



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

Curia Reports April 2023

Administration [Frank Napolitano]

- All contractors and vendors who work on projects at parishes and archdiocesan properties are required to have insurance coverage consisting of \$5 million of general liability coverage for each claim, except for landscaping contractors who are exempt from this requirement. This could be a combination of primary and excess or umbrella coverage to meet the required \$5 million total. This is not a random number. It represents the level of insurance necessary to protect your parish and the archdiocese from liability arising from a catastrophic accident where a \$1 million limit would not satisfy the losses associated with the catastrophic event. All contractors must sign the vendor hold harmless agreement and provide a certificate of insurance demonstrating proof of the above-referenced coverage.
- If you are interested in holding an energy efficiency workshop at your parish designed to help parishioners make their homes more energy efficient, contact leslie.davis@archny.org.
- Multifactor authentication is required to be eligible for cyber insurance. The parish training department is conducting informational and training sessions both online and in person to assist parishes in preparing their fiscal year 2024 budgets.
- There are currently 49 capital project RFAs pending approval with a total value of \$20.1 million. 12 new submissions worth \$2.3 million were received in the past month. Projects relate to both church and school building improvements. Thus far, in fiscal 2023, 78 capital projects have been approved with a combined value of \$30.4 million.
- Now is a great time to update your copiers, security cameras and phone systems. <https://nyics.org/equipment-sourcing-solutions>

Adult Faith Formation [Elizabeth Guevara de Gonzalez]

- If any parish would like support in running ChristLife or any evangelization project in the new pastoral year, contact adultfaithformation@archny.org.
- The New York Catholic Bible Summit will be held on Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 to 4:00 at Iona University, New Rochelle. This year's summit will be based on John 6:63, "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Highlights include Mass with Cardinal Dolan, keynotes, and Eucharistic adoration. Topics include Old Testament Typology of the Eucharist by Dr. Michael Barber and Church Father Interpretation of New Testament Passages on the Eucharist by Bishop Espallat. You can register at adnybiblesummit.eventbrite.com.
- We have tickets available for the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis.

ArchCare [Father John Anderson, iv dei]

- Cf. March 2023.

Archives [Kate Feighery] No Report

Black Ministry [Brother Tyrone Davis, cfc]

- OBM is preparing for a Day of Reflection (exact date to be confirmed), in preparation for the upcoming National Black Catholic Congress (this summer in Maryland), the registration process for Congress continues; for more information, contact OBM or go to the NBCC website.

Development [Kelvin Gentles and Kathleen McGowan]

- As of April 5, the 2023 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal has raised \$11,525,896 in commitments and \$8,980,499 in cash through 23,805 donors.
- St. Joseph's Seminary Second Annual Gala raised more than \$350,000 and had nearly 200 guests present on March 30 at X20. Photos and the event video are available at www.dunwoodie.edu.
- The Cathedral Landmark Restoration Campaign is focused on organ restoration. Collaborating with the St. Patrick's Cathedral development team, Father Salvo, and Dr. Pascual, we plan to utilize the concert series as well as leadership and crowd funding to raise the \$4M. In addition, the annual Cornerstone Dinner is scheduled for May 17.
- The Saint John Vianney Clergy Residence celebrates 20 years of serving retired priests. This will be documented through a special anniversary newsletter as well as a Mass and reception later this year.
- The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation board will meet in late April to approve grant awards and kick-off the October Al Smith Dinner.

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

- Meetings continue of the Care for God's Creation Committee. We have enlarged the membership of the group utilizing social media and young adult workers from 1011. The Director of the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs has been working with the AJC on the issues of Anti-Semitism. He will be participating in Ramadan observances throughout the month, including one at Central Synagogue. The Buddhist-Catholic Dialogue continues. There is an on-going nurturing of our relationship with the Orthodox community and the Eastern Catholic community.
- Ecclesial Ministries conducted a very successful Day of Reflection on Food for the Journey supporting the Eucharistic Revival. This day is the Ninth in an Annual Series.
- The Ethnic Apostolate is strengthening the Filipino Apostolate as well as collaborating with the Office of Hispanic Ministry. We are looking forward to the Pentecost Vigil Procession and Mass.

Education [Michael Deegan]

- The Office of School personnel is working with nearly 180 full- and part-time teachers and almost 150 non-teaching personnel from recently closing schools. Placement forms continue to be collected from those interested in finding employment in other Catholic schools.

- The offices of secondary education and Catholic identity have met twice with the high school campus ministers and principals to initiate the Scholas Occurrentes (Global Citizenship) program, created by Pope Francis. A summer training session for students and moderators is being planned so that the areas of social justice can be identified, and the course of action begun in the new school year.
- The office of communications and public relations has prepared for release the comprehensive [2021-22 Annual Report](#). This provides stakeholders with a snapshot of ADNY schools' accomplishments during the 2021-22 year, featuring interviews from Cardinal Dolan, the superintendent, and department heads.

Family Life [Ted Musco]

- Return the Marriage and Family Life Directors form sent in the February combined mailing by April 28. The form can be completed online and sent back digitally or can be printed and mailed. Access the form at <https://forms.office.com/r/n7QEqcW7Ed>.
- The staff is in the process of developing several additional options for both marriage preparation and marriage enrichment. If you are interested in assisting, contact Theodore.Musco@archny.org or 646-794-3186.
- Strong Catholic Families—Partnering with Parents is an initiative to help Church leaders envision how the Catholic Church can more effectively partner with parents to help foster Catholic family life. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/4dv9rehk>. All meetings are from 7:00 to 9:00.

Finance [Bill Whiston]

- The combined financial report of the archdiocese, which includes archdiocesan service entities, the Global Regional School System, parishes and cemeteries was presented and approved at the March 2023 audit committee and finance council meetings.
- A meeting of the St. Joseph's Seminary Finance Committee is being held on May 11. There will be a presentation of the February 2023 financial management report, detailing the operations for the first half of FY2023.
- Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island has successfully installed two new banks of glass and granite fronted niches for the burial of cremated remains. Over 20% of the spaces were sold in the first two weeks of pre- installation.
- A new mausoleum will be constructed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne. We have begun the design review and permit approvals are underway.
- A new section at Calvary Cemetery, Queens for 335 in- ground plots is opened and actively being sold for full body burial.
- Calvary and Allied cemeteries will be celebrating Memorial Day Mass.
- Several bank failures and persistent inflation continue to pressure both the financial markets. Fortunately, archdiocesan accounts had very limited exposure to the failed institutions but have nonetheless been impacted by the difficult macroeconomic environment.
- The long-term nature of the portfolios, combined asset allocations that are designed to be "all weather" for various market conditions, allow us to remain patient investors in these challenging market conditions.
- The GRSS and DOE have begun to receive funds through the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) program. \$17.6M has been received to date with an additional recoument of \$600k forthcoming; and FEMA reimbursements for COVID-19 emergency

expenditures. \$10.0M has been received to date with a recovery of potentially \$22M of expenditures being possible.

- The GRSS received \$1.3M of grant funds through the EANS (Educational Assistance for Non-Public Schools) program to reimburse the GRSS for Covid costs not covered by FEMA. An additional \$1.4M of reimbursements are potentially recoverable.

Hispanic Ministry [Wanda Vasquez]

- The visit of the pilgrim statue of Juan Diego will be at St. Anthony of Padua, Bronx; St. Gabriel, New Rochelle; Our Lady of Guadalupe at Saint Bernard, Manhattan; St. Mary, Wappinger Falls.
- The Charismatic Center has organized the procession and vigil for Saturday, May 27 beginning at 3:30pm. The procession with the Blessed Sacrament will begin at Pedestrian Plaza at Father Duffy Square Monument to Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

Marketing [Rachael Sheehan]

- We had over 45,000 visitors to The Good Newsroom website in February. The app has been downloaded over 5,000 times.
- We have received over 2,000 emails for The Good Newsroom e-newsletter, and we are working to launch this e-newsletter soon.
- We are continuing to develop stories about parishes and people from throughout our Archdiocese and welcome any story ideas at thegoodnewsroom@archny.org.

Parish Planning [Eileen Mulcahy]

- Cf. March 2023

Respect Life [Sister Virginia Joy, sv]

- Life Advocacy Student Training on April 22. The office will host Camille Pauley from Healing the Culture for an apologetics training for college students in the NYC area at the NYU Catholic Center.
- Bronx Witness for Life on April 22. This a new location at St. Rita, with a Mass and rosary procession to two local abortion facilities in the Bronx.
- Sidewalk Advocacy Training on April 15. There will be a Sidewalk Advocates for Life training in the Bronx for new sidewalk counsellors.
- Ulster Deanery Respect Life Committee 40 Hours Devotion on April 11 -13. This marks the anniversary of the legalization of abortion in NY State (April 11).

Safe Environment/Public Policy [Ed Mechmann]

- Safe Environment rosters need to be returned so that we are in compliance. The office is preparing for the annual USCCB audit.
- Work with New York State Catholic Conference and coalition against assisted suicide legislation.
- Preparation for filing *amicus curiae* brief in the New York State Court of Appeals in lawsuit over state mandate for abortion coverage in health insurance plans.
- Planning for monthly young adult Discussion and Discipleship event.

Sheen Center [MaryLou Pagano]

- Art gallery features the beautiful work of Sarah Palmer.
- An evening with Gloria Purvis on May 17 for The Art of Controversy: Women in the Church.
- On May 23, a pilgrimage to the art museum with author and art enthusiast Stephen Auth.

Special Projects and Events [Melecia Ming]

- Partnering with the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal and the chancery with the regional donor stewardship Masses and receptions; Chrism Mass and reception.

University Apostolate [Vinny DaSilva] No Report

Vicar for Religious [Sister Joan Curtin, cnd]

- Preside at the election of the president of the Sisters of Charity of Mt. St. Vincent on Friday April 14 and at the election of the prioress of the Blauvelt Dominicans on Saturday April 15.
- During April, I will be meeting with several individual Sisters who have asked to consult with me.
- Planning for the June Jubilee Celebration of the religious sisters/brothers.

Young Adult Outreach [Kaitlyn Colgan]

- Upcoming events include The Visit women's night, Mirando al Cielo movie night, and restarting homeless outreach with St. Patrick's Cathedral.
- Ongoing efforts include interviewing for associate program leader 2, planning for Corpus Christi 40 Hour devotion, and supporting archdiocesan and ministry initiatives, including participation in the National Eucharistic Revival.

Youth Faith Formation [Ela Milewska]

- As of April 5, we have 1855 young people and their chaperones registered for NY Catholic Youth Day and the Middle School Youth Rally on April 22 & 23 at St. Joseph's Seminary.
- We are still in great need of priests to hear confessions, so if you can spare an hour or two, it would be appreciated.
- The Confirmation Mass for young people with special needs was held on Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Patrick's Cathedral. This will now resume being every other year celebration with the next one held in 2025.

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