Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

Requiescat in pace:

† Cándido G. Rodríguez, 93, father of Father Alejandro J. Rodríguez Artola, died June 23. The funeral Mass was celebrated on July 12 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Miami.

† Albert M. Souckar, 95, father of Monsignor Michael Souckar, died June 25. The funeral Mass was celebrated July 1 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Fort Lauderdale.

Announcement:

“Father” Andres Tirado does not have faculties in the Archdiocese of Miami and it is unknown whether he is a validly ordained priest. He is not authorized by the Catholic Church to perform sacraments, exorcisms or paid ministries. His ministry is not recognized nor recommended by the Archdiocese of Miami.

Priest retreats:

Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

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

Lingua Ecclesiae Latin Course for Priests

The First Summer Course in Living Latin for Ecclesiastics will be offered in Rome Aug. 27 to Sept. 23. Online courses are also available. For more information, visit www.linguaecclesiae.com

Impactos of Christianity Family Retreat

Archbishop Thomas Wenski recently met with the core team of Impactos Family Retreats, a movement that recently celebrated their 50th anniversary of ministry in the Archdiocese of Miami. The retreat offers tools for families to improve parenting and marriage; inspiring talks about the social environment, media, dialoguing with children and more; and fun activities for kids ages 3 and up. All this is accomplished with no charge—only donations are accepted to fund the ministry.
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Pastors: Please consider announcing Impactos in your parish bulletins. Principals and religious education departments, please promote the retreat with your families. The ultimate goal is to have one family from each parish serve as ambassadors to Impactos and help families be more united and build more community. For more information, visit impactosretreats.org or call 305-772-2942.

Pastors: Please consider announcing in your parish bulletins.

The Sound of Freedom is a major motion picture, based on the powerful true story of Tim Ballard, an EX-CIA agent, who risked his life to save the lives of children who were kidnapped and sold into slavery.

Featuring a searing performance by Jim Caviziel (Thin Red Line, Count of Monte Cristo, The Passion), the film tells the unbelievable true story of Ballard’s first and most dangerous mission, when he trekked into the war-torn jungles of Colombia, to rescue a little girl, who was kidnapped and sold to a commander in Colombias’ rebel army.

This inspirational true story will capture your heart and lift your spirits, when you witness how a courageous man risked everything to rescue a little girl, bringing a ray of light to the darkest corner of our world.

Written and directed by Alejandro Monteverde and produced by Eduardo Verastegui, the Smithsonian Institute Award winning film makers behind Bella, winner of the Toronto International Film Festival and the top audience award from Rotten Tomatoes.


Office of Vocations

Pray for Vocations

Dear Brother Priests,

Thank you for your commitment to praying a Hail Mary a Day for Vocations. Please continue to encourage your parishioners to pray for good and holy vocations! Remember that we have prayer cards if you would like some for your parish. Please reach out to us at vocations@theadom.org to request them. Let us continue to create a Culture of Vocations in the Archdiocese.
Office of Detention Ministry

Pastors: Please consider announcing the following in your parish bulletins:

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 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
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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

Fully Engaged Training for Mentor Couples
Fully Engaged Pre-Marital & Convalidation Inventories are offering New Facilitator Webinar Trainings via ZOOM (ONLINE).

The following options are available in **English:**
- Saturday, August 5, 2023 - 10am - 4pm
- Thursday, October 5 & 12, 2023 - 7pm - 9:30pm
- Saturday, December 2, 2023 - 10am-4pm

The following options are available in **Spanish:**
- Sábado, 16 de Septiembre 2023 - 10am - 4pm EDT
- Sábado, 4 de Noviembre 2023 - 10am - 4pm EDT

Please register at least 10 days prior to the class. To register please click on the following link https://getfullyengaged.com/new-mentor-training/ or email Jill at jill.svihel@gw.stcdio.org or call (320) 258-7611.
Retrouvaille Weekend for Couples

Retrouvaille is for couples who need or want to rekindle and strengthen their marriage or get it back on track. It is also for couples who may be cold and distant, and believe that there is no hope for their marriage. The program helps couples that are struggling in their marriage, even those who are considering marriage separation or who are already separated or divorced. We welcome couples of ALL ages, regardless of how long they have been married, or have been in trouble. Retrouvaille has helped heal tens of thousands of marriages worldwide. The next event will be Sept. 8 in Spanish. For more information, contact the Registration Team at 305-915-4607, email miami@retrouvaille.org or visit HelpOurMarriage.com

Catholic Charities

Pastors: Please consider announcing the following in your parish bulletins:

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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Follow the Archdiocese of Miami on Social Media:

Please include in your Parish Bulletin

Facebook: @ArchdioceseofMiami | Twitter: @CatholicMiami | Instagram: @CatholicMiami

Pastors: Please add the following announcements in your parish bulletins.

Sunday Mass for shut-ins: online, on TV and on YouTube

The greatest gift that you could give a sick or homebound person is to remind them that hearing God’s word in livestreamed and recorded Masses is only a few clicks away. To watch the Mass in English or Spanish, visit miamiarch.org | Offices & Ministries | Communications | Television Mass; or watch the Spanish Masses on our YouTube channel, CatholicMiami. Mass recordings become available at 6 p.m. every Saturday through midnight Sunday, and a direct link is posted on the News Center on the home page of the archdiocesan website. Masses also are broadcast in Spanish on Univision 23 on Sundays at 6:30 a.m. Those who are homebound and would like a visit from an extraordinary minister of Communion may contact their parish office directly.

Beware of scammers

The Archdiocese of Miami has heard reports of scammers impersonating Archbishop Thomas Wenski and some of our priests on Facebook, Instagram and other social media platforms, as well as via texts and phone calls. Please be aware that no archdiocesan priest or bishop will ever contact you directly asking for money, gift cards or anything else.

If you, your friends, family, or parish staff receive a direct message from anyone impersonating Archbishop Wenski or one of our priests, please do not respond. Report the fake account immediately to the social media platform and let the archdiocesan Communications Office know by emailing mrvias@theadom.org. Impersonator scams also should be reported to the Federal Trade Commission by calling 1-877-382-4357; or Florida’s Consumer Protection Division, 1-866-966-7226. Find out more about the types of scams making the rounds at myfloridalegal.com.
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Events

Primera Conferencia Teológica del SEPI: Eucaristía y Sinodalidad
La Eucaristía, "fuente y cima de toda la vida cristiana" (LG 11), nos convoca a la comunión y sinodalidad.

14 al 16 de julio, 2023, en SEPI, localizado en 7700 SW 56th ST, Miami.

Conferencistas invitados:
- Dra. Barbara Reid, O.P., presidenta de la Universidad Catholic Theological Union de Chicago
- Obispo Silvio José Báez, O.C.D., obispo auxiliar de Managua, Nicaragua
- Padre José David Padilla, O.P. profesor de Teología y Nuevo Testamento
- Dra. María Teresa Morgan, DMin., profesora de Teología de Saint John Vianney College Seminary
- RP. Cristóbal Torres, O.P., MSW, D. Min., capellán Universitario y profesor de Teología

Para más información visite: www.sepi.us

Pastors: Please add the following announcement in your parish bulletins.

Courage

Meetings of the Broward Courage group have resumed. Courage is an official ministry of the Catholic Church for adults with same-sex attraction who want to lead chaste lives. For more information, please call 571-294-5933.

Courage Conference