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Administration [Frank Napolitano]

- Retired priests have supplemental coverage through the Hartford therefore, there is no need to enroll in Medicare Advantage or Medicare Part D plans (prescription coverage).
- Even though we have prescription coverage through CVS, we do not have a vaccine contract with CVS. Therefore, you should not schedule appointments with CVS for any vaccines. If for some reason the pharmacy does charge you, please submit the receipts to Mary Collins for reimbursement at Mary.Collins@archny.org
- The Parish Training department is working with parishes to complete the fiscal year end closing procedures. Call Gary Worth at 862-368-0369.
- There are currently 35 capital project RFAs pending approval with a total value of \$17.2 million, and an additional 8 projects on temporary hold.
- ICS has partnered with Charter Linkz which is a national bus charter rental company based in New York and New Jersey. For more information go to <https://nyics.org/charter-a-bus>.

Adult Faith Formation [Elizabeth Guevara de Gonzalez]

- Partnering with the Dominican friars to hold an Advent day of prayer at St. Vincent Ferrer called *Keep Watch* on Saturday, December 16 from 10:00 to 5:00.
- Developing additional faith formation classes with Fr. Jesus Ledesma from Our Lady of Guadalupe for our Father Felix Varela Institute graduates.

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

Archives [Kate Feighery]

Black Ministry [Brother Tyrone Davis, cfc]

- OBM, in collaboration with the Diocese of Brooklyn, is sponsoring our Annual Black CATHOLIC History Month Mass on Saturday, November 18th, at the Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, with Fr. Levelt Germain as the Celebrant and young adult praise & worship team leading the music ministry...any priest ministering in the Archdiocese is welcome to celebrate.
- Applications should be available at the end of November (after Thanksgiving) for the Pierre Toussaint Scholars Program and the PT-Mother Cabrini Scholars Program (for students interested in studying in an area of healthcare or social work, they should be available online, through the local pastors, and through the various Catholic high schools or by contacting our office.
- Looking ahead, the PT Scholars will be gathering for their mandatory Winter Workshop during their Christmas Break...and the date for the Annual Black History Month Mass is Sunday, February 4th (the customary 1st Sunday of February).

Development [Kelvin Gentles and Kathleen McGowan]

- As of November 2, 2023, the 2023 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal has raised \$20,601,152 in commitments and \$19,543,355 in cash through 42,911 donors.
- St. Joseph's Seminary has thus far sold 252 tickets to the annual Advent & Christmas Concert and Reception featuring the Schola Choir on December 2 and December 3. There are 60 sold

for Dec 2 and 192 sold for Dec 3, and there are 3 levels for ticket prices: \$35 for General Admission, \$20 for kids 12 and under, and \$100 for VIP seats. Journal ads and a 50/50 drawing will help supplement the costs of the concert. A winter appeal mailing will also be delivered in November.

- 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.
- His Eminence and the Board of Directors hosted more than 900 guests at The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner on October 19, 2023. Guests enjoyed remarks by Keynote Speaker Dr. Henry A. Kissinger and Happy Warrior Rob Speyer. The Dinner raised more than \$7.1 million to date. Save the date for the Presidential Dinner scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2024.

Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue [Father Ryan Muldoon]

- In light of the October 7th terrorist attack, the Office has been present at various moments of prayer for peace in Israel and Palestine.
- In the month of November, meetings/events are planned with: Catholic University of America class on Jewish-Catholic dialogue; Peace Islands of New York; the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church; and the USCCB-Orthodox Union national dialogue. There will be a gathering of Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, and Catholic leaders to mark the Feast of Saint Andrew.
- For planning purposes, please be aware that the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18-25, 2024. A resource page will be included in the December Combined Mailing.

Education [Sister Mary Grace Walsh, ascj]

- The Office of Early Childhood is working with programs to shift the mindset about family involvement to both extend the learning at home by offering both in-person and virtual workshops and to increase the inclusion of families in the life and culture of the school. In programs where this occurred over the past two years, there has been a significant increase in kindergarten enrollment.
- The Office of Communications and Public Relations plans to support our schools and the Enrollment Office in promoting Discover Catholic Schools Week and the upcoming annual #ArchGiving social media campaign, aiming to highlight the unique values and charitable causes within our Catholic school community.

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

- The Office of Ecclesial Ministries in its meetings are reflecting with its members on the results on the first half of the Synod. It will be the centerpiece of the Annual Lenten Day of Retreat.
- With emphasis on community involvement the Office of Community Outreach attended various discussions and services around the tragic events in the Holy Land.
- The Office of Ethnic Apostolates continues supporting various efforts of the Filipino and Korean communities. Additionally, with the Office of Hispanic Ministry, we are seeking ways in which we will recognize in the Archdiocese the National Plan for Hispanic Ministry of the NCCB.

Family Life [Ted Musco]

- Safe Haven Sunday on February 24-25, 2024. This weekend of awareness will provide resources for your parish families to have the confidence with how to talk to their children about internet dangers, as well as their personal online and offline choices. A complete packet of information will be sent to your parish soon. See Parish Implementation Guide at <https://www.covenanteyes.com/safe-haven-sunday/catholic-resources/>. Contact Meaghan at Meaghan.Quirk@archny.org.

- Spanish versions of the Preparing for Catholic Marriage brochures are now available. Contact Carmen at Carmen.Luis@archny.org or 646-794-3181.
- Marriage Catechumenate Introduction Sessions on January 10, 2024, at the Cardinal Cooke Center from 3:00 – 4:30 pm and on January 17, 2024, at St. Joseph Seminary from 7:00-8:30 pm. In addition, we will offer a Zoom session from 10:30 am to noon on January 24, 2024. To register, email Alessandra.Carino@archny.org by January 5, 2024, or call 646-794-3168.

Finance [Bill Whiston]

- The St. Philip Neri Catholic Education and Family Center recently received a donation from the Barry Foundation of \$1,215,000 for a new science lab and renovations of up to four classrooms.
- The GRSS received \$1.3M from New York State for STEM and Mandated Services for September.

Good News Room [Rachael Sheehan]

- If you would like to sign up for The Good Newsroom e-newsletter, visit thegoodnewsroom.org/connect

Hispanic Ministry [Wanda Vasquez]

- *Hora Catolica* (Catholic Hour) a weekly live radio broadcast aired on Radio WADO from 8:00 to 9:00 every Sunday morning has a new host, Deacon Rafael Taveras of the parish of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. The radio broadcast is managed by Hispanic Ministry, and it is a wonderful way to promote activities, events, and a source of evangelization. Soon to come: Recent Portable People Meters (Nielsen Meters) will be shared from the Univision Network to gauge listenership.

Parish Planning [Eileen Mulcahy]

Respect Life [Sister Ann Marie Elizabeth, sv]

- We will be especially encouraging the women to become involved with the *Walking with Moms in Need* initiative and the Staten Island pregnancy centers.
- We will be giving a listening workshop to members of the NYC Catholic Medical Association at their meeting on November 2.
- We will be giving a talk on the Eucharist and the sanctity of life, and hosting a booth at this conference held at St. Stephen the First Martyr parish in Warwick on November 11.

Safe Environment/Public Policy [Ed Mechmann]

- Fall 2023 rosters have been sent to schools, religious education programs, and CYO programs. Pastors are asked to please speak with the responsible people to make sure they return their rosters on time.
- Pastors are also asked to ensure that all persons whose job duties involve contact with minors are in full compliance – have had a background check and the necessary training.
- Legislation to legalize assisted suicide will again be advanced in the next legislative session beginning in January.
- We are available to give presentations in the parishes on end-of-life decision-making and on the dangers of legalized assisted suicide.
- Materials regarding assisted suicide are available on our Office website: <https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/public-policy/key-issues/>.

Sheen Center [MaryLou Pagano]

Special Projects and Events [Melecia Ming]

- Partnering with the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal team on several upcoming events including a Donor Mass of Thanksgiving slated for Sunday, December 3 at Saint Patrick's Cathedral followed by a stewardship and cultivation reception at the University Club.
- Working with the chancery to plan the Christmas Mass and staff events taking place at the Catholic Center on Tuesday, December 19.

Vicar for Religious [Sister Joan Curtin, cnd]

- Will be visiting with the Graymoor Sisters in early November to assist them in their concerns for their aging and sick sisters.
- On November 6, will participate in the Fall Conference sponsored by ACWR. It will take place at Mariandale in Ossining. The first part of the meeting will be preparing Care Packages for Refugees. The second part will feature Father James Martin, SJ via zoom speaking about the recent Synod session in Rome.
- On November 11, Sr. Joan and Sr. Teresita will offer a special track for Consecrated Women and Men as part of the Eucharistic Revival Formation Day of the archdiocese being held at Fordham University.

Young Adult Outreach [Pjetër Nilaj]

- Looking forward to our annual Young Adult Mass with Cardinal Dolan and the return of the Hispanic Christmas Party.
- We are excited to be supporting new, emerging young adult groups in the Bronx, Ossining, Montgomery, Brewster, and two on Staten Island.
- The office will be rehiring the Region 2 Program Leader position, which will include a focus on social media outreach.

Youth Faith Formation [Ela Milewska]

- Will be sponsoring a Baptism Ministry Assembly on December 2, 2023, at the Aquinas Center in New Rochelle to explore ways to recruit teams and build a model that prepares parents for the sacrament and not just the ceremony.
- The Archdiocesan Committee for Catholic Scouting is available to train your leaders in offering Catholic religious recognition medals. Please contact our department for assistance.
- New York Catholic Youth Days are April 27, 2024, for High School Youth and April 28, 2024, for Middle School Youth.

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