SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Announcements

- Last week 213 priests serving in the Archdiocese gathered for the Priest Convocation. Thanks to my brother priests for your participation. It was a blessed time of prayer, education, and fraternity. Thanks too, for your daily ministry to the People of God.

  The Convocation was most effective because of the work of many people. Thanks to the committee and others who worked very hard: Fr. Philip Landry, Fr. Pat Williams, Fr. Mark Raphael, Msgr. Frank Giroir, Fr. Wayne Paysse, Fr. Nile Gross, Mrs. Alison Guerra, Ms. Maureen Scheuermann, Mrs. Marsha Guidry, Mrs. Betty-Ann Hickey, Mrs. Debbie Freda, Mrs. Terry Holzenthal, Mrs. Rebecca Ragas, Deacon Ray Duplechain, Deacon Chuck LeBlanc, Justin Gibson, and Michael Neal.

- Mass will be celebrated in the chapel at Notre Dame Seminary on Saturday, October 5, 2019, at 8:00 AM, in honor of Saint Padre Pio. The relics of Saint Pio will be available for public veneration at NDS from 9:00 AM-6:00 PM.

- The Serra Club will prepare and serve a luncheon for all Religious of the Archdiocese on Saturday, October 5, 2019, at 11:00 AM, at St. Rita School Cafeteria, 65 Fontainebleau Drive, New Orleans.

- St. Joseph Seminary College will host its annual fundraising gala, Deo Gratias on Saturday, October 5, 2019, at 5:00 PM, at St. Joseph Abbey, 75376 River Road, Covington, LA and will feature dining, entertainment, and an auction. You may purchase tickets by logging on to https://www.sjasc.edu/2019-deo-gratias-registration.php.

- The annual Red Mass, dedicated to prayer for judges, lawyers and all those in legal professions will be held on Monday, October 7, 2019, at 9:30 AM at St. Louis Cathedral. Abbot Justin Brown, O.S.B., will be the Homilist. All are invited.

- The Presbyteral Council will meet Wednesday, October 9, 2019, at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM.

- The Catholic Community Foundation Annual Dinner is Thursday, October 10, 2019, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 PM, with dinner following at 7:00 PM. We will honor Mr. Peter Quirk with the Saint John Paul II Award. To make reservations you may call Madelyn Klein at 504-596-3044.
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 Woman’s New Life Center’s Gala for life will be held on Friday, October 11, 2019, at Club XLIV in Champion Square beginning at 7:00 PM.
- We will celebrate a Hispanic Mass on Saturday, October 12, 2019, at the Hispanic Apostolate at 7:00 PM.
- There will be a morning of reflection for parents of New Orleans seminarians followed by a luncheon on Saturday, October 12, 2019, at Notre Dame Seminary. Please keep these parents in your prayers as they support their sons’ formation and discernment.
- The 2019 Annual Archdiocesan Mass for Victims and Survivors of Violence will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2019, at 11:00 AM at St. Louis Cathedral. If there are any people from your parish who will be participating, please let The Office of Marriage and Family Life know by calling 504-861-6243 if you have not already done so.
- The 15th Anniversary Mass for God’s Special Children will take place Sunday, October 13, 2019, at St. Francis Xavier at 2:00 PM. Thanks to Joy and Jay Zainey for their leadership.
- World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, October 20, 2019, throughout the world. Please see the attached letter to share with your parishioners the weekend of October 12-13, 2019. You may download English here and Spanish here.
- An afternoon of Professional Development for staff of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be held Thursday, October 24, 2019, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM. Offices will be closed during that time and will reopen Friday, October 25, 2019, at 9:00 AM.

Mark Your Calendars

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

✓ Clericalism Town Hall Meeting - All parishes are asked to identify one or two parishioners (possibly from pastoral council or staff) to take part in a town hall meeting for the laity to discuss the concept of “clericalism”. The town hall meeting will take place on October 22, 2019, at Notre Dame Seminary in Schulte Auditorium starting at 6:30 PM. Because we are limited in space, we would need to limit the invitation to just a couple of parishioners. Please download here the letter from Archbishop Aymond for more information.

✓ In preparation for completing the Annual Pastoral Report later this fall, all parishes are asked to conduct the annual Mass attendance count on two weekends in October. The data collected should be saved for inclusion in the Annual Pastoral Report when that document is made available. Please see more details and a sample form here.

✓ Southern Dominican Province Provincial Office - Fr. Tom Condon, O.P., Provincial has a new mailing address. Please update with Post Office Box 8129, New Orleans, LA 70182. Their physical address is 1611 Mirabeau Ave., New Orleans. The phone and fax number remain the same.

✓ The first issue of the Archdiocesan Musician Newsletter is now available online. This quarterly newsletter will contain liturgical and musical information of interest to music directors, cantors, organists, pianists, guitarists, choir members, instrumentalists, and all involved in music ministry. It will also contain information regarding upcoming special events. This issue contains information regarding our new Commission on Sacred Music as well as our upcoming Musicians Convocation. Publication submissions should be directed to the Office of Worship at worship@arch-no.org. The newsletter can be found through the Office of Worship website or at: https://nolacatholic.org/musicnewsletter
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CRS Rice Bowl Thank You

Thank you to all parishes, schools, and other organizations who participated in the Rice Bowl during Lent 2019. We raised over $64,000 of unrestricted funds for Catholic Relief Services, of which $16,000 will go to Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans to assist us in our ministry for formerly incarcerated people and criminal justice reform. This unrestricted fund helps CRS and Catholic Charities respond to urgent and emerging needs that may otherwise not be addressed. Thanks again for your overwhelming support! See the link here for the full report about participating parishes and schools.

Three Day Seminar on End of Life Issues

St. Rita Catholic Church in Harahan is sponsoring a three-day seminar October 28-30, 2019. The focus will be end of life issues and could truly benefit many people in our Archdiocese. Each day there will be presentations at 9:30 AM and a repeat presentation at 7:00 PM. On the 1st day, Monday, Oct. 28, Fr. Jose Lavastida, S.T.D, will discuss the importance and difficulties of making morally acceptable decisions regarding medical and palliative care for those approaching death. On the 2nd day, Oct. 29, Dr. Tom Neal and Ms. Lisa Chmiola will discuss estate planning and legacy giving. On the 3rd day, Oct 30, Jeanne Keene and Amy Thomas will discuss the many aspects of making Catholic funeral and burial plans. These are sure to be very informational seminars and everyone is invited free of charge. For more information call St. Rita Catholic Church, 7100 Jefferson Hwy, Harahan, LA 70123 (504)-737-2915. For more details, please download a flyer here.
Spiritual Bouquet for Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat

From September 30, 2019 - October 28, 2019, we are collecting our Spiritual Bouquet for the November Rachel's Vineyard Retreat! Consider what prayer/offering you might add into your prayer life for our retreatants. Send your prayer(s) or offering(s) to the Respect Life Office (respectlife@arch-no.org) anytime BEFORE Monday October 28, 2019. I will create a Spiritual Bouquet booklet for those making the November 1, 2, 3 retreat. Let’s cover those making the retreat in prayer!

Please ask your pastor to include the upcoming retreat information and spiritual bouquet request in your bulletin.

Contemplative Prayer Book Signing at the Catholic Book Store

Fr. Mark Thibodeaux, SJ, Pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, will introduce and sign copies of the newly expanded and revised edition of his popular book Armchair Mystic: How Contemplative Prayer Can Lead You Closer to God. Copies of Fr. Thibodeaux's other books will also be available. It takes place Saturday October 5, 2019, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Catholic Book Store, 3003 S. Carrollton Ave. https://cbstorenola.com

Guild of St. Luke Book Lecture

Internationally recognized author, journalist, and documentary filmmaker Jason Berry will be the featured guest lecturer next month during a day celebrating the Guild of St. Luke, a membership outreach program at Abbey Art Works located at Saint Joseph Abbey. St. Luke is the patron saint of artists.

Berry’s lecture is the signature event during the Feast of St. Luke on Friday, October 18, 2019, which also includes Mass at the Abbey Church, lunch at the retreat center, and the art exhibit, Glimpses of Fontainebleau, featuring the work of Nancy Tigert. Berry will discuss his new book, City of a Million Dreams: A History of New Orleans at Year 300, which will be available for sale at the event. Berry’s lecture and book signing begin at 2:15 PM. The cost for the full day is $45.00 and registration is required by visiting www.saintjosephabbey.com/2019-st-lukes-guild/registration. You may download a flyer here.

Southern Dominican Gala

The Dominican Province of St. Martin de Porres will hold its Southern Dominican Gala on Thursday, November 14, 2019, at Copeland Towers beginning at 6:30 PM. This year's gala celebrates the 40th anniversary of the province and recognizes Michie McHardy Bissel with the St. Martin de Porres Award. For more information including ticket purchasing and sponsorship opportunities, please see the formal invitation here. All are invited.