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Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

Requiescat in pace:

† **Mr. Josep Vinh Nguyen**, brother of Rev. Long Nguyen, pastor of Our Lady of La Vang Parish, died suddenly due to heart failure in Da Lat City, Vietnam on Aug. 25 at the age of 63. Mass of Christian burial took place on Aug. 29 in Da Lat City, Vietnam.

† **Lois O'Hala**, 91, mother of Father Steven O'Hala, pastor of St. David Church in Davie. Died Aug. 22. Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church in Plantsville, Connecticut.

† **Mr. George Pink**, evening security guard at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, died unexpectedly recently. Mr. Pink came in at 5 p.m. every evening and provided security for the evening staff who cleaned the building and for those who stayed late. Funeral arrangements will be shared when known.

Archdiocese of Miami's 65th Anniversary:

Save the date for the following events in celebration of the Archdiocese's 65th anniversary:

- Saturday, Oct. 7: 65th Anniversary Mass at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary.
- Sunday, Oct. 22: Solemn Vespers and Pontifical and Archdiocesan Honors at 5 p.m. at Cathedral of St. Mary.
- Saturday, Nov. 11: 65th Anniversary Gala and Concert at 6:30 p.m. at the Miami Beach Convention Center, with a special concert performance by Earth, Wind and Fire.

For more information visit www.adomdevelopment.org/65gala or contact 305-762-1051 or events@theadom.org.

Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski (continued)

Announcements:

Pastors: National Eucharistic Revival parish resources, which are free and ready to print, are available at this link: <https://store.eucharisticrevival.org/collections/digital-resources>

“Father” Andres Tirado does not have faculties in the Archdiocese of Miami and it is unknown whether he is a validly ordained priest. He is not authorized by the Catholic Church to perform sacraments, exorcisms or paid ministries. His ministry is not recognized nor recommended by the Archdiocese of Miami.

Impactos of Christianity Family Retreat

Archbishop Thomas Wenski recently met with the core team of Impactos Family Retreats, a movement that recently celebrated their 50th anniversary of ministry in the Archdiocese of Miami. The retreat offers tools for families to improve parenting and marriage; inspiring talks about the social environment, media, dialoguing with children and more; and fun activities for kids ages 3 and up. All this is accomplished with no charge—only donations are accepted to fund the ministry.

Pastors: Please consider announcing Impactos in your parish bulletins. Principals and religious education departments, please promote the retreat with your families. The ultimate goal is to have one family from each parish serve as ambassadors to Impactos and help families be more united and build more community. For more information, visit impactosretreats.org or call 305-772-2942.

International Catholic Stewardship Council

The 61st Annual Conference of the International Stewardship Conference (ICSC) will take place Oct. 1-4 at the Hyatt Regency Orlando Hotel. The theme for this conference is *Eucharistic Stewardship: Responding with Grateful Hearts*. This conference emphasizes Christian stewardship in the Catholic tradition and points toward the Eucharistic Congress in 2024. For more information, visit <https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp622035ddbcb8c/user/guest> or call 1-800-352-3452 or register@catholicstewardship.org.

Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski (continued)

Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointments:

Effective Aug. 8, 2023

- **Father Celsus M. Auguste**, teacher of theology, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Ft. Lauderdale.

Effective Aug. 15, 2023

- **Father Matthew Gomez**, director, Propaedeutic Stage of Formation, St. John Vianney Seminary, Miami, while remaining director of vocations; in residence at the seminary.

Effective Sept. 1, 2023

- **Father Rikinson Bantou**, parochial vicar, Notre Dame d'Haiti Catholic Mission, Miami.
- **Father Pierre Listo Charles**, Parochial Administrator, Visitation Church, Miami.
- **Father Youry Jules**, parochial vicar, St. Bartholomew, Miramar.

Office of the Chancellor for Administration

Dear Monsignor/Father:

It is again time for counting and reporting the weekly Mass census for the weekends in October. The 2023 October Mass Attendance Census includes the five weekends beginning with the weekend of Saturday, Sept. 30 and Sunday, Oct. 1, and ending October 28-29. Please expect the new template by email from Jean-Paul Guis from the Finance Office, addressed to all bookkeepers during the week of September 11-25.

Please remember **to count the number of penitents** during these five weekends.

The deadline to return the count electronically is **Monday, Nov. 13, 2023**. Thank you for your cooperation in this project. Thank you, in advance, for timely reporting – by electronic upload – of the data. If your staff responsible for uploading data is not familiar with the process, the staff may contact Mayra Rossell in the Chancellors' Office at 305-762-1220 or mrossell@theadom.org to assist them in uploading the parish data.

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 Safe Environment (continued)

The Safe Environment Office is sharing a new addition to the Virtus training requirements for employees and educators in Archdiocesan parishes, schools, and entities.

Healthy Boundaries for Adults: Development and Implementation

This module addresses the proper development of healthy boundaries, and the implementation of them within the ministry environment. The module seeks to equip caring adults with the information needed to move past simply understanding boundaries and helps to put them into practice. Best practices of appropriate and inappropriate behavior will be discussed including such practices between adults, as well as between adults and children.

Participants should log into their accounts on www.virtus.org and click on the **Home** tab followed by the **Current Training** box to complete the training.

Office of Marriage and Family Life

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:**

- Thursday, October 5 & 12, 2023 - 7pm - 9:30pm
- Saturday, December 2, 2023 - 10am-4pm

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

- 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 Marriage and Family Life (continued)

Retrouvaille Weekend for Couples

Retrouvaille is for couples who need or want to rekindle and strengthen their marriage or get it back on track. It is also for couples who may be cold and distant, and believe that there is no hope for their marriage. The program helps couples that are struggling in their marriage, even those who are considering marriage separation or who are already separated or divorced. We welcome couples of ALL ages, regardless of how long they have been married, or have been in trouble. Retrouvaille has helped heal tens of thousands of marriages worldwide. The next event will be Oct. 27. For more information, contact the Registration Team at 305-915-4607, email miami@retrouvaille.org or visit HelpOurMarriage.com

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, Oct. 28 & Sunday, Oct. 29 (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) in **English**.
Location: Church of the Little Flower (St. Theresa School Cafeteria), 2701 Indian Mound Trail, Coral Gables. Register at: <http://conta.cc/3GVYfPN>

Life Giving Wounds Retreat

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat is a unique opportunity for young adults (18+) and adults with divorced or separated parents to reflect intentionally on the wounds caused by their family’s breakdown, together with others who know this pain and knowledgeable, compassionate retreat leaders.

- Saturday Sept. 23 & Sunday Sept. 24 (8:30 am to 7:00 pm)

Location: Madonna Retreat Center 3600 SW 32 Blvd., West Park, FL 33023

Register at: <http://conta.cc/42VNy8N>

Office of Marriage and Family Life (continued)

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: Oct. 24 at 7:30 pm (Online/FREE.) Register at: <http://conta.cc/3q9RUuJ>
- English Session: Oct. 26 at 7:30 pm (Online/FREE) Register at: <http://conta.cc/43F88db>

Office of Vocations

Pray for Vocations

Dear Brother Priests,

Thank you for your commitment to praying a Hail Mary a Day for Vocations. Please continue to encourage your parishioners to pray for good and holy vocations! Remember that we have prayer cards if you would like some for your parish. Please reach out to us at vocations@theadom.org to request them. Let us continue to create a [Culture of Vocations](#) in the archdiocese.

Office of Detention Ministry

Pastors: Please consider announcing the following in your parish bulletins:

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

Pastors: Please consider announcing the following in your parish bulletins:

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

Follow the Archdiocese of Miami on Social Media:

Please include in your Parish Bulletin

 Facebook: [@ArchdioceseofMiami](https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofMiami) |  Twitter: [@CatholicMiami](https://twitter.com/CatholicMiami) |  Instagram: [@CatholicMiami](https://www.instagram.com/CatholicMiami)

Pastors: Please add the following announcements in your parish bulletins.

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 may contact their parish office directly.

Office of Communications (continued)

Beware of scammers

The Archdiocese of Miami has heard reports of scammers impersonating Archbishop Thomas Wenski and some of our priests on Facebook, Instagram and other social media platforms, as well as via texts and phone calls. Please be aware that no archdiocesan priest or bishop will ever contact you directly asking for money, gift cards or anything else.

If you, your friends, family, or parish staff receive a direct message from anyone impersonating Archbishop Wenski or one of our priests, please do not respond. Report the fake account immediately to the social media platform and let the archdiocesan Communications Office know by emailing mrivas@theadom.org. Impersonator scams also should be reported to the Federal Trade Commission by calling 1-877-382-4357; or Florida's Consumer Protection Division, 1-866-966-7226. Find out more about the types of scams making the rounds at myfloridalegal.com.

Pastors: Please consider announcing the following in your parish bulletins:

Courage

Meetings of the Broward Courage group have resumed. Courage is an official ministry of the Catholic Church for adults with same-sex attraction who want to lead chaste lives. For more information, please call 571-294-5933.