SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS
In order to provide pastoral care for the people of God of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Archbishop Aymond has made the following appointment:

Reverend Kingsley Ogbuji, S.S.J., as Administrator of Corpus Christi-Epiphany Parish, New Orleans, effective October 1, 2022.

We welcome Dirk Wild, CPA, as Chief Financial Officer of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, effective October 3, 2022. He comes to the Archdiocese with over thirty years of experience in business. We look forward to his collaboration in ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
• Thanks to the Louisiana Priest Convention planning committee for organizing this year’s convention of priests. The following priests from the archdiocese served on the committee: Fr. Rodney Bourg, Fr. Pat Williams, Msgr. Frank Giroir, Fr. Robert Cooper, Fr. Wayne Paysse and Fr. Nile Gross. Thanks also to the staff of the Office of Worship, St. Anselm Church, Immaculate Conception Church and the Clarion Herald, as well as the many volunteers who helped make it a successful convention. There were over 300 priests from our archdiocese and around the state who attended. It was a time of great blessings for us to gather in prayer and fraternity.

• Thanks to Adrian Jackson and the staff of the CYO /Youth & Adult Ministry Office for the NOLA Catholic Youth Conference, attended by over 500 participants.

• The annual Red Mass, dedicated to prayer for judges, lawyers and all those in legal professions will be held on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 9:30 AM at St. Louis Cathedral. See p. 2 for more information.

• The Catholic Community Foundation Annual Dinner honoring St. John Paul II Award recipient, Klara Buconic Cvitanovich, will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 PM, with dinner following at 7:00 PM. To make reservations, go to https://cf.arch-no.org/annual-dinner.

• The Hispanic Apostolate will celebrate 50 years of Ministry on Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 6:00 PM in Schulte Auditorium at Notre Dame Seminary.

• The Ministerial Council will meet at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 in the Pastoral Center 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.

- The Presbyteral Council will meet on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM.
- There will be a morning of reflection for parents of New Orleans seminarians followed by a luncheon on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at Notre Dame Seminary. Please keep these parents in your prayers as they support their sons’ formation and discernment.
- Holy Spirit Parish will celebrate their Golden Anniversary with Mass on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 4:00 PM.
- World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, October 23, 2022, in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and throughout the world. Please see the attached letter in English and Spanish to share with your parishioners the weekend of October 15-16, 2022.
- St. Joseph Seminary College will host its annual fundraising gala, Deo Gratias on Saturday, October 29, 2022, beginning with Vespers at 6:00 PM, at St. Joseph Abbey, 75376 River Road, Covington, LA and will feature dining, entertainment, and an auction. You may purchase tickets by logging on to https://www.saintjosephabbey.com/deo.
- 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.”

DEATH
Deacon Raymond J. Lewis, died on September 17, 2022 at the age of 96. He was ordained in December 1989 and served at St. Francis de Sales, St. Matthias, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Katharine of Drexel Parishes. A funeral mass was held on Monday, September 26, 2022 at St. Katharine of Drexel in New Orleans. Please keep Deacon Lewis and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

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

BISHOP ROBERT MARSHALL, J.D. HOMILIST AT RED MASS
ON OCTOBER 3, 2022
The Saint Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association announces the celebration of the 70th Annual Red Mass, invoking the Holy Spirit upon the bench and bar of the State of Louisiana, on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans. Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans, will be the principal celebrant. Most Reverend Robert Marshall, J.D., a civil lawyer and the Bishop of Alexandria, will be the homilist. Members of the bench and bar of the State of Louisiana, as well as the public, are invited to attend.

2022 Catholic Community Foundation Annual Dinner:
Celebrating Catholic Generosity
The Catholic Community Foundation Annual Dinner is Thursday, October 6, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., with dinner following at 7 p.m. At the annual dinner, Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond and the foundation will present the 2022 Saint John Paul II Award to Klara Buconic Cvitanovich. The award recognizes the stewardship exhibited by a Catholic layperson(s) of high moral character and exemplary values who has offered unselfish volunteer service to the institutions and programs of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Reservations are required. Click here to register. For more information call 504.596.3044 or email prichard@ccfnola.org. Please note this is a ticketless event. No tickets will be mailed or sold at the door.

Catholic Community Foundation Hosts Virtual ParishSOFT Training on Data Formatting Best Practices
When looking at family records in ParishSOFT, is your data uniform? Are addresses in all CAPS? Do abbreviations have periods? If you’d like to learn the recommended way to enter information into ParishSOFT Family Suite, please join CCF’s ParishSOFT and Data Coordinator Ryan Adams for this Data Formatting Best Practices webinar on Wednesday, October 12, at 10 a.m. Archdiocese of New Orleans parish staff members can click here to register. You may also reach Ryan with training inquiries at radams@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5796.

Catholic Community Foundation Hosts Virtual ParishSOFT New Staff Training
Mark your calendars! On Wednesday, November 9, at 9 a.m., Ryan Adams (CCF ParishSOFT & Data Coordinator) is offering a complete “how-to” training on using ParishSOFT Family Suite. While this virtual class is designed for new Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans parish staff members, those needing a refresher are invited to attend. Click here to register. You may also reach Ryan with training inquiries at radams@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5796.
Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions Study Day

From October 4-6, the Office of Worship will host the 2022 National Meeting of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions. Each year, this annual meeting of diocesan liturgy directors and worship commission members, invites priests, deacons, parish leaders, and all who share a passion for the Church’s liturgy to gather for a study day on Wednesday October 5.

This day is dedicated to formation. We are confident that the subject will be of interest to local parish leaders -- priests, deacons, DRE’s, pastoral musicians, and more. This year, our topic is “Ars Celebrandi: Something More is Required.” We will be examining the art of celebrating the liturgy – how one presides, how the assembly is engaged, how one prepares for liturgy, and how we provide liturgical formation so that the authentic celebration of the liturgy enriches all who partake in it. What, then, is the role of the parish leader? How do we contribute to the preparation and authentic execution of each liturgy? How does our own formation contribute to the formation of the Church’s ministers and to the solid formation of the assembly? More information and a study day brochure can be found here: https://fdlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/STUDY_DAY_RegistrationBrochure_2022.pdf

Volunteers are needed to make this meeting a success. Please contact Betty-Ann Hickey at the Office of Worship for more information on how you can help. 504-861-6300 or bhickey@arch-no.org.

Workshops for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers

Basic workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and readers are being presented this Fall by the Office of Worship. Attendance at a workshop for EMHCs is required before a person can be delegated by the Archbishop to serve in this ministry. Readers are strongly encouraged to attend the workshop for readers. The complete schedules and more information can be found on the Office of Worship website at https://nolacatholic.org/lay-liturgical-ministry-formation. Participants are to be pre-registered by their parish before attending. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Worship at 504-861-6300 or worship@arch-no.org.

Christ in the City

Young adults in their late teens, 20s, and 30s, are invited to attend Christ in the City, a monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration sponsored by the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Christ in the City will be held on the following Tuesdays beginning at 7:00 PM, with a social hour to follows: October 4, November 8: Notre Dame Seminary Chapel (2901 S. Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans) Archbishop Aymond will be the presider at the Christ in the City on September 13th. For more information, please contact James Behan, Associate Director for Young Adult Ministry and Marriage and Family Life, at yam@arch-no.org.

Re-Building the Rite of Christian Initiation in Your Parish: Addressing the FAQs of RCIA

Saturday, October 22 (10am-2pm) at Schulte Hall, Notre Dame Seminary

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the central mission of the parish in response to the Great Commission: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” Too often, however, RCIA is reduced simply to a class that begins in September, leaving the Church’s vision for RCIA misunderstood and not implemented in its fullness. If you are new to the ministry of Christian Initiation, a deacon, a priest, or a veteran RCIA coordinator, this workshop is for you. Join us for a practical, interactive workshop to gain and share important ideas, resources, and best practices for Christian Initiation. For more information and to register, click here. For questions or additional information, please contact Deacon Michael Whitehouse (mwhitehouse@arch-no.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’ October Prayer Intention
We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of Synodality.

ANNULMENT WRITING WORKSHOP
The Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer a writing workshop for persons seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church or for persons responding to an annulment. The workshop will be held at the St. Benilde School Library located at 1901 Division Street in Metairie. The series will be for five (5) Tuesdays, October 4, October 11, October 18, October 25 and November 1, 2022. Hours are 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The materials for the series cost $25.00. To register go to our website https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/annulment-writing-workshop. For more information, please call Britton at 504-861-6243 or email mfl@arch-no.org.

Overtun of Roe V. Wade: the Truth and What We Need to Do Now
St. Margaret Mary will host a presentation, entitled “The Overtun of Roe V Wade: the Truth & What We Need to Do Now.” Ben Clapper, Executive Director of Louisiana Right will explain the Dobbs v. Jackson Supreme Court decision, including misinformation, & how it affects the pro-life movement in our area, state, & country. Cindy Collins, the Director of the Pregnancy Help Center of Slidell & SpeakHope.net, will share current information on serving women & babies in our area. She will also speak on Redemptive Beauty -- healing the layers of abortion aftermath. Come to the St. Margaret Mary Evangelization Building on Tuesday, October 4, at 7:15 PM & get informed on this critical, life-saving issue. See attached flyer for more information.

SECTION IV
NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE
Following is news and information of general interest to the local Church

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MOTHERS OF INCARCERATED CHILDREN
Catholic Counseling Service of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will host a support group for Mothers of Incarcerated Children on Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The group will begin on October 7th and continue weekly until November 18th, 2022. Participation in the group can help to normalize the intense impacts of grief and provide a safe space to share thoughts, emotions, and struggles while discovering inner and outer resources for coping. The cost is $35 per session. In addition, scholarships are available to support families with financial needs. For additional information or to register, please contact our office at 504-861-6245 or email CCS@arch-no.org. See attached flyer.
In-Home Marriage Preparation Workshop

Couples interested in being mentors through the In-Home Marriage Preparation method are invited to a training presented by Lloyd and Jan Tate, the authors of *The In-Home Marriage Preparation* program. The next available training is scheduled for **Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at St. Peter Catholic Church, 125 E. 19th Avenue, Covington.** The class will be held in St. Mary’s Hall. The cost for training is $125 per couple and materials are included. Couples who attend will be provided lunch. Couples can register at [https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/in-home-marriage-preparation-training](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-popefrancis.org](mailto:mfl@arch-popefrancis.org).

Lord Teach Me To Pray Weekend of Prayer


Season of Creation September 1- October 4, 2022

Pope Francis has declared September 1 through October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi), as the “Season of Creation,” where we draw special attention to caring for God’s Creation. There are many ways for individuals, parishes, and schools to mark the season, including:

- [Ten Ways to Green Your Parish](https://www.laudatosimovement.org/), found on the website of the Laudato Si Movement.
- [The A-Z Guide to Reduce our Carbon Footprint](https://catholichealth.org/), provided by the Catholic Health Association.

Evening Prayer for the Season of Creation

The Season of Creation concludes on the Feast of St. Francis, October 4, 2022. On the eve of his patronal feast day, the Office of Ecumenism and the Office of Justice and Peace are offering a Vespers Prayer Service to commemorate the Season of Creation and the Memorial of St. Francis passing from this world to the next. The Evening Prayer Service will take place on October 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 631 State St., New Orleans, LA 70115. [See flyer for more information](https://www.archdioceseofneworleans.org/).  

Pope Francis Asks Catholic to Pray for the End of the Death Penalty

The prayer intention for Pope Francis for September is to abolish the death penalty. While this is a worldwide prayer, it carries a special poignancy in the United States and even in Louisiana. Even though the death penalty has not been utilized in the state for well over 12 years, the means to do so are well within reach. Louisiana currently has 61 people on death row. Pope Francis invites us all to pray with him through [this video](https://www.archdioceseofneworleans.org/) he has created for September 2022. He has also asked us to [pray this novena](https://www.archdioceseofneworleans.org/) to end the death penalty October 1-9, ending the day for World Day Against the Death Penalty, October 10.

NoLa Catholic e-Bulletin
A JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATACOMBS

St. Ann CYO presents "A Journey through the Catacombs" Join us for walkthrough tours of a true-to-life replica of the Roman catacombs following all masses on October 22nd, 23rd, 29th, and 30th. Tours are free and open to families of all ages! See attached flyer for more information.

Spiritual Excellence Series: The Path to Happiness, Holiness and Heaven

Tuesdays: Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022, 10:00-11:30am at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center 5500 St. Mary St. Metairie Presenter: Deacon Rich Eason. Many of us are struggling with all kinds of issues such as: doubts in our faith; stress, worry and fear; temptation; suffering: handling conflict; anger; family matters and self-discipline. These issues are robbing us of our joy in life. The remedy for these issues, as St. Paul tells us, is to learn to pursue Spiritual Excellence. The series on Spiritual Excellence addresses all of these most challenging issues that we have in life, provides remedies for them and helps each participant develop an individual spiritual plan putting us on the path to happiness, holiness and heaven. Donation: $40.00 (Adjustments can be made.) Register on the web: https:nolacatholic.org/asc Email: archspirctr@arch-no.org or call (504) 861-3254. See attached flyer.

Companions Along the Way (Virtual)

Wednesdays: Oct. 5, 19, Nov. 2, 16, 30, 2022, 6:00 – 8:00pm (virtual) Presenters: Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Associate Directors Jeanne Burmaster and Stephanie Clouatre Davis. In what ways do our prayer and our lived experiences intersect? How do we become more aware of the Holy Spirit moving and guiding us? Together in prayer and faith we will share the stories of our everyday lives. Sifting through the stories and circumstances of our life/world enables us to see everything through the eyes of faith. We all benefit, and blessings come to light when we have companions along the way. Come and join us! Donation: $40.00 (Adjustments can be made.) Register on the web: https:nolacatholic.org/asc Email: archspirctr@arch-no.org or call (504) 861-3254. See attached flyer.

Faith Companioning (Virtual) A Seven Week Workshop

Fridays: Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9, 2022, 10:00am – Noon, Registration required by Friday, Oct. 7, 2022. Presenters: Sr. Gloria Murillo, STJ and Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Associate Director, Bonnie Chase. A Faith Companion is a person skilled in spiritual conversation through faith, listening skills, shared prayer and faith sharing. A Faith Companion accompanies another in spiritual friendship. If you are a person of faith and prayer; have an on-going spiritual conversation with another Christian/Group and can commit to the entire program this course will enrich your ministry with others in your parish, school, home visitation, RCIA, hospitals, prayer groups or informal “coffee cup” faith sharing. Donation: $125.00 (Adjustments can be made.) Register on the web: https:nolacatholic.org/asc Email: archspirctr@arch-no.org or call (504) 861-3254. See attached flyer.

Holy Spirit Women's Retreat

Anne Trufant, Fr. Bill Henry, and Fr. Paul Yi will be featured at the annual Holy Spirit Women’s Retreat from January 27-29, 2023, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Lafayette. The theme for 2023 is “Fear Not...For You Are Mine!” The weekend will include praise and worship, dynamic preaching, adoration, daily Mass, prayer ministry and more. Anne is a dynamic missionary and teacher who has travelled the world spreading the truth of the Kingdom of God. She and her husband Dave are the founders of The Mission on the Mountain ministries, and are especially known in our area for their decades of youth and young adult ministry at Camps Kahdalea and Chosatonga. The retreat is sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO) and annually serves hundreds of women from throughout the Gulf South. Early bird rates end November 30, 2022. Register online at www.ccrno.org. Click here to download the 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.