



# ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

## ***CURIA REPORTS***

***JUNE 2022*** [ix.7]

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

- We have had more than 4,000 participants in our in-person sessions. Our Catholic Schools, Religious Education programs, and Catholic Charities including our Obreros Unidos, the Life Experience and Faith Sharing Association, and migrant farm workers took part in our synodal process.
- One hundred and eighteen active members of our ecclesial movements also participated in a synodal listening session as part of their Day of Reflection of Ecclesial Movements. ArchCare held sessions at many of their facilities, including PACE Harlem, St. John Vianney Clergy Residence, Cabrini Nursing Home, as well as several Zoom meetings for ArchCare Community members and Care members unable to attend a session in person.
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### **ArchCare [Father John Anderson, iv dei]**

- To learn more about how your parish can partner with ArchCare to provide health services or access community health-related resources, contact Michael Guglielmo, director of parish integration at [mguglielmo@archcare.org](mailto:mguglielmo@archcare.org) or (646) 229-7413.
- For Catholic chaplaincy coverage/access issues to hospitals and nursing homes, contact John Schultz, director of health care chaplaincy apostolate at [jschultz@archcare.org](mailto:jschultz@archcare.org) or (646) 942-0640.

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

- Document review for the CVA cases by legal counsel continues; the bulk of the review by parish and school counsel has been completed at this point.
- The sacramental record digitization project is ongoing.

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

- A major focus in recent weeks has been the Pierre Toussaint Scholars Program (with approximately 85 college student-leaders), finalizing the selection of 15 new scholars (college-bound student-leaders, coming from 13 different archdiocesan parishes, from Staten Island to Peekskill), 9 of whom have been identified for a new initiative for young people studying and preparing for careers in healthcare and social work (with the Pierre Toussaint-Mother Cabrini Scholars Program).

- OBM has been collaborating with other ministries and community organizations in supporting the cause of mental health and wellness, with and through local parish ministries.
- Prayer line ministry continues to thrive, with prayer activity 5 days a week.

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

- As of May 19, the 2022, the CASA has raised \$15,423,277 in pledges and \$13,050,445 in cash through 36,825 pledges and 33,939 donors. 240 parishes will be sending a second pastor follow-up letter, scheduled to hit homes by early June.
- *Renew + Rebuild* has received \$167,520,819 in payments, which is 74% of what has been pledged. Focus is on the 7,570 donors who have activated their commitment with a cash payment but have fallen behind on regular payments. These donors account for \$31.5 million in pledges, of which \$20.5 million is remaining to be paid.
- St. Joseph's Seminary 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala raised \$479,400 in support of the seminary. Development is preparing the summer mailing list and letter for continued outreach to approximately 1,500 supporters and prospects.
- The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Board approved 15 grantees who will receive \$4 million in funding, with an additional \$240,700 in emergency grants to five parishes who suffered great flood damage to their schools and community areas. The 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner is scheduled for October 20, 2022, at the Park Avenue Armory. Nearly \$2 Million has been raised towards the \$4.5 million goal.
- Cardinal Dolan hosted the fifth annual *St. Patrick's Cathedral Landmark Restoration Cornerstone Mass and Dinner* with 30 guests and staff.
- St. John Vianney Clergy Residence raised an additional \$65,380, through the support of 13 donors. This includes a \$25,000 leadership gift. On May 25, the Tree of Life blessing and reception with His Eminence honored supporters and has raised \$182,000.

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

- Attended the National Workshop for Christian Unity in Anaheim, CA. The Greek Orthodox Archbishop of America addressed the gathering concerning the Ukrainian invasion by Russia (his words). His sentiments were consistent with the Consul General in New York. Both expressed gratitude for the humanitarian aid given to those suffering in a very troubled part of the world.
- Issues were explored as to Care for Creation, relationships with evangelicals, and areas where dialogue has become more difficult.
- The office as a member of the USCCB dialogue of Catholic-Jewish communities under Cardinal Gregory met in Atlanta and proceeded on a pilgrimage through the southern states of Alabama and Georgia. In the interreligious dialogue between Buddhist and Catholics provided food and blankets for the homeless of midtown Manhattan.
- The ecclesial office of ministries and movements continued reflection on the work of the annual day of prayer and discussion on the encyclicals of Pope Francis and their mandates.

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

- The office of Catholic identity reviewed artwork submitted by students as responses to synod listening sessions conducted in the schools.
- Mrs. Linda Dougherty attended the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) convention in New Orleans. She networked with professionals in similar positions and attended many rich workshops.
- Teaching and Learning partnered with OTIS for Educators to offer live and on-demand, self-paced professional development sessions to help all educators continue their learning while also earning NYS CTLE credit.
- The leadership office and the regional superintendents created a new principal evaluation tool consisting of the principal evaluation, principal self-reflection, teacher survey, and sample parent questions.
- On May 2, the superintendent released a letter informing school communities that social distancing requirements have been lifted where applicable.

### **Family Life Office [Kathy Wither]**

- Sue DiSisto, parenting and family life education specialist began a series of two common sense parenting (CSP) Zoom online courses in April, one for parents of children ages 0-6, one for parents of children ages 6-16. Sue taught five classes in April and six in May, wrapping up with two classes in June (each class is 2 hours). Portions of this series were also recorded as part of a CSP recertification process.
- Following a recent influx of parish requests for further information on bereavement support, the office reissued a printing of our bereavement guide *Blessed Are They Who Mourn* in English and Spanish through a partnership with ICS. Copies are available at a reduced cost and shipped directly to parishes as needed (<https://nyics.org/adny-bereavement-guide-blessed-are-they-who-mourn>).
- The office has begun a partnership with Dr. Greg Bottaro and his non-profit *IDD Mentorship, LLC* (an offshoot of his *CatholicPsych Institute*. IDDM = Integrated Daily Dialogic Mentorship). This is a strategic and forward-looking opportunity to bring a Catholic mentoring approach into the work that the office does, especially as we answer the USCCB's *Called to the Joy of Love Pastoral Framework* in the area of pastoral accompaniment.

### **Finance and Administration [Bill Whiston]**

- The GRSS is continuing to upload COVID-19 emergency expenditures to FEMA though an external consultant in hopes of recouping funds expended during this disaster. Almost \$22M of expenditures have been already uploaded to FEMA.
- The Data Systems Center is working on a number of security related projects for parishes, schools and the central office.
- The process of viewing electronic pay statements through Ceridian, our payroll provider, was made available to staff members.
- From April 1 through May 20, 26 new RFA submissions were received, and 24 approvals were issued. For fiscal 2022, 99 RFA approvals have been issued for capital

improvements worth \$28.2 million. There are currently 58 pending RFAs in various stages of approval valued at \$29.8 million.

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

- Bishops Peter Byrne and Joseph Espailat served as lead bishops for the 10-member archdiocesan team attending the *Roots and Wings* conference in Washington, D.C. The team was joined by three additional dioceses in New York State: Rockville Centre, Brooklyn, and Rochester.
- The priority areas of the *National Plan for Hispanic Ministry* have been selected and the team will begin to work on the plan together with the USCCB.
- The yearly Mass and reception for the council generals of Latin America will resume on December 12 at 10:00 am, when the images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego are enthroned at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The images have continued their journey to parishes and two New York State dioceses (Brooklyn and Rockville Centre).

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

- Continues to support the Synod 2021-2023 and our synodal process; and worked to develop a new initiative to highlight all the areas of the archdiocese that will include a new website and promotion of content through social media with more than 4,000 participants in our in-person sessions.
- Our Catholic schools, religious education programs, and Catholic Charities including our Obreros Unidos, the Life Experience and Faith Sharing Association, and migrant farm workers took part in our synodal process.
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### **Parish Planning [Eileen Mulcahy]**

- Meetings continue to take place throughout the archdiocese at the cluster group and parish levels to discuss potential parish mergers and collaboration among neighboring parishes. After consultation with their parish councils, trustees, and finance councils, several pastors requested that the cardinal relegate their second sites to profane but not sordid use.

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

- Launching a 5-week bulletin campaign promoting the *Walking with Moms in Need* initiative at parishes and raising awareness of the many supports available to pregnant and parenting women and to prepare for the Dobbs decision.

- Working to address the gaps in our archdiocesan support of pregnant women, especially in Westchester and the need for a pro-life community health clinic for women in the Bronx.
- Updating the curriculum for the October Respect Life week in schools which this year will focus on the topics of poverty, the death penalty, celebrating special needs, abortion, the works of mercy, as well as suicide prevention.
- Organizing and promoting presentations on end-of-life care planning in parishes.
- Promoting prayer for life with the four monthly Witness for Life events (Mass and rosary procession to abortion clinics) in different regions of the archdiocese.

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

- As parish and school activities return to normal, we are resuming our emphasis on increasing the levels of compliance by all staff with the background check and training requirements.
- Parishes and schools are urged to review their rosters online, update staff lists, and ensure that all staff are in compliance. Instructions for online rosters were sent to all parishes and religious education programs.
- Visits to parishes by our compliance consultants are resuming.
- Plans are under way to develop continuing education materials for all staff, for possible implementation in the fall.
- We are collaborating with the respect life office on responses to the upcoming supreme court decision on abortion.
- Parish information sessions have resumed on end-of-life decisions and assisted suicide.
- Young adult discussion group in Manhattan continues, addressing topics of interest on Church teaching.

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

- April 3 began a new series "From Broadway to Bleecker" with *Broad Family Favorites*. April 4 with the blessing of the Janet Hennessey Dilenschneider Gallery. Mr. and Mrs. Dilenschneider are patrons of the Sheen and long-standing supporters of the archdiocese.
- That same evening, we invited members of the Greek Orthodox Church of America to speak about the exhibit in the gallery which they generously lent us for the month. The exhibit was based on the works of Dostoyevsky.
- On April 7, Mark Wahlberg graced our stage to introduce *Father Stu* to a sold-out crowd including many friends of the archdiocese like our seminarians. Bishop Massa was on hand to introduce Mr. Wahlberg.
- On April 22 we had another From Broadway to Bleecker: *Broadway Spirit*. The theaters and studios are coming back to life more and more with our own events as well as rentals in the Frank Shiner Theater.

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

- Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass on June 5;
- Jubilee Mass and Luncheon for Religious Women and Men on June 12;
- Corpus Christi Mass and Procession on June 19 at the cathedral;

- Upcoming projects include the tenth anniversary of the Catholic Center at NYU in September, fall CASA receptions, Columbus Day Mass and breakfast, Napa Institute, World Youth Day and ManUp New York in 2023.

#### **University Apostolate [Vinny DaSilva]**

- With increased emphasis on prayer, service, and various means of Catholic study, the University Apostolate has experienced renewed growth at several campuses after two years of decreased access due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Andrew Powers (SUNY New Paltz, Dutchess Community College, Culinary Institute of America) was elected to a 3-year term on the Dutchess County Interfaith Council.
- Our NYC schools continue to be conduits of faith-filled learning, spiritual development, and a vessel for connecting young adult students to YAO events and many of our parishes, particularly in Greenwich Village, St. Paul the Apostle, St. Vincent Ferrer and our parishes near Columbia University.
- The FOCUS missionaries at NYU and Columbia have provided outreach to over 125 students through weekly bible study and discipleship,
- Several of our Catholic colleges are exploring ways to grow and connect a more defined campus ministry community within the archdiocese.

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

- Facilitated synod listening sessions for Missionary of Charity Contemplatives residing in St. Anthony's parish in Bronx and the Dominican Nuns at Corpus Christi Monastery in the Bronx.
- Represented Cardinal Dolan at the election of prioress for Corpus Christi Monastery in the Bronx and the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill.
- Participated in Cardinal Dolan's Spring Zoom meeting with the Archdiocesan Council of Women Religious (ACWR) and the topic was synodality.
- Participated in Zoom conference with two canon lawyers regarding the final preparations for the upcoming June election of new leadership for the Franciscan Handmaids of Mary.

#### **Young Adult Outreach [Colin Nykaza]**

- Events and efforts included continued support of the synod, Catholic movie nights in Manhattan and Staten Island, increased outreach efforts in Rockland County, a Divine Mercy praise and worship night, St. Pope John Paul II Tribute Mass with the Polish consulate on Divine Mercy Sunday, the visit to annual women's night on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, and a special talk and social for the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of St. John Paul II's birth.
- The office looks forward to the June 1 young adult Mass celebrated by His Eminence at St. Patrick's Cathedral, with a social to follow, and the Love and Responsibility summer speaker and music series.
- Planning continues for CatholicHV's 40 Hour Devotion in June, Beauty Ever Ancient conference, and the 2023 World Youth Day pilgrimage. Staff continues to meet with young adults one-on-one who are new to the archdiocese or looking to start new

ministries to offer personalized support. Each region continues to implement the four-category system.

**Youth Faith Formation [Ela Milewska]**

- Christina Davis will be starting as the director of youth ministry on June 1. Christina has served a diocesan director of youth ministry for five years and in parish youth ministry for fifteen years.
- On May 1, approximately sixty young men and women in scouting received their religious recognition awards at St. Patrick's Cathedral.
- His Eminence confirmed young people with special developmental needs on May 22nd also at the cathedral.

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