August 11, 2021

SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• NOLA Catholic Youth Conference 2021 Update: With the rise of COVID-19 cases and an increase of hospitalizations throughout our community, we believe it is prudent to cancel our NOLA Catholic Youth Conference (formerly known as “World Youth Day”) previously scheduled for Saturday September 25. The CYO/Youth and Young Adult Office will continue to design ways to serve our parishes and schools and connect each other together while being wise and charitable during this time of the pandemic.

• Gulf Coast Faith Formation 2022 Update: Due to ongoing, serious concerns related to COVID-19 and the uncertain outlook for early 2022, we have judged it necessary to cancel the conference scheduled for January 7 and 8, 2022. The Department of Catholic Education and Faith Formation will continue to communicate with all parish and school leaders regarding other opportunities for ongoing formation.

• Many thanks to the local National Pastoral Musicians Convention planning committee: Betty-Ann Hickey, Lorraine Hess, Michele Starnes, David Doyle, Tammy Morris, Eric McCary, Fr. Ajani Gibson, Lindsey Ware and Jodi Connor, as well as 35 volunteers who helped make last week’s NPM Convention a success. 500 people were in attendance and about 150 people attended virtually.

• The following men in the 2022 Permanent Diaconate Formation Group were instituted to the Ministry of Acolyte on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at Transfiguration of the Lord Church, New Orleans: Jason Binet, Michael Cardella, Duane Cruse, Tobin Eason, Greg Flores, Tim Kettenring, Julius Laurent, Bryan McCauley, Ed Melendreras, Paul Orly, Mark Pennington, Mike Rivault, Kevin Robicheaux, Francisco Rodriguez, Michael Sorensen, Bruce Trigo and Kerry Winder. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue in formation and prepare for Ordination to the Diaconate in 2022.

• The Archdiocese of New Orleans has a new policy regarding the naming of buildings. All pastors and anyone involved in institutional advancement of archdiocesan entities, please read the attached decree and policy for naming buildings.

• Please be reminded we will offer “Confession” (Sacrament of Reconciliation) in parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Wednesday, September 15 beginning at 5:00 pm.

• The Ministerial Council will meet at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at Notre Dame Seminary.

• The Presbyteral Council will meet on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM.
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.

- There will be a morning of reflection for parents of seminarians followed by a luncheon on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at Notre Dame Seminary. Please keep these parents in your prayers as they support their sons’ formation and discernment.

- Monday, September 6, 2021, is Labor Day. The Administrative Offices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be closed and will re-open on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 9:00 AM.

- The Council of Deans will meet on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room at the Chancery.

- The Louisiana Priest Convention will be held on September 20-22, 2021. Registration packets have been emailed to all priests. All active priests serving in diocesan ministry are expected to attend; retired priests are welcome. See p. 3 for more information.

- The “Order for the Blessing of Students and Teachers” from the Book of Blessings can be accessed here. Please consider using this as you deem appropriate. This time of the year is a great opportunity to connect our parishioners to our Catholic schools, public schools and our Parish Schools of Religion.

- Please include in the Prayers of the Faithful:
  - For school administrators, teachers, catechist, and students, that they may grow in knowledge and become more faithful disciples of Jesus. We pray to the Lord.
  - Please include in the Prayers of the Faithful for the duration of the hurricane season: “That through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor we will be spared damage to life and property during the hurricane season.”

Mark Your Calendars

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**Insurance Website Updates**

All clergy, parishes, schools, and ministries are reminded to please check the new insurance section of the website to find the most updated information on processes and documentation for the new insurance program. Since the site was launched, new items that have been added include the “Student Accident Claims Form” and the “Application for Special Events Insurance Coverage”. Information for accessing this password protected website may be found in Fr. Patrick Carr’s letter of July 16 emailed to all pastors, school leaders, and ministry directors or online here.

**WORKSHOPS FOR NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Basic workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be presented this Fall by the Office of Worship. Attendance at this workshop is required before a person can be delegated by the Archbishop to serve in this ministry. The complete schedule and more information can be found on the Office of Worship website at [https://nolacatholic.org/basic-workshops-for-emhc](https://nolacatholic.org/basic-workshops-for-emhc). Participants are to be pre-registered by their parish before attending. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Worship at 504-861-6300 or worship@arch-no.org.

**Catholic Community Foundation Hosts Virtual ParishSOFT New Staff Training**

Training opportunity! At 9 a.m. on Tuesday, August 17, Ryan Adams (CCF ParishSOFT & Data Coordinator) is offering a complete “how-to” training on using ParishSOFT Family Suite. While this virtual class is designed for new Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans parish staff members, those needing a refresher are invited to attend. Click here to register. You may also reach Ryan with training inquiries at radams@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5796.

**TEEN CROSS Nominations**

It is time to appoint teens to represent your parish/high school on Teen C.R.O.S.S. (Catholics Reaching Out in Selfless Service), the Archdiocesan youth council made up of teens from each parish and Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The mission of the group is to help young leaders deepen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, grow in their own faith journey, and develop their leadership skills. Members of Teen C.R.O.S.S. represent the concerns and ideas of young people to the archbishop, assist with the planning and implementation of archdiocese-wide youth events, and foster growth among their peers in other school & parish programs. We are encouraging parishes to nominate students with leadership ability who are entering any grades from 9th through 12th. This is a change, as typically parishes nominate incoming 10th & 11th graders, however due to the circumstances of the last 18 months we are expanding our usual grade/age range for this year in particular, to accommodate young leaders who may not have had the opportunity to serve last year, and also the changing dynamic of many parish ministries in light of the pandemic. Please click here for the nomination packet. For more information, please contact Pat Duffey, Associate Director of Youth Ministry, at pduffey@arch-no.org.

**Louisiana Priest Convention**

Registration information for the 2021 Louisiana Priest Convention has been emailed to all priests’ diocesan email addresses. Priests who are serving in diocesan ministry are expected to attend the Louisiana Priest Convention on September 20-22, 2021. If you have not yet sent in your registration, please do so as soon as possible. For registration information, please contact Alison Guerra in the Department of Clergy at aguerra@arch-no.org.
Hope and Possibility: How We Can Rise to the Challenge of the Drug Crisis in our Community

St. Philip Neri Parish invites you to come hear Dr. Dan Schneider, Dr. Gerry Cvitanovich and Mrs. Brandy Klingman, at a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m. They will help us to recognize symptoms of drug abuse and impart critical advice to aid us in preventing family members and friends from falling prey to this deadly practice. The presentation will be in the St. Philip Neri Parishioners’ Center, 6500 Kawanee Avenue, Metairie, Louisiana.

Gerry Cvitanovich, coroner of Jefferson Parish and an impassioned advocate for drug prevention.

Dan Schneider known as The Pharmacist for his award winning documentary series on Netflix where he was relentless in pursuing the drug dealer who killed his son. Dan has built a nationwide movement, Tunnel of Hope, to end the Opioid pandemic that killed nearly a million since the death of his son in 1999.

Brandy Klingman is a licensed and skilled psychotherapist and the CEO of St. Christopher Addiction and Wellness Center and Legacy Behavioral Health Clinic. She started the first adolescent freestanding Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program in Louisiana. Brandy is a coveted speaker in high schools and has worked avidly at the national and state level on policy reform.

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 in the St. Rita School Library in the Msgr. Champagne Complex located at 7100 Jefferson Hwy in Harahan. The series will be for five (5) Tuesdays, September 14, September 21, September 28, October 5 and October 12, 2021. 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.

Christ in the City

Christ in the City, an evening of Eucharistic Adoration for young adults in their late teens, 20s, and 30s, will be return to the Chapel at Notre Dame Seminary [2900 N. Carrollton Ave., unless noted] on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. A social hour will follow. The remaining dates for 2021 are: September 7, November 2, and December 14. For more information, please contact James Behan, Associate Director for Young Adult Ministry and Marriage and Family Life, at yam@arch-no.org. Christ in the City is sponsored by the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

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.
**Weekend of Prayer**

“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” - Luke 12:49

*Lord Teach Me To Pray* invites you to attend a Weekend of Prayer, September 23-26, 2021 at the Airport Hilton Hotel. Featuring Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes, Archbishop Emeritus of New Orleans; Fr. Patrick Mary Russell MFVA; Fr. Joseph Laramie, SJ; Fr. Wm. Scott Daniels OP; and Mrs. Carol Weiler. REGISTER by August 15, 2021, cost is $150 (includes 6 meals). REGISTER after August 15, 2021 cost is $170 (includes 6 meals). To register go to [lordteachmetopray.com](http://lordteachmetopray.com) Weekend of Prayer or call 504-439-5933. For room reservations call 1-800-872-5914 & ask for LTMTP rate.

**St. Francis Xavier Church Presents Sarah Jane McMahon in Concert August 29**

St. Francis Xavier Church (444 Metairie Rd, Metairie LA) presents a live performance by internationally acclaimed soprano soloist Sarah Jane McMahon on Sunday, August 29, 2021, at 3 p.m. Sarah Jane will perform a selection of favorites from Broadway, Opera and the Sacred Music tradition.

Sarah Jane McMahon performs leading roles with opera companies and symphony orchestras worldwide, and stars in theatre productions locally.

Admission to the Concert is free but a Good Will Offering will be taken. For further info, see the attached flyer or contact St. Francis Xavier Church at 504-834-0340.

**“Be a Voice for Life & Human Dignity” A Prayer Service for Racial Healing**

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Racial Harmony Commission and the St. Martin dePorres Society of St. Dominic Church invite people of all faiths to a special prayer service for racial healing on Wednesday, August 25 at 6 pm at Transfiguration of the Lord Church, 5621 Elysian Fields Ave., New Orleans. The event, will call each of us to “build on the values of Jesus, which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people.” For more information or to access the live stream of the event and the discussion questions, visit [http://nolacatholic.org/][1]

**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 eighth presentation will be entitled “The Eucharist and the Moral Life” and will be offered by Fr. Bryce Sibley. This event will take place on Wednesday, August 18th, 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 [nds.edu/els][2]. Virtual attendees will receive streaming information via email on the day of the event. Registration for this event will close on Wednesday, August 18th at 5:00 PM.
SCRIPTURE AND SIPS

Join us for Scripture and Sips on September 15, 2021 from 6:30-8:00 PM at the ANO Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary's Street, Metairie. Scripture and Sips is an opportunity to get a little taste of Scripture while enjoying sips of various wines in a relaxed atmosphere. Get into the spirit as we explore great stories and good wine!

Wine and Wisdom
“Do whatever He tells you.” John 2:5
The Wedding at Cana

Explore Jesus’ first miracle, which reminds us that if Jesus can turn water into wine, He can certainly transform our lives! We will be sampling red wines as we reflect upon the wisdom of following Jesus.

Click here for registration information: https://neworleansretreats.com/september-15-2021-wine-and-wisdom

IN-HOME MARRIAGE PREPARATION TRAINING

Our Lady of the Lake in Mandeville along with Lloyd and Jan Tate are sponsoring an In-Home One-on-One Marriage Preparation Training Workshop on Saturday, August 28, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. This type of marriage preparation involves 5-7 meetings between a married couple and an engaged couple, usually taking place in the married couple’s home. It is a wonderful opportunity for married couples to enrich their own relationship while helping engaged couples transition to married life successfully. Lloyd and Jan Tate, experienced marriage preparation presenters and authors, will conduct the training. The cost is $125.00 per couple, which includes two training manuals and snacks. Please bring your own lunch; drinks will be provided. Please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life for further information or to register go to our website: https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/in-home-marriage-preparation-training-august-28-our-lady-of-the-lake

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.