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OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI

Announcements:

Reconciliation Weekend 2018

During the season of Lent, we encourage and welcome you to the Sacrament of Reconciliation at any of our parishes. Extended hours will be offered on Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17. Check with your local parish or Catholic Church for details. For more information please visit:

www.miamiarch.org

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked all parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collections provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Please be generous. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday

Immersion in Spanish Language and Culture Program will take place June 15– July 3, 2018 at the Southeast Pastoral Institute (SEPI) in Miami, 7700 SW 56 St. The course is designed to help bishops, priests, deacons, seminarians and lay people involved in ministry to Hispanic people and aids with mastering basics of the Spanish language and culture. The course will begin immediately after the USCCB General Assembly Meeting in Fort Lauderdale. Registration deadline is May 4, 2018.

CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION

March Mass Attendance Census:

Bishops/Monsignors/Fathers:

This year, the 2018 March Mass Attendance Census will include five weekends, beginning with the weekend of Saturday/Sunday, March 3-4, and concluding with the weekend of Saturday, March 31-Sunday, April 1, 2018.

Please also remember to count the number of penitents during these five weekends.

The deadline to return the count electronically is **Monday, April 23, 2018**. We are extending one extra week due to the Easter Sunday weekend. Thank you for your cooperation in this project. Thank you in advance for timely reporting—by electronic upload—of your data. If your staff person responsible for uploading data is not familiar with the process, they may contact Mayra Rossell in the Chancellors' office at 305-762-1220 or mrossell@theadom.org

CHANCELLOR FOR CANONICAL AFFAIRS

Summer Placement:

Fr. John Aduseh Poku from the Diocese of Konongo Mampong in Ghana will be in Miami with permission from his Bishop for a three-month holiday from June to August 2018. Fr. Poku is currently a parish priest and lecturer at Presbyterian University College in Ghana. He earned his master's degree from St. John's University, New York and a doctorate from Hebrew Union University. Fr. Poku was Associate Pastor at St. Raymond's Parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York for four years and has served at different dioceses around the world such as: Malta, Scotland, St. Augustine (FL.) and the United Kingdom. During his three-month visit, Fr. Poku would like to help out at a parish. If any Pastor is interested, please contact him directly by email:

dansoabiamjap@gmail.com

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

World Meeting of Families, Dublin, Ireland 2018

The Archdiocese of Miami is planning a pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families taking place in Dublin, Ireland Aug. 21-26, 2018. Any individuals interested in being part of the group, or parishes interested in sending a group, are invited to contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 305-762-1140 or email Stephen Colella at scolella@theadom.org

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Natural Family Planning (NFP):

Learn Natural Family Planning (NFP) and help build communication skills and enhance intimacy in your marriage. NFP is now normative for all couples seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in the Archdiocese of Miami. Couples may attend a three-part series (once a month for three months) of introductory classes offered by the Couple to Couple League to learn more about this medically safe, morally acceptable and highly effective method, both for postponing and achieving pregnancy. You can find more information at www.miamiarch.org/familylife

Next series of on-site classes:

- ◆ Epiphany Church, Miami: April 19, May 12, and June 9 at 7 p.m. Contact Carlos and Lucy Moas: 305-498-2731, Immsalas@gmail.com

To register for any class— on-site, self-paced, or virtual visit: <http://register.ccli.org>

Other local NFP options:

Creighton Method of NFP, taught locally and to couples on an individual basis by Sarah McKeown in English (218-368-8505, smfertilitycare@gmail.com) or Guadalupe Carral, in Spanish or English (713-203-2375, lupitacrms@gmail.com).

Billings Method of NFP, taught by Anne Acosta: 305-331-4180, a.acosta.nfp@gmail.com

OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

International TEC Family “Encounter” 2018:

Teens, Together, To Encounter Christ (TEC) will host its annual international gathering, TEC Encounter 2018 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, from July 13-15, 2018. Members of the local TEC communities meet for three days of fellowship, resources, prayer and networking.

Nationally renowned presenter Mike Patin will serve as keynote speaker focusing on the event’s theme, “Come to the Table.”

Anyone 18 years or older involved in TEC, past or present, is invited to attend. Registration information and further details can be found at www.teconference.org.

OFFICE OF CATECHESIS

Free Webinar: Helping Kids and Teens Cope with Acts of Violence and other Disasters

When school shootings, terror attacks and natural disasters occur, we all have questions and fears. How can catechists and others in the daily lives of children and teens respond to their questions and anxieties following tragic events? Child Psychologist and National Catechetical Consultant, Dr. Joseph D. White discusses how to help kids and teens cope following tragedies in the free webinar hosted by Our Sunday Visitor (OSV): Helping Kids and Teens Cope with Acts of Violence and other Disasters. [Click here to register and watch the pre-recorded webinar.](#)

OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Informational Meeting for the Permanent Diaconate

The Office of the Permanent Diaconate will host an informational meeting for men interested in discerning the possible call to be a permanent deacon. The gathering will take place on Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at St. John Vianney College Seminary, 2900 SW 87 Ave., Miami, FL 33165.

The permanent diaconate is open to both married, once and for at least seven years, and unmarried men between the ages of 30 and 60 with a strong Catholic faith and a solid reputation and character. They must be in full communion with the Church.

Men interested in being considered for the next Aspirancy, beginning in the fall 2018, should contact their parish pastor who is responsible for the nomination phase of the application process.

For registration and further information, please contact Deacon Victor Pimentel at vpimentel@theadom.org or at 305-762-1024.

Men applying for the Permanent Deacon Program should be aware of the following General Requirements:

- ◆ Be recommended by his Pastor.
- ◆ Between the ages of 35-55. Case by case consideration will be made for men between 30 and 35 and up to the age of 60.
- ◆ If married, for at least seven years of sacramental marriage, the candidate will need the consent of his wife. If not married, the candidate must be willing to promise celibacy at ordination.
- ◆ If a convert, he must have been received in the Church for at least five years.

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- ◆ While college is preferred, we will consider for acceptance men who have completed high school. College graduates will complete a Master of Arts in Theology at the Seminary during their formation. Others will receive a certificate of studies.
- ◆ Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.
- ◆ Be functionally literate in the English language.
- ◆ Be a resident of the Archdiocese of Miami, ideally active in the parish for a period of 5 years at the time of application.
- ◆ Be in good health and be willing to submit to psychological evaluations.
- ◆ Have no criminal record (felony).
- ◆ Never have attempted marriage outside of the Catholic Church, even civilly. This means that if he married in a civil ceremony while awaiting a decree of nullity, he is not eligible for Holy Orders.
- ◆ Never have cooperated in voluntary homicide or abortion even indirectly.
- ◆ Never left the Catholic Church by a formal act or by publicly endorsing teachings contrary to the faith.
- ◆ Not in public or private religious vows.

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Upcoming Events:

Third International Congress in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary will have their Third International Congress June 8-10, 2018 at the Doubletree by Hilton Miami Airport and Convention Center. The Main Celebrant of the 8 p.m. opening Mass will be His Excellency Most Reverend Thomas Wenski. For more information, please visit: www.corazones.org or www.piercedhearts.org