SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Hurricane Laura Relief

I have been in contact with Bishop Provost in Lake Charles and the other bishops of the state as to the extent of damage from Hurricane Laura. The Lake Charles diocese was the hardest hit – and devastated. If your parish, organization or community wishes to send money or supplies to assist the Diocese of Lake Charles, please let me know. I promised Bishop Provost I would coordinate such efforts. Needless to say, basic daily supplies are needed and money for re-building.

We in the Archdiocese of New Orleans know such devastation. Please see the attached letter to Clergy, Religious and Laity in English and Spanish. This letter is to be read at all Masses this weekend.

Announcements

• Congratulations to the 19 Diaconate Candidates instituted into the Ministry of Reader on August 27, 2020, at Infant Jesus of Prague. Thanks to Deacon Ray Duplechain and the Office of Diaconate for overseeing their formation.

• 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.

• 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.
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.

- We will offer a special Mass for Victims and Survivors of Violence on Sunday October 25, 2020 at 11:00 AM at St. Louis Cathedral. Please see attached letter from the Office of Marriage and Family Life regarding instructions.
- 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:
  * 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.”
  * As we celebrate Labor Day, we ask for blessings in our work, hope for the unemployed, and those who receive unjust wages.

Deaths

Deacon Leslie D. Vincent died August 28, 2020, at the age of 84. A funeral mass was celebrated Tuesday, September 1, 2020, at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church. Please remember Deacon Les and all who mourn his death in your prayers.

Mark Your Calendars

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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.

Catholic Community Foundation Hosts Virtual ParishSOFT Religious Education Module Training

Training opportunity! At 1 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, Ryan Adams (CCF ParishSOFT & Data Coordinator) and Deacon Michael Whitehouse (Department of Catholic Education and Faith Formation) are offering Archdiocese of New Orleans parishes a virtual in-depth review on using ParishSOFT's Religious Education module. Click here to register. You may also reach Ryan with training inquiries at radams@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5796.
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’ September Prayer Intention

Respect for the Planet’s Resources: “We pray that the planet’s resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.”

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.

68th ANNUAL RED MASS OCTOBER 5, 2020

The Saint Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association, in conjunction with the Archdiocese of New Orleans, announce the celebration of the 68th Annual Red Mass, invoking the Holy Spirit upon the bench and bar of the State of Louisiana, on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans. Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans, will be the principal celebrant. Reverend Mike Kettenring, a priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, will be the homilist. Members of the bench and bar of the State of Louisiana, as well as the public, are invited to attend. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed in the Cathedral.

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”

Talks Rescheduled at St. Francis Xavier Church – Sept 9 and 16

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 two talks on the U.S. Bishops’ document, “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship.” *(NOTE: The talks and times were revamped after being postponed due to the hurricane threat.)* Youth Minister and Theologian Ron Courtade will give the presentations in St. Francis Church at 7 pm on two Wednesdays, September 9 and September 16. 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.

**SECTION IV**

**NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

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

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#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.

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**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!*

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