



Saint Charles Center 20th Anniversary

MOSS BLUFF - "Books and Bon-Bons Open House: In Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Saint Charles Center" is Sunday, Nov. 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Brulet Conference Room and Dining Hall of Tabor Retreat House.

Fr. Don Piraro, Fr. Whitney Miller, and other friends of the Center, will be offering a Book Sale in Brulet Conference Room. All funds from this sale go to the Center's Maintenance Account. During these same afternoon hours, various treats and "bon-bons" of delicious festivity will be available in the Brulet Dining Hall, along with chamber music, and enjoyable relaxation for all our welcomed guests.

"Take time on this Sunday afternoon to drive out to the Center and share in our joy and gratitude for 20 years of this anointed retreat ministry, richly blessed by our God," Father Miller said.

Pre-registration for the anniversary celebration is not necessary, but much appreciated for advanced planning purposes. Call 337-855-1232 to let Center staff know of your intentions.

On Sunday, November 5, 1995, The Most Reverend Agostino Cacciavillan, Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to the United States, and the Most Reverend Jude Speyrer, the first Bishop of Lake Charles, dedicated Saint Charles Center. The project was two years in the construction phase and completed an idea first broached in 1980 following the establishment of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Bishop Speyrer, the founding Bishop, met with the priests of the diocese at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau to discuss the needs of the new diocese in the future. Of the nearly 100 items discussed, the one that had the greatest traction and long-range appeal was determined to be a retreat and spirituality center for the new local church.

Knowing such a project would be expensive to complete, Bishop Speyrer kept it on his mind and the minds of others until he felt it time to begin more research. A capital campaign to raise the estimated \$3 million dollars that the facility would cost kicked off in 1986. Monies were raised from donors across the diocese as well as outside Louisiana with the final needed funds borrowed. Construction on the 69-acre property in Moss Bluff (at the nearly geographical center of the diocese) began April 1, 1993 with the first programs held at Saint Charles Center coming in mid-1995. The more than 50,000 square foot facility consists of nine buildings - Tabor Retreat House (the offices - Oustalet Hall; guest houses - Peeters and Cramer; the Chapel of the Assumption; and Brulet Hall - housing the kitchen along with dining and meeting halls); the Saint Katharine Drexel Conference Center - a facility for youth events; residences for the director and caretaker, and a maintenance facility.

In the intervening years, numerous generous benefactors have provided gracious assistance to the Center. Now part of the facility is the New Bethany Cemetery, the final resting place for clergy of the Diocese, a boardwalk from Tabor Retreat House leading to the Easley Pavilion on the banks of the West Fork of the Calcasieu River.

The most recent addition to Tabor Retreat House is the Memorial Courtyard, made possible by the generous gift of the family of A. J. M. "Bubba" and Lena Mae Oustalet of Jennings. A beautiful fountain dedicated in memory of Peggy Chapman Oustalet, the late wife of Rick Oustalet stands at the Courtyard's center.

In the past 20 years, thousands and thousands have come and benefitted from the blessing of the facility attending programs of spiritual growth and educational development for the Roman Catholic community and others of good will.

Saint Charles Center stands as a place apart, offering an atmosphere of serenity and peace, where one can deepen one's relationship with God and achieve spiritual renewal and growth rediscovering life's meaning in quiet reflection. A historical perspective of the construction of Saint Charles in photos is planned for the November 6 edition of the Catholic Calendar.

Seminary Burse Challenge Reached; New Challenge Offered



Since Jan. 1, 2015, the Diocese of Lake Charles has taken part in a Seminary Burse Challenge offered by Catholic Church Extension Society. The diocese set a goal of at least \$50,000, which if reached, would mean an additional \$25,000 from Catholic Extension. This gift brings the total contributed since Jan. 1, 2015 to more than \$90,000, more than reaching the goal. Now, the diocese has had the challenge extended by Extension. This means that if the Diocese raises an additional \$50,000 before the end of the year - December 31 - Extension will add another \$25,000. Gifts of at least \$1,000 to new or existing burses will qualify. The most recent contribution to the diocese seminary burses is a \$41,000 gift from the estate of Dorothy and Ray Conner of Creole. Mr. Conner, a Cameron Parish Police Juror for 24 years who served a number of terms as president, was co-owner of the Tarpon Freezo in Creole and a gauger for Jordan Oil Company for 44 years, died on January 13, 2011. His wife, Dorothy, had predeceased him. This latest gift increases the amount invested to aid in paying for the educational expenses of the 16 seminarians of the diocese to \$1,728,131.03. Only the interest earned from the burses is used annually. Bishop Glen John Provost (center) received the gift. Also pictured are, from left, Msgr. Daniel Torres, Vicar General; Eddie Conner, Mr. Conner's godson, Mrs. Donna Verzwylt, Mr. Conner's niece; Glenn Alexander, attorney for the estate; John Verzwylt; and Deacon Glen Bertrand, director of development for the Diocese. A seminary burse is a permanent fund set aside to provide income for the education and training of future priests. Since the principal is never touched, this fund is truly a "gift that will give forever." Donations made to any seminary burse, there are currently 90, will continue to support the education of seminarians in perpetuity. Seminary burses can be established in honor or memory of a loved one, in the name of especially well-loved priests (there are a number already established) or an organization with any amount of money and gifts may be added to burses. If you would like further information on seminary burses, contact Monsignor Torres or Deacon Bertrand at 337-439-7400 or via e-mail at daniel.torres@lcdiocese.org or glen.bertrand@lcdiocese.org.

Sinatra centennial celebrated at Bishop's Gala

LAKE CHARLES - The centennial tribute of the birth of Frank Sinatra - "Old Blue Eyes" - will be the feature entertainment provided by the renowned Nelson Riddle Orchestra at the Fourth Annual Bishop's Gala on Saturday, Dec. 12, in the Lake Charles Civic Center.

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 \$1,250. They can be purchased in the parishes of the Diocese, at the Chancery (414 Iris Street) and at live.lcdiocese.org.

To buy tickets online, using your credit card or e-check,

click on the "Support the Diocese" button on the front page, then click the "Bishop's Gala Tickets" link 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 John Provost at the Gala with Concierge Service; special individual gifts; and special mention in the Gala Program and from the bandstand during the 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. For information on these opportunities, please call 337-439-7400, Ext. 220.

Participation in this wonderful event provides for the continuation of the produc-

tion 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 - lcdiocese.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 the proceeds from this gala evening.

Companions of Honor Memorial Mass

LAKE CHARLES - Bishop Glen John Provost celebrated the annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Companions of Honor - made up of clergy, religious and laity honored by the Holy See or the Diocese of Lake Charles for their diligent service to the Church - Saturday, Oct. 3, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Companions that died in the past year and were remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful, were Willie Barge-man + June 14, 2014; Clinton Fobbs + November 9, 2014; Nettie Fontenot + November 23, 2014; Alvin Paul Weidner + December 11, 2014; Cora Hendrix + December 15, 2014; Carolyn Glynn + December 16, 2014; Earline Baccigalopi + January 20, 2015; Fred Fluitt, Jr. + January 21, 2015; Amos L. Johnson + January 30, 2015; Elizabeth Gayle + February 20, 2015; Bernice Ciambotti + May 28, 2015; Donald Brown + August 10, 2015, and Alice "Gene" St. Romain + October 1, 2015.

In his homily, Bishop Provost spoke of the joyful message of the Gospel of the day from Luke.

"The disciples return to Jesus and report to Him the success they have encountered by invoking His holy name," the Bishop said, "And Jesus commends them, and Reminds them that their real success is in their names being 'written



Shown above are a number of members of the Companions of Honor rewarded by the Diocese of Lake Charles or recipients of a Pontifical Knighthood from the Holy See at the annual Memorial Mass for those members of the organization who have died in the previous year. Bishop Jude Speyrer, the founding bishop of the diocese, established the Companions of Honor in 1982 to offer prayers for vocations to the priesthood for the diocese and to provide voluntary financial contributions to aid evangelization efforts of the diocese.

in heaven. ' What has been hidden is now revealed. The Father's gracious will is being accomplished. The revelation is privileged and the recipients, because of it, are also privileged. 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I say to you, many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.'"

Continuing, Bishop Provost said, "God has revealed everything to us through His Son Jesus Christ. What a mar-

velous gift it is! We recognize our privileged circumstances not because we wish to 'lord it over anyone' but because we want to acknowledge God's gift.

"Our hearts should be filled with gratitude, wonder, and awe," the Bishop said. " Particularly now, as we approach the sacred mysteries of our redemption lived out in this Eucharist, we should be truly humbled that so great a gift is placed on our altar and consumed by us in Holy Communion."

Rev. Keith Pellerin, pastor of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder, led a Morning of Reflection for members of the organization in the Cathedral. Father Pellerin, along with Rev. Archimandrite Herbert May (the group's chaplain) and Rev. Msgr. Daniel A. Torres, V.G., concelebrated the mass with Bishop Provost.

A luncheon followed the liturgy in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral office complex at the corner of Kirby and Bilbo Streets.

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



Clergy and Religious honored at 8th Annual Recognition Mass

LAKE CHARLES – The Eighth Annual Clergy and Religious Recognition Mass and Luncheon Celebration was held Tuesday, Sept. 29, in St. Henry Catholic Church with Bishop Glen John Provost as the celebrant.

The event is coordinated by Msgr. Cramers Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus with the help of Assemblies, KC Councils, Catholic Daughters of the Americas Courts, Knights of Peter Claver Assemblies, Chapters, and Courts along with Altar Societies from across the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Sixteen priests honored for significant anniversaries of ordination were: Reverend Egidio Vecchio, M.S. (60); Monsignor James Gaddy (50); Reverend Henry Mancuso (40); Bishop Glen John Provost (40); Archimandrite Herbert May (40); Reverend Babasino Fernandes (40); Reverend Whitney Miller (35); Reverend Joe McGrath (30); Reverend Andrews Kollannoor, M.S. (30); Reverend Jose Vattakunnel (25); Reverend Wayne LeBleu (20); Reverend Celsius O'for (20); Reverend Benignus Wego, S.V.D. (20); Reverend Andreas Kedati, S.V.D. (15); Reverend Rommel Tolentino (10); and Very Reverend Scott Conner (5).

Six Permanent Deacons recognized were Deacon John Eaves (35); Deacon Dan Landry (35); Deacon George Stearns (35); Deacon Edward Lavine (30); Deacon Richard Hinchee (15); and Deacon Glenn Viau (15).

Three religious sisters with

significant anniversaries of making perpetual vows were: Sister Mary Vianney Walsh; R.S.M. (20); Sister Shirley Gobert, S.E.C. (20); and Sister Joyce Susan Njeri Mbataru, C.C.V.I. (10).

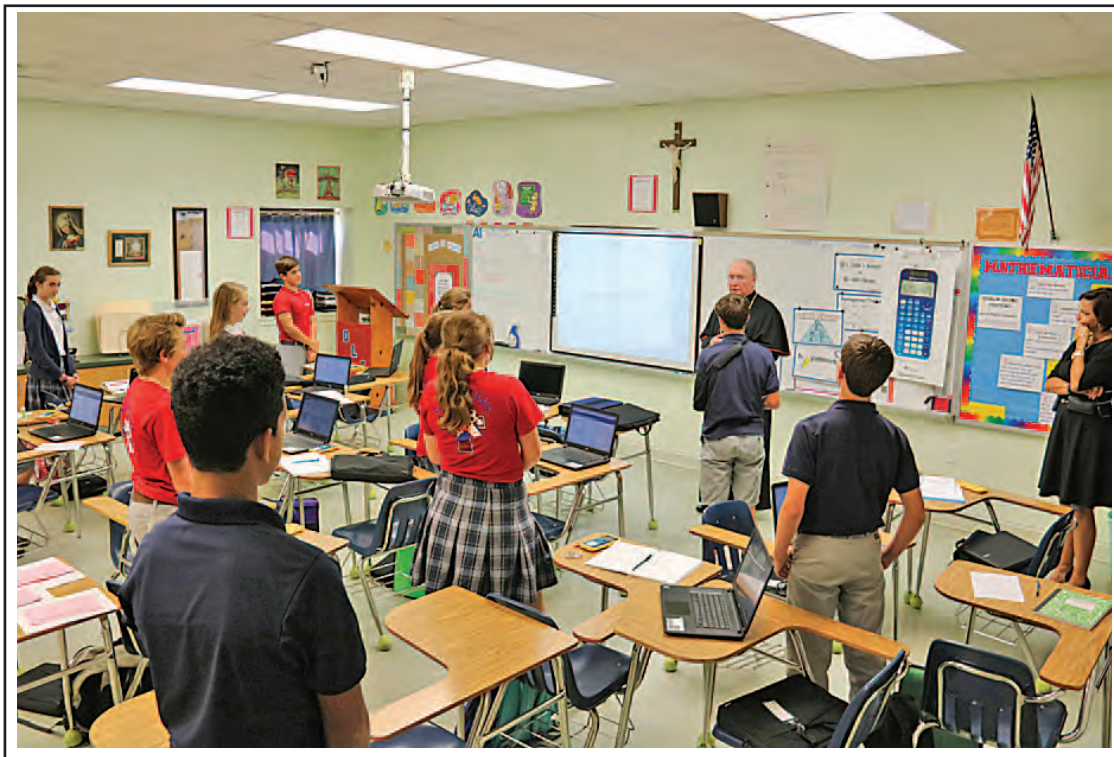
Contributors to the event were Knights of Columbus Assemblies Msgr. Cramers Assembly 320; Msgr. Peeters Assembly 332; Fr. Veillard Assembly, 2087; - Our Lady Help Of Christians Council 2012; H. W. Leger Memorial Council 2893; Our Lady Of The Lake Council 3012; St. Margaret Council 3208; St. Theodore Council 3622; - LaSalette Council 5755; Fr. Richard Donahue Council 8805; Fr. Sharrigan Council 8978; Immaculate Conception Council 9110; Msgr. A. W. Van Buijtenen Council 9281; J.W. O'Reilly, Sr. Council 13931; and St. Martin de Porres Council 15006.

Also, Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Lady of the Lake 695; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court - Stella Maris 1233; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court - Our Lady Of LaSalette; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court - St. Raphael 1377; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court - Mother Cabrini 1468; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court - Our Lady Of Fatima 1506; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court - Fr. Charles Kirk 1573; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court - Our Lady Queen of Heaven 1785; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court - Our Lady of Grace 1964; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court -

Our Lady Of The Snows 1980; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court - St. Joseph The Worker 1986; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court - Our Court of Visitation 1999; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court - St. Barbara 2153; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court - St. Theodore 2161; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court - Sancta Maria 2293; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court - Our Lady of The Americas 2388; and Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court - St. Martin De Porres 2659.

Also, Knights of Peter Claver, Fr. Hannigan Assembly 6; Vernon W. Joseph Assembly 22; Fr. Schuster Chapter 22; Fr. Baudizonne Court 48; Immaculate Heart Of Mary Council 141; St. Henry Council 168; and St. Henry Court 168.

Altar Societies contributing assistance included Christ the King, Lake Charles; Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Lake Charles; Immaculate Conception, Sulphur; Our Lady Help of Christians, Jennings; Our Lady of LaSalette, DeQuincy; Our Lady Of LaSalette Sulphur; Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Welsh; Our Lady of The Lake, Lake Arthur; Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles; St. Henry, Lake Charles; St. John Bosco, Westlake; St. Margaret of Scotland, Lake Charles; St. Martin de Porres, Lake Charles; St. Paul, Elton; St. Raphael, Iowa; St. Theodore, Moss Bluff; and St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Carlyss.



Bishop Glen John Provost began his annual visits to each of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles on Tuesday, Oct. 6, when he traveled to Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings. The Bishop was accompanied on his classroom stops by OLI principal Nicole Reeves, Father Charles McMillin, pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, and Father Ruben Buller. Bishop Provost talked with the students about their studies and answered questions put forth by the young people. At the close of his visit, he led the students in the Hail Mary for the intentions of their parents.

Two Spring classes offered at Center for Catholic Studies

LAKE CHARLES – Two classes are being offered for the Spring Semester at the Center for Catholic Studies of the Diocese of Lake Charles, located at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

Students receive college credit through these courses through Our Lady of Holy Cross College of New Orleans. The courses may qualify as electives in many McNeese degree programs. Students are urged to speak with their faculty advisors about this possibility.

A three-credit hour course, Theology 201: CHRISTOLOGY, will be taught by Father D.B. Thompson, M.Div. on Mondays and Thursdays, beginning January 21, 2016 from 4:50 to 6:10 p.m. at the Catholic Student Center, 221 Aqua Drive. The course is a study of the person and mission of Jesus Christ and focuses on Jesus portrayed in the Gospels, the early controversies

and councils about the person and nature of Christ as well as Christological developments in the Medieval, Reformation and Modern eras.

Deacon Glenn Viau, will teach Theology 290: THE CATHOLIC NOVEL, also a three-credit hour course from 4 to 6 p.m. on Mondays, beginning January 25, 2016 at the Student Center. The course is an exposure to the Catholic mind as it comes through the literary works of Flannery O'Connor, G.K. Chesterton, C.S. Lewis, Graham Greene, and Walter Miller Jr. The course will consider three novels and two short stories.

Registration forms are available through the Office of Religious Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles, the Newman Center, and at www.live.lcdioocese.org. On the web click on Forms, then scroll down to Center for Catholic Studies to access the registration and the application form.

Deadline for Registration: December 23.

The Center for Catholic Studies is made possible by an articulation agreement between McNeese State University and Our Lady of Holy Cross College. The Diocese of Lake Charles facilitates coursework in theology offered on site through OLHCC, which is SACSCOC accredited. This means that the courses transfer as liberal arts credits. Depending on the student's degree program, these credits may be used to fulfill elective requirements for your degree.

Center for Catholic Studies courses are available for credit or audit and may be taken by college students or any interested lay faithful meeting enrollment requirements. For more information, contact Susan Borgman at the Diocese of Lake Charles, Office of Religious Education, 337-439-7400, Ext. 309.

Red Mass on Friday, October 23

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will be the celebrant and homilist for the annual Red Mass set for 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 23, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Judges, attorneys, and government officials from the five civil parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles – Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis – are invited to attend. The local St. Thomas More Society, Judge Henry Yelverton Chapter, and the Diocese sponsor the event.

The Mass is so named because of the color of the vest-

ments worn by the Bishop and priests, donned in symbolism of the tongues of fire that descended on the Apostles. Additionally, Judges of the High Court of England and all doctors of law wore red robes or academic hoods.

The Red Mass is celebrated at the opening of the judicial year and requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice and offers the opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession.

The first recorded Red

Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral of Paris in 1245. From there, it spread to most European countries. Around 1310, during the reign of Edward II, the tradition began in England. It was attended at the opening of each term of Court by all members of the Bench and Bar. The event gradually fell out of fashion until 1931, when Sydney became the first English-speaking city to reinstitute the practice. The first Red Mass held in the United States was celebrated in St. Andrew's Church in New York City, near the courthouses of Foley Square.



Bishop Glen John Provost, center, celebrated a Mass for Special Needs Individuals and their Families on Sunday, Oct. 4, at St. Louis Catholic High School. During the liturgy, the Bishop confirmed Brody Meaux. He is seen in this photograph speaking to the young Meaux and his family members present – parents and grandparents – before the Mass. The next Mass for Special Needs, which is offered as an opportunity for all to worship despite difficulty, frustration and without embarrassment, is Jan. 31, 2016.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Italy in 2016

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will lead a diocesan pilgrimage to Rome, Vatican City, Orvieto, and Assisi May 20-28, 2016, with Father Nathan Long as moderator.

There is a Nov. 1 deadline for the \$350 deposit with final payment due by Feb. 10. The discounted package price, per person sharing a twin room, is \$3,395.00, plus \$695.00 departure taxes and fuel surcharge for the all-inclusive 9-day package with airfare from Houston. This discount of \$100.00 per person will apply for payments made entirely by personal check, money order or certified bank check.

For payments made with a credit card, the price per person, sharing a twin room, is \$3,495.00 plus \$695.00 departure taxes and fuel surcharge. The cost of departure taxes and fuel surcharge is subject to increase until ticketing.

Brochures providing a more in-depth view of the stops on the pilgrimage are available at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Our Lady of Good Counsel, at the Chancery, 414 Iris Street, or by printing it from the story located on the diocesan website – live.lcdioocese.org.

Cowboy Catholics Clay Shoot Nov. 6

LAKE CHARLES – The Inaugural McNeese Newman Club Cowboy Catholics Charity Clay shoot is Friday, Nov. 6, at the Lake Charles Gun Club, located at 661 Ward Line Road.

The proceeds from the event will provide aid the Newman Club projects at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Student Center at 221 Aqua Drive, according to Father Nathan Long, pastor.

Several sponsorship levels are available – gold for \$1,100 and silver for \$600. The former sponsorship includes two teams; the sponsor's name on a t-shirt and signage at the event while the latter includes one team, sponsor's name on t-shirt, and event signage.

A shooting station sponsor is \$150. There are three shooting times – 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call 337-477-1434, fax 337-479-2129, or e-mail kallanmudd@hotmail.com for more information and registration form.

St. Joan of Arc bazaar slated

OBERLIN – St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church's 27th Annual Bazaar is Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1. Saturday entertainment provided by Father Edward Richard, M.S., and the Holy Mountain Bluegrass Band at 6 p.m.

No alcohol or ice chests allowed inside this family-friendly festival, which offers free admission. Call 337-639-4399 for more information.

November prayer breakfast, lunch dates

LAKE CHARLES – The Men's Prayer Breakfast is Friday, Nov. 6 and the Women's Prayer Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 11, both in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception office complex.

Mass is celebrated at 6:30 a.m. in the Cathedral before the breakfast. Men should call 337-439-7400 to register. Women should send a check for \$15, payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles, to Mrs. Gaynell Carrier, 414 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 at least a week prior to the luncheon. A stamped, self-addressed envelope should be included.

VOCARÉ Work Days this fall

LAKE CHARLES – This fall at Vianney House of Discernment, 1624 Bank Street, Father Nathan Long invites young men ages 16-25 to VOCARÉ Men's Work Days on Saturday, October 24 and Saturday, November 28.

Morning prayer is set for 8:30 a.m., followed by work around the Vianney House and grounds from 9 to noon with the celebration of Mass at noon and then lunch. It is a time to meet the residents, serve the Lord, and discern your vocation.

For more information call Nathan Long at 337-477-1434.

"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.macleane@lcdioocese.org to RSVP.

Catholic Charities aid report

LAKE CHARLES – The most recent report from Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana about its aid to the needy of the area shows a total expenditure of \$24,994.84, according to Sr. Mary Vianney Walsh, director.

Eighty-seven clients were served during the month, ending Sept. 22 with 43 helped with rental payments, seven with acquiring a TWIC card or State ID card; eight with payment for medications, and seven with assistance to bury a loved one.

At the most recent food distribution a total of 294 USDA food boxes were distributed along with 59 boxes provided through the contributions of local individuals and companies.

To qualify to receive food distribution all clients must bring the following items: Picture ID for each adult in the household, Social Security card for each person in the household, proof of one month's income for the household (food stamp letter, SSI, TANF, Social Security, Child Support Letter, Retirement, Unemployment, Veterans benefits, payroll checks, proof of residency - a utility bill, and proof of the number of persons in the household.