SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mass, First Eucharist and Confirmation for God’s Special Children on the Northshore will be held on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 3:00 PM at Our Lady of the Lake Church, Mandeville.

- The Council of Deans will meet on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. in the Conference Room at the Chancery.

- The Altar Server Award Mass will be held Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 5:30 PM at St. Rita in New Orleans.

- Please read my pastoral letter about the Sacrament of Reconciliation letter either before Mass or after the Post Communion prayer on the weekend of March 19-20, 2022. You may download the letter here in English and Spanish.

- Confessions will be available in all parishes from 5:00 p.m. — 6:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays during Lent: March 23, 2022, March 30, 2022 and April 6, 2022.

- The Priest Lenten Morning of Prayer will be on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at St. Maria Goretti Church in New Orleans, 10:30 AM-1:00 PM. Please see the invitation here.

- The Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 3:00 PM at St. Joseph Church, New Orleans.

- Scouting Awards will be held on April 2, 2022 at 10:00 AM at St. Dominic Church, New Orleans.

- The Presbyteral Council will meet on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM.

- Christ in the City will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Notre Dame Seminary.

- The CYO Youth Leadership Celebration and Presentation of Awards will be Sunday, April 9, 2022, at 10:00 AM at Transfiguration of the Lord Church, New Orleans.

- The Chrism Mass will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 10:00 AM at St. Louis Cathedral. Clergy are invited and encouraged to attend; vesting will begin at 9:00 AM in St. Anthony’s Garden directly behind the Cathedral. The Mass is open to the public.

- In observance of the Sacred Triduum and the celebration of Easter, Archdiocesan Offices will close at noon on Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022, and will remain closed through Easter Monday, April 18, 2022. Archdiocesan Offices will reopen on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.
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.

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

Business Interruption

☐ An email was sent to all parishes and schools concerning Business Interruption. Please respond, if necessary, by March 28, 2022.

Lent and Easter Guidelines

☐ Please review the guidelines for Lent, the Easter Triduum, and Easter, from the Office of Worship. This document contains important information regarding COVID protocols. The document can be found here: [https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/16596/documents/2022/2/LENT%20AND%20EASTER%20GUIDELINES%202022.pdf](https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/16596/documents/2022/2/LENT%20AND%20EASTER%20GUIDELINES%202022.pdf)

Seminarian Education Fund

☐ On March 19 and 20, the Archdiocese of New Orleans will host a very important second collection to raise funds to offset the costs of educating seminarians at Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College. All funds collected will go directly to supporting the education and formation of the 30 men currently studying to be priests in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The annual cost to fund one seminarian is $45,000, and this total is one of the largest budgetary items in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Please continue to pray for these men and those who work with them on their priestly formation. Please give generously to this very important fund that will provide monetary support to those men who will minister to the people of God in New Orleans for many years to come. (Parishes are asked to insert this graphic [available online here](https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/16596/documents/2022/2/LENT%20AND%20EASTER%20GUIDELINES%202022.pdf) in their bulletins or use online the week of March 20.)
ARCHDIOCESAN MASS FOR VOCATIONS

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will celebrate the annual Mass for Vocations on Sunday, May 8, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Louis Cathedral. Archbishop Aymond will preside. All priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and people of the Archdiocese are cordially invited to attend. Seminarians, women, and men in formation for consecrated life and diaconate candidates will join together in thanking God for their vocation. Everyone present will be invited to pray for those who serve the Archdiocese of New Orleans as priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons. For more information, contact the Vocation Office 504-861-6298.

Youth Leadership Celebration

It’s time once again to recognize leaders in youth ministry from around our archdiocese at our annual Leadership Celebration! This, of course, includes both young people as well as adult volunteers. Please spend some time in prayer and reflection, and then nominate those who have been outstanding Catholic leaders in your youth ministry programs.

This year’s Leadership Celebration take place on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10:00am and will be held at Transfiguration of the Lord Church (parking located at 2241 Mendez Street, New Orleans, LA 70122). Please be aware that the ceremony will not include Mass, and there will be no reception following.

This year’s nomination packet, which includes further details and nomination information for each award, can be downloaded here.

All nomination forms must be submitted to the CYO Office no later than Monday, March 21, 2022 @ 5:00pm. Please do not hesitate to contact the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office at (504) 836-0551.

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.

UPCOMING DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Chosen: Diocesan Priesthood and Religious Life, June 3-5, 2022, St. Joseph’s Abbey in Covington, LA
All Men and Women 18 and Over Invited.

Come spend a weekend of prayer, discernment and fellowship with Diocesan priests, Seminarians and other Religious communities to discern your calling. Click here for the registration form.

FEATURING THE FOLLOWING DIOCESAN AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES:
Catholic Community Foundation Hosts Virtual ParishSOFT Training on Religious Education Module

Another training opportunity! At 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13, Ryan Adams (CCF ParishSOFT & Data Coordinator) and Jeffery Thomas (Our Lady of Lourdes - Slidell) are offering Archdiocese of New Orleans parish staff members a virtual ParishSOFT training on the use of the Religious Education module. Learn the benefits of the module in your parish and how to best use it to manage your parish school of religion. Click here to register. You may also reach Ryan with training inquiries at radams@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5796.

Summer Camp Directors Meeting

An informational meeting of Summer Camp Directors is scheduled for Thursday, March 17th at St. Clement of Rome School Cafeteria from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. This meeting is for all parishes and schools hosting summer camp or Bible Camp programs this summer. Representatives from the Archdiocese of New Orleans as well as a representative from Risk Management and Insurance will be in attendance. Please plan for your director to attend this meeting for information as they plan for the summer activities. RSVP to Sr. Mary Ellen Wheelahan, srmwheelahan@arch-no.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sr. Mary Ellen.

CHRIST IN THE CITY WITH ARCHBISHOP AYMOND

Archbishop Aymond will be leading the next Christ in the City on Tuesday, April 5th at 7 PM in the Notre Dame Seminary Chapel, New Orleans. Christ in the City is the archdiocesan monthly gathering of Eucharistic adoration, reconciliation, and fellowship for NOLACatholic Young Adults (ages 18 – 39.)

Christ in the City is sponsored by the CYO / Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. For more information, please contact James Behan, Associate Director for Young Adult Ministry and Marriage and Family Life at jbehan@arch-no.org.

YOUNG ADULTS JOURNEYING TOGETHER |Tuesday, April 5 | 8:00 PM

Following Christ in the City on Tuesday, April 5th, Archbishop Aymond and the Archdiocese of New Orleans invites young adult Catholics to come to Notre Dame Seminary's Schulte Auditorium (2901 S. Carrollton Ave., New Orleans) to share their experiences of how they have been accompanied by the Church and how they have “journeyed together” with their Church community as part of the diocesan phase of the Church's Synod on Synodality. Refreshments will be served.

If you want to learn more about the Synod on Synodality, offer your feedback anonymously, or encourage someone who wishes to share their feedback, visit www.nolacatholic.org/synod2021.

REFLECTIONS ON ST. JOSEPH: AN AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION FOR MEN

Are you a husband enduring a season of infertility alongside your wife and looking for a path forward? Come join the Springs in the Desert’s A Man’s Take Team as they kick-off the first in a three-part reflection series on how husbands, regardless of our fertility situation, can grow in relationship with our Lord, our wife, and our Church. Their first afternoon of reflection, “Reflections on St. Joseph: Growing with our Lord,” will explore how men can deepen their relationship with our Lord by meditating on the roles of St. Joseph as Leader, Dreamer, and Craftsman. Their virtual gathering takes place on the Feast of Saint Joseph, Saturday, March 19, from 12 noon - 3 PM Central, and it will feature talks as well as opportunities for discussion. Our Lord is calling us to a deeper personal encounter with Him. Draw closer to Him together! View an event flier linked here. Click here to register for Reflections on St. Joseph.
SECTION IV

NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Following is news and information of general interest to the local Church

Spring Ministry Workshop Series
Are you an ordained or lay minister in the Archdiocese of New Orleans looking to improve your ability to serve the lay faithful in your parish or school? Join Notre Dame Seminary and the Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Catholic Education and Faith Formation for a Spring Ministry Workshop Series. These mini-workshops are FREE and designed to equip ministers with the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to face current issues in ministry. Our third workshop, "Partnering with Parents in Faith Formation," will be presented by Deacon Michael Whitehouse, Director of the Office of Catholic Education and Faith Formation, and Christina Uhlich, a Parish Catechetical Leader at St. Jane de Chantal Parish. The workshop will take place on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, from 6:30-8:00 PM at St. Dominick Parish in the Siena Room. We strongly recommend bringing a team of ministers from your parish or school to attend the workshop together. RSVP today to reserve your spot here!

Beginning Experience
The Beginning Experience Weekend on April 8-10, 2022, is a wonderful healing opportunity for those suffering a loss of a spouse either through death or separation/divorce. The weekend will take place at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center in Ponchatoula, Louisiana. Those who have attended this weekend attest to the new hope they have received and the powerful safe and loving environment they found in the experience. Under the sponsorship of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Office of Marriage and Family Life, this international program has helped thousands navigate the road through grief. Call Melanie (630)589-2813 for more information.

Looking for adult volunteers to teach ESL classes, to begin training as soon as possible!
Volunteers are highly needed to teach in our English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Our ESL classes are free and offered to adults within the immigrant and refugee communities of the Greater New Orleans area. You must be 18 years or older to volunteer, but it is not required that you speak any language other than English. Complete training and curriculum materials are provided as well as opportunities for mentoring from current teachers. Great opportunity for those looking to get TEFL certified! ESL classes are held Monday-Thursday in the mornings and evenings. Volunteers are asked to commit to 1.5 hours a week for a minimum of 4 months with the program. Classes are currently held remotely via Zoom, and additional in-person evening classes will open for the summer term starting in May at our Metairie campus, very close to Kenner. Volunteers willing to teach in-person are highly needed! Interested volunteers should contact Sami Barefield at sbarefield@ccano.org or (504) 356-3171.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

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