New appointments:

♦ Rev. David Zirilli was appointed Vicar Ecome of Nativity Parish, effective October 1, 2014.

Requiescat in pace:

† Jean Zelnick, who supervised the Pastoral Center’s mail room for numerous years, passed away at the age of 81.

† Julita Quintana, who worked at the Chancery Office at the Pastoral Center for years, passed away on September 18, 2014.

† Mirtha Ruiz de Zárate, Mother of Maria Miranda, Catholic Health Services Vice President of Public Relations, passed away on September 17, 2014.

New master’s degree in Theology at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary:

St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach encourages you to consider their innovative program of study for laypersons interested in studying for a master’s level degree in theology. The program is open to Catholics and non-Catholics alike and offered on Wednesday evenings at the Seminary, requiring an additional scheduled Friday night and Saturday each month from August through April for the duration of the degree, which consists of 48 credit hours. If interested please call the Academic Office at 561-732-4424 extension 151 for more information.

Year of Consecrated Life:

Pope Francis has announced a “Year for Consecrated Life” that will begin on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2014 to February 2, 2016, the World Day of Consecrated Life. This special year will be a privileged time to grow and deepen the faith and reflect in the unique role that consecrated men and women have in the Church. It will also be a great opportunity to help the faithful to grow in knowledge of this vocation and of the many different charisms and institutes that serve in the archdiocese.

The motto for the year is “Wake up the world” a phrase taken from the speech that our Holy Father pronounced to the Union of Superior General in Rome, when he announced the “Year for Consecrated Life”. Consecrated men and women are called to be a light to all peoples and a sign of the eschatological realities that often are forgotten in this busy world.

Please be attentive to the news and updates as the pastoral plan for this Year is announced and please do not forget to pray for all consecrated men and women.
Training for Parish Evangelization:

The Pastoral Plan, Disciples in Faith, Missionaries of Hope, sets as a priority that all parishes grow to be “centers of hope and evangelization.” To do this, people need to have the confidence and competence to witness to the joy of the Gospel and their personal faith journey. The Synod goals call us to provide training to parishes to help foster and sustain a more “welcoming environment and active discipleship.”

Archbishop Wenski will send a letter to all pastors inviting them to participate in a select group of parishes, with the first cohort selected for a series of 12 workshops beginning in January, 2015. Pastors are encouraged to review the Archbishop’s invitation and the description of the training for the pastor and parish leaders. The training is Archbishop’s investment in the pastors and their teams and will be provided at no cost to the parish. Eight parishes are to be selected for this first cohort with the hope of repeating the 12 monthly sessions again in 2016 for additional parishes. Pastors will be receiving the invitation by e-mail with information within the next two days.

Who participates?

Eight selected parish teams. A parish team is comprised of the pastor and 7 other disciples, formed as a leadership team for the parish, and committed to attend the 12 monthly sessions (9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) to be scheduled beginning in January, 2015 and ending in February, 2016.

What will participants learn and experience?

- The team members will be equipped to grow as “Disciples Makers” in their parish. They will be formed to meaningfully, joyfully and respectfully give witness to how Jesus Christ lives in their hearts, influences their lives, and calls them to wholeness and holiness.
- The parish team will create a plan and SMART Goals to bring the New Evangelization alive in the parish, across many ministries.
- The team will be trained to invite and influence the Catholics of habit or those who come only occasionally and may be on their way out of the parish; outreach may extend to those who have already stopped attending the parish.

Office of Catechesis

36th annual Catechetical Conference:

The Office of Catechesis is excited to announce the 36th annual Catechetical Conference with this year’s theme “Missionary of Hope: Setting Hearts of Fire”. This yearly opportunity for gathering as a catechetical community to learn, pray and network will be held on:

Saturday, October 25, 2014. Location: Archbishop McCarthy High School & Saint Mark Catholic Church, 5451 South Flamingo Road, FL 33330.

Presentations will be given in Spanish and English. We invite and encourage all Parish Catechetical teams to join us on this enriching day.

Archbishop Thomas Wenski will be in attendance, as we gather together to honor seven Catechetical Leader’s, one Catechetical team and over 200 Catholic School teachers and Parish Catechists receiving Catechetical Certification. Congratulations.

For further conference information and online registration visit our website: www.miamicatechesis.org
Office of Communications

Pedro Pan memorabilia online:

Eloísa Echázábal, one of the children of the Pedro Pan exodus, has created a website featuring a compilation of articles, documents, and other memorabilia she has collected for the past years. The website is: http://pedropanexodus.com/. Echázábal says she will continue adding items she thinks will be of interest to all. She also hopes it can be used as a resource for any student doing a project on the airlift, which brought more than 14,000 unaccompanied Cuban children to the U.S. between December 1960 and October 1962. It remains the largest such exodus in the history of the Western Hemisphere.

Seminar to build a better parish bulletin:

Publishing company J.S. Paluch, Inc. is holding a free bulletin seminar on Thursday, October 30 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at their Coral Springs office/production plant located at 4300 NW 124th Avenue. This seminar will focus on how to build a better bulletin and will cover layout, style, and graphics. It will be a great opportunity for Bulletin Editors (and other parish staff) to learn the many new things available to ease the task of putting together a strong bulletin.

The seminar has limited seating and RSVP is required by calling 800-621-5197 ext. 2702 or by sending an email to smithc@jspaluch.com.

Upcoming events:

Symposium—Passed from this life to the next:

Catholic Symposium on “Passed from this life to the next, practical helps and pastoral considerations for the Catholic”

Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Comber Hall at Church of the Little Flower, Coral Gables

2711 Indian Mound Trail, Coral Gables, FL.

For more information contact the parish at 305-446-9950.

Women of Faith Award ceremony:

For the first time in its history, the Archdiocese of Miami will honor ten outstanding women from across the archdiocese for their work, dedication and commitment to the Catholic Church with the “Women of Faith” awards.

A luncheon to honor the awardees is scheduled for Oct. 26 at 12 noon at the Turnberry Isle Hotel, 19999 West Country Club Drive, Aventura, FL.

The ten women being honored with the virtue that they exemplify are: Barbara Romani (Faith), Marie Ludwig (Grace), Carol Ann Coyle (Humility), Sally Russomanno (Love), Swanee DiMare (Radiance), Christina Wells (Youth), Wini Amaturo (Wisdom), Ada Armas (Compassion), Marile Lopez (Charity), and Jacqueline De Souza (Motherhood).

Proceeds from this event will benefit Catholic Education by providing tuition assistance to needy students.

For reservations and pricing contact Martha Velasquez at mvelasquez@theadom.org
**Office of Marriage and Family Life**

**Pre-Cana night course:**

For couples who are best served completing their marriage prep on weekday evenings. There is a night class alternative to our usual weekend Pre-Cana marriage prep programs. Couples may join us for an evening group study over 5 consecutive Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. — 10 p.m. starting October 22 and ending November 19 at the Archdiocese of Miami Pastoral Center in Miami Shores. Advance registration is required by visiting www.miamifamilylife.org. To view and share the flyer on PDF click [here](#). For JPEG/Photo version click [here](#).

**Upcoming events:**

*Joyful Again:* For widows. On October 11. For flyer and bulletin announcements, click [here](#).

*Live Fully Engaged November trainings:*

Friday, November 7, 7 – 10 p.m. (FOCCUS trained facilitators) – Miami Shores, Archdiocese of Miami Pastoral Center.

Saturday, November 8, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (FOCCUS trained AND new facilitators) – Coral Gables, Church of the Little Flower School Cafeteria.

*Anniversaries Mass:*

Save the date for our next Annual Wedding Anniversaries Mass with Archbishop Thomas Wenski, where we will celebrate couples who have been married 25, 50 or more years. February 14, 2015 at St. Mary Cathedral in Miami. 4 p.m. photos with Archbishop Wenski followed by 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass with certificates handed immediately after. Registrations will open in the Fall. If you would like to receive real-time updates, contact mvargas@theadom.org

**Coming January 2015- Fully Engaged trainings in Spanish.**

Is your parish on our mailing list? Please contact Marta Vargas at mvargas@theadom.org for more information.

**Catholic Charities**

**Become a foster parent:**

The Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program is looking for stable and loving families or individuals in Miami Dade and Broward to partner with us in caring for our refugee children and teens who come from around the world. We are seeking caring individuals with a good heart, a loving and safe home, a bed and place for child/teen to store personal belongings, a financial stable situation (sufficient income to pay your own bills), a criminal and civil background clearance, and the willingness to participate in the free workshops to prepare you as a URMP foster parent. If this is you or someone you know, please contact us so we can provide you more information at 305-883-3383.

**Office of Safe Environment**

**Teaching Touching Safety programs:**

Now that we are well into the new school year, it is a good time for schools and parishes to provide the Teaching Touching Safety (TTS) lessons for students in the Archdiocese of Miami parochial schools and CCD programs.
TTS is one of the Virtus programs utilized by the ADOM. All schools and parishes are mandated as per the USCCB’s Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People to offer 2 lessons per year. The Teaching Touching Safety program helps parents, teachers, catechists, and youth ministers (educators) provide children and young people with the tools they need to protect themselves. There are a total of 10 different lessons available and are rotated yearly. Lessons are offered in age-appropriate lessons plans for Kindergarten through 12th grade. Please ensure these classes are scheduled throughout the year. To request guidebooks or for more information on access to the lesson plans and the required logging of classes, contact Jan Rayburn at: jrayburn@theadom.org or 305-762-1250.