

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK

Next weekend, October 10 and 11, we will have a special collection for the Bishops Disaster Fund. Please place an envelope in the collection basket marked "Bishops Disaster Fund" or make a notation on the memo area of your check.

You can find more information about this collection on the USCCB's web site at <https://www.usccb.org/Catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/emergency-collections-and-disaster-relief> that includes its purpose which is for the humanitarian, long-term recovery, and church needs arising from the increasing number of natural disasters in the U.S. that was prompted by the devastation in the wake of Hurricane Laura – especially severe in the Diocese of Lake Charles - and the California wildfires.

Please be as generous as possible and please keep all those affected by the many natural disasters in your prayers.

"SURVIVING DIVORCE" Helping You Find Peace, Power & Passion After Your Divorce: This group is open to any adult who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated, divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. In this video/discussion program, you will listen and learn from Catholic men and women who share their stories of finding help in coping with the devastating effects of divorce. Meeting On Line Mondays, October 5 -December 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm. To register go to WWW.CDOM.ORG and click online registrations - scroll to SURVIVING DIVORCE.

ONE CHURCH - The diocesan initiative One Church invests each year in a small mission church in our diocese that needs a leg up to become a thriving community. The 2020-2021 partner is St. Bartholomew Church in Little Rock. All funds donated to One Church for the next 12 months will help the parish build a new Parish Life Center, which they currently don't have. Please pray for this project and give today. To give or for more information: dolr.org/one-church.

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DIOCESAN DIRECTORY - The 2021 Diocese of Little Rock Directory is coming soon. It is an invaluable resource to keep in your house or car to find Mass times for another parish or to call or e-mail a parish, priest, deacon or religious in the diocese. It costs only \$15, which includes shipping. Send your check or money order to Directory, Arkansas Catholic, P.O. Box 7417, Little Rock, AR 72217. Directories will be shipped in late October.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND (VIRTUAL)

Weather-proof your marriage, a strong marriage can weather any storm! A Marriage Encounter Virtual Weekend {enjoy it under your own roof} Worldwide Marriage Encounter; October 23-25, 2020.

Apply: wwme10.org

Questions? Contact Allen Fields: 915-861-0131 or

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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP VIA ZOOM - Our Lady of Holy Souls Grief Ministry will offer a Grief Support Group on Zoom beginning on Thursday, October 15th for 10 weeks (skipping Thanksgiving) from 6pm to 7pm. You can join the group from the privacy of your home via zoom but still draw strength from others' experience in their grief journey. No matter how recent or distant the loss, if you feel the need to talk with others who share your experience, to gain comfort in a safe, no pressure environment, please find support here. Everything we discuss in the group is kept in confidence. Please contact Laura in the church office at lhumphries@holysouls.org or 501-663-8632 or Mary Ann Stafford 2dings@sbcglobal.net to register for the group. Registration is required to participate. Deadline to register is October 14th.

"We must be careful not to build on sand! To build a healthy, inclusive, just and peaceful society we must do so on the rock of the common good. Common good is a rock."

— Pope Francis, Sept. 9