



# Archdiocese of Miami

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### Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

#### Requiescat in pace:

† **John O'Neill**, an older brother of Father Patrick O'Neill, died June 13 in Spokane, Washington. Please keep him and Father Pat in your prayers.

#### Covid-19 Mask Policy

As of July 7, 2021, mask-wearing and social distancing remain a requirement for gathering in churches “and other (parish) spaces,” according to an updated COVID policy issued by the Archdiocese of Miami. The full policy can be viewed here: [https://www.miamiarch.org/atimos/articles\\_images/2021/07/COVID\\_policy\\_update\\_July\\_7\\_1625880596.pdf](https://www.miamiarch.org/atimos/articles_images/2021/07/COVID_policy_update_July_7_1625880596.pdf)

### 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 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

**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.

**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, August 28 & Sunday, August 29, 2021 (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) in **English**. **Live Interactive Webinar.** Register at: <https://conta.cc/35WmUQT>
- Saturday, September 25 & Sunday, September 26, 2021 (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) in **Spanish**. **Live Interactive Webinar.** Register at: <https://conta.cc/2XIF44R>

## 6<sup>th</sup> National Congreso Pro Vida

All are invited to attend this pro-life event hosted by Archbishop Thomas Wenski October 29-31. This is the first time the Congreso will be held on the East Coast and streamed nationally and internationally. Workshops will be available in English, Spanish, and Creole. Please visit [www.congresoprovida.com](http://www.congresoprovida.com)

## Office of Marriage and Family Life (continued)

### Fully Engaged Training for Mentor Couples

Full Engaged Pre-Marital & Convalidation Inventories are offering new facilitator webinar trainings via GoToWebinar (Online). The following options are available:

- Saturday, August 14, 2021 (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) in SPANISH for Mentor Couples.  
Register at: <https://conta.cc/3n1qYrl>
- Friday, September 10, 2021 (9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) Only for PRIESTS.  
Register at: <https://conta.cc/3uXkbBq>
- Saturday, September 11, 2021 (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) in ENGLISH for Mentor Couples.  
Register at: <https://conta.cc/3svUarA>

### 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 event will be:

- **Friday, July 16, 2021 in SPANISH**
- **October 8, 2021 in ENGLISH**

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)

### Wedding Anniversary Mass 2022

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 12, 2022 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/2TCUSXY> or contact your Parish Office.

## Office of Communications

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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 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.

### Events

#### Thriving in Ministry

This pastoral enrichment program for ministry leaders in South Florida will begin its third pastoral cohort Aug. 2021 to May 2022 at St. Thomas University. It is a national program funded by the Lilly Endowment to support leaders from different Christian denominations and cultures who are embracing a call to ministry as priests, religious, deacons, pastors and lay leaders in their first 10 years of service. St. Thomas University will be accepting 50 ministry leaders to be engaged in spiritual companionship, given useful resources and materials, and immersed in growth experiences that will enhance their ministries. This pastoral enrichment program is fully funded with no cost to the pastors. Applications are available at: [www.stu.edu/thriving-in-ministry](http://www.stu.edu/thriving-in-ministry). For more information, email: [ThrivinginMinistry@stu.edu](mailto:ThrivinginMinistry@stu.edu).

#### Courage and EnCourage Conference

Courage and EnCourage International is an apostolate which offers support for those who experience same-sex attractions and their loved ones. The theme of the annual conference, which will take place July 15-18 at Benedictine College in Kansas is St. Joseph: Model of Courageous Love. To register to attend the conference virtually via Zoom for \$35, visit [www.CourageRC.org/conference2021/](http://www.CourageRC.org/conference2021/)