



# Bishop's Golf Classic October 7

LAKE CHARLES – The Annual Bishop's Golf Classic will be Friday, October 7 at the Lake Charles Country Club.

The event provides funding for the Seminarian Education and Priest Retirement Funds. Title sponsors for the event are Iberia Bank and Alfred Palma Contractors while Bubba Oustalet serves as a banner sponsor.

The four-person scramble will have two shotgun starts, 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$125 per individual or \$500 a team. Also available are hole sponsorships at \$150 each and banner sponsorships for \$1,000. Registration forms are available at area golf courses and at the Diocese of Lake Charles, 414 Iris Street. The entry deadline is Friday, September 30.

Checks should be made payable to The Diocese of Lake Charles and returned with the entry form to The Bishop's Golf Classic, P. O. Box 2225, Lake Charles LA 70602. For general information, contact Larry DeRoussel at 337-794-8339 or email lderoussel@laia.com.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st Low Gross, 2nd Low Gross, 10th Low Gross as well as the longest drive and closest to the pin in each session. A lucky golfer scoring a hole-in-one will receive \$5,000.

Lunch will be provided by O'Charley's Restaurant while food on the course is courtesy of Iberia Bank.

The cost of educating the men who are studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles is an expensive task. Seven men are currently in various stages of their education and discernment, attending four different seminaries.

This year the cost of tuition and fees for these men will be more than \$200,000. The

continued diligent work of Bishop Glen John Provost, Msgr. Daniel Torres (Director of Vocations and Seminarians) and the vocation recruiters to seek men who are discerning a vocation as a diocesan priest bears fruit. Three men have started their first year of seminary study. The opening of Vianney House, a house of discernment, has seen three more men begin a year-long process of prayer and serious consideration about how the Holy Spirit might be calling them to the priesthood. More seminarians in the future mean additional funds will be needed for their education and training.

The Diocese provides 55 percent of a seminarian's educational cost at the college/philosophy level with the student responsible for the remainder, which may be paid through grants and loans. At the theological seminary the Diocese obligates itself to pay 100 percent of the educational costs.

At the opposite end of priestly life is the retired priest. We must see to the care and welfare of these men who have given their lives to spreading the Gospel message in the faith communities of Southwest Louisiana. Currently 10 men, nine priests and our Bishop-emeritus, are in this category.

The Diocese will expend nearly \$300,000 on the welfare of these wonderful and holy men during this fiscal year. The depth of their sacrifice to the Faith is reason enough to aid them for the remainder of their days. A number of other priests are close to retirement age and for others, health is a question mark. The number of retirees will continue to grow and, thus, the need to aid these men in their golden years will only increase.



A player tees off on the par 3, third hole at the Lake Charles Country Club course during last year's Bishop's Golf Classic. There will be closest to the pin prizes in each session on all the par 3 holes and a \$5,000 prize for a hole-in-one.

## Called2BCatholic Festival Sept. 10

(Read more at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/press-releases/913-called2bcatholic-september-10.html>)

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.

Admission is \$15 per person and children 12 and under will be admitted free of charge. For ticket informa-

tion and to purchase tickets contact the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 337-439-7400.

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.

## Bells to toll, silent prayers asked on 9/11 anniversary

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked pastors and administrators of the churches of the Diocese of Lake Charles to take part in a commemoration of the events of 9/11 on the 10th anniversary of that dreadful day. He has requested that all of the churches in the Diocese ring their bells at noon and that parishioners be invited to join in silent prayer, recalling the lives lost on that tragic morning.

"On this anniversary of the tragedy of 9/11, we pray for the eternal rest of those

who perished and for consolation to those who mourn," Bishop Provost said, "May God grant our country and the world peace and protect us from acts of terrorism."

The Bishop's request is in response to the call by Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for such commemoration and remembrance in all dioceses in the United States. In New York City, this will occur on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. EDT, when church bells will toll and all will observe a moment of prayerful silence.



Fr. Leo Patalinghug

## Men's breakfast and women's luncheon read Gospel of St. Matthew with Bishop Provost

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will begin his series of talks on the Gospel of St. Matthew to the men and women of the Diocese on Friday, Sept. 9, at the men's prayer breakfast and on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the women's prayer luncheon. The venue for each event is Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception office complex at the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets.

The Bishop will begin with the first four chapters of St. Matthew's Gospel, *The Infancy and Preface to the Ministry of Jesus*.

The men's breakfast begins at 7 a.m., preceded by the celebration of the Mass by Bishop Provost in the Cathedral at 6:30 a.m. Men

should call 337-439-7400 to register while 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. The deadline for registration for the first luncheon is Sept. 7.

The women's luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. and the Bishop will begin his presentation at 12:15 p.m.

Bishop Provost asks that everyone who attends read the chapters to be discussed in advance of the event. He suggests that the Navarre Bible Commentary on St. Matthew, available at Crossroads Bookstore, might be helpful.

## Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2011 the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles pray the following prayer, composed by The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette, following Hurricane Audrey in 1957.

### Let Us Pray

*O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children.*

*The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its quietude.*

*You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, and overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.*

*During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.*

The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder  
Second Bishop of Lafayette

## Did you know...

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vinton will celebrate its 90th anniversary of establishment on Jan. 5, 2012. Initially a mission of Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles and then Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Sulphur, Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard of the Diocese of Lafayette established the parish in 1922, with Rev. Joseph LeBerre as founding pastor. Bishop Maurice Schexnayder of Lafayette established St. Eugene in Grand Chenier on Sept. 1, 1962, with Rev. Joseph Decoteau, M.S. as founding pastor.

A priest from the Diocese of Galveston was probably the first priest to visit the area of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Can you name him and in what year he may have visited? The two churches? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Programs at Tabor Retreat House

MOSS BLUFF – Several programs are set for September at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

Sr. Diane Depwe will lead a retreat, *Overcoming Anger and Resentment*, from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 that will help find freedom from negative emotions. Attendees can learn that conflict with others is normal and necessary at times. It will provide the ways that Jesus has taught to handle these feelings and situations. Call the Center to register, 337-855-1232. The suggested donation of \$20 per person includes supper.

A Life Awareness Weekend, led by the Very Rev. Marcus Johnson, Vocation Recruiter, will be held Friday through Sunday, Sept. 16-18. If you are thinking about life as a religious, priest, sister or brother this is the event to attend.

Open to single Catholics between the ages of 17 and 45, the fee is \$25.00 for the weekend and scholarship funds are available. Contact Father Johnson at 337-436-8093 or email, marcus.johnson@lcdioocese.org, go to [www.diola.org/lifeawareness](http://www.diola.org/lifeawareness) to register on-line or call the Center 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 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 event

LAKE CHARLES – 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.

### Holy Cross College schedule

LAKE CHARLES – Nine courses will be offered by the Office of Religious Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles through Holy Cross College of New Orleans during the fall of 2011 and the spring and summer of 2012. Fees for the classes include a one-time new student fee of \$15, a per course fee of \$75, and for those auditing the courses, and not requiring college credit, a \$30 fee. Registration and fees are due no later than a week before a course begins.

For more information, contact Bobbie LeBlanc, Registrar, at 337-439-7400, Ext. 309 or e-mail [bobbie.leblanc@lcdioocese.org](mailto:bobbie.leblanc@lcdioocese.org). A complete listing of courses, their descriptions, and other pertinent information can be downloaded from the website of the Diocese at [http://live.lcdioocese.org/images/stories/pdfs/2011-12\\_brochure\\_general.pdf](http://live.lcdioocese.org/images/stories/pdfs/2011-12_brochure_general.pdf).

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## Celebration of Diocesan Patron Sunday, Sept. 11

LAKE CHARLES - On Sunday, Sept. 11, a Vespers (Evening Prayer) Service in honor of Saint Peter Claver, Patron of the Diocese of Charles, will be held in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception beginning at 6 p.m., with The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, presiding.

Saint Peter Claver was chosen as the Patron Saint of the Diocese by its first Bishop, The Most Reverend Jude Speyer. The Diocese is privileged to have a first class relic of Saint Peter Claver, which will be on display for veneration at this service.

Saint Peter Claver was born near Barcelona in modern day Spain in 1580; he joined the Society of Jesus, commonly called the Jesuits. After being influenced by Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez, Peter decided he wanted to be a missionary to what was then known as "The New World".

To that end, he continued his studies and was sent to the then called "New Granada" or modern day Colombia and was ordained at Carta-



St. Peter Claver

gena in 1615. Cartagena was the principal center of the African slave trade and Peter Claver spent his life trying to alleviate the horrible conditions of the slaves. He worked among the slaves in the yards where they were penned and ministered to them with food and medicine. He was able to baptize some three thousand persons in the course of his forty years of ministry. However, his ministry did not just concern the souls of these unfortunates.

Peter Claver would visit the plantations and plead with owners of these slaves to improve their conditions of life and work. During these visits, he actually lodged with the slaves. In addition to his ministry to the slaves, Peter Claver visited the imprisoned and the lepers. He was known as a great preacher and led a very austere life; he is reputed to have possessed supernatural gifts including that of prophecy, miracles and the ability to read the hearts and minds of people.

In 1650, he was stricken with a plague that beset Cartagena but he did not neglect his duties even when mortally ill. He died on September 8 and was canonized in 1888. Pope Leo XIII named him the patron of all missionary activities to African-Americans. His feast day is September 9.

Since Bishop Speyer's choice of Peter Claver as Diocesan Patron, his feast has been observed annually. Normally, the celebration is observed on the Sunday nearest to the actual feast day thus allowing more of the faithful to attend.

## Collection for Africa drought response September 10-11

LAKE CHARLES - The parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles have been asked to respond to the urgent need to provide assistance to the millions of needy individuals suffering through drought conditions in Africa, according to Father Wayne LeBleu, Diocesan Director for Catholic Relief Services, recently informed the pastors of the tremendous need. A second collection for this relief effort has been urged to be taken up in the Diocese on the weekend of Sept. 10-11.

Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, chairman of the Board of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), asked their brother bishops to encourage pastors and parishioners to support emergency relief efforts in the Horn of Africa, possibly by taking up a second collection.

More than 12 million people are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance in Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia because of what

many are calling the worst drought in decades. This severe lack of rainfall has resulted in failed crops, deaths of livestock and critical shortages in food and water.

"Every day we are seeing more and more heartbreaking news about the drought and famine in Somalia and the eastern parts of Africa. We see millions of people being forced from their homes, leaving behind what meager possessions they had, and walking for days over rough terrain," wrote Archbishop Dolan and Bishop Kicanas.

CRS has worked in East Africa for decades, and is on the ground responding to this emergency. In Ethiopia, CRS is expanding its food distribution program to 1.1 million people and is working closely with local partners to provide livelihood support, water and sanitation. In Somalia, CRS is sup-

porting local partners to assist highly vulnerable, displaced families with basic necessities, such as food packages, support to clinics, therapeutic feeding and shelter. In Kenya, CRS is working both to assist newly-arrived refugees with hygiene, sanitation promotion and protection, and also to provide water, sanitation and supplemental feeding to drought-affected Kenyan communities.

"Bishop Provost expressed his desire for our Diocese to take up a special collection to assist those in need in Africa during this difficult time. Catholic Relief Services is developing a response to be used for the immediate humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable and to support the local Catholic Church in its ongoing mission," Father LeBleu said.

**On Monday, September 5, 2011, Labor Day, the offices of the Diocese will be closed. Office hours for the remainder of the week will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

## Catholic Schools Notes

### Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School

ICCS welcomed 439 students on the first day of school. The 2011-2012 Theme will be emphasize **10 Keys to Civility** in conjunction with the Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana's "Civility in Our Schools" program. Students, faculty and parents will be introduced to references of etiquette, manners, and codes of behavior throughout the year as they are called to "Wear Love!"

### Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School

OLI welcomes Fr. Jeff Starkovich as Associate Pastor. Contact any OLI family to order Gourmet Frozen Food to have special treats for holidays and snacks. Everyone can join the third through eighth grade students as they participate in Adoration on Friday, September 9 at 8 a.m.

### Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School

OLQHS jumped off to a great start for 2011-2012 with an enrollment of over 685 students, a dedicated faculty and staff, and the future of expansion looming in the horizon. The summer brought to the school community over 65 new families, professional development for staff and teachers, and the refurbishing of areas of our school. We proudly take on new challenges as we continually bring the highest standards of excellence to all students from Pre-K to eighth grade!

This year is the 20th anniversary of school's venture with PPG as Partner in Education here. Thank you, PPG, for all you are and continue to be to our school!

More information is forthcoming as the PTC hosts and presents the "Second Annual Heavenly Jazz Fest Weekend" on Oct. 14-16, complete with an exciting auction and carnival.

### Our Lady's Catholic School

Our Lady's School opened its 58th year of service with 212 students from Sulphur and the surrounding area. The school theme for 2011-12 is "Raising the Bar Academically, Spiritually, and Professionally." OLS will

hold our Annual Auction October 15 at the Isle of Capri. Visit [olcs.org](http://olcs.org) for more information.

### Sacred Heart of Jesus/St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School

Mrs. Hattie L. Ashton, Principal of Sacred Heart/SKD welcomed new and returning students on the first day of school, August 17. SH/SKD continues enrollment for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade. Father Ruben Buller celebrated the schools' welcome back Mass with the student body, faculty and staff on Friday, Aug. 19.

### St. Louis Catholic High School

The beginning of the 2011-2012 year at St. Louis finds updated uniforms, new teacher Fujitsu laptop tablets, and top-ranking scores. The 2011 ACT scores have been posted, and St. Louis' graduating class posted a composite score of 23.7, while the national composite was 21.1. Parents are invited to the annual Back to School Night on September 7. During the week of September 19, the Saints welcome back alumni during Homecoming week. Come join with everyone celebrate the past and future of the school with a parade, pep rally, Mass and football game. For more detailed information, visit our school website at [www.slchs.org](http://www.slchs.org) or call 436-7275, Ext. 244.

### St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School

Registration is still in progress for grades Pre-K through eighth and Mother's Day out registration is also ongoing, but with limited spaces available. Call the school for more information 855-9465

### Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic School

St. Margaret faculty and staff enjoyed the Commissioning Ceremony at Mass on August 26, as they rededicated themselves to faith, academics, and service. Elementary grades sponsored an Open House for parents to learn more about their students' classes. Grandparents Week is the week of September 6-9 with a Mass and Reception on Friday, September 9.



Bishop Glen John Provost speaks to the student body of St. Louis Catholic High School at the first school Mass of the 2011-2012 term on Thursday, Aug. 25. The Bishop spoke to the students about their namesake, St. Louis, King of France, whose feast day it was. St. Louis had 621 students on opening day while the other seven schools of the Diocese totaled 2,032 on their first days of class.



Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Mrs. Kimberlee Gazzolo, at podium, speaks to new employees of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese, including teachers and support staff, at an inservice held in Drexel Conference Center at Saint Charles Center prior to the start of Catholic schools.



Father Charles McMillin greets a newly arrived student on the opening day of classes, Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings. The newly completed facade and plantings were one of the summer projects to spruce up the school.



Stephen Starr, Director of Religious Education at St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School in Moss Bluff, serves as the door man for arriving students at the school on Wednesday, Aug. 17, the first day of classes.