of the Diocese of Lake Charles is the oldest Catholic church structure in the Diocese, dedicated on Dec. 18, 1913, rebuilt following the devastating 1910 fire. The next oldest Catholic church building in the Diocese, dedicated on Feb. 29, 1916, is Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Jennings. New Orleans Archbishop James Blenk presided at the dedication of both churches.

Next year, one parish in the Diocese will celebrate its 50th anniversary and another will have its 90th anniversary of establishment. Do you know the two churches? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Men's breakfasts, women's luncheons to begin

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will begin his presentations on the Gospel of St. Matthew at the men's prayer breakfasts and women's luncheons on Friday, Sept. 9, and Tuesday, Sept. 13, respectively. The events will take place in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception office complex on the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets.

Men should call 337-439-7400 to register while women are asked to send a check in the amount of \$10, payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles, to Ms. Esther Gallardo, 612 Alamo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 and include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

The breakfast, which begins at 7 a.m. is preceded by the celebration of the Mass by Bishop Provost in the Cathedral starting at 6:30 a.m.

Bishop's Golf Classic October 7

LAKE CHARLES – The annual Bishop's Golf Classic will be held on Friday, Oct. 7, at the Lake Charles Country Club to benefit the Seminarian Education and Priest Retirement Funds of the Diocese.

The four-person scramble format will feature shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$500 per team and the deadline to return forms, and fees is Friday, Sept. 30. Entry forms are available at the website of the Diocese, live.lcdioocese.org; at the Diocesan Chancery and at local golf courses.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and tenth low gross in each session and special prizes will go to the longest drive and closest to the pin. A hole-in-one will win the lucky golfer \$5,000.

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For more information, call Larry DeRoussel at 337-794-8339 or e-mail lderoussel@laia.com.

Hole sponsor opportunities are available for \$150 each while banner sponsorships are \$1,000.

August programs at Tabor Retreat House

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

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.

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.

Calca Chew Festival scheduled

LAKE CHARLES – The annual Calca Chew Festival, sponsored by St. Margaret of the Scotland Catholic Church, will be Sunday, Sept. 25, on the church grounds and in the Family

Center, located at the corner of Enterprise Boulevard and 17th Street.

Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate Mass in French beginning at 7 a.m. and the festivities get fully underway at 9 a.m. with food, games, auctions, live music, and raffle drawings.

St. Henry fundraising events

LAKE CHARLES – Several fundraising events are slated at St. Henry Catholic Church in August and September.

On Saturday, August 27, barbecue plate lunches of either chicken or pork steak will be available in the Community Center beginning at 9 a.m. Cost is \$7 per plate and will include rice dressing, baked beans, potato salad and bread. Call 436-7223 for more information.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, the St. Henry Altar Society will offer popcorn balls for \$1 and \$2 beginning at 2 p.m. in the Community Center. To place orders, please call Debra at 436-6969; Madeline at 478-4770; Ms Nancy at 436-5258 or Ms. Gertie at 433-3575.

Christ the King Royal Evening

LAKE CHARLES – Christ the King Catholic Church will host its annual silent and live auction dinner – A Royal Evening – on Sunday, Sept. 11, at Treasures of Marilyn, 3510 Fifth Avenue.

Early bird viewing begins at 5 p.m. with a social hour at 6 p.m. followed by the dinner and live auction at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 per person and include a steak dinner. To purchase tickets, call 478-0213. Tickets will be available at the door.

Anniversary celebration in Welsh

WELSH – St. Joseph Catholic Church will celebrate its 70th anniversary of establishment on the weekend of August 27-28. Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Aug. 28, which will be followed by a reception.

On Saturday, Aug. 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. a parish celebration will be held in the church hall.