ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Thanks to Adrian Jackson and the CYO/Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office staff, Pat Duffey, Bree Higginbotham, Fr. Colm Cahill, Dr. RaeNell Houston, seminarians, and The Vigil Project that led our group of youth from the archdiocese to participate in the annual March for Life Pilgrimage in Washington, D.C. last week. 230 of our youth from 10 Catholic high schools and 2 parish youth ministries represented our archdiocese. I encourage high schools and parish youth ministries that have not gone to consider participating next year.

• 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.

• The Presbyteral Council will meet Thursday, February 3, 2022, at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM, followed by a meeting of the Consultors.

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

• I will be out of town for the NCBC Bishops’ Workshop on Bioethics February 6-9, 2022 in Dallas, Texas.

• 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.

• The Ministerial Council will meet on Wednesday February 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM in the Notre Dame Pastoral Center

• 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.
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.

Mark Your Calendars

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DEATH

Fr. Richard Thibodeau, C.Ss.R. passed away on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at the age of 72. He was past Provincial of the Redemptorists, Denver Province and past Pastor of St. Alphon-sus Parish at St. Mary’s Assumption Church in New Orleans. At the time of his death, he was Director of Perpetual Help Retreat House in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. His funeral will take place in Liguori, MO on January 27, 2022. Please keep Fr. Thibodeau and the Redemptorist community in your prayers.

SECTION II
ACTION REQUESTED

Pastors and parish secretaries are asked to please ensure response and follow-up on the items below

Workshops for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers

Basic workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers are being presented this Spring by the Office of Worship. Attendance at a workshop for EMHCs is required before a person can be delegated by the Archbishop to serve in this ministry. Readers are strongly encouraged to attend the workshop for readers. The complete schedules and more information can be found on the Office of Worship website at https://nolacatholic.org/lay-liturgal-ministry-formation. 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.

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.
**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](#).

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**Embracing the Feminine Genius: Mother/Daughter Event**

Embracing the Feminine Genius: Mother/Daughter Event at St. Jane, Abita St. Jane Parish in Abita Springs invites Mothers and their daughters aged 10-14 to a special event by Dumb Ox Ministries on Saturday, January 29 from 10 am to noon in St. Jane Hall. Join us as we dive into the meaning and gift of womanhood and the purpose of chastity and virtue. Our host is Katie Ibarra, and our main speaker is Brandi Bellard, RN. The event is free and open to the public. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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**Annulment Writing Workshop**

This one night seminar will answer everything you always wanted to know about Annulments but were afraid to ask. The Annulment Writing Workshop Ministry, a ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Marriage and Family Life, will be hosting the one-night seminar on Annulments on **Tuesday, April 5, 2022, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at St. Matthew the Apostle Church** (10021 Jefferson Highway, River Ridge.) The Seminar, which will offer an overview of the process, is **FREE & open to those seeking more information on having their previous marriages annulled.** Deacon Drea Capaci is the speaker for the Presentation. Members of the Annulment Writing Workshop Ministry will be available to answer your personal case questions on a one-on-one basis at the end of the session.
SECTION IV
NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

CANCELLED—Victims and Survivors of Violence

The 2022 Annual Archdiocesan Mass for Victims and Survivors of Violence scheduled for Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Louis Cathedral, has been cancelled due to current renovations in St. Louis Cathedral.

Notre Dame Seminary Bible Marathon

Join the seminarians at Notre Dame Seminary for the annual Bible Marathon! The Bible Marathon is a public reading of the Bible on the front lawn of Notre Dame Seminary, which allows the seminary community to evangelize those in our city and Archdiocese through the proclaiming the Word of God.

Stop by the front lawn of the seminary anytime during the Bible Marathon to LISTEN to the Word! The Bible will be read on Monday, January 31st from 12:30 PM until Midnight; Tuesday, February 1st from 12:00 PM until Midnight; and Wednesday, February 2nd from 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM.

For more information on the Bible Marathon, see the attached flyer and visit www.nds.edu/ndsbm or email biblemarathon@nds.edu.

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/10C0F44AEAF2AAAFC34-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 ibayhi@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.
2022 Marriage Preparation Options

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.

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](https://nolacatholic.org/asc), email: archspirctr@arch-no.org or telephone (504) 861-3254.
Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Cannonball Conversations Lunchtime Speaker Series

"Cannonball Conversations," a lunchtime speaker series hosted by Immaculate Conception (Jesuit) Church in honor of the current international Ignatian Year, will welcome civic, education, and business leader Edgar L. "Dooky" Chase, III on **Tuesday, Feb 1, at 12:30 pm**. A CPA, writer, and lawyer, Mr. Chase is a devoted son of New Orleans, who has worked for the betterment of his community through decades of service to numerous public boards, commissions, universities, and charities. He will speak on the topic of **Happenstance: God’s Way of Redirecting Humanity's Faith (Fate) By His Love**, following the noon Mass in the church, located at 130 Baronne Street. The 45-minute presentation will include time for questions at the end. "Cannonball Conversations" takes place every first Tuesday of the month, through July, and features prominent local voices talking about faith, finding your path, and changing the world. The event will also be live-streamed on the parish **YouTube channel**. Called for 2021-2022, the Ignatian Year commemorates the 500th Anniversary of St. Ignatius of Loyola's conversion and the 400th of his canonization. See the attached flyer for more details.

Presentation on History of Black Nuns in New Orleans and the U.S.

Ignatian Year NOLA and Loyola University New Orleans are pleased to welcome Shannen Williams, Associate Professor of History at Dayton University for a talk on America's Real Sister Act: Why the Stories of U.S. Black Catholic Sisters Matter. Organized in conjunction with both the Society of Jesus's on-going international Ignatian Year and Loyola's programming for Black History Month, the presentation will take place on **Tuesday, February 8, at 7 pm in Ignatius Chapel** on the Loyola campus. A dynamic young scholar and sought-after speaker, Dr. Williams is author of the forthcoming volume Subversive Habits: Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African American Freedom Struggle (Duke University Press), several copies of which will be given away as door prizes at the event.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Job opportunities are currently listed on our HR page: [https://nolacatholic.org/employment](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.