



NOLACatholic e-Bulletin



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SECTION I A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Thanks to Dr. Chalana Landry, Dr. RaeNell Houston, Deacon Michael Whitehouse, Betty-Ann Hickey, Nicole Jefferson and Sheyla Saballos for planning a wonderful Advent Day of Reflection for Administrative Staff. Also thanks to Archbishop Alfred Hughes for offering his reflection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Archbishop Checchio, Archbishop Hughes and I will be out January 11-15, 2026, attending the Region V Bishops' Retreat.

Louisiana Right to Life's Proudly Pro-Life Gala will be held Friday, January 16, 2026, at the New Orleans Convention Center. Dinner begins at 7:00 PM. [Click here](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

MLK Day of Service

The Administrative Offices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

I will be joining our young people in Washington D.C. for the March for Life from January 21-23, 2026. Please keep us in prayer.

In connection with the celebration of Catholic Schools Week the last week of January, we will take up a second collection in all parishes on January 24-25, 2026, to support Catholic schools. [Please click here to view my letter](#). Thank you for your support and generosity in this effort.

All are welcome to pray with us at the Memorial Service for the Unborn in observance of Roe v. Wade anniversary in the Holy Innocents Prayer Garden (St. Patrick #1 Cemetery, 5000 Canal St., NOLA) at noon on Monday January 26, 2026. We will be praying for those lost to miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion and those who mourn them.

The Council of Deans will meet at 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 29, 2026, in the Archbishop's Conference Room.

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

MLK Day of Service
Job Opportunities

*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

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

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/2026lentensubmissions> 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.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Join us for the annual Archdiocese of New Orleans MLK Day of Service, a day when our community comes together in faith, unity, and action to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: Monday, January 19, 2026. Time: 8:00am– 12:00pm. Location: CYO Building, 2241 Mendez St., N.O., LA. This day of service is an opportunity to live out Dr. King's call to serve others with love, hope, and justice. All parishioners, families, ministries, and youth are encouraged to participate. Projects may include community cleanup, gardening, tree planting, support for local service organizations, and activities that uplift our neighbors. How to Participate: Please take a moment to sign up so we can prepare materials and coordinate service teams.

To Sign-Up: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/.../bc1c6699-3c86-423e-a06a...>

Let's come together as one Catholic community to make a meaningful impact. Your hands, your heart, and your presence make a difference. "Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve." – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We look forward to serving with you!

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.

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

LEGACY SUNDAY TRAINING SEMINAR: JANUARY 14

The Catholic Community Foundation invites all pastors, parish staff, and ministry leaders to a training seminar in preparation for the third annual **Legacy Sunday** on February 1.

Date: Wednesday | January 14, 2026

Time: 9:30–11:30 AM **Location:** Schulte Hall, Notre Dame Seminary

We'll cover best practices for promoting Legacy Sunday at your parish, review available resources, and discuss an effective implementation timeline.

Register now: ccfnola.org/legacy-sunday-training-seminar-registration

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

**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

BEARERS & BUILDERS OF HOPE – SILENT WOMEN'S RETREAT

A silent retreat for women will be offered at the Cenacle on the Lake on January 16-18, 2026, by Sr. Judy Gomila, MSC. Please register at neworleansretreats.com or by calling 504-267-9604. [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!

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.