



Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointments:

Effective August 1, 2020:

- **Father Pierre Listo Charles**, parochial vicar, St. Bartholomew, Miramar.
- **Father Esteker Elyse, Montfortians**, chaplain, Villa Maria Nursing Center, North Miami.
- **Father Marek Wiorkiewicz, Salvatorians**, parochial vicar, Little Flower, Hollywood.

Requiescat in Pace

† **Father Rafael Pedroso**, 84, founding pastor of Santa Barbara Parish, Hialeah Gardens, who died July 20, 2020.

† **Father William Muñiz**, 85, who worked at Holy Cross Hospital, St. Luke's Center and as parochial vicar at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, St. Helen and St. Henry parishes in Broward County. He died July 31, 2020.

† **Mrs. Hilda Isern**, 98, mother of Bishop Fernando Isern, who died July 29, 2020.

Safe Environment Office

New Online Training Option in the Virtus Registration Process

In these extraordinary times, the Safe Environment Office has reviewed the current process of Virtus training and how it should proceed in an effort to still provide quality education of awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse and do so in a safe and logistically viable procedure.

So, in response we have worked with Virtus National to provide temporary online training as an option. It is available in English, Spanish and also Korean and Vietnamese subtitles.

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This means the participant must have access to the internet. For those few who do not, and do not have another option, then their site—meaning parish or school—is to provide them with a computer on site for them to complete this training.

All those completing the online training option will have an active Virtus account and will be required to read their monthly bulletins just as is required with the live training. The Local Coordinator at each site will have access to all accounts affiliated with their location just as before. Compliance responsibilities will not change.

Register for online class at www.virtus.org. For questions regarding the new online training option please contact Jan Rayburn at jrayburn@theadom.org

Office of Evangelization and Parish Life

RCIA Workshops

The Fall RCIA workshops will be held online. The English workshop will be on Saturday, August 29th from 9 -11 a.m. Register at: <https://conta.cc/2PGDcpu>. The Spanish workshop will be held on Saturday, September 5 from 9 -11 a.m. Register at: <https://conta.cc/2XlpxT2>.

Morning of Reflection

All parish staff and ministry volunteers are invited to an online Morning of Reflection on September 11 from 9 a.m until noon. The retreat director is Catholic author and speaker Becky Eldredge. Free. Register at: <https://conta.cc/30JqYCE>.

Office of Youth and Young Adults

Miami Catholic Young Professional Series is the first Monday of each month and is a great way to network with other young professionals in Miami and be inspired by experts in various professions on how to excel both in your work and faith life. For the time being our gatherings are being held online: <https://www.facebook.com/CYPmiami/>

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Broward Young Adults Rosary

All young adults are invited to join the Broward Catholic Young Adult community in praying the Rosary together online every Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm. Join us on Zoom with meeting ID 829-4361-8173 and password Rosary.

Youth Ministry Brainstorming Session

All parish youth ministry leaders are invited to join us for a youth ministry brainstorming session to share ideas for returning to youth ministry in the fall. Daytime session is on Friday, August 14 at 1 p.m. and evening session is Monday, August 17 at 8 p.m. Contact Viviana Yerex for more information: vyerex@theadom.org.

Catholic Scouting Counselor basic training for Catholic Scouting Counselors will be offered online on Saturday, August 15 from 9-10:30 a.m. Register at <https://conta.cc/33RSqQq>. Training for the specific awards earned by boys and girls will be held online on Saturday, August 22 from 9-11 a.m. For the specific times for each age range and to register for the Boy Scout awards: <https://conta.cc/2XNOpsG>; to register for the Girl Scout awards: <https://conta.cc/3iqwDU1>

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. Remember to **inform your Priest** in advance that you are attending the “Transformed in Love Group Marriage Preparation Program.

Please be aware that due to the current situation with COVID-19, the Archdiocese of Miami is making a unique exception, allowing our office to provide the group program online as a Live Interactive Webinar. This is not a Self-Paced Class. It is a LIVE Class with real-time lectures:

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- **Sat., Aug. 29 and Sun., Aug. 30, 2020** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in English. **Live Interactive Webinar**. Register at: <https://conta.cc/3efR6ca>
- **Sat., Oct. 17 and Sun., Oct. 18, 2020** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in English. **Live Interactive Webinar**. Register at: <https://conta.cc/2CMevVL>
- **Sat., Nov. 21 and Sun., Nov. 22, 2020** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in English. **Live Interactive Webinar**. Register at: <https://conta.cc/2CXP5Es>

Fully Engaged Marriage Preparation Inventory Training for Mentor Couples

Please join us for the Fully Engaged Training, the official Marriage Preparation Inventory for the Archdiocese of Miami, on Sept. 12, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Register for the live interactive webinar at: <https://conta.cc/2PHOIX4>

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

- **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>
- **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)

Office of Respect Life

Walking with Moms: A Year of Service

Archbishop Wenski and the Secretariat of Parish Life have adapted and launched the USCCB's *Walking with Moms: A Year of Service* here in the Archdiocese of Miami.

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- This initiative is meant to unite the Church in meeting the needs of pregnant women and accompanying them on their journey of motherhood.
- Walking with Moms is primarily a parish initiative, as each pastor is being asked to appoint his core team and together as a parish and in collaboration with the Office of Respect Life Ministry, take inventory of their parish resources, identify any gaps, and implement a plan to better minister to mothers.

Our Archdiocesan Respect Life Ministry operates five Pregnancy Help Centers in Broward and Miami-Dade counties to provide free and confidential pregnancy services to abortion-vulnerable women and their families.

- Our centers have over 10,000 visits annually from men and women in need of support during pregnancy and beyond, providing material assistance, individual counseling, pregnancy tests and ultrasound exams, prenatal and postpartum educational classes, mentoring for fathers, and post-abortion healing.
- Each parish is assigned to one of the five Pregnancy Help Centers for collaboration and support, and 75% of the parishes in the Archdiocese of Miami have a pastor-appointed Respect Life Parish Representative.

For more information, please:

- Visit Respect Life Ministry's website: <https://respectlifemiami.org/walking-with-moms>
- Watch the ADOM Walking with Moms Video: <https://vimeo.com/442874739>
- Read ADOM Parish Action Guide: <https://files.constantcontact.com/92fb2f3a401/935f9d6e-3b1e-4b54-ac2b-687a5847c762.pdf>
- Use the ADOM Parish Inventory Tool: <https://files.constantcontact.com/92fb2f3a401/73227b8f-fd55-4025-8f45-c8db57180f04.pdf>
- Contact Rebecca Brady, Director of Respect Life Ministry: rbrady@thedom.org

Office of Communications

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Our Lady of Charity Mass

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Mass for the feast of Our Lady of Charity will take place Sept. 8, 2020, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael Church, 2987 West Flagler St., Miami. In order to comply with social distancing requirements, attendance will be by invitation only. Tickets will be distributed to parishes, schools and groups representative of the archdiocese. The faithful will be able to participate in the Mass via a livestream provided by Maria Vision. The traditional procession with the image of Our Lady will arrive at St. Michael's at 4 p.m. At that time, the image will be placed outside, at the front of the church, so that the faithful can drive by and greet Cuba's patroness until 6:45 p.m. Archbishop Thomas Wenski will preside and preach the homily at the Mass. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the establishment of La Ermita de la Caridad as a national shrine. St. Michael's is also one of the churches of great historical significance for Miami's Cuban exile community.

Online Events Calendar postings

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only online events are being accepted for posting on the archdiocesan website. When you submit an event, please make clear in the description that it will be taking place online only. If you previously posted an in-person event to take place in the next few months, it is still in the database. It can be approved and published once Archbishop Thomas Wenski permits the resumption of in-person events in the archdiocese.

Beware solicitors

The Archdiocese of Miami has been alerted to 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.

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. 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. Outreach efforts should be accelerated as census data collection will now conclude on September 30.

“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.

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.