

# NolaCatholic e-Bulletin



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**NEW ORLEANS**

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## SECTION I A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

### Announcements

- Congratulations to Christopher Homes, recognized in the Times-Picayune on Sunday, June 4, 2017, as one of only 40 companies named to the *Top Workplaces* award. This is a great honor and tribute to this important ministry of the archdiocese.
- The ordination for the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) will take place on Saturday, June 10, 2017, at 10:00 AM at Holy Name of Jesus in New Orleans. Four Jesuits will be ordained to the priesthood.
- The Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2017, at 10:00 AM, at St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie.
- Archbishop Hughes, Bishop Cheri, and I will be attending the USCCB Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 12, 2017 - June 16, 2017.
- Sunday, June 18, 2017, is Father's Day. Attached please find a blessing that can be used at Masses to give recognition and God's blessings on Father's Day. Click [here](#) to download the attachment.
- We will honor the service 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.
- 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.
- 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."

This bulletin is also available on the Archdiocesan website, [www.arch-no.org](http://www.arch-no.org), or [www.nolacatholic.org](http://www.nolacatholic.org)

**Priests Convocation/ Louisiana Priests Convention**

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*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.*

## Announcements

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## 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	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

## SECTION II ACTION REQUESTED

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

- ✓ 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. **If you have not yet registered for the convention, please do so as soon as possible by sending in your registration form to Alison Guerra in the Priest Personnel Office. For questions please call Alison at 861-6269.**
- ✓ Fr. Rodney Bourg, Chair of the Clergy Benefits Committee, presented the proposed Priests' Salary Scale for 2017-2018. It was discussed by the Presbyteral Council, approved, and is effective July 1, 2017. The 2017-2018 Priests' Salary Scale has been sent to each priest's Archdiocesan email address. Please make sure that this information is given to the individual who handles payroll at your site.

## 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

### **Beginning Experience Ministry-Coping with Life Alone**

Beginning Experience Ministry under the New Orleans Archdiocese Family Life Apostolate will begin a 10 week program "Coping With Life Alone" to help those struggling with loss through divorce, death or separation. The Coping Program will begin on Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM in St. Angela Mer-ci's Conference Hall, 835 Melody St., Metairie. The cost will be \$35. Call Joey Caruso at 504-812-3300 or Lynn Drewes at 504-390-3910 to register and for any questions.

## SECTION IV NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

### **A Day of Prayer at the Retreat Center**

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center invites you to join us for "Praying Outside the Box", a Day of Prayer on June 13, 2017, with Jan Tate. Jan will guide us through new and creative ways to communicate with God. Please click [here](#) to download the flyer.

### **"Sisterhood" a 7-Part Online Series**

The Loyola Institute for Ministry, in Association with Salt+Light Television, is pleased to announce "Sisterhood" a 7-part series broadcast online. The first video, which aired June 4th features the Congregation of St. Joseph. It will be shown again this week on Monday, Thursday and Friday at different times. To view it, please go to: <http://saltandlighttv.org/live/>. A different congregation will be highlighted each week. **View a schedule and trailers at <http://gps.lovno.edu/lm/communicating-charism>**

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### **Office of Religious Education Summer 2017 Classes**

The Summer 2017 schedule of Office of Religious Education theology courses is going on now through Saturday, July 15, 2017, at various locations around the Archdiocese. Each course is ten hours in length and you can choose the option from our eight basic level subjects that fit your schedule: attend either four two-and-a-half hour classes on a Monday through Thursday or two five-hour classes on consecutive Saturdays. The cost of each course is \$10.

Catholic school teachers, Parish School of Religion catechists, and catechetical leaders will receive basic certification credit upon completion of each course. However, we invite anyone to consider attending our courses as part of their ongoing adult faith formation. To see the full schedule and to register, visit [www.nolaore.org/course-schedule](http://www.nolaore.org/course-schedule) or call Dianne at 504-861-6302 for more information. A flyer with the full course schedule is linked [here](#).

### **Slidell Church Hosts Discussion on Truths About Immigration and Refugees**

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church will present "Truths About Immigration and Refugees," a discussion with guest speaker Martin O. Gutierrez, Division Director of Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Saturday, June 17, 9:30 to 11:30 AM in the SMM Evangelization Center, 1050 Robert Blvd. in Slidell. Gutierrez will present a snapshot of the local immigrant community, its size, characteristics and needs; discuss the forces that push and pull people to immigrate; reflect on the Roman Catholic Church's position on immigration and Catholic Social Teaching; and relate how current events impact families and local communities. Coffee and pastries will be served. For information, call the SMM church office at (985) 643-6124.

### **Retreat- "Family Patterns: Blessings, Burdens, and Bedlam"**

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center invites you to join us for "Family Patterns: Blessings, Burdens, and Bedlam", a Silent Retreat from June 23-25, 2017, with Jan Tate and Rev. Joe Krafft. Fr. Joe and Jan will help us explore the influences of our family of origin and how this affects our attitudes, expectations, beliefs, and how we relate to God and others. Download the flyer [here](#) for more information.

### **Natural Family Planning Awareness Week**

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God's design for married love and the gift of life and to raise awareness of Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods will be observed July 23 - 29, 2017. Resources and ideas for celebrating and promoting NFP Awareness Week can be found on the USCCB's NFP Program website: <http://www.usccb.org/nfp/awareness-week/index.cfm>. For more information, contact [ddawson@arch-no.org](mailto:ddawson@arch-no.org).



## **Blessing for Father's Day**

**God our Father,  
In your wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own.  
Bless these men,  
that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
In moments of joy, rejoice with them.  
In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance.  
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
may honor and appreciate them always  
with a spirit of profound respect.  
May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them  
to live their vocation with courage.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
May almighty God bless you +**

### **Suggested Petitions for Father's Day**

For those who desire to be a father, but are unable to do so, that they will know God's care, we pray to the Lord.

For our fathers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord.

For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord.

For fathers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom, we pray to the Lord.