SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT

In order to provide pastoral care for the people of God of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Archbishop Aymond has appointed Fr. Stephen Leake as part-time Chaplain at Children’s Hospital, effective August 12, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please be reminded that we will offer “Confession” (Sacrament of Reconciliation) in all parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, beginning at 5:00 PM. Please see attached memo and pastoral letter in English and Spanish to be made available to the people if you choose to offer confession.

- 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.

- We will celebrate the Annual St. Peter Claver Day Mass at 5:00 PM on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at All Saints Church, New Orleans.

- Haiti was hit by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake last week which has caused extensive damage, loss of life, and dislocation of people. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is on the ground in Haiti providing immediate relief to those impacted by the Hurricane. Besides prayer, the greatest need for the country right now is money. If you would like to donate to CRS, you may do so at https://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/where-we-work/haiti or contact the Office of Justice and Peace at Catholic Charities by calling (504) 592-5692 or e-mail kfitpatrick@ccano.org.
**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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**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:

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**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

Please place the attached letter about Catechetical Sunday from Archbishop Aymond in your bulletin the weekend of September 18-19, 2021. You may download the letter [here in English](#) and [here in Spanish](#).

**March for Life 2022**

After much discussion and prayer and with the blessing of Archbishop Aymond, the Archdiocese of New Orleans Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office is planning the 2022 March for Life Trip for our young people. Our March for Life pilgrims will depart on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 and return on Sunday, January 23, 2022. In the interest of the health and safety of our young people and chaperones, the trip will be modified slightly while maintaining the spiritual and educational components that make this trip such a special experience. The cost of the trip per pilgrim will be $600. More information and complete registration packets will be made available to Catholic high schools and parish youth ministers by September 1, 2021. For more information please reach out directly to Adrian Jackson, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at ajackson@arch-no.org or (504) 836-0551.
Gaming License Updates from Mrs. Susan Zeringue, General Counsel

There are no longer applicable exemptions for charitable gaming. **In order for a parish, school, or ministry to hold a raffle or other game of chance, the entity will need to apply for a gaming license.** The application can be found online at [http://www.ocg.louisiana.gov/Forms/ForOrganization#NewApplications](http://www.ocg.louisiana.gov/Forms/ForOrganization#NewApplications)

The application and participation in charitable gaming is governed by La. RS 4:701 et seq and LAC 42:1.1701 et seq. Both the statute and the regulations require the application to include the following: The application shall include the names, dates of birth and current home addresses of original incorporators, current officers, partners or principals of the organization, federal tax identification number, federal tax exemption certificate, latest federal income tax return, local ordinance authorizing charitable gaming, financial reports for previous year, current charitable gaming licenses, and copy of any rental or lease agreements where gaming is to be conducted, where applicable.

Upon consultation with the state, the OGC needs only bank statements from the past 6 months to prove the organization has been financially active the last 6 months, not for verification of non-profit status or anything else. The regulations require a licensee to “maintain and make available for inspection by the division all necessary books of account, records, documents . . . . ” The regulations then specifically list bank statements among the records that must be maintained and made available. Therefore, full-fledged financial statements are not required.

**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](mailto:worship@arch-no.org).

**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

**Papal Blessings**

Lately there has been some confusion about the process of obtaining a Papal Blessing. The process is now completely handled by the Vatican online. Please visit [https://www.elemosineria.va/papal-blessing-parchments/](https://www.elemosineria.va/papal-blessing-parchments/) for more information. Again, at this time, the (arch)dioceses in the country have been asked to refer everyone to this site. Thank you for your cooperation.
Announcing the NOLACatholic Youth Song Contest!

In partnership with The Vigil Project, the Archdiocese of New Orleans is excited to announce the NOLACatholic Youth Song Contest! We want to hear from our young church – musicians, vocalists, song-writers and more – as they put their faith in the Eucharist into the art of a song. Find the complete rules and submit your music online at https://www.nolacatholicyoe.com/song-contest or click here to see a flyer for more!

NFP Class In Spanish

St. Jerome Parish is offering a two-part Natural Family Planning class in Spanish in September and October of 2021. Couples wishing to enroll should contact St. Jerome Parish at 504-443-3174 or stjeromepsh@arch-no.org by September 21, 2021. Please click here for flyer. Dates: Monday, September 27, 2021 & Monday, October 25, 2021 Time: 7:00 pm Place: St. Jerome Parish, 2402 33rd St., Kenner, LA 70065, Parish Hall Cost: $15 (for materials) Presenter: Karen Canales

Christ in the City

The Christ in the City gathering on Tuesday, September 7th with Archbishop Aymond has been cancelled. Young adults are encouraged to attend the Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph True Presence night on Tuesday, October 5th at Most Holy Trinity, Covington in place of the monthly October gathering. The remaining dates for 2021 are: November 2, and December 14. These evenings of Eucharistic Adoration for young adults in their late teens, 20s, and 30s, take place at the Chapel at Notre Dame Seminary [2900 N. Carrollton Ave.] on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise noted. 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.

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.

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. REGISTRATION cost is $170 (includes 6 meals). To register go to lordteachmetopray.com Weekend of Prayer or call 504-439-5933. For room reservations call 1-800-872-5914 & ask for LTMTP rate.
Women’s Retreat For Those Experiencing Infertility

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Marriage and Family Life and Springs in the Desert are hosting a retreat for women experiencing infertility on December 3 – 4 at the ANO Retreat Center. Donations are encouraged to help defray costs, but no fee will be required to attend. Space is limited to allow for appropriate social distancing during the retreat. For more information and to register, Click Here. A flier designed for digital display is available HERE as well as a flier suitable for print HERE. Please consider posting these fliers where appropriate. Email mfl@arch-no.org with questions. Please also consider including the following in your parish bulletin:

Springs in the Desert Retreat for Women

Are you feeling alone, stuck and empty in your struggle with infertility? We understand because we’ve been there - and we want to be there with you, too. The Archdiocese of New Orleans and Springs in the Desert invite all women, wherever you are on the path of infertility, for an overnight retreat December 3-4, 2021. We’ll pray together and share our hearts as women who understand this unique and painful suffering, and are seeking the healing, freedom and fruitfulness that God wants to give us! Husbands are invited to join us for dinner and a short presentation on Saturday evening. No fee is required; donations will be accepted to help defray

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.

Clarion Herald will publish a "Support Your Priests” Special Section

The Clarion Herald will publish a special section celebrating priestly ministry, with reflections from priests and bishops across the state of Louisiana. The section had been planned in conjunction with the 2021 Louisiana Priests’ Convention, which has been postponed until September 2022. In the wake of the postponement, Archbishop Aymond has encouraged the Clarion Herald to publish the more than 30 columns, which are timely and rich in spiritual inspiration. Please open the attached PDF for more information on how parishes, schools, parishioners, businesses and other individuals can offer their thanks to the priests in their lives who have met the challenges of ministry during the last 18 months and continued to lead their people in faith.

Here is a chance to say, “Thank you, Father!”

Also, if any priest would like to submit a column on some aspect of priestly ministry, there is still time. Deadline is Sept. 15. Word limit 500-600 words. Submit to Clarion Herald editor Peter Finney Jr. at pfinney@clarionherald.org.

The Twelve Steps and the Sacraments

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 400 Westchester Pl, Slidell, will host a 2 week special presentation about Recovery from Addictions and unhealthy attachments. Guest Speaker Scott Weeman will speak at the first presentation on Tuesday September 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Please see the attached flyer for more information. All are welcome.
SECTION IV
NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

2021 Family Day Packet

For those parishes wishing to celebrate Family Day this September, the Family Day packet is available from the Office of Marriage and Family Life. The packet includes a reflection for a bulletin insert, a homily suggestion, suggested Prayers of the Faithful and a Family Blessing. The Packet can be found HERE.

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

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 ninth presentation will be entitled “The Eucharist at the Center of Family Life” and will be offered by Dr. Tom Neal, Professor of Spiritual Theology at Notre Dame Seminary. This event will take place on Wednesday, September 15th, 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 by clicking the link here. Virtual attendees will receive streaming information via email on the day of the event. Registration for this event will close on Wednesday, September 15th at

Catholic Art Showcase at Notre Dame Seminary

The Catholic Art Showcase is a gallery-style event co-sponsored by Notre Dame Seminary (NDS) and The St. Louis IX Art Society (SL9) in which the local South Louisiana community is invited to meet local Catholic artists and view their faith-inspiring work. This event will take place in Schulte Auditorium of NDS from 1:00-4:00pm. At 2:00pm, there will be an opening prayer by SL9 chaplain Fr. John Brown SJ, followed by a short presentation on Catholicism and art by Professor Jordan Haddad and a panel discussion by the SL9 artists led by Abigail Reller. Afterwards, attendees are invited to continue their viewing and meet the local Catholic artists. This is a FREE event and open to the public, but a recommended $5 donation at the door would be greatly appreciated to help support the work of the newly established The St. Louis IX Art Society. Click here for flyer.
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.