SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All are invited to a Mass and Reception in honor of Bishop-elect John Tran at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at St. Rita Church, New Orleans, followed by a reception in Schulte Hall at Notre Dame Seminary. See attached invitation.

- The annual Notre Dame Seminary Christmas Luncheon for Priests will be held on Friday, December 2, 2022. The day will begin at 10:30 AM with Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, followed by a reception and luncheon at 11:30 AM at the Roosevelt Hotel. Click here for more information and to purchase tickets.

- Brother Jerome Aubert, O.S.B. will be ordained to the priesthood at 11:00 AM on December 3, 2022 at St. Joseph Abbey in Covington.

- A Homeless Memorial Service will be held at 6:00 PM on December 5, 2022, at St. Joseph Church, New Orleans.

- The Ministerial Council will meet at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 in the Pastoral Center at Notre Dame Seminary.

- The 80th Annual CCSCC Luncheon will take place at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at the Sheraton Hotel in Metairie.

- All Administrative offices of the Archdiocese will be closed in observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, December 8, 2022.

- On December 10th and 11th, 2022 we once again appeal to you for your assistance in helping our aging religious. Pastors, please make my attached letter in both English and Spanish, available in parishes the weekend of December 3rd and December 4th, 2022, in a manner which you deem most effective.

- The Annual Police, Fire and EMS Inspection and Mass will take place on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 11:00 AM at St. Louis Cathedral.

- We will honor Bishop-elect John Tran at the Epiphany Gathering for Priests on Thursday, January 5, 2023. The evening will begin with vespers at 5:30 PM at Notre Dame Seminary Chapel, followed by a reception in Schulte Hall. You must RSVP to Alison Guerra at 504-861-6269, or aguerra@arch-no.org, by December 15, 2022. Please see the attached invitation.

- The Presbyteral Council will meet at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 in the Pastoral Center at Notre Dame Seminary.

- Christmas Caroling in Jackson Square will take place on Sunday, December 18, 2022. We will meet on the Cathedral steps at 6:45 P.M.
Mission Statement for the Departments and Offices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Impelled by God’s call and inspired by the vision of the Ninth General Synod, the ministries of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, in union with the Archbishop and with one another, serve the people, parishes, schools and organizations of the archdiocese, enabling them to encounter Jesus and witness his love with joy.

DEATHS

Rev. Otis W. Young, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, died on November 28, 2022, at the age of 71. Visitation will take place at St. Peter Church, Covington, on Monday, December 5, 2022, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, followed by a funeral Mass at 12:00 PM. Please keep Fr. Otis, his family, and all who mourn his death in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

Rev. James J. Jeanfreau, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Marrero, died on November 28, 2022 at the age of 60. Visitation will take place at Immaculate Conception Church, Marrero, on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, followed by a funeral Mass at 12:00 PM. Please keep Fr. Jimmy, his family, and all who mourn his death in your prayers. May he rest in peace.


Sister Mary Dorothy Calhoun, RSM, a Sister of Mercy, died on November 23 in St. Louis, Missouri. Sr. Dorothy served at Mercy facilities in New Orleans, St. Louis, St. Paul, Hot Springs and Brownsville. Her funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 30 at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Catherine’s Residence in St. Louis. May she rest in peace. Let us keep her, the Sisters of Mercy and the Calhoun family in prayer.

Mark Your Calendars

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SECTION II

ACTION REQUESTED

Pastors and parish secretaries are asked to please ensure response and follow-up on the items below.

Advent Event Calendar

✓ Once again this year, the Office of Communications will be putting together an online event calendar for Advent. Please use the form at https://nolacatholic.org/advent2022events_submission to submit your event to be added to the calendar. We are looking forward to sharing the many events happening at our parishes, schools, and ministries that are open to the public during this holy season! Submissions will be added as they are received, so it is never too late to get the word out! If you have any questions or need assistance, please email Sarah McDonald at smcdonald@arch-no.org or call her at (504) 596-3023. Thank you for your support and cooperation in this endeavor!
SECTION III
PARISH PUBLICITY
Announcements below are made available for publicizing to parishioners via placement in parish bulletins, on parish websites and social media, or other appropriate means

POPE FRANCIS’ DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION
We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

A Christmas Musical
All are welcome to “A Christmas Musical: Prepare the Way for the Coming of the Lord” presented by the Archdiocese of New Orleans Gospel Choir on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 3 pm at Corpus Christi-Epiphany Catholic Church in New Orleans. Admission is free to the public. Please see the flyer for more information.

Mass Honoring St. Lucy of Syracuse
The 95th annual Mass honoring St. Lucy of Syracuse, the patron saint of eye diseases, will be at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 1139 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd., New Orleans, on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 4 p.m. The St. Lucy relic will be offered for veneration.

2023 GO! Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference
We are very excited to be able to gather again in person for the Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference, which has been forming priests, deacons, parish and school leaders, and catechists/teachers throughout the Gulf Coast region and beyond since the 1970s. The theme for the 2023 Conference is “Behold, I Make All Things New!” and it will be held January 13-14 at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner, LA. What a tremendous blessing to have this conference in our own backyard! Visit the Conference Website to view the lineup of Keynote and Breakout Presentations as well as the full Conference Schedule. Please share the flyer – click here – with your parish/school leaders and catechists/teachers. Click here to register now. For questions or additional information, contact Deacon Michael Whitehouse (mwhitehouse@arch-no.org).

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce that the annual Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, New Orleans. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married between 1993 - 1998. To register, please contact your parish office before Tuesday, January 17, 2023. Please Note: The Silver Wedding Anniversary celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfill the couple’s Sunday obligation. Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.

Instructions for Parishes: Please share the above announcement in your bulletin, social media, or other suitable places. Parishes are asked to register couples for the ANO Silver Anniversary Celebration using an online form, which may be found at www.nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary no later than Tuesday, January 24, 2023 to facilitate the sending of confirmation letters, preparing of scrolls, and seating of the couples. Your cooperation in maintaining this deadline is appreciated, as no registrations will be accepted for the Celebration after January 24th. Contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at mfl@arch-no.org with
SECTION IV
NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE
Following is news and information of general interest to the local Church

Beginning Experience

Beginning Experience is an international ministry founded by a Catholic religious sister and her divorced friend offering hope and healing for those who have lost their marriage through death, separation or divorce. The Beginning Experience weekend transforms lives and has helped thousands navigate the road through grief. Visit www.beginningexperience.org to learn more about the program. Please consider including the following announcement in your bulletin.

One weekend ... All the difference. Join us for the Beginning Experience of New Orleans Weekend Retreat December 2-4, 2022 at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center located at 5500 St. Mary Street in Metairie. For more information including registration and fees, contact Registrar, Rhonda Lodriguss at (504) 452-8756 or Rlodriguss@cox.net or contact President, Melanie Trimarco at (630) 589-2813 or mbtrimarco@yahoo.com. Weekend program includes materials, two nights’ lodging and five meals.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 | CHRIST IN THE CITY at THE ANO RETREAT CENTER

Young adults between the ages of 18 – 39 are invited to the next Christ in the City on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 PM which will be a special night held at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center (5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie.) Christ in the City is a monthly Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration, praise & worship, and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A social hour will follow, thanks to the generosity of the Retreat Center.

Christ in the City is sponsored by the CYO / Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. For more information, please contact 504-836-0551, ext. 3228 or yam@archno.org.

2023 MARRIAGE PREPARATION DATES ARE LIVE

Couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage can now register for the 2023 calendar of Catholic Engaged Encounter weekends, as well as Days for the Engaged and Special Marriage Preparation sessions! To learn which options are right for you and sign up, visit nolacatholic.org/getting-married-1. For any additional questions, please call 504-861-6243 or e-mail at mfl@arch-no.org.

RETOUVAILLE WEEKEND FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is a program designed to provide help and support to married couples who are undergoing difficulties in their relationship. Sponsored by the Catholic Church, Retrouvaille is open to couples of all faiths. It has proven helpful to couples who are troubled and stressed, or if the relationship has grown cold and distant. The next Retrouvaille Weekend will be January 13-15, 2023, at the William J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. For registration or additional information, please go to the Retrouvaille website at https://www.helpourmarriage.org/ or email retrouvaillenola@gmail.com.
St. John the Baptist Church, New Orleans 150th Anniversary

St. John the Baptist Church, 1139 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of this historic church with the Golden Steeple. Mass will be on Saturday, December 3rd, 2022 at 4pm with a reception to follow.

North Shore Peace Prayer Walk

Mary Queen of Peace Parish in Mandeville and the Office of Justice and Peace at Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans are sponsoring a Peace Prayer Walk at 3:00 pm on December 15, 2022 at the Holy Family Hospitality Hermitage (also known as the “Blue Stand”) in Covington to promote peace and to build solidarity with our neighbors. The Hermitage is located at 501 W. 31st St. in Covington. See flyer for more information. All are welcome.

Archdiocesan Commission for Persons with Disabilities

The Archdiocesan Commission for Persons with Disabilities sponsors a Fellowship Meal with games, activities and socializing on the third Saturday of every month at the Piccadilly at 2222 Clearview Parkway, Metairie, LA, at 12:00 noon. This month the meal will be held December 17. See flyer for more information. All are welcome.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day On Not Off Returns on January 16

The Office of Black Catholic Ministry, The Department of Catholic Schools and Faith Formation, The CYO Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office, and Catholic Charities are collaborating together to bring back the Martin Luther King Jr. Day On Not Off Service Day on January 16, 2023. We will begin with a prayer service and sendoff with Archbishop Aymond that morning at the CYO Office. Registration Packets have been mailed to High Schools and Parishes. They are due back to the OBCM by January 6th so that we can organize volunteers. Also, if you would like to offer your parish/school/organization as a service site for that day, please let us know. All inquiries can be sent to the Office of Black Catholic Ministries at bcatholics@arch-no.org. A registration packet with all the information is attached as well.

Blessing of Outdoor Creche at Notre Dame Seminary

The Clarion Herald will sponsor Caroling and Cookie at the Lighting of the outdoor Creche at Notre Dame Seminary on Carrollton Avenue on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 5:30 PM. Please see attached flyer.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Job opportunities are currently listed on our HR page: https://nolacatholic.org/employment

Please refer to our Job-Link often and share with qualified referrals!

For any submissions or inquiries on the NolaCatholic e-Bulletin, please contact communications@arch-no.org.