Announcements

- Monday, September 7, 2020, is Labor Day. The Administrative Offices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be closed and will re-open on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 9:00 AM.
- The Council of Deans will meet on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room at the Chancery.
- All are invited to join me and other Faith Leaders of our community on Saturday, August 29, 2020, at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church, 2320 Paris Road, Chalmette at 8:00 AM for an Ecumenical Service in commemoration of the 15th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.
- The Altar Server Awards Mass will be held on September 8, 2020 at St. Rita Church in New Orleans.
- Please be reminded that we will offer “Confession” (Sacrament of Penance) in as many churches as possible in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, beginning at 5:00 PM. Please see attached memo and pastoral letter in English and Spanish to be made available to the people if you choose to offer confession.
- We will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Pope John Paul II High School on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at 10:30 AM.
- Regarding the tragic explosion in Beirut, individuals who wish to make a donation for our sisters and brothers in Beirut, Lebanon, may send their contributions to me at the Chancery, and I will forward them.
- Please include in the Prayers of the Faithful:
  * For school administrators, teachers, catechist, and students, that they may grow in knowledge and become more faithful disciples of Jesus. We pray to the Lord.
  * Please include in the Prayers of the Faithful for the duration of the hurricane season: “That through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor we will be spared damage to life and property during the hurricane season.”
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.

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

Altar Server Awards Mass
September 8, 2020

The Altar Server Awards Mass will be held September 8, 2020 at 5:30 PM at St. Rita Church in New Orleans. If you have not sent in the blue card, which was mailed to all pastors requesting the name of your parish’s altar server of the year, please send it to Serran, Donald McKay, Jr., 1100 Poydras, Suite 1700, New Orleans, LA 70163 by August 24, 2020. If you need more information, please call the Vocation Office at 504-861-6298.

Shine the Light!

In this time of uncertainty, help us “shine the light”! The Office of Communications is launching a new social media program titled Shine the Light to feature the ministry, contributions, and history of the Catholic churches and communities of faith in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Fr. Jared Rodrigue, Parochial Vicar of St. Margaret Mary in Slidell will partner with Sarah McDonald of the archdiocesan Office of Communications to work with parishes, schools, and ministries who would like to participate to feature their story on the archdiocesan Instagram and Facebook accounts for an entire week to go and be media missionaries to make digital disciples! To learn more about how your parish, school, or ministry can help us “shine the light” of the local Catholic Church on social media, click here or contact Fr. Jared at jrodrigue@arch-no.org or Sarah McDonald at smcdonald@arch-no.org or (504) 596-3023.
Workshops for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Basic workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be presented this Fall by the Office of Worship. Due to COVID restrictions, workshops will be conducted on a virtual platform with a limit of 15 participants per session. Attendance at this workshop is required before a person can be delegated by the Archbishop to serve in this ministry. The complete schedule and more information can be found on the Office of Worship website at https://nolacatholic.org/basic-workshops-for-emhc. Participants are to be pre-registered by their parish before attending. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Worship at 504-861-6300 or worship@arch-no.org.

Please place the attached letter about Catechetical Sunday from Archbishop Aymond in your bulletin the weekend of September 19-20, 2020. You may download the letter here in English and here Spanish. Please see the article on page 4 for more information.

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’ August Prayer Intention

The maritime world: “We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.”

Catholic Communications Campaign

The Catholic Communications Campaign is set for September 20-21, 2020, in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This collection supports the evangelizing work of the church throughout the world by supporting media: newspapers, television, radio and digital or online media. Fifty percent of the funds collected in the Archdiocese of New Orleans remain here to support Catholic new media efforts and the Clarion Herald. To learn more about the national program visit www.usccb.org/ccc and locally visit http://nolacatholic.org.

Love Life Amendment to the Louisiana Constitution

The Louisiana Bishops Support the LOVE LIFE AMENDMENT TO THE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION. Louisiana citizens will be able to affirmatively state that they “Love Life” on November 3—the same day as the United States presidential election, Louisiana citizens Click here to read the statement from the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops.

National Catholic Certification Program in Health Care Ethics

The National Catholic Bioethics Center offers a certification program to provide a systematic formation in the application of the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. This training is intended for those engaged in health care ministry and others interested in effectively representing the Church’s moral teaching in various institutions. For more information or to register, please go to ncbcenter.org/certification-program or contact Julie Kelley at jkelley@ncbcenter.org.
**Parish Boundaries Map**

Several parishes have called recently regarding the online Parish Boundaries map. The interactive map can be found at https://parish-boundaries-ember.herokuapp.com/. Please save this link and share it with your parish ministry leaders. To use the map, be sure to click on the box next to “Parishes” and type the address of the individual seeking to know which parish he/she is in in the address bar. Please be sure to include the city and state in the address so that the map. If you have any questions or difficulties using the map, please contact the Office of Communications at (504) 596-3023.

**CATHOLIC LENS SERIES: LIVING THE GOSPEL IN A FRACTURED CULTURE**

Join us! The Catholic Community Foundation and Notre Dame Seminary are co-hosting the Fall 2020 Catholic Lens Series: Living the Gospel in a Fractured Culture. In the four-part series, speakers will explore the foundational principles that guide our Catholic mission of unity in the world and bring a message of hope and encouragement.

The first event, Developing a Catholic Lens: The Church as a "Creative Minority," takes place on **Wednesday, September 2**, from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** You may attend the series in-person or virtually. In-person events will be held at Schulte Auditorium at Notre Dame Seminary, and they will be socially-distanced with a 100 attendee maximum per event. **Please see this flyer for more details.**

Registration is required. **Click here to register for the events.** Questions? Please contact Dr. Susie Vetters at sveters@ccfnola.org or 504.596.3042.

**Panel: The Moral Imperative to End Solitary Confinement**

Join Bishop Fabre of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, Ben Wortham of Catholic Charities USA, along with several other panelists to discuss why people of faith should be concerned about the use of solitary confinement in our prisons and jails, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Often prisoners are “out of sight and out of mind”, but those who are on solitary lockdown are even further “out of sight.” This panel hopes to heighten our attention to the least among us. **Please see this flyer for more details.**

**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.

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is offering a class series in the SymptoPro™ Method of Natural Family Planning. This series will be conducted by Kelly Donahue of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This is a virtual class series utilizing Zoom. The dates of the class series are September 5, September 19, October 3 and October 31, 2020. The Zoom class hours are 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The class on October 31, 2020 will be in-person rather than via Zoom. The cost is $105.00 and includes all classes and materials.

Preregistration is required. Register online https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/sympto-thermal-nfp-course.
Family Day 2020

The annual archdiocesan Family Day celebration will be Sunday, September 27. The theme for Family Day 2020 is “Finding a Way...”. The Office of Marriage and Family Life has prepared a packet of information that includes resources or parishes to minister to and with families that can be found online here. Digital assets will be made available at https://nolacatholic.org/digital-toolkit-1 by September 8. For more information or additional resources please call (504) 861-6247 or visit https://

“FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP,” THREE TALKS
AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH – AUG 26, SEPT 2 AND SEPT 9

Important national, state and local elections are coming up this fall. To help Catholics understand their political responsibility in voting, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 444 Metairie Rd., Metairie, LA, will host three talks on the U.S. Bishops’ document, “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship.” Youth Minister and Theologian Ron Courtade will give the presentations in St. Francis Church on three successive Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm: August 26, September 2 and September 9. It will be beneficial to attend a talk even if you can’t make all three talks. Ron Courtade has a Masters of Theology degree from Notre Dame Seminary and has served in the Archdiocese as a Director of Religious Education and High School Religion Teacher. Come be informed on key principles for consideration in preparing to vote. Please see this flyer for more details.

SECTION IV

NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

#iGiveCatholic 2020 Online Registration is OPEN!

Parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries of the Archdiocese of New Orleans are invited to participate in the sixth annual #iGiveCatholic Giving Day, which takes place on #GivingTuesday, December 1, 2020. New this year, organizations must register and apply to participate to have a page on the #iGiveCatholic website. Registration closes October 30. Returning organizations, or those that have participated in the giving day before, click here for step-by-step registration instructions. New organizations, or those that have never participated in #iGiveCatholic, click here for your registration instructions. Questions? Please contact Callie Kamath of the Catholic Community Foundation at ckamath@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5788.

Employment Opportunities

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

Please refer to our Job-Link often and share with qualified referrals!

For any submissions or inquiries on the NolaCatholic e-Bulletin, please contact communications@arch-no.org.