ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Archbishop Hughes, Bishop Cheri, and I will be out of the office January 10-13, 2022 attending the Region V Bishop’s retreat. Pray for us.

- 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.

- 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.

- In connection with the celebration of Catholic Schools Week the last week of January, we will take up a second collection in all parishes on January 29-30, 2022, to support Catholic schools. Please see my letter here in English, and here in Spanish. Thank you for your support and generosity in this effort.

- Catholic Schools Week Mass will be Friday, February 4, 2022 at St. Ann Church in Metairie at 10:00 AM.

- The Presbyteral Council will meet Thursday, February 3, 2022, at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM.

- The Vietnamese New Year Festival Opening Ceremony will be Friday, February 4, 2022, at 6:30 PM at Mary Queen of Vietnam Church, 5069 Willowbrook Dr., New Orleans.

- The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life will be on Saturday, February 12, 2022, with Mass at 11:00 AM at St. Rita Church, 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 23, 2022, March 30, 2022 and April 6, 2022.
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

Space Still Available for 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 updated 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

REGINA MATRUM AWARD
The Council of Catholic School Co-Operative Clubs (CCSCC) will present the 76th Annual Regina Matrum Award to an outstanding Catholic mother in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Monday, May 9, 2022, the day after Mother’s Day. We invite your parish to submit an application. Please see the attached application and letter to Pastors and Principals.
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.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Update

As we continue with hope into 2022, we are still faced with the challenges of the pandemic, specifically with the new reality of the Omicron variant. It is with this reality that we have decided to modify our original plans for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. For safety reasons, we will not gather on a large scale, but are asking each parish, school, or other ministry organization, to gather a group of people to do some type of service at your ministry location (parish, school, etc.) sometime during the holiday weekend (Friday January 14th - Monday, January 17th). Please follow appropriate COVID protocols and proper permissions and supervisions of minors at your site.

Dr. Ansel Augustine, Director, Office of Black Catholic Ministries
Dr. RaeNell Houston, Executive Director and Superintendent of Catholic Education and Faith Formation
Mr. Adrian Jackson, Director, CYO Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office

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.

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 fulfill 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 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 with any questions.
SECTION IV
NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE
Following is news and information of general interest to the local Church

VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE MASS

Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans, will celebrate the 2022 Annual Archdiocesan Mass for Victims and Survivors of Violence on Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Louis Cathedral. We invite everyone in the community who has been affected by any type of violence to participate in this Mass.

If you know of anyone who wants to be remembered in this Mass, please email their information to the Office of Marriage and Family Life mfl@arch-no.org. You may also fax the information to 504-866-2906, attention Marriage and Family Life or mail the information to the Office of Marriage and Family Life, Archdiocese of New Orleans, 7887 Walmsley Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70125.

For the 2022 Mass for Victims and Survivors of Violence flier, click here.

Surviving our Grief

Grief comes in all forms and everyone of us handle it differently. If you have lost a loved one, a child (stillborn, miscarriage, illness, suicide or accident at any age), a spouse, a parent, a sibling or a friend please join us. Everyone is welcome.

WHEN: Saturday, February 5, 2022
WHERE: St. Philip Neri 6500 Kawanee Ave. Metairie, La
TIME: Coffee at 8:30am Presentation at 9:00am
Mass at 11:30am with Archbishop Gregory Aymond

Please sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AEAF2AAABFBC34-surviving

This workshop is being presented by the Office of Marriage and Family Life Grief Ministry Coordinator Jewell Bayhi for more information contact Jewell Bayhi at jbayhi@arch-no.org or 985-778-6277

NEW NFP OPPORTUNITY

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 11, February 25, March 11 and April 8, 2022. The Zoom class hours are 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The cost is $105.00 and includes all classes and materials. Preregistration is required. Register online https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/sympto-thermal-nfp-course.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls

Rice Bowls from Catholic Relief Services will be arriving soon, so if you routinely receive rice bowls for Lent, please be on the lookout for them! The delivery boxes are not marked, so it may not be obvious that the rice bowls and other materials are inside!
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.

Catholic Community Professionals New Year Networking Event

Join Catholic Community Professionals (CCP) on Wednesday, January 26, from 4 to 6 p.m. for our first in-person gathering of the year! The event takes place at the Cox Building Lobby (2121 Airline Dr., Metairie, LA 70001). We will provide drinks and appetizers for you to enjoy as you mingle with your peers. Click here to register: https://ccfnola.org/ccp-registration

The Catholic Community Foundation is committed to bringing the Greater New Orleans Catholic community together. In 2021, we established CCP to connect Catholic professionals of any age and at any stage in their careers by providing a platform through which they can network and talk about how their faith informs their profession. Questions? Please contact Callie Kamath at ckamath@ccfnola.org.

The Archdiocesan Spirituality Center presents Faith Companioning (Virtual)

Wednesdays: February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 2022, 6:00-8:30pm Presenters: Sr. Gloria Murillo, STJ, and Bonnie Chase Registration required by Friday, January 21, 2022.

A Faith Companion is a person skilled in spiritual conversation through faith, listening skills, shared prayer and faith sharing. A Faith Companion accompanies another in spiritual friendship. If you are a person of faith and prayer; have an on-going spiritual conversation with another Christian/Group and can commit to the entire program this course will enrich your ministry with others in your parish, school, home visitation, RCIA, hospitals, prayer groups or informal “coffee cup” faith sharing. Cost: $125.00 (adjustments can be made) Register on the web: https://nolacatholic.org/asc, email: archspirctr@arch-no.org or telephone (504) 861-3254. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Catholic Community Foundation’s Lifetime of Generosity Digital Legacy Seminar Explores How You Would Like to be Remembered

The start of a new year is typically a time for introspection and reflection. As you look ahead to 2022, one question you might consider is how you would like to be remembered. To help you answer, the Catholic Community Foundation is excited to share the Lifetime of Generosity Digital Legacy Seminar, a 30-minute interactive seminar that leads viewers through video teachings and workbook prompts as they discover what leaving a Catholic legacy means to them. Viewers also have access to a free will-writing tool, courtesy of our relationship with FreeWill! With this free resource, you can protect your family and the blessings God has given you while supporting the parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries that mean the most to you.

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.