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Diocese to remember deceased priests

From priests to bishops, those who have gone before us will be remembered when the Diocese of Beaumont comes together to honor those who helped shape the Catholic Church of Southeast Texas that we know today.

Southeast Texans will join Bishop Curtis Guillory, S.V.D., Nov. 3 to honor the deceased priests and bishops who have served this area, even before it was named a diocese.

As part of the diocese's Year for Priests celebrations, a Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. at St. Jude Thaddeus, 6825 Gladys, Beaumont.

As announced by Pope Benedict XVI, the Year for Priests began June 19 and will conclude June 19, 2010. The Year for Priests was opened by Pope Benedict on the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The pope dedicated this year coinciding with the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, a 19th century parish priest who transformed people through his holiness and his priestly vocation.

The diocese is having a year of prayer, events and celebrations honoring area priests, their vocations and the work they do.

Log on to www.dioceseofbmt.org for more information on Year for Priests celebrations.