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SECTION I

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Announcements

Please be reminded that we will offer "Confession" (Sacrament of Reconciliation) in every church in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, beginning at 5:00 PM. Please see the attached letter to be read at all Masses this weekend either before Mass or after the Post Communion prayer.

- The Office of Evangelization will hold an Evangelization Workshop on Saturday, September 9, 2017, 8:30 AM-3:00 PM at Notre Dame Seminary in Schulte Hall. Please call 504-267-9650 if you have any questions or to register. There is a waiting list to participate.
- The Blue Rose Ball benefitting St. Michael Special School will take place on Saturday, September 9, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency.
- I will be attending a USCCB committee meeting in Washington, DC, from Sunday, September 10-13, 2017.
- The Council of Deans will meet on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 10:00 AM at the Chancery.
- The Catholic Foundation and I will host a Donor Appreciation Mass and Lunch at my residence on Friday, September 15, 2017, at 12:00 PM.
- The Priests Convocation/Louisiana Priests Convention will be held from September 19-21, 2017, at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible. All active diocesan and religious priests serving in parishes or diocesan ministries are expected to attend. I encourage priests to stay at the hotel to foster unity. More than 400 Priests are registered.
- We will celebrate Mass on Saturday, September 23, 2017, on the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz at St. Maria Goretti at 6:00 PM.
- The Olive Mass will be held on Monday, September 25, 2017, at 10:00 AM at The Cathedral of St. Louis in New Orleans, LA (Open to all but RSVP). A Reception at the Ursuline Convent (free but RSVP) will follow from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. To RSVP you may call 443-541-2370 or go to the following website: <http://gracebeforemeals.com/blog/view/special-announcement-save-the-date-for-the-olive-mass>

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

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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.

- The Serra Club will prepare and serve a luncheon for all Religious of the Archdiocese on September 30, 2017, at St. Pius X (school cafeteria) in New Orleans at 11:00 AM.
- Notre Dame Seminary Gala and Auction will be Saturday, September 30, 2017, at 7:00 PM with the Patron Party beginning at 6:00 PM. Call Yvette LaCour at 504-866-7426 , ext. 374 for more information or click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

Deaths

Sister Camille Marie Simoneaux, CSJ died on August 30, 2017, at Our Lady of Wisdom Healthcare Center in New Orleans. She was a Sister of Saint Joseph for 71 years. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on September 2, 2017, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in New Orleans. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Mr. Ignatius Dan Phan, the father of Frs. Minh Phan, professor at NDS, and Vincent Phan, Parochial Vicar at St. Mary Magdalen, died on September 2, 2017, in Vietnam. His funeral will be in Vietnam. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Mr. Epitacio Mangubat, the father of Fr. Marlon Mangubat, pastor at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Parish in Chalmette, died on September 4, 2017, in the Philippines. His funeral will be held September 16, 2017 in the Philippines. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Mark Your Calendars

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
Sept. 12, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
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

- ✓ **Fall Regional Meetings/Workshops for Parish Synod Implementation Coordinators**-Pastors are asked to please note the schedule of meetings below and remind their parish synod implementation coordinator about the importance of participation.

The Office of Pastoral Planning and Ministries will hold five regional meetings for parish synod implementation coordinators; clergy are invited to attend. Although these meetings will feature the chance to share parish and archdiocesan updates, the majority of the time will be devoted to a workshop on recruiting and retaining parishioners for volunteer leadership roles. This was identified as one of the top challenges for parishes and so we will offer some best practices for engaging parishioners in volunteer leadership roles as it relates to synod implementation. All meetings listed below are identical; please choose whichever is most convenient for you.

- **Wednesday, October 18, 2017**, at 6:30 PM at the Archdiocesan CYO Office, 2241 Mendez Street, New Orleans (the gym building behind the church and Holy Cross primary school)
- **Saturday, October 21, 2017**, at 10:00 AM at the Archdiocesan Permanent Diaconate Center/ Infant Jesus of Prague Mission, 700 Maple Street, Harvey
- **Monday, October 23, 2017**, at 6:30 PM at St. Francis Xavier Parish, 444 Metairie Road, Metairie (in the old church)
- **Thursday, October 26, 2017**, at 6:30 PM at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 13396 River Road, Destrehan (in the Borromeo Room to the right of the church)
- **Monday, October 30, 2017**, at 6:30 PM at the Northshore Catholic Center, 4465 Highway 190 East Service Road, Covington.

- ✓ Attention to all pastors and parish staff, the CYO Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office will be offering Young Adult Ministry Trainings in different deaneries and areas of the archdiocese. The trainings will consist of an overview of young adult ministry, understanding of challenges, principles of leadership, basic ministry, planning, and networking with other parishes. We will explore the options of parish or cluster parish ministry. Those that are interested in starting a Young Adult Ministry, or looking to improve their existing ministry should attend. Parishes should send a representative or volunteer to be trained to lead young adult ministry. This should be a peer lead ministry. For those parishes who do not have a Young Adult Ministry leader please feel free to contact Sam Pitre, who can help you find a volunteer in your parish to take on this leadership role. The following are the current upcoming dates*, please RSVP at the link below:

- Thursday, September 21, 2017, 6:30-8:30 PM at Mary, Queen of Peace (Deanery IX).
- Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 6:30-8:30 PM at the CYO/Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office (Deanery II).
- Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 6:30-8:30 PM at Blessed Trinity (Deanery III).

RSVP at <https://goo.gl/forms/9LsGkZ8QgphEbDVy1>

*More dates and locations will be available in upcoming months.

Please feel free to contact Sam Pitre for any questions or concerns at spitre@arch-no.org or 504-227-3228

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

Request for Parishes to include Hope Woman's Clinic Promotional Pieces in their Bulletins

Hope Woman's Clinic, a program of Woman's New Life Center

For over 15 years, Woman's New Life Center has been a source of hope for women in unplanned pregnancies. Now, they have expanded services to be a source of hope for all women through Hope Woman's Clinic. Hope Woman's Clinic answers the need for authentic women's healthcare by aligning completely with Catholic Church teaching and affirming women in their dignity. It stands as a beacon of hope for women's health in contrast to organizations such as Planned Parenthood that promote a culture of death. Dr. Susan Caldwell offers primary care and hormone health for women and is trained as a medical consultant for NaProTECHNOLOGY, a particular approach to woman's health that does not use any form of artificial contraceptives or artificial reproductive technologies to treat reproductive diseases and infertility. Please help us promote this beautiful Catholic apostolate throughout the Archdiocese by including any of the promotional pieces linked [here](#) in your weekly bulletins.

Listening Sessions for Young Adults

Calling All Young Adults! Join us for a facilitated discussion between young adults and the staff of the youth and young adult ministry office as we dive deeper into what is considered important to you as a Catholic young adult. Our ultimate goal is that these conversations will help us help your parishes better serve and meet the needs of Catholic young adults today. Please download the flyer [here](#).

September 27, 2017, 7:00 PM, NorthShore Pastoral Center

October 11, 2017, 7:00 PM, Infant Jesus Prague (Harvey)

October 14, 2017, 9:00 AM, St. Joan of Arc (Laplace)

October 30, 2017, 7:00 PM, St. Matthew the Apostle

November 2, 2017, 7:00 PM, Our Lady of Prompt Succor (Chalmette)

November 4, 2017, 9:00 AM, CYO/Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office

SECTION IV NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

Catechetical Sunday 2017 – Sunday, September 17th “Living As Missionary Disciples”

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2017. The theme will be "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

In response to the Synod's invitation to expand opportunities to encounter Christ, the Office of Religious Education has:

- A list of national resources for clergy, catechetical leaders, and catechists at: <http://nolaore.org/2017-cat-sunday>.
- Our Monthly Office of Religious Education update (MORE) with events, resources, and calendar of Certification Courses that can assist you in developing your witness as missionary disciples. [Read our September 2017 issue here.](#)
- Our curated list of Catholic bible study programs and multi-generational faith formation is updated for Catechetical Sunday 2017, as per the Synod. You can see the list on our website at: <http://nolaore.org/bible-study-multi-gen-faith-form-list>.

Film on Prescription Drug Addiction and Recovery

The Hungry Heart, a new documentary film on prescription drug addiction and recovery in Vermont will screen on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at 6:30 PM at St. Dominic's Catholic Church Gymnasium located at 6300 block of Memphis Street, New Orleans, LA in Lakeview. Director, Bess O'Brien will run a Q and A after the screenings. Come and be part of an important conversation about this pressing issue which President Donald Trump declared a national emergency. You may download the flyer [here](#) and press release [here](#) for more information.

Right to Life 2018 Calendar Sale

Respect Life Sunday will be observed September 30-October 1, 2017. The CYO or another parish organization will be selling the 2018 Right to Life Calendars at parishes that weekend. The calendars cost \$5.00 and portray pro-life themes in beautiful full color graphics. The proceeds will help all the good pro-life work of New Orleans Right to Life, CYO, and other parish organizations. For more information contact Jan Delcorral at 504-952-7277 or email Jan at jdelcorral@cox.net.

Healing Retreat for Men and Women

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans will host Fr. Richard McAlear, OMI, for our annual Healing Retreat for Men and Women, September 29-October 1, 2017, at Lumen Christi Retreat Center in Schriever, Louisiana. The Golden Jubilee theme is "Rise and Be Healed." Fr. McAlear will be assisted by members of the CCRNO Pastoral Team. Since 1976, Father McAlear's ministry has been offering hope, healing, love, and peace to tens of thousands of people all around the world. Register early to assure a place! Commuters are welcome as long as space permits. For registration and information, contact CCRNO: www.ccrno.org; 504-828-1368; info@ccrno.org. The flyer is linked [here](#).

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Mass of the Roses

The Carmelite Sisters will host the *Mass of the Roses* in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux, "The Little Flower", on Sunday, October 1, 2017, at the Monastery of St. Joseph and St. Teresa, 73530 River Road, Covington, LA 70435. Shuttle Service begins at 8:15 AM and we encourage car-pooling. At 9:00 AM there will be a flute prelude by Sr. Grace, OCD, and Sarah Schettler, LPO. Father Jorge Cabrera, OCD, will celebrate Mass at 9:30 AM. After Mass, there will be distribution of blessed roses and refreshments. You may download the flyer [here](#).

St. Padre Pio Relics at St. Rita in New Orleans

On October 4, 2017, St. Rita Parish in New Orleans will welcome several relics of St. Padre Pio, as part of a national tour sponsored by the St. Pio Foundation. The relics are expected to draw thousands of pilgrims from across the region to St. Rita for prayer, reflection, and veneration. The church will be open for veneration from 7:00 AM-9:00 PM, with a full schedule found on its website: www.stritanola.com/stpio

In preparation of welcoming these relics, Fr. Jeffery Montz will offer a presentation on St. Padre Pio on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 6:30 PM in St. Rita Church. All are welcome to learn more about this holy man, as our archdiocese awaits the reception of these relics. You may download the flyer [here](#).

Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center-Day of Prayer

Join us for a special Day of Prayer with Rev. John Baptist Bashobora on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. Come hear Fr. Bash, an international speaker from Uganda, as he speaks on "God's Healing Love and Grace." The day will begin with registration starting at 8:30 AM and conclude at 6:00 PM after Mass and Prayers for Healing. The cost is \$45. Pre-registration is encouraged. The Day of Reflection is open to men and women. More information can be found on the flyer linked [here](#). You may register online at retreats.arch-no.org/retreats.

Workshop: Pope Francis' Vision for the Church

All are welcome to the free workshop given by the engaging and internationally known author and speaker Dr. Barbara Reid, O.P. She will offer a Biblical reflection on Pope Francis' vision for the Church, which is called to embody mercy and create a culture of encounter. It is sponsored by the Roppolo Memorial Endowment Committee and takes place 7:00-9:00 PM Friday, October 20, 2017, and 9:00-Noon Saturday, October 21, 2017, at Notre Dame Seminary's Schulte Hall. Free parking is available. For more information and to register, go to <http://gps.loyno.edu/lim/roppolo> or call (504) 861-6281. For more information download the flyer [here](#).

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Called, Formed, Sent Conference Series on the Northshore

In response to the Synod's call to form lay leaders, Notre Dame Seminary and the Catholic Foundation present the Called, Formed, Sent Conference Series held on four Monday nights from 7:00-8:30. The series will begin October 23, 2017, and continue November 6, November 13, and November 20, 2017. The presenter will be Dr. Tom Neal, Academic Dean and Chair of Spiritual Theology, Notre Dame Seminary and Mrs. Susie Veters, Director of Stewardship and Parish Services, Catholic Foundation. The location will be the Northshore Catholic Center, 4465 Hwy 190 East Service Rd, Covington, LA 70433. The four week series explores the beauty and power found in the Catholic vision for laity in the church and in the world. This series is intended for those who work in leadership positions within the church or are interested in fostering lay leadership.

Suggested donation for the series is \$30 per individual. Parish groups of 2-5 people are welcome for a donation of \$50. For more information please contact Caroline Butterworth at 504-866-7426, ext. 741 or cbutterworth@nds.edu. To register, visit <https://nds.edu/events>.

Job Opportunity

The Province of St. Martin de Porres of the Order of Preachers (Southern Dominican Province, U.S.A.) has an opportunity for a part-time (20 hours per week) administrative assistant in the Office of Vocations. Under the supervision of the Director of Vocations, the administrative assistant will be responsible for carrying out the administrative tasks of the Office of Vocations and ensuring the smooth flow of Province vocations program. Interested candidates should submit a resume, letter of interest and three references by September 20, 2017 to Fr. Charles Johnson, O.P., Director of Vocations, at vocations@opsouth.org. The job description is linked [here](#).

Fax Machine for Donation

St. Rita Parish in New Orleans has a moderately used fax machine available to any parish in need of one. If interested, please call Antoinette Silver at 504-866-3621.



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To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It is our archdiocesan tradition to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as confession, on a weekday evening near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. I am pleased to inform you that many people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans have taken advantage of this opportunity and the priests have decided to continue this practice.

This year confessions will be available in all Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to invite the healing Christ into your heart with his promise of mercy.

Pope Francis reminds us, “God is a Father and he is always waiting for us! It is so wonderful to feel the merciful embrace of the Father in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The confessional is a place of mercy.”

Please consider having your family come to church together for Confession on Wednesday, September 13.

Wishing you God’s blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

**Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans**

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