



## Respect Life Dinner set Jan. 12

LAKE CHARLES – The Annual Diocese of Lake Charles Respect Life Dinner, which aids Rachel's Vineyard, The Gabriel Project, and diocesan youth pilgrims to the National March for Life, is Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2015 in the Buccaneer Room of the Lake Charles Civic Center.

Ramona Trevino, a former Planned Parenthood manager turned pro-life activist, is the guest speaker.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with the silent auction items available for bid. The dinner is 6:30 p.m. and Trevino will speak at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each and a table for eight can be purchased for \$400.

Call 337-439-7400 for Caroline Matt; or e-mail, rachel.vineyard@lcdiocese.org or caroline.matt@lcdiocese.org for more information. Tickets can be purchased by going to the website of the Diocese of Lake Charles – live.lcdiocese.org – clicking the "Support the Diocese" button and then the Respect Life Banquet link

A number of diocesan pro-life ministries, including Rachel's Vineyard; The Gabriel Project, and youth pilgrims traveling to the annual March for Life gathering in Washington DC, are benefitted by the proceeds from this event.

Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat program offered to men and women harmed by the abortion experience. It is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion and the retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

The Gabriel Project provides a 24-hour hotline staffed by volunteers as well as spiritual and emotional support for unwed mothers and those difficult pregnancies along with

providing baby items that the mother might need.

For information on Rachel's Vineyard retreats and the Gabriel Project, call 337-439-7400, Ext. 317.

Trevino resigned her post at Planned Parenthood as a manager of an abortion-referral center in 2011, which led to the facility closing. She has authored a book – Redeemed by Grace – available through Amazon. She is also a speaker for the 40 Days for Life campaign

At age eight, she climbed to the top of a roof and begged God to let her know he was real. After receiving a sign, she made a pact with herself to follow him always. Family difficulties and growing pains made it hard for her to continue on that path.

Pregnant at 16, she dropped out of high school and entered an abusive marriage, which ended in divorce. Wanting to make a difference and to help girls in similar tough situations, she accepted a job as the manager of a Planned Parenthood facility in Sherman, Texas. Over time, however, Trevino began to grapple with whether she was doing women more harm than good, setting her on a path to seek the truth, no matter where it might lead.

Realizing she could no longer refer women for abortions or provide them with false assurances of risk-free sex, Trevino took a leap of faith and left the financial security of her job. Her ultimate conversion involved a full return to the Catholic faith of her childhood and a new role as a pro-life advocate and speaker.

She is a native of Trenton, Texas, a small town northeast of Dallas has been married for five years.

Even though the clinic she managed did not perform surgical abortions, she was struggling "with [her] conscience . . . on contraception, abortion and [her] role in it all."



**Ramona Trevino**  
From Planned Parenthood to Pro-Life

## Bishop's Gala tickets on sale

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 admission at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$125 each and a table for 10 is \$1,250 and can be purchased 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. Call 337-439-7400, Ext. 220, for more information.

Proceeds from the Gala provides for diocesan communication efforts – the production and airing of the *Glad Tidings* television program, the publishing of the *Catholic Calendar* in five regional newspapers, the website of the Diocese – live.lcdiocese.org, and the radio broadcast of the 9:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on two local stations.

## Thanksgiving week office hours

The offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles are open Monday through Wednesday – Nov. 23, 24, and 25 – from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily and closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, reopening Monday, Nov. 30 at 8:30 a.m.

## Schedule of weekend afternoon Masses

LAKE CHARLES --A list of afternoon Masses celebrated in the Novus Ordo at churches of the Diocese of Lake Charles – on Saturday and Sunday – is found below. This information is provided to assist Catholics who may be traveling and arrive home late on Sunday, shift workers at our local industries, and all others who may wish to attend Mass late in the weekend.

### Saint Pius X

16816 U.S. 171 in Ragley

7 p.m. Anticipated Mass (Saturday)

### Saint Margaret of Scotland

2500 Enterprise Boulevard in Lake Charles

6 p.m. Anticipated Mass (Saturday)

### Our Lady of LaSalette

203 Grand Avenue in DeQuincy

5 p.m. Anticipated Mass (Saturday)

### Saint Joseph

1125 Blankenship Drive in DeRidder

5 p.m. Anticipated Mass (Saturday)

### Saint Paul

1100 St. Mary Street in Elton

5 p.m. Anticipated Mass (Saturday)

### Saint Charles Borromeo

804 Third Avenue in Fenton

6 p.m. Anticipated Mass (Saturday)

### Our Lady Perpetual Help

920 South Broadway Street in Jennings

6 p.m. Anticipated Mass (Saturday)

4 p.m. Sunday Mass

### Saint Joseph

2110 Claude Hebert Road in LeBleu Settlement

5:30 p.m. Anticipated Mass (Saturday)

### Saint Lawrence

5505 Pine Island Highway in Raymond

5:30 p.m. Anticipated Mass (Saturday)

### Christ the King

7680 Gulf Highway in Lake Charles

5 p.m. Anticipated Mass (Saturday)

### Sacred Heart

1208 East Seventh Avenue in Oakdale

5 p.m. Anticipated Mass (Saturday)

### Our Lady of Prompt Succor

1109 Cypress Street in Sulphur

5 p.m. Anticipated Mass (Saturday)

5 p.m. Sunday Mass

### Our Lady of LaSalette

602 North Claiborne Street in Sulphur

5 p.m. Anticipated Mass (Saturday)

### Our Lady of Good Counsel

221 Aqua Drive in Lake Charles

6 p.m. Sunday Mass

### Saint Henry

1021 Eighth Avenue in Lake Charles

5 p.m. Sunday Mass

### Saint Theodore

785 Sam Houston Jones Pkwy in Moss Bluff

5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass

Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Lake Charles

3939 Lake Street

5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass

## Family key influence to Catholic vocations

CHICAGO – A major study on the role of families in nurturing vocations found that recent entrants to religious life and diocesan priesthood come from families that go to Mass weekly, pray together often, have active faith lives, and encourage family members to be open to vocation options. The study, commissioned by the National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) and conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University, also found that new entrants responding to the survey come from families who:

• Give importance to private and public religious practices—in addition to Mass attendance—such as saying grace before meals and bedtime prayers, displaying religious art and objects, and actively participating in parish life and charitable services

• Witness and talk about their faith in their daily lives

• Attend Catholic schools or receive parish-based religious education

Regularly eat dinner together and gather as a family for games or discussions

• Have Catholic periodicals and other media available in the household

• Support the idea of a vocation to religious life and the priesthood

"The study confirmed what we've known instinctively: Families are the seedbed of vocations," says NRVC Executive Director Brother Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C.

## December prayer breakfast

LAKE CHARLES – The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is Friday, Dec. 4, 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.

There will be no Ladies Luncheon in December, with the next scheduled for January 13. 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.



Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 3208 of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in Lake Charles have shared their time as volunteers at Abraham's Tent, 2424 Fruge Street, on the first Wednesday of each month since 2005. Pictured here are five of the volunteers on a recent first Wednesday. From left, Leroy Carpenter, Joe Granger, Sam Battaglia, Ed Richard, and David Stokeld.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Diocesan Fiscal Position Available

LAKE CHARLES – The Diocese of Lake Charles is accepting applications for the full time position of Assistant Director of the Office of Fiscal Affairs.

An application may be found on the front page of the diocesan website under this story. The position will be available Thursday, December 17, and applications are requested by Friday, December 4. For more information, call The Very Rev. Ruben Buller, Moderator of the Curia at (337) 439-7400 or email ruben.buller@lcdiocese.org.

### Early Childhood Director applicants sought

LAKE CHARLES -- Our Lady Queen of Heaven - Early Childhood Center is seeking applicants for the Director position.

Applicants must have a degree in Early Childhood Education, as well as experience in daycare operations, management and finances.

Contact Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School at 337-477-7349 for application information.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8

LAKE CHARLES – A celebration of the patronal feast day of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is set for Tuesday, Dec. 8, beginning with a recitation of the Holy Rosary at 5 p.m., followed by the celebration of a Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 5:30 p.m. and a Marian Procession through the streets of downtown Lake Charles. A reception

will follow the procession in the Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral Office Complex at the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets.

### Christmas Senior Adoption Project

LAKE CHARLES -- Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana, 1225 Second Street, will again be providing Christmas gifts for the elderly through the Christmas Adoption Project.

In association with church parishes, senior housing facilities, and local councils on aging, Catholic Charities seeks to help the loneliest and most neglected of the community by showing God's mercy through gift giving in this most holy of seasons.

Anyone who would like to adopt a senior may contact Catholic Charities at 337-439-7436.

### Eucharistic procession in Oberlin

OBERLIN – St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church will hold a Christ the King Eucharistic Procession, in honor of the Son of God and King of the Universe immediately following the Sunday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. Mass, through the streets of the community.

Everyone is invited to the Mass and the Eucharistic Procession. For more details, go to St. Joan of Arc's website: www.sjoaoberlin.com.

### St. Louis seeking alumni updates

LAKE CHARLES – St. Louis Catholic High School is seeking alumni wishing to receive the monthly school newsletter. Graduates of Landry Memorial, Sacred Heart High School,

St. Charles Academy or St. Louis Catholic High School are asked to visit the school's website – www.slchs.org – to update contact information.

### Final Fall VOCARÉ Work Day Nov. 28

LAKE CHARLES – This final fall VOCARÉ Men's Work Days at Vianney House of Discernment, 1624 Bank Street, is Saturday, Nov. 28, according to Father Nathan Long, who invites young men ages 16-25 considering a vocation to the priesthood to attend.

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

### Catholic Charities Aid To The Needy

LAKE CHARLES – The most recent report from Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana on its aid to the needy of the area shows a total monthly expenditure of \$16,426.41, according to Sr. Mary Vianney Walsh, RSM, director.

Sixty-four clients were served during the month, ending October 16 with 33 helped with rental payments, four with acquiring a TWIC card or Louisiana state ID card; eight with payment for medications, 15 with utility payments, and four with assistance in burying a loved one.

At the most recent food distribution, a total of 292 USDA food boxes were distributed along with 43 boxes provided through the contributions of local individuals and companies. Five food boxes were also provided for homeless individuals or families.



Bishop Glen John Provost was joined by a number of priests in the celebration of All Souls Day Mass on Monday, Nov. 2, at Consolata Cemetery. He was also assisted by two deacons. Many family members of those interred in Consolata were also present. Following the liturgy, Bishop Provost along with other members of the clergy present went out into the cemetery to bless the graves for the families. Photo 1 shows the First Reading of the Liturgy of the Word during the Mass while photo 2 shows only a small number of the people present for the celebration. In photo 3 Bishop Provost sprinkles Holy Water on the graves in one of the cemetery's mausoleums.

## Bishop Provost's All Souls Day homily at Consolata

LAKE CHARLES – On Monday evening, Nov. 2, Bishop Glen John Provost celebrated Mass at Consolata Cemetery for the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed – All Souls Day.

Clergy concelebrating included Msgr. James Gaddy, Msgr. Charles Dubois, Rev. Jeffrey Starkovich, Rev. Matthew Cormier, and Rev. Charles Okorougo. Rev. Ruben Buller served as Master of Ceremonies. Also assisting were Deacons Harold Nixon and Anthony Pousson.

Bishop Provost's homily for the liturgy follows:

November 2, 2015  
The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed  
(All Souls Day)

*“And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day.” John 6:39*

Those consoling words were spoken by Jesus in “the Bread of Life Discourse” from the Gospel of St. John. Jesus has just proclaimed that he is “the bread of life” (John 6:35). Jesus will later say, “[W]hoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:58). His very flesh is a participation in the hope of eternal life, and for those who believe it is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

We are here this evening to pray for our faithful departed who partook of “the bread of life.” They came to our Lord, approached Him with love and devotion, received Him in faith, and consumed His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in Holy Communion. The Church has always understood that this communion requires a certain worthiness on our part, a worthiness that comes first through God's mercy but also comes by our cooperating with God's grace to live as holy a life as we can, confessing our sins, and avoiding serious sin. As St. Paul teaches the Corinthians when speaking of Holy Communion, “[W]hoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord” (I Corinthians 11:27).

Allowing for the human condition, there is always room for improvement. We are not angels. And for this reason there is more often than not in need of purification. St. Paul teaches us that fire will test the quality of each one's works and some will need to be saved “only as through fire” (I Corinthians 3:13, 15).

The First Letter of St. Peter speaks of this purification also. He compares it to the refinement of gold. He writes, “[W]hile you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ” (I Peter 1:6-7).

This purification after death we call Purgatory. Purgatory is the “final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (CCC #1031). “After death” those who die in God's friendship but remain imperfectly purified “...undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven” (CCC #1030).

Purgatory is a reminder of God's abiding mercy. He never leaves us untended, and God wants us to enjoy unimpeded the vision of Him in eternal life. I am terribly near-sighted and rely on eyeglasses, but those eyeglasses sometimes get dirty. They need to be cleaned every day, sometimes more than once a day. If not, my sight is dimmed, obscured, or distorted.

God does not want our vision of Him to be diminished by any vestige of selfishness in our souls. Therefore, the purification of Purgatory in the fulfillment of His desire that we be saved.

We are here this evening to pray for our faithful departed, to apply to them our prayers for a speedy purification. We want them to reach heaven soon. We offer them our penances, sacrifices, and prayers. They are on their way to glory. “For this is the will of my Father,” says the Lord, “that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day” (John 6:40).



Two men with deep roots in Lake Charles were recently ordained to the transitional diaconate for the Archdioceses of Washington, DC and New Orleans. Deacon Robert Boxie, in photo at left with Cardinal Timothy Dolan (Archbishop of New York), was ordained in Rome for Washington while Deacon Patrick Carr, in the photo at right, was ordained by New Orleans Archbishop Gregory Aymond in the Notre Dame Seminary Chapel in New Orleans. Boxie, a parishioner of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, graduated from Sacred Heart St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School and St. Louis Catholic High School (1998). He is the son of Robert and Roxanne Boxie. He matriculated at Vanderbilt University Chemical Engineering, and Harvard Law School. He entered the seminary in 2010 doing his pre-theology (philosophy) at Theological College seminary at Catholic University of America, and then went to the Pontifical North American College (PNAC) in Rome for theology in 2012. He finished his S.T.B. (Bachelor's of Sacred Theology) in the fall semester at the Gregorian University, and is working in the first year of the license in Biblical Theology at the Gregorian. Plans call for a spring ordination after which he will return to the Gregorian to complete his Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.). Carr, the son of Richard and Catherine Carr, was educated from kindergarten through high school in the Catholic schools of Lake Charles before enrolling at LSU, receiving a degree in accounting, and embarking on a secular career as a public accountant in firms in Lake Charles, Lafayette and New Orleans. Carr enrolled initially in Notre Dame Seminary in January 2006 but took a nearly 10-year period of discernment before completing the required six years of philosophy and theology.

## December events slated at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF – Events scheduled for the remainder of 2015 at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center include “Celebrating Advent in the Jubilee Year of Mercy: How to Make a Better Confession,” an Evening of Reflection with Father Whitney Miller on Tuesday, Dec. 1 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Private Directed Retreats with Fr. Miller, Fr. Don Piraro, Judy Savoie, and Gloria Villegas are Monday, December 7 through Sunday, December 13. A directed retreat is a form of silent retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola focusing on the personal prayer of the individual. There are no group activities or conferences other than daily Eucharist and an individual daily meeting with the director. The retreatant spends about four hours in contemplative prayer each day of the retreat. The retreatant may choose to do three or five days. Also, from Thursday, Dec. 10 through Sunday, Dec. 13, there will be an Introduction to the Directed Retreat program. For more information or to register for either one of these events, a call to the Center at 337-855-1232 is necessary. Scholarship assistance is available upon request.

Sr. Diane Depwe will host “Spiritual Warfare” on Tuesday, Dec. 15 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Call 337-855-1232 for information on suggested donations and registration deadlines or go to [stcharlescenter.com](http://stcharlescenter.com).

## Pope Francis, Bishop Provost at St. Matthew's

WASHINGTON, DC -- St. Matthew holds a special place in Pope Francis' heart. It was on the Feast of St. Matthew, when the Pope was 17, that he heard the Lord calling him.

Pope Francis believes he was called to serve, because the Lord had mercy on him.

Upon entering the Cathedral, Pope Francis was presented with a crucifix. As he

made his way further into the Cathedral, he received a bouquet of white flowers for the celebration of the midday prayer.

Before the main prayer with the Bishops, the Holy Father entered the Blessed Sacrament chapel on the side for a few minutes in prayer.

Pope Francis adorned with the Holy Stole, set out to begin

the midday prayer and his address to the Bishops.

Pope Francis delivered his homily, based on the theme, “Be Holy, for I am Holy,” to the Bishops in Spanish. He began his homily by sending out a greeting to the Hebrew community for the Jewish brothers' sacred Yom Kippur.

“The heart of the Pope expands to include everyone,

expanding the heart to bare witness that God is great in his love,” stated Pope Francis. “May no member of Christ's body or American people feel excluded from the Pope's embrace. Wherever the name of Jesus is spoken, may the Pope's voice also be heard ... to affirm that He is the savior.”

“When a hand reaches out to do good, or to show a brother the love of Christ, to dry a tear, or comfort the lonely, to show the way to one that is lost, or to console a broken heart, help the fallen, or teach those the truth to forgive ... know that the Pope is by your side, the Pope supports you; he also puts his hand on yours, a hand wrinkled with age, but by God's grace is still able to support your courage.”

During his address to the Bishops of the United States, Pope Francis touched on the issue of immigration, education and charity.

“I follow closely the immense efforts you have made to welcome and integrate immigrants who continue to look to America like so many others before them,” expressed Pope Francis. “These works are often carried out without appreciation or support ... because these initiatives grow out of obedience of the Divine Mandate, which we must not disobey.”

## 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



The Holy Father, Pope Francis, is shown entering St. Matthew Cathedral in Washington, DC on the afternoon of his first day – Sept. 22 - in the United States. At left, Bishop Glen John Provost, seemingly making eye contact with the Pope, adds his welcome applause to the many other of the nation's Bishops in attendance at the prayer service. (Servizio Fotografico © L'Osservatore Romano) Reprinted with permission.