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Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

COVID-19 Mask Policy

As of November 6, 2021, mask usage during Mass is optional for those who are vaccinated, according to an updated COVID policy issued by the Archdiocese of Miami. Read the full statement at https://www.miamiarch.org/atimos/articles_images/2021/10/2021_1028_mia_COVIDMassrules_updated_1635456138.pdf

Clergy Retreats for the 2021-22 season:

Visit the following link to view dates and Retreat Masters:

<https://www.ourladyofflorida.org/retreats-for-the-priests-of-the-archdiocese-general/>

Register at: <https://www.ourladyofflorida.org/clergy/>

February 14-18, 2022

May 16–20, 2022

Boy Scouts of America

The Archdiocese of Miami has a long history of supporting the Boy Scouts of America program as an integral part of our parish's Youth Ministries. As I am sure you have read, the national Boy Scout organization has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection because of many past claims of abuse. There have been no claims of abuse brought in connection with any scouting unit chartered by an ADOM entity. The BSA bankruptcy case is ongoing and complicated and is being monitored by our attorneys and the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops. In the meantime, we will continue to support those BSA units, both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts that are already chartered in our parishes. However, for the time being, no new BSA units are to be chartered at any ADOM parish or school.

Office of Safe Environment

New Online Training Option in the Virtus Registration Process

In these extraordinary times, the Safe Environment Office has reviewed the current process of Virtus training and how it should proceed in an effort to still provide quality education of awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse and do so in a safe and logistically viable procedure.

In response we have worked with Virtus National to provide temporary online training as an option. It is available in English, Spanish and also Korean and Vietnamese subtitles.

This means the participant must have access to the internet. For those few who do not, and do not have another option, then their site—meaning parish or school—is to provide them with a computer on site for them to complete this training.

All those completing the online training option will have an active Virtus account and will be required to read their monthly bulletins just as is required with the live training. The Local Coordinator at each site will have access to all accounts affiliated with their location just as before. Compliance responsibilities will not change.

Register for online class at www.virtus.org. For questions regarding the new online training option please contact Jan Rayburn at jrayburn@theadom.org

Office of the Permanent Diaconate

Ordination of deacons

The Diaconate Ordination will take place Sat., Dec.18 at 10 am at the Cathedral of St. Mary. Deacons are invited to vest, alb and white stole. Please pray for the candidates to be ordained:

Francisco Alvarez-Gil

Erick Jose Cinco

Ramon David Gonzalez

Inran Emilio Infante

Jose David Mercado

Enzo Rosario Prendes

Office of Human Resources

Master of Science in Church Management

Accepting applications in December for the cohort beginning in May 2022. The Archdiocese of Miami's partnership with the Villanova School of Business provides scholarships to those serving in archdiocesan entities who enroll in the online Master of Science in Church Management (MSCM) degree program. The unique program bridges ministry and management for people working in parish and diocesan offices and other apostolates.

This two-year online graduate degree is built for people working full-time who want to learn how to organize, plan, steward, and lead their ministries more effectively. Thanks to Villanova benefactors, students from any church or ministry within the Archdiocese of Miami are eligible for a scholarship from Villanova University that will cover up to half of the tuition. To learn more, visit <https://www1.villanova.edu/university/business/faculty-and-research/centers-of-excellence/church-mgmt/mscm.html> (Tuition discounts for Miami are found on the [Partners Page link](#).) Contact Chesley Turner, Director of the Villanova Center for Church Management, at 610-519-6015 or chesley.turner@villanova.edu.

Offices of Vocations

Labouré Society Seminarians

Dear brothers in the presbyterate, the Archdiocese of Miami currently has two men participating in the Labouré Society program. This program helps to remove the obstacle of student loan debt during the years of formation.

According to the National Religious Vocation Conference, of the approximately 10,000 men and women discerning a call each year to the priesthood or religious life, 42% of them are blocked due to student loan debt.

Since 2003, this 501(c)(3) organization has helped deliver over 300 men and women into religious formation who otherwise would have been turned away or put on hold due to student loans.

If you would like to assist, please email Fr. Matthew Gomez at mgomez@theadom.org to put you in contact with the two men who are diligently working in this program to alleviate their student loan debt before entering the priesthood.

Office of Marriage and Family Life

Transformed in Love is a marriage preparation program which uses a house-building metaphor to illustrate the concepts of establishing and nurturing marriage and family life. It includes many topics that contribute to building a marriage for a lifetime.

Please note that couples must attend both sessions to receive their certificate. Remember to **inform your Priest** in advance that you are attending the “Transformed in Love Group Marriage Preparation Program.

- Saturday, February 26 & Sunday, February 27, 2022 (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) in **English**.
Location: St. Mark Church, 5601 S. Flamingo Rd., Southwest Ranches. Register at: <https://conta.cc/3v1v1mt>

Natural Family Planning: Creighton Model Introductory Session

Please join us for an introductory session of Natural Family Planning “Creighton Model” to prepare for your new marriage or for marriage enrichment and learn a medically safe, morally acceptable, and highly effective method of both postponing and achieving pregnancy.

- **Spanish Session:** January 18, 2022 at 7:30 pm (Online)
Register at: <https://conta.cc/3n7Hmqv>
- **English Session:** January 20, 2022 at 7:30 pm (Online)
Register at: <https://conta.cc/3jdDHGE>

Wedding Anniversary Mass 2022

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th or 50 plus wedding anniversary in 2021 are invited to attend a Mass at St. Mary Cathedral on Saturday, February 12, 2022 and receive a blessing from Archbishop Thomas Wenski.

Couples interested in having their picture taken with Archbishop Wenski should arrive by 4 p.m. Mass will start at 5:30 p.m. Participants will sit in a special designated area in the front pews.

To register, visit <https://conta.cc/2TCUSXY> or contact your Parish Office.

Catholic Charities

Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program is looking for adults to become foster parents to refugee minors. The requirements to be a foster parent include:

- Be at least 21 years old
- Be able to provide adequate bedroom space and a separate bed for each foster child
- Have reliable transportation
- Be willing to participate in a 30-hour free training
- Be prepared for adults in your household to undergo complete background checks
- Be able to meet basic resources to support the household.

Catholic Charities provides 24-hour case management, monthly stipend to help with the care of the refugee minor or youth, continuing education and more. For more information, call 305-883-3383 or visit www.ccadm.org

Office of Communications

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Online Events Calendar postings

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many events are taking place online only. Events taking place in person are subject to CDC guidelines, including restrictions on capacity and requirements for social distancing and mask-wearing. When you submit an event, please make clear in the description whether it is taking place online or in person.

Beware of scammers

The Archdiocese of Miami has heard reports of scammers impersonating Archbishop Thomas Wenski on Instagram. If you, your friends, or family receive a direct message from accounts impersonating Archbishop Wenski, please do not respond. Report the account immediately to the social media platform, and let us know someone impersonating Archbishop Wenski has tried to contact you.