

NolaCatholic e-Bulletin



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SECTION I A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Announcements

- Thank you to David Dawson and the staff of the Family Life Apostolate for organizing the Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration held on Sunday, June 11, 2017, at St. Philip Neri Church. It was attended by over 175 couples from the Archdiocese. We are also grateful to them for hosting an appreciation night for couples who give generously of themselves in preparing couples for marriage.
- Just a reminder. Catholics with Celiac Sprue Disease or other conditions which make them gluten intolerant should be given the opportunity to receive Communion by using a low-gluten host or to receive the blood of Christ instead. Gluten-free host can be ordered from the attached list or click [here](#) to download the information. As people may feel self-conscious at the prospect of needing special arrangements with the reception of the Eucharist, pastoral sensitivity in this area is particularly important.
- A special 80th anniversary Mass will be celebrated at St. David Church, 5617 St. Claude Ave. in New Orleans on Sunday, June 25, 2017, at 10:00 AM.
- We will honor the service and retirement of Beth Lomax with a reception of gratitude on Monday, June 26, 2017, from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM at my residence. Please plan to join me in this celebration of thanksgiving.
- The annual Senior and Retired Priests' Luncheon will be Tuesday, June 27, 2017, in Schulte Hall at Notre Dame Seminary beginning at 12:00 PM. Please RSVP no later than Friday, June 23, 2017, to Alison Guerra at ppersonnel@arch-no.org or call 504-861-6269.
- A Ribbon Cutting and Open House for Mercy Endeavors Senior Center will be Wednesday, June 28, 2017, at 11:30 AM at 457 Jackson Ave., New Orleans.
- A Mass will be celebrated for the opening of the Chapel at St. Anthony Garden, 601 Holy Trinity Drive, Covington, on Thursday, June 29, 2017, at 10:00 AM.
- I will be away most of July for meetings, retreat, and vacation. My schedule is as follows:

June 30-July 4	USCCB Convocation in Orlando, FL
July 5- July 6	Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.
July 6- July 9	National Black Catholic Conference in Orlando, FL
July 10-July 25	Retreat and Vacation

During this time my access to phone calls, mail, and e-mail will be limited, especially July 10th -25th. You remain in my prayers during this time of meetings and solitude.
- The Administrative Offices of the Archdiocese will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2017, in observance of Independence Day.
- 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."
- Please note the dates of the Priests Convocation/Louisiana Priests Convention on September 19-21, 2017. All diocesan priests and religious pastors are expected to participate.

This bulletin is also available on the Archdiocesan website, www.arch-no.org, or www.nolacatholic.org

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- The bishops of the U.S. met from June 13-16, 2017, for our summer meeting. Listed below is my brief summary of the meeting.
1. The bishops of the U.S. sent greetings to Pope Francis assuring him of our fidelity and prayers. We promised to continue our efforts towards civil dialogue and a willingness to address current issues in the U.S. especially care for the poor.
 2. The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Pierre, addressed the bishops and extended the greetings of our Holy Father and his gratitude for the ministry of the bishops. In the last year, Archbishop Pierre has been impressed by the faith of the people in the U.S. The Archbishop reminded us that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life—we must encounter him and be willing to give witness to others as true disciples. “Evangelii Gaudium” of Pope Francis was discussed and he reminded us we must move from our churches and go out to the world to find the lost and to evangelize with compassion. We must accompany families and help them in their daily struggles. Pope Francis calls us to listen and show respect even when we disagree. The use of technology enables us to communicate only with those with whom we are comfortable. We must reach out, especially to the poor and needy. The Nuncio mentioned that the Synod on youth in Rome (October 2018) is an important opportunity to reach out to the young church and help them grow in faith and discuss the challenges that face them.
 3. The National Advisory Council, composed of laity, clergy & religious (50 members), reviewed our agenda and gave insights and suggestions on the various topics. The chair, Mrs. Margaret Simonson, gave a summary of their discussion, which is always helpful to the bishops.
 4. Dr. Francesco Cesareo, Chair of the National Review Board, gave the annual report on the Implementation of the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.” He expressed his appreciation for the cooperation given to the Annual Audit in each diocese. Our vigilance must continue in order that children are safe. We must be steady in our efforts so that the safety of children and the respect owed to them is given by the clergy and all members of the Church. The bishops continue to “Promise to Protect and Pledge to Heal.”
 5. Dr. John Cavadini led us in a reflection in preparation for the 2018 Synod in Rome on “Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment” (In the Archdiocese of New Orleans, I have sent the preparatory document for the Synod to many who provide ministry to our youth. I have asked for reflections on this important topic.) Further presentations were given by bishops on how we can engage the youth in voicing their opinions and experiences regarding faith and the Church. How can we hear our youth? How can we enable them to understand the meaning of vocation?
 6. A report was given on the “Bishops Working Group regarding Immigration Issues.” Reflections were given by Rev. Daniel Groddy, C.S.C. and bishops who work with the Committee on Immigration and the Resettlement of Refugees. The bishops reported on many Catholic agencies who continue to dedicate themselves to education, advocacy and direct service to those seeking immigration.
 7. The bishops voted in favor of:
 - a. The establishment of a permanent committee for Religious Liberty (formerly was an ad-hoc committee)
 - b. The publication of the “Benedictional: Sexta Parte”; awaiting the approval of the Holy See.
 - c. The new translation of the “Order of Blessing the Oil of Catechumens and of the Sick and of Consecrating the Chrism”; awaiting approval by the Holy See
 - d. The publication of the revised “Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities”

8. The bishops entered in a discussion on health care reform. The USCCB has been active in this discussion with members of Congress as we want to be a voice for the poor, aged and all those in need. We also are concerned with the respect for life and all moral issues involved in health care in the U.S.
 - i. The key principles of the USCCB in health care are as follows:
 1. Respect for life
 2. Access for all
 3. Truly affordable
 4. Comprehensive and high quality
 5. Conscience protection
9. The bishops discussed international religious persecution and violations of human rights. The committee on International Justice and Peace has been a strong voice with Congress and other agencies relative to this concern. Christians are harassed in 128 countries in the world. In many countries, people of the Muslim and Jewish faiths are also persecuted.

Thanks to all those who give us prayerful support during our meetings.

This is my summary of the meeting, therefore not an official summary or document.

Mark Your Calendars

August 10, 2017	Institution for the Ministry of Acolyte for the 2018 Diaconate Formation Group
Sept. 13, 2017	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
Sept. 19-21, 2017	Priests Convocation/Louisiana Priest Convention in New Orleans
Nov. 6, 2017	Day of Formation for all Catholic School Administration, Faculty, and Staff
March 7, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
March 14, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
March 21, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
May 19, 2018	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
June 2, 2018	Priesthood Ordination
June 23, 2018	Permanent Diaconate Ordination
May 18, 2019	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
June 1, 2019	Priesthood Ordination

Impelled by Christ's call and inspired by the Holy Spirit through the work 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 of the parishes, schools and organizations of the archdiocese in enabling them to encounter Jesus and to witness with joy.

SECTION II ACTION REQUESTED

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

- ✓ **Secretary of State Annual Report Renewals**-All parishes receive annual notices (small postcard) to renew their annual report from the Secretary of State. These notices are renewed by the archdiocese on behalf of the parishes. When these notices are received, please contact Gina Goetzie (email: ggoetzie@arch-no.org, phone 861-6252 or fax 866-2906) for handling through the archdiocese.
- ✓ **Accounting Assistance Program**-The Archdiocese would like to announce a new program that is being offered to supply parishes with accounting assistance. The goal of this program is to reduce staff time spent on accounting and finance, streamline and automate processes, and assist with setting up accounting systems so that financial reports are accurate and timely. There will be a dedicated accountant on staff assigned to the parish that will be available to field finance questions regarding policies, procedures, Quickbooks, etc. We will work with parish finance councils to assist with budgeting and financial reports. In addition, the assigned accountant will be responsible for preparing the annual report due to the Archdiocese. If your parish would like to find out more information about this program, please contact Kathy Hebert, Chief Operating Officer, at (504) 861-6206.
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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

Quarterly Mass for Persons with Disabilities

The Commission for Persons With Disabilities would like to announce it's next quarterly Mass. It will be held on Sunday, July 16, 2017, at the 11:00 A.M. Mass at Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Westwego. The commission hosts this Mass at a parish in various parts of the archdiocese each quarter as a way to highlight the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the liturgy. Everyone is invited to attend.

CRS Parish Ambassador Corps

The Office of Justice and Peace is initiating the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Parish Ambassador Corps (PAC). We are asking each parish to nominate one person to serve as an ambassador for the PAC. The role of the Parish Ambassador is to serve as a liaison for Rice Bowl and other CRS activities between the Office of Justice and Peace and the parish. The designated person may or may not be the same person as the social justice ministry contact, depending on the needs of the parish. The role and responsibilities of the parish ambassador is being addressed at the Social Justice Ministry Cluster meetings, so those contacts will be responsible for helping to identify the parish ambassador in conjunction with the pastor. A CRS PAC Retreat is tentatively set for October 28, 2017. Details will be forthcoming. Any questions should be directed to Kevin Fitzpatrick at kfitzpatrick@ccano.org or (504) 592-5692. For more information about the CRS PAC, follow this link: http://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/crsparishambassadorcorpsflyerjuly_20_2015.pdf

SECTION IV NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

MORE: The Monthly Office of Religious Education Update

Started earlier this year, the Parish and School Catechetical Leaders of the Archdiocese of New Orleans receive ***MORE***, a Monthly Office of Religious Education update. ***MORE*** informs the leader about Office of Religious Education events that are coming up, new and featured resources, our certification course schedule, as well as other reminders and important material. Through this regular communication, we seek to embody our Office's vision to serve the catechetical needs of the Archdiocese as well as to incorporate the relevant goals and action items of the Ninth General Synod. [We invite you to visit the link here to see June's MORE.](#)

Monthly Peace Prayer Walk

The Office of Justice and Peace, Office of Racial Harmony, and Isaiah 43 Program are hosting their monthly Peace Prayer Walk on Tuesday, June 27, 2017. We will gather at 6:00 PM at St. Andrew the Apostle parish located at 3101 Eton St., NOLA 70131. All are invited to attend as we follow Pope Francis' calling to be in the community to encounter and dialogue with others to promote peace. For more information, contact Kristina Gibson at (504) 310-8772. Click [here](#) to download the flyer.

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Bastille Day to be Celebrated at Holy Name of Jesus Church

Holy Name of Jesus Church is celebrating Bastille Day with Mass on Sunday, July 9, 2017, at noon. Bastille Day is French Independence Day and celebrates New Orleans' and Louisiana's French Heritage. Please join us for this wonderful event. Fr. Edwin Gros, S.J., will be the main celebrant. We will provide bilingual Mass booklets "*en Français*" and in English so that you might easily follow along. *Bienvenue a tout le monde tout le monde.*

Willwoods 10th Annual Diocesan-Wide Supper & Substance

Attention all married couples! You are invited to a fun and faith-filled date night celebrating and enriching marriages at our 10th Annual Diocesan-Wide Supper & Substance on Friday, July 14, 2017, from 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM at Mid-City Lanes Rock 'N' Bowl located across the street from the Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. Come hear an inspiring presentation from our special guest speaker couple Deacon Larry and Andi Oney, listen to live music from the talented Peace of Cake Band, and enjoy great food, drinks, bowling and a rockin' good time! For tickets, sponsoring a lane, or to learn more about the event, call Jason at [\(504\) 830-3716](tel:5048303716) or go to our events page at www.willwoods.org.

Summer Catechetical Leaders Retreat

SEASONS OF LOVE: "There is an appointed time for everything." [Ecclesiastes 3]

Wednesday, July 19 - Friday, July 21 - Lumen Christi Retreat House - Schriever, LA

Join the Office of Religious Education for their annual retreat for catechetical leaders to experience personal and professional formation. Our fellowship, prayer, and reflection will focus on the various times and seasons of life, how they relate to our ministry, and how God is present throughout all those times. The cost is \$160 per person, and includes meals, accommodations, and retreat materials.

[Visit the link here to register.](#)

ANO Retreat Center– The Teachings of St. Teresa of Calcutta

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center invites you to join us for "I Thirst: The Spirituality of St. Teresa of Calcutta", a Silent Retreat from August 4-6, 2017, with Rev. Michael Champagne. This silent retreat will focus on the fundamentals of Mother Teresa's gospel: spirituality, works of mercy, trust, surrender and joy. Click [here](#) to download the flyer.

Director of Music Position - Notre Dame Seminary

Notre Dame Seminary is looking for a new Director of Music to begin in the Fall semester (August). The Director of Music is responsible for facilitating the worship life of the seminary community by coordinating and providing quality music for liturgical and extra-liturgical celebrations and by educating the community in the historical and practical aspects of the Church's musical tradition. Professional requirements and other information can be provided by contacting Fr. Jim Wehner, NDS rector, at jwehner@nds.edu.

For any inquiries on the NolaCatholic e-Bulletin, please contact Pastoral Planning and Ministries at planningandministries@archdiocese-no.org.

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- Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration
Altar Breads Department
31970 State Highway P
Clyde, MO 64432
Phone: 800-223-2772
Website: www.BenedictineSisters.org

- Cavanagh Company
610 Putnam Pike
Greenville, RI 02828
Phone: 800-635-0568
Website: www.CavanaghCo.com

- Parish Crossroads
P.O. Box 84
Zionsville, IL 46077
Phone: 800-510-8842
Website: www.ParishCrossroads.com

- GlutenFreeHosts.com, Inc.
100 Buckley Road
Liverpool, NY 13088
Phone: 800-668-7324, ext. 1
Website: www.GlutenFreeHosts.com