



# PASTORAL BULLETIN

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## OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI

### Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy:

For the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is granting indulgences to people who visit the four papal basilicas or a cathedral where they live; to anyone who “performs just one of the traditional works of mercy;” and also to prisoners, those suffering from illness, or elderly people who attend Mass or pray wherever they can.

### The Year of Mercy in the Archdiocese of Miami:

The following churches in the Archdiocese will have a designated *Holy Door*. In this way, the Jubilee will be celebrated both in Rome and throughout the Archdiocese of Miami as a visible sign of the Church’s universal communion. Holy Doors in the Archdiocese of Miami:

- ◆ St. Mary Cathedral
- ◆ Basilica of St. Mary Star of the Sea
- ◆ Our Lady of Charity National Shrine
- ◆ Gesu Catholic Church
- ◆ St. Anthony Catholic Church
- ◆ Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

**The opening of the Holy Door is scheduled for Dec. 13 at St. Mary Cathedral at 10 a.m.** followed by a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Wenski. The same day all other Holy Doors in the Archdiocese of Miami will open.

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**Congratulations:** A special congratulation to Auxiliary Bishop Peter Baldacchino on being named Conventual Chaplain *ad honorem* of the Order of Malta.

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## OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT

### Heart of Christmas:

The *Heart of Christmas* is a program designed to assist families or individuals, selected by Archbishop Thomas Wenski at the recommendation of a pastor, principal and/or the director of an Archdiocesan program, by providing them with a gift card during the Christmas Season (amount of the gift card may vary).

If you are aware of a family who is in significant need, especially during the Christmas season, please contact Katie Blanco, [kblanco@theado.org](mailto:kblanco@theado.org), for an application. The deadline for application submission is **December 4, 2015**. Please note: a pastor, principal or director of the Archdiocesan program must “sign off” on each application and the recipient cannot be an Archdiocesan employee.

## OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND PARISH LIFE

### Group Dynamics 101:

This workshop is a fun, fast-paced, interactive, and practical introduction to help you sharpen your skills to work with different people and facilitate groups. Recommended for: Why Catholic facilitators, scout leaders, catechists, volunteers, and anyone working with small groups.

This workshop is being offered three times:

◆ **Thursday, Nov. 19 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (English)**

St. Agatha Parish

1111 SW 107th Avenue

Miami, FL 33174

◆ **Friday, Nov. 20 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. EST (English)**

St. Andrew Parish

9950 NW 29th Street

Coral Springs, FL 33065

◆ **Saturday, Nov. 21 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. EST (English)**

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

11291 SW 142 Avenue

Miami, FL 33186

You can register directly at <http://conta.cc/1LCQueue>

For more information contact Mildred Ratcliffe [mratcliffe@theadom.org](mailto:mratcliffe@theadom.org)

## OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

### Deacons Convocation:

Saturday, Nov. 21 at St. John Vianney College Seminary. Deacons are expected to participate. Wives are invited to attend.

Convocation Schedule:

*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9 a.m. Mass / *Archbishop Thomas Wenski*

10:30 a.m. The Deacon at Mass / *Fr. Richard Vigoa*

12 noon Lunch at refectory

1 p.m. Reflection on the consecration of the deacon at ordination / *Fr. Jorge Perales*

2 p.m. Closing

## OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS

### **Holy Hour for Year of Consecrated Life:**

Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. — *Begins with Holy Mass - Bilingual (English and Spanish)*

The Office for Religious of the Archdiocese of Miami invites you to a Holy Hour. During each month of this year of grace, we will pray as an ecclesial community before the Blessed Sacrament in thanksgiving for the gift of Consecrated Life and for an increase of vocations to the religious life.

Location:

St. Agnes Catholic Church

100 Harbor Drive, Key Biscayne, FL 33149.

## OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

### **Check it twice:**

To all pastors, principals, entity and ministry heads: Please review your listing on the archdiocesan website, [www.miamiarch.org](http://www.miamiarch.org), to make sure that we have the most updated — and correct — information, especially your website URL and email address. Note that we also list weekday and Sunday Mass times for churches. If any of this information has changed or is incorrect, please let us know.

Email: [jdiprado@theadom.org](mailto:jdiprado@theadom.org) or [arsoto@theadom.org](mailto:arsoto@theadom.org).

### **Follow us:**

The Communications Office sends out two weekly email blasts: one on Mondays with that week's Let's Talk blog; the other on Wednesdays with news and events that have been posted on our website. Remember that our website is updated daily, and most of the news about parishes and schools appears there, since space in the monthly newspaper is limited. To subscribe to the weekly emails, go to the bottom right corner of the website — [www.miamiarch.org](http://www.miamiarch.org) — and fill in your name and email.

We also have accounts on social media: ArchdioceseofMiami on Facebook; @CatholicMiami on Twitter and Instagram. Please follow us, and let your parishioners know that they can follow us too by publishing these links in your parish bulletins. The website and social media are tools for making the Good News about our Church “go viral.”