SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Attached [here](https://www.nolacatholic.org) is a letter celebrating Sunday, January 26th (third Sunday in ordinary time) as an annual observance of Sunday of the Word of God. Please read the letter at all Masses January 25-26, 2020.

Announcements

- Thank you to Dr. Alice Hughes and the staff of the Office of Religious Education for hosting the 2020 Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference that took place January 9-11, 2020, at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner. Special thanks to Aline Harbison for planning the conference which was very beneficial to many. The conference was attended by over 800 people and was a great opportunity for continued formation.

- The Administrative Council will meet on Friday, January 17, 2019, at 9:00 AM in Conference room at Walmsley.

- Louisiana and New Orleans Right to Life will sponsor a special evening to celebrate 50 years of the pro-life movement in Louisiana on Saturday, January 18, 2020, at the Hyatt Regency, 601 Loyola, in downtown New Orleans. The reception hour will begin at 6:00 PM; the dinner begins at 7:00 PM. Go to [www.ProLifeLouisiana.org/gala](http://www.ProLifeLouisiana.org/gala) or call 504-835-6520 for more information.

- On Sunday, January 19, 2020, seminarians Antonio Cercena, Joseph DiMaggio III, David Doyle, Cory Ford, Ajani Gibson, Andy Gonzalez, Michael Lamy, Jeffrey Merritt, William Mumphrey, Henry Nwaeze, Long Pham, Truong Pham, Joseph Rivera, Andrew Sanchez, Kevin Seay, and Jason Songe for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Thomas Bamoah for the Diocese of Yendi and Jude Friday, Clement Manjas and Joseph Odongo from the Archdiocese of Tororo will celebrate Admission to Candidacy for the Orders of Deacon and Presbyter during the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Louis Cathedral.

- The Administrative Offices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2020, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.


- In connection with the celebration of Catholic Schools Week the last week of January, we will take up a second collection in all parishes on January 25-26, 2020, to support Catholic schools. Please click [here](https://www.nolacatholic.org) to view my letter in both English and Spanish. Thank you for your support and generosity in this effort.

- The Institute of Lay Ecclesial Ministry (ILEM) at Notre Dame Seminary will commission Elizabeth Fuselier, Kaitlyn Johnson, Lauren Lagarde, Mary Lou McCall, Gina Radecker, Genia Roper, Janet Stains, and Maureen Wright on Sunday, January 26, 2020, at the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Louis Cathedral.
• Please advertise the Archdiocesan Men’s Conference (Men: You Were Made for More) scheduled for March 7, 2020. All details can be found on page 5 of this e-Bulletin. You may download a flyer here.

### 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.

- **From the Vatican:** Theme for World Day of the sick on February 11, 2020

  *Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Mt 11:28)*

  Consoled by Christ to be ourselves the consolation of the afflicted

  Matthew’s verse, though it may be read as addressing primarily sick or suffering persons, should correctly be understood as also addressing health workers. Although traditionally we have understood care to be provided by the healthy towards the sick, we should actually understand care as a relationship among the sick, as health workers, in addition to their burden of care, are also exposed to illness which, if it isn’t physical, and temporary, may be spiritual or psychological, deriving from common daily life experiences.

  Health pastoral care is without a doubt directed towards those who, in their suffering, receive care, but it must actually begin with the health workers or volunteers who care for them. We cannot seek to give solace in Christ if we have not personally received solace.

- **The Catholic Community Foundation** wishes to let all parishes know that Oregon Catholic Press has just opened their OCP Parish Grants Program and will accept grant applications directly from Catholic parishes through May 30, 2020. For more information please click here for a summary. Additional background information is available at [https://www.ocp.org/en-us/parish-grants](https://www.ocp.org/en-us/parish-grants)
LEGAL ADVISORY—COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT CLAIMS-At least 2 of our entities have received copyright infringement notices, demanding monetary damages for the unauthorized use of copyrighted images in parish bulletins, web pages, school newspapers, and newsletters. The recent notices have come from Agence France-Presse or Getty Images, through their agent PicRights Ltd. If the initial notice is disregarded, the subsequent notice come from a law firm, often Higbee & Associates, and the amount demanded increases significantly. This is rapidly becoming a trend for other churches and schools across the country.

IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE GENERAL COUNSEL, Susan Zeringue if you receive or have received a Notice of Infringement. Do not disregard or dismiss them as scams. The Archdiocese does have insurance coverage for these claims but the claims must be reported to the insurance company within 30 days of receipt. As a follow up to my prior advisory on infringement issues, please review the following suggestions. Here are some general guidelines to avoid exposing your parish, school, or organization to liability for copyright infringement:

- The only sure way to prevent an infringement claim is to avoid using any photograph, images or intellectual property found online unless you have clear permission to do so.

- Except in very limited circumstances, it is unlawful to copy a photograph or other image without permission. Do NOT use internet images in parish bulletins, web pages, school newspapers, newsletters, PowerPoint presentations, or anything else that may appear online, unless you are certain that you have a license to do so. This is true even when the image was found online, such as through Google Images. You should never copy photographs from Google Images or any unknown source, as you may be exposing your organization to liability.

- If you have permission (whether from a special license, via a free stock photo/image provider such as Free Images, Pexels, Unsplash or Pixabay, or through a paid service like iStockphoto or Shutterstock), you should confirm that you are following the terms and conditions allowing such use, and keep a copy of the license for your records.

- Make sure everyone working on your online publications is aware of these rules, including employees, volunteers, and students. You are responsible for their actions, and can be held liable even when they didn’t knowingly or intentionally violate the law.

- Review your websites and anything else posted online by parish, school, or organization to identify and remove any images that were used without a license, or for which you cannot confirm you have a license, including archived materials. No matter when you originally used the photograph or image, if it is online today, the infringement is occurring today.

Although the most common allegations of infringement relate to images, be aware that they may arise for other types of content, such as articles, poems, and music. Again, please don’t simply take these kinds of materials from the internet – they are the intellectual property of another, and you must have permission to use them.

Susan A. Zeringue
General Counsel, Archdiocese of New Orleans
Respect Life Events-February

Our Human Trafficking Symposium: A Light in the Darkness will be held February 8, 2020 from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM at the University of Holy Cross, 4123 Woodland DR in New Orleans. Speakers include a trafficking survivor/advocate, the executive director for Governor Edwards’ Children’s Cabinet, the managing director for a street team/drop-in center providing outreach to trafficked men, the president of the Louisiana Chapter Foster Care Alumni of America of the LA foster care system, and others. Due to the sensitive nature of topics, **no one under the age of 18 will be admitted**.

Registration is REQUIRED. To register please visit [https://respectlife.arch-no.org/a-light-in-the-darkness-human-trafficking-symposium](https://respectlife.arch-no.org/a-light-in-the-darkness-human-trafficking-symposium). For more information please contact the Respect Life Office at respectlife@arch-no.org

Day of Silence on Social Media, February 8, 2020. On this day we will again be going Silent on Social Media with the theme: “Don’t post...pray!” For 24 hours, beginning at 12 midnight on February 8, do not use your social media for viewing or posting until midnight on February 9th. Traffickers often use social media to exploit their victims. Buyers often use social media to purchase victims. Let’s go silent in solidarity with those who are being victimized and as a sacrifice to offer for all involved in Human Trafficking. “Like” the Respect Life Office page on Facebook to get social media updates for February 8th. [https://www.facebook.com/NOLArespectlife/](https://www.facebook.com/NOLArespectlife/)

On February 1st the Respect Life Office’s anti-trafficking profile picture will be up. You can make it your own profile picture to raise awareness.

Novena to End Human Trafficking, February 9th-17th-go to [https://nolacatholic.org/novena-to-end-human-trafficking](https://nolacatholic.org/novena-to-end-human-trafficking) for information.

Second Collection for Catholic Charities-Archdiocese of New Orleans

The second collection at all Masses February 8-9, 2020, will be taken up for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans. Your parish’s support in this second collection provides crucial funds that enable Catholic Charities to bring hope and support to those in need in our archdiocese.

Donations through this second collection enable Catholic Charities to help over 77,099 individuals and families each year. Donations provide life-giving services such as food deliveries for the elderly, care for the physically and developmentally disabled, support and care for new and expecting mothers, and so much more!

Please encourage your parishioners to join in this mission of service to the poor and vulnerable by supporting Catholic Charities with an open and generous heart. **95 cents of every dollar received goes directly to community services.** If you are in need of additional collection envelopes or materials for this weekend, please contact Emily Patnode at epatnode@ccano.org or (504) 592-5681.

World Marriage Day – February 9, 2020

In 1993, Saint Pope John Paul II imparted his Apostolic Blessing on World Marriage Day. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It highlights the beauty of the faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy of daily married life. World Marriage Day is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday in February. For the digital toolkit go to [nolacatholic.org/national-marriage-week](https://nolacatholic.org/national-marriage-week). Suggested intercessions and a blessing for married couples to be used at Mass can be found here. For more resources and recommendation, please contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 504-861-6243.
In-Home Marriage Preparation Training

There will be 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, February 29, 2020, at Holy Name of Jesus Parish. It will last from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pastors may ask couples to register online at https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/in-home-marriage-prep. You may also email or call the Office of Marriage and Family Life with couples' names and contact info at mfl@arch-no.org or 504-861-6243. Please call with any questions.

Archdiocese of New Orleans Men’s Conference

On March 7, 2020, the Archdiocese of New Orleans is hosting a life-changing Archdiocesan Men’s Conference from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at St. Catherine of Siena in Metairie. All men aged 18 and over are highly encouraged to make plans to be there and to bring all of their closest friends, teammates, brothers, fathers, men's groups, etc. We are expecting over 1,000 men!

Meet fellow men seeking holiness and hear inspiring talks from Focus CEO Curtis Martin, Catholic evangelist Peter Herbeck, and former Saints player and current NFL coach Jack Del Rio.

Flyer can be viewed here, and registration is available on www.nolacatholicmen.com

Dynamic Catholic Event

Dynamic Catholic events are not about feeling. They are about doing. Our engaging speakers don’t just give you something to think about. They give you a plan. They help you make your life work better. On March 7, 2020, come to Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church in LaPlace, LA for a life-changing event titled Find Your Greatness. Our goal is not to just inspire you for a few hours. At Find Your Greatness, you’ll walk away with more than just knowledge about four life-changing habits. You’ll leave with a personalized plan on how to engage these habits in your normal, ordinary, everyday life.

Concerned about attending a dry, boring Catholic event? Come and see Allen Hunt change your expectations about Church events. His highly entertaining and personal stories will make you laugh and inspire you. The event runs for four hours and includes two breaks. You’ll be amazed by how much you learn, and how quickly the day passes! Tickets can currently be purchased by visiting DynamicCatholic.com/LaPlace or after all Masses on January 25 & 26 and February 8 & 9. Or you can call the parish office at 985-652-2615. We can’t wait to see you there! You may download a flyer here.

Father/Son and Mother/Daughter Programs

Pastors and bulletin editors, please make this information available to all members of your parish.

The Father/Son Program for 11-14 Year old boys and the Mother/Daughter Program for 10-12 year old girls will be held in the St. Catherine of Siena Barrett Complex (boys) and Melancon Center (girls) on March 30, 2020. The purpose of these programs is to foster open communication between parent and child and to provide sexuality information and fertility appreciation in a Christ-centered atmosphere of love. The cost is $35.00 for parent/guardian and one child. Pre-registration is required. Flyers and further information are available from the Office of Marriage and Family Life 504- 861-6243. Online registration is available, so you can use the following links in electronic communication or on your website:

Mother/Daughter-- https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/motherdaughter  Click here for the flyer.

Father/Son-- https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/fatherson  Click here for the flyer.
SECTION IV
NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

Tulane Catholic Hosts Best-Selling Author Immaculée Ilibagiza

Immaculée Ilibagiza, a Rwandan genocide survivor and New York Times best-selling author of *Left To Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Genocide* will be the keynote speaker at Tulane Catholic’s annual speaker series on Friday, January 24, 2020, at 7:00 PM at Dixon Hall on Tulane University’s campus.

A powerful speaker with a powerful message, Immaculée survived the Rwandan genocide by hiding in a cramped bathroom with seven other women. She credits her survival to prayer and a set of rosary beads given to her by her devout Catholic father. Instead of succumbing to anger and resentments, she chose prayer and forgiveness—eventually even forgiving her family’s murderers. “It’s nearly impossible not to be profoundly impacted by Immaculee’s story,” said Father Thomas Schaefgen, OP. “It’s one of survival based upon the Christian values of faith and forgiveness.”

Open to the public, the event is free for students and $10 for adults. To register, go to https://catholic.tulane.edu/keynote For more information, please contact Lisa Alden or Courtney Chisholm at 504-866-0984 or lalden@tulane.edu or cchisholm@tulane.edu. You may download a flyer here.

Register Now: 2020 Northshore Catholic Leadership Conference

Northshore parishes are cordially invited to join the Catholic Community Foundation for a team leadership workshop on Saturday, March 21, 2020, from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM. The conference’s goal is to form parish leaders and build teams for ministry and mission. Featured speakers will include Fr. Jim Schmitmeyer and Dr. Tom Neal. Click here for the official conference flyer with full details. Pastors can register parish teams here. For more information, please contact Susie Veters at sveters@ccfnola.org or 504-596-3042.

St. Jerome Parish

St. Jerome Parish is in need of a large crucifix (5 ft +). If any parish, school, or other entity has one which is not needed, please contact Fr. David Dufour at 504-443-3174 or frdufour@arch-no.org. Thank you.

Employment Opportunities

Job opportunities are currently listed on our HR page: https://nolacatholic.org/employment

**The Southern Dominican Province**, headquartered in New Orleans, has an opening for a full-time Development Coordinator. The position will work closely with the provincial staff and the friar who serves as Promoter of Development. Interested persons should send a cover letter and resume to Rev. Tom Condon, O.P., Provincial, at tcondon@opsouth.org.

**Camp Abbey Retreat Center** is seeking a full-time administrative assistant. Responsibilities include assisting with: written correspondence, online communication & emails, general record keeping, day to day operations, and collaboration with summer camp administration. Candidates should have experience as an administrative assistant or equivalent with strong computer skills, basic knowledge and understanding of databases, registrations, contracts as well as familiarity with budget and asset allocations.

To apply send a letter and resume to Timmy McCaffery, Jr., Director, CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office, Archdiocese of New Orleans, 2241 Mendez Street, New Orleans LA 70122 or cyo@arch-no.org. Deadline to apply is Monday, February 3, 2020.

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