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SECTION I

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Official Appointments

In order to provide pastoral leadership for our Archdiocesan ministries, Archbishop Aymond has made the following appointments effective March 1, 2018:

Joey Pistorius as Director of the Archdiocese of New Orleans Catholic Counseling Service.

Timmy McCaffery as Director of (CYO), Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

I am very grateful to Malise Harold for her strong leadership and creativity in serving as Director of Catholic Counseling Service. She has strengthened the Catholic identity and her oversight has ensured quality counseling for those seeking support. She has asked to be relieved of this responsibility in order to give more quality time to her husband and daughter.

Joey Pistorius has provided leadership for the (CYO) Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the past 2 years. Under his strong leadership, the Youth Office has continued to be a very good support and resource to the parishes and schools. In December 2017, Joey will graduate from University of Holy Cross with a Master of Arts in Counseling. He will serve as a counselor and will assume administrative responsibility in coordinating the Archdiocese of New Orleans Catholic Counseling Service.

Timmy McCaffery has served as Associate Director of the Marriage and Family Life Ministry for our archdiocese. He and David Dawson have been a strong team and have accomplished a great deal in order for us to implement the Synod. Timmy will become the Director of the (CYO) Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office, succeeding Joey Pistorius.

I am grateful to Joey and Timmy for their willingness to assume new pastoral leadership responsibilities.

Malise will continue involvement in Catholic Counseling Service as she is available. Therefore we hope to be blessed by her collaboration, but understand her need to care for her family. Malise, we will miss you – and we are very grateful to you.

Announcements

- Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 18, 2017, at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral to begin the Bicentennial Celebration of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, the foundress of the first convents in the United States for the Society of the Sacred Heart. Many bishops and other guests will gather for this celebration.
- Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, November 19, 2017, at 3:00 PM to honor the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of the Holy Family. This will be held at the Cathedral. The Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Pierre, will preside and preach at the Mass.
- All Administrative Offices of the archdiocese will close for the Thanksgiving holiday at noon on Wednesday, November 22, 2017, and will re-open at the beginning of the business day on Monday, November 27, 2017. Please be assured that my prayer on Thanksgiving Day will include all of you as we continue to encounter Jesus and witness with joy.

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.

- There will be a Retirement Workshop for Archdiocesan Priests on Thursday, November 30, 2017, from 9:00 AM-1:30 PM. You may download the flyer [here](#).
- The Hispanic Apostolate will host the V Encuentro Diocesan Meeting for Region 5 on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at 4:00 PM.
- On Sunday, November 26, 2017, seminarians Douglas Busch, Daniel Darmanin, Andrew Gutierrez, Daniel Okafor, Leon Poche, and Andrew Rudman-Archdiocese of New Orleans, Bro. Ton Dang, MF-Missionaries of Faith, Jorge Victor Barrales Angulano-Diocese of Memphis, and Mark White-Archdiocese of Atlanta will celebrate Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders during the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Louis Cathedral.
- Please join us as we participate in a Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians in Asia and the Middle East on November 26, 2017, the Solemnity of Christ the King, and a Week of Awareness continuing through December 2, 2017. Please see section III for more information and resources or click [here](#) to visit the USCCB website.
- A meeting and luncheon with the Louisiana Bishops and Major Superiors will take place at the Catholic Life Center in Baton Rouge on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at 10:00 AM.
- The Christmas Luncheon for Priests sponsored by Notre Dame Seminary will take place on Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at 12:30 PM at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans.
- On Saturday, December 2, 2017, Br. Augustine Odhiambo, FMH and Br. Francis Matiru, FMH, Franciscan Missionaries of Hope, will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at Resurrection of Our Lord Church at 10:00 AM.
- A memorial service for the homeless who have died on the streets of New Orleans in 2017, will be held on Monday, December 4, 2017, at St. Joseph Church, 1802 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans, at 5:30 PM. Please see section III for more information.
- The Presbyteral Council will meet on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM.
- The CCSCC Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, at 10:30 AM at the Best Western Plus Landmark Hotel in Metairie. For information about this luncheon call Michelle Dennis at [504-957-7965](tel:504-957-7965).
- The Order of St. Lazarus will host "Lessons and Carols" at St. Mary's Ursuline Convent on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, at 6:00 PM.
- On December 9-10, 2017, we once again appeal to you for your assistance in helping our aging religious. Pastors, please make my attached letter in both English and Spanish available the weekend of December 2-3, 2017, in a manner which you deem most effective. You may download the letters [here](#).
- The Epiphany gathering for priests will take place on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. It will begin with an evening of prayer at 5:30 PM at Notre Dame Seminary Chapel followed by a reception at my residence. You must RSVP to Alison Guerra at 861-6269 or aguerra@arch-no.org by December 15, 2017. Please download the flyer [here](#).
- Priest retreats for January 15-19, 2018, and January 22-26, 2018 are full. The retreat on July 9-13, 2017, still has available spaces. Please download the list of registered priests [here](#).

Death

Sr. Ramona Wolcenski, a Franciscan Sister of Sylvania, died November 6, 2017. Her funeral Mass was on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. Sr. Ramona and her blood sister, Sister Ann Joachim, taught in New Orleans for many years and were lovingly present to the children of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Please keep Sr. Ramona and all who mourn her passing in your prayers.

Mark Your Calendars

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
Sept. 12, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
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

- ✓ **Synod Suggestions: Action Items Worth Considering from the Implementation Plan**
 - If your parish lacks youth ministry, is a representative taking advantage of the regional youth ministry introduction sessions being offered by the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office? Contact Cecilia Matherne at cyo@arch-no.org or 504-227-3221 for another copy of the schedule.
 - Have your parish and school catechists registered for the Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference? Is the parish financially supporting their attendance? Visit <https://go4th.faith> for more information.

- ✓ **Reminder to pastors and parish secretaries that the Annual Pastoral Report is due no later than November 15, 2017. The report includes taking the annual Mass count on two weekend and averaging the count. Meeting this deadline is very important and your assistance is greatly appreciated.**

There are some changes to the report this year and these are outlined below:

 - 1) Certain questions and categories have had minor edits and some reorganization. Therefore, it is important to not complete the form using a past version.
 - 2) The entirety of the form is a fillable PDF into which responses should be typed, saved, and then e-mailed as an attachment. We recommend adding your parish name to the file name when you save it. You must be viewing the report in Adobe Reader 10 or newer in order to properly save it with your data.
 - 3) The Mass Attendance Count is now included as part of the Annual Pastoral Report. The count should now be taken on two weekends of your choosing and the average count per Mass provided on the relevant page in the report. There is also a more detailed breakdown for Masses by language.
 - 4) When the report is submitted by the deadline (November 15, 2017,) it must be sent to both the Pastoral Planning & Ministries Office, and the local dean.

To download another copy of the form please click [here](#). Please contact the Office of Pastoral Planning & Ministries at 504-861-6294 or planningandministries@arch-no.org with any questions.

- ✓ Registration is open for the Gulf Coast Faith Formation. Please encourage your parish and school catechists to join us January 11-13, 2018, as we "GO! Build a Future of Hope." Register at www.go4th.faith . Registration prices will increase on December 1, 2017.

- ✓ Priest retreats for January 15-19, 2018, and January 22-26, 2018 are full. The retreat on July 9-13, 2017 still has available spaces. Please click here to download a list of priest that are registered.

- ✓ Pastors, please encourage your Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have already been trained through the Office of Worship and would like to serve in a Hospital, Nursing Home or Assisted Living Center to attend a special training session. This session will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 9:30-11:30 AM at 1000 Howard Ave., New Orleans, 9th floor, and will focus specifically on healthcare. Those wishing to attend this session must have completed the Office of Worship training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Space is limited. Please call 504-227-3606 to register. Please see section III for more information.

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Advent and Christmas Season Gospel Reflections

Once again in observance of the Holy Seasons of Advent and Christmas, the Offices of Evangelization and Communications have partnered to produce short video reflections on the Sunday and Holy Day Gospels featuring local clergy, religious, and lay men and women. As in the years past, these videos will be available on the archdiocesan website at nolacatholic.org and through all Archdiocese of New Orleans social media channels. This year, we will be making the links to these videos available to parish clergy and staff through the NOLACatholic e-Bulletin weekly in advance of the feasts so that parishes that choose to schedule these reflections to post on their own social media channels may do so in advance. The publication schedule for the video links is as follows:

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Readings for the First Sunday of Advent, December 3; reflection from James Behan, Office of Religious Education

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8; reflection from Elizabeth Rizzo, Consecrated Virgin AND
Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent, December 10; reflection from Fr. Anthony Rigoli, O.M.I. AND
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12; reflection from Rafi Flores, St. Scholastica Academy

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent, December 17; reflection by Fr. Deogratias Ekisa, Notre Dame Seminary

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24; reflection from Sr. Judy Zynda, O.P., Christopher Homes, Inc. AND

Christmas Reflection for December 25 from Archbishop Aymond AND

Feast of the Holy Family, December 31; reflection by Dr. Daniella Zsupan- Jerome, Notre Dame Seminary AND
Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, January 1; reflection from Barbara McAtee, Office of Religious Education

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

The Epiphany of Our Lord, January 7; reflection by Fr. Tom Condon, O.P., Provincial, Southern Dominican Province AND

The Baptism of the Lord, January 8; reflection by Dr. Tom Neal, Notre Dame Seminary

The videos will be sent as links for parish clergy and staff for use in parish digital media. Again, as in years past, the videos will be posted to archdiocesan social media at 4 pm on the Vigil of the liturgical observance (i.e. Readings for First Week of Advent will post to the archdiocesan Facebook page at 4:00 PM on Saturday, December 2). If you have any questions about how to use these links or would like assistance, please call the Office of Communications at (504) 596-3029 or email Sarah McDonald – smcdonald@arch-no.org or Maddy Thibodeaux – mthibodeaux@arch-no.org for more information.

SECTION III PARISH PUBLICITY

Monthly Peace Prayer Walk

The Office of Justice and Peace, Office of Racial Harmony, and Isaiah 43 Program are hosting their monthly Peace Prayer Walk on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. We will gather at 6:00 PM at St. Mary's Academy located at 6905 Chef Menteur Hwy., NOLA 70126. All are invited to attend as we follow Pope Francis' calling to be in the community to encounter and dialogue with others to promote peace. For more information, contact Kristina Gibson at (504) 310-8772. You may download the flyer [here](#).

Archdiocesan Junior High Retreat

The CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office will host our third annual Archdiocesan Junior High Retreat at Camp Abbey on February 23-25, 2018. The retreat is open to anyone in grades 5-7. The theme for this retreat is *ALIVE*. We will focus on what it means to be fully alive and to recognize Christ living in each person. The weekend will include a variety of activities, talks, prayer experiences, the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, music, and games. Young people may register individually. They do not need to have chaperones from their parish or school in order to register. The total cost for the retreat is \$100. Payment is due to the CYO Office, along with the registration by February 9, 2018. **Registration will open on December 1, 2017**, and spots will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. There are limited scholarships available. Please call the office to inquire. If you have any questions, please contact Brigitte Burke at 504-836-0551 x3226. You may download the flyer [here](#).

Living the Joy of Love

All are invited to join world renowned author and Theology of the Body theologian Christopher West for a hope-filled presentation on God's plan for the family seen through the lenses of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body and Pope Francis' Joy of Love. The event is Saturday, December 2, 2017, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Our Lady of the Lake's Chotin Center, 312 Lafitte St., Mandeville. More information and registration available at <http://www.ollparish.info/news/christopher-west-joy-love/> or by calling the parish at (985) 626-5671. You may download the flyer [here](#).

2017 Homeless Memorial and Prayer Service

All are invited to join Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond and ministers of many faiths as we pray for the homeless of New Orleans, especially those who have died on the streets of New Orleans in 2017. We will gather for an interfaith prayer service and memorial at 5:30 PM, Monday, December 4, 2017, at St. Joseph Church, 1802 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans. The service will end at 6:30 PM and be followed by refreshments in the church vestibule. Please come! For more information, please contact Susan Rodriguez at surodriguez@cox.net. You may download the flyer [here](#).

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

Sr. Briega McKenna Healing Service

Sr. Briega McKenna, who has an international ministry of praying for healing, will hold an Evening of Healing on Saturday, December 9, 2017, 7:00-9:00 pm, at St. Benilde Church, 1901 Division Street in Metairie. The service will consist of praise, a talk by Sr. Briega, an Eucharistic Procession, prayer for healing by Sr. Briega and Benediction. December 9th is the anniversary of Sr. Briega's own miraculous healing of rheumatoid arthritis. This event is sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO) and is open to the public at no charge; an offering will be taken. Doors open at 6:00 pm. (No Mass). For more information, contact CCRNO at 504-828-1368 or info@ccrno.org. Click [here](#) to download the flyer.

Holy Spirit Women's Retreat

Dr. Mary Healy and Fr. Bill Henry will be featured at the annual Holy Spirit Women's Retreat from January 26-28, 2018, at the Doubletree by Hilton in Lafayette, LA. The theme is "Gather in the Upper Room with Mary." Dr. Mary Healy is highly acclaimed as a professor of Sacred Scripture, author and teacher. Her most recent book is entitled *Healing* and her ministry is often accompanied by physical healings. Fr. Bill Henry is a well-loved pastor from Greenville, MS. He left a successful career in sales to embrace the call to the priesthood. He serves on the Conference Steering Committee and with the Marian Servants. There will also be a Life in the Spirit Seminar presented by Deacon Larry Oney, his wife Andi, and the CCRNO Team. Patti Mansfield will also be featured at this retreat. This retreat is sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO) and serves hundreds of women from throughout the Gulf South. Weekend and Saturday commuters are welcome. Early bird savings until November 29, 2017. Register online at www.ccrno.org or call (504) 828-1368. Click [here](#) to download the flyer.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Needed for Healthcare Facilities

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This training session will focus specifically on healthcare. Those wishing to attend this session must have completed the Office of Worship training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

The session will be held Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM, at the Archdiocese of New Orleans, 1000 Howard Ave. - 9th Floor, New Orleans. Space is limited. Please call 504-227-3606 to register.

SECTION IV NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

Friends of St. Alphonsus Crèche Exhibit

The annual St. Alphonsus Crèche Exhibit will begin on Sunday, November 26, 2016, and will be open until Sunday, December 3, 2017. The exhibit is located at 2025 Constance Street, New Orleans, LA (between St. Andrew & Josephine Street). There will be over 100 crèche's (Nativity scenes) from around the world. For more information call Blanche Comiskey at 504-235-2931, or the FOSA office at 504-524-8116. You may download the flyer [here](#).

A Concert of Violin and Piano Music

St. Francis Xavier Church is pleased to present a concert of violin and piano music featuring Yaroslav Rudnytsky, Violinist, and Fr. Michael M. Burke, O.P., Pianist. Please join us the first Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2017, at 3:00 PM at St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Road, Metairie, for the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis Xavier.

Mary, Queen of Peace Advent Mission

Live with Passion: Advent Mission with Fr. Cedric Pisegna, CP: Fr. Cedric Pisegna will bring his message of Living with Passion to Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Mandeville during an Advent Mission December 4-6, 2017. Presentations will take place each evening at 7:00 PM, with talks after the 9:00 AM Masses as well on the same days. Please download the flyer [here](#) for more information.

Job Opportunity

Holy Name of Jesus seeks a person with experience in building maintenance and employee supervision to oversee the upkeep of School, Parish Center, and Church. Ample experience in the areas of electrical, mechanical and structural is preferred. Interested candidates should submit a resume with a cover letter and at least two references to the Pastor, Fr. Eddie Gros, S. J. , via e-mail: edgros@loyno.edu, or at the Parish Center: 6220 LaSalle Place, New Orleans, LA 70118