SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Announcements

- The Convocation of Priests is being held through September 26, 2019, at the Marriott Convention Center. Please pray for our priests during this time of prayer, formation, and fellowship.

- The luncheon for St. Elizabeth’s Guild is on Friday, September 27, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency at 11:00 AM. For more information about this luncheon visit https://one.bidpal.net/stelizabethsguild/about.

- The Blue Rose Ball benefitting St. Michael Special School will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency beginning at 7:00 PM. For more information or to purchase tickets please visit http://www.stmichaelspecialschool.com/support-smss/blueroseball.cfm.

- We will celebrate Mass at St. Thérèse Academy, 917 Atlanta St., Metairie, LA, on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at 2:00 PM in honor of the Feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

- 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.

- 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. 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.

Death

Sister Linda Galyean, MSC, entered into eternal life September 16, 2019. To celebrate her life, visitation will be Saturday, October 12, 2019, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at Schoen Funeral Home, 3827 Canal Street in New Orleans followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 AM. Interment will be in the Marianite Mausoleum in Algiers, Louisiana. May she rest in peace.

Mark Your Calendars

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

- **As we approach the fall political elections**, please be reminded of our policy regarding political activity in churches and schools. It is of utmost importance that we follow this policy. You may download the relevant part of the policy manual [here](#). An additional directive from the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops is available [here](#).

- **Fall RCIA Workshop**: Since the RCIA process is vital to the Church’s evangelization efforts, and since priests and deacons play an indispensable role in conducting the various rites integral to the RCIA, we want to encourage as many of the clergy as possible to participate, along with RCIA team members, in an upcoming RCIA workshop on Friday evening, October 4 (6:00 PM-9:00 PM) and Saturday, October 5 (9:00 AM-3:00 PM) at CYO/Young Adult Ministry facility, 2241 Mendez St., $30/person, clergy $20, One-day-only registration $15, Register online at: [https://nolacatholic.org/rcia](https://nolacatholic.org/rcia), Priests are requested to prefix “Rev.” before their first name in the “First Name” window of the registration form, and deacons similarly to prefix “Deacon” before their first name. See more information in section III of this newsletter.

- **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](#).
Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for October

Evangelization: That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary “spring” in the church.

Author Patricia Sandoval to Speak at St. Rita

Patricia Sandoval, author of “Transfigured: Patricia Sandoval’s Escape from Drugs, Homelessness, and the Back Doors of Planned Parenthood,” is speaking at St. Rita Church, 2729 Lowerline St. in New Orleans Thursday, October 3, 2019, at 7:00 PM. This is free and open to the public. A love offering will be taken. If you are bringing a group or for questions, please call the parish office at 504-866-3621.

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  Workshop title: “RCIA: Plunging Deeper” with Mary Birmingham – one of the most knowledgeable and respected RCIA experts in the country
  Date & time: Friday evening, October 4 (6:00 PM-9:00 PM) and Saturday, October 5 (9:00 AM-3:00 PM)
  Location: CYO/Young Adult Ministry facility, 2241 Mendez St. (off of Elysian Fields Avenue, behind Transfiguration of the Lord Church).
  Registration cost: $30/person  Clergy Discount rate: $20
  One-day-only registration (Friday only or Saturday only, for those who cannot attend both days): $15
  Register online at: https://nolacatholic.org/rcia

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Religious of the Archdiocese

The Serra Club will prepare and serve a luncheon for all Religious of the Archdiocese Saturday, October 5, 2019, 11:00 AM, at St. Rita School Cafeteria, 65 Fontainebleau Drive., New Orleans. Please rsvp to Louann Hood at lhood@arch-no.org.

End of Life: The Final Journey “What does the Catholic Church Say about End of Life?”

Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church invites you to a presentation entitled End of Life: The Final Journey “What does the Catholic Church Say about End of Life?” on October 9, 2019, at 6:30 PM with guest speaker Deacon Jeff Tully, Hospital Chaplain Coordinator, Archdiocese of New Orleans. Light refreshments will be served in the Church foyer following the presentation. Sponsored by the Ascension of Our Lord Bereavement Team. For more details you may download the flyer here.
Human Trafficking Basic Training

Would you like to learn more about Human Trafficking? Please consider joining us at our next quarterly Human Trafficking Basic Training on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, at 6:30 PM at St. Rita Church, 2729 Lowerline St. in New Orleans. Trainings include red flags of Human Trafficking, how to report it, and other measures you can take to fight Human Trafficking. Attendance is free and limited to those 18 years of age and older. For more information please contact the Respect Life Office at respectlife@arch-no.org.

World Mission Sunday

The theme for World Mission Sunday, October 20, 2019, is “Baptized and Sent.” This second collection is scheduled for October 19-20, 2019, and is our annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world. More information can be found here and you may download a flyer here.

2019 Symposium for Systemic Change

Cornerstone Builders, a program of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, is sponsoring the Symposium for Systemic Change at the Corpus Christi Community Center on October 25, 2019. We will begin with Mass with Archbishop Aymond at 8:00 AM. For more information contact Kevin Fitzpatrick at kfitzpatrick@ccano.org. You may download a flyer here.

Archdiocesan Natural Family Planning Classes

With professional instruction, Natural Family Planning has proven itself to be safe, effective, and a moral way for couples to plan their families. It is a method which respects the meaning of human sexuality as God created it and thus marital love is enhanced and strengthened.

This class series the Office of Marriage and Family Life is offering in the SymptoPro™ Method of Natural Family Planning will be conducted by Kelly Donahue of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The dates of the class series are November 9, November 23, December 14, 2019, and January 11, 2020. All sessions will be held from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. The classes will be held at Most Holy Trinity Family Life Center, Room 6, in Covington. The cost is $100 and includes all classes and materials. Preregistration is required. You may register online here.

National Vocation Awareness Week

National Church Vocation Awareness Week is November 3-9, 2019. The focus of this observance is the vocational call of all Christians. It challenges us to reflect on God’s call in our lives. This is particularly a time to pray for vocations to priesthood, religious life, and diaconate. All parishes will be sent liturgy aids and materials helpful for this occasion. For additional information, please contact the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 504-861-6298 or check out NolaPriest.com for loads of videos and resources that you can share during this week. Remember to connect with us on social media @ NolaVocations.
SECTION IV

NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

Vincentians of New Orleans celebrate St. Vincent de Paul’s Feast Day

The Vincentian priests of New Orleans are going to celebrate St. Vincent de Paul on Sunday, September 29, 2019, at St. Joseph Church on Tulane Avenue in New Orleans with the 10:00 AM Mass and a reception. We invite all who are committed to St. Vincent and his concern for the poor in any way to join us for that celebration.

Faith Companioning (Northshore)

A Faith Companion is a person skilled in spiritual conversation through faith, listening skills, shared prayer, and faith sharing. A Faith Companion accompanies another in spiritual friendship. If you are a person of faith and prayer, have an on-going spiritual conversation with another Christian/Group, and can commit to the entire program, this course will enrich your ministry with others in your parish, school, home visitation, RCIA, hospitals, prayer groups or informal “coffee cup” faith sharing. Cost: $125.00 (adjustments can be made) Register on the web: https://nolacatholic.org/asc, email: archspirctr@arch-no.org or telephone (504) 861-3254. You may download a flyer here.

Friday, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 8 15, 22, 2019 Catholic Center 4465 East Hwy. 190 Service Rd. Covington, 10:00 AM–12:30 PM Presenters: Sr. Gloria Murillo, STJ and Bonnie Chase. Registration required by Friday, September 27, 2019

Blessed Seelos Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick

Please join us for Mass and Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, October 6, 2019, at 1:00 PM at St. Mary’s Assumption Church, 919 Josephine Street. Confessions will be 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM. The shrine welcome center and gift shop will be open 10:00 AM - 12:45 PM and 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Please call 504-525-2495 if you need further information.

Northshore Theology on Tap – Fall 2019

Young adults (men and women between the ages of 18 – 39) around the archdiocese are invited to gather for fellowship and reflection on topics of faith, spirituality, and life at the Northshore Theology on Tap Fall 2019 Series, sponsored by St. Anselm Catholic Church, Madisonville. Each gathering (dates, times, and presenters listed below) will take place at The Chimes Restaurant and Tap Room (19130 Rogers Ln, Covington, LA 70433.)

Thursday, October 10 – 6:30 PM – Dr. William Wainwright, Director of Family Promise
Thursday, October 17 – 6:30 PM – Trivia Night with Will Bennett and Matt Bourgeois
Thursday, October 24 – 6:30 PM – TBA
Tuesday, October 29 – 6:30 PM – Q & A with Seminarians
For more information, contact St. Anselm at 985-845-7342 or office@stanselmparish.org

Inter-Faith Children’s Prayer for Peace

The Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Archdiocese of New Orleans is providing a prayer written for the Interfaith Prayer Service for Peace held on September 18, 2019. It was written for children and youth by the adult leaders of both the Ecumenical Commission, and representatives of other faith traditions. Please feel free to use this prayer as you wish. You may download the prayer here.
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Busy Lives and Restless Souls by Becky Eldredge

We often search for peace in a world that longs for God, but doesn’t know God. This book teaches you to see the small, and often few, quiet moments and experience God in the midst of the busyness. Together we will learn to quiet our mind, deepen our prayer life and experience the fullness of God’s unconditional love for us. Please purchase and read the first chapter before our first class. Cost $40.00 (adjustments can be made) Register on the web: https://nolacatholic.org/asc Email: archspirctr@arch-no.org or call (504) 861-3254. You may download a flyer here.

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 29, Nov 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Presenter’s: Deacon Richard and Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Associate Director, Diane Abbondante. Held at St. Peter’s LaCour Center in Reserve.

Torrent of Grace

“Torrent of Grace,” an evening of prophetic praise featuring musician, songwriter and worship leader Sean Tobin will take place on Sunday, November 10, 7:30 PM, at St. Benilde cafeteria. The sole purpose of this gathering is to seek God and to worship and experience the presence of the Holy Spirit. Everyone is invited who desires to spend an evening with prophetic, Spirit-filled music and praise. At the Catholic Charismatic Conference last March, Sean Tobin ushered in what was termed a “visitation of the Holy Spirit” by singing his song “Overshadow Me.” There is no charge for the event but a love offering will be received. This event is hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO). You may download a flyer here.

For any inquiries on the NolaCatholic e-Bulletin, please contact Pastoral Planning and Ministries at planningandministries@archdiocese-no.org.