



Archdiocese of Miami

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Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointments:

- Rev. Eliseus A Ezeuchenne, to Visitation Parish, effective Dec. 10, 2024
- Rev. Rolando Cabrera García, to St. Anthony Parish, effective Jan. 1, 2025
- Rev. Julio Fernández Triana, to Immaculate Conception Parish, effective Jan. 1, 2025
- Rev. Yosbany Alfonso, to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary-St. Richard Parish, effective Jan. 13, 2025

Announcements:

Priestly faculties in Ireland

The Archbishop of Dublin, Ireland, has asked the USCCB to inform local U.S. bishops that any priest who travels to Ireland and seeks to exercise public ministry (whether as a resident or visitor) needs to be vetted and cleared by the Irish Police first. This requirement is in addition to their bishop's testimonial letter. It is important that at least one month's notice be given for this clearance to come through. To initiate this process of police clearance, it is best to make contact with the Irish diocese in which they hope to minister publicly.

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

Announcements, continued:

Jubilee Year 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 are designated as special places of prayer for pilgrims:

- **Cathedral of St. Mary, Miami**, 7525 NW 2nd Avenue, Miami
- **The National Shrine of Our Lady of Charity (La Ermita)**, 3609 S. Miami Ave., 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. For more information or to contact designated churches or shrines, please visit: www.miamiarch.org.

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 the Chancellor for Administration

Dear Monsignor/Father: This serves as a reminder that the 2025 March Mass Attendance Census starts on the weekend of Saturday-Sunday, March 1 & 2. It includes the five weekends of March, ending March 29 - 30. Please remember to count the number of penitents during these four weekends.

The deadline to return the count electronically is **Friday, April 11, 2025**. 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 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/ynhxwzi>.

Life-Giving Wounds Retreat

Come for a greater understanding of the wounds left by your parents' divorce or separation, for advice concerning love and trust of others, and for an experience of Christ and community that will lead to deeper self-understanding and healing. **March 29-30, 2025, Madonna Retreat Center, 3600 SW 32 Blvd, West Park, FL 33023**. Register at: [Life-Giving Wounds Retreat March 29 and 30, 2025](#).

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, March 15, 2025 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in **English**
- Sábado, 5 de abril 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:** April 8, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. (en línea/gratis)
Register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/2steuum>
- **English Session:** April 10, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. (online/free)
Register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/xp8baxd>

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. 28 and March 1 & 2, 2025 in English.** Location: St. Augustine Parish, 1400 Miller Rd, Coral Gables. Register at: <http://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/jbxzfuh>

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 Archdiocesan's efforts to protect children and vulnerable adults.

Office of Vocations

St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering

The February St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering took place on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025, at Blessed Trinity Parish in the Northwest Dade Deanery and was a powerful encounter for men seriously discerning the priesthood. We are deeply grateful to the parish for their warm hospitality and to Fr. Matias Hualpa, whose presence and witness left a profound impact on the men in attendance. Upcoming gatherings:

- March 2025: Northeast Broward Deanery at St. Coleman Catholic Parish.
- April 12, 2025: Northeast Dade Deanery at St. Martha Catholic Parish.
- May 17, 2025: Southwest Broward Deanery at St. Katharine Drexel 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

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](#).

Focus 11: This year, unlike last, we will be hosting the Focus 11 Vocations Rally for sixth-grade students over four days, May 13-16, 2025—with two days in Broward County and two days in Miami-Dade County. To better accommodate schools and reduce overcrowding, we have added an extra day to the Broward County rally, ensuring ample space for schools in Broward and North Dade. School principals, please be on the lookout for an email with further details and registration instructions.

“One Hail Mary a Day for Vocations” Prayer Cards: The Office of Vocations has prayer cards available in both English and Spanish for distribution to the faithful. These cards encourage the simple yet powerful practice of praying one Hail Mary each day for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, religious life, and sacred matrimony. If your parish would like to receive prayer cards, please email us at mmartinez@theadom.org.

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, email Deacon Edgardo Farias at efarias@theadom.org, or <https://detentionministry.org>.

Catholic Hospice

The Volunteer Services Department offers volunteer opportunities for individuals looking to join an organization committed to providing care to vulnerable populations. You can choose to join: 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 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:

 Facebook [@ArchdioceseofMiami](https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofMiami) |  [@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.

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.

Office of Communications, continued

Events:

Italian Mass

Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables will begin celebrating a new Mass in Italian on the first Sunday of each month at 7 p.m., beginning Sunday, March 2. The parish is located at 2711 Indian Mound Trail, Coral Gables, and is pleased to offer this new Mass in the service of the Italian community of South Florida.