



# ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

## ***CURIA REPORTS*** ***AUGUST 2022 [ix.8]***

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

- The benefits office is scheduling the annual flu shot program and wellness fair in October at the Catholic Center and the seminary.
- Priests not attending the flu shot program may go to their physician or one of UHC participating pharmacies. CVS/Caremark will not be administering the flu shot vaccine to our population.
- With the approaching late summer/early fall season, the potential for hurricanes and tropical storms is heightened. Follow all local and state emergency advisories. For parishes in low-lying or flood-prone areas, evacuating may be recommended based on the severity of the storm. It is very important that all emergency warnings are taken very seriously.
- Moving forward with a rooftop solar systems at St. Joseph-St. Thomas, Staten Island and St. Patrick, Verplank. Investigating potential solar systems at St. Charles (Staten Island).
- Moving forward with LED upgrade at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton, Shrub Oak. Proposal signed.
- The project to implement a clergy data base within the Infor (Lawson) Human Resources system is now in the user-acceptance testing phase.
- There are currently 42 RFAs pending approval with a total value of \$25 million, of which 28, or 66%, relate to school building repairs.
- For fiscal year 2022, a total of 124 project approvals have been issued with a total value of \$34.1 million.

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

- Planning for a New York Catholic Bible School class this Fall on Staten Island.
- Planning for new formation classes online called *Foundations* for 2023.
- Planning underway for October 7, 2023 for the ManUp New York.
- Receiving Information about Eucharistic Revival events hosted by the various offices. Hoping for more events from offices and parishes. To present a representative calendar on our website: <https://archny.org/eucharisticrevival/adny/>
- Planning for an upcoming conversation on FORMED renewal process for 2022-2023.

### **ArchCare [Father John Anderson, iv dei]**

- 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](mailto:jschultz@archcare.org).

- Bellevue Hospital has an opportunity for a paid Clinical Pastoral Care residency for a priest interested in health care chaplaincy.
- ArchCare can help secure resources such as various health screenings to your church community based on parish/neighborhood need.
- We offer training for parish-based volunteers to serve the homebound and other isolated parishioners.
- Assistance with bolstering current parish ministries including food pantry, health cabinets and outreach to elderly members. For more information, please contact: Michael Guglielmo, Director, (646) 229-7413 or [mguglielmo@archcare.org](mailto:mguglielmo@archcare.org).

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

- We have begun working with the staff of Catholic New York to begin to transition their materials to the Archives. Over the coming months, we will be working to partner with the Catholic Research Resource Alliance's Catholic Newspaper Program to make the past issues of the Catholic New York available digitally.
- Document review for the CVA cases by legal counsel continues; the Archives staff is also working with the Superintendent's office to collect important records from that office and provide them to counsel.
- The sacramental record digitization project is ongoing; we will be wrapping up St. Anthony of Padua (Manhattan) in the next few weeks.

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

- The orientation program for the still new Pierre Toussaint/Mother Cabrini Scholars Program, for college student-leaders studying in areas of healthcare and social work, will take place at the headquarters of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation (a major supporter of the program), on Thursday, August 11, with a special focus on building "Healthier Families, Churches and Communities."
- OBM will continue its 5-days/week Prayer Line (open to all), on M-W-F at 12:15 pm and T-Th at 7:30 am, with prayer leaders coming from the archdiocese and elsewhere throughout the country.
  - The annual Pierre Toussaint Awards dinner, a major source of support for the scholarship program and where the archdiocesan Pierre Toussaint Medallion is awarded, is Monday, November 7.

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

- As of July 26, 2022, the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* has raised \$17,576,941 in pledges and \$15,766,957 in cash through 43,302 pledges and 38,496 donors. The 2021 *Cardinal's Appeal* Impact Report will be shared with parishioners via mail and email by early August.
- *Renew + Rebuild* has received \$165,389,492 in parish campaign and leadership gifts payments, which is 73% of what has been pledged. Focus is on the redemption of the \$34.5 million in pledges outstanding.
- *St. Joseph's Seminary's* summer mailing has raised \$26,000 to date through 106 gifts. The development team continues to work with Bishop Massa and the seminary staff to create a robust fundraising program including an annual gala and other events

throughout the year. After much success with the 2021 car raffle, a Toyota Rav4 will be raffled off in December 2022. Raffle tickets will be sold beginning in August. Information on this and the fall/winter events schedule are available online.

- *The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner* has raised nearly \$3 million to date. The 2022 Happy Warrior is Peter Grauer, chairman of Bloomberg LLP and loyal supporter of the archdiocese, most specifically through his efforts on the *Inner-City Scholarship Fund* board. Rosanna Scotto of FOX will be the Master of Ceremonies. The Keynote Speaker will be announced shortly. The dinner is set for October 20, 2022 at Park Avenue Armory.
- Six pew engravings recognizing \$100,000 - \$250,000 donations to the *St. Patrick's Cathedral Landmark Restoration* will be completed in September.
- The *Saint John Vianney Clergy Residence* raised an additional \$84,140 through 31 supporters. This includes a \$25,000 leadership gift, 13 gifts from the spring-summer appeal, and 2 gifts towards the Tree of Life. Gifts continue to roll in from the spring appeal which has raised \$41,000 with 80 gifts. This is an increase of 173% when compared to last year's spring appeal and is the most successful Vianney mailing to date.

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

- Furthering in its ecumenical and Interreligious perspectives the goals of Catholic social teaching in expanding Care for Creation Programs. Materials are being created for parishes and other institutions.
- Preparing for the upcoming Catholic-Muslim dialogue of the USCCB in Providence College.
- Expanding collaboration with the Filipino community by coordinating various ecclesial groups and assisting the clergy who are in the archdiocese.

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

- The office of teaching and learning shared its new teacher orientation onboarding series to all schools to establish the faith-centered, mission-driven expectations for all teachers across the archdiocese. The collected multimedia project distills the three pillars of the mission statement into the categories of Christ-centered, academically excellent, and welcoming communities, which can be completed asynchronously. This will be followed by a week-long series of synchronous virtual sessions in mid-September when teachers are in their school buildings.
- The offices of Catholic identity and communications are currently working with an external publishing team, Editions du Aigne, and Father Enrique Salvo on the creation of several graphic novels. These publications will highlight the history of the Archdiocese of New York, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the saints of New York. A projected distribution date to schools is late summer 2023.

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

- A Facilitator Training Session for parish leaders to learn how to facilitate the 12-week “Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing For The Catholic Family” program will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at the Catholic Center from 10am until 3pm. The training will coach attendees to offer this healing program to those who experience the break-up of their marriages. All potential facilitators must be approved by their pastor prior to attending the training. For more information contact Carmen Noschese at 646-794-3194 or email: [carmen.noschese@archny.org](mailto:carmen.noschese@archny.org).
- A virtual facilitator training for parish leaders to support parish bereavement support groups will be held on two Wednesdays, October 5 and October 12 from 9:30am – 1:00pm, or 5:30pm – 8:30pm (*depending on time availability of lay leaders*). Participants must attend both sessions to receive certification, and pastor approval is required. All participants will be asked to submit their pastor’s recommendation before attending this training. For more information, contact Vincent DaSilva at 646-794-3168 or email: [vincent.dasilva@archny.org](mailto:vincent.dasilva@archny.org).
- “988” Messaging and Other Resources for Suicide Prevention Month (September) and Respect Life Month (October). As we approach Suicide Prevention Month in September, and Respect Life Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, there are resources concerning mental health and suicide [prevention] that you may want to share in bulletins, social media, and digital communications (see August Combined Mailing). For questions or additional information, contact the Family Life Office: Sue DiSisto at 646.794.3191 (for English), and Yorleni Tavarez-Sanchez at 646.794.3199 (for Spanish).
- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Why do men batter? Why do women stay? Domestic abuse affects everyone in the family, including growing children. Would you consider dedicating at least one weekend in October to inform parishioners about domestic abuse? See August Combined Mailing for English and Spanish bulletin announcements, and for questions, or additional information, contact Sue DiSisto in the Family Life Office at [susan.disisto@archny.org](mailto:susan.disisto@archny.org) or 646.794.3191.
- NFP Awareness Month Giveaway Campaign. During the month of July, 23 women or couples inquired about the free NFP training sessions, and nearly 20 registered for classes. Classes were available in Billings, FEMM, Creighton, and Couple-to-Couple League methods.

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

- The annual FY2023 budget process has been ongoing for all centrally managed entities, which will ultimately be presented to the archdiocesan Finance Council at its September 2022 meeting. The proposed budget will look to continue the significant expense reductions achieved in the FY2022 budget and beyond. The St. Joseph’s Seminary FY2023 budget is currently being prepared and will be presented to the Finance Committee at its October 2022 meeting.
- Thank you to the 197 parishes that participated on the PPP2 program. All forgiveness applications have been submitted to the Small Business Administration with six waiting for

confirmation that their forgiveness applications have been successful. This was a successful program which provided needed financial assistance to our parishes and parish based schools.

- Similar to the PPP2, the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) is available to all our parishes and schools. 95 entities (parishes and parish based schools) have already applied.
- Newly appointed Executive Director of Catholic Cemeteries, Mary Ellen Gerrity assumed the position July 1, 2022
- All cemeteries will resume their Saturday Cemetery Masses including our annual All Souls Day mass, Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.
- Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island will have two new banks of glass/ granite fronted niches for the burial of cremated remains coming this fall of 2022.
- Plans underway to construct a new Mausoleum at Gate of Heaven cemetery, Hawthorne, NY
- A New Section at Calvary Cemetery, Queens for 335 in- ground plots will open early fall for full body burial.

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

- The images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego continue their journey throughout the archdiocese.
- The chairs of the U.S. regions continue to work with the USCCB in the development of the first draft of the proposed *National Plan for Hispanic Ministry*. The proposed presentation to the Bishops of the USCCB will be either Spring or Fall of 2023.
- The archdiocese will host the image of Our Lady of Cisne, protectress of the Ecuadorian people. The image will arrive to Assumption parish in Peekskill on September 10 for ten days: making her way to Saint Patrick's Cathedral on September 25 for the yearly Mass celebration beginning at 4pm.

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

- Denise Prior has joined the department as associate director of marketing.
- The marketing department is supporting our ministries with their events and initiatives.
- We are also working to develop a new digital newsroom at the archdiocese that will launch later this year.

### **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.
- Meetings were recently held with the provincials of some religious orders to ensure that archdiocesan planning is aligned with the plans of the religious orders that serve the parishes of the archdiocese.

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

- As a continued effort from the USCCB we are promoting and communicating with parishes and parishioners not only the resources available to walk with moms in need but also extending an invitation to get involved. Everyone is needed in this work. We received several inquiries from Westchester County and have hosted several meetings

regarding the starting of a pregnancy resource center in Westchester County. Also, we are gathering the information for the fall 40 Days for Life campaign scheduled to begin September 28.

- We continue to research and meet regarding a pro-life medical center within the archdiocese preferably the Bronx or Northern Manhattan.
- We continue to work on the Respect Life Week curriculum for this year which will include the following topics: poverty, the death penalty, celebrating special needs, abortion, the works of mercy, as well as suicide prevention. We are also working with the education on a High School Leadership Day planned for October 6.

### **Safe Environment/Public Policy [Ed Mechmann] No Report Submitted**

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

- Recently presented the second installment of *Faith, the Competitive Edge* with guest, Mike Piazza.
- We have a wonderful fall schedule with a mix of family programming, interfaith programming, and musical concerts.
- We expect our new website to launch in late August which will include ways to access our virtual offerings for those who might have difficulty reaching the Sheen Center.

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

- As members of the Eucharistic Revival team, with the office of adult faith formation and marketing, we continue to support the efforts of the revival through engagement of our pastoral offices in the diocesan phase (year one) and planning for the parish phase (year two).
- The Columbus Day Mass is on Monday, October 10 at 9:30 at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio will be the homilist.

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

- Father Roger Landry was appointed as the new chaplain of Columbia University as of July 1, 2022.
- Father Isaiah Beiter, OP was appointed as the new chaplain of the Edward Cardinal Egan Catholic Center at NYU as of July 1, 2022. Father Isaiah will host an Evening with Cardinal Dolan to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the center September 8, 2022.
- UA campus ministers are currently working on professional development with CCMA, McGrath Institute, ESTEEM, and other educational partners in advance of students returning to campuses in late August 2022.
- FOCUS missionaries have returned to NYC and will work with NYU and Columbia to assist chaplains and focus on growing evangelization among our college-aged young adult communities.

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

- On August 8, His Eminence will celebrate Mass at the Monastery of Corpus Christi in the Bronx and welcome the newly elected prioress, Sister Mary Catharine Perry, OP.

- There will be a meeting via zoom with the Archdiocesan Council of Women Religious (ACWR) to continue planning for their annual Fall conference of Major Superiors of Women Religious throughout the archdiocese.
- There are several meetings scheduled with individual major superiors and with individual sisters which will take place in the vicar for religious office.

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

- Upcoming events include praise and worship night with Corazon Puro, praise and worship night with YoungLife New York, newly added October Young Adult Mass with Cardinal Dolan, Hudson Valley book study on sexual ethics, Beauty Ever Ancient arts conference.
- New and ongoing efforts include World Youth Day, collaboration with Catholic Charities to serve new migrants and the homeless, closing out summer efforts such as Love & Responsibility and Central Park Rosary walks, and search for new Region 3 Program Leader.

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

- As pastors, consider attending the Forums and NY Catholic Youth Day. Resources for Catechetical Sunday and the Global Celebration for Young People to celebrate in your parish will be forthcoming.
  - September 18, 2022 - Catechetical Sunday
  - October 15, 2022 – Forum for Catechesis and Youth Ministry, Bronx
  - October 22, 2022 – Forum for Catechesis and Youth Ministry, W. Nyack
  - November 20, 2022 – Global Celebration of Young People
  - March 3, 2023 - Ministerial Formation Day (formerly Professional Day) for full-time staff
  - March 4, 2023 – Ministerial Formation Day for part-time/volunteer staff
  - April 22, 2023 – NY Catholic Youth Day
  - April 23, 2023 – Middle School Youth Rally

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