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Memo

Date: January 9, 2023

To: Priests, parish communicators, business managers

From: Nichole Golden, editor, The Georgia Bulletin, and Maureen Smith, director, Office of Communications

Re: The Georgia Bulletin anniversary special edition

The first issue of The Georgia Bulletin was published on Jan. 4, 1963. With the arrival of 2023, we mark the archdiocesan newspaper's 60th anniversary. In celebration of this milestone, Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer has endorsed archdiocesan-wide distribution of one special edition. This special issue will be mailed to all registered households in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. In it, we will invite people who currently do not receive the paper to subscribe to the print edition or receive the e-newsletter and read The Bulletin online.

Parishes will not be charged for this special commemorative edition, which will go out February 2 and will include coverage of the ordination of Bishop-designate John Nhan Tran.

In that inaugural issue of The Georgia Bulletin, Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan, first archbishop for the Atlanta Archdiocese wrote, "The religious press is not intended to be a 'house organ' or a 'trade sheet.' Its whole reason for being is that it might enter the community bearing light and courage—light enough to expose society's ills as well as its strengths; courage enough to inspire justice and charity in those who might falter along the path."

We have chosen the theme 'bearing light for 60 years' to carry us through this year. Look for features on the origins of the paper, continued coverage of the Eucharistic Revival, contributions from our young adult writers and, of course, words of wisdom from your favorite columnists and bishops.

This year presents an opportunity to acknowledge the decades of dedication from local editors and reporters, both priests and laypeople, who have sustained The Georgia Bulletin through prayer and a sharing of their God-given gifts with the church at large.

We hope you will support the work of The Bulletin in your parishes. Encourage your parishioners to learn more at www.georgiabulletin.org/subscribe. Donations from subscribers and advertising supports this ministry of news.

St. Francis de Sales is the patron saint of journalists and writers, and he guides our work at The Georgia Bulletin. We share these words of consolation from our patron to our readers:

“Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering, or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imagination.”

Thank you for your prayers and support,

Yours

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