



Catholic schools open in Diocese on August 12 and 17

LAKE CHARLES – Summer is quickly waning for the students and teachers of the seven Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles with opening days approaching.

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings will open on Wednesday, August 12, coordinating with the opening of public schools in Jefferson Davis Parish. Catholic schools located in Calcasieu Parish will open on Thursday, August 17. Those schools include St. Louis Catholic High School; Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School; St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School; and Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School, all in Lake Charles; St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School in Moss Bluff; and Our Lady's Catholic School in Sulphur.

Top administrators remain the same at each school with Deacon Christopher Fontenet at St. Louis, Christi Jarreau at the Cathedral School, Wendy Wicke at St. Margaret, JoAnn Wallwork at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Jennifer Bellon at Holy Family, Trevor Donnelly at Our Lady's, and Nicole Reeves at Our Lady Immaculate.

According to Kimberlee Gazzolo, Superintendent of Schools, there are 27 new faculty and staff for the 2015-2016 school year.

While individual schools are working on numerous initiatives, this school year also brings forth several collaborative endeavors. A Diocesan Safety Team has been established to coordinate and strengthen safety preparedness amongst all of the schools in the Diocese. Participating in a grant funded by the Governor's Office of Emergency Preparedness, schools will be able to take advantage of the expertise of both GOSHEP and the local Calcasieu Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. "Safety within our school communities is of the utmost priority and we are grateful to have the expertise of these organizations to assist us in the coming school year", Mrs. Gazzolo said.

According to Gazzolo, the Diocesan Curriculum Committee - comprised of administrative and teacher representation - has planned a Technology Conference at St. Louis Catholic High School on Friday, September 18. Teachers will attend sessions focused on technology integration, social media, and current trends. Early Childhood education will also be a focus for the Curriculum Committee.

"Our goal is continue to strengthen our early childhood classrooms and ensure high quality standards and excellent

teaching practices," Gazzolo said. "In doing so, we are confident our children will be successful kindergarten students".

School holidays include Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7; Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 12; Thanksgiving, Monday, Nov. 23 to Friday, Nov. 27; Christmas, Friday, Dec. 18 (half day)-Friday, Jan. 1; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 18; Mardi Gras, Friday, Feb. 5, Monday, Feb. 8, Tuesday, Feb. 9; and Easter, Friday, March 25 to Friday, April 1.

Catholic Schools Week in the diocese is Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, with the annual Catholic Schools Week Mass on Wed. Feb. 3, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

St. Louis' Class of 2016 will have commencement ceremonies on Tuesday, May 17.

Our Lady Immaculate will have the same holiday schedule and will be closed on Friday, Oct. 9, Jennings Fair Day. Christmas holiday begins on Monday, Dec. 21 and continues through Friday, Jan. 1. The OLI Mardi Gras holiday is Monday, Feb. 8-Wednesday, Feb. 10. The school will not be off for Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 12.

The session ends at the schools in Calcasieu Parish on Friday, May 27 and on Tuesday, May 24, at Our Lady Immaculate.

Clergy, religious, seminarians honored

WELSH – The annual East Deanery Serra Club's Clergy, Religious, and Seminarian appreciation banquet was held Sunday, July 26, at Our Lady of Seven Dolours Catholic Church.

Priests and Deacons of the Diocese of Lake Charles along with religious sisters and diocesan seminarians were present. Two seminarians, Olin Scott Chester and Alec January, shared their stories of discernment with the audience, as did Msgr. Daniel A. Torres, Vicar General and Director of Vocations and Seminarians.

Chester, a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vinton, begins his second year of seminary study at St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, La. in August, while January, a parishioner of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder, begins his college seminary training at St. Joseph.

Chester thanked the Serra Club members for their many

prayers. He pointed out also the great support he received from his parents. "They didn't send me to church, they took me to church."

The fact that he saw his parents praying was a strong impetus for him. "They kept telling me that I would be a priest."

Chester was an altar server for 12 years and his attendance at a vocation retreat had a profound effect. "I went to more retreats and then applied to Vianney House (the diocesan House of Discernment and Formation) and was accepted. During my first year at McNeese, I lived there and was exposed to daily Mass and Adoration.

"When it was time to make application for the seminary I waited," Chester said. "I thought I am not perfect but then I realized that God did not then call "perfect people" to be priests. He gave me a voice, so I should use it."

As a child, Chester had a medical condition that had

rendered him mute but a surgical procedure successfully gave him speech.

January noted that he thought of being a priest as a child but then decided that the job of a lawyer would be interesting. "In the back of my mind, though, there was still the thought of priesthood," January said. "I went the Diocesan Youth Conference as a high school freshman."

A priest asked the group whether anyone had any thought of being a priest and asked those who did to come to the stage. "I was uncertain as to what my friends would say, but I walked up anyway."

The priest gave the boys a blessing and from that small desire came a more profound thought for January. He also pointed out that he viewed many of the programs of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen from the 1950s and that they too had a great influence on him.



Members of the East Deanery Serra Club, shown in the Monsignor Jules Daigle Hall on the campus of Our Lady of Seven Dolours Catholic Church in Welsh, recently held its annual clergy, religious, and seminarian appreciation banquet. Two seminarians of the Diocese of Lake Charles – Alec January of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder and Olin Scott Chester of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vinton told their stories of discernment.

Take the challenge: Help raise funds for seminarians

LAKE CHARLES -- The Catholic Extension Society has offered a challenge to raise seminarian education funding for the Diocese of Lake Charles. For every donation of \$1,000 or more to the Seminary Bursary Endowment, Catholic Extension will match every dollar given. By reaching the goal of \$50,000 by December 31, 2015, the diocese receives \$25,000 in matching funds.

The Seminary Bursary Endowment is a permanent fund set aside to provide income for the education and training of future priests. There are now 88 such funds. Seminary bursaries can be established in honor or memory of a loved one, in the name of especially well-loved priests (there are a number of these types of bursaries already established) or an organization with any amount of money. Contributions may be added to current bursaries at any time.

The principal amount of the fund is never spent but invested, with the interest used each year for education expenses of those men studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Since the principal is never touched, this fund is truly a "gift that will give forever." Donations made to any seminary bursary will continue to support the education of seminarians in perpetuity.

Since January 1, the Diocese has received \$34,500.00 in new or additional contributions, with four new bursaries established and additional qualified gifts given to three current bursaries. Qualifying donations must be new or increased gifts of \$1,000 or more. Lesser donations are appreciated but do not qualify for the matching challenge. All funds must be received before December 31, 2015 to count for the matching gift.

"We are very excited to take advantage of this generous offer to raise funds for seminary education," said Deacon Glen Bertrand, Director of Development. "We are enjoying record levels of seminarians in formation for the priesthood with 16 in school this fall. With this blessing comes the challenge of providing the necessary education and support while they are in formation. Our current costs amount to over \$600,000 per year.

"We hope that those who can will do everything possible to support the seminarians, Deacon Bertrand continued. "Catholic Extension is one of the most generous supporters of our Diocese. The Seminary Endowment Challenge gives the Diocese another way to raise much needed funding to support our development efforts for seminarian education."

Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles and they may be sent to Deacon Bertrand or Rev. Msgr. Daniel Torres, V.G., Diocese of Lake Charles, P.O. Box 3223, Lake Charles, LA 70602-3223. Include a description of the donor's wish for the naming of the bursary or to which current bursary you want the contribution added. Please note in the memo of your check that the gift is for a "seminary bursary." A listing of all seminary bursaries can be found at live.lcdioocese.org/vocations/444-seminary-bursaries.html.

If you would like further information, please call Deacon Glen Bertrand at 337-439-7400 or e-mail him at glen.bertrand@lcdioocese.org.



David Stine, left, and David Bushnell, right, both of Stine Lumber and Hardware, are shown with assistant principal Ted Nixon and principal Deacon Christopher Fontenet after the company donated STIHL lawn equipment to St. Louis Catholic High School to help in beautification efforts at the campus. The donation included: a Kombi Motor with a pole pruner trimmer, an FS line trimmer head, and a straight edger. They also donated a STIHL chainsaw, and provided a STIHL backpack blower. The total retail value of the equipment was \$1,550.00 in value.

Bishop Provost asks response to recent reports of abortion activities

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost has called upon Catholics of the Diocese of Lake Charles to a Day of Fasting and Prayer for Friday, August 14, 2015, the Obligatory Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, in response to the well-publicized revelations of morally reprehensible activities conducted by abortion providers in this country.

Specifically, Bishop Provost wants Catholics to fast on that Friday, in reparation for sins against human life, according to the discipline of the Church (one full meal, no meat, and nothing in-between meals), to pray one hour before the Blessed Sacrament and pray a rosary for the same intention.

"Fasting and prayers will be offered in reparation for all sins, which disrespect human life and especially for the harvesting and sale of body parts from aborted babies," Bishop Provost said. "The Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe is an appropriate day for our observance because this devoted priest died at Auschwitz as a result of Nazi atrocities and crimes against humanity, sacrificing his life for the sake of another prisoner. St. John Paul II canonized him and proclaimed him patron of all pro-life activities.

"We too are called to defend and bear witness to the dignity of all human life which is being diminished at an alarming rate in our society," Bishop Provost continued. "These recent revelations are nothing new. Blessed Pope Paul VI foresaw all of this prophetically in Humane Vitae of 1968. And every Pope since then, including our present Pope Francis, has called to our attention the cruel treatment of human beings in the womb and barbaric practices that are inconsistent with a civilized people.

"It is truly hypocritical for us to look back on the atrocities committed during World War II and ask why people of that time did not say or do more in protest, when we ourselves are aware and say and do nothing," the Bishop said. "As Catholics, we should begin with prayer and fasting, in the Catholic Church a time-honored and valuable means of making our cries for a change of heart, mercy and compassion known to our heavenly Father."

The Bishop sent a memorandum to all churches in the Diocese informing the pastors and requesting that the information be placed in parish bulletins and announced at all Masses.



The six planning study meetings – Forums for the Faithful – held to gain input from the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles on a potential capital campaign that would fund important long range issues may have concluded but the opinion of everyone in the Diocese of Lake Charles is important as to how the diocese is to proceed. If you were not able to attend a Forum for the Faithful, did not have a telephone interview or a personal interview, please go to the website – live.lcdioocese.org – and click on the Planning Study Fact Sheet button for more information and then take the Planning Study Survey online. Bishop Glen John Provost wants and needs your opinion!



EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION DOWN BAYOU TECHE

Acadian heritage, faith to be remembered August 15

LEONVILLE - August 15 is a very special day in Acadiana. It is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and for this same reason it is also a day which should resonate within the hearts of all those who embrace their Acadian heritage.

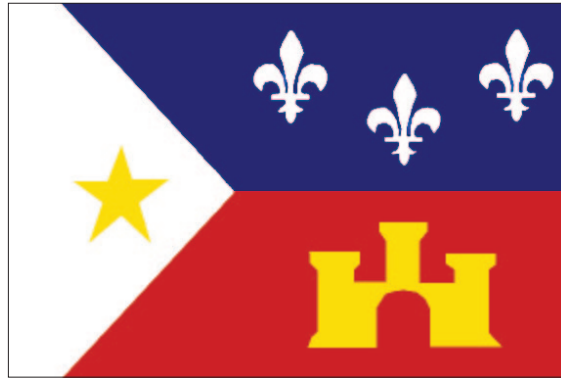
"The Assumption is the Feast of the Acadians," said Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC, a native son of the Diocese of Lafayette. "They sailed under the Acadian flag, which has the star representing Our Lady of the Assumption."

"His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, declared Our Lady of the Assumption the Patroness of the Acadian peoples," adds Bishop Glen John Provost, another native son of the Lafayette Diocese and Bishop of the Diocese of Lake Charles. "Bishop Jeanmard [the first bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette] recognized this special relationship between our Blessed Mother and the people of the Acadian exile. For a descendant of an Acadian to forget his or her roots and the witness to the Catholic faith of these people is a tragedy. Perhaps Mary can remind us of what some have forgotten, as well as what many faithfully remember."

Taking action to uphold the recognition of that connection which Bishop Jeanmard so deeply respected, Bishop Michael Jarrell has approved plans for an all-day Eucharistic Procession down the Bayou Teche on Saturday, August 15. The procession will help to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the Acadians by tracing the same waterway they used to travel to St. Martinville where they established their first settlement in this area.

"Traveling down the Teche is highly symbolic, because it replicates what our ancestors did," observes Bishop Provost. "The Jewish people never forget their deliverance from Egypt and their arrival in the Promised Land. Acadians should never forget their passage from exile to a new home."

Bishop Provost will take part by celebrating the Mass of the Assumption at St. Leo the Great Church in Leonville at 8:00 a.m. to begin the day.



"To be invited to officiate this 250th anniversary of the arrival of the Acadians to our area is very special indeed, and for me a great privilege," said Bishop Provost. "All

of my ancestors either came directly from France or were part of this Acadian exile in the 18th century, and I am delighted to give recognition to their faith, sacrifice, and perseverance in time of struggle and suffering."

"After Mass, we will process with the Blessed Sacrament with a special monstrance built for the occasion to the Leonville boat landing and embark in a boat procession down the Teche toward St. Martinville," Fr. Champagne explains, who has aided in the planning of this unique event. "The Blessed Sacrament will be fixed on an altar on the lead boat under a canopy, with a pair of adorers in adoration between the towns visited. We will stop at the Catholic churches along the way for recitation of the rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament for those gathered at Arnaudville, Cecilia, Breaux Bridge, and Parks.

"The boat procession will arrive at the Evangeline Oak in St. Martinville at about 4:45 p.m.," Fr. Champagne speculates. "We will then disembark and process to St. Martin de Tours Church for Benediction. The procession will continue down Main Street to Mater Dolorosa Chapel for the celebration of Solemn

Vespers of the Assumption and Final Benediction at 6:00 p.m."

"People should attend, especially descendants of the Acadian exiles, because they love their history, their family, their culture, and most importantly, their faith," urges Bishop Provost.

"Acadians understand the importance of religious faith, family, tradition, and roots. No sports game, no television program, no yard work, and no idle pre-occupation is as important. We are hoping to gather several hundred Catholics at each of the stops along the way, as well as at the beginning in Leonville and at the final destination in St. Martinville," expresses Fr. Champagne. "We would also like to register up to 100 boats in the procession, and people living along the bayou are encouraged to gather on the bayou bank and greet the Blessed Sacrament as it passes by."

To register a boat for the procession, send an email to fetedieuduteche@gmail.com. Once the email is received, the registrant will be sent a registration packet with further details. Boats may represent families, church parishes, Cursillo groups, Knights of Columbus or Knights of Peter Claver councils, or any other religious groups or communities. Participants are also encouraged to identify themselves by designing and displaying a special banner or other type of decoration on their boat during the procession, as an expression of their Catholic faith and Acadian heritage.

"It is said that Bishop Jeanmard wept every time he spoke of our Blessed Mother," recalls Bishop Provost. "Who of us did not grow up praying the rosary? Statues of Mary dot our landscape. Marian devotions are frequent in our churches. Mary has always reminded Catholics, especially the Acadian people, of a mother's care. She is a symbol par excellence of the tender mercy of God. She always points us to Jesus, her Son. How can we forget this?"

Bishop's Gala tickets on sale

LAKE CHARLES - Tickets for the Fourth Annual Bishop's Gala, set for Saturday, Dec. 12, in the Lake Charles Civic Center remain available in the parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles, at the diocesan chancery (414 Iris Street) and online at the diocesan website. The renowned Nelson Riddle Orchestra will provide the evening's entertainment.

The Orchestra, generally considered the "World's Most Recorded Orchestra" having recorded with Frank Sinatra, Nat "King" Cole, Ella Fitzgerald, Rosemary Clooney, Peggy Lee, Judy Garland, Dean Martin, Barbra Streisand, Linda Ronstadt and many others, will feature vocalist Bryan Anthony for a Centennial Celebration of the musical collaboration of Sinatra and Riddle. The Orchestra is currently directed by Nelson's son Christopher.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for a VIP social with general admittance at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$125 each and a table for 10 is available for \$1,250. To buy tickets on the website, using your credit card or e-check, go to ldiocese.org and click on the "Support the Diocese" button on the front page. Then, click on "Bishop's Gala Tickets" and follow the easy instructions. The patron of this year's event, on whose feast day the Gala is celebrated, is Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Special sponsorship opportunities include one Bishop's Table for a contribution of \$30,000. For the donation, eight individuals receive dinner with Bishop Glen John Provost at the Gala with Concierge Service; special individual gifts; and special mention in the Gala Program and from the bandstand that evening; and attendance at the VIP social from 6 to 6:30 p.m. before the Gala opens to the public and includes a photograph with the Bishop. In addition, they will be honored at a special Thank You dinner

on a to-be-determined date at L'Évêché, the Bishop's Residence.

Several other levels of sponsorship are also available - Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Crystal. Multiple numbers of these sponsorships will be offered.

Platinum Sponsors will receive two tables for 10, special individual gifts, special mention in the Gala program and from the bandstand that night, and VIP social from 6 to 6:30 p.m. before the Gala opens to the public and includes a photograph with Bishop Provost. Each of the platinum sponsorships is \$20,000.

Gold Sponsors receive a table for 10 with special seating, recognition in the Gala program and from the bandstand that night, and a VIP social from 6 to 6:30 p.m. before the Gala opens to the public and includes a photograph with Bishop Provost for a \$10,000 donation.

For \$5,000, Silver Sponsors receive a table for 10 with special seating and recognition in the Gala program while Crystal sponsorships get a table for 10 and recognition in the Gala program for a \$3,000 donation.

Call Msgr. Torres at 337-439-7400 for additional information on these special sponsorships.

Participation in this wonderful event provides for the continuation of the production and airing of the *Glad Tidings* television program each Sunday morning on KPLC-TV. The preparation and publication of the *Catholic Calendar* in five regional newspapers is made possible by attendance at the Gala. The website of the Diocese - ldiocese.org - is maintained as well as continually upgraded through the purchase of a Gala ticket or table. The broadcast of the 9:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on two local radio stations is also made possible, in part, by participation in this gala evening.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Veritas Conference Saturday, Sept. 12

LAKE CHARLES - The annual Veritas Conference, sponsored by the Office of Adult Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles, is Saturday, Sept. 12, with guest speaker Rose Sweet, a Catholic author, teacher, and conference speaker.

The event will take place in St. Louis Catholic High School from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and there is a registration deadline of Aug. 28. Fees are \$25, including lunch if paid by Aug. 21; \$30, including lunch if paid by Aug. 28; and \$35 with no lunch from Aug. 29 until the day of the event.

Pick up a registration form at the Bishop Harold Perry Building, 411 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 or call 337-

439-7400, Ext. 308 for more information.

Sweet has been on Catholic radio and EWTN and brings heart and humor to all her presentations. Her passion is helping people live their faith in the daily details by "Putting RELIGION into RELATIONSHIPS".

She has authored 10 books on relationship issues that include being single, dating and courtship, marriage and parenting, divorce, annulments, and how to get along with almost anyone. Her work is deeply rooted in St. John Paul's "Theology of the Body" and she has been speaker at the annual Theology of the Body Congress and in 2015 at the World Meeting of Families.

2015 People of Life Awards presented

WASHINGTON - A nurse, a chastity educator, and the retired director of the bishops' national grassroots organization received the 2015 People of Life Award for lifetime commitment to the pro-life movement, during the annual Diocesan Pro-Life Leadership Conference in Kansas City, Kansas. Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM Cap., of Boston, chair of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), presented the awards to Nancy Valko, Molly Kelly, and Michael Taylor.

Over 120 diocesan, state, and national Catholic pro-life leaders and guests from across the country attended the private awards dinner sponsored by the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

The People of Life Award recognizes Catholics who have answered the call outlined by Pope John Paul II in *The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae, 1995)*, dedicating themselves to pro-life activities and promoting respect for the dignity of the human person. It is bestowed in honor of their significant contributions to the culture of life.

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

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

Diocesan Briefs.....

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.

"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.macleon@ldiocese.org to RSVP.

Matthew Kelly at Our Lady Queen of Heaven

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/Lake Charles 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.

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 on First Saturday 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.

Mass for Special Needs Individuals

LAKE CHARLES - Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate a Mass for Individuals with Special Needs and their Families at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4, in St. Louis Catholic High School.

All denominations are invited to attend the celebration, offered as an opportunity for all to worship despite difficulty, embarrassment, or frustration. Family members and friends are welcome. Call Karen Duhon at 478-0243 or Shari Cormier at 478-0043 for more information.

Future dates for the celebration of masses for special needs are: Jan. 31, 2016; April 24, 2016; July 24, 2016; and October 16, 2016. Bishop Provost will be the celebrant at that Mass.