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Archbishop Aymond with Sr. Jennie and Sr. Clare celebrating 150 of excellence in education at St. Mary's Academy!

News from Jan...

Dear Partners in Ministry,

This weekend, I was fortunate enough to attend two events that reminded me that our Catholic faith is a gift which sustains us; both events reminded me that, when we rely on God, our lives can be transformed, whether in times of joy or through times of great challenge.

On Saturday afternoon, I was honored to be part of the celebration hosted by the Sisters of the Holy Family as they marked 150 years of ministry at St. Mary's Academy. Think of it: One hundred fifty years ago .. quite a different time. I can only imagine some of the difficult times the sisters faced; through it all, they relied on their faith to see them through. Because of their love for the Lord, their ministry was born; it is a ministry that still thrives today under the leadership of Sr. Clare and Sr. Jennie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Champions of Catholic Education

The application for Champions of Catholic Education is now available for the 2017 - 2018 school year. The application is open until March 31st for students enrolled in Kindergarten - 12th grade. Every application will be given equal consideration, but this application does not guarantee an award. Families will be notified of their award status by June 30, 2017. Please click [here](#) to find more information and the links to the applications.

Teacher Contracts

If you go to our website and login to the Administrators' Portal, you will find two separate final teacher contracts:

- One is for use in Archdiocesan owned and operated high schools.
- The second for use in parish schools.

On Saturday night, I had the privilege of attending the gala at Annunciation in Bogalusa. You may recall that one year ago this week, rains and flooding damaged the school building. In the last year, major renovations were done and are finally complete. Saturday night was a celebration of faith and the rebuilding of the school ministry. Under the leadership of Father Daniel Brouillette and Ms. Veda Mathews, the ministry of Catholic education continues in Bogalusa, a testament to the power of faith, hope, and love.

These are only two examples of the good work of Catholic leaders who put their trust in the Lord. There are many more examples; we need look only to the story of post-Katrina, when our Catholic schools rose to the task and persevered in the name of our faith and our Lord. Thank you for all you do for the students and families you serve. This weekend reminded me of the great personal sacrifices many of you have faced as you persevered for the sake of the families you serve in the name of Jesus and our Catholic faith. Being partners in ministry with all of you is truly an honor.

God Bless,

Jan

Calendar at a Glance...

Early childhood Workshop - **March 18th**

College Fair - **March 20th**

High School Curriculum Coordinators Meeting - **March 22nd**

ACT Aspire/TerraNova Testing - **April 3rd - 7th**

Easter Holidays - **April 14th - April 17th**

Christian Formation of Our Students: Response to the Synod and the Signs of Our Times

The Office of Catholic Schools will host a day of formation for all school faculty and staff. It will be held on November 6, 2017 at the Pontchartrain Center. We are asking that all schools close on November 6th so faculty and staff can attend. Please make note of this when creating calendars for the 2017 - 2018 school year. Please note, while we encourage you to add an additional school day to your calendar, we are leaving this up to the individual schools to make that decision.

Chrism Mass

On Tuesday, April 11, 2017, Archbishop Gregory Aymond will preside at the liturgy of the Chrism Mass. Please see the [attached letter](#) from Rev. Msgr. Kenneth Hendrick about attending the mass.

NCEA Survey

All schools will soon be sent an e-mail invitation to participate in the annual financial survey that is conducted for NCEA by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA). This is the only source of financial data pertaining to Catholic schools and it provides national, regional, and school-type data that allows you to compare your school with all schools nationally and with other similar schools.

Please be sure to take the time to complete the survey so that NCEA can have high quality information and resources that are helpful to all schools in strategic planning.

EVENTS

Early Childhood Workshop

OCS will host a workshop for all Pre-K teachers on Saturday, March 18th. "Observation and Assessment in the Early Childhood Classroom" will be the topic of discussion. This session will help early childhood educators know and understand the value of observation in the early childhood setting. The presenter, Mrs. Susan Connick, is State Pathway certified and three clock hours of professional development will be earned. There is no cost to attend. Please click [here](#) to register. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Carole Elliot at celliot@archdiocese-no.org.

Topic: Observation and Assessment in the Early

Childhood Classroom

When: Saturday, March 18, 2017

Where: St. Edward the Confessor School Cafeteria

Time: 9 am to 12 pm

Administrators' Conference

Please join us for the Archdiocese of New Orleans 51st Annual Administrators' Conference in Biloxi, MS on October 11 - 13, 2017. Our theme is Embracing Bold Leadership. We are pleased to have Simon T. Bailey, Marceta F. Reilly, Steve Ventura, and Cathy Lassiter as our keynote speakers. Register [here](#).

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Dumb Ox Ministries presents *Garden*, an original musical based on the Adam and Eve story in the Bible. The event is for Catholic high school students. The performance will be presented from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2017 at Notre Dame Seminary.

Please click [here](#) for a press release and [here](#) for a flyer. Call 504-304-1280 for more info. and ticket information. Seating is limited and is a first-call, first-reserved basis.

40-Day Lenten Reading Challenge

We wish to make you aware of a special Lenten resource available from Falcon Picture Group, called the Truth & Life Dramatized Audio Bible, available as a free download from www.DownloadJesus.com. The audio resource is a celebrity-voiced "radio drama" of the entire Revised Standard Version-Catholic Edition New Testament. More than 80 internationally renowned actors helped bring the Scriptures to life, complete with an original music score. Additionally, it has a foreword from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

V Encuentro

All Catholic High Schools in our Archdiocese are invited to be part of the V Encuentro, which is an initiative of the Bishops of the United States calling all Catholic leaders to listen with profound attention to the needs, challenges, and aspirations that the growing Hispanic/Latino population faces in daily life. It especially prepares us as a Church to better recognize, embrace, and promote the many gifts and talents that the Hispanic community shares in the life and mission of the Church

and in society.

On March 29, 2017 at 2 p.m. in the Hispanic Apostolate, 2525 Maine Ave. Metairie, LA 70003, a workshop will be held to learn more about V Encuentro and how your school can participate.

Most Rev. Archbishop Gregory Aymond is the president for the Episcopal Region V for V Encuentro and highly encourages your schools participation.

Please view the following video with helpful information: <https://youtu.be/Ch-FrvSz0Ls>

You can also visit the V Encuentro website for more resources and information:

<http://vencuentro.org/>

Active Learning Summer Camp

Active Learning Services hosts a yearly summer camp and is searching for a new location. If your school would be interested in hosting the camp on your campus, please see more information [here](#).

FaithActs Summer Youth Theology Institute

Loyola University's Office of Mission and Ministry invites rising Catholic high school juniors and seniors to participate in a dynamic week-long Youth Theology Institute at Loyola University New Orleans, June 11-16. The application deadline is March 31st. Visit the Faith Act website [here](#) for more information.

St. Augustine Service Academy Forum

St. Augustine High School is sponsoring a Service Academy Forum on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event is open to all Orleans Parish High School Juniors. Please see [flyer](#) for more details.

Two West Point Cadets are available to come speak about their experiences. If you are interested please contact Dan Ferrari at dferrari@bellsouth.net for more information.

Camp Abbey Summer Camp

Camp Abbey is a Catholic overnight summer camp for children who have completed 2nd through 8th grade in May. The program is a ministry of the CYO/Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and includes hiking, arts & crafts, sports,

boating, archery, swimming, skits, prayer opportunities and so much more. Our campers grow closer to Christ and have fun while doing it!

Boy's Camp

Week 1: June 4 - June 10, 2017

Week 2: June 11 - June 17, 2017

Week 3: June 18 - June 24, 2017

Week 4: June 25 - July 1, 2017

Girl's Camp

Week 1: July 2 - July 8, 2017

Week 2: July 9 - July 15, 2017

Week 3: July 16 - July 22, 2017

Week 4: July 23 - July 29, 2017

Paid summer camp staff positions are also available for high school students (two-week positions) as well as college students and young adults (one-month positions). Camper registration, staff applications and additional details are available at www.campabbey.org. See [flyer](#) for more information.