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A Message from the Archbishop

Deaths

We are sorry to inform you that Barbara Gravois Jeanfreau, the mother of Fr. Jimmy Jeanfreau, pastor of Immaculate Conception in Marrero, passed away on Thursday, January 12, 2017. She was 80 years old. A funeral Mass was celebrated on January 17, 2017. Please keep her, Fr. Jeanfreau, and his family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

Sister Anne Byrne, RSCJ, a Religious of the Sacred Heart, died January 8, 2017, in the presence of sisters who loved her and in the midst of ministry that engaged her whole-heartedly. She has been a gentle, vibrant presence in the archdiocese, welcoming and working with scores of young volunteers who offer their service to our city and with religious from around the country who come for the annual Nuns Build initiative. The arrangements are as follows: Friday, January 20, 2017, from 7 PM - 9 PM for Sharing of Memories at Community Book Center, 2523 Bayou Road, New Orleans. A Memorial Mass will be held at 9:30 AM on January 21, 2017, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine of St. Jude, 411 N. Rampart Street. Burial will be in Grand Coteau. Please keep Anne and all the Religious of the Sacred Heart in your prayers.

Official

With the reorganization of the Finance Office, the new titles and responsibilities are as follows: Jeff Entwisle, Chief Financial Officer; Kathy Hebert, Chief Operating Officer; and Ken Jayroe, Chief Administrative Officer.

Announcements

- Thank you to Alice Hughes and the staff of the Office of Religious Education for hosting the 2017 Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference that took place January 12 - 14, 2017, at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner. Special thanks to Aline Harbison for directing the conference. The conference was attended by over 1,200 people and was a great opportunity for continued formation.
- Thanks to Dr. Ansel Augustine, Andrea Ainey, and all those who helped coordinate the MLK "Day On Not Off" service experience. Approximately 350 students participated.
- In connection with the celebration of Catholic Schools Week, we will take up a second collection in all parishes on January 28-29, 2017, to support Catholic schools. Please click [here](#) to view the letter published in the Oracle December 14, 2016. Thank you for your support and generosity in this effort.
- The Council of Deans will meet on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at 10:00 AM in the Archbishop's Conference room.
- New Orleans Right to Life's 18th annual Proudly Pro-Life Award Dinner will be held Thursday, January 19, 2017, at Chateau Country Club in Kenner. Cocktails are at 6:00 PM.; the dinner begins at 7:00 PM. Contact Peg Kenny to purchase tickets at 504-442-9079 or peggyfkenny@yahoo.com.

- A Prayer Service for the Unborn will be held at St. Patrick's #3 Cemetery, 202 City Park Ave. (near Canal Blvd), NOLA on Friday, January 20, 2017, at 2:00 PM.
- The Louisiana Life March South will be held in downtown Baton Rouge on Saturday, January 21, 2017, beginning at 10:00 AM at the Old State Capitol.
- A Mass for the sick will take place on Sunday, January 22, 2017, at 11:00 AM at St. Louis Cathedral.
- I will be joining over 500 of our young people in Washington D.C. for the March for Life from January 25-28, 2017. Keep us in prayer.
- The Presbyteral Council will meet on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, at 10:00 AM at Notre Dame Seminary.
- There will be a prayer service followed by a reception for Law Students at my residence Wednesday, February 1, 2017, from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM.
- The Ministerial Council will meet at 9:00 AM on Thursday, February 2, 2017, at Notre Dame Seminary.
- The Catholic Schools Week Mass will take place on Friday, February 3, 2017, at 10:00 AM at St. Dominic Church.
- I will attend the NCBC Bishops' Workshop February 6-9, 2017, in Dallas, Texas.
- A Blue Mass will be held on Friday, February 10, 2017, at 9:15 AM at St. Charles Borromeo, 13396 River Road, Destrehan, LA.
- The Vietnamese New Year Festival Opening Ceremony at Mary Queen of Vietnam Church will be celebrated on Friday, February 10, 2017, at 6:30 PM. The Church is located at 5069 Willowbrook Drive, New Orleans, LA .
- A gathering for the Religious of the Archdiocese to celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life will begin with Mass at 11:15 AM on Saturday, February 11, 2017, at St. Joseph's Abbey Church in Covington. Mass will be followed by a reception and lunch.

Mark Your Calendars

March 22, 2017	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
March 29, 2017	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
April 5, 2017	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
May 20, 2017	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
June 3, 2017	Priesthood Ordination
Sept. 13, 2017	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
Sept. 19-21, 2017	Louisiana Priest Convention in New Orleans
May 19, 2018	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
June 2, 2018	Priesthood Ordination

The Christian Spirituality of the 12 Step Program with Archbishop Hughes

The Substance Addiction Ministry (SAM) is a parish based ministry in the Archdiocese of New Orleans that is open to those who are afflicted with a substance addiction as well as the family members who suffer. Help, Hope, Healing, and Support is offered at these meetings.

On Saturday, January 28, 2017, the Slidell SAM group has invited Archbishop Alfred Hughes to offer a morning of reflection at St. Margaret Mary Church, 1050 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA, from 9:30 AM -12:30 PM in the Evangelization Bldg. The topic is, ***The Christian Spirituality of the 12 Step Program***. This morning of reflection is open to everyone, both the afflicted and the affected, who suffer from the disease of addiction.

There is no cost. Please RSVP to SAM.SLIDELL@YAHOO.COM or call 985-640-4804 to reserve your spot. Seating is limited.

Please see the attached flyer, S.A.M., for more information.

Men's Emmaus Retreat

Put aside the "hustle and bustle" of daily life and attend the upcoming Men's Emmaus Retreat the weekend of January 27-29, 2017. The retreat, open to men ages 18 and over and sponsored by the Men's Emmaus group based at St. Dominic Parish, New Orleans, is held at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center in beautiful, peaceful Ponchatoula, Louisiana. Based on the scripture passage "The Road to Emmaus" (Luke 24: 13-35,) this retreat is an uplifting experience and has a great effect on men's lives. The retreat begins at 5:00 PM Friday and ends after the 5:30 PM Mass on Sunday. Please don't ignore this opportunity but pray on it instead because something special awaits you at Rosaryville. If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please contact Norm Madere at (504) 481-0411, Rick Valadie (504) 267-4944 or David Drude (985)-974-0657.

Invitation to Priests for Bridge Builders from Fr. Jimmy Jeanfreau

Bridge Builders has been a program of the Missionary Childhood Society to give Mission Coordinators a mission immersion experience in order that they can teach and witness to the Church in Mission not just through external sources but from personal experience. Archbishop Aymond began Acompaño about 30 years ago to give seminarians a mission experience so that as priest they would feel a greater connection to the Church in Mission. Fr. Joe Krafft has invited many of you over the past few years to attend so that you can also benefit from this rich experience. I would like to invite you, my brothers, to join Bridge Builders June 9-19, 2017. We will be traveling to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, visiting many of the communities I served while there, attend the huge Corpus Christi celebration in the stadium and have a 2 day excursion. You can learn more about Bridge Builders at <http://www.archnomo.org/> and find a video under the You Tube section. In the coming months we will host a study of the Aparacida document by the Latin American Bishops, especially Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, as preparation. The cost for you will be \$600 plus the cost of the visa; this will include flights, lodging (at Casa Patio), meals and transport. For more information, please call Fr. Jimmy Jeanfreau at 504-527-5772.

Prayer: Real Soul Food

Do you find yourself pondering these questions?

-How do I feel about my life, myself right now, really?

-Where does my life seem to be going?

God created us to be in relationship with God and our hearts are restless until they rest -completely in God. What does prayer have to do with this?

Join Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Assistant Director, Sr. Gloria Murillo, STJ for a talk and discussion on prayer as interpersonal relationship with God, the part desire plays in our efforts at personal prayer and our images of God and self. Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 7:00-9:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center. Cost \$25.00 (adjustments can be made)

Please see the attached flyer, *Prayer: Real Soul Food*, for more information.

Spiritual Intimacy: Taking Your Marriage to the Next Level

Join the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Associate Directors Lloyd and Jan Tate for an afternoon of reflection as we explore the ways a married couple can grow in unity with God and each other through sharing an open and honest couple prayer time. Jan and Lloyd will reflect on their 45 years of reaching together for God and present several different methods of couple prayer that may help participants to grow closer on their spiritual journey. There will be quiet time for couples to practice the various methods and to see what "fits" their own personal relationship. Couples are encouraged to plan to go out for a romantic dinner and date night afterwards to enjoy the closeness that the prayer will have fostered. Saturday, January 28, 2017, 2:30-5:30 pm at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center. Cost \$35.00/couple (adjustments can be made)

Please see the attached flyer, *Spiritual Intimacy*, for more information.

Men's Evening of Formation

The Legionaries of Christ and Regnum Christi are sponsoring a men's evening of reflection series at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. The next one will be held on Monday, February 13, 2017, with guest speaker, Fr. Kurt Young.

Please see the attached flyer, *Men's Evenings of Formation*, for more information.

Archdiocese of New Orleans Referee Payment Policy

Below is the minimum policy that all schools (both elementary and secondary) should have in place regarding the payment of fees to referees at its various athletic events. Please note, the same policy can be implemented for payments to security if necessary.

Fees paid to Referees at athletic events

The preferred method of payment to all vendors/individuals is through the issuance of a check to that vendor/individual. Therefore, payments to any vendor in cash should be kept to a minimum. If it is necessary to pay a referee in cash due to the practices of the governing body for the sport, the school should write a check payable to the school employee responsible for paying the referees. Once cashed, the funds can be paid to the referees. However, the school should require that the referees sign a form to acknowledge receipt of the fees in cash. This form should be kept as documentation of the payments and attached to the check support for the total amount paid as well as to use in determination of the necessary Form 1099s to be sent. See www.irs.gov/form1099 for instructions on filing of Form 1099s.

Please see the attached flyer, Referee Payment Form, to view the sample.

1099 Reminder

Please note that there is a new filing date for 2016 1099-Misc forms. The forms must be filed with the IRS on or before January 31, 2017 when reporting nonemployee compensation payments in box 7. The due dates for furnishing payee statements remain the same (January 31st). You can obtain the instructions and additional information related to the 1099 process at the IRS website, www.irs.gov/form1099misc