



# Archdiocese of Miami Pastoral Bulletin

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## Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

### Assignments

- Rev. Grzegorz Wojciec Rozborski, Faculty at St. Thomas University, effective July 1, 2025.

The following priests were incardinated into the archdiocese Dec. 1, 2025:

- Rev. Iván Toledo Domínguez
- Rev. Youry Jules
- Rev. Salvador Felipe Díaz Guerra

### Priest retreats

#### Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola will be offered at Grand Coteau Retreats in Grand Coteau, LA from June 30 to Aug. 2, 2026. A team of trained spiritual directors will 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.

The cost for the 30-day retreat is \$4,400 and includes all materials and stipend for spiritual direction. The 3, 5 and 8 day retreats cost \$150 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. For application for the 30-day retreat, contact Fr. John Horn, S.J. at 561-374-2268 or [jhorn@svdp.edu](mailto:jhorn@svdp.edu). For application for the 3, 5, and 8 day retreats, contact Fr. Thomas Pulickal at [retreats@amorischristi.com](mailto:retreats@amorischristi.com).

## Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski, continued

### Priest retreats, continued

#### St. Paul Center Priest Conferences

Experience four days of spiritual and intellectual renewal for priests, presented by the St. Paul Center. Three different dates and locations are offered:

- Jan. 5-8, 2026 in Huntington Beach, CA
- April 13-16, 2026 in Austin, TX
- July 6-9, 2026 in Wheeling, WV

Costs vary, from \$425-\$700. Register online at [StPaulCenter.com/Priests](https://StPaulCenter.com/Priests) or contact [events@stpaulcenter.com](mailto:events@stpaulcenter.com) or call 740-264-9535 ext. 20 for more information.

#### St. Paul Center Priest Lifetime Membership

The St. Paul Center is offering free all-access membership for priests. Resources include:

- The Word of the Lord weekly reflections on the Sunday Mass Readings
- Over 20+ course on Scripture and Theology
- Flagship Journey through Scripture studies on the Mass, the Virgin Mary, and more

Priests may visit [StPaulCenter.com//Priest-Membership](https://StPaulCenter.com//Priest-Membership) to register.

### Announcements

#### 2025 Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Miami on the weekend of Dec. 13-14. For more information visit [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org)

#### National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC)

Please consider publishing in your bulletins:

The NACC provides grace-filled encounters to the sick, the imprisoned, and all those in need of Christ's healing presence. As they celebrate their 60th anniversary and a Jubilee Year, they have launched Works of Hope, a free digital resource highlighting the transformative work of pastoral care ministers throughout the United States. The publication debuted Feb. 11 in honor of the World Day of the Sick. You and your communities are invited to engage with this resource and share it with your parishes and pastoral care ministers dedicated to serving those in need. Works of Hope can be accessed by visiting [www.nacc.org](http://www.nacc.org).

## Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski, continued

### Announcements, continued

#### **Courage and EnCourage Conference**

Priests, save the date for Clergy Study Day July 15, 2026 during the Annual Courage and EnCourage Conference July 16-19, 2026 at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary Conference Center in Mundelein, IL. For more information, contact [Fr.Blatchford@couragerc.org](mailto:Fr.Blatchford@couragerc.org)

**Jubilee Year 2025** will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world have designated their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Jubilee Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive the faith. The following churches and shrines are designated as special places of prayer for pilgrims:

- **Cathedral of St. Mary**, Miami, 7525 NW 2nd Ave, Miami
- **The National Shrine of Our Lady of Charity (La Ermita)**, 3609 S. Miami Ave, Miami
- **Our Lady of Schoenstatt Shrine**, 22800 SW 187th Ave, Homestead
- **St. Mary Star of the Sea Basilica**, 1010 Windsor Lane, Key West
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish**, 11691 NW 25th Street, Doral
- **St. Clement Catholic Parish**, 2975 N. Andrews Ave, Wilton Manors

The basic conditions to gain an indulgence are that a person is moved by a spirit of charity, is "purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion" and prays for the pope. Groups of faithful who wish to organize pilgrimages to one or more of the designated churches or shrines should coordinate with the site so that the pilgrims can be properly welcomed and have access to the Sacraments, especially confession.

## Office of the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs

### Important Notice

“Patriarch” Andrés Tirado Pérez does not have faculties in the Archdiocese of Miami. 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.

## Office of Vocations

### St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering

We extend our heartfelt thanks to St. David Catholic Parish in Davie and the Southwest Broward Deanery for hosting last month's St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering. Your warm welcome and hospitality were a true blessing.

This month's St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025, at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary–St. Richard Catholic Parish** in the South Dade Deanery. We encourage the priests of the South Dade Deanery to invite at least one young man (ages 16–35) to attend. All young men in this age group are welcome to join us for prayer, fraternity, and guidance in discerning the Lord's call.

Registration can be completed using [this form](#). For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at 305-762-1137 or reach out to Fr. Milton Martínez at [mmartinez@theadom.org](mailto:mmartinez@theadom.org).

### The Archdiocesan Vocational Chalice

Our Vocational Chalice has arrived at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary–St. Richard Catholic Parish as it continues its journey among the discernment group's host parishes, serving as a visible reminder of our shared call to pray for priestly vocations. Each parish that receives the chalice places it in a place of honor during Mass, inviting the faithful to pray that more young men may respond generously to God's call to the priesthood, nurturing a spirit of prayer and openness to God's will within their community.

### The 2025-2026 Archdiocesan Vocations Poster

The Vocations Posters will be available before Christmas. Please ensure that the posters are placed in a visible area and encourage the faithful to continue praying "One Hail Mary a Day" for vocations to the priesthood, as well as for the seminarians and those who are discerning.

### One Hail Mary a Day for Vocations

Thank you for continuing to pray [#AHailMaryADay](#)! Please pray for the seminarians and their vocation as well as for new vocations.

## Office of Vocations, continued

### IV Annual Archbishop's Cup – 2026

Mark your calendars! The IV Annual Archbishop's Cup soccer tournament will take place on Friday, Jan. 16, 2026, at St. Thomas University. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., and kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. This exciting annual tradition brings our community together for fellowship, fun, and friendly competition.

To the ADOM Clergy: We extend a special invitation to our priests who wish to play — please register early to secure your spot on the field by clicking this link. Come cheer, play, and enjoy an evening of fraternity and faith-filled camaraderie!

## Office of Safe Environment

### Safe Environment Local Coordinator

The Archdiocese of Miami's administration has reevaluated the Safe Environment Office in all aspects including the general policy, staffing and assigning of responsibilities, reporting procedures, requirements to serve as either an employee, vendor, or volunteer, and compliance procedures all in accordance with the USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults.

An imperative part of ensuring compliance for our entities is the assigning of a Local Coordinator for your site. The Local Coordinator is responsible for compliance and record keeping of the Archdiocesan Creating and Maintaining Safe Environments for Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy. Essentially, this means ensuring that compliance is met and that it can be proven. (Remember the SE Office is an independently audited office.)

The role description is extensive and requires training before access is given. If your site does not have a local coordinator, please contact the Safe Environment office at [jrayburn@theadom.org](mailto:jrayburn@theadom.org) for the Role Description, and consider your choice carefully. Once a candidate is identified, contact the Safe Environment Office with the name and email address of the candidate to receive the appropriate training. This person must already be compliant in Virtus, fingerprinting, and a signed pledge to promote safe environment.

Ultimately, the responsibility falls to the Pastor, Principal, or Director of the site. Thank you for joining the archdiocesan efforts to protect children and vulnerable adults.

## Catholic Health Services

**Please consider publishing in your bulletins:**

### **Carrying Forward Christ's Healing Mission: Catholic Health Services**

For generations, the Catholic Church has been a source of compassion and healing for the sick, the elderly, the poor, and the vulnerable. Today, **Catholic Health Services** continues this mission, now preparing to celebrate **40 years of service in our community**, by providing high-quality, faith-centered care that honors the dignity of every person, regardless of age, background, or ability to pay.

Services available in our Archdiocese include:

- **Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Centers / Specialty Rehabilitation Hospitals:**  
Comprehensive post-acute care, including physical, speech, and occupational therapy, as well as state-certified skilled nursing and long-term care.
- **Assisted Living & Independent Senior Housing:** Safe, supportive, and community-focused residences that promote dignity and independence.
- **Palliative & Hospice Care:** Compassionate, holistic, and spiritual support for individuals and families facing terminal illness.
- **Home Health Services:** Medical and personal care are provided in the comfort of one's home to support independence and recovery.

At the heart of Catholic Health Services is the mission to be Christ's healing presence in the world—seeing the face of God in every patient, resident, and family we serve.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Merry Christmas and a joyful, healthy New Year! For more information or to access care, please visit [CatholicHealthServices.org](https://CatholicHealthServices.org) or call 877-CHS-4ALL.

## Catholic Hospice

**The Volunteer Services Department** offers volunteer opportunities for individuals looking to join an organization committed to providing care to vulnerable populations. You can choose to join: Companion Care, Acts of Kindness Project, Camp Erin, We Honor Veterans, Pet Peace of Mind and more! For more information, email [volunteerservices@catholichospice.org](mailto:volunteerservices@catholichospice.org).

## Catholic Charities

### **Pastors, please consider publishing in your 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](http://www.ccadm.org).

### **Wilton Manors Adult Day Care**

Provides services for elder adults in a safe environment. Our center is designed to promote well-being through social and health-related services. Services include nutritional meals, assistance with activities of daily living, educational workshops, live musical entertainment, caregiver assistance and referrals. We accept Medicaid Managed Care Programs. Open Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Servicios disponibles en español. Location: 1503 NE 26 St., Wilton Manors. Call 954-630-9501.

### **Head Start and Early Head Start**

Offer qualifying families of children up to the age of five a range of services including:

- Social Services
- Nutritional Services
- Health Services
- Mental Health and Disability Services
- Assistance Obtaining SNAP/food stamps for: Housing, Public Assistance, etc.

Enrollment for 2025-2026 is open, but spaces are limited. Visit [www.ccadm.org](http://www.ccadm.org) for more information about the Child Development Services or to find a center near you.

## Office of the Permanent Diaconate

**Diaconate Ordination:** Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025, at 10 am at the Cathedral of St. Mary.

Candidates for ordination:

- Teodoro Gonzalez
- Cristhian David Mendieta (Transitional)
- Ramon Carlos Palacio
- Gustavo Adolfo Roversi

## Office of Respect Life

**St. Gianna and Pietro Molla Miscarriage Ministry** wants to invite you to honor your child/children lost through miscarriage. Memorializing a loved one can be a very powerful part of the healing process. Many parents and relatives find it helpful to name their babies.

If you have not done so, visit us on our Heaven's Littlest Saints wall:

[https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Memorial\\_Miscarriage\\_Ministry](https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Memorial_Miscarriage_Ministry).

## Office of Detention Ministry

**Pastors, please consider announcing the following in your parish bulletin:**

**Volunteers Needed:** The Office of Detention Ministry of the Archdiocese of Miami is looking for priests and lay volunteers for one of 30 correctional facilities in Miami-Dade. For more information, email Deacon Edgardo Farias at [efarias@theadom.org](mailto:efarias@theadom.org), or <https://detentionministry.org>.



## Office of Communications

### Follow the Archdiocese of Miami on Social Media:

*Please Include in your Parish Bulletin:*



Facebook: [@ArchdioceseofMiami](https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofMiami) |



[@CatholicMiami](https://twitter.com/CatholicMiami) |



Instagram [@CatholicMiami](https://www.instagram.com/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](http://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 [mrivas@theadom.org](mailto:mrivas@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](http://myfloridalegal.com).