Announcements

- I will be in Alexandria on August 19th and 20th for the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Robert Marshall as the thirteenth bishop of Alexandria.

- The Presbyteral Council will meet on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 10:00 AM at Notre Dame Seminary.

- 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 blessing of the food bank at St. Joseph the Worker Parish will be on Sunday, August 30, 2020 at 1:30 PM.

- 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.

- 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.”

Deaths

Sister Kay Kolb, SSND, a School Sister of Notre Dame and life-long educator, died August 10, 2020 at St. Anthony’s Gardens in Covington, Louisiana, where she resided with her Sisters and friends since 2019. A private burial took place at the St. Mary of the Pines Cemetery in Chatawa, Mississippi. Please keep Sr. Kay, her SSND family and all who mourn her loss in your prayers.
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.

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.

Mark Your Calendars

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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.”

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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 Veters 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.
“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

Employment Opportunities

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

This week’s new listings:

- Parish Secretary, St. Anselm Catholic Church, Madisonville
- Administrative Assistant to the Lay Programs, Notre Dame Seminary
- Aftercare Staff, Early Childhood Program, Ursuline Academy, New Orleans
- Custodian, St. Philip Neri Church & School, Metairie
- Maintenance Crew Member (part-time) St. Joseph Parish, Gretna

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