



# PASTORAL BULLETIN

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## OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI

### Requiescat in pace:

† **Isidro Humberto Perez**, father of Father Isidro Perez, parochial vicar at St. Kevin. He was 102 years old.

### Request for Financial Assistance for a parish in Southeastern Africa

“St. Mary’s Parish in the Diocese of Karonga, Malawi, South Eastern Africa is in dire need of vestments and vessels for liturgical celebrations. In December 2009, the area experienced a series of earthquakes which destroyed many houses, four lives lost, and many people injured. The parish church was also destroyed, including some property like vestments and vessels. With financial assistance from Propanda Fide, Church in Need, Missio Aachen, Diocese of Des Moines in USA and Sisters of St. Peter Claver, the parish community along with Fr. Joseph Sikwese, Pastor of St. Mary’s Parish, have constructed a new Church which was dedicated on October 6, 2018. However, the main challenge is that the parish does not have vestments and vessels for the celebration of the Eucharist among other liturgical celebrations. At the moment, they use borrowed vessels and vestments for resident priests. The parish community strongly believes that the parish needs to have its own vessels and vestments and will be grateful for any financial assistance.” For more information contact Fr. Joseph Sikwese, Pastor of St. Mary’s Parish by email [jsikwese@karongadiocese.org](mailto:jsikwese@karongadiocese.org).

## OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION

Bishop/Monsignors/Fathers:

This serves as a reminder that the **2020 March Mass Attendance Census** will begin Sat.-Sun., March 7-8, and conclude Sat.-Sun., March 28-29. **Please remember to count the number of penitents during these four weekends.**

The deadline to return the count electronically is **Monday, April 20, 2020**. 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 the 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](mailto:mrossell@theadom.org)

## OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

### Vocations Awareness Weekend – March 13-15, 2020

(Please include in parish bulletins)

Lord, let me know clearly the work which you are calling me to do in life, and grant me every grace I need to answer your call with courage, love and lasting dedication to your will.

If you feel God may be calling you to the diocesan priesthood, then Come & See! The next discernment retreat for men ages 17-35 will be March 13 – 15, 2020 at the seminary in Miami. You may find more information and registration online at [www.miamiarch.org/vocations](http://www.miamiarch.org/vocations) on the Vocations Awareness Weekend tab or contact your parish priest or the Vocation Director, Fr. Elvis González at 305-762-1137.

## OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

**Transformed in Love** is a marriage preparation program which uses a house-building metaphor to illustrate the concepts of establishing and nurturing marriage and family life. It includes many topics that contribute to building a marriage for a lifetime. Participants may choose from the following sessions; couples must attend both days of their selected session to receive their certificate. Dates:

- **Sat., April 25 and Sun., April 26** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in English at Archdiocese of Miami (Pastoral Center), 9401 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores. Register at: <https://conta.cc/2QHhzFI>
- **Sat., May 9 and Sat., May 16** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in English at St. Gregory Church, 200 N. University Dr., Plantation. Register at: <https://conta.cc/32lOmp1>
- **Sat., June 6 and Sun., June 7, 2020** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Spanish at San Isidro Church, 2310 Martin Luther King Blvd., Pompano Beach. Register at: <https://conta.cc/32rzuUN>
- **Sat., July 11 and Sun., July 12** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in English at Church of the Little Flower, 2711 Indian Mound Trail, Coral Gables. Register at: <https://conta.cc/2K5pOsT>

**Grandparents Ministry Informational Session in Spanish:** Please join us for an informational meeting as we launch Grandparents Ministry in the Archdiocese of Miami. This ministry is approved by Archbishop Wenski and organized by the Grandparents Association. Upcoming dates:

- **Fri., March 13** from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 701 N. Hiatus Rd., Pembroke Pines. Register at: <https://conta.cc/3c4aPeR>

## OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE (CONTINUED)

### **Retrouvaille weekend for couples - April 17-19**

The program is for couples who need and want to rekindle and strengthen their marriage or get it back on track. It helps couples that are struggling in their marriage, even those who are considering marriage separation or who are already separated or divorced and believe there is no hope for their marriage. Couples of all ages are welcome, regardless of how long they have been married or have been in trouble. Retrouvaille has helped heal tens of thousands of marriages worldwide. The weekend will take place Apr. 17-19 at the Holiday Inn Express Airport East, 2601 NW 42 Ave., Miami. Contact 305-915-4607 or email [miami@retrouvaille.org](mailto:miami@retrouvaille.org). Visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

**Fully Engaged Marriage Preparation Inventory Training** is the official marriage preparation inventory required for the Archdiocese of Miami. This training will be facilitated by Chris Codden and is directed to priests and couples.

- **For Priests:** June 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Assumption Church, 2001 S. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach. Register: <https://conta.cc/395DLBc>
- **For Mentor Couples:** June 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Gregory Church, 200 N. University Dr., Plantation. Register: <https://conta.cc/32y4NyD>

**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. You can find more information at [www.miamiarch.org/familylife](http://www.miamiarch.org/familylife)

- **Creighton Method of NFP**, taught locally and to couples on an individual basis by Sarah McKeown in English (218-368-8505, [smfertilitycare@gmail.com](mailto:smfertilitycare@gmail.com)) or Guadalupe Carral, in Spanish or English (713-203-2375, [lupitacrms@gmail.com](mailto:lupitacrms@gmail.com)).
- **Couple to Couple League (Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP):** 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. To register for any class— on-site, self-paced, or virtual visit: <http://register.ccli.org> Next series of on-site classes:
  - ♦ Epiphany Church, Miami: April 4, May 2, and June 6, 2020 at 7 p.m. Contact Carlos and Lucy Moas: 305-284-9549 , [lmmsalas@gmail.com](mailto:lmmsalas@gmail.com)
  - ♦ St. Patrick Church, Miami Beach: March 21, April 18, and May 2, 2020 at 9 a.m. Contact Carmen and Alejandro Santamaria: 305-321-4240, [Carmen.L.Santamaria@gmail.com](mailto:Carmen.L.Santamaria@gmail.com)

## OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Archdiocese of Miami has been alerted regarding door-to-door solicitors presenting themselves as seminarians and members of a religious organization called Mary Queen of the Third Millennium, Inc., soliciting funds. Sometimes carrying a statue of Our Lady, they may ask to pray in one's home, offer to bless the house and then ask individuals to sign papers allowing them to make automatic withdrawals from their bank accounts.

This organization does not appear to be legitimate and is neither approved nor affiliated with the Archdiocese of Miami or its seminaries.

If anyone has been victimized, please report it to the State of Florida Consumer Services Hotline, 1-800 435-7352.

### **Open Wide the Doors to Christ: Be Not Afraid! - May 15-17, 2020**

The IV International Congress of the Servant of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary will take place in May 2020 at the Doubletree by Hilton Miami Airport Convention Center, 711 NW 72 Ave. Event will feature 14 invited speakers, and a relic of the blood of St. John Paul II. Cost is \$50 per person for all three days. For more information, visit: [www.corazones.org](http://www.corazones.org), [www.piercedhearts.org](http://www.piercedhearts.org), call 305-444-7437 or email [siervas@corazones.org](mailto:siervas@corazones.org)

### **United States Census 2020**

The Archdiocese of Miami is working with the U.S. Census Bureau and the Miami-Dade Census Task Force to ensure that everyone in our community gets counted. Census forms will begin arriving in people's homes the first week of March and we would like your assistance in informing parishioners of the importance of being counted.

All census responses are confidential. There are very strict laws protecting the privacy of everyone who participates in the Census and everyone can participate, regardless of their immigration status.

A direct link to the Census home page, Parish and School resource link is available on the Archdiocese of Miami website [www.miamiarch.org](http://www.miamiarch.org).

**Pastors, please note:** "The 2020 Census includes people who live or stay in group quarters, such as college or university residence halls, nursing/skilled-nursing facilities, group homes, residential treatment centers, workers' group living quarters, and correctional facilities." This includes all those living in rectories.

## OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS (CONTINUED)

A Census Bureau worker will contact you between February 3, 2020 and March 6, 2020 to conduct a telephone or in-person interview to:

- Verify the group quarters' name, address information, contact name, phone number, and business email address.
- Collect an expected population count on April 1, 2020.
- Allow facility managers to choose a method of enumeration from those available to their group quarters, such as: in-person interview, drop off/pick up of questionnaire, paper response data collection, and electronic response data transfer (eResponse).
- Schedule an enumeration appointment.”

You can read more about group quarters count in the [U.S. Census 2020 Letter to Facility Managers](#).

### “Is My Email in Your Spam?”

There are multiple reasons why some important emails end-up in your spam folder, but the most common reasons have to do with the fact that:

- 1) Webmail providers (i.e. AOL, Gmail, Yahoo, etc.) investigate how many emails are opened and how many are deleted without being opened. This helps webmail providers decide which emails to filter into the spam folder.
- 2) You have low mailbox usage. Webmail providers look at the ratio of active to inactive email accounts. An inactive email account is an account that has not been used for a long time or is rarely used. If an email is sent to an email address that appears to be abandoned, that is a red flag to spam filters. It is advised to clean-up your email list periodically.
- 3) Unfortunately, some e-mail services view valid group e-mails as if they are SPAM.
- 4) Periodically, view the mail in your SPAM and JUNK folders before deleting.

In order to move important emails from the SPAM/JUNK folder to the INBOX folder, the user must **left-click and hold** the desired email in the SPAM /JUNK folder and drag it to the INBOX folder. This will allow you to open it in your INBOX and respond accordingly.

## OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS (CONTINUED)

In order to prevent important emails from going into your SPAM /JUNK folder in the future, the user should **right-click** on the desired email in the SPAM /JUNK folder and select from whatever options the e-mail software provides. Usually there will be an option to mark the sender's address so that it will not be captured in the SPAM filter in the future. Selecting "Do not block this sender" or an equivalent option will assure that the sender's mail will arrive in the INBOX in the future.

The domain of the Archdiocese of Miami Pastoral Center is @theadom.org. If have not been receiving mail from the ADOM Pastoral Center, you might wish to make @theadom.org a safe sender.

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