

# NolaCatholic e-Bulletin

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## Letter from Archbishop Aymond to Clergy, Religious and Laity

Please see the letter below and read before Mass or after the post-Communion prayer on the weekend of May 16-17, 2020. It is also available [here](#) in English and Spanish.

May 12, 2020

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Welcome home! Yes, our parish church is a home where we gather as God's family to experience the risen Christ. So many have expressed to me a real hunger to receive Christ in the Eucharist during the last 2 months.

The "stay home mandate" called for a radical change in daily life and called us to patience. Thanks to health care workers, First Responders, community leaders and those who had to work on the front lines for the good of the community. Thanks to parents, school administrators and teachers who created virtual schools for our children.

I know some are still hesitant to gather with others. Please recall that Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to celebrate Mass on Sunday during the pandemic. Heartfelt gratitude to our clergy who continue to lead God's people in this challenging time. Pastors were very creative in finding ways to bring the church into the homes of so many people.

Please join me in asking God for his healing touch on those who are ill and peace to those who have lost loved ones in death.

In time more will be allowed to gather for Mass. Please be patient! Please wear a mask. Please observe social distancing. Please pray!

Wishing you God's peace and protection, I am

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond

Archbishop of New Orleans

**Mission Statement for the Departments and Offices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans**

**Impelled by God's call and inspired by the vision 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, parishes, schools and organizations of the archdiocese, enabling them to encounter Jesus and witness his love with joy.**

### Increased Mass Attendance

Per the updated guidance from the State of Louisiana, effective May 16, 2020, Masses in the Archdiocese of New Orleans may be celebrated in churches using 25% occupancy of a church, with the exception that churches in the City of New Orleans are limited to no more than 100 people or 25% occupancy, whichever is fewer. Priests are reminded that additional guidance about liturgies was available in a memo from the archbishop dated May 11, 2020, and sent to your archdiocesan e-mail account.

### Announcement of Retirement

Rev. Paul Van Tung Nguyen will retire, effective July 1, 2020. Our heartfelt thanks to Father Paul for his many years having led God's people as a priest of Jesus.

### Transitional Diaconate Ordination

On Saturday, May 16, 2020, at 10:00 AM at St. Louis Cathedral, Archbishop Aymond will ordain Ajani Gibson, Michael Lamy, William Mumphrey, Henry Nwaeze, Truong Pham and Andrew Sanchez for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Thomas Bamoah for the Diocese of Yendi, Clement Manjas for the Archdiocese of Tororo, Ares Jonathan Perez Leon and Casey Weber for the Diocese of Memphis and Robert Johnson and Bobby Thomas Kennedy for the Diocese of Alexandria. A link will be provided on all social media and on the NolaCatholic website.

### Mark Your Calendars

May 16, 2020	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
May 30, 2020	Priesthood Ordination
September 9, 2020	Confession available in all parishes 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
September 15-17, 2020	Priest Convocation for the Archdiocese of New Orleans
May 22, 2021	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
June 5, 2021	Priesthood Ordination
September 20-22, 2021	Louisiana Priests Convention
September 7-9, 2022	Priest Convocation for the Archdiocese of New Orleans
September 6-8, 2023	Priest Convocation for the Archdiocese of New Orleans

## **Staying Together While Apart: Phone Ministry**

Pope Francis reminds us in *Evangelii Gaudium* (#169) that our “accompaniment must be steady and reassuring” as we evangelize. Contacting parishioners to connect them with practical and spiritual resources is an impactful way to accompany parishioners in this time of Covid-19. The telephone can be a powerful pastoral tool and a bridge, often overlooked, to strengthening relationships. The Office of Evangelization is offering a script to guide clergy, parish leaders, volunteers, and Evangelization teams through these important telephone conversations connecting individuals and families with the Lord and their parish church community. You may download the script guide [here](#).

## **Employment Opportunity**

A new job opportunity is listed on our HR page: <https://nolacatholic.org/employment>

Notre Dame Seminary: Seminary Operations and Development Assistant