



## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

### ***CURIA REPORTS ~~ OCTOBER 2023***

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

- The archdiocesan insurance program provides workers compensation coverage for parish employees through the New York State Insurance Fund (NYSIF). The coverage is mandated by the New York State Workers' Compensation Board and pays benefits to workers who are injured or become disabled because of their job.
- To ensure compliance with workers' compensation law and avoid potential penalties, all parish locations covered under the archdiocesan insurance program need to request a NYS Workers' Compensation Notice of Compliance Poster by emailing the parish name and full address to [certrequest@bradyrisk.com](mailto:certrequest@bradyrisk.com).
- The Notice of Compliance Poster is required to be posted conspicuously in a common area at your location where accessible to employees.
- If you need further assistance or have any questions, please contact the Risk Management and Insurance office: Lauren Krauss at [Lauren.Krauss@archny.org](mailto:Lauren.Krauss@archny.org) or 646.794.3015.
- The Data Systems Center is available to assist any parish experiencing cyber security issues. Please contact your Associate Director or the Data Systems Center at 646-794-3380.
- There are currently 38 capital project RFAs pending approval with a total value of \$18.0 million, and an additional 8 projects on temporary hold. In September, 15 new project submissions were received. For FY2024 (September), 11 capital project RFAs have been approved with a combined work value of \$1.5 million.

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

- As part of the National Eucharistic Revival we are planning for a day of formation focused on Evangelization, Christian Initiation, and Family Life on Saturday November 11. For more information go to our website [www.archny.org/eucharisticrevival](http://www.archny.org/eucharisticrevival).
- Ongoing support of Eucharistic Revival efforts within the archdiocese. Promotion of state congress to parishes. For more information go to [nyseucharisticcongress.org](http://nyseucharisticcongress.org); [archny.org/eucharisticrevival](http://archny.org/eucharisticrevival).

#### ***ArchCare [Father John Anderson, iv dei] cf. August 2023***

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

- Overseeing the digitization of the paper files currently stored at 1011. The digitization team has accelerated the scanning of records and is currently finishing parish planning records and trustees of St. Patrick HR files. Over 200 boxes of digitized material have been moved to storage. Both the sacramental record scanning project and the document search for the CVA litigation are ongoing.
- Archives continues to be closed to outside researchers while the lawyers are working.

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

- OBM, in collaboration with GIA composer, M. Roger Holland II (also a professor of ethnomusicology at University of Denver and special consultant to OBM for liturgical music), is sponsoring a special choir workshop, featuring a new Mass setting by Mr. Holland and published by GIA Publishing to be held at St. Paul the Apostle Church, in Manhattan during the week of October 16, with Mass being celebrated on Sunday, October 23 at 5:00.
- OBM & PT Scholars are preparing for our participation (as Institutional Members of the Ignatian Solidarity Network) in the Annual Ignatian Family Teach-in for Justice in Washington, DC (in October).
- The Office of Black Ministry and the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund are preparing for the Annual PTSF Awards Dinner (to benefit the PTSP), on Monday, November 6 at which time the Pierre Toussaint Medallion will be presented by Cardinal Dolan to Mr. Vincent Rougeau, President of College of the Holy Cross (in Worcester, MA). Tickets and tables reservations are currently available through the website: [www.obmny.org](http://www.obmny.org) or through the Special Projects and Events Office.

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

- As of October 10, the 2023 *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* has raised \$20,177,692 in commitments and \$18,970,298 in cash through 42,212 donors.
- The *Saint Patrick's Cathedral Landmark Restoration* campaign continues its efforts to restore the Cathedral's organ and to complete the tented garden reception area. Both are making progress, and the event space should be open in time for the annual Christmas Concert.
- The *Saint John Vianney Clergy Residence* 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass and Reception was held on September 7, 2023. Cardinal Dolan celebrated Mass to commemorate the Cardinal O'Connor Pavilion opening its doors in 2003 as a residence for retired clergy. A joyful reception followed with donors, residents, family, and community.
- The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner is sold out with 970 guests scheduled to attend on October 19. The Keynote speaker is Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, and the Happy Warrior awardee is Rob Speyer. The dinner has raised more than \$6.4 million to date – the second highest grossing dinner in the foundation's 78 year history.

### **Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue [Father Ryan Muldoon]**

- Participated in a USCCB delegation at the Christian Churches Together Annual Forum. This year's theme was baptism as a point of both unity and division among Christians.
- In the month of October, meetings/events are planned with: St. Thomas Episcopal Church (5th Avenue); the Episcopal Diocese of New York; the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Orthodox Church; and the Rossing Center for Education and Dialogue.
- The national Jewish-Catholic dialogue with the Jewish Orthodox Union and Rabbinical Council of America is being revived after years of being dormant (it is one of three national Jewish-Catholic dialogues). Will take part in the OU-RCA dialogue, while Father Brian McWeeney continues the national dialogue with the National Council of Synagogues.

### ***Education [Sister Mary Grace Walsh, ascj]***

- The Office of Catholic Identity is currently working on professional development presentations for principals and teachers on making every classroom Catholic through revision of mission statements, exploring social justice issues, and encouraging involvement in the Eucharistic Revival.
- The Office of Communications and Public Relations will oversee media coverage preparation and assist with run-of-show coordination for the Fall School Mass and Tour at St. Theresa School to ensure a successful and well-documented event.
- The John and Daria Barry Foundation has donated an additional \$1,215,000 to the St. Philip Neri Catholic Education and Family Center to renovate four additional classrooms and create a science laboratory. Planning will begin immediately, and construction will be completed during the summer of 2024.

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

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

- Responding to many requests during this past year, the process for registering for Marriage Preparation Pre-Cana has been simplified and new brochures outlining the new procedure are available. Contact Carmen Luis, Office of Family Life Assistant [carmen.luis@archny.org](mailto:carmen.luis@archny.org) or 646-794-3181 for additional printed copies of the brochure. You should discard any old versions of the booklet *Preparation Programs for Catholic Marriage* which is no longer in use.
- First Annual Family Life Leaders Recognition Gathering on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at St. Joseph Seminary from 4:00 to 7:00. This Mass, celebrated by Bishop Bonnici, awards presentation, and refreshments will recognize parish family life leaders (clergy and laity) who demonstrate a focus on responding to concrete realities of family life. In the USCCB document *Called to the Joy of Love*, the bishops remind us that we need to recognize and encourage men and women of faith called to “...reach out and heal wounds in all families...” Pastors and administrators are asked to consider nominating one or more volunteers or staff from the parish to receive this recognition. More information and a nomination form will be shared in the November Collaborative Mailing. If you have any questions, please contact Ted Musco at [Theodore.Musco@archny.org](mailto:Theodore.Musco@archny.org) or 646-794-3186.
- Continues to identify family life leaders in the parishes of the archdiocese. This information will help us to convey to a particular person or couple (in addition to the pastor/administrator) the initiatives and events that are available for all families, thereby assisting the pastor or administrator in the ministries associated with Catholic family life.

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

- The year-end preparation of the financial statements and audit deliverables continues as KPMG has begun interim testing relating to the audits of archdiocesan service entities for fiscal year 2023.
- The approved FY2024 budget includes significant cost reductions from the FY2023 budget in an effort to improve the archdiocese’s ongoing liquidity through additional

revenue generation activities and cost saving actions to help offset the long-term effects of the pandemic and other expenses.

- Fiscal Year 2023 ended on August 31. Parish entities are obligated to submit their financial statements for FY2023 to the archdiocese by October 31.
- 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 are opened and actively being sold for full body burial.
- Calvary and Allied cemeteries will be celebrating All Souls Day Masses at our cemeteries Thursday, November 2. Cardinal Dolan will celebrate our All Souls Day Mass at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery at 10:30.

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

- Meetings have resumed with the presidents of the Hispanic committees regarding the coordination of the Masses at Saint Patrick's Cathedral.
- Mass in honor of Our Lady of the Providence, Puerto Rico, Sunday, November 19.

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

#### ***Parish Planning [Eileen Mulcahy] cf. June 2023***

#### ***Respect Life [Sister Ann Marie Elizabeth, sv]***

- October is Respect Life Month, which includes Respect Life Sunday, Life Chains, the High School Life & Love Leadership Day, Gospel of Life Week and Curriculum and 40 Days for Life campaigns.
- Students representing high schools throughout the archdiocese will come together for a day of pro-life formation. Jannique Stewart, from Life Training Institute, will present to the students about defending pro-life views in a post-Roe America, and Bishop Byrne will celebrate the Mass.
- We will be a workshop presenter at the Forum for Catechesis and Youth Ministry on the topic of "Knowing My Value: Helping Youth Discover Meaning and Value in their Lives" and we will speak at the Diaconate Day of Continuing Formation about the Walking with Moms in Need initiative.

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

#### ***Sheen Center [MaryLou Pagano]***

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

- Partnering with the Office of Black Ministry to plan its annual Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund Awards Dinner. The event will take place on Monday, November 6 at Guastavino's. Additionally, the team is working with several pastoral offices to plan a Eucharistic Formation Day. The event is slated for Saturday, November 11 and will be held at Fordham University.

- Collaborating with the Respect Life Office to plan its annual Feminine Genius Brunch on Saturday, November 18 at Nicotra's Ballroom in Staten Island.

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

- Will be meeting with individual Sisters from different congregations to assist them with particular issues.
- Will attend the annual 3-day Eastern Regional Conference for Vicars for Religious that will be held at Villa Paulina Spirituality Center in Mendham, NY Oct24-26.
- Will meet with the women who continue discerning a religious vocation. They have recently begun to rent space in the Aquinas Convent, Bronx. There will be a Holy Hour followed by dinner and a meeting.

***Young Adult Outreach [Pjetër Nilaj]***

- Continuing to invite young adults on pilgrimage to the NYS Eucharistic Congress, and to the Holy Land in January 2024. Plans for regional leaders' retreats for 2024 are coming together.
- A concerted effort is being placed on providing support for upper counties leaders and helping to grow young adult communities there.
- Preparing to launch an updated website on the archdiocese homepage.

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

- Please ask your DRE and/or Youth Ministry Coordinator to complete the annual faith formation report that we submit to His Eminence. This October we will be hosting the two Forums for Catechesis and Youth Ministry. The Forum at Spellman High School will have two keynote speakers: Deacon Art Miller and Bishop Joseph Espailat. The keynote speaker at the Monroe Forum will be Julianne Stanz.

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