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OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI

Requiescat in pace:

† **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**, died Dec. 31 at the age of 95.

† **Father José Santiago Matheu** died Dec. 19. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Santiago de Cuba in 1975 and served in the Archdiocese of Miami since 1994, most recently as chaplain of the Cursillo Movement since 2002. The funeral Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski on Dec. 21. He will be buried in his native Cuba.

† **Father Thomas Honold**, 78, died Dec. 25 in New York. He led Catholic Charities in Broward for a decade as a layperson and had been a priest for the Archdiocese of Miami for 35 years, including a decade as pastor at St. Mary Magdalen in Sunny Isles Beach. The Mass for Father Honold will be Thursday, Jan. 19, at 10:30am at the main chapel at Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery, Doral. The burial will follow the Mass.

Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointments:

Effective Jan. 1, 2023

- **Fr. Julio Fernández Triana**, parochial vicar, St. John the Apostle, Hialeah
- **Fr. Hans Chamorro**, parochial vicar, St. Coleman, Pompano Beach
- **Fr. Yosbany Alfonso**, parochial vicar, St. Andrew, Coral Springs
- **Fr. Darwin Daniel Ramirez La Cruz**, parochial vicar, St. Francis de Sales, Miami Beach
- **Fr. Feliere Louis**, Scalabrinians to parochial vicar, Basilica of St. Mary Star of the Sea, Key West

OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI (CONTINUED)

Archbishop Cup

Forget the World Cup! Come watch the first Archbishop Cup, a soccer game featuring priests vs. seminarians. The match will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3 at St. Thomas University, 16401 NW 37 Ave., Miami Gardens. All are welcome to be spectators. More details are forthcoming.

Priest retreats:

For those who have not registered for an annual retreat yet, there are two retreats remaining:

Feb. 13-17, 2023, Preacher: Bishop David Bonnar

Theme: *Called and Gifted to Live and Proclaim the Joy of the Gospel*

Today's priest is called and gifted to live and proclaim the Joy of the Gospel. Using Pope Francis' "Evangelii Gaudium" as well as Scripture and experiences from 34 years of priesthood, Bishop Bonnar will reflect on the multi-dimensional calls that come with being a disciple and a priest of Jesus Christ.

May 15 – 19, 2023, Preacher: Bishop Felipe Estevez

Theme: *Meditations on the Gospel of St John*

A Church Father called the fourth Gospel "the spiritual Gospel". The participants will be enriched by a deeper gaze of some of the stories unique to this Gospel drawing pastoral implications.

Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola will be offered at the Joseph and Mary Retreat House in Mundelein, IL from July 2 to August 4, 2023.

A team of trained spiritual directors, under the leadership of Fr. John Horn, SJ and Dr. Carol Razza, offer the 30-day, 8-day, 5-day, and 3-day forms of the Spiritual Exercises. The program is co-sponsored by Jesus Youth and Amoris Christi.

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Retreats, Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, continued:

During the retreat, participants experience God's invitations to be loved, reconciled and called to live in companionship with Jesus' Spirit. The Spiritual Exercises are a type of map for the human heart to follow in prayerful meditation and contemplation.

The cost for the 30-day retreat is \$3,400 and includes all materials and stipend for spiritual direction. The 3, 5 and 8 day retreats have a fee of \$110 per day. Preference for admission to the 30-day retreat is given to bishops, seminary formators, vocation directors, priests, deacons and their wives, religious and lay leaders involved in spiritual formation and evangelization.

Prerequisites include having made two week-long silent directed retreats or the equivalent. Silent conference retreats without daily individual spiritual direction or quiet time spent in a monastic setting for days of personal retreat do not fulfill the prerequisites. Exceptions to these prerequisites can be discussed if there seems to be an equivalent spiritual preparation through intensive spiritual formation programs and/or life experience. A telephone interview is required. During this interview daily habits of prayer and the regularity of spiritual direction are discussed as well as one's personal experience of God's love.

For application for the 30-day retreat, contact Fr. John Horn, S.J. at 561-374-2268 or jhorn@svdp.edu. For application for the 3, 5, and 8 day retreats, contact Fr. Thomas Pulickal at frthomas@jesusyouth.us

Priest Winter Institute:

St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary is offering its Winter Priest Institute Jan. 29-Feb. 3, 2023. The topic will be The Prophets: Preaching the Ancient Preachers, presented by David G. Monaco, C.P, a Passionist priest and Scripture scholar. Cost is \$595 for tuition, room and meals, or \$350 for commuters. Register online at www.svdp.edu by Jan. 20, 2023. For more information, contact Sr. Mary Roberta Connors at 561-732-4424 or mrconnors@svdp.edu.

Fraud Alert:

The Archdiocese of Miami has been made aware of a couple providing false information at a number of parishes in order to receive donations. If you become aware of a scam like this, please alert local authorities.

OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI (CONTINUED)

America Needs Fatima Announcement:

The Archdiocese of Miami fully supports the message of the Blessed Virgin Mary from Fatima and strongly promotes devotion to the Holy Rosary, especially during the month of October. Please follow Archbishop Wenski's visits to three elementary schools to encourage praying Rosary.

However, the Archdiocese of Miami does not endorse nor allows the group called America Needs Fatima to solicit within the Archdiocese of Miami. This decision was made based on their apparently very aggressive fundraising and marketing strategies. Moreover, this group never requested the Archbishop's permission to exercise this "prayer ministry" within the Archdiocese of Miami. Finally, there are many complaints against the group posted online.

We encourage the parishioners to follow the message of Fatima and to pray the Rosary daily. If so desired, please consider other Marian organizations like the Legion of Mary (<https://www.legionofmary.ie>), the Blue Army (<https://www.bluearmy.com>), or others approved by the Archdiocese.

La Arquidiócesis de Miami apoya plenamente el mensaje de la Santísima Virgen María de Fátima y promueve firmemente la devoción al Santo Rosario, especialmente durante el mes de octubre. Por favor, siga las visitas del Arzobispo Wenski a tres escuelas primarias para fomentar el rezo del Rosario.

Sin embargo, la Arquidiócesis de Miami no respalda ni permite que el grupo llamado America Needs Fatima solicite dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Miami. Esta decisión se basa en sus estrategias de recaudación de fondos y de marketing, aparentemente muy agresivas. Además, este grupo nunca solicitó el permiso del Arzobispo para ejercer este "ministerio de oración" dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Miami. Por último, hay muchas quejas contra el grupo publicadas en Internet.

Animamos a los feligreses a seguir el mensaje de Fátima y a rezar el Rosario diariamente. Si lo desean, por favor consideren otras organizaciones marianas como la Legión de María (<https://www.legionofmary.ie>), el Blue Army (<https://www.bluearmy.com>), u otras aprobadas por la Arquidiócesis.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Safe Environment policy update

All those seeking employment or volunteer opportunities can complete Virtus training online which must be completed prior to employment/volunteer/vendor positions begin.

Online training can be accessed 24/7. Both fingerprinting and the initial Virtus training session must be completed (and for fingerprinting the results must be received) prior to serving as an employee, vendor, or volunteer. New hires may take the online training during their first day as part of their orientation. Any other scenario requires the training to be completed prior to working or volunteering.

You can verify participants' status through your location's Virtus User Reports (accessible by your Local Coordinator) or by having the participant turn in their Training Report.

Virtus Training Online

You may register for the initial Virtus training session at www.virtus.org.

Registration Instructions:

For English: Click [here](#)

Para Español: Oprima [aquí](#)

Once the initial training is complete, your account will be automatically activated. Continuing training is in the form of online monthly bulletins. For more information, contact Jan Rayburn at jrayburn@theadom.org

Virtus Emails

To help ensure VIRTUS Online messages are delivered properly to your Inbox (not spam or junk folders) -- please add system@pub.virtus.org -- to your Address Book and/or Safe List. If you follow these directions (adding system@pub.virtus.org to your Address Book and/or Safe List), but reminders default to your **spam** folder -- or you do not receive your reminders at all -- we recommend that you check directly with your email provider to see if they are blocking or otherwise affecting delivery of email communications from VIRTUS Online (system@pub.virtus.org) to your email account.

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION

Official Catholic Directory

Please note that parishes, schools and all organizations listed in the *Official Catholic Directory* should already have submitted their revisions to the entry of their entity in the OCD. It is necessary that every organization annually review and submit their entry in the OCD, even if there are no revisions. If your parish, school or organization has failed to do this, please contact Sr Elizabeth immediately at eworley@theadom.org.

OFFICE OF DETENTION MINISTRY

Volunteers Needed

The Office of Detention Ministry of the Archdiocese of Miami is looking for priests and lay volunteers for one of the 30 correctional facilities in Miami-Dade. For more information, please email Deacon Edgardo Farias at efarias@theadom.org.

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 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Wedding Anniversary Mass 2023

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their Paper (1st), Silver (25th), Gold (50th) or 50 plus wedding anniversary in 2023 are invited to attend a Mass at St. Mary Cathedral on Saturday, February 18, 2023 and receive a blessing from Archbishop Thomas Wenski. To register, visit <https://conta.cc/3SKvKIY> or contact your Parish Office.

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:** Jan. 24, 2023 at 7:30 pm (Online)
Register at: <https://conta.cc/3umWUdT>
- **English Session:** Jan. 25, 2023 at 7:30 pm (Online)
Register at: <https://conta.cc/3EUtOF>

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, March 18 & Sunday, March 19 (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) in **English**.
Location: St. Mark, Southwest Ranches. Register at: <https://conta.cc/3iyGahu>
- Saturday, Aug. 19 & Sunday, Aug. 20 (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) in **English**.
Location: St. Mark, Southwest Ranches. Register at: <https://conta.cc/3VHLJbt>

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE (CONTINUED)

Fully Engaged Training for Mentor Couples

Fully Engaged Pre-Marital & Convalidation Inventories are offering New Facilitator Webinar Trainings via ZOOM (ONLINE).

The following options are available in **English:**

- Saturday, January 21, 2023 - 10am - 4pm
- Saturday, March 18, 2023 - 10am - 4pm
- Thursday, May 4 & 11, 2023 - 7pm - 9:30pm
- Saturday, August 5, 2023 - 10am - 4pm
- Thursday, October 5 & 12, 2023 - 7pm - 9:30pm
- Saturday, December 2, 2023 - 10am-4pm

The following options are available in **Spanish:**

- Sábado, 4 de Febrero 2023 - 10am - 4pm EST
- Sábado, 1 de Abril 2023 - 10am - 4pm EDT
- Sábado, 3 de Junio 2023 - 10am - 4pm EDT
- Sábado, 16 de Septiembre 2023 - 10am - 4pm EDT
- Sábado, 4 de Noviembre 2023 - 10am - 4pm EDT

Please register at least 10 days prior to the class. To register please click on the following link <https://getfullyengaged.com/new-mentor-training/> or email Jill at jill.svihel@gw.stcdio.org or call (320) 258-7611.

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Sunday Mass for shut-ins: online, on TV and on YouTube

The greatest gift that you could give a sick or homebound person is to remind them that hearing God's word in livestreamed and recorded Masses is only a few clicks away. To watch the Mass in English or Spanish, visit miamiarch.org | Offices & Ministries | Communications | Television Mass; or watch the Spanish Masses on our YouTube channel, CatholicMiami. Mass recordings become available at 6 p.m. every Saturday through midnight Sunday, and a direct link is posted on the News Center on the home page of the archdiocesan website. Masses also are broadcast in Spanish on Univision 23 on Sundays at 6:30 a.m. Those who are homebound and would like a visit from an extraordinary minister of Communion should contact their parish office directly.

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.

Events

World Day of Consecrated Life

The Office for Religious will be celebrating the World Day of Consecrated Life on Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Cathedral of St. Mary, beginning with Eucharistic Adoration at 4:30 pm. At 5:30 pm, Holy Mass will be presided by His Excellency, Most Reverend Thomas Wenski and ending with a dinner honoring all the Consecrated men and women serving in the Archdiocese of Miami. To RSVP, please email Sr. Ana Lanzas, SCTJM at alanzas@theadom.org.

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Camp Carlo

The Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary Religious Brothers and Priests invite young men ages 13-17 to a one day adventure to discover their highway to heaven, on Jan. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Land of the Pierced Hearts, 20505 SW 256 St., Homestead. For more information, contact brothersandpriests@piercedhearts.org or call 305-972-1220.

Called! Vocational Retreat

The Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary Religious Brothers and Priests invite young men ages 18-35 to a weekend retreat March 17-19 at the Land of the Pierced Hearts, 20505 SW 256 St., Homestead. The bilingual retreat will begin on Friday at 7:30 p.m. with the Eucharistic Cenacle and the retreat will be based on the four pillars of our spirituality: Eucharistic, Marian, open to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and in the Heart of the Church. Retreat is free. Room and meals provided. For more information, contact brothersandpriests@piercedhearts.org