



# PASTORAL BULLETIN

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## OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI

### Mission Cooperative Plan

The Archdiocese of Miami, like those across the United States, supports the universal Church's mission and evangelization efforts through the Pontifical Mission Societies often known by the largest of its four societies, the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. We do this through the annual World Mission Sunday Collection which provides in large part for the expenses of the 1,150 missionary dioceses and diocesan seminaries around the world. At the same time, we also participate in the Mission Cooperative Plan — commonly known as the Mission Co-op or MCP. Through the Mission Cooperative Plan, priests, religious and laity from various parts of the world share their experience of mission with our parishes and seek the support of both of their prayers and financial support.

However, of some concern are the several well-funded groups whose priority is not the essential evangelizing mission of the Church who continue to access our parishes and congregations to seek funding for their works. Without prejudice to the reputation and good works of such groups, I want to make clear that they do not form part of the Church's work of mission and evangelization.

Three such groups that are prominent in our parishes are:

- ◆ Food for the Poor
- ◆ Cross International
- ◆ Christian Foundation for Children and Aging

While these groups often perform outstanding humanitarian work in some of the most marginal and broken areas of our world, they are not charged with nor do they assume the responsibility common to all the baptized: to preach the good news and to baptize in keeping with Our Lord's great commission. In other words, they do not enjoy the same status within the Church of the Pontifical Mission Societies or of those invited by the Mission Cooperative Plan.

In light of these considerations, pastors should engage such groups only after consultation and collaboration with our Archdiocese Office for the Propagation of the Faith headed by Father David Zirilli. Also, any such engagement with such groups should in no way be prejudicial to the parish's support of the World Mission Sunday Collection and its participation in the Mission Cooperative Plan.

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### New appointments:

#### Effective as of September 15, 2012

- ◆ Rev. Joseph Jean-Louis, OMI.....Parochial Vicar.....St. Timothy Parish

#### Effective as of September 18, 2012

- ◆ Fr. Rafael Capó, Sch.P.....Spiritual Director of Camino del Matrimonio

## OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI (CONTINUED)

Please see below the list of Retreat Masters and dates for the upcoming Priest Retreats at Our Lady of Spiritual Center in 1300 U.S. Hwy #1, North Palm Beach, FL 33408 .

### Archbishop Emeritus Harry Flynn

Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

**October 8th – 12th, 2012**

English Retreat

### Bishop Víctor Manuel Ochoa Cadavid

Bishop of Málaga-Soatá, Colombia

**15-19 octubre 2012 / Spanish**

<http://www.catholic-hierarchy.org/diocese/dmaso.html>

### Msgr. Thomas G. Caserta.

Pastor of Shrine Church of St. Bernadette Brooklyn, NY

**October 22- 26th, 2012**

English Retreat

### Fr. Brett Brannen

Diocese of Savannah

**March 11th – 15th, 2013**

English Retreat

### Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB

Congregation of St. Basil

**May 20th – 24th, 2013**

English Retreat

## OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

### **Electronic Mass Census:**

The electronic October Mass Attendance Census starts on the weekend of October 6/7 through the weekend of October 27/28, 2012. If you have changed your computers or you don't have the program installed please call Jean-Paul Guis at the Finance Office at 305.762.1058 so he can mail a new CD for installation.

The blue forms for the Official Catholic Directory Book should be arriving soon to all parishes, please be aware and in the look out for them. Please mail them to the Chancery Office as soon as you correct them.

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### **Announcement:**

If a couple by the name of Jaime and Olga Moreno wish to establish or be involved with a Spanish Emmaus group, or another Spanish group, in your parish, please contact Fr. Steven O'Hala at St. Elizabeth of Hungary parish first. They used to be at his parish and he has important information about them.

## OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL (CONTINUED)

### On “Devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ” prayer book:

Please be informed that, after judicial review, the prayer book “Devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ” is not to be used or promoted within the Archdiocese of Miami. Although devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ is not new in the Church, this prayer book has several deficiencies and is problematic for several reasons: The imprimatur (canonically required approbation) was not obtained from the proper bishop, that is, the Ordinary of the place of the purported vision; the claims that the prayers of intercession in the devotion were actually said by Jesus during his Passion are suspect; also suspect are the so-called prophecies of the Seal and the Rose of Perfect Purity, which seem to allege a new “revelation” beyond that contained in the Scriptures and Tradition of the Church; some prayers in the devotion are unintelligible and theologically unsound. Moreover, churches in Nigeria report that the Prayer for Release from Ancestral Curses can generate fear and anxiety in people and has been divisive within the Christian communities.

## OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

For information on how to make Catholic based voting decisions visit the following sites:

### SUMMARY OF THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Forming Consciences – Faithful Citizenship

<http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/Forming-Consciences-Faithful-Citizenship-bulletin-insert.pdf>

Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops (**FLACCB**) <http://www.flaccb.org/electionactivities/>

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (**USCCB**) <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/>

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### Faithful Citizenships Bulletin Announcement:

#### Say “Yes” on Amendment 8

Recent court rulings show that every religious service provider in a state program is vulnerable to a challenge unless Amendment 8 to the Florida Constitution is adopted. These include Catholic health care providers, colleges, social services and housing programs. Learn more at [www.SayYesOn8.com](http://www.SayYesOn8.com) and vote **YES on Amendment 8** in November to protect religious freedom.

#### The Purpose of Amendment 8 on November's Ballot

Amendment 8 to Florida’s Constitution provides that no individual or entity may be denied, on the basis of religious identity or belief, governmental benefits, funding or other support, except as required by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. Amendment 8 deletes a discriminatory provision that jeopardizes participation by religious entities in state programs that serve the needy. To protect these programs, vote **YES on Amendment 8**. To learn more, see [www.SayYesOn8.com](http://www.SayYesOn8.com).

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### Religious Institutions Need Amendment 8

Amendment 8 on the November ballot will allow religious providers offering secular services to continue to participate in programs without fear of challenge simply on the basis that they are religious. Services in jeopardy that are protected by Amendment 8 to the Florida Constitution include health care, homeless shelters, food banks, prison ministry and education. See [www.SayYesOn8.com](http://www.SayYesOn8.com) for more information and vote **YES on Amendment 8**.

### Amendment 8 Overcomes Discrimination

In the 19th Century, during a period of anti-Catholic sentiment, a number of states including Florida adopted constitutional provisions to stifle outreach to the poor and marginalized by prohibiting funds directly or indirectly to religious institutions. Amendment 8 on the November ballot is needed to remove religious discrimination from Florida's Constitution. For more, see [www.SayYesOn8.com](http://www.SayYesOn8.com) and vote **YES on Amendment 8**.

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### **Say "Yes" on Amendment 6**

#### Amendment 6 Would Prohibit Public Dollars for Abortion

Public health care dollars should be used to help those most in need – children, elderly, disabled – and not to fund abortions except for those expenditures required by federal law. On November 6, vote **YES on Amendment 6** to the Florida Constitution. For more information, go to [www.SayYesOn6.com](http://www.SayYesOn6.com) sponsored by Citizens for Protecting Taxpayers and Parental Rights.

#### Say Yes on Amendment 6 to Bring Back Parental Consent Legislation

Parents have the responsibility and right to be involved in important decisions affecting their minor child. In Florida, underage females have the right to obtain an abortion without a parent's consent, a right struck down by the Florida Supreme Court in 1989. On November 6, vote **YES on Amendment 6** to the Florida Constitution to allow future legislation to restore parental consent. [www.SayYesOn6.com](http://www.SayYesOn6.com).

#### Surveys Show Majority Oppose Public Funding of Abortion – Say Yes on 6

Several national surveys have confirmed that the majority of Americans polled oppose use of government funds to pay for abortions. Minors in Florida have the right to obtain an abortion without their parent's consent. On November 6, oppose public funding of abortion and restore parental rights by voting **YES on Amendment 6** to the Florida Constitution. For more information, go to [www.SayYesOn6.com](http://www.SayYesOn6.com).

#### Vote Yes on 6 to Restore Parental Rights Struck Down by Florida Supreme Court

The right to an abortion has been the law of the land since 1973. The Florida Supreme Court exceeded the rights contained in the United States Constitution in 1989 by striking down parental consent

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so minor girls can have an abortion without the consent of their parent. On November 6, vote **YES on Amendment 6** to the Florida Constitution. For more information, go to [www.SayYesOn6.com](http://www.SayYesOn6.com) sponsored by Citizens for Protecting Taxpayers and Parental Rights.

### **Bulletin Announcement:**

Archbishop Wenski has asked the following announcements to be included in your Church's bulletin:

**Say Yes on Amendments 6 and 8!**  
**Stop the HHS Mandate!**  
**Stand Up for Religious Freedom!**

**Join Archbishop Thomas Wenski and the Nationwide Rally for Religious Freedom  
October 20 at St. Thomas University in Miami**

On October 20, tens of thousands of faithful citizens will gather in prayer and public witness in cities and towns all across the United States to oppose the HHS Mandate and stand up in defense of our religious freedoms.

Join Archbishop Thomas Wenski and other distinguished speakers at the Rally in Miami and say NO to the new U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Mandate, which forces employers—including religious charities—to provide free contraceptives and abortion-inducing drugs in their health plans.

Come out and learn about Amendments 6 and 8 to the Florida Constitution which are on the November ballot. Say yes on 6 and 8 to stop taxpayer funding of abortion and uphold parental rights in Florida and to defend the religious freedom of institutions that help Florida's needy.

**Event:** Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally

**When:** Saturday, October 20 at 1 p.m.

**Where:** St. Thomas University, 16401 NW 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Miami Gardens, FL

**Contact:** [ReligiousFreedomRallyMiami@Yahoo.com](mailto:ReligiousFreedomRallyMiami@Yahoo.com), 786-484-3367 or 954-439-6049

**More Info:** [StandUpRally.com](http://StandUpRally.com)

**Stand with our Church.**

**Stand with our Founding Fathers.**

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### **Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine**

(Host an Exclusive Screening)

Is the first full-length feature film about beloved St. Augustine, one of the most influential Doctors of the Church. Ignatius Press is bringing this European production to American audiences, and it's available now for sponsored theatrical screenings across the country. To host an exclusive screening of **RESTLESS HEART** visit their official film website at [www.RestlessHeartFilm.com](http://www.RestlessHeartFilm.com)



## OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS (CONTINUED)

### Upcoming Events

St. Vincent DePaul Regional Seminary's

#### **TOWN AND GOWN**

October 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Vincent DePaul Regional Seminary 10701 S. Military Trail in Boynton Beach invites you to attend its "Town and Gown" event in the Auditorium, located behind the main Chapel. Dr. Sixto Garcia will present ***Christ, Grace and the Law*** in Francisco de Vitoria's\* Doctrine of the American Conquest. Dominican theologian Vitoria, professor of Theology at Salamanca, (1526-1546) is acknowledged by scholars as the founder of International Law and the theories of Human Rights. Pope Benedict XVI invoked his name in his address to the UN Assembly in 2008. The event is free of charge.

#### **Archdiocesan Catechetical Conference 2012**

##### **"Agents of the New Evangelization"**

November 3, 2012 at Archbishop McCarthy High School

The Office of Catechesis of the Archdiocese of Miami will be having its annual Catechetical Conference featuring an exhibit at 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mark at 8:00 a.m. presided by Archbishop Thomas Wenski, key note addresses and several "Enrichment Sessions" throughout the day.

#### **2012 Respect Life Conference**

October 12-13 at St. Joseph Catholic Church/Cody Enrichment Center in Jacksonville, FL.

Featuring Bishop Thomas Olmsted, Bishop Felipe Estevez, Bishop John Snyder, Fr. Alfred Cioffi, Richard Doerfinger, Austin Ruse and more

A "Love come Alive" concert on October 13 at 8:00 p.m. on the St. Joseph Catholic School Gym will follow including: Kevin Heider, Chris Cole and introducing Maria Price.

### Upcoming Event and possible bulletin announcement

#### **National Conference of Catholic Youth Ministries**

The National Conference of Catholic Youth Ministers, which takes place every two years, is being held in Orlando this November 29-December 1. The NCCYM is an opportunity for those who minister to the young Catholic Church to learn about what is going in the field of youth ministry, to network with others and to recharge those ministry batteries, so that youth ministers can return refreshed, renewed, and recommitted to the unique ministry and mission into which God has called them. Registration and more information is at <http://nccym.nfcym.org/index.htm>.