

NOLACatholic e-Bulletin



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Election**

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Conference**

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SECTION I A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to Adrian Jackson, Pat Duffey, Terry Fricano and the CYO/Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office staff that led our group of youth from the archdiocese to participate in the annual March for Life Pilgrimage in Washington, D.C. last week. Thanks also to the priests who assisted: Fr. David Ducote, Fr. Austin Barr, Fr. Colm Cahill, Fr. David Doyle, Fr. Ajani Gibson, Fr. Andrew Gutierrez, Fr. Michael Lamy, Fr. Jaime Lorenzo, Fr. Jeff Merritt, Fr. Kevin Seay, and Deacon James Vu. Seminarians: Eddie Bergeron, Caleb Butler, Ethan Camet, Bosco Escriva, Christian Flick, Andrew Heck, Gerald Permenter, Hoang Pham, The Vigil Project, and chaperones.

Thanks to Deacon Michael Whitehouse, Sr. Mary Ellen Wheelahan, O.Carm., Monica Chanel, Dr. RaeNell Houston and the staff of the Department of Catholic Education and Faith Formation for organizing a successful Go Conference. Nearly 500 participated from schools and parishes.

The Catholic Schools Week Mass will take place at 11:00 AM on January 30, 2026, at St. Dominic Church, New Orleans.

The Presbyteral Council will meet at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 5, 2026, in the Pastoral Center at Notre Dame Seminary.

The Altar Server Awards Mass will be held at 5:30 PM on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at St. Rita Church, New Orleans.

World Day for Consecrated Life Mass and Lunch will take place at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 7, 2026, in the Notre Dame Seminary Chapel and Schulte Auditorium.

The Administrative Offices of the archdiocese will be closed on February 16-17, 2026, for the Mardi Gras holidays. The offices will re-open on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

The Rite of Election will take place at 3:00 PM on Sunday, February 22, 2026, at St. Dominic Church in New Orleans for parishes on the Southshore, and at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 23, 2026, at Most Holy Trinity Church in Covington for parishes on the Northshore. Please keep our candidates, Catechumens, and those who are preparing them in your prayers.

The Ministerial Council will meet at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 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 NOLA Catholic Men's Conference will take place from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at St. Dominic Church. See more information in the Action Requested section of the e-Bulletin.

Confessions will be available in all parishes from 5:00 p.m. — 6:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays during Lent: March 11, 2026, March 18, 2026, and March 25, 2026.

ORDER OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND OF THEIR PASTORAL CARE - On January 23, 2025 the USCCB decreed that the Order of the Anointing of the Sick and of their Pastoral Care and the Spanish Ritual de la Unción de los enfermos y de su atención pastoral will be implemented according to the following timeline: The new Anointing rites may be used beginning on February 11, 2026 (the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and annual World Day of the Sick), The use of the new ritual is mandatory as of Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026. Both texts will replace the current Anointing rituals in use since the early 1980s, Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum and its Spanish counterpart, Cuidado pastoral de los enfermos: Ritos de la Unción y del Viático.

The Order of the Anointing of the Sick restores the typical edition's arrangement and includes fewer options. This book is intended only for use by priests and deacons. A separate resource will be developed to ensure that lay ministers continue to have access to those texts which they use in ministry to the sick and homebound.

These books are currently available for order from all the major liturgical publishers.

DEATH

Rev. Victor Laroche, O.P. died on January 23, 2026. A funeral Mass will take place at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 30, 2026, at St. Anthony of Padua Church, New Orleans. May he rest in peace.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 11, 2026	Confession available in All Parishes 5:00 – 6:30 PM
March 18, 2026	Confession available in All Parishes 5:00 – 6:30 PM
March 25, 2026	Confession available in All Parishes 5:00 – 6:30 PM
May 9, 2026	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
May 30, 2026	Priesthood Ordination
Priest Convocation	September 9-11, 2026

SECTION II ACTION REQUESTED

Pastors and parish secretaries are asked to please ensure response and follow-up on the items below

SURVIVOR GROUP MEETINGS

New Orleans Archbishop Gregory Aymond announced the schedule of group meetings for Survivors of Sexual Abuse. Every visit is open to survivors of Child Sexual Abuse or other adult who may have experienced Sexual Abuse by a person in ministry of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The purpose of the meetings is for survivors to listen, question, and freely share his or her experiences and otherwise freely participate in these open visits for survivors. Please consider publishing this schedule in an upcoming parish bulletin.

As outlined in the Non-Monetary Plan Provisions of the Chapter 11 settlement, Archbishop Aymond will host ten group meetings throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans according to the following schedule:

Friday, February 6	Holy Name of Jesus Parish 6220 LaSalle Place New Orleans, Louisiana	12:00 Noon
	St. Peter Claver Parish Office – 1910 Ursulines Avenue New Orleans, Louisiana	7:00 pm
Saturday, February 7	St. Philip Neri Parish 6500 Kawanee Avenue Metairie, Louisiana	3:00 pm
	St. Charles Borromeo Parish 13396 River Road Destrehan, Louisiana	6:30 pm
Sunday, February 8	Our Lady of Prompt Succor Parish 2320 Paris Road Chalmette, Louisiana	12:00 Noon
	St. Maria Goretti Parish 7300 Crowder Boulevard New Orleans, Louisiana	3:00 pm
Monday, February 9	St. Andrew the Apostle Parish 3101 Eton Street New Orleans, Louisiana	8:30 am
	Visitation of Our Lady Parish 3500 Ames Boulevard Marrero, Louisiana	6:30 pm
Tuesday, February 10	St. Luke the Evangelist Parish 910 Cross Gates Boulevard Slidell, Louisiana	12:00 Noon
	Most Holy Trinity Parish 501 Holy Trinity Drive Covington, Louisiana	6:00 pm

LEGACY SUNDAY: TIME TO PROMOTE

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's Legacy Sunday training seminar. We heard great questions and valuable insights from parishes sharing their experiences.

Now it's time to build awareness and promote Legacy Sunday!

Visit the CCF's [Legacy Sunday Toolkit](#) for resources, including:

- Bulletin ad graphics
- Social media graphics
- Canva templates
- Sample language for the week before Legacy Sunday
- Recording of last week's training seminar

P.S. Extra Legacy Sunday brochures will arrive with your January 24 Clarion Herald delivery.

Questions? Contact Joe Galloway at 504-527-5771.

2026 WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE MASS AND LUNCHEON FOR RELIGIOUS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

Date: Saturday, February 7, 2026, 11:00 AM

Location: Notre Dame Seminary Chapel, 2901 S. Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans

2026 World Day for Consecrated Life begins with Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch prepared by the Serra Club in Schulte Auditorium. Please rsvp to the invitations previously sent at hood@arch-no.org.

LENTEN EVENT AND ACTIVITIES SUBMISSIONS

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026. In order for Lenten events and activities to be published in print in the Clarion Herald's Lenten calendar, submissions must be received by Friday, February 6. Submissions received after Feb. 6 will be added to the online calendar and printed in a timely fashion if possible. Please use the form online at <https://nolacatholic.org/2026lenten submissions> to submit your parish, school, and/or ministry sponsored Lenten event. With any questions or issues, please email Kim Roberts at kroberts@clarionherald.org.

FRIDAY FISH FRY CALENDAR

To be included in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and Clarion Herald's annual Friday Fish Fry Calendar, please submit your information through the online form found at <https://nolacatholic.org/submit-your-fish-fry-info> by Friday, February 6. Submissions received after Feb. 6 will be added to the online calendar. The complete list will be distributed to local media on Wednesday, February 11. With any questions or issues, please email Kim Roberts at kroberts@clarionherald.org.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce the annual **Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration** will be held on **Sunday, March 15, 2026, 3:00 p.m.** at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, New Orleans. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married between 1996 - 2001.

To register, please contact your parish office by Monday, February 2, 2026. Please Note: The Silver Wedding Anniversary celebration is a prayer service, **not a Mass and will not fulfil the couple's Sunday obligation.** Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.

Instructions for Parishes: Please share the above announcement in your bulletin, social media, or other suitable places. Parishes are asked to register couples for the ANO Silver Anniversary Celebration using an online form, which may be found at www.nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary no later than **Monday, February 16, 2026** to facilitate the sending of confirmation letters, preparing of scrolls, and seating of the couples. Your cooperation in maintaining this deadline is appreciated. Contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at (504) 861-6243 or mfl@arch-no.org with any questions.

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

LISTEN, TEACH, SEND: A NATIONAL PASTORAL FRAMEWORK FOR MINISTRIES WITH YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

You are invited to an upcoming transformative workshop on [**Listen, Teach, Send: A National Pastoral Framework for Ministries with Youth and Young Adults**](#), the United States Bishops' guide for families and pastoral ministers in the accompaniment and evangelization of youth and young adults in their journey to and with Jesus Christ. This workshop is hosted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in partnership with the CYO/Youth and Young Adult Office and the Department of Catholic Education and Faith Formation. Our program will be led by the staff of the Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth Executive Director, Dominic Lombardi, and Assistant Director for the Laity, Dr. Maria Parker.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday April 22 from 9AM-4PM at Schulte Hall on the campus of Notre Dame Seminary. There is a fee of \$25 to assist covering the costs for lunch and workshop materials. Scholarships are available. Please save the date and consider joining us as we unpack the new USCCB Pastoral framework on youth and young adults. This will be a regional event, and we are expecting the event to fill up so please register soon. We are giving you a headstart before we invite our co-workers from Region 5 to join us. [**See attached flyer**](#) for more information. The registration link is below.

giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/8bf52567-a6ad-4f5d-9fb3-ef524c2c4a77

**2026 ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS MEN’S CONFERENCE: “LET IT BE DONE”
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026 – ST. DOMINIC CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS**

The Office of Marriage and Family Life, in partnership with Willwoods Faith and Marriage and the Point Man Podcast is proud to announce the 2026 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men’s Conference theme. “Let It Be Done”.

Building on last year’s Conference on TRUST, this year’s conference will focus on the centrality of Mary’s trust in God and her responsibility for the life of the Church and the World. “Never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.” The same can be said of every Catholic man who fully embraces his vocation and lives his faith in the particular circumstances of his life.

This year’s Conference will come at a critical time for the life of our Church in New Orleans. It will be important for us to gather, to be encouraged in the faith, and to look forward in hope to what God is preparing for us.

Visit NolaCatholicMen.com to learn more, sign up for group discounts, find promotional materials for your parish bulletin, and to register. Priests willing to hear confessions at the Conference should contact Fr. Jeff Merritt at jmerritt@stdparish.org. Send questions to the Office of Marriage and Family Life at mfl@arch-no.org.

**SECTION IV
NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

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

ROADS TO RECOVERY - 2026 COMMUNITY FORUM AND RESOURCE FAIR ON ADDICTION

Substance Addition Ministry announces the annual 2026 Community Forum and Resource Fair on Addiction “Roads to Recovery,” featuring guest speaker Dr. Dan Lynch, DO. This evening will take place at 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at St. Angela Merici gym, 2101 Pomona St., Metairie. [See attached flyer for more information.](#)

2026 BORN TO RUN

Woman’s New Life Clinic’s annual Born to Run – New Orleans 5K & 1/2-mile Fun Run will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Bonabel Boat Launch in Metairie. The 1/2-mile Fun Run will begin at 8:30am, and the 5K will begin at 9:15am. Registration includes a post-race “Birth”day Party with free food, music, and fun for the whole family as well as a t-shirt to those who register by Monday, February 23, and the opportunity to win race prizes. This fantastic fundraising event is open to the public. Runners and walkers of all ages and fitness levels are welcome.

Participation in Born to Run - New Orleans directly supports the life-affirming work of Woman’s New Life Clinic, which provides free help to women in unplanned pregnancies. For more information or to register, visit www.womansnewlife.com/borntorun. Sponsorship and Underwriting opportunities are also available. For those interested in helping with this event, adult and high school volunteers are welcome. This is a great opportunity for service hours! Visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/LA/Metairie/BornToRun5KNewOrleans> to sign up as a volunteer.

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!

Submissions are due by 2 pm on Monday for the week the e-Bulletin will be published. Please send submissions or inquiries regarding the NolaCatholic e-Bulletin to communications@arch-no.org.