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SECTION I A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Announcements

- 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.
- Included in this e-Bulletin (pages 3-5) you will find a summary of the recent USCCB meeting.
- 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. The schedule is 10:00 AM-LCCB Board meeting and 12:00 PM-lunch and meeting with Religious Superiors.
- 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.
- There will be a Retirement Workshop for Archdiocesan Priests on Thursday, November 30, 2017, from 9:00 AM-1:30 PM at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary St., Metairie.
- 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.
- The Hispanic Apostolate will host the V Encuentro Diocesan Meeting for Region 5 on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at 4:00 PM.
- 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.

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

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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.

- 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.
- Chateau de Notre Dame will celebrate their 40th Anniversary with Mass on Thursday, December 7, 2017, at 9:30 AM.
- Dedication of the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, DC will be Friday, December 8, 2017, during the 12 noon Mass.
- A *Blue Mass* will be held to honor police, law enforcement, firefighters, and other emergency and safety officials on Sunday December 10, 2017, at the Cathedral at 10:30 AM.
- The Daughters of St. Paul will bring their nationally acclaimed Christmas concert of religious sister-performed songs to New Orleans for the first time, on two dates in December. “Love Among Us: A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul,” will be presented Dec. 10th and 11th at 7:00 PM at Loyola University’s Roussel Hall, 6363 St. Charles Ave. To purchase tickets click [here](#).
- 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](#).

Death

Deacon Michael G. Zaiantz died November 19, 2017, at the age of 64. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Dale. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, November 24, 2017, at noon at St. Benedict Catholic Church, 20370 Smith Road, Covington. Interment will follow at St. Joseph’s Abbey. Please remember Deacon Zaiantz, his family and all who mourn his death in your prayers. Priests and Deacons are invited to vest; please bring alb, cincture and white stole.

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

USCCB Meeting – November 2017

Outlined below is a summary of the USCCB meeting from November 12-16, 2017. This is my summary, not an official document from the USCCB. Thanks to all who remembered us in prayer during our meeting.

1. As we celebrated the 100th year anniversary of our episcopal conference, we sent greetings to Pope Francis. We assured him of our prayers and appreciation for his blessed leadership.
2. Archbishop Pierre, our Apostolic Nuncio, addressed the bishops. He reminded us we are spiritual fathers of the people of the United States and we must be passionate in our ministry. We should be passionate about our youth, as they grow up in challenging times. We must also be passionate in addressing racism, immigration and caring for all those in need. Likewise, evangelization is central to our ministry and our passion must be evident in our various dioceses. We must be in a permanent state of “mission”. To pray and foster our relationship with Jesus is at the heart of our episcopal ministry.
3. Cardinal DiNardo, in his presidential address, thanked Cardinal Parolin, Vatican Secretary of State, for presiding at our 100th anniversary Mass. Cardinal DiNardo reminded us of our role as reconcilers, thus uniting the people of God. He reminded us to address the needs of our country and to provide spiritual leadership for all people. We must continue to be mindful and prayerful of the Christians in our world who are persecuted. He listed many issues of concern in our country and called us to address these in light of the Gospel, and in a civil way. He reminded us that humane immigration that unifies families is needed in the United States. The sin of racism continues to plague our country and our USCCB Committee to address racism will lead us. As violence in the world and the United States continues, we seek peace in the name of Christ. Cardinal DiNardo expressed thanks to Catholic Charities and all those who cared for the victims of the hurricanes.
4. The National Advisory Council, consisting of clergy, religious and laity, (50 people) review the USCCB meeting agenda and offer insights and suggestions to the bishops. Mrs. Margaret Simonson represented the council and summarized their reflections.
5. Regarding the translation of liturgical texts – At the request of Cardinal DiNardo, the Committee on Divine Worship and the Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance have studied the modifications to canon 838 of the *Code of Canon Law* introduced by Pope Francis by means of his Apostolic Letter issued *motu proprio, Magnum Principium*.
 1. The Holy See has indicated that the *motu proprio* is not retroactive and that approved translations remain in force.
 2. *Magnum Principium* makes it clear that new liturgical translations must be “faithful” to the Latin text. The new legislation clearly changes aspects of the Instruction *Liturgium authenticam* that concern the approval process for liturgical texts. However, the principles of translation outlined in the Instruction remain in force, although the responsibility to determine what is appropriate and possible in the local vernacular falls more clearly on the local episcopal conference.

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3. Regarding the English translation of the Missale Romanum currently in use: while the Conference has the right to propose revisions to the translation of the Missal, the Conference would need to decide whether the project would be necessary or opportune. This decision could be made within the framework of the currently approved strategic plan. If the Conference were to vote to proceed with a revision, budget for such a project, this would then require either a change to the current strategic plan or its inclusion in a future strategic plan.

6. Cardinal DiNardo gave a summary of the diocesan reports in preparation for the 15th Ordinary Synod scheduled for October, 2018 on Youth and Vocational Discernment, the summary shows that the following issues are of concern to youth: poverty, isolation, societal pressures, addictions, drugs, hunger for spirituality, need for models and experiencing violence in the community.

How can the church listen, be available to and address the concerns of our youth (16-29 years of age)? What more can bishops and dioceses do to reach out to youth and young adults? <http://youth.synod2018.va> will give you an opportunity to complete a questionnaire in preparation for the Synod.

7. Cardinal Dolan gave an update on the work of the Pro-Life Committee including abortion, religious freedom, assisted suicide, contraception and others.
8. Bishop Vasquez reported on the works of the Committee on Migration. He described the “Share the Journey” campaign launched by Pope Francis on December 2, 2016. It is a call to prayer, study and action. www.sharethejourney.com
9. Archbishop Gomez and Bishop Vasquez gave a report from the Bishop’s Working Group on immigration issues. They reviewed the teaching of the church regarding immigration. Preserving family unity is a major focus for Pope Francis and the USCCB. Likewise, caring for those experiencing religious persecution is of great importance. www.justiceforimmigrants.com

The USCCB supports passage of the DREAM Act. It is evident that we need immigration reform.

10. The Ad Hoc committee against Racism has begun its work to help us address racism in the United States. Apart from this committee, the Committee on Cultural Diversity is preparing a statement on racism that should be completed and voted on in November 2018. Bishop Fabre is chairing this committee. Racism has deep roots. We acknowledge that the history of the church at times has contributed to this evil. We not only repent but try to find a way forward that is just.
11. World Youth Day, January 2019, will be in Panama. Archbishop Ulloa gave a personal invitation for us to join him and to support this important pilgrimage. WYDUSA.org
12. Mr. Sean Callahan, President and CEO of Catholic Relief Services gave an update on their work. Catholic Relief Service serves 120 million people in 112 countries throughout the world.
13. Sr. Donna Markham, OP, President and CEO of Catholic Charities USA, gave a report on the work of Catholic Charities in our country. Last year 9 million people were assisted. The work of Catholic Charities was very important in the aftermath of the 2017 hurricanes. Catholic Charities, USA provided \$24 million to assist those in need.

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14. The bishops approved the 2018 budget and approved a 3% increase in the diocesan assessment to the USCCB for 2019.
15. The bishops approved the new translation of the Order of Baptism of Children - for use in dioceses of the United States. This must be confirmed by the Vatican.
16. The bishops voted in favor of the formulation of a pastoral plan for marriage and family life ministry in light of “Amoris Laetitia”.
17. The Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis gave a report on the use of the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of its publication. The committee carefully reviews all religion texts for schools and Parish Schools of Religion to verify their conformity to the Catechism. Four issues have arisen in the last 25 years:
 1. The number of publications of textbooks increased. This is very demanding for the USCCB staff.
 2. Publishing on demand makes it possible for a publisher to alter the text for a particular diocese or region.
 3. Digitization – more catechetical materials are available through technology, thereby being linked to other material online. This makes it challenging to assess materials regarding their conformity to the Catechism. Are some using digital materials that are not faithful to church teaching?
 4. There is a need to advance Spanish catechetical materials to meet the pastoral needs of the Hispanic community.

The committee is studying these issues. There is a strong desire to meet the needs of publishers and to work collaboratively.
18. An update was given on V Encuentro. Regional gatherings are scheduled throughout the United States which lead up to the national gathering from September 20-23, 2018 in Grapevine, Texas.
19. The chair of the Domestic Justice & Human Development Committee gave a report on their recent work regarding: health care, the Federal budget and tax reform. These are important moral issues in which the bishops continue to dialogue with Congress.

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**

- Has your parish offered an opportunity to educate parishioners on the issue of human trafficking? Contact the Respect Life Office at 504-286-1119 for assistance.
- Has your parish vocations ministry coordinator attended any of the past trainings offered by the Vocations Office? Resources for use in the parish were offered at these. Call the Vocations Office at 504-861-6298 with questions. The next round of meetings/trainings will begin in January.

✓ Thank you to all parishes that submitted the Annual Pastoral Report to the office of Pastoral Planning and Ministries. According to our records we have not received the report from the parishes listed below. Please submit as soon as possible. If you have questions, please call 504-861-6294.

DEANERY I – ORLEANS

BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS
CORPUS CHRISTI/EPIPHANY
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
ST. AUGUSTINE

DEANERY II - CITY PARK/GENTILLY

MARY, QUEEN OF VIETNAM
OUR LADY OF LAVANG MISSION
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL

DEANERY III –UPTOWN

GOOD SHEPHERD
MATER DOLOROSA
ST. PATRICK, NEW ORLEANS

DEANERY IV-EAST JEFFERSON

DIVINE MERCY PARISH, KENNER
KOREAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, METAIRIE
ST. CHRISTOPHER MARTYR, METAIRIE
ST. JEROME, KENNER
ST. LOUIS, KING OF FRANCE, METAIRIE
ST. MARY MAGDALEN, METAIRIE

DEANERY V - ST. JOHN/ST. CHARLES

HOLY FAMILY, LULING
ST. GERTRUDE, DES ALLEMANDS

DEANERY VI - WEST BANK

OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR, *Holy Guardian Angels*
ST. ANTHONY, LAFITTE/ *St. Pius X, Crown Point Mission*
ST. JOACHIM, MARRERO
ST. JOHN BOSCO, HARVEY
ST. ROSALIE, HARVEY

DEANERY VII- ALGIERS/PLAQUEMINES

HOLY SPIRIT, ALGIERS

DEANERY VIII - ST. BERNARD

All of Deanery VIII has been submitted!

DEANERY-IX WEST ST. TAMMANY-WASHINGTON

HOLY FAMILY, FRANKLINTON

DEANERY X-EAST ST. TAMMANY-WASHINGTON

OUR LADY OF LOURDES, SLIDELL
SACRED HEART, LACOMBE

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

2nd Annual Fair Trade Market

St. Martha Parish in Harvey is hosting its 2nd Annual Fair Trade Market to promote Global Solidarity on Sunday, December 3, 2017, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. All items are Fair Trade certified which means that the artisan/grower/etc., was paid a fair wage for their product so you can shop with a conscience while helping alleviate poverty. Get your Christmas shopping done early at the Fair Trade Fair. The event is free and all are welcome. Please click [here](#) to download the flyer.

Advent Longing for Christmas Peace

An Advent Morning of Prayer, Silence and Quiet Reflection, Friday, December 8, 2017, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM followed by Mass, Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 2501 Maine Ave. Metairie. Come rest your mind and allow the deep hunger in your heart for God to bring you to serenity and peace—your Advent longing! Presenter: Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Associate Director, Jan Tate. Cost \$25.00 (Adjustments can be made.) To register please call (504) 861-3254 email: archspirctr@arch-no.org or register on the web: <http://asc.arch-no.org>. You may download the flyer [here](#).

Youth Retreat Day-CCRNO

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO) will sponsor a Holy Spirit Teen and Young Adult Retreat Day, Saturday, January 6, 2018, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, 531 Williams Blvd., Kenner, LA 70062. The retreat theme is “Arise”. The Retreat Day will include Talks, Skits, Music, Fun, Fellowship, Worship, Mass, Confessions, and Prayer Teams. It will feature Deacon Larry Oney, Timmy McCaffery, Alex Lorio, and Matt Bourgeois. Music will be provided by Carolyn Dufresne and band. This is a great Retreat Day opportunity for Confirmation preparation. Everyone of high-school (8th-12th) and college age is invited to attend. Youth groups are welcome. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes lunch and dinner. Registration closes December 20, 2017. For information and to register, visit www.ccrno.org, facebook at CCRNO January Retreat Day or contact CCRNO at youth@ccrno.org. You may download the flyer [here](#).

SECTION IV NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

December Respect Life Focus

The December Respect Life focus is on Violence. As our **spiritual work of mercy**, please pray with us during the month of December: "Let us pray,

God have mercy on us in the United States and throughout the world as we refuse to follow your command of peace. Give your blessing to those who have died, their families, and to those who protect us through law enforcement. Lord Jesus we weep with you. Please use our prayers, hearts and hands to build peace in our families and in our world. Wherever in my heart there is a hint of violence and revenge, mercifully help me to a change of heart. Lord, let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Amen."

- Archbishop Aymond

And please join in our corporal work of mercy- Isaiah 43 Peace Prayer Walk at St. Mary's Academy (6905 Chef Menteur Hwy), Tuesday, November 28, 2017. The walks are held in neighborhoods throughout New Orleans in response to community members looking for opportunities to be active in promoting peace, forgiveness, and love in all neighborhoods.

Job Opportunity

St. Anthony's Gardens, a Senior Living Ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is seeking a Human Resources Associate and an Accountant. These staff members will be responsible for contributing to the effective and efficient day-to-day administration of the human resources and or accounting duties aimed at meeting the goals and objectives of St. Anthony's Gardens and the Archdiocese of New Orleans. *Qualified candidates will be responsible for the multi-task work product in a team environment with flexibility according to the demands of the day.* Please see the full job listing and job description on ANO's Human Resources / JobLink page: <https://www.arch-no.org/news?tag=employment> for more details and requirements.

To APPLY, please email your resume, cover letter, and references to jobs@stanthonysgardens.org, *using the subject line:* 'Human Resources Associate -Your Full Name' or 'Accountant – Your Full Name'. The deadline to apply is December 8, 2017.

Church Pews

St. Joachim Church has been blessed to have the resources to renovate the previous family life center into a new and beautiful Church. We have 20 pews that we no longer need that we would love to donate to any church in need. They are in excellent condition. Please give Amy a call at 504-341-9226 if you are interested.