SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Announcements

- Thanks to Timmy McCaffery, Patrick Duffey, Fr. Colm Cahill, Ajani Gibson, and the CYO/Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office staff that led our group of youth from the archdiocese to participate in the annual March for Life Pilgrimage in Washington, D.C. last week. Thanks also to Jazmin Gutierrez and Terry Saucier Fricano who assisted with trip preparations. Over 650 of our youth from 16 Catholic high schools and 8 parish youth ministries represented our archdiocese. I was with our young people and continue to be inspired by their witness and commitment to Christ. I encourage high schools and parish youth ministries that have not gone to consider participating with us next year.

- Catholic Schools Week Mass will be celebrated Friday, January 31, 2020, at St. Catherine of Siena at 10:30 AM.

- I will attend the NCBC Bishops’ Workshop on Bioethics February 3-5, 2020, in Dallas, Texas.

- The Vietnamese New Year Festival Opening Ceremony will be Friday, February 7, 2020, at 6:30 PM at Mary Queen of Vietnam Church, 5069 Willowbrook Dr., New Orleans.

- The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life will be on Saturday, February 8, 2020, at 11:00 AM at Dominican High School.

- 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. Registration is required. For more information please contact the Respect Life Office at respectlife@arch-no.org.

- We will celebrate a Centennial Mass at Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Westwego on Saturday, February 8, 2020, at 4:00 PM.

- The Presbyteral Council will meet on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM.
**Death**

Mrs. Cheryl Raphael, mother of Fr. Mark Raphael, died on Thursday, January 23, 2020. Visitation will be Saturday, February 1, 2020, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:00 AM at St. Louis King of France Church, 1609 Carrollton Ave., Metairie. Please pray for her, Fr. Mark, and all who will miss her. 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 begin an election year, 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 Public Policy Guide [here](#). An additional directive from the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops is available [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.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for February

Universal Prayer Intention—Listen to the Migrants’ Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

February Respect Life Focus

This month we focus on our brothers and sisters who are victims and survivors of human trafficking, for those who buy them and for those who sell them. May victims and survivors experience restoration and healing. May those who perpetrate trafficking experience conversion of the heart.

Spiritual work of mercy...

Join us as we pray the Novena for an End to Human Trafficking February 9-17. Go here for more information and to sign up via email. [https://nolacatholic.org/novena-to-end-human-trafficking](https://nolacatholic.org/novena-to-end-human-trafficking)

A corporal work of mercy you can do...

Baptist Friendship House is collecting items for their backpacks for victims of Human Trafficking. They are in specific need of ladies’ underwear sizes 5 and 6, deodorant and exercise pants/leggings. If you can help, contact Baptist Friendship House at 504-949-4469.

Second Collection—Pastoral Solidarity Fund for Africa

Through the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides grants to finance pastoral projects that support the maintenance and growth of the Church in Africa. Funded projects include outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. The collection will be taken up in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on February 15-16, 2020. A flyer with an overview of the solidarity fund in both English and Spanish are attached to this e-Bulletin. Further information is available by clicking here. Please note that the USCCB website may reference years other than 2020; such information is the most up to date available.

Lay Enrichment Series

All are invited and welcomed to attend the second installment of Spring 2020 Lay Enrichment Series, a free faith formation event sponsored by Notre Dame Seminary’s Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry, on Wednesday, February 12th, 2020, from 6:30-7:30 PM in NDS’s Pastoral Center. Dr. Kathleen Bellow, Director of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University, will be offering a presentation on Black Catholic Spirituality. Dr. Bellow will speak about how the Holy Spirit animates Black life with particular cultural gifts that, when aptly incorporated into the life of the Church, support Catholic evangelization and ministry among the people of God. Register now at [https://les-nds-bellow.eventbrite.com/](https://les-nds-bellow.eventbrite.com/)! Donations are greatly appreciated.
Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, June 7, 2020, at 3:00 PM in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie. *This event is for couples married 50 years or more.* Each couple will receive a certificate and picture with Archbishop Aymond. Please register by Friday, March 20, 2020, by contacting the parish or going to [nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary](http://nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary).

Please Note: This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one’s respective parish.

Instructions For Parishes
We ask that you register couples using an online form, which may be found at [www.nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary](http://www.nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary) by **Monday, March 23rd, 2020**, to facilitate the sending of confirmation letters, preparing of scrolls and seating of the couples. Your cooperation in maintaining this deadline is appreciated. [Click Here](http://www.nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary) for forms that you may use to collect registration information. If you have any questions, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 504-861-6243.

Priests for Life Speaker

Join us to hear Janet Morena speak on "Healing the Wounds of Abortion" at the weekend Masses at St. Dominic Catholic Church, 775 Harrison Avenue, New Orleans (4:00 PM on Saturday, February 1, 2020; and 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM, and 5:30 PM on Sunday, February 2, 2020). Janet serves as Executive Director of Priests for Life, Co-Founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, and Co-Host of "Defending Life" and "The Catholic View for Women" on EWTN. For more information call 504-482-4156.

Employment Opportunities

New job opportunities are currently listed on our HR page: [https://nolacatholic.org/employment](https://nolacatholic.org/employment)

*Maintenance Crew Member (Part Time), St Joseph Parish, Gretna, LA*

*Please refer to our job-link often and share with qualified referrals!*

For any inquiries on the NolaCatholic e-Bulletin, please contact Pastoral Planning and Ministries at [planningandministries@archdiocese-no.org](mailto:planningandministries@archdiocese-no.org).