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OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI

Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointment:

Effective September 1, 2020:

- **Father Fernando Carmona**, parochial vicar, St. Patrick, Miami Beach.

Requiescat in pace:

† **Mrs. Agnes Flanagan**, 93, mother of Fr. Damian Flanagan.

† **Fr. Sergio Cabrera**, 86, who died September 8, 2020. He was a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Miami. The viewing and funeral Mass will take place on September 14 at St. Brendan Church in Miami.

CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION

Bishop / Monsignor / Father:

It is again time for counting and reporting the weekly Mass census for the weekends in October. The 2020 October Mass Attendance Census includes the 4 weekends of October, beginning with the weekend of Saturday-Sunday, October 3-4, and ending October 24-25.

Please remember **to count the number of penitents** during these four weekends.

The deadline to return the count electronically is **Monday, November 9, 2020**. Thank you for your cooperation in this project. Thank you, in advance, for timely reporting – by electronic upload – of the data. If your staff 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.

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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE CONTINUED

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.

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

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>.

RCIA Leader Formation Courses

In English on Tuesday, September 22 from 7-9 p.m. Register at: <https://conta.cc/3hNu6U5>. Spanish on Tuesday, October 27 from 7-9 p.m. Register at: <https://conta.cc/32Gueyz>.

Alpha

Alpha online will begin September 13 at 8 pm. Alpha is an opportunity to explore the validity and relevance of the Christian faith in an informal, non-pressured setting. The sessions will take place on Sunday nights from September 13–November 22 with one weekend online retreat. The gatherings run from 8 – 9:30 p.m. Space for Alpha is limited. Register is: <https://conta.cc/3bs9PRz>

OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Miami Catholic Young Professional Series is the first Monday of each month (except for September, due to the Labor Day holiday it will be on September 14th) 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/>

Miami CYP is also hosting small group forums based on professions. The small groups will be moderated by members of the CYP planning team and, in some cases, past speakers. Groups include Finance, Health & Wellness, Education and Marketing. Full details are on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CYPmiami/>

Broward Catholic Young Professional Series

Broward Catholic Young Professional Series meetings are the fourth Monday of each month (currently online). For upcoming event information check our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CYPbroward>

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 p.m. Join us on Zoom with meeting ID 829-4361-8173 and password Rosary.

Youth Ministry Training

All parish youth ministry leaders and core team members are invited to attend a youth ministry training on September 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. The class topic is "An Effective Vision for Youth Ministry." Register here: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=jzpf4rsab&oeidk=a07ehag6br828b645da> Contact Viviana Yerex for more information: vyerex@theadom.org.

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

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 September 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Register for the live interactive webinar at: <https://conta.cc/2PHOIX4>

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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:

- **Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18, 2020** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in English. Live Interactive Webinar. Register at: <https://conta.cc/2CMevVL>
- **Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22, 2020** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in English. Live Interactive Webinar. Register at: <https://conta.cc/2CXP5Es>

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 McKenown in English (218-368-8505, smfertilitycare@gmail.com or Guadalupe Carral, in Spanish or English (713-203-2375, lupitacrms@gmail.com

Please join us for an introductory session of Natural Family Planning “Creighton Model” to prepare for your new marriage or for marriage enrichment and learn a medically safe, morally acceptable and highly effective method of both postponing and achieving pregnancy.

- **English Session: October 20 at 7:30 pm. (Online) Register at:** <https://conta.cc/3loGwUw>
- **Spanish Session: October 22 at 7:30 pm (Online) Register at:** <https://conta.cc/31sDfMa>

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE CONTINUED

Wedding Anniversary Mass 2021

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th or 50 plus wedding anniversary in 2021 are invited to attend a Mass at St. Mary Cathedral on Saturday, February 13, 2021 and receive a blessing from Archbishop Thomas Wenski.

Couples interested in having their picture taken with Archbishop Wenski should arrive by 4 p.m. Mass will start at 5:30 p.m. Participants will sit in a special designated area in the front pews.

To Register, visit <https://conta.cc/3bXKNd0> or contact your Parish Office.

OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE

Walking with Moms: A Year of Service - Next Webinar: September 24

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.

- Each parish in the Archdiocese of Miami is assigned to one of the five Archdiocesan Respect Life Pregnancy Help Centers for collaboration and support.
- Each pastor has been 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.
- During this *Year of Service*, the Office of Respect Life Ministry is providing monthly webinars. The next webinar will be offered LIVE for morning and evening sessions on Thursday, September 24. The topic is "How to be a Respect Life Pregnancy Help Center Volunteer." All five of our Pregnancy Help Center locations currently need volunteers.

For more information, please:

- Register for the webinar: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/4739844403590380560>
- Visit Respect Life Ministry's website: <https://respectlifemiami.org/walking-with-moms>
- Contact Rebecca Brady, Director of Respect Life Ministry: rbrady@thedom.org

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

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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.

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUED

“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.