



# ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

## ***CURIA REPORTS*** ***May 2023***

### ***Administration [Frank Napolitano]***

- As a reminder, it is expected that every parish is working on the framework laid out in the *Parish Safety and Security Guide*, administered by the office of risk management and insurance services, to assess current security protocols and to establish a parish safety plan. There are four key steps to developing a parish safety plan: establish a safety committee, conduct security assessments of premises, develop and document safety plan, and train staff and volunteers. While acts of violence in our church communities are rare, they are a reminder of how important it is that parishes and schools are prepared and have a robust safety and security plan in place to meet all threats. Contact Louise Zacher at [louise.zacher@archny.org](mailto:louise.zacher@archny.org) or 646-794-2969 or Lauren Krauss at [lauren.krauss@archny.org](mailto:lauren.krauss@archny.org) if you need a copy of the *Parish Safety and Security Guide* or for any questions you may have.
- There are currently 47 capital project RFAs pending approval with a total value of \$18.6 million. In April, 12 new submissions worth \$2.5 million were received. In fiscal 2023, 95 capital project RFAs have been approved with a combined work value of \$36.9 million.

### ***Adult Faith Formation [Elizabeth Guevara de Gonzalez]***

- Our office will offer a one-day workshop focused on evangelization. What would you like to have your ministry leaders learn about evangelization? Evangelization on the streets? Door-to-door ministry? In the parish? In the family? How to talk about Jesus? How to share your testimony? How to pray out loud for others? How our charisms help us evangelize? Email [adultfaithformation@archny.org](mailto:adultfaithformation@archny.org) or call 646-794-2581 with your answer.
- On the evening of May 24, we will host a webinar to discuss the next steps for parishes who are going to run ChristLife in the parish year of the Eucharistic Revival.
- The New York Catholic Bible Summit will be held on Saturday, June 3 from 8:00 to 4:00 at Iona University (New Rochelle Campus). Register at [adnybiblesummit.eventbrite.com](http://adnybiblesummit.eventbrite.com).
- The New York State Eucharistic Congress will take place on October 20-21, 2023. It is free. Join His Eminence Cardinal Dolan and people from all nine dioceses in this once in a lifetime event. For more information and to register, visit <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org/>
- We have tickets available for the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress. Our discounted tickets will be limited to five per parish. More tickets are available through the national congress website. Pastors may obtain parish tickets on our pastor website: [Information for Priests - Archdiocese of New York \(archny.org\)](#)
- The Eucharistic Revival Formation Day for Parish Leaders: A Discussion on Evangelization, Christian Initiation and Family Life. This upcoming fall, we will offer all parish leaders who serve the adults of our archdiocese a bilingual day of formation. The day's offerings will focus on evangelization, Christian initiation, and family life. It is scheduled to take place on Saturday November 11 at Fordham University in the Bronx.

### **ArchCare [Father John Anderson, iv dei]**

- The Annual White Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 31 at 10:00 at St. Patrick's Cathedral with Cardinal Dolan, honoring all healthcare professional caregivers. If you cannot attend in person, join via live stream at [www.saintpatrickscathedral.org](http://www.saintpatrickscathedral.org). For more information contact [info@archcare.org](mailto:info@archcare.org).

### **Archives [Kate Feighery]**

- On Tuesday, May 9, a list of Catholic-operated Native Boarding Schools in the United States was published. Archivist Kate Feighery was part of the group that put the list together, as part of a larger effort to facilitate access to information for survivors of Native boarding schools, their descendants, and Tribal Nations. Although no boarding school was ever located within the Archdiocese of New York, several of New York's archbishops served as presidents of the board of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, which oversaw many of the schools. The list can be found at <https://ctah.archivistsacwr.org/>
- We are ensuring a smooth transition of the records from the closing schools to the archives. We have begun meeting with principals and other staff to assist in packing and moving the records, and we will continue over the next few weeks.
- The sacramental record digitization project is ongoing; an online portal was launched to allow outside historians and genealogists to request assistance in searching for records: <https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/archives/genealogy/>

### **Black Ministry [Brother Tyrone Davis, cfc]**

- The selection committee of the Pierre Toussaint Scholar Programs have made their final decisions regarding new scholars for the 2023 academic year. There are 10 new Pierre Toussaint Scholars and 20 new Pierre Toussaint-Mother Cabrini Scholars (for the college student-leaders studying in areas of healthcare or social work).
- We are preparing for the participation of our delegation to the upcoming National Black Catholic Congress and the African Eucharistic Congress.

### **Development [Kelvin Gentles and Kathleen McGowan]**

- As of May 3, the 2023 *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* has raised \$15,227,691 in commitments and \$12,269,655 in cash through 32,503 donors.
- St. Joseph's Seminary is exploring naming opportunities throughout its sprawling campus of open fields and seven buildings to potentially draw 5-7+ figure gifts. The spring-summer appeal mailing is expected to go out in June.
- The Cathedral Landmark Restoration is primarily focused on raising \$4 million for the organ restoration. As "America's Parish Church", the campaign will feature a crowdfunding component to reach a much larger group of prospects throughout the United States. The Cathedral Trustees meet on May 16 and the following evening of May 17 is the annual Cornerstone Mass and Dinner.
- The Saint John Vianney Clergy Residence is receiving an additional \$100,000 gift from Joan Moran and a naming opportunity was offered to her in response to her pledge. A spring-summer appeal letter highlighting the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is currently being prepared and is expected to be mailed by the end of May.
- The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation board met in late April 2023 and 2023 grantee awards will be disbursed in early May. His Eminence shared the excellent news that Dr. Henry A. Kissinger accepted as our 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Al Smith Dinner keynote speaker.

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

- The Ecumenical Office sponsored with the Partnership of Faith visits to various places of worship including Saint Agnes Church.
- The Office of Ethnic Apostolates is assisting the Filipino Community in various celebrations. With the office of Hispanic Ministry, we have sought and received necessary permits for a procession on the eve of Pentecost for the Hispanic Charismatic Center.
- The Office of Ecclesial Ministries is cooperating with individual groups monitoring changes in at least two which are significant but not yet public.

### ***Education [Michael Deegan]***

- The Communications Office is preparing for the first in-person Arch Media Awards on May 19, held at the Catholic Faith Network (CFN) Studios at St. Joseph Seminary. Over 26 videos have been received from grades six to 12 across 14 schools. More information can be found on [this website](#).
- Construction begins on the St. Philip Neri facilities in late May. Furniture and furnishings are being selected for the two model classrooms, kindergarten and middle school grades, and the teachers' lounge. Students will return in September to new windows, a new gymnasium roof, pointing, and the three remodeled rooms.

### ***Family Life [Ted Musco]***

- The office, along with clergy and laity, is developing several additional options for both marriage preparation and marriage enrichment. If you are interested in assisting, please contact [Theodore.Musco@archny.org](mailto:Theodore.Musco@archny.org) or 646-794-3186.
- We have heard the need for Pre-Cana sessions in English and Spanish in various set locations throughout the archdiocese. Present locations for the 2023-2024 include The Cardinal Cooke Catholic Center, 1011 First Ave. NY, NY, Cathedral High School, NY, NY, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Staten Island, St. Joseph Parish, Wurtsboro. Locations are found at <https://marriageprep.nyfamilylife.org/home.aspx?pagename=PreCanaPurchase> for English and <https://marriageprep.nyfamilylife.org/home.aspx?pagename=PreCanaPurchaseSpanish> for Spanish sessions.
- There is much enthusiasm regarding outreach to parents and families. More information will be available on our website at <https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/family-life/par/>.

### ***Finance [Bill Whiston]***

- Fiscal year 2023 financial activities of the archdiocese have compared favorably to the approved budget through the first six months.
- The tuition rates for the fiscal year 2024 school year will be reviewed and approved.
- As we near the end of fiscal year 2023, the process of finalizing the parish's fiscal year 2024 budget will begin. Work with your accountant, bookkeeper, and associate director of parish finance, as needed, to finalize and submit all required budget documentation by May 31 and include parish schools and cemeteries where applicable.

### ***Hispanic Ministry [Wanda Vasquez]***

- The next meeting of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Advisory Council will be on September 20.
- Father Jesus Ledesma in collaboration with the Office of Hispanic Ministry has completed the visits of the pilgrim statue and the postulator of the cause for Juan Diego and canon of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, Monsignor Eduardo Chavez. The visits

were successful with a total of 2,000 people in attendance. Additional visits are forthcoming.

### **Marketing [Rachael Sheehan]**

- We launched *The Good Newsroom* e-newsletter in May. It will go out weekly to subscribers.
- We are continuing to develop stories about parishes and people from throughout our Archdiocese and welcome any story ideas at [thegoodnewsroom@archny.org](mailto:thegoodnewsroom@archny.org)

### **Parish Planning [Eileen Mulcahy] No Report Enclosed**

### **Respect Life [Sister Virginia Joy, sv]**

- The Bronx Witness for Life has restarted at a new location, St. Rita, with a Mass and rosary procession to two local abortion facilities in the Bronx.
- There will be a Sidewalk Advocates for Life training in the Bronx for new sidewalk counsellors in Spanish on May 20.
- The Respect Life Office will be hosting a Listening working for St. Lawrence O'Toole parish and the new volunteers associated with The Gianna House. Gianna House is a new crisis pregnancy center that has opened in Brewster. [www.giannashouse.com](http://www.giannashouse.com).

### **Safe Environment/Public Policy [Ed Mechmann]**

- Continued efforts for the return of religious education and parish rosters for safe environment. This is very important to monitor compliance.
- Visits continue to parishes by compliance consultants.
- To prepare the annual USCCB audit, please make sure that all staff are in full compliance with their background check and training.
- 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]**

Sheen Talk events:

- <https://www.sheencenter.org/events/detail/the-art-of-controversy-with-gloria-purvis>
- <https://www.sheencenter.org/events/detail/pilgrimage-to-the-art-museum>

Film Screening and Conversation:

- <https://www.sheencenter.org/events/detail/children-of-the-inquisition>

### **Special Projects and Events [Melecia Ming]**

- Currently working on the Golden Jubilee Mass and partnering with the Office of Adult Faith Formation (AFF) on the New York Catholic Bible Summit.
- Continues to work on the Eucharistic Revival in partnership with the Office of Adult Faith Formation and Marketing. The team is preparing for the National Congress and collaborating with several pastoral offices to plan an AFF led forum.

### **University Apostolate [Vinny DaSilva] No Report Enclosed**

***Vicar for Religious [Sister Joan Curtin, cnd]***

- Completed preparations for Cardinal Dolan's Celebration of Consecrated Life with Sisters/Brother who work for/at Catholic Center Offices. Also preparing for the Jubilee Celebration of Sisters/Brothers at St Patrick's Cathedral on June 18.
- Meeting with Sister Rafqa and the Sisters of the Monastery of Bethlehem in Livingston Manor.

***Young Adult Outreach [Kaitlyn Colgan]***

- Upcoming events include Love & Responsibility summer series kickoff with Cardinal Dolan, baseball and movie nights, Corpus Christi 40 Hour Devotion, and Archdiocesan leaders' meeting.
- Ongoing efforts include planning multi-regional leaders' retreat, participating on various Archdiocesan committees and initiatives, including East Coast Eucharistic Procession planning, and relaunching Manhattan homeless outreach.

***Youth Faith Formation [Ela Milewska]***

- We are so grateful for the support of the many priests that came out to hear confessions of the young people at NY Catholic Youth Day and the Middle School Youth Rally. Between the two events, we had over 2000 people in attendance! As summer approaches, we will be working with multiple parishes in redesigning their approaches to parish faith formation, rebuilding our archdiocesan youth leadership team, and planning events for the fall.

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