December 22, 2021

SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• St. Michael Special School Bell Choir came to our administrative office on Walmsley to sing and help us prepare for Christmas during this Advent season. They were a blessing.

• 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 Council of Deans will meet on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room at the Chancery.

• 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. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

• We will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Prompt Succor on January 8, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, 2701 State St., New Orleans.

• Louisiana and New Orleans Right to Life will sponsor a special evening to celebrate the pro-life movement in Louisiana on Saturday, January 15, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency, 601 Loyola, in downtown New Orleans at 7:00 PM. To register, go to https://prolifelouisiana.org/gala.

• The Administrative Offices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

• I will be joining our young people in Washington D.C. for the March for Life from January 20-21, 2022. Please keep us in prayer.

• 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 Monday January 24, 2022, at noon. We will be praying for those lost to miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion and those who mourn them.
**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.*

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**DEATHS**

*Sister Donna Hyndman, O.S.U.*, an Ursuline Sister, died December 15, 2021 in St. Louis at the Mother of Perpetual Help Assisted Living Center. Sister taught at Ursuline Academy in the 1970s and assisted with ministry at the National Votive Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in New Orleans. Arrangements are pending. Please keep Sr. Donna, her family and the Ursuline Sisters in your prayers.

*Sister Mary Jules Landry, M.S.C.* died December 16, 2021 at Trinity Trace Community Care Center Nursing Home in Covington. A wake will be held at Schoen’s on Canal Street, Thursday, December 23 from 9 – 11 a.m. followed by Mass at 11 a.m. and burial in the Marianite Mausoleum. Please keep Sister Jules, her family, and her Marianite family in your prayers.

*Sr. Dolores Rodriguez, STJ* died on December 18, 2021. Her funeral was held on December 21, 2021 at the Teresian Sisters’ St. Henry de Osso Chapel in Covington and she was buried at St. Joseph Abbey. Please keep Sister Dolores, her family and her Teresian family in your prayers.

*Brother Gerald Meegan, SDB* passed away suddenly yesterday in Tampa FL. The funeral masses will be in Tampa and in New York after Christmas. There is, however, a memorial mass at Archbishop Shaw High School on Thursday night (12/23) at 7:00 pm. Please keep Brother Jerry, his family, his Salesian family and the students and staff at Archbishop Shaw in your prayers.

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**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.

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. The January 31-February 4, 2022 retreat at the Abbey is already FULL with a waiting list. Click here to see the list of registered priests. If you are interested in attending either of the two retreats that still have spaces available, please contact Alison Guerra in the Department of Clergy at aguerra@arch-no.org. Click here for the registration form.

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’ JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION
We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

The Second Collection for the Church in Latin America, January 8-9, 2022
On the weekend of January 8-9, 2022, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

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.
**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](#).

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**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](#).

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**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 fulfil 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](http://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](mailto:mfl@arch-no.org) with any questions.
"Cannonball Conversations" Lunchtime Speaker Series

"Cannonball Conversations," a lunchtime speaker series hosted by Immaculate Conception (Jesuit) Church in honor of the current international Ignatian Year, will welcome former U.S. Representative Anh "Joseph" Cao on Tuesday, January 4, at 12:30 pm. Mr. Cao, who came to the United States as a child refugee from Vietnam Orleanian, served in Congress from 2009 to 2011, and continues his work as a lawyer and community advocate in New Orleans, will share his personal story, "Quo Vado: God, Where Am I Going?," following the noon Mass in the church, located at 130 Baronne Street. The 45-minute presentation will include time for questions at the end. "Cannonball Conversations" take place every first Tuesday of the month, through July, and feature prominent local voices talking about faith, finding your path, and changing the world. The event will also be live-streamed on the parish YouTube channel. Called for 2021-2022, the Ignatian Year commemorates the 500th Anniversary of St. Ignatius of Loyola's conversion and the 400th of his canonization. See the attached flyer for more details.

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.