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## OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI

**Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointment:**

Effective September 10, 2020:

- **Father Alex Rivera**, to higher studies in Rome.

Effective October 1, 2020:

- **Father Mario Avila Vivero, Institute of the Incarnate Word**, to parochial vicar, St. Bernadette, Hollywood.

**Requiescat in pace:**

† **Mrs. Julia Alvero**, 83, mother of Father Sammy Alvero, chaplain at Baptist Hospital South Miami, who passed away Sept. 21 in the Philippines.

**Election Novena:** The USCCB is offering an electronic Election Novena from Oct. 26 to Nov. 3 to help Catholics pray and form their consciences as they prepare for the upcoming election.

The novena can be found at <https://www.usccb.org/2020-election-novena>

## CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION

Bishop / Monsignor / Father:

This serves as a reminder that the 2020 October Mass Attendance Census started on the weekend of Saturday/Sunday, October 3 - 4. It 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. Parishes received from the Chancery Office a template for the 2020 October Mass Count.

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](mailto: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.

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](http://www.virtus.org). For questions regarding the new online training option please contact Jan Rayburn at [jrayburn@theadom.org](mailto:jrayburn@theadom.org)

## OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

**November is Black Catholic History Month** and all are invited to participate in the following events commemorating the rich cultural tradition of the Black Catholic community:

- Mass in celebration of the feast day of St. Martin de Porres, first Black saint, on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 12 pm at St. Augustine Catholic Church and Catholic Student Center, 1400 Miller Rd., Coral Gables. Archbishop Thomas Wenski will be the celebrant and the mass will also be live streamed.
- **Celebrating the Cloud of Witnesses: Race, Resilience and Renewal:** Join this online three-part program to learn the stories of six heroic African American candidates to the sainthood who overcame racism and discrimination and lived out an authentic witness to their Catholic faith. The lectures will be Nov. 7, 14, and 21 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and will feature Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Venerable Sr. Henriette Delille, Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, Venerable Augustus Tolton, Servant of God Julia Greeley, and Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman. Free. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/122107178859>.

For more information, contact Katrenia Reeves-Jackman, director of the Office of Black Catholic Ministry at 305-762-1120 or [blackcatholicministry@theadom.org](mailto:blackcatholicministry@theadom.org)

## OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

**National Vocations Awareness Week** will be from Nov. 1-7. This is a time to encourage young men and women to consider how they will respond to God's call. In order to better enhance the celebration of NVAW and to create a culture of vocations in the archdiocese, Father Matthew Gomez, vocations director, will be passing by all the parishes and schools the week of Oct. 26. He will drop off the Archdiocesan Vocations Poster as well as some resources for the week.

## 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/>

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** 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** online every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Join us on Zoom with meeting ID 829-4361-8173 and password Rosary.

## OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

### 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 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE CONTINUED

**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, 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 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)

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>
- **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>

## OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE CONTINUED

### Fully Engaged Marriage Preparation Inventory Training for Mentor Couples

Fully Engaged Pre-Marital & Convalidation Inventories are offering New Facilitator Webinar Trainings via Go-To-Meeting (online.) The following options are available:

- Sat., Oct. 17 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Central Time
- Mon., Nov. 9 - 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Central Time
- Mon., Nov. 16 - 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Central Time
- Sat., Dec. 5 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Central Time

Webinar is **free**, but you will need a Pre-Marital Preview Package which is \$45 plus shipping. All classes are offered in English. Spanish is available per request. To register, call Jill at 320-258-7611 or email at [jill.svihel@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:jill.svihel@gw.stcdio.org). Please register at least 10 days prior to the class.

## OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT

November is **Stewardship Month** at the Archdiocese of Miami. During the five weekends of November, we will explore new tools to encourage and engage parishioners in the practice of stewardship. Parishes will have the opportunity to learn how to use their resources to practice basic stewardship, bringing awareness to an ongoing process of using every day as an opportunity to teach and grow as a committed and responsible parish community.

- **Oct. 31– Nov.1:** Stewardship Today – a look at parish stewardship in today’s reality.
- **Nov. 7-8:** Welcome Weekend – Opening our doors and our hearts to our parish community. Great opportunity to register or update your parish registration.
- **Nov. 14-15:** Ministry Weekend- Virtual Ministry Fair and ministry testimonials to create parishioner engagement.
- **Nov. 21-22:** ThanksForGiving weekend– Masses will be dedicated to creating an attitude of gratitude and thanking all who have contributed their time, talent and treasure to the parish.
- **Nov. 28-29:** Communication through Technology- bringing awareness of how to keep connected to the parish through technology.

Since this year our Stewardship Month will incorporate innovative ways to use technology, we will be offering 2 training sessions:

- **Wed., Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. in English**
- **Thurs., Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. in Spanish**

To register or for more information, call Grace at 305-762-1064 or email [gveloz@theadom.org](mailto:gveloz@theadom.org)

## OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND PARISH LIFE

**RCIA Leader Formation Course** will be offered in Spanish on Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 7-9 p.m.

Register at: <https://conta.cc/32Gueyz>.

## OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

### Follow the Archdiocese of Miami on Social Media:

Please include in your Parish Bulletin

 Facebook: [@ArchdioceseofMiami](https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofMiami) |  Twitter: [@CatholicMiami](https://twitter.com/CatholicMiami) |  Instagram: [@CatholicMiami](https://www.instagram.com/CatholicMiami)

### Online Events Calendar postings

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many events are taking place online only. Events taking place in person are subject to CDC guidelines, including restrictions on capacity and requirements for social distancing and mask-wearing. When you submit an event, please make clear in the description whether it is taking place online or in person.

### 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.

## 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.