SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• 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.

• Men of the Archdiocese of New Orleans are invited to the 2022 Men’s Conference on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 7:30 AM at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 105 Bonnabel Blvd., Metairie.

• During Lent, let us be mindful not to schedule “fish fry” etc. on Good Friday.

• Notre Dame Seminary Gala and Auction will be Saturday, March 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM with the Patron Party beginning at 6:00 PM. For more information or to purchase tickets, click here.

• Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13, 2022.

• 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 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.

• 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.
### 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.

### 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 weeks of March 13 and
Altar Server Awards Mass

The Altar Server Awards Mass will be held on March 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Rita Church in New Orleans. If you have not sent in the blue card, which was mailed to all pastors requesting the name of your parish’s altar server of the year, please send it to Serran, Donald McKay, Jr., 1100 Poydras, Suite 1700, New Orleans, LA 70163. If you need more information, please call the Vocation Office at 504-861-6298.

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.

St. Joseph Altar Schedules

The Feast of St. Joseph is celebrated annually on March 19, and in many parishes, schools, and ministries preparations for the traditional St. Joseph’s Altars are underway. All are invited to have the information about their parish, school, or ministry altar included in the listing of St. Joseph’s Altars in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Please complete the form online here: https://nolacatholic.org/2022stjosephaltarsubmissions to submit your information. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please email Sarah McDonald at smcdonald@arch-no.org.

Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts Surveys

The archdiocesan administration is currently seeking more information about the number of girl scout and boy scout troops with an association to our parishes. All parishes should respond to both surveys regardless of whether you have or do not have either a boy scout or girls scout troop. Please answer N/A to items that do not apply and complete these surveys by Monday, March 14.

Click here for the Boy Scout Survey
Click here for the Girl Scout Survey
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:
Holy Family Sisters of Nazareth, Community of Jesus Christ Crucified, Poor Friars and Nuns of Jesus and Mary, Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady, Jackson Carmelite Nuns, Covington Carmelite Nuns, Springfield Dominican Sisters, Diocesan Vocation Directors, Benedictine Monks of St. Joseph's Abbey, Priests and Seminarians of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Jackson, and New Orleans, Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, and Daughters of St. Paul. [Click here for more information.]

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on [Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.] at St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie. Please Note: This 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, please contact the parish rectory before March 11, 2022]

Instructions For Parishes
Parishes are asked to register couples using an online form, which may be found [attached here] by Tuesday, March 15, 2022, to facilitate the sending of confirmation letters, preparing of scrolls and seating of the couples. We will be unable to accept late registrants this year, so your cooperation in maintaining this deadline is appreciated.

ANNULMENT WRITING WORKSHOP – ONE NIGHT SEMINAR

This one night seminar will answer everything you always wanted to know about Annulments but were afraid to ask. The Annulment Writing Workshop Ministry, a ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Marriage and Family Life, will be hosting the one-night seminar on Annulments on [Tuesday, April 5, 2022, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at St. Matthew the Apostle Church (10021 Jefferson Highway, River Ridge.)] The Seminar, which will offer an overview of the process, is FREE & open to those seeking more information on having their previous marriages annulled. Deacon Drea Capaci is the speaker for the Presentation. Members of the Annulment Writing Workshop Ministry will be available to answer your personal case questions on a one-on-one basis at the end of the session.
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](http://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](#).

**Lenten Southshore Morning of Reflection**

A special [Lenten Morning of Reflection](#), sponsored by the Catholic Women in Action Committee of the Catholic Community Foundation, will be held on **Tuesday, March 22, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 A.M. at Notre Dame Seminary.** Very Rev. James A. Wehner, S.T.D., will both celebrate Mass and offer his reflection. Lauren Lagarde will also offer her insight into her own experience with the NDS Institute of Lay Ministry (ILEM) program. Stations of the Cross will follow. Please see [attached flyer](#).
SECTION IV
NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE
Following is news and information of general interest to the local Church

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.

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. **All new camp directors MUST attend.** 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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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