A Statement from Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond

Pope Francis has communicated with all of the bishops of the world encouraging us to join him in consecrating Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He will be offering the prayers of consecration on the Feast of The Annunciation, this Friday, March 25. In keeping with the desires of the Holy Father and to pray for peace in our world, I will join him in prayer by consecrating Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in unison with Pope Francis and bishops of the world at 11 am on Friday, March 25. This will be live streamed via the archdiocesan Facebook page and website. I will repeat the consecration during the 5 pm Mass on Friday for the Feast of Annunciation at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in New Orleans.

As was previously announced I will again consecrate Ukraine and Russia along with the Archdiocese of New Orleans to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the 9 am and 11 am Masses at St. Louis Cathedral on Sunday, March 27.

All of these Masses are open to the public and will be live streamed. All are welcome to join in prayer in person or at home.

Please see Archbishop Aymond’s letter to the Clergy, Religious, and Laity if the Archdiocese of New Orleans here.

Please see the Act of Consecration in English online here. Please see the Act of Consecration in Spanish online here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
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.

- Scouting Awards will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 10:00 AM at St. Dominic Church, New Orleans.
- The Annual Blue Mass for First Responders of Jefferson Parish, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Metairie, on Sunday, April 3, 2022, at 11:00 AM.
- 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 Saturday, 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.
- There will be a washing of feet on Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022, at the Orleans Parish Justice Center at 1:30 PM.
- 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.
- The Ministerial Council will meet on Friday, March 22, 2022 at 10:00 AM in the Notre Dame Seminary Pastoral Center.

Please include in the Prayers of the Faithful:

“For the Elect and the Candidates preparing to enter the Catholic Church, that this Lenten journey may lead them closer to Christ,” we pray to the Lord.

DEATH

Reverend Michael John Roberson died on March 20, 2022 at the age of 74. Funeral arrangements are as follows:
Monday, March 28, 2022 at Holy Name of Mary Church, 500 Eliza St., New Orleans
Visitation from 8:30 AM—10:30 AM followed by Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM. Please keep Fr. Roberson, his family and all who mourn his death in your prayers.
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

CHRISM MASS
All priests of the Archdiocese of New Orleans are cordially invited to the annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. This special liturgy, in which the commitment to priesthood is renewed, will begin at 10:00 AM in St. Louis Cathedral. Priests are requested to bring their own alb and cincture. Chasubles and stoles will be provided for all concelebrants. Vesting will take place in St. Anthony’s Garden directly behind the Cathedral. As has been the custom, a luncheon for the priests will follow at Muriel’s on Jackson Square, 801 Chartres Street. You must RSVP no later than Friday, April 8, 2019. Please download the flyer here to RSVP.

Holy Father’s Good Friday Collection
Pope Francis has asked each Catholic parish around the world to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. For more information and parish resources, go to https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday/

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.
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:

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.

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.
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. Dominic 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.

Prayer Service and Stations of the Cross

People of all faiths are invited to a prayer service and Stations of the Cross sponsored by the St. Martin de Porres Society of St. Dominic Church in conjunction with the Archdiocese of New Orleans Racial Harmony Commission. On Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 6 pm at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 Mary Street, Metairie. Please see attached flyer for more information.

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.