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May 10, 2017

SECTION I A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Announcements

- Thanks to the religious, deacons, priests, seminarians and novices who participated in the Vocations Mass at the Cathedral last Sunday. It was a spirit filled celebration and good for vocation awareness. Thanks also to Fr. Kurt Young and Mrs. Mary Morgan for their good work and preparation.
- Congratulations to the 274 people honored last Sunday by receiving the Order of St. Louis Awards. Thanks for your charity, service, and leadership in our parishes, schools, and archdiocesan ministries. Thanks to Jonelle Foltz and Peter Finney for coordinating this event.
- The annual Calling All 5th Graders vocation event held today was a huge success with over 1,300 students attending. Thank you to Fr. Kurt Young, Mary Morgan, Sr. Mary Ellen Wheelahan, O. Carm., Sr. Beth Fitzpatrick, O. Carm. and all other priests and religious who made this such a wonderful event.
- Notre Dame Seminary Graduation will be May 11, 2017, at 6:30 PM, at Notre Dame Seminary, 2901 South Carrollton, Schulte Auditorium.
- St. Joseph Seminary College Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement will take place on Friday, May 12, 2017, at 5:00 PM at St. Joseph Abbey Church, 75376 River Road, St. Benedict, LA.
- The Mother's Day Rosary Crusade for Life will be held Saturday, May 13, 2017, at 9:00 AM at the Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, 2701 State Street, New Orleans.
- All diocesan and religious priests of the Archdiocese of New Orleans are invited to attend the annual clergy gathering on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at the Priests' Villa, 60933 River Bend Drive in Covington, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please RSVP to ppersonnel@arch-no.org or call Alison Guerra at 504-861-6269.
- On Saturday, May 20, 2017, at 10:00 AM at St. Louis Cathedral, we will ordain David Michael Frank, Jr., Peter Thien The Nguyen, Vincent Kien Trung Nguyen, and Cletus Okwuchukwu Orji for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Felix Hinambona for the Archdiocese of Tororo, Nghi Tien Nguyen, Missionaries of Faith, and John Oyugi, Franciscan Missionaries of Hope to the Transitional Diaconate. You are cordially invited to attend the ceremony. Priests and deacons are asked to bring their alb. Vestments will be provided. A reception at the Old Ursuline Convent will follow.
- The annual celebration of Our Lady of Lavang Mission, Church and Shrine will be Saturday, and Sunday, May 13-14, 2017.
- Sunday, May 14, 2017, is Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day to all who share in the vocation of motherhood. Please download the [suggested blessing and universal prayers to be used at Mass](#). Click [here](#) to download.

This bulletin is also available on the Archdiocesan website, www.arch-no.org, or www.nolacatholic.org

Parish Advocate Disability Workshop
May 20, 2017

Parish Synod Coordinator Spring Meeting

Hispanic Ministry Clergy Meeting

2nd Annual Parish Communicator's Workshop May 31, 2017

Training Session for Married Couples

Evening for Single Parents

Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat
Center Silent Retreat

Impelled by Christ's call and inspired by the Holy Spirit through the work 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 of the parishes, schools and organizations of the archdiocese in enabling them to encounter Jesus and to witness with joy.

Announcements

- **A Pastoral Suggestion for Mother's Day**- Several women have mentioned to me the pain they feel on mother's day because they want a child and are not able to conceive. May I suggest we mention them in prayer on Mother's Day and re-assure them of our spiritual support in their disappointment. Likewise, please remember women who adopt children and serve as foster mothers.
- Mrs. Gertrude Guidry, the 2017 Regina Matrum recipient, will be honored for her devotion to family and church on Monday, May 15, 2017, at 7:00 PM, St. Peter Catholic Church, Reserve.
- The support group of the bishops of our region will meet on May 17-18, 2017. The bishops serving in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will attend.
- The Annual Blue Mass for First Responders of Jefferson Parish will be held at St. Catherine of Siena on Sunday, May 21, 2017, at 11:00 AM. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.
- The administrative offices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2017, in observance of Memorial Day. The offices will re-open at 9:00 AM, on Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

Death

Rev. John Arnone passed away peacefully on Friday, May 5, 2017, at the age of 49. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. May he rest in the loving arms of the risen Christ.

Mark Your Calendars

May 20, 2017	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
June 3, 2017	Priesthood Ordination
August 10, 2017	Institution for the Ministry of Acolyte for the 2018 Diaconate Formation Group
Sept. 13, 2017	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
Sept. 19-21, 2017	Louisiana Priest Convention in New Orleans
Nov. 6, 2017	Day of Formation for all Catholic School Administration, Faculty, and Staff
March 7, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
March 14, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
March 21, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
May 19, 2018	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
June 2, 2018	Priesthood Ordination
June 23, 2018	Permanent Diaconate Ordination
May 18, 2019	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
June 1, 2019	Priesthood Ordination

SECTION II ACTION REQUESTED

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

- ✓ An archdiocesan workshop for parish disability advocates and other persons interested in disability advocacy in the archdiocese will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 9:00 AM - 12 Noon at St. Dominic Parish, New Orleans, with staff from the National Catholic Partnership on Disability facilitating and presenting. All parish disability advocates known to the Office of Pastoral Planning & Ministries were sent an invitation, however pastors are encouraged to send a parish representative even if you do not have a specific parish disability advocate. Following a lunch break, the workshop will continue from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM for the Archdiocesan Commission on Persons with Disabilities and focus on their archdiocesan-wide advocacy role. To RSVP please contact planningandministries@arch-no.org or 504-861-6294.
- ✓ Pastors are asked to please remind their parish synod implementation coordinators that regional meetings will be taking place this month and all coordinators are asked to please attend one in order to share and discuss parish progress reports on synod implementation. The available meetings are Thursday, May 18 at the Northshore Pastoral Center; Tuesday, May 23 at Permanent Diaconate Center/Infant Jesus of Prague Mission on the west-bank; and Wednesday, May 24 at St. Dominic Parish in New Orleans. All meetings begin at 7:00 PM; coordinators are asked to RSVP to planningandministries@arch-no.org or 504-861-6294.
- ✓ To Parishes with Hispanic Ministry-Our next meeting for the Clergy members involved with Hispanic Ministry will be held on Wednesday May 24, 2017, 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM at our site 2525 Maine Ave. Metairie, LA 70003. If you have not confirmed your attendance please call the Hispanic Apostolate 504-467-2550 or send an e-mail to: mvega@arch-no.org.
- ✓ All clergy, religious and laity responsible for parish communications efforts are invited to the 2nd Annual Parish Communicator's Workshop on Wednesday, May 31, 2017. We will gather at 8:30 AM and begin the program at 9:00 AM at St. Mary's Dominican High School. The day will begin with prayer and a message from Archbishop Aymond and feature a keynote address from Fr. David Caron, OP. Breakout sessions on basic writing, website content management, social media and stewardship communications will be offered, and continental breakfast, lunch, and snack are included. There is no cost to attend but registration is requested. To register or for more information, please email Maddy Thibodeaux in the Office of Communications at mthibodeaux@arch-no.org or call (504) 596-3029. Click [here](#) to print the flyer.

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

Training Session for Married Couples

The Family Life Apostolate is sponsoring a training session for married couples in parishes who are interested in providing the In-Home Marriage Preparation program. The training will be offered by Lloyd and Jan Tate on Saturday, June 17, 2017, at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in River Ridge. It will last from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Pastors may ask couples to register online at <https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/in-home-marriage-prep>. You may also email or call the Family Life Apostolate with couples' names and contact info at flasec@arch-no.org or 504-861-6243. Please click [here](#) to view the flyer or call with any questions.

SECTION IV NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

Evening for Single Parents

St. Pius X is hosting a night of refreshment for single parents on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM. Free babysitting is available. Please click [here](#) to download the flyer.

Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center invites you to join us for "Are You Kidding? On Becoming Like a Little Child Again", a silent retreat June 2-4, 2017. Rev. Philip Chircop, SJ, encourages us to explore some habits of the heart intended to educate us into becoming childlike once again. Click [here](#) to download the flyer.