“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

JOHN 6:51

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we find ourselves in the peak of summer, our Church resonates with a spirit of renewal, centered on the heart of our faith – the Holy Eucharist.

This week, the National Eucharistic Congress gathers in Indianapolis, marking a significant milestone in our collective journey of faith. While not all can attend physically, everyone is called to participate spiritually. Our collective devotion, whether at the Congress or before the Blessed Sacrament at our local church, unites us with the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

For more information on fostering Eucharistic devotion at home, please visit the Archdiocese of New York’s website, archny.org. There, you will discover additional resources to deepen your spiritual journey with the Holy Eucharist during this special week. Embrace this opportunity to grow closer to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, allowing His grace to transform our hearts and our communities.

Join in prayer with me for the success of the Congress and a revitalization of Eucharistic faith across our archdiocese and the wider Church.

Reverend Monsignor Joseph P. LaMorte, VG
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia
EVENTS
Share With Your Community
Click items below for more information on each event and ministry office.

- **Healing Weekend – Beginning Experience**
  Office of Family Life
  JULY 26–28 | NOVEMBER 15–17

- **Staten Island Fall Kickoff for Parish Youth Faith Formation Leaders**
  Office of Youth Faith Formation
  SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

- **Manhattan Fall Kickoff for Parish Youth Faith Formation Leaders**
  Office of Youth Faith Formation
  TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

- **Westchester / Putnam / Dutchess Fall Kickoff for Parish Youth Faith Formation Leaders**
  Office of Youth Faith Formation
  SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

- **Lift Up Your Hearts – Worship Night**
  Office of Young Adult Outreach
  THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

- **Life Teen / Edge “Empower” Core Team Training**
  Office of Youth Faith Formation
  SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- **Rockland / Orange / Sullivan / Ulster Fall Kickoff for Parish Youth Faith Formation Leaders**
  Office of Youth Faith Formation
  SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Bronx Fall Kickoff for Parish Youth Faith Formation Leaders  
Office of Youth Faith Formation  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

Cumbre Bíblica Católica de Nueva York  
Office of Adult Faith Formation  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

Double Feature with Jason Evert  
Office of Youth Faith Formation  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

Cathedral Prep Program  
Office of Vocations  
**MULTIPLE DATES**

Forum for Catechesis and Youth Ministry  
Office of Youth Faith Formation  
Monroe: **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**  |  Bronx: **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of Life  
Office of Respect Life  
**FEBRUARY 20–25, 2025**

New York Catholic Youth Days  
Office of Youth Faith Formation  
High school: **APRIL 26, 2025**  |  Middle school: **APRIL 27, 2025**
Visit the Sheen Center website for information about upcoming events designed to engage dialogue and bring families together.

Upcoming events include:

**JULY 10 – 28**  
*The Journals of Adam and Eve: A New Two-Character Comedy*  
*by Ed Weinberger*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9**  
*One Funny Lisa Marie*
Office of Adult Faith Formation

Leadership Training for the Catechumenate (RCIA)

Leadership Training for the Catechumenate (RCIA): The Archdiocese of New York is offering leadership ministry training for all assigned parish coordinators of the Catechumenate (RCIA). This comprehensive training reviews the 1988 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, covering its basic vision, historical context, order, and current best pastoral practices. As the Catechumenate ministry plays a critical role in parish life, it’s essential that those leading this initiation process have a solid understanding of its principles and effective implementation methods within a Catholic parish.

- Date: July 27-28, 2024
- Location: St. Frances Cabrini Shrine, Manhattan

Workshop on Marriage and the RCIA

Workshop on Valid Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, Annullments and Convalidations: This workshop will review the criteria for valid baptisms and confirmations. Additionally, it will address rules related to the marriage of catechumens, divorced and remarried individuals, various annulment cases, and the convalidation of marriages. We’ll also provide guidance on proper pastoral care for those in the RCIA who have marriage-related concerns.

- Date: Sunday, July 28, 2024 | 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- Location: St. Frances Cabrini Shrine, Manhattan

New Catechumenate Ritual Book Pre-Order

The new translations of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) are now being published. All parishes are required to use the new edition by March 5, 2025 (Ash Wednesday). Take advantage of a 10% discount by preordering before September 30, 2024. Ritual study editions are available in both English and Spanish.

Office of Family Life

Celebration of Grandparents and the Elderly

The Annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly encourages the church and families to create bonds between young and old. We have ongoing resources to assist families and parishes. The U.S. bishops have approved the transfer this celebration and Mass, held universally in July, to the first weekend after Labor Day in September to coincide with National Grandparents (and the Elderly) Day in the United States as many local communities, schools, and parishes have celebrated for some time.

- Date: Sunday, September 8, 2024 | 10:15 AM
- Location: St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Manhattan
**INITIATIVES (cont.)**

**Building Momentum Together**

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**Office of Family Life 2024–25 Major Events and Programs**

The Office of Family Life of the Archdiocese of New York presents the Major Events and Programs Calendar of Events and Programs for the pastoral year 2024–2025. All of our events and programs are not listed on this Major Events Calendar. Please consult the website and social media for updated information and dates/time of various series such as Post-Cana Brunches, ALPHA Marriage Course (both online and in-person), Pre-Cana (in both English and Spanish online and in-person), Bereavement Group meetings, etc. Our major events this pastoral year will celebrate various aspects of the Jubilee Year 2025. For more information, please visit our website or call Carmen Luis at 647-794-3181.

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**Prayer Cards**

Download free digital prayer cards [here](#) for your phone.

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**Office of Respect Life**

**Walking with Moms in Need – New Parish Action Guide**

The Office of Respect Life has created a new 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 new Parish Action Guide to connect mothers with supportive people and resources in your area! Visit [walkingwithmoms.com](http://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.

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

Join the Archdiocese of New York Respect Life Office for a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City! Led by the Sisters of Life and Fr. Enrique Salvo, this pilgrimage will be an immersion in the charism of life through encountering the maternal love and presence of Our Lady of Guadalupe, experiencing her impact on the local culture, and learning from the witness of contemporary Mexican saints. As Patroness of the Americas and of the Unborn, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a powerful intercessor and mother for all those involved in building and living a culture of life. We invite you to join us for this transformative experience!

- **Date:** February 20–25, 2025
- **Registration website:** [206tours.com/cms/archnyrespectlife](http://206tours.com/cms/archnyrespectlife)
- **Registration deadline:** Initial deposit of $400 is due by September 20, 2024; final payment is due November 20, 2024
- **Cost:** $2,899 (from Newark, NJ)
- **Questions?** Contact Alexandra ([alexandra@206tours.com](mailto:alexandra@206tours.com)) or Cat ([cat@206tours.com](mailto:cat@206tours.com)) at 206 Tours
**St. Joseph’s Seminary**

**Fall Registration for Classes is Open**
Registration for Fall 2024 classes in Theology at St. Joseph’s Seminary and College is now open. Come study with us this Fall!

[View flyer] [View Fall 2024 Academic Calendar]

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**Office of Youth Faith Formation**

**Applications Open: Catholic Youth Leaders of the Archdiocese**

The Catholic Youth Leaders of the Archdiocese (CYLA) is a team of youth in grades 9–12 which represent the five regions of the Archdiocese of New York. CYLA Regional Youth Representatives come together for ongoing faith and leadership formation and collaboration with the Office of Youth Ministry to meet the needs of and empower young people in the Archdiocese of New York. In addition, we will be holding CYLA Youth Summits in each region where all young leaders from the area will have the opportunity to connect with each other, receive formation, and have the opportunity to contribute to the building up of the young Church in New York. CYLA Youth Summits will be announced late summer!

[View application form]
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