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SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The war in the Ukraine is devastating. If anyone wishes to make a donation, they can send it to their parish or to me marked “Ukraine” and we will make sure it is sent to the people who are suffering the most in the Ukraine. Please see the attached letter to be read at all Masses this weekend.

• Please see the attached message “For Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all”, (Gal 6:9-10) of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2022. You may download the message here in English and Spanish.

• We will celebrate Mass for the 100th Anniversary of St. Ann Mission in Empire, LA on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

• The Rite of Election and the call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated at St. Ann Church and Shrine, 3601 Transcontinental Dr., Metairie, on Sunday, March 6, 2022, at 2:00 PM. The Rite of Election will also be celebrated at Most Holy Trinity, 501 Holy Trinity Drive, Covington, on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

• Men of the Archdiocese of New Orleans are invited to the 2022 Men’s Conference on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 7:30 AM at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 105 Bonnabel Blvd., Metairie.

• During Lent, let us be mindful not to schedule “fish fry” etc. on Good Friday.

• Notre Dame Seminary Gala and Auction will be Saturday, March 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM with the Patron Party beginning at 6:00 PM. For more information or to purchase tickets, click here.

• Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13, 2022.

• Mass, First Eucharist and Confirmation for God’s Special Children on the Northshore will be held on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 3:00 PM at Our Lady of the Lake Church, Mandeville.
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 Council of Deans will meet on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. in the Conference Room at the Chancery.
- The Altar Server Award Mass will be held Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 5:30 PM at St. Rita in 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.
- The Priest Lenten Morning of Prayer will be on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at St. Maria Goretti Church in New Orleans, 10:30 AM-1:00 PM. Please see the invitation here.
- The Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 3:00 PM at St. Joseph Church, New Orleans.

Mark Your Calendars

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Lent and Easter Guidelines

Please review the guidelines for Lent, the Easter Triduum, and Easter, from the Office of Worship. This document contains important information regarding COVID protocols. The document can be found here: https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/16596/documents/2022/2/LENT%20AND%20EASTER%20GUIDELINES%202022.pdf

Lenten Events

As we begin the holy season of Lent, parishes of the Archdiocese of New Orleans are asked to consider completing the form at https://nolacatholic.org/submit-your-lenten-event so that parish missions, days of reflection, and other special Lenten happenings may be included as an archdiocesan Lenten resource.

Additionally, if your parish has scheduled Stations of the Cross this Lent, please submit that schedule online here: https://nolacatholic.org/submityour2022stationsofthecrossinfo. For more information or assistance, please email Sarah McDonald at smcdonald@arch-no.org.

Seminarian Education Fund

On March 19 and 20, the Archdiocese of New Orleans will host a very important second collection to raise funds to offset the costs of educating seminarians at Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College. All funds collected will go directly to supporting the education and formation of the 30 men currently studying to be priests in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The annual cost to fund one seminarian is $45,000, and this total is one of the largest budgetary items in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Please continue to pray for these men and those who work with them on their priestly formation. Please give generously to this very important fund that will provide monetary support to those men who will minister to the people of God in New Orleans for many years to come. (Parishes are asked to insert this graphic available online here in their bulletins or use online the weeks of March 13 and March 20.)

Altar Server Awards Mass

The Altar Server Awards Mass will be held on March 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Rita Church in New Orleans. If you have not sent in the blue card, which was mailed to all pastors requesting the name of your parish’s altar server of the year, please send it to Serran, Donald McKay, Jr., 1100 Poydras, Suite 1700, New Orleans, LA 70163. If you need more information, please call the Vocation Office at 504-861-6298.

Order of St. Louis Reminder for Pastors and Administrators

The deadline for nominations for the Order of St. Louis IX medallion is THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022. Please email your nomination(s) to jfoltz@clarionherald.org or fax to (504) 596-3020. It is suggested that there be one honoree chosen by a parish whose registered population is less than 1,000 families, and a maximum of two if the parish population exceeds 1,000 families. Husband and wife are considered one nominee. (Please remember, religious brothers and sisters, and permanent deacons, are not eligible to receive this award.) Any questions, please call coordinator Jonelle Foltz at (504) 596-3036.
Youth Leadership Celebration

It's time once again to recognize leaders in youth ministry from around our archdiocese at our annual Leadership Celebration! This, of course, includes both young people as well as adult volunteers. Please spend some time in prayer and reflection, and then nominate those who have been outstanding Catholic leaders in your youth ministry programs.

This year's Leadership Celebration take place on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10:00am and will be held at Transfiguration of the Lord Church (parking located at 2241 Mendez Street, New Orleans, LA 70122). Please be aware that the ceremony will not include Mass, and there will be no reception following.

A few important things to be aware of when considering your nominations:
It is important to note that every teen a parish nominates for Outstanding Parish Youth, or adult that a parish nominates for the Adult Service Award, will automatically receive these awards. These particular awards are a recognition by you/your parish of the person's contribution to your ministry, and so they are honored by the Archdiocese if you simply put their names forward. Our office does not interview them, and the individuals do not fill out an application of any sort.

The Matt Hill Award and the St. Timothy Award are competitive awards, and not every young person nominated is guaranteed to receive these awards. There is a more involved nomination process for both of these awards, particularly for the St. Timothy Award, and all nominations are reviewed by a selection committee that ultimately determines which young people will receive these awards. Please make sure you carefully review the nomination criteria and process to be sure that young people you are nominating for these awards are genuinely deserving of them based on the nomination criteria. Please also make sure you allow for adequate time to submit fully completed nomination packets.

Recognizing teens & adults at the Leadership Celebration is a wonderful way to promote young servant leadership in your parish, and is a way for your parish to publicly highlight the sacrifices your young people & volunteers alike make in being leaders, good examples, and disciples within your parish. It's also a great way for you to share with your parish community all the great things your ministry is doing! At a minimum ALL PARISHES should nominate young people for the “Outstanding Parish Youth” award to ensure that your parish is represented at the Celebration.

This year's nomination packet, which includes further details and nomination information for each award, can be downloaded here.

All nomination forms must be submitted to the CYO Office no later than Monday, March 21, 2022 @ 5:00pm. Please do not hesitate to contact the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office at (504) 836-0551.

St. Joseph Altar Schedules
The Feast of St. Joseph is celebrated annually on March 19, and in many parishes, schools, and ministries preparations for the traditional St. Joseph’s Altars are underway. All are invited to have the information about their parish, school, or ministry altar included in the listing of St. Joseph’s Altars in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Please complete the form online here: https://nolacatholic.org/2022stjosephaltarsubmissions to submit your information. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please email Sarah McDonald at smcdonald@arch-no.org.

Friday Fish Fry Schedules
Please submit your parish, school, or ministry Lenten fish fry schedule at https://nolacatholic.org/submit-your-fish-fry-info to be included in all archdiocesan communications regarding fish frys. For more information or assistance, please email Sarah McDonald at smcdonald@arch-no.org.
Catholic Community Foundation Offers Lenten Giving Invitation for Your Parish, School, or Ministry

Welcome to the Lenten season! Now is a great time to keep your donors informed about how they can support your ministry. We invite you to insert the verbiage below on your website or in your bulletins, newsletters, and the like. For additional information on how donors can give through the foundation to help your ministry, please contact Catholic Community Foundation Executive Director Cory J. Howat at chowat@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5778.

As you examine your life during the Lenten season, you might find yourself reflecting on plans to care for your family should the unexpected happen. A Will allows you to choose how to distribute the assets that you have accumulated during your lifetime, and a charitable bequest in your Will provides the flexibility to use part of these assets for the charities that mean the most to you. You can have it both ways: Ensure the financial well-being of your family and provide for the nonprofits, just like [insert organization name], that you love.

If you’re interested in helping sustain our Catholic heritage for future generations, the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) can help. Please contact CCF Executive Director Cory J. Howat at chowat@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5778 for more information about how to remember [insert organization name] in your Will.

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

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for March, 2022

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

UPCOMING DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Chosen: Diocesan Priesthood and Religious Life, June 3-5, 2022, St. Joseph's Abbey in Covington, LA
All Men and Women 18 and Over Invited.

Come spend a weekend of prayer, discernment and fellowship with Diocesan priests, Seminarians and other Religious communities to discern your calling. Click here for the registration form.

FEATURING THE FOLLOWING DIOCESAN AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES:
ANNULMENT WRITING WORKSHOP – ONE NIGHT SEMINAR
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.

The Cenacle in Scripture
"The Cenacle in Scripture" is a series of four gatherings in March that will explore the events in Scripture that took place in the Upper Room, also known as The Cenacle. In the spirit of the three themes of Lent: prayer, fasting, and sharing, there will be prayer, Scripture, a simple meal, and an opportunity to help others. Each Monday, the same presentation will be offered before and after the meal, so that you may attend at the time that is most convenient for you. Cost is $20.00. 4:00 Presentation, 5:30 Simple Supper, 6:30 Repeat of Presentation
March 7 - The Last Supper
March 14 - The Post-Resurrection Appearances
March 21 - Pentecost
March 28 - Meeting God in the Cenacle
Please register online at neworleansretreats.com or contact Susan Halligan at (504)267-9604.
Registration link: https://neworleansretreats.com/march-7-the-cenacle-in-scripture

Lenten Reflections for Those Who Are Grieving
Join others who are grieving during Lent for five gatherings at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center. Tuesdays March 8,15,22,20, April 5, 2022. 12:45-2:00 PM for Anyone who has lost a loved one, and from 6:30-8:00 PM for parents who have lost a child of any age. Cost is $20.00 for all sessions and materials. Please see the attached flyer for registration information.

CHRIST IN THE CITY
NOLACatholic Young Adults (ages 18 – 39) are invited to come to Christ in the City, the archdiocesan monthly gathering of Eucharistic adoration, reconciliation, and fellowship this Lent on the following evenings: Tuesday, March 8  |  7 PM  |  St. Rita, New Orleans, Tuesday, April 5 (with Archbishop Aymond)  |  7 PM  |  Notre Dame Seminary Chapel, New Orleans Christ in the City is sponsored by the CYO / Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. For more information, please contact James Behan, Associate Director for Young Adult Ministry and Marriage and Family Life at jbehan@arch-no.org.
Lenten Southshore Morning of Reflection

A special Lenten Morning of Reflection, sponsored by the Catholic Women in Action Committee of the Catholic Community Foundation, will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 A.M. at Notre Dame Seminary. Very Rev. James A. Wehner, S.T.D., will both celebrate Mass and offer his reflection. Reservations are required. For more information and to R.S.V.P., please contact Kathi Zimmerman at 504.527.5794 or kzimmerman@ccfnola.org. Please see attached flyer here for more details.

Lenten Northshore Morning of Reflection

A special Lenten Morning of Reflection, sponsored by the Catholic Women in Action Committee of the Catholic Community Foundation, will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 A.M. at Mary Queen of Peace Church in Mandeville. Rev. Beau Charbonnet will celebrate Mass. Denny Charbonnet will offer a reflection. For more information and to R.S.V.P., please contact Kathi Zimmerman at 504.527.5794 or kzimmerman@ccfnola.org. Please see attached flyer here for more details.

REFLECTIONS ON ST. JOSEPH: AN AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION FOR MEN

Are you a husband enduring a season of infertility alongside your wife and looking for a path forward? Come join the Springs in the Desert’s A Man’s Take Team as they kick-off the first in a three-part reflection series on how husbands, regardless of our fertility situation, can grow in relationship with our Lord, our wife, and our Church. Their first afternoon of reflection, “Reflections on St. Joseph: Growing with our Lord,” will explore how men can deepen their relationship with our Lord by meditating on the roles of St. Joseph as Leader, Dreamer, and Craftsman. Their virtual gathering takes place on the Feast of Saint Joseph, Saturday, March 19, from 12 noon - 3 PM Central, and it will feature talks as well as opportunities for discussion. Our Lord is calling us to a deeper personal encounter with Him. Draw closer to Him together! View an event flier linked here. Click here to register for Reflections on St. Joseph.

WALKING WITH CHRIST: A Desert Pilgrimage for Those In A Season of Infertility

Every Thursday in Lent (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7) at 7:00 PM CT

If you struggle with infertility, you may feel like you’re on a lonely, desert pilgrimage. But you are not alone! During the season of Lent, the Team at Springs in the Desert invites you to join them as they reflect on those Saints and friends of Christ who walked with Him and witnessed His Passion: from the Blessed Virgin Mary to Mary Magdalene; Simon of Cyrene to Veronica; and the Women of Jerusalem to the Centurion. Each Thursday evening during Lent (from March 3–April 7), they will meet virtually at 7pm CT to pray, listen to a brief reflection, and build community through small group sharing. This FREE event for women and couples is a chance to enter more deeply into the Lenten spirit while gathering in prayer with others on this same path. View an event flier linked here. Click here to register for Walking with Christ.

Make Your Philanthropic Impact

You’re invited to foster generosity as a member of the Catholic Community Foundation’s Women’s Giving Circle. The WGC unites women to collectively raise awareness of and distribute funds to nonprofits whose missions reflect our Catholic faith and have an impact in our Greater New Orleans community. Members enjoy fellowship at events throughout the Lenten and Easter seasons to determine where their philanthropic impact will be invested. The year concludes with the opportunity to learn the impact of these grants in the fall. This year, the seventh since its founding in 2016, the Giving Circle hopes to exceed the $1,000,000 mark in grants awarded to archdiocesan and community organizations. For information on membership levels or to join, visit www.ccfnola.org/womens-giving-circle or contact Kathi Zimmerman at kzimmerman@ccfnola.org or at (504) 527-5794.
BOOK SIGNING BY ARCHBISHOP ALFRED HUGHES

Archbishop Alfred Hughes will personally autograph his latest book *Priests in Love with God and Eager to Witness to the Gospel* at the Catholic Book Store on Saturday, March 5, from 11 AM to 1 PM. The book store is located at 3003 S. Carrollton Ave., at the corner of Fig and S. Carrollton, directly across from Notre Dame Seminary. Catholic Book Store: (504) 861-7504.

**Mystery of the Eucharist**

Deacon Michael Whitehouse and Kevin Fitzpatrick will be offering three opportunities to discuss the U.S. Bishops’ document, The Mystery of the Eucharist. There will be a brief overview of the document by the presenters with time for table conversation about the implications of the document in our daily lives. The three presentations will be held:

- March 8, 2022 at St. Margaret Mary, Slidell at 7:30 pm
- March 29, 2022 at St. Clement of Rome, Metairie at 6:30 pm
- April 6, 2022 at St. Joseph the Worker, Marrero at 6:30 pm

For more information, please see the attached flyer.

**Cannonball Conversations**

"Cannonball Conversations," a lunchtime speaker series hosted by Immaculate Conception (Jesuit) Church in honor of the current international Ignatian Year, will welcome Director of the New Orleans Public Health Department, Jennifer Avegno, M.D., on Tuesday, March 8, at 12:30 pm. A physician and medical educator, Dr. Avegno is also a native New Orleanian who has labored for the last two years on the front lines in the city's response to the Covid pandemic. She will speak on the topic of *Finding God in the ER and Beyond*, following the noon Mass in the church, located at 130 Baronne Street. The 45-minute presentation will include time for Q&A at the end. "Cannonball Conversations" 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.

**Prayer Service and Exercise to Explore Culture and Privilege**

People of all faiths are invited to a special prayer service and exercise to explore culture and privilege on Wednesday, March 9 at 5 pm at Transfiguration of the Lord Church, 5621 Elysian Fields Ave., New Orleans. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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SECTION IV

NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

**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.