



## Archdiocese of New Orleans

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**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:**

**In 2018, the City of New Orleans will celebrate its Tricentennial: 300 years since our city was founded in the Crescent of the Mississippi River.**

**As part of our Tricentennial celebration, the Archdiocese of New Orleans would like to commemorate the year with a hymn celebrating our history and looking forward to a bright and hopeful future. The Tricentennial is an exciting time in our city's and local church's history, and we are seeking the community's help to celebrate.**

**We invite you to enter our Tricentennial Hymn Competition by submitting a text set to one of several familiar hymn tunes. The complete guidelines for the competition are attached to this letter. The author of the selected hymn text will receive an award of \$750.00. All submissions are due by Monday, October 2, 2017.**

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Betty-Ann Hickey or David Doyle at [tricentennialhymn@arch-no.org](mailto:tricentennialhymn@arch-no.org).**

**May this time of celebration of our city's history and culture be a blessed time of renewal and peace.**

**Wishing you God's blessings,**

**Sincerely in Christ,**

**Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond  
Archbishop of New Orleans**