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OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI

Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR):

Once again, it is time for the annual Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) collection. Please join me in heartfelt support of the 2016 appeal.

Aging religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies—often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare.

Despite ongoing generosity to the annual RFR collection, numerous religious communities struggle to provide for senior members. Proceeds from the RFR offer supplemental support for bolstering retirement savings and meeting such day-to-day needs as prescription medications and nursing care. So I ask for your continued assistance in making this year's collection a success. A few minutes at Mass can make a tremendous difference in donations and in the lives of thousands of senior religious.

You may find resources and more information available at www.retiredreligious.org

Respect Life Program:

I am happy to point out that the newly launched 2016-17 Respect Life Program “Moved by Mercy” resources are now available.

This year's program offers action ideas, toolkits for clergy, social media and communications, and resources for parish bulletins, religious education, RCIA, marriage prep, and Catholic high schools. (I would like to draw your attention particularly to the first section of the resource guide which gives ideas for using the materials: www.goo.gl/z28Fgi).

Materials are available to order or download in English or Spanish from usccb.org/respectlife.

Additionally, please note that *9 Days for Life* will take place Saturday, January 21-Sunday, January 29, 2017. I encourage you to view a two-minute video and brief FAQ on this period of prayer and action celebrating life, and to consider how you might sponsor and encourage participation within your respective parish or ministry.

Requiescat in pace:

† Fr. Anthony Acevedo, a Colombian priest who ministered in the Archdiocese of Miami since 1979, passed away on Oct. 26, 2016 at the age of 74.

† Fr. Patrick Slevin, who served at St. Pius X since 1990 until his retirement in 2010, passed away on Oct. 26, 2016 at the age of 83.

OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

Priest Winter Institute:

Topic: Contemporary Moral Issues Facing Today's Society.

January 22-27, 2017

St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary

10701 South Military Trail, Boynton Beach, FL.

Each year St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary offers a study week for priests. The purpose of the Institute is to provide parish priests an attractive and illuminating program offering inspiring presentations, intellectual stimulation and time for prayerful recollection. This year's featured presenter will be Most Reverend Edward J. Burns, Bishop of Juneau, Alaska.

For a complete conference schedule or to make a reservation please visit www.svdp.edu

OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Convocation of Deacons:

Convocation of Deacons is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. John Vianney College Seminary. Deacons are expected to participate; wives are invited to attend.

Convocation Schedule:

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

10 a.m. Address to the deacons / *Archbishop Thomas Wenski*

10:30 a.m. *The deacon as a servant and witness of mercy*

Mother Adela Galindo foundress SCTJM

Noon Lunch at refectory

1 p.m. *Reflection on the meaning of service in the Gospel of John*

Fr. Nicholas Cachia

2 p.m. Closing

OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

March for Life 2017:

Registration is now open for young adults to attend the 2017 March for Life in Washington, DC. The Archdiocese of Miami pilgrimage will take place January 26-29th, and includes: airfare, 3 nights of hotel and a Metro pass at a cost of \$475.

For details on these events visit our website at www.miamiarch.org/ADOMyouth or call 305-762-

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

Upcoming Events:

Southeast Pastoral Institute (SEPI) Immersion in Spanish Language and Culture:

June 4-22, 2017

Location: Southeast Pastoral Institute

7700 SW 56 St. Miami, FL.

The Southeast Pastoral Institute is offering a three-week program: Immersion in Spanish Language and Culture Course Summer 2017 (June 4-22).

This course is specially designed to help priests, deacons, religious and laity involved in ministry to Hispanics. Main focus is mastering the basics of the Spanish language and general knowledge of the Hispanic culture.

Contact information: Juan Jose Rodriguez, 305-279-2333 or jrodriguez@sepi.us. Registration is required and can be done at www.sepi.us.