SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

TOM COSTANZA NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LCCB

I am pleased to announce that the bishops of Louisiana have appointed Mr. Tom Costanza the new Executive Director of the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops (LCCB). Costanza succeeds Rob Tasman, who served for twelve years as Executive Director of the LCCB.

I have great confidence in Tom’s ability to represent the bishops of Louisiana to the Governor and to the Legislators. His other ministries have prepared him well for leading us and being a voice of the Church in the political process. I have enjoyed working with Tom and admire his gifts.

Tom has served in church ministry since 1992 and most recently with the Office of Social Apostolate (1996-2002) and with Catholic Charities since 2002 as Director of the Office of Justice and Peace. Most recently he served as a Division Director for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans. He has earned advanced degrees in Theology, Social Work and Business Administration. He was a seminarian for the Archdiocese of New Orleans for 3 ½ years.

The LCCB, which has as its foundation the teachings of the Catholic Church, serves to coordinate education of the people through joint pastoral statements; to promote collaboration in shared projects among Catholic dioceses and other institutions; and to communicate and interact with local, parish, state and federal bodies. For more information about the LCCB and its work, visit http://www.laccb.org/.

Announcements

- Each year on Good Shepherd Sunday the Archdiocese of New Orleans designates a special second collection to help support the medical and retirement expenses of our diocesan priests. This collection is scheduled for the weekend of April 24-25, 2021. Please see the attached letter regarding this collection to be shared with all parishioners in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on the weekend of April 10-11, 2021. You may download the letter here.

- On Saturday, April 10, at 11 a.m., we will celebrate a prayer service to officially welcome the “Angels Unawares” statue to New Orleans. The 3-ton, 20 foot bronze statue will be on display and open to the public to visit on the grounds of Notre Dame Seminary through May 21. “Angels Unawares” depicts centuries of migrants leaving their homelands for a better and safer life for their families, and embodies Hebrews 13:2, “Don not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” The public is welcome to visit the statue on the front steps of Notre Dame Seminary.

- This is “Confirmation Season”. Please pray for all candidates for Confirmation, their sponsors, and those who have prepared them to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.
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 Archdiocese of New Orleans will celebrate the annual Mass for Vocations on Sunday, April 11, 2021, at 11:00 AM at St. Louis Cathedral. All priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and people of the Archdiocese are cordially invited to attend.

• Divine Mercy Mass will be celebrated on April 11, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in New Orleans.

• The Presbyteral Council will meet on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM.

• The Ministerial Council will meet on Thursday, April 22, 2021, at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM.

• We will celebrate Mass for the 100th Anniversary of St. Catherine of Siena Church at 6:00 PM on April 29, 2021.

• There will be an Interfaith Prayer Service for World Refugee Day on the front steps of Notre Dame Seminary at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 2, 2021.

• We will celebrate a Jubilee Mass for religious, deacons and priests at 3:00 p.m. on May 9, 2021, at St. Rita Church, New Orleans.

• The Regina Matrum Mass will be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 10, 2021 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Belle Chasse.

• The Council of Deans will meet on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Mark Your Calendars

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*Highlighted items are new additions to the calendar
SECTION II
ACTION REQUESTED
Pastors and parish secretaries are asked to please ensure response and follow-up on the items below

Archdiocesan Mass For Vocations

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will celebrate the annual Mass for Vocations on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Louis Cathedral. Archbishop Aymond will preside. All priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and people of the Archdiocese are cordially invited to attend. Seminarians, women and men in formation for consecrated life and diaconate candidates will join together in thanking God for their vocation. Everyone present will be invited to pray for those who serve the Archdiocese of New Orleans as priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. For more information, contact the Vocation Office 504-861-6298.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on April 25, 2021 (Fourth Sunday of Easter). All the people of the Archdiocese are encouraged to participate in prayer, both for an increase in vocations and for those men and women who have committed themselves to a religious vocation. All parishes will be sent liturgy aids and materials helpful for this occasion.

SECTION III
PARISH PUBLICITY

Belonging: Springs of Hope Virtual Mother’s Day Retreat

Mother’s day can be an especially difficult time for families suffering with infertility or miscarriage. The Office of Marriage and Family Life invites to a free, online, Mother’s day retreat hosted by Springs in the Desert. Registration opens April 11 at www.springsinthedesert.org. Find the complete flyer online by clicking here.

Upcoming workshops and classes at Abbey Art Works

- It’s All Greek To Me - The Statuary of Ancient Greece and The Renaissance, Lecture by Br. Christopher Schaefer, O.S.B., Saturday, April 17 at 1 p.m.
- Painting Impressionistic Landscapes in Pastels and Oils - Four days of Plein Air and studio painting with Alan Flattmann, May 17-21.
- New Dates: Artist Retreat, Monday - Friday, August 23-27

Registration and other details for these classes and more are available at www.saintjosephabbey.com/abbeyartworks. Abbey Art Works can also be contacted at 985-327-1021 or info@abbeyartworks.com.

30th Annual ABBEY Open Golf Tournament

The 30th Annual ABBEY Open Golf Tournament takes place Thursday, May 13th at Covington Country Club. All proceeds support Saint Joseph Seminary College, which provides training for young men studying for the priesthood from 22 dioceses in 7 states across the Gulf South region and is run by the Benedictine Monks of Saint Joseph Abbey. Sign up at www.saintjosephabbey.com/golf. Sponsor a hole at www.saintjosephabbey.com/golf-sponsor.

POPE FRANCIS’ APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.
SECTION IV

NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

St. Joseph Seminary College Virtual Alumni Homecoming Day

The 101st Annual VIRTUAL Alumni Homecoming Day for Saint Joseph Seminary College is scheduled for Friday, April 9th. No events will take place on campus for alumni this year. The online General Assembly begins at 4 p.m., followed by Zoom Class Breakout Groups at 5 p.m. The day concludes with Live-streamed Mass from the Abbey Church at 5:30 p.m. Visit www.saintjosephabbey.com/alumni for updates and links.

French Wine Pairing Date Night

The Divine Mercy Marriage Ministry presents a French Wine Pairing Date Night Event on Friday, April 30th, 2021 from 7:00-10:00 PM at the Chateau Country Club, 3600 Chateau Blvd, in Kenner. The guest speaker will be Dr. Mario Sacasa. Registration for the event is $100.00 per married couple (Limited Seating Available). Deadline to register is April 23rd. For additional details, contact: Laine Buquoi 504-583-5095 or Ashlie Clouatre 504-782-9242. Click Here to Register  For more information, see the attached flyer.

Notre Dame Seminary Eucharistic Lecture Series

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 fourth presentation will be entitled "The Real Presence of the Eucharist" and will be offered by Dr. David Liberto, Professor of Dogmatic and Historical Theology at Notre Dame Seminary. This event will take place on Wednesday, April 21st, 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. Virtual attendees will receive streaming information via email on the day of the event. Registration for this event will close on Wednesday, April 21st at 5:00 PM.

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.