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Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

Requiescat in pace:

† **Deacon Jose “Pepe” Chirinos** died Jan. 3, 2025 in his native Peru. He served at St. Augustine Parish in Coral Gables and chaplain of Matrimonios en Victoria marriage ministry.

Retirements:

- Father Michael Joseph Grady III retired from St. Anthony Parish on Dec. 31, 2024.
- Father Victor Babin will retire from Nativity Parish effective Feb. 1, 2025.

Announcements:

Archbishop’s 13th Annual Motorcycle Ride

The 13th Annual Archbishop’s Motorcycle Ride will take place on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025, to benefit St. Luke’s Center, a program of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Miami, Inc.

This special, annual ride will span 51.5 miles, starting at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 11691 NW 25th St., Doral, and ending at St. Justin Martyr Parish, 10500 Overseas Highway, Key Largo.

Registration at Our Lady of Guadalupe begins at 7:30 a.m., with Mass at 8:30 a.m. Kick Stands Up at 10 a.m.

Donation is \$25 per bike, plus \$5 for an additional rider; includes 3 raffle tickets. Live DJ, food trucks, entertainment and prizes will also be featured.

For more information, call 305-762-1051 or email events@theadom.org. For registration and sponsorship opportunities, visit: <http://adomdevelopment.org/ride/>

Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski, continued

Announcements, continued:

Jubilee 2025

This Jubilee Year of 2025 will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world have designated their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Jubilee Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive the faith.

The following churches and shrines have been designated as special places of prayer for Jubilee Year Pilgrims:

- **Cathedral of St. Mary, Miami**, 7525 NW 2nd Avenue, Miami
- **The National Shrine of Our Lady of Charity (La Ermita)**, 3609 South Miami Avenue, Coconut Grove (Miami)
- **Our Lady of Schoenstatt Shrine**, 22800 SW 187th Ave, Homestead
- **St. Mary Star of the Sea Basilica**, 1010 Windsor Lane, Key West
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish**, 11691 NW 25th Street, Doral
- **St. Clement Catholic Parish**, 2975 N. Andrews Avenue, Wilton Manors

The basic conditions to gain an indulgence are that a person is moved by a spirit of charity, is "purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion" and prays for the pope. Groups of faithful who wish to organize pilgrimages to one or more of the above designated churches or shrines should coordinate with the designated site so that the pilgrims can be properly welcomed and have access to the Sacraments, especially confession.

Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women

The MACCW supports the archdiocese through service, community and shared mission, and offers numerous benefits and opportunities for your parish. Consider establishing a new group within your parish or supporting an existing one. Contact president Fabiola DeArmas at 786-457-6422 or fabiolas@prodigy.net, or their spiritual advisor Fr. Michael Greer at 954-941-7647 or frgreer@yahoo.com

Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski, continued

Priest retreats

Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola will be offered at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake Conference Center in Mundelein, Illinois from July 2 to Aug. 4, 2025. A team of trained spiritual directors will 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.

The cost for the 30-day retreat is \$3,800 and includes all materials and stipend for spiritual direction. The 3, 5 and 8 day retreats cost \$150 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.

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 retreats@amorischristi.org. For more information, visit www.spiritual-exercises-ac.org.

Office of Respect Life

St. Gianna and Pietro Molla Miscarriage Ministry wants to invite you to honor your child/children lost through miscarriage. Memorializing a loved one can be a very powerful part of the healing process. Many parents and relatives find it helpful to name their babies. If you have not done so, visit us on our Heaven's Littlest Saints wall. https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Memorial_Miscarriage_Ministry.

Office of Marriage and Family Life

Wedding Anniversary Mass 2025

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their Paper (1st), Silver (25th), Gold (50th) or 50 plus wedding anniversary in 2025 are invited to attend a Mass at St. Mary Cathedral on Saturday, Feb.15 and receive a blessing from Archbishop Thomas Wenski. Couples interested in having their picture taken with Archbishop Wenski should arrive by 4 p.m. with Mass starting at 5:30 p.m. To register, visit <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/ynhxwzj>.

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).

- Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in **English**
- Sábado, 1 de febrero de 2025 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in **Spanish / En Español**

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

Natural Family Planning: Learn a medically safe and highly effective method of postponing and achieving pregnancy that respects the love-giving and life-giving natures of marriage:

Creighton Model Introductory Session

- **Spanish Session:** Jan. 14, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. (en línea/gratis)
Register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/zgsvmzr>
- **English Session:** Jan. 16, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. (online/free)
Register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/wyqe2dz>

Transformed in Love is an official Archdiocesan program created by many different experts to help you prepare for your wedding day and to begin your marriage by building a strong foundation together.

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.”

- **Feb. 15-16, 2025 in English.** Location: St. Mark Parish, 5601 S Flamingo Rd, Southwest Ranches. Register at: <http://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/6926zm7>
- For more information and registration please click on the following link: [ADOM :: Events Marriage Preparation](#)

Office of Safe Environment

Safe Environment Local Coordinator

The Archdiocese of Miami's administration has reevaluated the Safe Environment Office in all aspects including the general policy, staffing and assigning of responsibilities, reporting procedures, requirements to serve as either an employee, vendor, or volunteer, and compliance procedures all in accordance with the USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults.

An imperative part of ensuring compliance for our entities is the assigning of a Local Coordinator for your site. The Local Coordinator is responsible for compliance and record keeping of the Archdiocesan Creating and Maintaining Safe Environments for Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy. Essentially, this means ensuring that compliance is met and that it can be proven.

(Remember the SE Office is an independently audited office.)

The role description is extensive and requires training before access is given. If your site does not have a local coordinator, please contact the Safe Environment office at jrayburn@theadom.org for the Role Description, and consider your choice carefully. Once a candidate is identified, contact the Safe Environment Office again with the name and email address of the candidate so they may be assigned the appropriate training. This person must already be compliant in Virtus, fingerprinting, and a signed pledge to promote safe environment.

Ultimately, the responsibility falls to the Pastor, Principal, or Director of the site. Thank you for joining the Archdiocese's efforts to protect children and vulnerable adults.

Office of Vocations

The next **St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering** will take place on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025, at Little Flower Catholic Parish (Hollywood), beginning at 11:00 a.m. All priests of the Southeast Broward Deanery are encouraged to invite at least one potential candidate to join those who are seriously discerning the priesthood. Priests may register their prospective candidates [\[here\]](#).

Upcoming gatherings:

- Feb. 1, 2025: Northwest Dade Deanery at Blessed Trinity Catholic Parish
- March 2025: Northeast Broward Deanery at St. Coleman Catholic Parish
- April 12, 2025: Northeast Dade Deanery at St. Martha Catholic Parish

For more information, contact the Vocations Office at 305-762-1137 or reach out to Father Milton Martínez at mmartinez@theadom.org.

Office of Vocations, continued

The New Archdiocesan Vocation Chalice is a pilgrim chalice that will travel from one discernment group's hosting parish to the next. Each host parish will welcome the chalice, placing it in a place of honor during all Masses to invite the faithful to pray "One Hail Mary a Day" for priestly vocations in the weeks leading up to the St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering. Little Flower Parish in Hollywood has been hosting the Archdiocesan Vocation Chalice at every Mass since Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024.

The 2024-2025 Archdiocesan Vocations Poster will be delivered to your parish & school before Christmas along with the Archbishop's Cup & Vocation Awareness Weekend flyers. Please ensure that the posters are placed in a visible area and encourage the faithful to continue praying "One Hail Mary a Day" for vocations to the priesthood, as well as for the seminarians and those who are discerning.

Mark Your Calendars! The next Archbishop's Cup match will take place on Friday, Jan. 24, 2025, at St. Thomas University, 16401 NW 37th Ave., Miami Gardens. Doors will open at 6 p.m., with kickoff at 7:30 p.m. Although admission is free, we are kindly asking for a donation to the [Burse Fund](#) for the seminarians' formation program. Priests and seminarians are already warming up and practicing for this exciting event! All parishes and schools are invited to come out and cheer for their favorite team, supporting either the priests by wearing blue or the seminarians by wearing yellow. A variety of Food Trucks will be available for the evening. Don't miss out on the fun! A digital flyer is available [online](#).

Vocation Awareness Weekend Spring 2025: If you know any young men between the ages of 17 and 35 who might be good candidates for the priesthood, please invite them to the next Vocation Awareness Weekend, which will take place at St. John Vianney College Seminary from March 7-9, 2025. Participants can register [here](#).

Office of Detention Ministry

Pastors, please consider announcing the following in your parish bulletin.

Volunteers Needed: The Office of Detention Ministry of the Archdiocese of Miami is looking for priests and lay volunteers for one of 30 correctional facilities in Miami-Dade. For more information, please email Deacon Edgardo Farias at efarias@theadom.org, or visit <https://detentionministry.org/>.

Catholic Hospice

The Volunteer Services Department offers an array of volunteer opportunities for individuals like you looking to join an organization committed to providing care to vulnerable populations. By volunteering with us, you can choose to join our many special programs: Companion Care, Acts of Kindness Project, Camp Erin, We Honor Veterans, Pet Peace of Mind and more! For more information, email volunteerservices@catholichospice.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.

Catholic Charities, continued

Catholic Charities provides adult day care

Catholic Charities has been providing adult day care services for over 35 years at its Wilton Manors Adult Day Center, located at 1503 N.E. 26 St., Wilton Manors. Trained professionals care for adults requiring supervision during the day, including those with Alzheimer's or other dementia disorders. Nutritious meals, socialization, music therapy, exercise, and games are among the services provided in a safe and secure environment. Free adult day care services are also available to eligible individuals. For information, call 954-630-9501.

Office of Communications

Follow the Archdiocese of Miami on Social Media:

Please Include in your Parish Bulletin:



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[@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.