

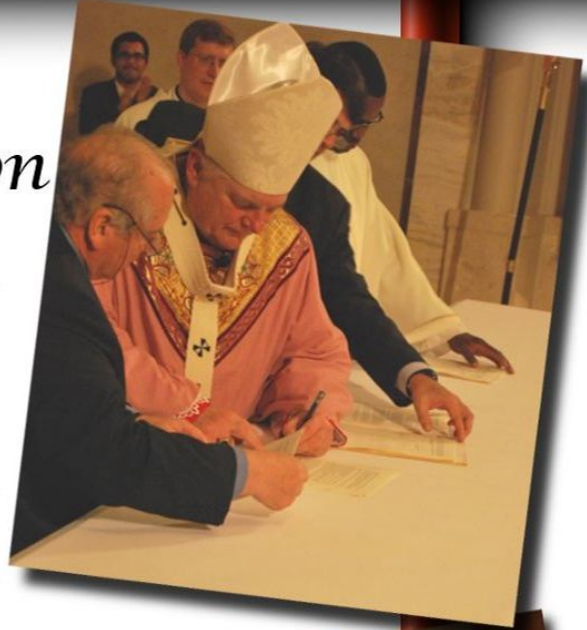


Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary of Miami

A Seminary for the New Evangelization

Archbishop Thomas Wenski officially opened the Redemptoris Mater Seminary on December 11, 2011 with a first group of 12 men. Once ordained, they will be incardinated in the Archdiocese of Miami and work in the parishes of the Archdiocese or any other place in the world where the Archbishop may decide to send them.

The seminarians receive their academic formation at St. John Vianney Seminary in Miami or at St. Vincent de Paul in Boynton Beach, according to their level of studies.





What is a Redemptoris Mater Seminary?

The Redemptoris Mater Seminaries are a fruit of the Second Vatican Council and an inspiration of the Blessed Pope John Paul II. Confronting the unequal distribution of the clergy and the scarcity of vocations throughout the world, the Fathers of the Council spoke of the need to create "International Seminaries" to prepare clergy to be sent anywhere in the world where there was a need.

The first RMS was opened in the Diocese of Rome in 1987 by Pope John Paul II. Today there are 87 seminaries throughout the world in 5 continents, and to this date more than 2000 men formed in these seminaries have already been ordained to the priesthood. Currently in the US there are seven RM Seminaries: Newark, Washington D.C., Denver, Boston, Dallas, the territory of Guam, and now Miami.



"Entering the seminary for the first time has been challenging especially because it is newly established. Yet it has been very rewarding for me to be formed not only for the priesthood, but to learn what it means to be a Christian."

-Paul Pierce

"My experience here in Miami has been a grace because the Lord has done miracles in my life. I saw how bringing the gospel to the people brought me a great joy. I am happy to be here in Miami to serve the people of God."



- Ivan Rodriguez

The Seminaricians

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| Deacon Cletus Omode | (Nigeria) |
| Ivan Rodriguez | (Argentina) |
| David Romero | (Costa Rica) |
| James Arriola | (Guam, USA) |
| Agustin Estrada | (California, USA) |
| Paul Pierce | (Hawaii, USA) |
| Davide Zanforlini | (Italy) |
| Giovane Rodrigues | (Brazil) |
| Saul Araujo | (Brazil) |
| César Betancourt | (Dominican Rep.) |
| Alberto Chávez | (Paraguay) |
| Luis Ricardo Rogel | (El Salvador) |

These men came to discover their vocation through a Neocatecumenal community in their home parishes. The Neocatecomenal Way, which was defined by Pope John Paul II as "an itinerary of Catholic formation, valid for our society and for our times," is an essential ingredient in the formation of these seminaricians and remains important in their lives after ordination in the form of a permanent formation to the faith.

How You Can Help

Waiting for God to provide a land where the Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary Redemptoris Mater may be built, the temporary location of the Seminary will be the parish of St. Cecilia in Hialeah, where we hope to soon be able to live all together. Fr. Emanuel, the rector, is also the pastor of St. Cecilia's in Hialeah.

Our Seminary lives primarily on the prayers, donations, and encouragement of many benefactors. Every contribution helps and we are witnesses that God blesses all those who offer support to the formation of priests.

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