



Two ordained to priesthood for Diocese of Lake Charles

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost ordained Reverend Jay Alexius and Reverend Ruben Villarreal to the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles on Saturday, June 27, during Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Father Alexius celebrated his first Mass on Saturday, June 27, in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lake Charles, his adoptive parish, while Father Villarreal was the celebrant of his first Mass on Sunday, June 28, in his home parish of St. Lawrence in Raymond.

Before the closing prayer of Saturday's ordination liturgy, Deacon George Stearns, Diocesan Chancellor, read the announcement of first-time appointments for the newly ordained. The Bishop assigned Father Alexius as Parochial Vicar for St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church and as a member of the Advisory Board for Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana. Father Villarreal will return to Rome in the fall to continue his studies for a Licentiate in Canon Law. In addition, Bishop Provost assigned Father Villarreal to work in the Diocesan Tribunal this summer and next.

As is customary in the Diocese, Bishop Provost named the parents of the ordinands as Members of the Order of St. Charles, a personal recognition of the Bishop given to those who have provided services and contributions to the Church and the Bishop, in this case giving their sons to the priesthood. The Bishop presented the honor to Reverend Villarreal's father, Ruben Villarreal, Sr. and his mother Lisa Fontenot, along with the father of Reverend Alexius, Jay Clement Alexius, Sr. The presentation occurred at the dinner on Friday night sponsored by the Serra Club of Lake Charles.

In opening his homily, presented to the new priests and to others attending the liturgy, Bishop Provost used the words of St. Paul in Second Corinthians (4:5), We do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord.

The Bishop then said, "With these words St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that he is preaching the truth. God is his witness that

he acts openly and truthfully. At the heart of this transparency is his desire to preach Jesus Christ, purely and simply. Only in this way can the light of Jesus Christ shine in all its brilliance. The reason the light can shine through his human frailties is because St. Paul has removed any obstacle of self. There is no pretense to veil the sunlight of Christ's truth.

Continuing the Bishop said, "St. Paul concludes, 'We hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us'. St. Paul never speaks in detail about his specific weaknesses. Even the exact meaning of his proverbial 'thorn in the flesh' remains a mystery. Yet, we are never in doubt that St. Paul knows the sort of clay from which he is made and that in this self-knowledge the preaching of the Gospel becomes even more eloquent in his life."

The Bishop spoke later about "speaking with authority and preaching the truth," saying they "have nothing to do with arrogance. The true shepherd never lords anything over anyone, just as Jesus reminds His apostles in our Gospel reading. 'Let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant.' Instead, the true shepherd allows the truth to speak for itself, in all humility and simplicity.

"Truth at the service of the Church—this is the mission of the priest," the Bishop continued. "He is to know well what it is that he believes, for you cannot love what you do not know and you cannot give what you do not have."

In closing his words to the soon to be ordained men, Bishop Provost said, "Be good priests. Consider the rich treasure of Spirit that God bestows on you today. Cherish that gift, nurture it with prayer, share it with the faithful, let it shape your lives, and, in the words of St. Paul, 'do not preach yourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord.'"

The complete text of Bishop Provost's homily can be found on the website of the Diocese – lcdioocese.org – under the banner heading - Our Bishop.



Bishop Glen John Provost, center, stands with the two newest members of his presbyterate – left, Rev. Ruben Villarreal and right, Rev. Jay Alexius, following their ordination by Bishop Provost in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, June 27.

LCCB statement in response to U.S. Supreme Court decision

The Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops recently issued its response to the U.S. Supreme Court's June 26 decision legalizing same-sex marriage. The statement follows:

The Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops stands deeply saddened and concerned by the United States Supreme Court's decision in the case of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, ruling against defining marriage as between one man and one woman. Such a definition has always been and will remain the belief of Catholic Christians, as supported by Sacred Scripture, natural law, and two thousand years of Christian tradition.

Redefining marriage through a narrow majority of a court will present ramifications for families both for the present and the future.

We stand with and affirm our brother bishops of the United States who form the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, as we recognize the need to increase our efforts to strengthen marriage and families while promoting and defending the unique meaning of marriage as being between one man and one woman for life.

While we resolutely stand by this belief, we are called to uphold the dignity of all, even in the face of disagreement.

All are loved by God and are called to respect all people. Disrespect and hatred must never be condoned.

This decision indeed marks an historic moment within our nation. The Church will not cease in proclaiming the good news regarding the unique reality of marriage that can only exist between man and woman. Catholic Christians are called in an incredibly important manner to re-affirm and uphold the Sacrament of Matrimony and the sanctity of family life.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops are Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans; Most Rev. Michael Jarrell, Bishop of Lafayette; Most Rev. Robert W. Muench, Bishop of Baton Rouge; Most Rev. Ronald P. Herzog, Bishop of Alexandria; Most Rev. Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles; Most Rev. Michael G. Duca, Bishop of Shreveport; Most Rev. Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux, and Most Rev. Fernand J. Cheri, Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans. Robert M. Tasman serves as the Executive Director of the LCCB.

Further guidance for Catholics

In the U.S. Supreme Court case, *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the opinion of the five-member majority creates the legal right of two persons of the same gender to marry one another. At the same time, the opinion states, "[I]t must be emphasized that religions, and those who adhere to religious doctrines, may continue to advocate with utmost, sincere conviction that, by divine precepts, same-sex marriage should not be condoned."

It is a matter of natural truth and the universal teaching of the Catholic Church that "there are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family." (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, "Considerations Regarding Proposals to Give Legal Recognition to Unions Between Homosexual Persons," sec. 5, accessed July 2, 2015, www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20030731_homosexual_unions_en.html.) Furthermore, while the Church obliges all to avoid every sign of unjust discrimination toward men and women with homosexual tendencies, clear and emphatic opposition to the court's creation of this so-called right of same-sex marriage is a duty. Moreover, it is necessary that Catholics refrain from intentional cooperation in the application of this ruling and, as far as possible, from voluntary participation in its application. The traditional principles of formal and material cooperation apply. All Catholics can exercise the right to conscientious objection. The Catholic politician must oppose the ruling's definition of marriage in ways that are possible and make his or

her absolute personal opposition known. It is the duty of the Catholic politician to witness to the truth, to take action to help reverse the effects of the ruling redefining marriage, and limit the harm done by the opinion.

Anyone with questions about the meaning and application of the Church's teaching in this matter should consult the pastor of his or her parish.



Bishop Glen John Provost, center, stands with two couples honored for 65 years of Christian marriage during the annual marriage jubilee celebration in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, June 21. The couple at left are Pat and Rena Gayle while standing at right are Dorothy and Pat Gallagher.

Couples honored for marriage anniversaries

LAKE CHARLES – Two couples celebrating 65 years of Christian marriage were among 44 honored by Bishop Glen John Provost during the annual marriage jubilee ceremony in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, Sunday, June 21.

Celebrating their sapphire anniversary were Dorothy and Patrick Gallagher, parishioners of the Cathedral, and Rena and Pat Gayle, parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church.

The event is sponsored by the Office of Family Life. Bishop Provost presented each couple with a special certificate honoring their long-time commitment. Those with anniversaries of 25 and 50 years were recognized as well as couples married longer – 55, 60, and 70.

Several couples celebrated their Diamond Anniversaries (60 years) including Evelyn and Emery Arceneaux (Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Lake Charles), Dolores and Bernard Beaco (St. Henry Catholic Church), Helen and Manuel Duhon (St. Theodore Catholic Church), Mable and Floyd East (St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church), Cora and Frederick Matthias (St. Margaret), Mae and Charles Rawl (Sacred Heart, Lake Charles), and Wylie and Una Richard (St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, Kinder).

In his homily, Bishop Provost used the Gospel from St. Mark, which spoke of Jesus asleep on a cushion during a "violent squall" and then waking at the Apostle's fearful cries and calming the storm

saying, 'Quiet, be still.'

"But we, like the disciples in the boat, awake the Lord with our plea, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?'" the Bishop said. "We are afraid. We see what is threatening to overwhelm us, and we cry out. And the Lord asks us, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?' There Jesus has hit upon the essence of the problem. Faith is a precious gift, a gift that must be cultivated like a delicate plant and guarded like a valuable jewel.

"Couples, especially couples celebrating several years of married life, must understand this better than anyone else," Bishop Provost continued. "They have seen a great deal. The trials they have had to face have been many. There were no doubt times when they wanted 'to throw in the towel.' But they didn't. Why? I would say they had faith. They knew, somehow, that God would bring them through the storm and bring their ship into a safe harbor. There were times when God seemed to be sleeping, but their faith told them otherwise.

"Their faith in God's loving Providence strengthened them and gave them that virtue which is so important for the married life—patience because without patience, there can be no perseverance. Patience flows from the virtue of faith, faith that knows God never sleeps and is there sustaining, protecting, and loving what belongs to Him. The couples celebrating wedding anniversaries today have a great deal to teach us. They wit-

ness to the world the importance of faith. This witness the world desperately needs, to reassure us of the faith that can move mountains."

Four couples celebrate 55 years of married life this year - Mary Alice and Raymond Hurst, Mary Jane and Lawrence Jones, JoAnn and David Tilbury, and Joanna and Charles Viccellio.

Golden anniversary couples are Dianne and Frank Brocato, Martha and Alvin Broussard, Beverly and Shon Castillo, Arlene and Rene' Daboval, Carol and Larry Daigle, Deloris and Joseph Daigle, June and Nathan Douget, Claudia and Curtis Dyle, Pat and Paul Granger, Judy and Arthur Guidry, Mae and Hayward Hebert, Ruby and Carl O'Bryan, Judy and Deacon Fred Reed, Sharon and Michael Richard, Laura and Lincoln Richardson, Gloria and Roy Sanders, Kathy and Bob Soileau, Kathleen and Lee Thibodeaux, and Kathy and Dennis Trahan.

Silver anniversary couples include Bonnie and Wendell Autin, Karen and Kenneth Chamberlain, Sheila and Donald Chase, Kim and Eric Dufrene, Prissy and Tom Gayle, Kimberlee and Jim Gazzolo, Nathalie and Charles Gilchrist, Karen and Richard Estep, Vanessa and Milton Hebert, Jr., Debra and Alex Landry, Jr., Karen and Patrick Sullivan, and Martha and Herman Verkruijsen.

Bishop Provost's homily can be read and downloaded at www.lcdioocese.org – by clicking on "Our Bishop".



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2015 the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles pray the following prayer, composed in 1957 by The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette, following Hurricane Audrey:

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 former 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

Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

July 17, 2015

Bishop Provost celebrates 40 years of priesthood

LAKE CHARLES – A Mass of Thanksgiving, for his 40 years of priestly ministry, was celebrated by Bishop Glen John Provost on Monday, June 29, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

It had been on Sunday, June 29, 1975 that Pope Paul VI ordained then-Deacon Glen John Provost to the priesthood for the Diocese of Lafayette in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The next day, June 30, the newly ordained Father Provost celebrated a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in the Borghese Chapel of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome. The music used in that first Mass of Bishop Provost was also used for his Ruby Anniversary Mass on Monday.

Six of the Bishops of the Province of New Orleans concelebrated with Bishop Provost, including Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans, Bishop Michael Jarrell of Lafayette, Bishop Robert Muench of Baton Rouge, Bishop Michael Duca of Shreveport, Bishop Ronald Herzog of Alexandria, and Bishop-emeritus Sam Jacobs of Houma-Thibodaux. Diocesan officials concelebrating were the Rev. Msgr. Daniel Torres, Vicar General; Very Reverend Marcus Johnson, Dean of the Central Deanery; Very Reverend Anthony Fontenot, Dean of the South Deanery; and Very Reverend Jacob S. Conner, Dean of the East Deanery. Father Michael Murray of Washington, DC and Father Robert O'Grady of Boston, longtime priest friends of Bishop Provost, concelebrated on the altar. Priests of the Diocese of Lake Charles along with priest-friends from elsewhere also concelebrated. In the crowd were members of the Bishop's family along with diocesan staff and well-wishers from other dioceses and churches at which he served before his elevation to the episcopacy.

Deacons serving in the Mass were Deacon George Stearns, Deacon Glenn Viau, and Deacon Christopher Fontenot. In addition, the seminarians of the Diocese also served.

In his homily for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Bishop Provost spoke of that Sunday afternoon in 1975, when he, along with 358 other deacons were brought together as Blessed Pope Paul VI ordained them to the priesthood. He also spoke of how the Vatican media covered the event.

"Later in the week, *L'Osservatore Romano* gave front page coverage to the event, including the Pope's homily, and the story was the only one reported on that cover page, except a one-line report at the bottom," Bishop Provost said. "The Soviet Premier had visited the Holy Father that same weekend. No doubt the Holy

See had wanted to make a statement. Such things were done with considerable subtlety in those days. I suppose this might still be the case.

"The world confronts the priest, and the priest confronts the world—just as Christ did, just as the Church does," the Bishop continued. "In 1975 there was a great enthusiasm for what many termed a springtime for the Church. However, as with the coming of spring, allergies and hay-fever can result, and in those heady days of the immediate post-Vatican II era, many did not see the broad picture, the vast horizon, or the comprehensive landscape. If they had, they would have seen an approaching storm, provided for shelter, and given heed to our Lord in the Gospel. "You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times."

Later, the Bishop pointed to the times in which we live saying, "These are truly exciting times. Some would view them as a curse. But if you seek a challenge, you need look no further. An ever-increasing encroachment of the government on religious freedom, the fruits of secularism and relativism, the decomposition of the family, and the disillusionment of youth—these are to mention only the first that come to mind.

"We must never forget that the Church was planted, being watered in the blood of martyrs," he said. "The saints whom we honor today—one beheaded, the other crucified upside down—were some of the first to witness to the faith in a long line that stretches from the Tower of London to the guillotines of the Terror, from Nazi and Communist concentration camps to the beaches of Libya in our present day.

"It is not for nothing that Jesus chose common bread and a chalice of wine to be his abiding presence," Bishop Provost said. "The bread that we break is it not a partaking in the Body of Christ? The cup that we drink is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? For the faithful it is a sharing and for the priest it is not only a sharing but his identity. I repent because as a young priest I knew this intellectually but did not absorb it internally as fully as possible."

The complete text of Bishop Provost's homily, entitled *40th Anniversary Mass/Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul*, can be read on the website of the diocese – www.lcdioocese.org – by clicking Our Bishop at the top of the page and then the homily link.



Bishop Glen John Provost, center, intones the Eucharistic Prayer at the Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated on Monday, June 29, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on the occasion of the bishop's 40th anniversary of priestly ordination. Concelebrating on the altar with him were, Six Bishops of the Province of New Orleans, including Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans, Bishop Michael Jarrell of Lafayette, Bishop Robert Muench of Baton Rouge, Bishop Michael Duca of Shreveport, Bishop Ronald Herzog of Alexandria, and Bishop-emeritus Sam Jacobs of Houma-Thibodaux. Diocesan officials concelebrating were the Rev. Msgr. Daniel Torres, Vicar General; Very Reverend Marcus Johnson, Dean of the Central Deanery; Very Reverend Anthony Fontenot, Dean of the South Deanery; and Very Reverend Jacob S. Conner, Dean of the East Deanery. Father Michael Murray of Washington, DC and Father Robert O'Grady of Boston, both longtime priest friends of Bishop Provost also concelebrated.

Saint Charles Center August events

MOSS BLUFF – The remainder of the summer schedule of events at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center continue in August with "How Not to Lose It with Your Kids" with Sr. Diane on Tuesday, Aug. 11 from 6 to 9 p.m..

The Spiritual Book Club with Fr. Don Piraro meets on Tuesday, Aug. 11, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and there is a Morn-

ing of Reflection - "Cultivating the Qualities and Virtues of Marian Wisdom through Art, Literature, Film and Music" with Fr. Whitney Miller on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The suggested donation for each of these programs is \$20 with respective registration deadlines of Friday, Aug. 7 for the first two and Wednesday, Aug. 19, for the third.

For information on any of these events call the Center at (337) 855-1232 or visit stcharlescenter.com.

Saint Charles Center stands as a place apart, offering an atmosphere of serenity and peace, where one can achieve spiritual renewal and growth – rediscovering life's meaning in quiet reflection.

Two named Val J. Peter Scholars

LAKE CHARLES – Two seminarians of the Diocese of Lake Charles – John Souder and Michael Caraway – studying at the Pontifical North American College (PNAC) in Rome will be Val J. Peter Scholars this fall, according to information provided to Bishop Glen John Provost by Msgr. James Checchio, Rector of the College.

Souder, who will enter Third Year Theology at the PNAC, continues to benefit of being a Val J. Peter Scholar. This is the second year of Souder's reception of the scholarship. Caraway, who

previously attended Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md., will enter the PNAC as a First Year Theology student in September.

The Val J. Peter Scholarship awards 25 percent of the annual cost of formation at the Pontifical North American College for the duration of the four-year formation program of the seminarian, according to Bishop Provost.

"This is a most generous gift, and the Diocese and I are very grateful," Bishop Provost said. "This is a savings to the Diocese in a four year period of over \$60,000 for the educa-

tion of both our seminarians.

"The award of these scholarships highlights the generosity of not only the Pontifical North American College but also the Val J. Peter scholarship program," Bishop Provost continued. "Second, it endorses what I hear repeatedly from the rectors of the seminaries to which we send students, that they are exceptional young men well qualified for preparation for the holy priesthood. Finally, it is unusual, if not without precedent, for two seminarians from the same diocese to receive this scholarship."

Diocesan Briefs.....

"Soul on Fire" set August 6

LAKE CHARLES -- Our Lady Queen of Heaven will host 'Soul on Fire!' an evening of praise and worship on Thursday, Aug. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the church at 3939 Lake Street, featuring award-winning Catholic recording artist, Dan Duet of San Antonio.

Admission is free though a love offering will be taken up to support upcoming ACTS Retreat Scholarships and other needs.

"Soul on Fire!" is a 90-minute gathering of prayer through music, using two very distinct yet related types of music: dynamic 'Praise' music and prayerful 'Worship' music.

Contact Felicia Borel at 337-477-1236 for more information.

St. Joseph Ladies Lunch Fundraiser

LEBLEU SETTLEMENT – The St. Joseph Mission Chapel's Ladies fundraiser is Saturday, Sept. 12, at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel, 2110 Claude Hebert Road

Father Matthew Cormier, parochial vicar of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$15 and there will be door prizes.

For more information or tickets contact Audrey Marcantel 582-1483 or Faye Humphrey 582-6882. Deadline to purchase tickets for this St. Joseph Mission Chapel Building Fund event is Sept. 5.

Veritas Conference on Sept. 12

LAKE CHARLES – The annual Veritas Conference is Saturday, Sept. 12 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in St. Louis Catholic High School.

Fees to attend, paid by Aug. 21 is \$25, including lunch or \$20 without lunch and paid by Aug. 28 is \$30, with lunch or \$25 without. Late registration, beginning Aug. 29 is \$35 without lunch.

Check with Office of Adult Education Veritas Conference, 411 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 or call 337-439-7400, Ext. 308, for more information.

Position open at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF – Applications are being accepted by Saint Charles Center for a part-time groundskeeper/maintenance position. This person must be available for immediate employment.

If interested contact Michelle at 855-1232.

"Lumen Fidei" on Second Saturdays

LAKE CHARLES – Women – juniors in high school and older – welcome to join the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan, on the second Saturday of each month to discuss the Order's vocation to love as attendees discover God's particular and loving plan for their lives.

The meeting begins with the Holy Sacrifice

of the Mass at noon and concludes at 6:20 p.m.. Call 337-656-2911 or e-mail miriam.maclean@lcdioocese.org to RSVP

Matthew Kelly slated at OLQH

LAKE CHARLES – Matthew Kelly and his "Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose" program will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, in the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church Family Life Center from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cost is \$39 and includes all retreat materials.

Visit www.dynamiccatholic.com/LakeCharles or call 859-980-7900 for more information or to purchase a ticket. You can also call the church office at 337-477-1236 for information.

Hospice volunteers sought

LAKE CHARLES – CHRISTUS HomeCare Hospice and Palliative Care-St. Patrick is seeking individuals to become Christus Hospice Volunteers.

Patient volunteers provide emotional support and practical assistance, enhancing the comfort and quality of life for patients, their families and loved ones, according to April Deshotel, Volunteer Coordinator.

Contact Deshotel at 4444 Lake Street, Lake Charles, LA, 70605 or call 337-395-5600 for more information about becoming a Volunteer for Christus Hospice and Palliative Care

Sacred Heart clothing outreach

LAKE CHARLES -- Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Lake Charles has an outreach ministry for women in the area called "Gently Used Business & Dress Attire."

Donate clothes or shop for free for women's business attire on the fourth Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon at 1024 Division Street, across from the former junior high building of Sacred Heart/St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School.

For more information e-mail Deneen at gentlyusedbusinessdressclothes@gmail.com.

Vocaré at Vianney House

LAKE CHARLES – Young men ages 16 to 25, seeking to know God's will in their lives, are invited to attend *Vocaré*, a ministry of the Office of Vocations, held the first Saturday of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Vianney House, 1624 Bank Street.

Call Father Nathan Long at 337-477-1434 for more information.

Forums for the Faithful

NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR OPINION HEARD!

Bishop Glen John Provost invites all parishioners to participate in this landmark effort to study the needs of our parishes and entire diocese. Your feedback is critical to the success of the Catholic Church in Southwest Louisiana.

PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FORUMS FOR THE FAITHFUL:

Monday, July 20: Our Lady Help of Christians in Jennings St. Mary Center, 710 North State Street

Tuesday, July 21: Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Sulphur Vecchio Hall, 1109 Cypress Street

Tuesday, July 28: St. Philip Neri in Kinder In the church, 607 Fourth Avenue

Wednesday, July 29: Sacred Heart of Jesus in Creole Life Center, 5250 West Creole Highway

Tuesday, August 4: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Lake Charles Ave Maria Hall, 935 Bilbo Street

Wednesday, August 5: St. Joseph in DeRidder Kern Hall, 1125 Blankenship Drive

All forums will start at 6:30 p.m.

If you cannot make any of the Forums for the Faithful, please go online to www.lcdioocese.org and click on the "Planning Study Survey" button to learn more and provide comments. The password you will need is *Catholic*.

