SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Announcements

- Please know that I raise you in prayer as we continue Advent and prepare for Christmas. Thank you for your life of faith.

- The Archdiocesan Administrative offices will be closed from Noon on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, through Friday, January 1, 2021, for the Christmas holidays. The offices will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2021.

- The Epiphany gathering for priests will take place on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. It will begin with vespers at 5:30 PM at Notre Dame Seminary Chapel followed by a reception in Schulte Hall at Notre Dame Seminary in order to allow for social distancing. You must RSVP to Alison Guerra at 861-6269 or aguerra@arch-no.org by December 14, 2020. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

- We will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Prompt Succor on January 8, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at the Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, 2701 State St., New Orleans.

- January 10, 2021 begins the “Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph” in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Deacon Michael Whitehouse, Ph.D (Liturgy) and the committee have sent materials to all clergy, parishes, schools, and Parish Schools of Religion. Please see page 3 for the details.

- All are welcome to pray with us at the Memorial Service for the Unborn in the Holy Innocents Prayer Garden (St. Patrick #1 Cemetery, 5000 Canal St., NOLA) on Friday January 22, 2021, at noon. We will be praying for those lost to miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion and those who mourn them.

- Confessions will be available in all parishes from 5:00 p.m. —6:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays during Lent: March 10, 2021, March 17, 2021 and March 24, 2021.
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.

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.

CHRISTMAS DIGITAL TOOLKIT NOW AVAILABLE

The 2020 digital toolkit with communications assets for parishes is now available online at https://nolacatholic.org/christmas-1. Please feel free to use the information provided by the Archdiocese of New Orleans and Catholic Current in your parish communications. If you have any questions or need further information, please email Sarah McDonald at smcdonald@arch-no.org.

WORKSHOPS FOR NEW READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Basic workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and basic workshops for readers will be presented this Spring by the Office of Worship. Attendance at the workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is required before a person can be delegated by the Archbishop to serve in this ministry. Attendance at the workshop for readers is strongly recommended for new readers and all readers who have not previously attended a workshop. The complete schedule can be found on the Office of Worship website at https://nolacatholic.org/lay-liturgical-ministry-formation. Participants are to be pre-registered by their parish before attending. Information on Spanish language workshops may be found through the Hispanic Apostolate. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Worship at 504-861-6300 or worship@arch-no.org.
Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph Resources

The Year of the Eucharist Committee is developing resources for use throughout the Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph for parish, school, and ministry use. You can find what is available online now at https://nolacatholic.org/yoeresources. This page is being continuously updated, and you will be notified of major updates via email and/or the eBulletin. Spanish language resources will be included as soon as they are available.

RETRouvaille WEEKend FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is a program designed to provide help and support to married couples who are undergoing difficulties in their relationship. Sponsored by the Catholic Church, Retrouvaille is open to couples of all faiths. It has proven helpful to couples who are troubled and stressed, or if the relationship has grown cold and distant. The next Retrouvaille Weekend will be January 15-17, 2021, at the William J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. For registration or additional information, please go to the Retrouvaille website https://www.helpourmarriage.org/ or email retrouvaillenola@gmail.com.

Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration

We are pleased to announce that the Archdiocese of New Orleans will host an annual wedding anniversary celebration for those couples who have been married for 25 years. The 2021 Silver Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at St Joseph Church in New Orleans. This event is only for couples married in the year 1996 in celebration of their 25th 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.

(To register, please contact the parish rectory before January 15, 2021)

Instructions For Parishes

{Parishes are asked to register couples using an online form, which may be found at www.nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary by Wednesday, January 20, 2021, to facilitate the sending of confirmation letters, preparing of scrolls and seating of the couples. Your cooperation in maintaining this deadline is appreciated.}

CARES Act Information for Your Parish

End-of-year giving is upon us, and now is a great time to talk to your parishioners about how they can be generous. As you may know, the CARES Act was designed to help people and organizations who were impacted by COVID-19. It also provides increased tax incentives designed to stimulate philanthropic giving for nonprofits facing economic hardship during the pandemic. If you'd like help explaining some of these incentives to your parishioners, please feel free to download this flyer. You can print it out or include it in your email year-end communications. For additional information, please contact Catholic Community Foundation Executive Director Cory J. Howat at chowat@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5778.
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.

REGINA MATRUM AWARD

The Council of Catholic School Co-Operative Clubs (CCSCC) will present the 75th Annual Regina Matrum Award to an outstanding Catholic mother in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Monday, May 10, 2021, the day after Mother’s Day. We invite your parish to submit an application. Please see the attached application and letter to Pastors and Principals.

Catholic Relief Services Responds to Natural Disasters in Central America and the Philippines

We all know how active the past hurricane season has been. Hurricanes Eta and Iota slammed into Central America in nearly the same location in Nicaragua within only two weeks of each other. Meanwhile typhoons have hit the Philippines. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has responded to these events. To learn more, see the CRS Emergency Fact Sheet and the CRS Emergency Fact Sheet for Eta and Iota.

NFP Class in Spanish

A two-part Natural Family Planning class in Spanish is being offered in January and February of 2021. Couples wishing to enroll should contact St. Jerome Parish at 504-443-3174 or stjeromepsh@arch-no.org by January 4, 2021. Dates: Monday, January 11, 2021 & Monday, February 8, 2021 Place: St. Jerome Parish, 2402 33rd St., Kenner, LA 70065 Cost: $15 (for materials) Presenter: Karen Canales

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

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.