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January 4, 2017

A Message from the Archbishop

Announcements

- Happy New Year! God's blessings in 2017!
- The Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Annual Benefit will be held at Notre Dame Seminary on Saturday, January 7, 2017, with Mass at 5:00 PM and a dinner buffet immediately following at Schulte Hall.
- The Ursuline Sisters cordially invite all to the celebration of Mass on the Solemnity of Our Lady of Prompt Succor at 4:00 PM on Sunday, January 8, 2017, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, 2701 State St., New Orleans.
- The Region V bishops' retreat will be held at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center January 8-12, 2017. All of the New Orleans Bishops will attend.
- Registration is still open for the Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference which will be held at the Pontchartrain Center on January 12-14, 2017. With exciting and engaging speakers, uplifting liturgies, twenty-five new exhibitors, an icon gallery and many opportunities for networking, you don't want to miss this year's conference. Please check out www.go4th.faith and see the attached flyer for more information.
- I will celebrate the opening Mass for the Gulf Coast Faith Formation at 8:30 AM on Friday, January 13, 2017, at the Pontchartrain Center.
- St. Mary's Academy will celebrate their 150th Anniversary on Saturday, January 14, 2017, at the Cathedral at 1:00 PM.
- The Administrative Offices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2017, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.
- The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day On, Not Off Youth Day of Service will take place on Monday, January 16, 2017, from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM with gathering at Jesuit High School.
- We will host a kickoff event for a Chapter Launch for Young Catholic Professionals at the Cannery Restaurant, 3803 Toulouse Street, New Orleans, on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
- New Orleans Right to Life's 18th annual Proudly Pro-Life Award Dinner will be held Thursday, January 19, 2017, at Chateau Country Club in Kenner. Cocktails are at 6:00 PM.; the dinner begins at 7:00 PM. Contact Peg Kenny to purchase tickets at 504-442-9079 or peggyfkenny@yahoo.com.

Mark Your Calendars

March 22, 2017	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
March 29, 2017	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
April 5, 2017	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
May 20, 2017	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
June 3, 2017	Priesthood Ordination
Sept. 13, 2017	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
Sept. 19-21, 2017	Louisiana Priest Convention in New Orleans
May 19, 2018	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
June 2, 2018	Priesthood Ordination

Men's Evenings of Formation

The Legionaries of Christ and Regnum Christi are sponsoring a men's evening of reflection series at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. The next one will be held on Monday, January 9, 2017.

Please see the attached flyer, *Men's Evenings of Formation*, for more information.

Archdiocesan Commission on Persons with Disabilities Update

The Commission for Persons With Disabilities would like to announce it's next quarterly Mass. It will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2017, at the 11:30 A.M. Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Destrehan. The commission hosts this Mass at a parish in various parts of the archdiocese each quarter as a way to highlight the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the liturgy.

Parishes, especially in the St. Charles-St. John Deanery, are asked to please place an announcement in their bulletin letting your parishioners, particularly those with disabilities, know about the Mass, and encouraging their participation. If you have any questions, or have anyone who like to take part, please call Janet Pesce, commission chair, at 504-455-6801. Questions may also be directed to the Office of Pastoral Planning and Ministries, which provides support and resourcing for the commission, at 504-861-6294 or planningandministries@arch-no.org.

Parishes are also reminded that there is an ongoing opportunity to appoint a Parish Disability Advocate, who would be able to participate in work of the commission and benefit from future trainings offered by the commission.

Please see the attached flyer and nomination form for additional information.

Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center



UP COMING RETREATS

Forgotten Among the Lilies: Learning to Live Beyond Our Fears
Presented by Rev. Donald Blanchard

Preached Silent Retreat Friday, January 13, 2017 - Sunday, January 15, 2017

This book, authored by Rev. Ronald Roheiser, will be our guide for this retreat. In the preface, Roheiser says, "Rarely do we taste the food we eat or the coffee we drink. Instead, we go through our days too preoccupied, too compulsive, and too dissatisfied to really be able to be present for and celebrate our lives. This book is for those who struggle to make this life, such as it is, enough." With his wisdom, we will let the Spirit guide us in our reflection and prayer.

Actual Cost: \$350.00 Minimum Offering: \$225.00

Contact Susan Halligan at shalligan@arch-no.org, (504) 267- 9604 -5500 St. Mary's Street , Metairie, LA 70006

Praying Our Goodbyes (book by Joyce Rupp)

Join Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Associate Director, Janet Trahan, as she facilitates this spirituality of change in our everyday lives. Have you experienced loss, whether it be a job change, the end of a friendship, the death of a loved one, a financial struggle, a mid-life crisis or an extended illness? Together we will recognize, ritualize, reflect on and re-orient ourselves...to help heal the hurts caused by goodbyes and the anxieties encountered by change. This will take place on consecutive Thursdays, January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017, at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 2501 Maine Avenue, Metairie. Please purchase the book, read the introduction and first chapter. Bring a journal. Cost \$50.00 (adjustments can be made) Register on the web: <http://asc.arch-no.org>, Email:archspirctr@arch-no.org or call (504) 861-3254.

Please see the attached flyer, Praying Our Goodbyes, for more information.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on **Sunday, June 11, 2017, at 3:00 PM** in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie.

Please Note: This year's celebration **will not be a Mass**, but a **Prayer Service**. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's respective parish.

To register, the married couple is asked to contact their parish office before March 3, 2017.

Instructions For The Parishes

Parishes are asked to complete and return the form(s) to the Family Life Apostolate no later than Wednesday, **March 8, 2017**, to facilitate the mailing of letters, preparing of scrolls and seating of the couples. Your cooperation in maintaining this deadline is appreciated.

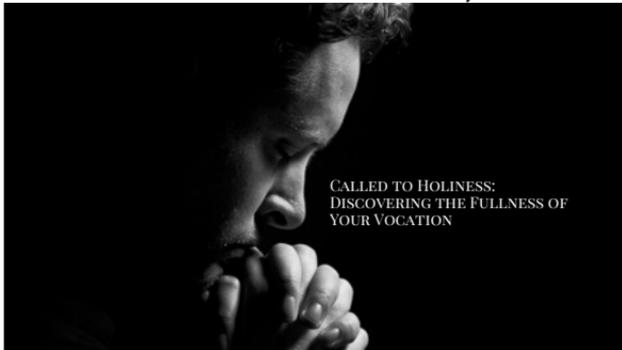
Please see the attached Golden Anniversary Celebration registration form.



REGNUM CHRISTI
LEGIONARIES OF CHRIST

PRESENT:

**MEN'S EVENINGS OF FORMATION
GUEST SPEAKER, JANUARY 9TH:
FR. JACOB DUMONT, LC**



CALLED TO HOLINESS:
DISCOVERING THE FULLNESS OF
YOUR VOCATION

**A SERIES OF
FORMATIVE
TALKS FOR MEN
WITH FOOD,
FAITH, AND
FELLOWSHIP.
SECOND MONDAY
OF EVERY MONTH,
6:30PM - 8:30PM**

**HOW CAN MEN
BECOME SAINTS AS
CHRIST IS CALLING
US TO BE?**

- Men, ages 18 and up, are welcome to attend the Men's Evening of Formation at St. Catherine of Siena in Metairie.
- Mass, dinner, a guest speaker, and an opportunity for confession will be provided
- Please RSVP.

UPCOMING DATES: 12/12 | 01/09 | 02/13 | 03/13 | 04/10 | 05/08 | 06/12

105 BONNABEL BLVD, METAIRIE, LA 70005

RSVP: PAUL.RUCKER@STONE-INSURANCE.COM



Serving as a Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities

Responsibilities

- 1) Seeks out parishioners with disabilities through contacts with parish staff, families, other parishioners, and/or parish census;
- 2) Meets with parishioners who have disabilities and their family members, to identify and discern their concerns, needs and gifts;
- 3) Assists pastor and lay leaders in promoting awareness of the existence, concerns and gifts of parishioners and potential parishioners with disabilities;
- 4) Promotes awareness and a welcoming attitude regarding persons with disabilities throughout the parish community at all times;
- 5) Works with pastor and lay leaders to overcome both attitudinal and physical barriers to full participation in parish life by persons with disabilities;
- 6) Works with parish Director of Religious Education/Parish Catechetical Leader and (if applicable) School Catechetical Leader to promote awareness of and access to religious education opportunities for persons with disabilities;
- 7) Educates self regarding available resources for meeting the needs of persons with disabilities, and shares this information with all parish ministries and organizations;
- 8) Maintains telephone and e-mail communication with the archdiocesan Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CPD) and with fellow Parish Advocates to share relevant information.

Suggestions for Fulfilling This Role

- 1) Arrange to permanently post your name and contact information in your parish bulletin and on the parish's website as the Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities;
- 2) Form a committee of interested persons, *including persons with disabilities, if possible*;
- 3) Explore with this committee the best way(s) to disseminate information regarding persons with disabilities throughout the parish. Talk with parish council, ministry heads, and parish service groups. Also review parish registration and census forms for sensitivity to the presence and concerns of persons with disabilities;
- 4) Contact individuals identified as having disabling conditions. Enlist the help of parish circles, fraternal & social service organizations, Eucharistic ministers who bring the sacrament to the homebound, and groups or individuals who visit private homes, nursing homes and/or assisted living facilities. Host a meeting of persons with disabilities, and brainstorm about their needs and gifts to ascertain what they would like to do for the parish, as well as what they would like the parish to do for them;
- 5) Invite and encourage persons with disabilities to take active, visible roles in parish ministries such as greeter/usher, liturgical reader, Eucharistic minister, RCIA team member, etc.
- 6) Participate in training sessions, workshops, and other educational/formational opportunities for Advocates provided in or near our archdiocese, or elsewhere around the country.



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Commission for
Persons with Disabilities

PARISH ADVOCATE FOR THE DISABLED APPOINTMENT FORM

Parish: _____ Deanery: _____

Parish Address: _____

Name of Advocate Appointee: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return the form by either e-mailing the requested information to planningandministries@arch-no.org, faxing the completed form to 504-866-2906, or mailing the form to:

Pastoral Planning & Ministries
Archdiocese of New Orleans
7887 Walmsley Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70125

Questions regarding the appointment of advocates may be directed to John Smestad, Jr., archdiocesan liaison to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, at 504-861-6295 or jsmestad@arch-no.org, or to CPD Chairperson Janet Pesce at 504-455-6801 or jcpesce@att.net

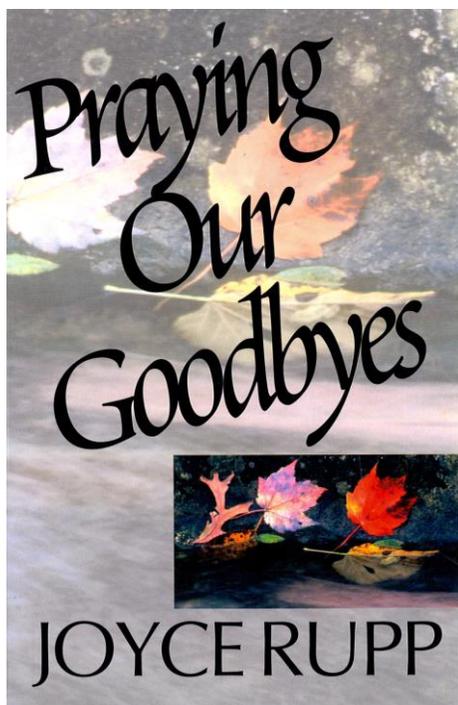
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Registration for Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration - June 11, 2017

Please Print

(First Names of Couple)

Couple's Last Name: _____, _____ & _____
(Husband) (Wife)

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Date of Marriage: _____ Number of Years: _____
Month, Date, Year (Example: January 1, 1967)

The Archbishop will present each couple with a scroll commemorating this event. Please indicate below **EXACTLY** how this couple's name should appear on the scroll:

Example: (Mr. and Mrs. John E. Smith, John E. and Mary J. Smith, John Edward and Mary Jones Smith, etc.)

Church Parish of this couple: _____ City: _____

Registrants: Please return this form to the **Church Rectory by March 3, 2017.**

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