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August 2024 Bulletin  
**EVENTS AND INITIATIVES**



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the end of summer approaches, we find ourselves in a season of transition. The familiar rhythm of back-to-school shopping, new routines, and fresh beginning fills our schedules with a mix of excitement and anticipation. For parents, this time can be both joyous and challenging as they prepare to send their children out into the world.

As we focus on these changes within our families, I encourage you to turn to prayer as a source of comfort and strength. Several years ago, I discovered a beautiful prayer by Diana Macalintal that is particularly fitting for this time of year. It is a prayer for parents as they watch their children leave home, and I believe it will resonate with many of you.

***PARENT’S PRAYER WHEN CHILDREN ARE LEAVING HOME***

*Gracious God, you blessed me with the gift of my child and entrusted me with his care. Surround her with good people and watch over her each day. And let him know that I will always be near whenever he needs me. Heal any hurts we may harbor with each other and forgive our failings as we learn to be in a new kind of relationship with each other. And when the sight of her empty room pierces my heart with sadness, may I find comfort in knowing that my child is your child, too, filled with your grace and sheltered by your love.  
AMEN*

**Here** is a back-to-school gift for you. A digital prayer card of this prayer. May God bless our students as they begin this new academic year, and may He provide comfort and wisdom to parents navigating this transition.

Reverend Monsignor Joseph P. LaMorte, VG  
*Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia*

# EVENTS

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Click items below for more information on each event and ministry office.



## [Hispanic Liturgies 2025](#)

Office of Hispanic Ministry

**MULTIPLE DATES**

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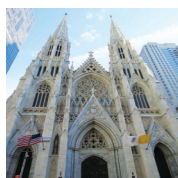


## [Hispanic Liturgies Fall 2024](#)

Office of Hispanic Ministry

**MULTIPLE DAYS**

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## [Monthly Young Adult Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral](#)

Office of Young Adult Outreach

**WEDNESDAYS, SEPT. 4, OCT. 2, NOV. 6, DEC. 4**

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## [Young Adult Barbecue with Bishop Bonnici](#)

Office of Young Adult Outreach

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

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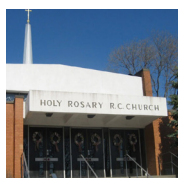


## [Rockland / Orange / Sullivan / Ulster Fall Kickoff for Parish Youth Faith Formation Leaders](#)

Office of Youth Faith Formation

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

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## [Bronx Fall Kickoff for Parish Youth Faith Formation Leaders](#)

Office of Youth Faith Formation

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

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## [Introduction to Jubilee 2025 and Family Life](#)

Office of Family Life

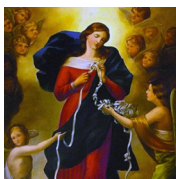
**SEPTEMBER 24, OCTOBER 2-3**

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## **Marian Devotion for Hope and Healing: A Celebration to Honor Our Lady Undoer of Knots**

Office of Family Life

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**

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## **Hispanic Heritage Month Mass and Social**

Office of Family Life

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**

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## **Cumbre Bíblica Católica de Nueva York**

Office of Adult Faith Formation

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

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## **Archdiocesan Forum on the Catechumenate**

Office of Adult Faith Formation

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

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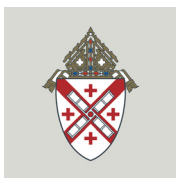


## **Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund Awards Dinner**

Office of Black Ministry

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

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## **TACHS: Catholic High School Entrance Exam**

Department of Education

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

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## **Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of Life**

Office of Respect Life

**FEBRUARY 20–25, 2025**

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Visit the [Sheen Center website](#) for information about upcoming events designed to engage dialogue and bring families together.

Upcoming events include:

**AUGUST 20, 22, 24 | SEPTEMBER 27**

Candlelight Concerts

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 23**

Jihye Lee Orchestra: Infinite Connections

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28**

Mists and Marvels: Curated by Kevork Mourad

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

The Guests

**WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 18, OCTOBER 30**

Glimpses with Matt Williams

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

Nameshida Onikenbai: Demon Sword Dance

# INITIATIVES

Building Momentum Together

## Office of Adult Faith Formation

### Adult Faith Formation Offers for Pastors

The Office of Adult Faith Formation offers programs that support the faith formation and enrichment of adults at all stages of their faith journey. We are here to serve our pastors and their parishes.

[View flyer](#)[More info](#)

### Encounter School of Ministry

Drawing from the richness of our Catholic heritage, the Encounter School of Ministry is a 2-year discipleship program for adults 18+ that seeks to teach, equip and activate disciples to demonstrate the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit in their sphere of influence. More information and to register go to [encounterschool.org/nyc](https://encounterschool.org/nyc).

[View flyer](#)[View Cardinal Dolan's letter](#)

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## Office of Family Life

### Pastoral Strategic Plan and Mission Update

The Office of Family Life is pleased to present this year's Mission Update and a Pastoral Strategic Plan meant to assist families and parishes grow in their understanding and appreciation of strong Catholic and married life. Our identified initiatives provide opportunities to build upon the four foundations of Catholic family life: Relationship with Christ, Family Formation, Accompaniment, and Advocacy. Please share this information as widely as possible and contact Mr. Musco at 646-794-3186 or [Theodore.Musco@archny.org](mailto:Theodore.Musco@archny.org) for further information.

[View Mission Update brochure](#)[View Pastoral Strategic Plan booklet](#)

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## Prayer Cards

[Click here](#) to download digital prayer cards created by the Archdiocese of New York to nourish your spiritual life, with new cards uploaded monthly.

# INITIATIVES (cont.)

Building Momentum Together

## Office of Public Policy

### Oppose the “Equal Rights Amendment”

In November, New Yorkers will be asked to vote on an “Equal Rights Amendment” to our state constitution, appearing on ballots as “Proposition One.” Despite this measure’s good intentions, it creates significant threats to human life, families, and religious freedom. The bishops of New York are urging Catholics to educate themselves and vote against this dangerous amendment. The Equal Rights Amendment would: 1) enshrine a right to abortion up until birth in the New York State Constitution; 2) allow children to make life-altering medical decisions without parental consent; 3) loosen age-appropriate restrictions; 4) endanger religious liberty. For more information, please refer to the following flyers and visit: [tinyurl.com/oppose-ERA](https://tinyurl.com/oppose-ERA).

[View flyers in English](#)

[View flyers in Spanish](#)

## Office of Respect Life

### Walking with Moms in Need – Parish Action Guide

The Office of Respect Life has created a Parish Action Guide to support parish communities in the process of participating in Walking with Moms in Need and implementing creative parish responses to meet the needs of local pregnant and parenting mothers. We invite you to utilize this Parish Action Guide to connect mothers with supportive people and resources in your area! Visit [walkingwithmoms.com](https://walkingwithmoms.com) for more information and resources, and contact Sr. Anne Marie Elizabeth, SV at [sr.anne.marie@archny.org](mailto:sr.anne.marie@archny.org) with any questions or if you would like to be involved.

[View Action Guide](#)

[More info](#)

### 40 Days for Life

This life-saving prayer campaign is taking place at nine locations throughout the Archdiocese from September 25 through November 3. It consists of forty days of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil at abortion facilities. For more information and to sign up to participate, visit [archny.org/respect-life/get-involved/40-days-for-life](https://archny.org/respect-life/get-involved/40-days-for-life).

## Culture Project Missionaries

The Culture Project is an initiative of young people with the mission to restore culture through the experience of virtue. Culture Project missionaries will be available to give human dignity, sexual integrity, and social media presentations to parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of New York from October 7 – 11, 2024. Parishes and schools that are interested in these presentations can reach out to [schedule@thecultureproject.org](mailto:schedule@thecultureproject.org), or can submit a presentation request through their website ([thecultureproject.org/plan](https://thecultureproject.org/plan)). The presentations will be FREE, since this will be the start of a new year and the missionaries will have been recently trained. This is a great opportunity to bring the truths about life and love to the youth!

[View presentation descriptions](#)

# INITIATIVES (cont.)

*Building Momentum Together*

## *Gospel of Life Week and Curriculum*

During Gospel of Life Week, October 21 – 25, students at Archdiocesan schools will learn about topics that uphold the dignity of the human person. The Gospel of Life Curriculum includes creative, engaging, and free resources about the life issues for every age level. It is designed for teachers, DREs and catechists and can be accessed on the Respect Life Office [website](#).

[View flyer](#)

## *Respect Life Month*

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October (October 6, 2024) is designated as Respect Life Sunday. To support these annual observances, the USCCB provides materials to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it. For ideas on how to celebrate in your parish, please refer to the following Respect Life Month Action Guides.

[View Action Guide in English](#)

[View Action Guide in Spanish](#)

[More info](#)

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## *St. Joseph's Seminary and College*

### *St. Joseph's Seminary Fall Registration is Open*

St. Joseph's Seminary and College Fall Registration is now open. MA in Theology and Certificate Programs are available to qualified lay men and women, clergy, and consecrated religious. Classes are both online and in person. Generous tuitions discounts are available. Classes begin Tuesday, September 3!

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[More info](#)

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## *Office of Youth Faith Formation*

### *2024 Catechetical Sunday*

Every year thousands of men and women throughout the Archdiocese of New York offer their time and their hearts to help children, youth, adults and families to draw them closer to Christ and his Church as catechists! This Catechetical Sunday is the perfect day to publically recognize and honor all your parish catechists from early childhood to religious education to youth ministry to the OCIA. Please take a moment on Sunday, September 15 to say a prayer of gratitude for them.

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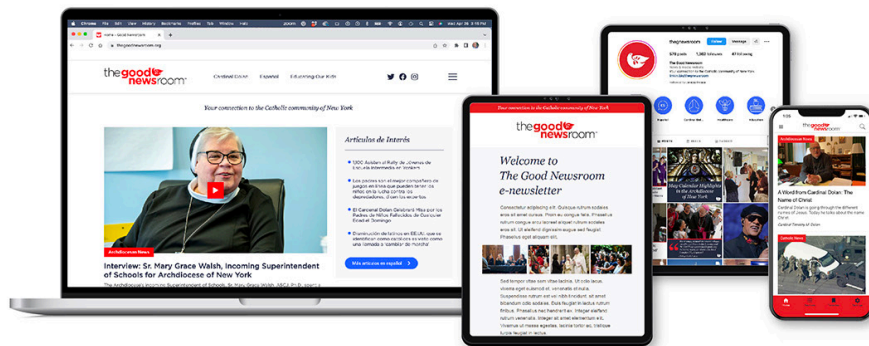


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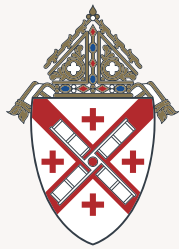
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