SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT

Many thanks to Fr. Daniel Green for serving as the Director of the Office of Black Catholics since 2017. We are most grateful for his leadership and dedicated ministry. Fr. Green will continue to serve as Pastor of St. Maria Goretti Parish.

We welcome Dr. Ansel Augustine back to the Archdiocese as the Director of the Office of Black Catholics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the dedication of St. Francis of Assisi Church at 4:00 PM on Saturday, December 18, 2021.

- The Archdiocesan Administrative offices will be closed from Wednesday, December 22, 2021, through Friday, December 31, 2021, for the Christmas holidays. The offices will re-open on Monday, January 3, 2022.

- The Epiphany gathering for priests will take place on Thursday, January 6, 2022. It will begin with vespers at 5:30 PM at Notre Dame Seminary Chapel followed by a reception at my residence. You must RSVP to Alison Guerra at 504-861-6269 or aguerra@arch-no.org by December 15, 2021. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

- Liturgical Considerations for the Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family 2021

This year, the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) falls on a Saturday. Masses celebrated on the evening of December 25 are to use the readings and Mass formula of Christmas.

The obligation to attend Mass for Christmas may be fulfilled by attending Mass in the evening of December 24 or at any Mass celebrated on December 25. Masses celebrated on Sunday, December 26 are to be that of the Feast of the Holy Family. The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday may be fulfilled by attending Mass on Sunday, December 26 or by attending Mass in the evening of December 25 (if one has already attended Mass for Christmas).

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has stated that pastors should not feel obligated to celebrate an evening Mass on December 25.
• **Liturgy Considerations for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year’s Day) and the Solemnity of the Epiphany 2022**

Because January 1, 2022 falls on a Saturday, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God is not observed as a day of obligation although it remains a Solemnity. Because the Epiphany has a higher place on the Table of Liturgical Days, evening Masses celebrated on January 1, 2022 are to be that of the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

If you have any questions regarding these considerations, please call the Office of Worship at 504-861-6300 or email worship@arch-no.org.

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**Mark Your Calendars**

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ACTION REQUESTED
Pastors and parish secretaries are asked to please ensure response and follow-up on the items below

2022 Priest Retreats
There is still space in the following priest retreats: January 17-21, 2022 and July 4-8, 2022, both at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center. Click here to see the list of registered priests. If you are interested in attending either of those two retreats, please contact Alison Guerra in the Department of Clergy at aguerra@arch-no.org. Click here for the registration form.

Insurance Form Updates
All clergy and parish staff are encouraged to visit the Insurance page of nolacatholic.org as a number of insurance forms have been added and/or updated in the last week. To access the page go to https://nolacatholic.org/clergy-staff and enter the password sent to you earlier this year. If you need further assistance, please email riskmanagement@arch-no.org and a member of the Risk Management Team will respond shortly.

Catholic Community Foundation Can Help You Make a QCD from Your IRA
Advent is a time of spiritual awakening and renewal, and you might find yourself reflecting on what it means to be generous. This time of year, the IRS may require you to make the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA. If you wish, you could have these funds sent directly from your IRA administrator as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to nonprofits, which reduces your taxable income.

For more information or to notify the foundation of a QCD you plan to make for an archdiocesan parish, school, or ministry, click here to download this flier. You may also contact Executive Director Cory J. Howat at chowat@ccfnola.org or

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

ANNULMENT WRITING WORKSHOP
The Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer a writing workshop for persons seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church or for persons responding to an annulment. The workshop will be held at St. Benilde Parish in Metairie. The series will be for five (5) Tuesdays, January 25, February 1, February 8, February 15 and February 22, 2022. Hours are 7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m. The materials for the series cost $25.00. To register go to our website https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/annulment-writing-workshop. For more information, please call Cathy, 504-861-6243.

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Notre Dame Seminary and Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Catholic Education and Faith Formation

Spring Ministry Workshop Series

Are you an ordained or lay minister in the Archdiocese of New Orleans looking to improve your ability to serve the lay faithful in your parish or school? Join Notre Dame Seminary and the Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Catholic Education and Faith Formation for a Spring Ministry Workshop Series. These mini-workshops are FREE and designed to equip ministers with the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to face current issues in ministry.

Our first workshop, "Sexual Integrity Ministry: Best Practices for Ministry Leaders," will be presented by Chris O'Neil, Director of Office of Marriage and Family Life for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, and Gary LeBlanc, Coordinator of Sexual Integrity Ministry. The workshop will take place on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Northshore Pastoral Center.

We strongly recommend bringing a team of ministers from your parish or school to attend the workshop together. RSVP today to reserve your spot here!

Notre Dame Seminary Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry (ILEM) Open House

The Notre Dame Seminary Programs for Laity will be hosting an Open House for prospective students interested in learning about and applying for the Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry (ILEM), the Master of Arts in Pastoral Leadership (MAPL) and the Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) programs. The Open House will take place on Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022, from 6:30-7:30pm in the Pastoral Center in St. Joseph Hall. There will be presentations by the ILEM, MAPL, and MATS program directors and current students about the programs, along with information about the Handing on the Faith Scholarship Program. The ILEM program will be beginning a new cohort of students this Summer 2022, and registration is open for this program only once every two years, so all prospective students are strongly encouraged to attend the Open House and apply for this holistic formation program! The ILEM program culminates in a public commissioning as a Lay Ecclesial Minister of the Archdiocese of New Orleans by Archbishop Aymond, and both the MAPL and MATS programs are fully accredited MA programs. For those who cannot attend in person, there will be a virtual option as well. To RSVP, please click here.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce that the annual Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, New Orleans. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married between 1992 - 1997. To register, please contact your parish office before Monday, January 24, 2022

Please Note: The Silver Wedding Anniversary celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfill the couple’s Sunday obligation. Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.

Instructions For Parishes:
Please share the above announcement in your bulletin, social media, or other suitable places. Parishes are asked to register couples for the ANO Silver Anniversary Celebration using an online form, which may be found at www.nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary no later than Tuesday, January 25, 2022 to facilitate the sending of confirmation letters, preparing of scrolls, and seating of the couples. Your cooperation in maintaining this deadline is appreciated, as no registrations will be accepted for the Celebration after January 25th. Contact us at mfl@arch-no.org with any questions.
SECTION IV

NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

2022 MARRIAGE PREPARATION OPTIONS ARE LIVE

Engaged couples can now register for Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat Weekends, archdiocesan Days for the Engaged sessions, or Special Marriage Preparation workshops in 2022 in order to complete their sacramental preparation by visiting nolacatholic.org/mfl, then clicking on “Getting Married?”. Click here for a full 2022 calendar and explanations of the marriage preparation options available.

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.