SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT
In order to provide for the pastoral care of the people of God in St. Peter Claver Parish, Archbishop Aymond has appointed Bishop Fernand Cheri, OFM, as Administrator, effective immediately.

Announcements

- Congratulations to the following Lay Ecclesial Ministers from Notre Dame Seminary Institute of Lay Ecclesial Ministry (ILEM) who were commissioned on Sunday, January 31, 2021, at the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Louis Cathedral: Jack Biven, Stephanie Bollman, Virginia Callaway, Kelli Joseph, Toni Landeche, Christopher Lazarine, Gavin Matherne, Susan May, Patricia Reed, Candace Robertson, Laurie Smith, and Jacquelyn Sofio. Thanks for saying yes to God’s will. Thanks to Dr. Haddad, Director of ILEM, Fr. Wehner, Rector, and all faculty and staff for their leadership.

- Catholic Schools Week will be January 31 – February 6, 2021. Mass will be celebrated Friday, February 5, 2021, at St. Catherine of Siena at 10:00 AM. Due to rising COVID-19 cases, only a small number of students have been invited to attend the Mass.

- The Administrative Offices of the archdiocese will be closed on February 15-16, 2021, in observance of the spirit of Mardi Gras. The offices will re-open on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

- Ash Wednesday is February 17, 2021. Please remember the importance of fasting and abstinence on this day and a strong spirit of prayer, fasting, and charity throughout Lent.

- The guidelines for Catholics on fasting and abstinence are as follows: Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance.

- As we approach Lent, let us be mindful not to schedule “fish fry” etc. on Good Friday.

- The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life will be on Saturday, February 20, 2021, with Mass at 11:00 AM at St. Rita Church in New Orleans.

- The Rite of Election and the call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 105 Bonnabel Blvd., Metairie, on Sunday, February 21, 2021, at 2:30 PM. The Rite of Election will also be celebrated at Most Holy Trinity, 501 Holy Trinity Drive, Covington, on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 7:00 PM.
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.

- The Ministerial Council will meet on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM.
- The Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration for couples married in 1996 will be on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in New Orleans.
- 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.

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.

ANNUAL PASTORAL REPORT

- All parishes were e-mailed the online fillable Annual Pastoral Report. If you have not yet completed the report, please do so immediately.
- Lenten Events Submissions

As we look ahead to the Lenten season the Office of Communications in partnership with the Clarion Herald is once again collecting Lenten Event information. This year you will note a specific question about whether your event will be offered in-person, virtually, or both. Find the form online here. Please complete this form to the best of our ability.

Additionally, once again this year we hope to publish a schedule of available Stations of the Cross. Please submit your parish’s schedule of Stations of the Cross online here.

For parishes, schools, and ministries that are planning to offer Friday Fish Fry Meals, please submit that information online here.

Please note that for any of the above events, appropriate COVID-19 restrictions including wearing of masks and social distancing are required.
Scheduling of Confirmation for Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

Last week, the Office of Worship mailed a form for the scheduling of Confirmation for Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 to each parish.

Pastors are asked to choose and indicate on the form THREE dates which are available in your parish for this celebration, in order of preference and return to the form to the Office of Worship no later than February 25, 2021.

Forms received in the Office of Worship after February 25, 2020 will not be considered for scheduling during the 2021 - 2022 confirmation cycle.

Please keep in mind that, for parishes with fewer than ten candidates for Confirmation, it would be helpful to combine with another parish. Should you initially expect a larger group and that number fall below ten, pastors should contact the Office of Worship so that the date can be moved to your regularly scheduled Saturday anticipated Mass or we can assist you in combining with another parish.

Please be sure to complete this form, even if you are not planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Fall 2020 – Spring 2021 cycle. The form may be downloaded here.

World Day of the Sick on February 11, 2021

In his message for the XXIX World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis discusses the theme, “You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers” (Mt 23:8). Click on his message here. We are called to care for the needs of our brothers and sisters, especially during times of sickness. The many ways we can care for the sick are by following the example of the Good Samaritan: accompanying the sick through their illness, listening, feeling empathy, physically assisting, and supporting health care workers in their care of the sick.

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.

St. Joseph Prayer Cards

As we continue our celebration of the Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph, we are happy to make available to parishes and schools a prayer card featuring an image of St. Joseph and a the Child Jesus and a Prayer for the Intercession of St. Joseph. Please feel free to download and use these cards as you feel is appropriate for your parish.

Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph Banners & Resources

In the next week all parishes will receive a Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph Banner for use throughout the year. The banners are 6 ft x 3 ft and have grommets for easy display. The banners will be suitable for outdoor use. Additionally, a Lenten digital toolkit specifically focused on this special year of observance is in development and will be released on the parish resource page. For these logos and images for the Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph, please visit https://nolacatholic.org/yoeresources.
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR VENDORS
All parishes, schools, and ministries of the Archdiocese of New Orleans are reminded that any parish, school or ministry/agency that engages a vendor to perform work must ensure that insurance requirements are met. Both Catholic Mutual (504-527-5760) and the archdiocesan building office (504-861-6210) are resources to assist in ensuring that all requirements are met.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie. 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 March 12, 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 Friday, March 15, 2021, to facilitate the sending of confirmation letters, preparing of scrolls and seating of the couples. Your cooperation in maintaining this deadline is appreciated.

“HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION’ CARDS FOR LENT
Once again this Lent, the Archdiocese of New Orleans will make available the “How to Go to Confession” cards that feature the “Examination of Conscience” on the back. If you would like to obtain these cards for your parish, please email Sarah McDonald at smcdonald@arch-no.org with the parish name, a contact name, and the number of cards you would like to order. There will be no cost to the parish. Additionally, there are a few “Evenings of Confession” banners still available through the Office of Communications. If you would like to obtain one for your parish, please be in touch with Sarah at the email address above.

CONFESSION CARDS AND BANNERS
For all parishes that have requested “How to Go to Confession” cards and Evenings of Confession banners, your packets will be available for pick-up at the Chancery, 7887 Walmsley Ave. beginning Friday, February 5. For those parishes on the Northshore that have requested copies, your packets will be available at the Northshore Catholic Center beginning Friday, February 5. If there is a hardship preventing a parish representative from picking up your packets, please contact Sarah McDonald via email at smcdonald@arch-no.org.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL
By now parishes and schools participating in CRS Rice Bowl should have received your 2021 rice bowls. We know this year will be a very different Lent, so CRS has provided alternative ways to participate. The primary goal of CRS Rice Bowl is to raise awareness of the needs of our brothers and sisters overseas so that we may keep them in prayer, and provide financial assistance as parishioners feel inclined. Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, Archbishop of Louisville, KY, was present when Rice Bowl was first introduced. To watch a video where Archbishop Kurtz is interviewed by a high school junior, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6N-2_xwaMgw. To learn more about CRS Rice Bowl, go to https://www.crsricebowl.org/. If you would like to make a direct donation to CRS Rice Bowl online, go to https://support.crs.org/donate/change-life-lent-0?ms=orbric1821rbl00nav00&_ga=2.83172050.559152535.1611872218-698481442.1602866198.
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’ FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Global Child Thrive Act

Approximately 25 members of the Archdiocese of New Orleans participated in a year and half long effort to pass the Global Child Thrive Act, which was promoted by Catholic Relief Services. Members of St. Jerome, St. Benedict, Mary Queen of Peace Parishes and Ignatian Chapel Community advocated through virtual meetings with aides from the Louisiana delegation to promote this bill, which helps streamline funding for early childhood development through U.S. foreign aid. While the language is very technical, the purpose of the bill is to help children birth through five year of age receive appropriate developmental interventions so they can thrive and not become forever dependent on foreign aid. To learn more about the Global Child Thrive Act, and how you can help, see https://www.crs.org/media-center/news-release/crs-celebrates-global-child-thrive-acts-passage-law

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. This class series the Office of Marriage and Family Life is offering in the SymptoPro™ Method of Natural Family Planning will be conducted by Kelly Donahue of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This series will be virtual by using Zoom. The dates of the class series are February 13, February 27, March 13 and April 17, 2021. The Zoom class hours are 9:00 a.m. - noon. The cost is $105.00 and includes all classes and materials. Preregistration is required. Register online https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/

LENTEN MEDITATION SERIES AT ST. JOACHIM

St. Joachim Catholic Church (5505 Barataria Blvd, Marrero) will hold a series of Meditations for Lent entitled “From The Gospels” with Susan M. Weyer, MD, OCDS each Thursday in Lent at 6:30 pm in the Church. Each conversation will last about 30 minutes and will encourage reflection and preparation for the Resurrection of our Lord. This series begins on February 18, 2021, and is free and open to the public. A face covering will be required for all in attendance. Please see our website at https://www.stjoachimmarrero.org/lent2021 for more infor-

Living the Eucharist in the World Faith Formation Series

All are welcome to participate in a faith formation series for the Year of the Eucharist discussing how the Mass sends us forth into the Word to evangelize the world. Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that, “The Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word.” (Deus Caritas Est, #22) The Office of Faith Formation and the Office of Justice and Peace are sponsoring this series so that Catholics can perceive the link between the Eucharist and service. Speakers will provide brief input, leaving ample time for dialog. The dates are Feb. 4, Feb. 25, March 4, March 18, and April 22. For the full series, speakers, and to register, click on the link to the flyer.
SECTION IV
NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE
Following is news and information of general interest to the local Church

Eucharist Lecture Series at Notre Dame Seminary

Notre Dame Seminary will be offering a year-long "Eucharist Lecture Series" during 2021 for the Archdiocese of New Orleans’ Year of the Eucharist! We will be offering a monthly event, beginning with a half-hour of Eucharistic Adoration and followed by a lecture and Q&A on the Eucharist, in Schulte Auditorium at NDS.

Our second presentation will be entitled “The Eucharist in Sacred Scripture” and will be offered by Dr. Nathan Mastnjak, Professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary. This event will take place on Wednesday, February 17th, 2021, with Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 5:30 PM followed by a lecture and Q&A from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. This event is FREE and open to the public. You can attend either in person (socially distanced) or virtually, but space is limited, so make sure to RSVP at www.nds.edu/els. Virtual attendees will receive streaming information via email on the day of the event. Registration for this event will close on Wednesday, February 17th at 5:00 PM. Click here for more information on the series.

Employment Opportunities

Current Job Listings:

- Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops—Executive Director
- St. Francis Xavier Parish—Maintenance—Janitorial Worker
- Ursuline Academy—Short Term Substitute for Toddler Two Class
- Ursuline Academy—Director of Early Learning Center
- Archdiocese of New Orleans Archives—Processing Archivist/Records Analyst
- Archdiocese of New Orleans Accountant—Parishes and Grammar Schools
- Archdiocese of New Orleans—Accountant—High Schools

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.