



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

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Administration [Frank Napolitano]

- The Pension Office is coordinating presentations for all priests on the 403(b) plans and investment information for August and September. In addition, David J. Lynch, vice president at Mutual of America, who is the dedicated representative for priests, is available for questions at 516.279.8132 or David.Lynch@mutualofamerica.com.
- To protect the archdiocese from certain liabilities, all outside groups using or renting parish facilities must execute a Facility Usage agreement and provide a certificate of insurance naming the covered location, the Archdiocese of New York, and the Archbishop of New York as additional insureds. In addition, Special Events Liability insurance should be purchased when an Archdiocesan facility is allowing an individual or organization to use its facilities for a non-sponsored activity, such as a christening party, bridal shower, wedding reception, etc. This provides \$1,000,000 in liability insurance for bodily injury and property damage for the special event user, the parish and the archdiocese. If a parish event includes the sale of liquor (admission fee, drink fee) to invitees or the public, a Special Event liability policy with liquor liability coverage and a state liquor permit must be secured. The current cost for Special Events insurance is \$100 per event (without liquor liability coverage) and \$175 (with liquor liability coverage and additional state permit cost of \$36). Risk management information is available to guide the parish when allowing outside organizations to use the facilities. Topics include liquor liability control, security and food handling. Contact Catholic Mutual Group (CMG) at wspellman@catholicmutual.org or 646-794-3025, or the Risk Management and Insurance Division at louise.zacher@archny.org or 646-794-2969.
- There are currently 45 capital project RFAs pending approval with a total value of \$19.5 million. 20 new project submissions were received in June. The new project submissions primarily related to boiler work, roof repairs, and façade repairs at both church and school building locations.
- In fiscal 2023, a total of 116 capital project RFAs have been approved with a combined work value of \$44.2 million.

Adult Faith Formation [Elizabeth Guevara de Gonzalez]

- The line-up is secured for Man Up NY and promotion is underway.
- Registration for Formation day to open this August.
- ChristLife to be hosted at parishes throughout the archdiocese this fall.

ArchCare [Father John Anderson, iv dei]

- ArchCare's Chaplaincy Apostolate supports Catholic health care chaplaincy at all hospitals and many nursing homes throughout the Archdiocese. For help in accessing

hospitals or arranging spiritual care for a patient, contact John Schultz, Director Health Care Chaplaincy Apostolate at (646) 942-0640 or jschultz@archcare.org.

- Bringing resources such as various health screenings to your parish community based on parish/neighborhood need.
- Developing resources for parish-based volunteers to serve homebound and other isolated parishioners.
- Bolstering current parish ministries including food pantry, services to new immigrants and especially outreach to elderly members.
- Contact Michael Guglielmo Director of Parish Integration for additional information; mguglielmo@archcare.org or 646-229-7413.

Archives [Kate Feighery]

- A new employee in the office, Denise Bergeron, started at the Archives on July 5. She will be responsible for managing and maintain the priest personnel database.
- The records from the schools closed at the end of June will be transitioned to the archives throughout the month of July. Once the records arrive, they will be sorted and organized to allow former students and employees to access what they need.
- The sacramental record digitization project is ongoing; we are continuing with the records of the other churches held at Transfiguration, as well as St. Cecilia/Holy Agony, Manhattan. The archives has launched an online portal 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]

- OBM is preparing for the upcoming National Black Catholic Congress (in National Harbor, MD), with a “delegation” of 35 persons from the archdiocese (including a number of our college student-leaders), and two workshops being conducted by members of our archdiocesan delegation. The theme for Congress is “Write the Vision, A Prophetic Call to Thrive.”
- Also, during this month of July, the African National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Washington, DC, with African members of our archdiocesan congregation in attendance. For one evening, there will be a Unity Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.
- Some Pierre Toussaint Scholars and Mother Cabrini Scholars will be participating in a special pilgrimage and service project to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes and then to World Youth Day, in Portugal.

Development [Kelvin Gentles and Kathleen McGowan]

- As of July 5, the 2023 *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* has raised \$18,337,100 in commitments and \$16,051,889 in cash through 39,666 donors.
- The *St. Joseph's Seminary* summer appeal letter from Auxiliary Bishop and Rector, Bishop James Massa, was mailed last month, and we are receiving gifts while also following up with past donors.
- The *Saint Patrick's Cathedral Landmark Restoration* continues to support preservation in this next phase of operation including the restoration of the organ, a garden reception area, and the enclosure of the entrance area.

- The *Saint John Vianney Clergy Residence* spring appeal was mailed in June. Tours continue to be planned and naming opportunities offered. Plans are underway for a Mass and celebration of the *Residence's* 20th Anniversary on September 7.
- *The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation* has raised \$2.25 million and sold 26 tables for the October 19 dinner. Contact Kate McGowan, Executive Director of the Al Smith Foundation at 646-794-2294 or kathleen.mcgowan@archny.org.

Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue [Father Ryan Muldoon]

- Father Ryan Muldoon will begin as the director of the office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue while serving as parochial vicar of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and while in doctoral studies.
- Met with representatives from the Combat Antisemitism Movement to discuss the troubling rise in antisemitism and religious intolerance of all forms.
- Participated in the Emerging Leadership Conference in Oxford, England, which is organized every two years by the Holy See's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews and the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations.

Education [Michael Deegan]

- As the superintendent's office anticipates the arrival of the graphic novel on the history of the archdiocese, the office of Catholic identity will be creating introductory materials for the book as well as lesson plans for use in the Catholic schools.
- The office of school personnel is working with the schools to find jobs for the 34 remaining teachers affected by the school closings. Contractually, the schools have hired 33 tenured teachers. The remaining teachers must be hired before others from outside the archdiocese. Twenty-five non-tenured teachers have been hired, with 82 remaining to be hired, and at least 75 teacher assistants, administrative assistants, and custodians.
- The office of communications is currently focusing on Scholas NY media coverage for Scholas Immersion Week, aiming to promote and highlight the immersive educational activities organized by Scholas in New York through concise and engaging media coverage.

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

- Father Brian will continue as the director of Ethnic Apostolates, Lay Ecclesial Movements and Community Outreach.
- Providing services to the Filipino community which is widely represented throughout the archdiocese and will be welcoming in the Fall a meeting of priests ministering to the people throughout the US.

Family Life [Ted Musco]

- New married couples evangelization coordinator is Kayla Beiter. Her email is Kayla.Beiter@archny.org and telephone number is 646-794-3183. Kayla is currently assisting with marriage preparation duties as well as marriage enrichment responsibilities. Welcome also Carmen Luis, new office of family life associate. Her email address is Carmen.Luis@archny.org and telephone number is 646-794-3185. Carmen will assist Mr. Musco and the staff with the general administrative duties.

Finance [Bill Whiston]

- Financial reports are being prepared for the annual corporate meetings, which will be handled via unanimous written consent in lieu of meeting.
- Finance office is working together with Good Newsroom to publish the FY2022 annual Financial Services Report this summer.
- The summer mailing typically raises approximately \$100,000 for the seminary during a time when cash receipts from tuition and or other sources is slow.

Hispanic Ministry [Wanda Vasquez]

- The next meeting of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Advisory Council will be on September 20.

Marketing [Rachael Sheehan]

- The Catholic Media Association announced the 2023 award winners for the 2022 calendar year. *The Good Newsroom* was recognized with second place in the category of Best Multimedia Package Series for Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Juan Diego Image Enthronement and Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.
- Engagement with our platforms continues to increase. *The Good Newsroom* app has been downloaded over 8,800 times, and we have received over 2,600 emails for our e-newsletter.
- 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. June 2023**Respect Life [Sister Virginia Joy, sv]**

- Has recruited some local college student interns who have volunteered to assist in the updating of the Respect Life Curriculum for the 2023-2024 school year, expanding it and creating some new content over the summer. New branding and promotional materials are also being worked on with the Marketing Department.
- Planning for the Fall: high school Pro-Life Leadership Day on October 5 and the Feminine Genius Brunch in November.
- The 40 Days for Life Campaign in Manhattan has been extended to a "365" campaign. This campaign is based at ParkMed abortion clinic on Second Avenue.

Safe Environment/Public Policy [Ed Mechmann] [No Report Enclosed]**Sheen Center [MaryLou Pagano] [No Report Enclosed]****Special Projects and Events [Melecia Ming]**

- In collaboration with the Office of Young Adult Outreach, the team is preparing the pilgrims for departure to World Youth Day (WYD)--a member of the SP&E team will also attend WYD to participate and support our Archdiocesan pilgrims.
- Guardian Mass—hosted by His Eminence, at Saints Patrick's Cathedral on Monday, October 2. The Mass honors women and men of New York City law enforcement agencies and the Fire Department of New York-- for their service. In collaboration with the Office

of Adult Faith Formation and the other pastoral offices, the team is working on the Eucharistic Revival Formation Day slated for November 11.

Vicar for Religious [Sister Joan Curtin, cnd]

- Sr. Joan will be meeting with the newly elected members of the ACWR Advisory Council to plan the Fall conference for Major Superiors and their Councils.
- Sr. Joan will be involved in continued planning for the November 11th Archdiocesan Convocation to be held at Fordham University, part of the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Revival.
- Sr. Joan & her Associate Sr Teresita Morse, RJM will begin the initial planning for the Advent and Lenten series for Sisters/Brothers throughout the Archdiocese.

Young Adult Outreach [Pjetër Nilaj]

- Upcoming events include Love & Responsibility eight-week summer speaker and musician series, World Youth Day final info session, “Luz en las Tinieblas” Hispanic young adult event and Defending the Faith conference.
- Ongoing efforts include supporting the Catholic Finance Association, new Higher Serve tennis club and planning for Beauty Ever Ancient arts conference.

Youth Faith Formation [Ela Milewska]

- The Department team has been working with multiple parishes to evaluate and grow their parish faith formation efforts. A cohort of youth ministry coordinators from Putnam/Dutchess/Upper Westchester is engaged in a pilot of “First Things”—an orientation to youth ministry. Regional kick-off events have been scheduled in August and September for parish leadership in baptismal preparation, religious education, youth ministry, and scouting.

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