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OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI

Requiescat in pace:

† **Rafael Delgado**, 98, the father of His Excellency Bishop Enrique Delgado, passed away Oct. 13 in Lima, Peru.

† **John Russell**, 88, the brother of Father David Russell, died recently. The funeral will take place at 12 p.m. on Nov. 14 at Saint Jude Catholic Church, 3930 17th Street, Sarasota.

† **Dulce Maria Fernandez**, 96, the grandmother of Father Jose Enrique Lopez Alvarez, died recently. The funeral will take place at 11 a.m. on Nov. 18 at Saint Francis de Sales Church in Miami Beach, where she was a sacristan for many years.

† **Deacon Ian Taylor**, former director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate from 1999-2005, died recently. He was ordained in 1992 and served faithfully at St. Martha, Corpus Christi, the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Matthew parishes until his retirement.

Prayers for health:

- **Sister Carmen Ors, SCTJM**
- **Msgr. Jean Pierre**
- **Father Kenneth Whittaker**

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Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointments:

Effective Nov. 14, 2022

- **Fr. Mathew Varghese**, parochial vicar, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
- **Fr. Martin Muñoz**, parochial vicar, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
- **Fr. Victor Garcia**, parochial vicar, Nativity
- **Fr. Attila Frohlich**, parochial vicar, Blessed Trinity

Effective Nov. 17, 2022

- **Fr. Santhosh Thomas**, chaplain, Catholic Health Services and the Malankara Catholic Community, in residence at Saint Helen

Priest retreats:

For those who have not registered for an annual retreat yet, there are two retreats remaining:

Feb. 13-17, 2023, Preacher: Bishop David Bonnar

Theme: *Called and Gifted to Live and Proclaim the Joy of the Gospel*

Today's priest is called and gifted to live and proclaim the Joy of the Gospel. Using Pope Francis' "Evangelii Gaudium" as well as Scripture and experiences from 34 years of priesthood, Bishop Bonnar will reflect on the multi-dimensional calls that come with being a disciple and a priest of Jesus Christ.

May 15 – 19, 2023, Preacher: Bishop Felipe Estevez

Theme: *Meditations on the Gospel of St John*

A Church Father called the fourth Gospel "the spiritual Gospel". The participants will be enriched by a deeper gaze of some of the stories unique to this Gospel drawing pastoral implications.

Advent Priest Day of Recollection:

Our Annual Priest Advent Day of Reflection will take place Friday, Dec. 2, 2022, at 10 a.m. at Saint Thomas University, Saint Anthony's Chapel. Lunch will be provided.

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Retreats:

The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola will be offered at the Joseph and Mary Retreat House in Mundelein, IL from July 2, 2023 to August 4, 2023.

A team of trained spiritual directors, under the leadership of Fr. John Horn, SJ and Dr. Carol Razza, 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.

During the retreat, participants experience God's invitations to be loved, reconciled and called to live in companionship with Jesus' Spirit.

The Spiritual Exercises are a type of map for the human heart to follow in prayerful meditation and contemplation.

The cost for the 30-day retreat is \$3,400 and includes all materials and stipend for spiritual direction. The 3, 5 and 8 day retreats have a fee of \$110 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.

Prerequisites include having made two week-long silent directed retreats or the equivalent. Silent conference retreats without daily individual spiritual direction or quiet time spent in a monastic setting for days of personal retreat do not fulfill the prerequisites. Exceptions to these prerequisites can be discussed if there seems to be an equivalent spiritual preparation through intensive spiritual formation programs and/or life experience. A telephone interview is required. During this interview daily habits of prayer and the regularity of spiritual direction are discussed as well as one's personal experience of God's love.

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 frthomas@jesusyouth.us

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America Needs Fatima Announcement:

The Archdiocese of Miami fully supports the message of the Blessed Virgin Mary from Fatima and strongly promotes devotion to the Holy Rosary, especially during the month of October. Please follow Archbishop Wenski's visits to three elementary schools to encourage praying Rosary.

However, the Archdiocese of Miami does not endorse nor allows the group called America Needs Fatima to solicit within the Archdiocese of Miami. This decision was made based on their apparently very aggressive fundraising and marketing strategies. Moreover, this group never requested the Archbishop's permission to exercise this "prayer ministry" within the Archdiocese of Miami. Finally, there are many complaints against the group posted online.

We encourage the parishioners to follow the message of Fatima and to pray the Rosary daily. If so desired, please consider other Marian organizations like the Legion of Mary (<https://www.legionofmary.ie>), the Blue Army (<https://www.bluearmy.com>), or others approved by the Archdiocese.

La Arquidiócesis de Miami apoya plenamente el mensaje de la Santísima Virgen María de Fátima y promueve firmemente la devoción al Santo Rosario, especialmente durante el mes de octubre. Por favor, siga las visitas del Arzobispo Wenski a tres escuelas primarias para fomentar el rezo del Rosario.

Sin embargo, la Arquidiócesis de Miami no respalda ni permite que el grupo llamado America Needs Fatima solicite dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Miami. Esta decisión se basa en sus estrategias de recaudación de fondos y de marketing, aparentemente muy agresivas. Además, este grupo nunca solicitó el permiso del Arzobispo para ejercer este "ministerio de oración" dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Miami. Por último, hay muchas quejas contra el grupo publicadas en Internet.

Animamos a los feligreses a seguir el mensaje de Fátima y a rezar el Rosario diariamente. Si lo desean, por favor consideren otras organizaciones marianas como la Legión de María (<https://www.legionofmary.ie>), el Blue Army (<https://www.bluearmy.com>), u otras aprobadas por la Arquidiócesis.

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION

Dear Monsignors / Pastors:

The 2022 October Mass Attendance Census includes the 5 weekends of October, beginning with the weekend of Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 1-2 and ending Oct. 29-30. Please remember to **count the number of penitents** during these five weekends.

The deadline to return the count electronically is **Monday, November 14, 2022**. 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.

OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Convocation of Deacons is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 am to 1 pm at St. John Vianney College Seminary. Aspirants in third year of diaconate formation will be instituted as Candidates by Archbishop Wenski during the Mass at 9 am.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Vocation Awareness Weekend will take place Nov. 11-13 at St. John Vianney College Seminary. If any young men from your parish might be interested in attending this bi-annual event, please invite them! Do not underestimate the power of an invitation; the CARA reports show an overwhelming number of men who enter the priesthood were first invited by a priest, family member, parishioner, or friend. Please follow the link to find a VAW blurb for your parish bulletin (found in *Description of Retreat*) and a flyer you can download to post it around the parish. The registration for the weekend is also found in the link.

We continue to pray for each other as we create a culture of vocations in the Archdiocese.

https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=V_VAW

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Safe Environment policy update

All those seeking employment or volunteer opportunities can complete Virtus training online which must be completed prior to employment/volunteer/vendor positions begin.

Online training can be accessed 24/7. Both fingerprinting and the initial Virtus training session must be completed (and for fingerprinting the results must be received) prior to serving as an employee, vendor, or volunteer. New hires may take the online training during their first day as part of their orientation. Any other scenario requires the training to be completed prior to working or volunteering.

You can verify participants' status through your location's Virtus User Reports (accessible by your Local Coordinator) or by having the participant turn in their Training Report.

Virtus Training Online

You may register for the initial Virtus training session at www.virtus.org.

Registration Instructions:

For English: Click [here](#)

Para Español: Oprima [aquí](#)

Once the initial training is complete, your account will be automatically activated. Continuing training is in the form of online monthly bulletins. For more information, contact Jan Rayburn at jrayburn@theadom.org

Virtus Emails

To help ensure VIRTUS Online messages are delivered properly to your Inbox (not spam or junk folders) -- please add system@pub.virtus.org -- to your Address Book and/or Safe List. If you follow these directions (adding system@pub.virtus.org to your Address Book and/or Safe List), but reminders default to your **spam** folder -- or you do not receive your reminders at all -- we recommend that you check directly with your email provider to see if they are blocking or otherwise affecting delivery of email communications from VIRTUS Online (system@pub.virtus.org) to your email account.

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Wedding Anniversary Mass 2023

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their Paper (1st), Silver (25th), Gold (50th) or 50 plus wedding anniversary in 2023 are invited to attend a Mass at St. Mary Cathedral on Saturday, February 18, 2023 and receive a blessing from Archbishop Thomas Wenski.

To register, visit <https://conta.cc/3SKvKIY> or contact your Parish Office.

OFFICE OF DETENTION MINISTRY

Volunteers Needed

The Office of Detention Ministry of the Archdiocese of Miami is looking for priests and lay volunteers for one of the 30 correctional facilities in Miami-Dade. For more information, please email Deacon Edgardo Farias at efarias@theadom.org.

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE

Parish Baby Bottle Drives

Each parish in the Archdiocese is assigned to one of the Pregnancy Help Center locations for collaboration and support, which includes hosting an annual Baby Bottle Drive coordinated by pastor-appointed Respect Life Parish Representative. In addition to raising the funds necessary to operate the Pregnancy Help Centers, when each parishioner receives and fills a baby bottle, it helps raise awareness about the *Gospel of Life* and promotes personal commitment to building a culture of life and love within our parish communities. To participate in your parish's bottle drive by making an online donation, visit respectlifemiami.org/baby-bottle-drive. For more information and to schedule a Baby Bottle Drive in your parish, contact acuratolo@theadom.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Hurricane Ian Relief

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami, Inc., is seeking your support to provide essential resources and immediate relief efforts to Florida's west coast after hurricane Ian. We are now accepting financial donations through www.ccadm.org.

One hundred percent of your donations will be used for Hurricane Ian relief efforts.

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

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Beware of scammers

The Archdiocese of Miami has heard reports of scammers impersonating Archbishop Thomas Wenski on Instagram. If you, your friends, or family receive a direct message from accounts impersonating Archbishop Wenski, please do not respond. Report the account immediately to the social media platform, and let us know someone impersonating Archbishop Wenski has tried to contact you.