A Statement from Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans

On the US Supreme Court Decision in *Dobbs v Jackson Women’s Health*

June 24, 2022

Today, the United States Supreme Court reversed course on the 1972 Roe v Wade decision that made abortion on demand the law of the land by returning this issue to the individual states to govern restrictions and access to abortion. We give thanks to God that the injustice of abortion on demand has come to an end, and that we as a society will have the opportunity to save more innocent unborn lives.

The people of God in the Archdiocese of New Orleans must stand ready to support mothers in need and their babies. We must do what we can to advocate for medical care and resources for mothers and their families. We must support businesses that put women and families first in their practices. We must provide real resources for vulnerable women in unplanned pregnancies and encourage families to support their daughters and sons when faced with an unplanned pregnancy.

Perhaps more importantly, we must do more to change the hearts and minds of people when it comes to the dignity of all human life. We must form our young people in the truth of Christ and natural law about the right to life. We must teach our young women and men respect for themselves and their full and authentic femininity and masculinity. We must be consistent in our ethics regarding life from the womb to the sick and elderly to the prisoner. As Catholics we must unequivocally stand for the dignity and respect for all human life from conception to natural death.

**Official Appointments**

In order to provide pastoral governance for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Archbishop Aymond has made the following Dean appointments, effective July 1, 2021:

**Very Reverend Henry Davis, SSJ**, Dean of the Cathedral Deanery (2nd term)
**Very Reverend Charles Benoit, OSB**, Dean of the West St. Tammany-Washington Deanery (2nd term)
**Very Reverend Gerald Seiler** as Dean of the East St. Tammany-Washington Deanery

The following deans join the following deans continue their current terms:

**Very Reverend Jonathan Hemelt**, Dean of the City Park-Gentilly Deanery
**Very Reverend Michael Schneller**, Dean of the Uptown Deanery
**Very Reverend Luis Rodriguez** as Dean of the East Jefferson Deanery
**Very Reverend Colin Braud** as Dean of the Westbank Deanery
**Very Reverend Stephen Dardis**, Dean of the St. John-St. Charles Deanery
**Very Reverend Eugene Jacques**, Dean of the Algiers-Plaquemines Deanery
**Very Reverend Marlon Mangubat**, Dean of the St. Bernard Deanery
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please include in the Prayers of the Faithful for the duration of the hurricane season: “That through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor we will be spared damage to life and property during the hurricane season.”

- **Prayer for Independence Day**: As we celebrate our country’s independence, we pray for all in public office and that as citizens we may grow in faith and respect for one other.

- The Administrative Offices of the Archdiocese will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022, in observance of Independence Day.

- The Seminarian Summer Gathering will take place on Monday, August 1, 2022, through Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center in Metairie. Please pray for our seminarians and for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life and consecrated virginity. I look forward to this gathering.

- Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders for the 2025 Diaconate Formation Group will take place at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at St. Ann Church and Shrine, Metairie.

- There will be a meeting of all priests on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 beginning with lunch at 11:00 AM in Schulte Hall at Notre Dame Seminary.

- The Louisiana Priest Convention will be held on September 19-21, 2022. All active priests serving in diocesan ministry are expected to attend; retired priests are welcome. If you have not registered, or need hotel registration information, please contact Alison Guerra at aguerra@arch-no.org.

**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.

NOLA Catholic Youth Conference Seeking Priests for Confession

On Saturday September 24, 2022, the youth of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will gather for our NOLA Catholic Youth Conference at Jesuit High School. We are in need of Priests for confession. The sacrament will be offered from 11:00AM-2:00PM. Please consider signing up for a time slot(s). Thank you for your consideration! Please contact Adrian Jackson at 504-227-3219 or ajackson@arch-no.org if you are able to assist.

National Second Collection Envelopes

National Collection envelopes are ordered yearly on behalf of the parishes by the archdiocese using an online ordering system. It is not available for individual parish use. If you are receiving the amount of envelopes you need, no action is required. If you are receiving an excessive or deficient amount for your parish, please notify Alison Guerra at aguerra@arch-no.org before July 15, 2022, for adjustment.

National Collections coordinates envelopes for the following: Catholic Communication Campaign, Catholic Home Missions Appeal, Catholic Relief Services Collection, Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Peter’s Pence Collection, Retirement Fund for Religious.

FAMILY DAY 2022 | Sunday, September 25, 2022

Family Day in the Archdiocese of New Orleans is scheduled for Sunday, September 25, 2022. The purpose of Family Day is to provide the parishes of the Archdiocese of New Orleans an opportunity to gather their families and encourage them to renew friendships, form new ones, and to cultivate in an appreciation for the importance and goodness of family life. This year, families are invited to “Rise to the Occasion!”: that is, meeting the challenges right before us and within our abilities with greater courage and hope to be ‘leaven for the world.’

The Office of Marriage and Family Life has prepared a packet of resources and digital assets you can use to promote Family Day in your parish this year that are available at nolacatholic.org/familyday. If you have any questions, you can contact the Office at 504-861-6243 or mfl@arch-no.org.

Black and Indian Mission Collection Announcement

On July 16-17, 2022, the Archdiocese of New Orleans will take up the annual Black and Indian Mission Collection, which has a direct impact in our own archdiocese as we benefit locally from grants funded by the collection. Your generosity to this collection reflects the depths of your faith and your willingness to help our brothers and sisters in need; it is an opportunity to evangelize and further the missionary cause of bringing the Gospel to our African American and Native American family. Please publicize the collection via bulletin and pulpit announcements in advance of July 16-17, 2022, and on the weekend of the collection. A sample bulletin announcement from the National Office (English and Spanish) can be accessed here, and additional information about the work of the Black and Indian Mission Office can be found at https://blackandindianmission.org
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’ July Prayer Intention

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

IN-HOME MARRIAGE PREPARATION MENTOR TRAINING

Saturday, July 30, 2022 | Visitation of Our Lady, Marrero

Couples interested in being mentors through the In-Home Marriage Preparation method are invited to a training presented by Jan and Lloyd Tate, the authors of the In-Home Marriage Preparation program. The next available training is scheduled for Saturday, July 30, 2022 from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM at Visitation of Our Lady Church, 3500 Ames Blvd., Marrero. The cost for training is $125 per couple and materials are included. Couples who attend the training must bring their own lunch.

Couples can register at https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/in-home-marriage-preparation-training. For questions or information, please contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at (504) 861-6243 or mfl@arch-no.org.

TEC New Orleans- Retreat Opportunity for Teens and Young Adults

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a three-day retreat weekend based on the Paschal Mystery where teens and young adults are invited to enter into a deeper, loving, and personal relationship with Christ through activities, prayer, and small group discussions. TEC is a retreat experience with an approach designed for teens and young adults who have completed at least the second semester of the sophomore year of high school.

TEC 143 will take place July 30th-August 1st. The retreat is held at Rosaryville Retreat Center in Ponchatoula, LA, and the cost to attend is $120. To register to attend this summer TEC retreat, visit www.tecneworleans.com/applications. Questions? Email tecneworleans@gmail.com. Click here for flyer.

HEALING OF THE HEART GRIEF RETREAT

This Retreat is open to men and women who are grieving the loss of someone. (stillborn, miscarriage, child, adult child, spouse, parent, siblings or friends) It will be held at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary St. Metairie, La 70006 on August 19 and 20, 2022. This is a one night retreat helping us to search our heart for hope. Come and find the Hope to heal you on your journey. The cost is $100.00 and scholarships are available. For more information or to register go to: neworleansretreats.com or call the Retreat Center 504-267-9604.

RedBird Ministry for Grieving Parents

If you have lost a child from miscarriage, stillborn, infancy, young child or adult child please join us at Our Lady of the Lake Church, Mandeville, La at 6:30pm on the second Thursday of every month in the cafeteria. The next support group will be Thursday, July 14 and then on Aug. 11th. Grandparents are also welcome. For more information contact Jewell Bayhi at 504-330-5975.
SECTION IV
NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE
Following is news and information of general interest to the local Church

Sarah Jane McMahon in Summer Concert – Sunday, July 3
Sarah Jane McMahon, an acclaimed soprano soloist, will perform a “Stars, Stipes and Summertime Tunes” Concert on Sunday, July 3, 2022, at 3:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Rd., Metairie, LA. The Concert will feature patriotic songs and classic American Music. Sarah Jane McMahon performs leading roles with opera companies and symphony orchestras locally and worldwide, and is the Director of Sacred Music/Cantor at St. Louis Cathedral. She will be joined by Accompanist, Linden Uter, who is Music Director and Cantor at St. Francis Xavier and one of the ‘Victory Belles’ at the New Orleans World War II Museum. Admission to the Concert is free. A Good Will Offering will be taken. The St. Francis KCs will serve free hot dogs and fixings from 1:15 – 2:30 pm under the Parish Pavilion. For further info, see the attached flyer or call the Church at 504-834-0340. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Retreat for Women Facing Infertility
If you struggle with infertility, you may feel like you’re in a lonely, desert place. But you are not alone! The Archdiocese of New Orleans and Springs in the Desert are partnering to offer a one-day retreat for women on Saturday, August 27 at St. Pius X Catholic Church. Wherever you are on the path of infertility, we invite you to join us for reflections on different aspects of the infertility experience, to receive encouragement and some practical suggestions for strengthening your relationship with God and your spouse, and to pray and share community with others on this same path. The retreat will take place on Saturday, August 27 - St. Pius X Catholic, New Orleans, from 9am until 3pm - Lunch and a light breakfast are provided. Please join us for Mass at 8am in the Church Learn more and register at https://springsinthedesert.org/nola/  It is our honor to walk with you!

Knights of Columbus Meeting on Human Trafficking in Southern Louisiana
The Metro Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a meeting to speak about human trafficking of children in Southern Louisiana. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 between 7 and 10 p.m. in Saint Joseph’s Hall on the premises of Saint Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Road, Metairie, La. 70005. An assistant U.S. Attorney and a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will present information about human trafficking in our area and how to prevent it. Parents and students in grades 8 - 12 who are in Catholic Youth Organizations in the Archdiocese of New Orleans are particularly encouraged to attend, as well as brother knights and their families. Because seating is limited in the Hall, please RSVP with Dick Cooper by emailing rwccnslt@aol.com or calling (252) 497-1682.

Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Internship in Spiritual Direction
If you have a desire to be trained to do the ministry of spiritual direction, please come and learn the process, prerequisites and structure of the two-year Internship offered by the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center at the virtual meeting being held on Monday, July 25, 10am or 6:30pm. You may register on our website: nolacatholic.org/asc or telephone (504) 861-3254. 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.