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OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI

New Appointments:

- ◆ Rev. Jaime Acevedo was appointed Pastor of St. Mark Parish, effective Feb. 1, 2016.
- ◆ Rev. Juan Pedro Hernández-Alonso was appointed Administrator of Mother of Our Redeemer Parish, effective Feb. 1, 2016.
- ◆ Rev. Antonio J. Vicente was appointed Spiritual Director of Redemptoris Mater Seminary while retaining duties as Parochial Vicar at St. Cecilia Parish.
- ◆ Rev. Giovanni Peña was appointed Administrator of Prince of Peace Parish, effective Feb. 12, 2016.
- ◆ Rev. Carlos Cabrera was appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, effective Feb. 12, 2016.
- ◆ Rev. Juan Torres was appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, effective Feb. 12, 2016.

Requiescat in pace:

† Msgr. Edmond Whyte passed away on Jan. 23, 2016. Msgr. Whyte had been a priest for 51 years and among his assignments he served as Pastor of St. Mark Parish in Southwest Ranches since 1996.

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION

2016 March Mass Attendance Census:

Dear Bishop / Monsignor / Father,

The 2016 March Mass Attendance Census includes the 4 weekends of March, beginning with the weekend of Saturday/Sunday, March 5-6, and concluding with the weekend of Easter Sunday, March 26-27, 2016.

Also I ask you to please remember to count the number of penitents during these four weekends or at Penance services during the intervening weeks.

The deadline to return the count electronically is **Monday, April 11, 2016**. Thank you for your cooperation in this project. Thank you, in advance, for timely reporting – by electronic upload – of the data.

If your staff person 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 HUMAN RESOURCES

Meeting for ADOM Parish & School Bookkeepers / HR / Finance Leaders:

Thursday, April 14, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Thomas University, 16400 NW 32nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33054.

Please *Save the Date* for an important meeting for all those tasked with the principal roles of accounting, finance, payroll, and/or human resources for your parish, school or other ADOM entity. The Finance and Human Resources offices of the archdiocese will provide a full day's session of updates in the following areas: Insurance (introducing AON, our new insurance brokers); priest compensation; time-and-attendance policies and best practices; Health Plan / benefits issues update; pending Department of Labor legislation and effect on salaries and classifications; review of procedures for separating employees and unemployment claims; new ADOM policies (fraud, drug and alcohol, appealing re-hire eligibility status); system updates for Paylocity and ConnectNow. We will also introduce our monthly newsletter, BizNotes.

This session is mandatory for "bookkeepers"; pastors and school principals are welcome to attend! To register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Click2Register> .

For more information, please contact Yanel Koenitzer in the Finance Office (ykoenitzer@theadom.org) or Jaime Tejeda in the Office of Human Resources (jtejeda@theadom.org)

VOCATIONS OFFICE

Vocation Awareness Weekend (March 4 - 6, 2016):

Please consider the following Bulletin Announcement – ongoing until the weekend of Feb. 27/28.

More and more young men are seeking a profound relationship with Jesus Christ and are considering the possibility that they may be called by God to embrace a vocation to the diocesan priesthood.

"Vocation Awareness Weekend" is a retreat for men ages 17-35 who are seeking more information about the priesthood and seminary life. It is held on the grounds of St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami and consists of numerous workshops, liturgies, and social events with the seminarians. Participants will have ample time to ask questions, gain an understanding of seminary life and prayerfully consider God's call.

The next Vocations Awareness Weekend will be held the weekend of March 4-6, 2016. If you would like to attend, please contact your parish priest or the Vocation Director, Father Elvis Gonzalez at vocations@theadom.org or by calling 305-762-1137. You may also find a registration form on our website at www.miamiarch.org/vocations.

For complete event information and Spanish click [HERE](#)

SOUTHEAST PASTORAL INSTITUTE

Learn Spanish in three weeks:

SEPI — the Southeast Pastoral Institute — will offer its annual Immersion in Spanish Language and Culture Program from June 5-23 at its center, 7700 S.W. 56 St., Miami. This intensive, three-week course is designed especially for priests, deacons, religious, seminarians, and lay people involved in ministry to Hispanics, or those who are preparing to engage in Hispanic ministry in the near future. For information, call Juan José Rodríguez or Lydia Hoyo at 305-279-2333 or visit www.sepi.us.

OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Illuminare la Notte (ILN):

Join young adults from all over the Archdiocese of Miami at a very special Lenten edition of Illuminare la Notte on Saturday, March 12 at St. John Vianney Seminary. 6:30 p.m. Rosary, 7 p.m. Mass followed by Adoration, Confessions, individual prayer and time for sharing the journey. Father Javier Barreto from Our Lady of Lourdes and our Director of Vocations Father Elvis Gonzalez will be our Mass Celebrants. The Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be there to bless us with beautiful music, inspiring reflections and also to pray with each of us individually. Details and registration at <http://conta.cc/1RSTRkN>. [Click here](#) to join the Facebook invite for event updates, or for info contact the Archdiocese of Miami Young Adult Ministry at mivargas@theadom.org or 305-762-1190.

Spring Young Adult Retreats:

Feb. 12-14: #MISSION: Called and Sent College Spring Retreat – Hosted by UCatholic college ministry at St. Augustine Parish and Catholic Student Center at the University of Miami. Details and registration links at www.ucatholic.org. For more information contact Michelle Ducker at michelle@ucatholic.org or 305-661-1648.

Feb. 19-21: Stir into Flame Young Adult Retreat – A transforming weekend retreat for young adults ages 21-35 with guest speakers that include the Franciscan Friars of Renewal from NY and the Sisters of Life (Sr Bethany Madonna). Hosted by the young adult ministry at St. Augustine Parish and Catholic Student Center at the University of Miami. Details and registration links at www.ucatholic.org. To join the Facebook invite and receive updates [click here](#). For more information contact Michelle Ducker at 305-661-1648 or email yag@ucatholic.org

April 9: Men and Women's Retreats Day – A men's day retreat and a simultaneous women's day retreat at peaceful JP2 House overlooking beautiful Biscayne Bay in Miami. Sponsored by St. Augustine Parish and Catholic Student Center at the University of Miami. For details contact Michelle Ducker at 305-661-1648 or yag@ucatholic.org.

Young Adult Mission Service Trips:

March 6-10: College Surf and Service Trip – College students. Spend a week in Melbourne Beach, Florida serving those in need while also learning to surf! Hosted by UCatholic college ministry at St. Augustine Parish and Catholic Student Center at the University of Miami. Details/Registration links at www.ucatholic.org. For more information contact Michelle Ducker at michelle@ucatholic.org or 305-661-1648.

MAY 9-15: Young Adult Haiti Mission/Service Trip – Hosted by the young adult ministry at St. Augustine Parish and Catholic Student Center at the University of Miami. For more information contact Michelle Ducker at 305-661-1648 or email yag@ucatholic.org

Workshop for Youth Ministry Leaders: Pastoral Care for teens in Crisis

While teens themselves have not changed many challenges they face have. Some of these challenges are: pornography, the drug culture, families in crisis, and depression. What can be done? All adults who work in youth ministry are invited to join special guest Deacon John Clarke for an insightful workshop on how to help young people use faith to guide decision-making and obtain new insights, tools, resources, and hope for your youth. Saturday, Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Pastoral Center.

[Register here](#)

OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS (CONTINUED)

Youth Ministry Team Boot Camp:

Saturday, March 12 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Pastoral Center. Our goal for this training is to provide parishes with the tools and structure needed to have an effective youth ministry program. This training is based in the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops' document, *Renewing the Vision, A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*. Bring your entire youth ministry team. There is no cost to attend.

[Register here.](#)

Updates from our Office:

For latest updates on these and other young adult events, click [here](#), plus be sure to join our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/youthandyoungadultadom>. Also, visit the Archdiocese of Miami's community calendar to view other young adult and youth events offered by various parishes in the Archdiocese of Miami. Just [click here](#)

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Fully Engaged Premarital Inventory Training for Facilitators:

This dynamic training will equip participants with tools to effectively minister to engaged couples and provide appropriate pastoral responses. It will take place at the Archdiocese of Miami's Pastoral Center. Includes: program Facilitator's guide, couples Workbook, inventory, materials and handouts.

For Priests on Friday, March 18, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (dinner will be served) no cost.

For new facilitator couples on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (continental breakfast and lunch included) cost \$60.

Previously trained facilitator couples from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (continental breakfast) cost \$20 (Please bring your own book).

Please contact Mildred Ratcliffe at 305-762-1127 for more information.

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Election and Political Activities Guide:

The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops has published an Election and Political Activities Guide to encourage Catholic clergy and laity to facilitate the involvement of their faith communities in appropriate election related activities. You may find the Election and Political Activities Guide by clicking [HERE](#).

Additional resources by the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops may be found [HERE](#).