



Deacon Viau interred at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF — Deacon Glenn Christopher Viau was interred at New Bethany Cemetery, located on the grounds of Saint Charles Center, on Monday, December 3, following a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated by Bishop Glen John Provost and concelebrated by priests of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Attending were many deacons of the diocese and elsewhere.

Deacon Viau, 64, of Westlake, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, November 28.

A native of New Orleans, he was born January 17, 1954, where in his adult life was a well-respected Catholic educator, with 14 years in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal.

From 1991 to 2001 and again from 2002 through 2007, he served on the administrative staff at St. Louis Catholic High School as Academic Assistant Principal, Campus Minister, and Academic Administrator. He also taught Theology, English, Social Studies, and Journalism while at the school. He also served as interim principal at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings and as the interim principal at St. Louis for the 2017-18 academic year.

He earned a B.S. in Secondary Education from Loyola University in New Orleans as well as two graduate de-

grees from Loyola, an M. Ed. in Secondary Education and an M.P.S. in Pastoral Studies. He completed the Spiritual Directors program offered by the Diocese of Lake Charles, and served as a supervisor in the program, served three terms as Chairperson of the Council of Deacons, was the Assistant to the Vicar for Clergy at the time of his death.

Deacon Viau taught two Holy Cross theology courses offered through the Diocese of Lake Charles, Morality and Adolescent Faith Development. He served on the teaching staff for the most recent Diaconate Formation Program for the Diocese of Lake Charles, teaching New Testament Letters and Gospels to deacon candidates. He has also taught Introduction to Catholicism and The Catholic Novel for the Center for Catholic Studies. He was currently teaching a dual-enrollment course, Religion 201, at St. Louis Catholic High School through McNeese State University.

Deacon Viau also enjoyed volunteering back to his community through the Covenant House, where he served as an educational tutor, for Hunger Walk-Bread for the World, Spiritual director for the ACTS Community and with many other organizations.

Deacon Viau was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Doris Viau; and his in-



Deacon Glenn Viau

laws, John and Teresa Sparacio. He is survived by his wife of twenty-seven years, Rosalie Sparacio Viau of Westlake; daughter, Christina "Tina" Burleigh and husband Phillip, also of Westlake; sister, Deborah Viau Valiente and husband Joseph; nephew, Stephen Valiente; niece, Kristen V. Romig and husband Neil; grandchildren, Brooks, Brennum, and Brecken Burleigh; and his beloved granddoggie, Lucy.

Donations can be made in Deacon Viau's name to St. Louis Catholic High School, 1620 Bank Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601; Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 221 Aqua Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70605; Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School, 1536 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601; or to Camp Karol Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat, 2151 Sam Houston Jones Parkway, Lake Charles, LA 70611.

BISHOP PROVOST'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Magi "opened their treasures and offered [the baby Jesus] gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." The Magi brought their best. Christmas is about "gift," but not "gift" as we commonly think. A great deal of time and energy is spent on gift giving. However, when God wanted to give us His most important gift, He did so in a Bethlehem stable. And while the Magi made precious and expensive offerings, the object of their adoration was an innocent baby lying in a manger.

Let us offer ourselves to the Son of God, putting aside selfishness and offering our love of God and neighbor. I join my fellow Catholics in extending to you our prayers for a joyful Christmas!

Fight against human trafficking ongoing

Work continues to combat human trafficking, one of the most insidious new forms of slavery in the world today and to be found in the midst of Southwest Louisiana.

The average age of a trafficking victim is 13 years and 89 percent of the slaves are sold into the sex industry.

The Louisiana Summit on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking examined methods to fight this horrendous sin, looking at roles and best practices in government, law enforcement, churches and non-governmental organizations in eradicating this crime against humanity.

The conference was hosted by Bishop Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo, Vatican

Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and Pope Francis' delegate to fight "modern slavery," along with Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards, Texas Congressman Ted Poe and the congressional caucus against victims of abuse, along with Father M. Jeffery Bayhi, founder of

Metanoia Manor, a shelter for victims of human trafficking.

"The problem is growing in the world," said Bishop Marcel Sanchez Sorondo, the Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. "We need to eradicate human slaves and human trafficking."

This was Bishop Sorondo's second trip to Louisiana as he had been present in 2017 for the dedication of Metanoia Manor, the home built to house and rehabilitate teen



Speakers and participants from around the world attended an International Conference on the Prevention of Human Trafficking. Pictured above, from left, are Father Jeff Bayhi, pastor of St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Zachary and a conference organizer, Jeanne Lebato, who represented the Diocese of Lake Charles, a featured speaker, State Senator Ronnie Johns and, his wife, Michelle, of Sulphur.

human trafficking victims. Four such survivors were residing at the home at its

dedication, which is staffed by nuns trained to serve this special population.

The next issue of the *Catholic Calendar* will be published on Friday, January 18, 2019.

Offices of the Diocese are closed from today, December 21, through Tuesday, January 1, reopening at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, with regular office hours the remainder of the week.

Diocese of Lake Charles compliant with Charter

LAKE CHARLES -- In November, the Diocese of Lake Charles was audited for its compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. Bishop Glen John Provost has announced "that this most favorable audit report from Stonebridge states that the Diocese of Lake Charles is in compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and is a further testimony to our continuing efforts to insure the safety of our children and youth."

The on-site audit performed here in the Diocese by Stonebridge Business

Partners was for the 2017-2018 audit period.

The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* is a comprehensive set of procedures originally established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in June 2002 for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The *Charter* also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse. It was revised in 2005, 2011, and 2018.

The following are measures required by the *Charter* and in which the Diocese

of Lake Charles is fully compliant:

- Creating a safe environment for children and young people;
- Healing and reconciliation of victims and survivors;
- Making prompt and effective response to allegations;
- Cooperating with civil authorities;
- Disciplining offenders;
- Providing for means of accountability for the future to ensure the problem continues to be effectively dealt with through the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection and the National Review Board.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Cathedral radio broadcast to go on hiatus

LAKE CHARLES -- Beginning with the first Sunday of January, the Feast of the Epiphany, the radio broadcast of the celebration of the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will be temporarily off the air.

This temporary cessation of the airing is due to the closure of the Cathedral to continue the inside renovation of the building. All Masses after January 2, will take place in Ave Maria Hall, located across the street from the Cathedral at the southeast corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets.

Plans call for the radio broadcasts to recommence once the inside work has been completed and the Cathedral reopens, hopefully in July 2019.

When broadcasts return, the Mass will still be available each Sunday on KLCL (1470-AM) and KJEF-AM (1290-AM) in Jennings as well as on Radio Maria 91.1 FM on the second Sunday of each month.

Events at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF — Spring events taking place at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center have been announced and will begin with "Winter: A Time to Be with God" presented by Sr. Diane Depwe on Tuesday, January 15, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Suggested donation for the Evening of Reflection is \$20.00 per person, with a registration deadline of Friday, January 11.

A "Domestic Church" Married Couples Retreat is set for Thursday, January 24 through Sunday, January 27. For information and/or to register, please call Blaine or Denise Wyringer at (337) 764-1562 or visit www.domesticchurchfamilies.com.

Saint Charles Center Associate Director Deacon Brian Soileau will present "Do Not Let the Sun Set on Your Anger: Understanding and Reducing Anger for Men" from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29.

The deadline for registration, which is \$20 per person, is Friday, January 25.

To register for these events and others call (337) 855-1232 or visit stcharlescenter.com.

Respect Life fundraiser March 16, 2019

LAKE CHARLES -- The Diocese of Lake Charles Respect Life fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Prien Lake Park with priests and deacons from around the diocese bringing their best cooking teams competing for attendees' taste buds and votes. The winning "clergy team" will receive a \$500 donation to their parish.

The fundraiser will support Respect Life ministries in the diocese such as Rachel's Vineyard, which continues to help people heal from the wounds of abortion and the newest ministry - Grief to Grace - which provides healing retreats for anyone who has suffered from physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Efforts are also being enhanced in the diocese to teach Natural Family Planning and helping married couples grow in love and generosity.

Tickets are \$50 each with children under 12 admitted free. The Trinkety Package, which includes eight tickets, a ticket to the raffle, and a signed thank you card from Bishop Glen John Provost, is \$500. This can be done safely online at the Diocese of Lake Charles website - lcdioocese.org - by clicking the Event Registration button and then the Respect Life fundraiser link.

There will be games for the children and raffle prizes, \$20 per ticket, include, first prize - a golf cart; second prize - a Tim Tebow jersey; and third prize - jambalaya prepared for 50 people.

If you have any questions, contact Ms. Marjorie Long at 337-439-7400, Ext. 317 or at marjorie.long@lcdioocese.org.

Catholic mission trip July 5-14

LAKE CHARLES -- The *Abrazando Cristo* Mission Trip for 2019 will be July 5-14 to Puerto Rico, according to Monsignor Daniel Torres.

The cost of the trip will be \$2,200, which covers all air and ground transportation, meals, lodging, trips, taxes, retreat, and mission shirts.

For an information packet/registration form contact Felicia Borel at 337-477-1236 or by e-mail at Felicia.borel@lcdioocese.org.

A \$300 non-refundable deposit with the registration form is due by Jan. 12 to secure a seat. Only 25 seats are available.

Pilgrimage to Italy in 2019

LAKE CHARLES -- Visit Rome, Monte Cassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Manoppello, Loreto, Spiritino, Assisi, Orvieto, Florence, Padua, and Venice with Spiritual Director Father Rommel Tolentino, on September 16-27, 2019.

The 12-day pilgrimage is \$3879 per person with double occupancy. The price includes round trip airfare from Houston, \$450 government taxes and airline surcharges, accommodations in first class hotels, most meals, comprehensive sight-seeing, daily Mass, and more.

For a brochure and more information, call 337-436-7251 or email rommel.tolentino@lcdioocese.org. Space is limited!

Center for Catholic Studies class schedule

LAKE CHARLES -- Father Nathan Long will teach on the Letters of St. Paul Course Title: The Letters of Saint Paul on the Tuesdays of January 29 and February 12, 19, 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Student Center at Mass.

The course description is as follows: "St. Paul is notoriously misunderstood. St. Peter admitted as much in his own letter (2 Peter 3:15-16). Yet, understanding St. Paul is critical if we are to take seriously the call to evangelize. After all, Paul was the first world-wide evangelizer. Moreover, his epistles are read throughout the year in the Sacred Liturgy. Few pay much attention, and they are rarely given attention from the pulpit. In the interest of making the most of a short time, the approach in this course will be to take 8 keys/keywords to recall the central ideas and themes in Paul. By developing an understanding in these topics, it will better equip the participant to hear and understand the sections of Paul's epistles as they are read at Mass."

Paula Hunter will teach Theology of the Body and the Interior Life on the Tuesdays of March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Student Center.

"In this course, the student will develop a basic understanding of St. Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body, and also of St. Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises. We will explore the profound meaning of being human--our purpose and fulfillment. Lecture and discussion topics include but are not limited to: The truth of Trinitarian love Scriptures and Church documents about the nature of the Human Person. Some key affective states we experience as we move closer to--or further away from--our ultimate destiny as Human Persons. The most typical resistances men and women feel in spousal and/or friendship relationships."

Cost is \$50 per person for each course. Registration is available online at lcdioocese.org by clicking the Event Registration button.

Pontifical Mass schedule announced

LAKE CHARLES -- Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate a Pontifical Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Friday, Dec. 28, the Feast of the Holy Innocents, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The schedule of pontifical masses in the Cathedral during 2019 has also been set - Thursday, August 1, Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest, 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 29, Sunday in the Octave of Christmas, 11:15 a.m.