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Requiescat in pace:

† **Father Richard Soulliere**, 97, who most recently promoted devotion to the Blessed Mother through Legion of Mary, brown scapular, died Dec. 26, 2020.

† **Father William Elbert**, 72, who served as pastor at St. Lawrence, North Miami Beach, for 18 years, died around Thanksgiving weekend and was buried Dec. 4, 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.

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 YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

March in Solidarity: Anytime between Jan. 22 and 29, we invite you to prayerfully walk 1.8 miles in solidarity with those attending the Annual March for Life in Washington D.C. Share your walk with us using #adomwalkforlife.

Holy Hour for Life with Archbishop Wenski: A Holy Hour for Life with Archbishop Wenski will be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Mary on Jan. 28 at 7:00 pm. Livestream link: <https://www.facebook.com/stmarymiami/>

Vigil Mass for Life: The Vigil Mass for Life will be livestreamed from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. on Jan. 28 at 8:30 pm. Livestream link: <https://www.nationalshrine.org/mass/>

Youth Rally & Mass for Life: The Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be livestreamed at 8:30 on Jan. 29 from Washington D.C. This rally includes music by Sarah Kroger and Ivan Diaz, keynote speakers and more. This event will be recorded to be viewed later if needed. <http://youthrallyandmassforlife.org/>

Evening of Reflection: All high school youth, individually or part of a youth group, are invited to attend a virtual Evening of Reflection after the March for Life on January 29 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. The night will be facilitated by Rosemarie Banich, Director of Evangelization and Parish Life, a reflection by Fr. Manny Alvarez, prayer, small group discussion and more. Registration is required at the following link to attend: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ehh7vy68d84476ca&oseq=&c=&ch=>

Miami Catholic Young Professional (CYP) 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 held online: <https://www.facebook.com/CYPmiami/>

Broward Catholic Young Professional (CYP) Series meetings are the fourth Monday of the month and currently held online. For upcoming event information visit <https://www.facebook.com/CYPbroward>

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

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

- **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)

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: Jan. 14 at 7:30 pm (Online) Register at:** <https://conta.cc/3kwaUvw>
- **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>

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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- **Saturday, February 27 and Sunday, February 28, 2021** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in English. Live Interactive Webinar. Register at: <https://conta.cc/3mLEiyl>
- **Saturday, July 17 and Sunday, July 18, 2021** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in English. Live Interactive Webinar. Register at: <https://conta.cc/34NZm1i>
- **Saturday, August 28 and Sunday, August 29, 2021** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in English. Live Interactive Webinar. Register at: <https://conta.cc/35WmUQT>

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Carmelite Handmaidens' Virtual Gathering

"Royalty Restored: Our Path to Healing," a virtual retreat for single women ages 18-35, will take place on Jan. 23 from 3-5 p.m. PST. The event will feature praise and worship, a talk by the Carmelite Sisters, small groups and livestreamed solemn prayer with the sisters. Register at: <https://carmelitesistersocd.com/handmaidens/virtual>

Virtual Discernment Retreat

Join the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, for their Winter 2021 Virtual Discernment Retreat, which opens Feb. 13. Register at: sistersofmary.org/news-events/events

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

The 9 Days for Life Novena Mass of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will be celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Wenski on Jan. 27 at noon from St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami. Livestream: <https://fb.me/e/bfIMJFH3B>

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUED

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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 of scammers

The Archdiocese of Miami has been hearing reports of scammers impersonating Archbishop Thomas Wenski on Instagram. If you, your friends, or family receive a direct message from accounts impersonating Archbishop Wenski, please do not respond. Report the account immediately to the social media platform, and let us know someone impersonating Archbishop Wenski has tried to contact you.