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Administration [Frank Napolitano]

- With the fall season approaching, now is the time to make sure unoccupied parish buildings are properly protected to prevent property claims resulting from cold weather conditions and liability claims from third parties. Use WiFi temperature sensors in regional schools and unoccupied parish buildings. These sensors allow the facilities staff at the parish and their counterparts at the archdiocese to monitor the ambient temperature in the buildings on a continuous basis and send an email/text alert when the temperature in a monitored building falls below a certain degree.
- The Data Systems Center is conducting cyber security training using the *KnowBe4* system.
- There are currently 47 Requests for Authorization (RFAs) pending approval with a total value of \$22.5 Million, of which 32, or 68% relate to school building repairs. For fiscal year 2022, a total of 130 project approvals have been issued with a total value of \$37.8 million.

Adult Faith Formation [Elizabeth Guevara de Gonzalez]

- We renewed our contract with the Augustine Institute for FORMED. Pricing will remain the same at \$600 per parish. Parishes must renew or subscribe by 11/15/22.
- Save the following dates: The New York Bible Summit will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2023, and Man Up New York will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023. More information to come.
- Fall 2022 adult confirmation program is now open in Manhattan, Bronx, Staten Island, Ossining (Westchester), Peekskill (Westchester), and Beacon (Dutchess)

ArchCare [Father John Anderson, iv dei]

- ArchCare's Care Navigation Team/Line helps individuals and families access the care they need. Call 855-951-2273.
- The Health Care Chaplaincy Apostolate supports the pastoral and sacramental needs of Catholic patients at hospitals and nursing homes throughout the Archdiocese. For help in accessing hospitals to visit a patient or to arrange spiritual care for a parishioner, contact John Schultz, Director of the Health Care Chaplaincy Apostolate at 646-942-0640 or jschultz@archcare.org.
- ArchCare's Parish Integration team can arrange resources such as health screenings and education for your community based on parish/neighborhood need; organize parish-based volunteers to serve the homebound and other isolated parishioners; and bolster current parish ministries including food pantries, health cabinets, and outreach

to elderly members. Contact Michael Guglielmo, Director of Parish Integration at 646-229-7413 or mguglielmo@archcare.org for additional information.

Archives [Kate Feighery]

- We are continuing to work with the staff of *Catholic New York* to transition their materials to the archives. We have completed a page count of the 41 years of the paper to obtain specific costs that would allow us to partner with the Catholic Research Resource Alliance's Catholic Newspaper Program to make the past issues of the *Catholic New York* available digitally.
- Document review for the CVA cases by legal counsel continues; the archives staff is also working with the superintendent's office to collect important records from that office and provide them to counsel.
- The sacramental record digitization project is ongoing; we have completed St. Anthony of Padua (Manhattan) and are moving on to St. Jean Baptiste (Manhattan) and Our Lady of Sorrows (White Plains). Over the coming month, we hope to launch an online portal on the ADNY website that would allow for electronic genealogy and transcripts requests.

Black Ministry [Brother Tyrone Davis, cfc]

- Pierre Toussaint Scholars Program has begun another academic year, with over 80 college student-leaders (scholars), coming from over 45 different archdiocesan parishes and attending over 45 different colleges and universities. This year, we begin a new initiative within program, the Mother Cabrini Scholars Program, supported by the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, for those scholars focusing on careers in various areas of healthcare and social work.
- Pierre Toussaint Awards Dinner is scheduled for Monday, November 7 with honoree Bishop Joseph Espaillat who will be receiving the Pierre Toussaint Medallion for his great leadership in the evangelization of youth and young adults.
- The office is organizing a day of reflection in preparation for the upcoming National Black Catholic Congress XIII, scheduled for July 20-23, with a theme "Write the Vision: A Prophetic Call to Thrive," based upon Habakkuk 2:2-4).

Development [Kelvin Gentles and Kathleen McGowan]

- As of August 30, the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* has raised \$18,299,894 in pledges and \$16,901,108 in cash through 45,037 pledges and 39,403 donors.
- St. Joseph's Seminary is hosting the second annual car raffle this fall. The drawing will take place at the Advent and Christmas concert on December 4.
- The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner has raised more than \$3.5 million to date. We are thrilled that Peggy Noonan, Pulitzer-prize winning journalist for *The Wall Street Journal* will be our keynote speaker and Peter Grauer, chairman of Bloomberg LLP will receive the Happy Warrior Award; and Rosanna Scotto of FOX 5 will serve as master of ceremonies.
- Six pew engravings recognizing \$100,000 - \$250,000 donations to the St. Patrick's Cathedral Landmark Restoration were completed in August.

- The Saint John Vianney Clergy Residence recently received a \$100,000 leadership pledged gift from Cynthia and Thomas Sculco.

Ecumenical and Interreligious Activities, Ethnic Apostolates, Lay Ecclesial Movements and Community Outreach [Father Brian McWeeney]

- The office will continue its participation in the NCCB dialogues with the Muslim, Jewish and Buddhist communities.
- Our relationships with the Episcopal Diocese have deepened with exchanges on various areas of learning. The office has also assisted in bringing to fruition the hopes of the Ecumenical Community Chemin Neuf to encourage ecumenical work among our youth.
- Care for God's creation is a focus for this office as well as the Council of Ecclesial Communities. The various ecclesial groups are centering their attention on the theme of the Revival of Appreciation of the Holy Eucharist.
- The Office of Ethnic Apostolates continues assisting groups with their traditional celebrations of Faith.

Education [Michael Deegan]

- The Catholic Identity Office will focus on Eucharistic Renewal beginning with the professional development of teachers and school staff in September. Lesson plans, resources, and opportunities to experience Eucharistic Adoration will be offered throughout the new school year.
- Members of the metropolitan area media are being invited to cover the first day of school in the archdiocese at Blessed Sacrament Barry Upper School in Manhattan. See [this piece in particular from CBS 2](#).
- The Office of Teaching and Learning has been working to design professional development opportunities for teachers, leaders, and coaches in preparation for the year ahead.

Family Life Office [Ted Musco]

- A virtual facilitator training for parish leaders to support parish bereavement groups will be held on October 5 and 12. Participants must attend both sessions to receive certification, and pastor approval is required. Contact Vincent DaSilva at 646-794-3168 or email vincent.dasilva@archny.org.
- Marriage preparation booklets in English and Spanish are available. Call 646-794-3188 or email FLRLEvents@nyfamilylife.org.
- Priests and deacons sending couples to the English and Spanish marriage prep program should direct them to select one of the two premarital relationship inventories – *Catholic Couple Checkup* (which does not require your facilitation) or *Prepare/Enrich* (which does require facilitation) when they register for marriage prep on the Family Life Office website.
- Ted Musco, the new director of the Family Life Office, began on July 25. Ted's office is located in the Family Life Suite on the 7th Floor and he may be reached at 646-794-3186 and email Theodore.Musco@archny.org. We now have a new Family Life Office Directory containing valuable contact information and a brief description about our

offerings (found in the September 2022 Vicar General Mailing). More resources will be forthcoming.

- This fall, in collaboration with the *Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents* (www.emfgp.org), the office is offering retreats and programs, in English and Spanish, both in-person and virtually. Losing a child under any circumstance is terrible. Registration for all events can be found here: tinyurl.com/Emmaus-Retreats. Contact Sue DiSisto, at 646-794-3191 or susan.disisto@archny.org.

Finance [Bill Whiston]

- The annual FY2023 budget process has been ongoing for all centrally managed entities, which will ultimately be presented to the archdiocesan Finance Council at its September 2022 meeting. The proposed budget will look to continue the significant expense reductions achieved in the FY2022 budget and beyond.
- KPMG will audit 19 archdiocesan entities for FY2022, plus perform a review of the Combined Financial Statements of the Archdiocese of New York.
- Each parish and related entity is required to submit their FY2022 financial statements for review by October 30.
- The Employee Retention Tax Credit (“ERTC”) is available to all parish entities that meet the criteria set by the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”). 118 parish entities have submitted applications. To date, 65 entities have received a rebate of the payroll taxes paid to the IRS. This is an opportunity for all our parishes, parish-based schools, parish based high schools and parish cemeteries to participate in. Your parish accountant and associate director of parish finance is available to assist you in applying for this program.
- Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island will have two new banks of glass/ granite fronted niches for the burial of cremated remains coming this fall of 2022. Plans underway to construct a new mausoleum at Gate of Heaven, Hawthorne. A new section at Calvary Cemetery, Queens for 335 in-ground plots will open early fall.
- Investment asset returns through August 2022 continue to be impacted by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, tighter monetary policy brought on by inflation, and an economic slowdown in China.

Hispanic Ministry [Wanda Vasquez]

- The first draft of the proposed National Plan for Hispanic Ministry is almost complete. The proposed presentation to the Bishops of the USCCB will be either Spring or Fall of 2023.
- The archdiocese will host the image of Our Lady of Cisne, protectress of the Ecuadorian people. The image will arrive to Assumption parish in Peekskill on September 10, for ten days: making her way to Saint Patrick’s Cathedral on September 25 for the yearly procession and Mass celebration.
- The images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego continue their journey throughout the archdiocese. We are planning for the December 11 vigil, and the December 12 enthronement ceremony.

Marketing [Rachael Sheehan]

- Working to support ministries with their initiatives.
- Continuing to develop a new digital newsroom that will launch later this year.

Parish Planning [Eileen Mulcahy] No Report Submitted

Respect Life [Sister Virginia Joy, sv]

- 40 Days for Life runs September 28 through November 6 in nine locations. Opening Mass at Patrick's Cathedral on Sept 26 and many other events in other regions. Respect Life Sunday is October 2. Life Chains scheduled for that day throughout the archdiocese.
- Hosting ongoing meetings for Walking with Moms in Need to connect and assist parishioners interested in starting a pregnancy center for women in Westchester County. Continuing to work on establishing a pro-life medical center preferably in the Bronx or Northern Manhattan.
- Curriculum for this year's Respect Life Week will include poverty, the death penalty, celebrating special needs, abortion, racism, as well as suicide prevention. Planning a High School Pro-Life Leadership Day with Catholic schools on October 6.

Safe Environment/Public Policy [Ed Mechmann] No Report Submitted

Sheen Center [MaryLou Pagano]

- The Sheen Center's New Season on our website: www.sheencenter.org
- We will be showing the Mother Teresa documentary: *No Greater Love* on September 15.
- A new series, *Gloria Purvis: The Art of Controversy* begins in October.

Special Projects and Events [Melecia Ming]

- The 45th Annual Columbus Day Mass will be on Monday, October 10 at 9:30 at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Cardinal Dolan will be the celebrant and Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio will be the homilist. All are welcome to attend the Mass and view the parade from the steps of the cathedral after Mass.
- This month, the office is partnering with the University Apostolate and Development Office on their celebratory and stewardship events. Additionally, we are working with the Office of Young Adult Outreach to prepare for the 2023 World Youth Day pilgrimage.
- In collaboration with the Office of Adult Faith Formation and Marketing, the team continues to support the efforts of the Eucharistic Revival through engagement of our pastoral offices in the diocesan phase (year one) and planning for the parish phase (year two).

University Apostolate [Vinny DaSilva]

- Father Isaiah Beiter, OP was appointed as the new chaplain of the Edward Cardinal Egan Catholic Center at NYU July 1. To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the center on September 8, His Eminence will preside at a blessing, evening prayer, and an address with students.

- UA campus ministers and chaplains are currently working on cultivating student engagement opportunities including orientation meetings and club fairs. Weekly and monthly masses will begin for students in September, with several weekend retreat opportunities available in October and November.
- FOCUS missionaries have returned to NYC and will work with NYU and Columbia to assist chaplains and focus on growing evangelization among our college-aged young adult communities. The annual FOCUS SEEK conference will be held in St. Louis, January 2-6. Cardinal Dolan will be the main celebrant for Mass on January 4, and a special reception will be held for attendees from the archdiocese that afternoon. For registration, contact Vinny DaSilva Vincent.dasilva@archny.org or 646-694-3168.

Vicar for Religious [Sister Joan Curtin, cnd]

- On September 8 at Cathedral of St. John Divine, I will participate in a service that will include the blessing of a quasi-monastic site and program that will reach out to young adults beginning in 2023. Pope Francis and the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby will be present via video at the blessing of this historic ecumenical endeavor.
- I will meet with Sr. Maryann Lopicolo, vicar for religious of the Brooklyn Diocese to discuss ways to further support the upcoming SOAR (Support our Aging Religious) event.
- Meetings with several individual major superiors as well as with the executive committee of the Archdiocesan Council of Women Religious (ACWR) to finalize plans for their fall meeting with major superiors.

Young Adult Outreach [Colin Nykaza]

- Upcoming events include Theology of Tap fall kick-off, meet and greet with Bishop Espallat for World Youth Day, October Young Adult Mass with Cardinal Dolan, November Young Adult Mass with Bishop Espallat, Hudson Valley leaders' retreat, and Beauty Ever Ancient arts conference.
- New and ongoing efforts include collaboration with Catholic Charities to serve new migrants and the homeless, and search for new Associate Program Leader.

Youth Faith Formation [Ela Milewska]

- Forty new directors and coordinators of religious education and youth ministry coordinators gathered for the first session of the Basic Leadership Training, a foundational program that equips faith formation leaders with the tools and resources to be more effective in their ministries.
- Catechetical Sunday is September 18. Resources for the blessing of catechists are available on our website <https://archny.org/event/catechetical-sunday/>. COVID guidelines for parish youth faith formation are also available on our website <https://archny.org/wp-content/uploads/DYFF-safe-and-sound-2022-23updated828.pdf>.
- Honor and celebrate your catechists by sponsoring their attendance at either of the Forums for Catechesis and Youth Ministry held on October 15 in the Bronx and October 22 in West Nyack.