



PASTORAL BULLETIN

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OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI

New Appointments:

- ◆ Fr. Patrick Naughton was appointed Chaplain for Catholic Health Services at St. John's Nursing Center, in residence at St. Helen Parish, effective December 1, 2017.
- ◆ Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert, O.Ss.T. was appointed Parochial Administrator at Mary Help of Christians Parish, effective December 1, 2017.
- ◆ Fr. Tomasz Seweryn was appointed Chaplain of Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, effective December 1, 2017.
- ◆ Fr. Warren Escalona was appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Brendan Parish, effective December 1, 2017.

Requiescat in pace:

† Dr. Charles L. Cox, U.S. History professor at St. John Vianney College Seminary for 35 years, died in South Carolina on November 2, 2017.

† Fr. Ethel Iwu Ifeanyi, Director of Pastoral Care at Catholic Health Services at St. John's Residence, died on November 30, 2017.

Announcements:

13 Powerful Ways to Pray is the new book by Fr. Eamon Tobin, a priest of the Diocese of Orlando. Archbishop Wenski recommends this book, which is available through bulk parish discount at Dynamic Catholic. It can be used for personal prayer or in small groups. Makes a great Christmas gift! Please visit <https://dynamiccatholic.com/13-powerful-ways-to-pray-bulk> to order.

In the aftermath of the recent hurricanes, the Archdiocese of Miami is accepting financial donations through its Catholic Charities and other entities to assist victims in the Florida Keys, Caribbean, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. Your donations will help reach out to those devastated by the storm.

You may make your generous donation through <http://www.ccadm.org> as well as <https://give.adomdevelopment.org/irma> to help those affected. One-hundred percent of your donations will be used for hurricane relief efforts.

OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Ordination of Permanent Deacons: Saturday, December 16, 10 a.m. at Cathedral of St. Mary. Deacons are invited to vest, alb and white stole. Please pray for the candidates to be ordained:

William Bertot, David Bowen, John Ermer, Ricardo Rauseo, Jorge Reyes and Sergio Rodicio

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Transformed in Love, a marriage preparation program which uses a “house building” metaphor to illustrate the concepts of establishing and nurturing marriage and family life, will take place January 20 and 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at St. Mark Parish in Southwest Ranches. Please note that couples must attend both sessions to receive their certificate. The program includes many topics that contribute to building a marriage for a lifetime. To register, please click on the following link: <http://conta.cc/2zefpe>

Natural Family Planning (NFP):

Learn Natural Family Planning (NFP) and help build communication skills and enhance intimacy in your marriage. NFP is now normative for all couples seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in the Archdiocese of Miami. Couples may attend a three-part series (once a month for three months) of introductory classes offered by the Couple to Couple League to learn more about this medically safe, morally acceptable and highly effective method, both for postponing and achieving pregnancy. You can find more information at www.miamiarch.org/familylife

Next series of on-site classes:

- ◆ Epiphany Church, Miami: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, and March 17 at 7 p.m. Contact Carlos and Lucy Moas: 305-498-2731, Immsalas@gmail.com
- ◆ St. Patrick Church, Miami Beach: Jan. 27, Feb. 17, and March 24 at 9 a.m. Contact Alejandro and Carmen Santamaria: 305-321-4240, carmen.l.santamaria@gmail.com
- ◆ Epiphany Church, Miami: April 19, May 12, and June 9 at 7 p.m. Contact Carlos and Lucy Moas: 305-498-2731, Immsalas@gmail.com

To register for any class— on-site, self-paced, or virtual visit: <http://register.ccli.org>

A special pilot Spanish NFP class will also be offered:

- ◆ St. Katherine Drexel Church, Weston: Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, and March 23 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Richard and Angelique Lopez: 305-216-5360, aruhi_lopez@yahoo.com. More information on this course is available at: http://www.miamiarch.org/atimo_s/event_images/2017/12/PNF_Programa_Piloto_-_FLYER_1512276226.pdf

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Natural Family Planning (NFP) (Continued):

Another local NFP option is the Creighton Method of NFP, taught locally and to couples on an individual basis by Sarah McKeown in English (218-368-8505, smfertilitycare@gmail.com) or Guadalupe Carral, in Spanish or English (713-203-2375, lupitacrms@gmail.com).

Paper, Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their Paper (1st), Silver (25th), Gold (50th) or 50 plus wedding anniversary in 2018 are invited to attend on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary to receive a blessing from Archbishop Thomas Wenski.

Couples interested in having their photo taken with Archbishop Wenski should arrive by 4 p.m. with Mass starting at 5:30 p.m. Participants will sit in a special designated area in the front pews.

For registration, please contact your local parish.

Women's Health and Fertility Seminar will take place Feb. 24, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Thomas University. Learn more about innovative and natural options for women's healthcare. Leading physicians, experts and women will share insights about safe reproductive healthcare that is medically unmatched and ethically sound. The event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Miami, with support from the Catholic Medical Association and the Couple to Couple League. Early bird pricing through January 15, 2018. Register online at <http://conta.cc/2xJstnj>. For more information, click: [Women's Health and Fertility Seminar Flyer](#).

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Announcements:

Catholic Relief Services has re-elected Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski and Bishop Felipe J. Estevez to the Board of Directors. The Board also welcomes three new members: Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, and law professor Helen Alvaré as a new lay member of the Board.

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Upcoming Events

Three Virtues Organization Prayer Breakfast will take place January 6, 2018 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Hall, 106 SE First Rd., Homestead, FL 33030. The free breakfast will be held in honor of Haitian independence and in memory of Haiti earthquake victims. Archbishop Thomas Wenski will be the keynote speaker. Please RSVP by Dec. 16 to 786-231-7005.

Third International Congress in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary will have their Third International Congress June 8-10, 2018 at the Doubletree by Hilton Miami Airport and Convention Center. The Main Celebrant of the 8 p.m. opening Mass will be Archbishop Thomas Wenski. For more information, please visit: www.corazones.org or www.piercedhearts.org

OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT

World Youth Day 2019 is almost one year away. Join Archbishop Wenski and youth and young adults from throughout the Archdiocese of Miami as we travel to Panama City, Panama in January 2019 for the 16th celebration of World Youth Day. For more information: http://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=World_Youth_Day