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## OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI

### Requiescat in pace:

† **Father George Cardona**, 90, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Miami, died Jan. 15. Originally ordained for the Piarists in his native Cataluña, Spain, he had been a priest for 67 years, 54 of them in Miami.

† **Deacon Carlos García**, 59, father of Father Michael García, pastor of St. Coleman Church in Pompano Beach, died Jan. 22. Ordained in and for the Archdiocese of Atlanta in 2013, in 2016 he moved to the Archdiocese of Miami and served faithfully at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and St. John Vianney College Seminary.

† **Judith Giraldo**, mother of Father Omar Ayubi, died Feb. 8.

### Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointments:

#### Effective January 1, 2021:

- **Rev. Hubert Zasada, Society of Christ for Poles**, Administrator, Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Mission, Pompano Beach

#### Effective February 1, 2021:

- **Rev. Yonhatan Londono**, Parochial Vicar, St. Katharine Drexel, Weston
- **Rev. Juan Carlos Salazar**, Parochial Vicar, Mother of Christ, Miami.
- **Rev. Hector Manuel Troche**, Parochial Vicar, St. Louis, Pinecrest.

#### Retirement:

- **Father Rafael Soutuyo**, effective Jan. 31, 2021.

### English-speaking priest needed:

The Diocese of Bluefields, Nicaragua is in need of a priest to serve their English-speaking communities. If interested, please contact Archbishop Thomas Wenski at [twenski@theadom.org](mailto:twenski@theadom.org)

## OFFICE OF WORSHIP

### **Guidelines for Ash Wednesday and 2021 Lenten Regulations**

The following are the regulations for the observance of Lent in the archdiocese with special notes for the celebration of Ash Wednesday amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic:

#### **Fast and abstinence**

The holy season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021. Both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 2, are days of abstinence from meat for all who are 14 years and older. They are also days of fast (one full meal and two small meals, with nothing eaten between the meals) for adults from 18 to 59 years of age. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years and older.

#### **Ash Wednesday**

The blessing and distribution of ashes to the faithful on Ash Wednesday can take place in the usual way, following the guidance already in place relative to worship in a time of public concern.

- Masks must be worn by everyone, including the ministers, during the distribution of ashes.
- As needed, the deacon or lay ministers may join the priest in imposing ashes on the faithful.
- Ministers should sanitize their hands before the distribution of ashes.
- Ashes may not be self-imposed: They are always given by a minister.

#### **Additional notes:**

- The wearing of ashes, while customary and laudable, is not an obligation of the faithful, so anyone who is fearful of becoming sick should not come forward, or even come to Mass on Ash Wednesday.
- If additional liturgies are needed to accommodate the faithful in light of reduced capacity in the church, the Roman Missal gives the option that the blessing and distribution of the ashes may take place outside of Mass.
- If necessary, out of an abundance of caution, a cotton swab may be used as an instrument for imposition of ashes (as in anointing). Any cotton swabs should be burnt after use.

## OFFICE OF WORSHIP CONTINUED

### Liturgical notes

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The Easter Triduum is celebrated from Holy Thursday evening until evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Alleluia is not said or sung from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil, nor is the "Te Deum" sung at or on Sundays of Lent.

During Lent, the altar should not be decorated with flowers, and musical instruments should be used to support the community singing while respecting the need for silence and reflections during other moments in the liturgy. On the fourth Sunday of Lent ("Laetare") and on solemnities and feasts, musical instruments may be played and the altar decorated with flowers.

If marriages take place in Lent, couples are to be reminded that wedding plans should respect the special nature of this liturgical season in their simplicity.

It is recommended that during the Lenten season parishes should provide penitential celebrations that allow for the faithful to celebrate the mystery of forgiveness. These celebrations should take place before the Easter Triduum, and should not immediately precede the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Where there is genuine pastoral need, the sacrament of penance may be celebrated on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

## CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION

Dear Bishop / Monsignors / Fathers,

This serves as a reminder that the 2021 March Mass Attendance Census starts on the weekend of Saturday/Sunday, March 6-7. It includes the four weekends of March, ending March 27-28. A staff member of the parish received in September and October 2020 the spreadsheet to be used for this project including the online count by the name of "Mass Census Special."

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

The deadline to return the count electronically is MONDAY, April 12, 2021. Thank you in advance for your timely reporting—by electronic upload—of the data. If your staff responsible for uploading data is not familiar with the process, please have them contact Ashley Cruz or Mayra Rossell in the Chancellor's Office at 305.762.1220 or [acruz@theadom.org](mailto:acruz@theadom.org), [mrossell@theadom.org](mailto:mrossell@theadom.org)

## OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

### **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 HUMAN RESOURCES

### **New Partnership with Villanova School of Business**

The Archdiocese of Miami has a new partnership with the Villanova School of Business to support students in the online Master of Science in Church Management (MSCM) degree. The unique program bridges ministry and management for people working in parish and diocesan offices and other apostolates. This two-year online graduate degree is for people working full-time who want to learn how to organize, plan, steward, and lead their ministries more effectively.

Thanks to Villanova benefactors, there are \$73,500 in scholarships available for the MSCM Degree and students from any church or ministry within the Archdiocese of Miami are eligible for a scholarship from Villanova University that will cover up to half of the tuition! Visit:

[www.mscm.villanova.edu](http://www.mscm.villanova.edu) or contact Chesley Turner, Director of the Villanova Center for Church Management, at 610-519-6015 or [chesley.turner@villanova.edu](mailto:chesley.turner@villanova.edu)

There will be an online info session on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 12 p.m. To RSVP, visit <https://explore.villanova.edu/register/?id=dda6b7c4-90d7-4aa7-bedc-5a989428a92f>

## OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

**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](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: March 23 at 7:30 pm (Online) Register at:** <https://conta.cc/3bPOWBY>
- **Spanish Session: March 25 at 7:30 p.m. (Online) Register at** <https://conta.cc/3oOPLib>
- **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

### Retrouvaille Weekend for Couples

Retrouvaille is for couples who need or want to rekindle and strengthen their marriage or get it back on track. It is also for couples who may be cold and distant, and believe that there is no hope for their marriage. The program helps couples that are struggling in their marriage, even those who are considering marriage separation or who are already separated or divorced. We welcome couples of ALL ages, regardless of how long they have been married, or have been in trouble. Retrouvaille has helped heal tens of thousands of marriages worldwide.

The next events will be:

- Friday, April 16, 2021 in English
- Friday, October 8, 2021 in Spanish

For more information, contact the Registration Team at 305-915-4607, email

[miami@retrouvaille.org](mailto:miami@retrouvaille.org) or visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com)

**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, 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>
- **Saturday, Sept. 25 & Sunday, Sept.26, 2021** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Spanish. **Live Interactive Webinar**. Register at: <https://conta.cc/2XIF44R>

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

**Volunteers are essential to the Archdiocese of Miami Respect Life Ministry**, especially the operations of our five Pregnancy Help Centers. We train our volunteers to serve in different capacities, according to their interests, talents & abilities. Contact us at 954-981-2922 to learn more, or submit your volunteer application today! The volunteer application can be found at: [respectlifemiami.org/volunteer](https://respectlifemiami.org/volunteer).

## OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

### **'Angels Unawares' sculpture honoring migrants arrives in Miami**

A traveling bronze, life-sized sculpture entitled 'Angels Unawares' was installed at Bayfront Park, 301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami and is open for public viewing until April 8. Pope Francis unveiled the original sculpture, created by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz, in St. Peter's Square on Sept. 29, 2019, the 105<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The sculpture weighs four tons and is 20-foot long and features indigenous people, people from war-torn countries, and the Holy Family, among many others. Above the refugees crowded on the raft are the wings of an angel, which references the Hebrews 13:2: "Be welcoming to strangers, many have entertained angels unawares." For more information on the sculpture, visit [https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Article\\_angels-unawares-sculpture-on-display-in-archdiocese-of-miami](https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Article_angels-unawares-sculpture-on-display-in-archdiocese-of-miami)

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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.

## OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUED

### **Beware of scammers**

The Archdiocese of Miami has heard 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.