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Administration [Frank Napolitano]

- NYSERDA is funding energy efficiency training for facility managers, business and property managers and other interested parties. Online classes will continue through December and into 2023. There is no cost to the parish. If you have someone at your parish who would be interested in enrolling, contact leslie.davis@archny.org.
- The Data Systems Center in conjunction with the insurance department continues to work with our vendors (Lanline, Exigent and RC Tech) to assist parishes in implementing multifactor authentication for email, payroll, and banking. The deadline for completion of the implementation is January 31, 2023 to ensure uninterrupted cyber insurance coverage.
- The project to implement a priest data base within the Infor (Lawson) Human Resources system is being moved into the production environments. This system should go live by the end of the month. The process of viewing electronic W2 statements through Ceridian – our payroll provider, is now being tested. This feature should be available in January 2023.
- There are currently 58 RFAs pending approval with a total value of \$29.7 million, of which 31, or 53%, relate to school building repairs. Thus far in fiscal 2023, a total of 35 projects have been approved with a combined value of \$13.1 million. In comparison, a total of 130 project approvals were issued with a combined value of \$37.8 million for fiscal 2022.

Adult Faith Formation [Elizabeth Guevara de Gonzalez]

- The *ChristLife* Conference on evangelization will be held on March 24-25, 2023, at St. Joseph's Seminary. We encourage parishes to send a team of people to attend.
- The Bible Summit will be held on June 3, 2023. Location to be announced.
- Visit archny.org/eucharisticrevival for information on upcoming events around the archdiocese. If you want your event promoted or support in hosting an event, email revival@archny.org.

ArchCare [Father John Anderson, iv dei]

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

Archives [Kate Feighery] No Report Submitted

Black Ministry [Brother Tyrone Davis, cfc]

- The application for the Pierre Toussaint and Mother Cabrini Scholarship Programs will be made available shortly this month through the parishes and our various Catholic high schools and is also available online at: www.archny.org. The office contact information is obm@archny.org or 646-794-2681.
- The annual winter workshop (a full-day workshop required of all 75 scholars), is scheduled for January 5 and will take place at the Manhattan campus of New York Institute of Technology with the focus being: “The Faces of Healthy, Faith-filled Leadership in the NOW.”
- The 2023 annual Black History Month Mass will be at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Sunday, February 5 at 2:00 pm.

Development [Kelvin Gentles and Kathleen McGowan]

- As of December 1, 2022, the *Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal* has raised \$19,774,374 in commitments and \$18,732,104 in cash through 40,803 donors.
- *St. Joseph’s Seminary* held its sold out annual schola Christmas concert and reception on December 3 and 4. This event hosted 560 guests with ticket sales over \$19,500. A total of 1,134 car raffle tickets have been sold bringing in \$113,400 and 30 journal ads will bring in an additional \$12,300. A generous donor is underwriting the event with a gift of \$15,000. This event will bring in \$160,200 gross.
- *The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner* 2023 planning has begun. The Happy Warrior recipient is Rob Speyer of Tishman Speyer.
- The *Landmark Restoration* received its first clergy pew pledge of \$25,000 to be completed via IRA distributions. St. Patrick’s Cathedral will hold the 43rd annual *A City Singing at Christmas* on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 featuring the St. Patrick’s Cathedral Choir and Young People’s Chorus.
- The *Saint John Vianney Clergy Residence* winter mailing is set to arrive in mailboxes December 15. Follow-up emails are prepared as well. One of which will highlight Father Christopher Daly, the last remaining resident from the inaugural retired priest residents from 2003.

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

- The Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs Office was part of the NCCB dialogue with the Jewish community. Extensive discussions were held concerning racism as well as growth in antisemitism.
- With Ecclesial Movements discussions were held concerning the upcoming annual day of reflection.
- Program of Episcopal and Catholic practices will take place in the new year. Also Sessions on Catholic social teaching will be sponsored in parts of the archdiocese.
- Ethnic Apostolate Office is collaborating with Hispanic Ministry Office on celebrations of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Education [Michael Deegan]

- The Office of Teaching and Learning is crafting resources to support computer-based testing (CBT). Twenty-five percent of Catholic schools in the archdiocese will participate in computer-based testing this year. This percentage is consistent with other school districts across the state.
- Admissions for the 2023-2024 school year opens on December 1. The enrollment office is prepared to assist prospective families in choosing a Catholic school for their students.
- The Office of Early Childhood will be working with the enrollment office in supporting schools to schedule interactive family engagement events during which the directors of enrollment will be on site to provide information and set up class visits to kindergarten.

Family Life Office [Ted Musco]

- Will sponsor our first annual Family Life Conference on Saturday, March 25, 2023. As part of the Eucharistic Revival, this conference will take as its theme BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW! Our confirmed bi-lingual major presenter is Dr. Hosffman Ospino, Associate Professor of Hispanic Ministry and Religious Education and Chair, Department of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry at Boston College, a family man, and faith-filled Catholic. The venue, cost, schedule of the day, and additional presenter information will be sent in the January combined mailing.
- The Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence, Cardinal Dolan on Sunday, April 23 at 10:15 m at St. Patrick's Cathedral. All parents, family members, and friend of deceased children of any age are urged to attend. More information will be provided in the February combined mailing.

Finance [Bill Whiston]

- The seminary is in the middle of its reaccreditation process with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) and is on target with all submission deadlines.
- FY 2022 ended on August 31. To date we have received year-end financial submissions from 331 of the 389 parish entities (parishes, parish schools, parish high schools and cemeteries). For those entities that have not completed their financial submissions, please work with your accountant and associate director of parish finance to complete the submissions.
- The Employee Retention Tax Credit ("ERTC") is available to all parish entities that meet the criteria set by the Internal Revenue Service. 147 parish entities have submitted applications totaling \$17.7 million for employee tax credits. To date, 82 entities have received \$9.3 million. This is an opportunity for all our parishes, parish-based schools, parish based high schools and parish cemeteries to participate in. Your parish accountant and associate director of parish finance is available to assist you in applying for this program.
- Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island has successfully installed two new banks of glass and granite fronted niches for the burial of cremated remains. Over 15% of the spaces were sold in the first two weeks of pre-installation. A new mausoleum will be constructed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. A new Section at Calvary cemetery, Queens for 335 in- ground plots will open early fall for full body burial

- Investment asset returns through November 2022 continue to be adversely impacted by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, tighter monetary policy brought on by inflation, and an economic slowdown in China. Market participants are on edge as to how many interests rate increases there will be for the remainder of the year and into 2023. The long-term nature of the portfolios, combined asset allocations that are designed to be "all weather" for various market conditions, allow us to remain patient investors in these difficult market conditions.
- The GRSS and DOE have begun to receive funds through the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) program. \$7.5M has been received to date with an additional recoupment of \$9.7M being possible by the end of calendar 22. They have begun to receive their FEMA reimbursements for COVID-19 emergency expenditures. \$3.8M has been received to date with a recovery of potentially \$21M of expenditures being possible. The GRSS received \$850k of grant funds through the EANS (Educational Assistance for Non-Public Schools) program to reimburse the GRSS for Covid costs not covered by FEMA. An additional \$3.3M of reimbursements are potentially recoverable.

Hispanic Ministry [Wanda Vasquez]

- The images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego continue their journey. They will be returned to Saint Patrick's Cathedral for the vigil which will consist of prayers and song to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The vigil will be for 1 hour.
- **December 12 (10:00am)** Enthronement Ceremony of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego.

Marketing [Rachael Sheehan]

- The new digital newsroom, *The Good Newsroom*TM has launched. You can get news and updates online at www.theGoodNewsroom.org or by following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).
- The archdiocesan Advent Calendar has kicked off. Be sure to check in on the social media channels every day through December 24 and countdown to Christmas with us.

Parish Planning [Eileen Mulcahy]

- Meetings continue.

Respect Life [Sister Virginia Joy, sv]

- March for Life (January 20) and Prayer Vigil for Life (January 22) Annual March for Life continues. Contact our office with your bus information and place order for archdiocesan scarves. This year will be the final vigil commemorating the January 22, 1973 decision which claimed more than 63 million lives.
- Day of Reflection (December 17) Holy Trinity parish in Poughkeepsie.
- Feast of Holy Innocents (December 28) Mass at Holy Innocents followed by procession.

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

Sheen Center [MaryLou Pagano] No Report Submitted

Special Projects and Events [Melecia Ming]

- The team continues to collaborate with pastoral offices on upcoming events.

University Apostolate [Vinny DaSilva] No Report Submitted

Vicar for Religious [Sister Joan Curtin, cnd]

- Advent Scripture series in preparation for Christmas is being offered by the office. It will be available free via Zoom for Religious Sisters/Brothers both cloistered and active throughout archdiocese. Registration is required.
- Sr. Joan Curtin will be meeting with Sr. Mary Ann Dennehy, O Carm regarding ArchCare programs that may be helpful to several religious congregations of sisters who are concerned about their aging sisters and their current/future health care needs.
- Sr. Joan Curtin will also visit the Carmelite Sisters who minister at Carmel Richmond Nursing Home on Staten Island.

Young Adult Outreach [Colin Nykaza]

- Upcoming events include December Young Adult Mass with Cardinal Dolan, World Youth Day Meet and Greet in upper counties as registration continues, co-sponsoring Hispanic Christmas party, solemn Christmas Young Adult Mass in the Hudson Valley, New Year's Eve Vigil Mass and party. Advent celebrations are occurring in all three regions.
- Ongoing efforts include coordinating donation drop-offs with various organizations, start of planning for an archdiocesan-wide retreat, and office transitions.

Youth Faith Formation [Ela Milewska]

- When Catholics leave the church, they do so at age 13. With that in mind, DYFF will be offering two special opportunities to strengthen your formation and ministry with middle school young people. January 12 from 7-9pm, join us for a webinar on *Igniting Faith in Middle School*, and on February 10-11, we will be offering training for Edge—an incredibly effective program for middle school catechesis in a youth ministry style. Registration is available at archny.org/youth-faith-formation.
- A retreat for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools will be held at St. Joseph's Seminary on January 28 from 8:30am to 1:00pm.
- Starting in January, multiple formation courses for catechists and youth ministry team members will be offered online and in person both in English and Spanish.
- Regional Specialists are gathering the contact information for the individuals who are coordinating youth ministry in parishes. Ideally, we would like to have an individual identified for each parish that we can direct information. You can also email information your regional specialist.