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Superintendents Summit in New Orleans 2017.

News from Jan...

Dear Colleagues,

Last week, I hosted a Superintendents Summit in downtown New Orleans; and, I feel honored to have spent time with such faith-filled, wonderful administrators.

We had approximately twenty-two superintendents from the Southeast, and we also had representation from NCEA. While the three days were packed, RaeNell and I had the opportunity to share many ideas and challenges with the people who know our role in Catholic education best - other Catholic (arch) diocesan superintendents.

In reflecting on many extremely beneficial conversations, I remembered something crucial. Sharing craft knowledge with colleagues is the best way to grow and improve. Even so, it is often difficult to make time for this; I am here to remind you of the importance of getting together with colleagues for frank, honest discussions about relevant challenges and worthwhile initiatives. I urge you to

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.

Chrism Mass

On Tuesday, April 11, 2017, Archbishop Gregory Aymond will preside at the liturgy of the Chrism Mass.

call and meet with other Catholic administrators. Not only is it enjoyable, but it is also a major step in becoming the best Catholic school administrator you can possibly become - and the children you serve deserve to have the best version of you!

God bless you and the ministry of Catholic education,

Jan

Calendar at a Glance...

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

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

Region Meetings - **April 24th - April 27th**

Presidents/Principals End-of-Year Luncheon - **April 28th**

Please see the [attached letter](#) from Rev. Msgr. Kenneth Hendrick about attending the mass.

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](#).

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

New Orleans Jazz Celebration, Inc. annual Satchmo "What a Wonderful World" Art- Essay/Poetry Contest

The New Orleans Jazz Celebration, Inc. is inviting students participate in NOJC's 2017 Satchmo *What a Wonderful World*, art and essay/poetry contest. The contest is open to students in K through 12th grade. The art contest and essay/poetry contest are part of the ongoing efforts of the NOJC to provide youth of the New Orleans Metropolitan community with educational outreach programs.

Attached [here](#) and [here](#) are the guidelines for both contests.

For additional information, please contact Eugenia Foster Adams at efa731@aol.com

Los Islenos Heritage and Cultural Society

Applications are being accepted for the Los Islenos Heritage and Cultural Society's 2017 Scholarships (two will be awarded this year for \$1,000.00 each). To be eligible, one must be of St. Bernard Parish Islenos descent and a 2017 High School graduate with at least a current grade-point average for their high school academic career of 2.5.

Attached [here](#) is the cover letter with more information. Attached [here](#) is the scholarship rules. Attached [here](#) is the application.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Administrators' Retreat

The Administrators' Retreat will be held July 19th - July 20th at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, Mississippi. The retreat will begin Wednesday, July 19th at 9:00

a.m. Please mark your calendars. Registration will be through future newsletters. Notification of cost will come at a later date.

Theme: *Encountering Jesus, Ministering with Joy*

Presenter: Dr. Tom Neal, Academic Dean at Notre Dame Seminary

New Principals' Workshop

The New Principals' Workshop will be held Tuesday, July 18, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Administrators beginning their first year should attend. Administrators completing their first year are encouraged to attend.

Loyola Summer Institute for Catholic School and Parish Leaders

This year's event will be held on Monday, June 5th - June 7th. The theme is *Catholic Education/Formation: From and For Faith*. To see more and to register, click [here](#).

Monday's presenter: Tom Groome, Theologian from Boston College

Tuesday and Wednesday: Panels, Processing, and Applying

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Youth Peace Congress

Crimestoppers will be hosting a Youth Peace Congress on April 1st. High School principals are asked to send 5 students. Attached is the [event agenda](#), [flyer](#), and [save the date](#).

Parent-To-Prison Pipeline

On April 5, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Peter Claver School, Dr. Stacey Patton will hold a discussion drawing from her work and research on black-child advocacy. Dr. Stacey Patton is an award-winning journalist and child activist. To find out more about the discussion, click [here](#).

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. The conference will prepare 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 school's 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 every summer a 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.