



# Archdiocese of Miami

## Pastoral Bulletin

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### Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

#### COVID-19 Mask Policy

As of Jan. 1, 2022, due to the spread of the omicron variant of COVID-19, mask usage during Mass and parish events is required, even for those who are vaccinated. The mask requirement also applies to students and staff at archdiocesan schools. Read the full article at [https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Article\\_archdiocese-of-miami-covid-masks-again-required-at-mass-in-schools](https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Article_archdiocese-of-miami-covid-masks-again-required-at-mass-in-schools)

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

Effective Dec. 1, 2021

**Father Daniel Houde, Trinitarians**, to administrator, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary-St. Richard, Palmetto Bay.

Effective Jan. 1, 2022

**Father Peter Claver Sutinga** to parochial vicar, St. Bonaventure, Davie.

Effective Jan. 3, 2022

**Father Mebounou Nyekplola Gbedey** to parochial vicar, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doral.

Effective Jan. 14, 2022

**Father Gustavo Barros** to parochial vicar, St. Gregory, Plantation.

Effective Jan. 30, 2022

**Father Fernando Heria**, retirement.

Effective Feb. 1, 2022

**Father Kris Bartos** to administrator, San Pablo, Tavernier.

**Father Jose Joaquin Espino** to rector, National Shrine of Our Lady of Charity, Miami.

**Msgr. Chanel Jeanty** to fulltime as pastor of St. James, North Miami.

**Father Luis Alberto Perez** to pastor, San Lazaro, Hialeah.

**Msgr. Dariusz Zielonka** to archdiocesan chancellor for canonical affairs.

## Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski (continued)

### Clergy Retreats for the 2021-22 season:

Offered: February 14-18, 2022 and May 16–20, 2022

Visit the following link to view dates and Retreat Masters:

<https://www.ourladyofflorida.org/retreats-for-the-priests-of-the-archdiocese-general/>

Register at: <https://www.ourladyofflorida.org/clergy/>

**Fr. Rafael Antonio Abreu, OCD**, is prohibited from exercising sacred ministry therefore, he doesn't enjoy the faculties of the Archdiocese of Miami. Please contact the Chancery Office if he approaches your parish or any Lay Apostolic Movement.

### Boy Scouts of America

The Archdiocese of Miami has a long history of supporting the Boy Scouts of America program as an integral part of our parish's Youth Ministries. As I am sure you have read, the national Boy Scout organization has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection because of many past claims of abuse. There have been no claims of abuse brought in connection with any scouting unit chartered by an ADOM entity. The BSA bankruptcy case is ongoing and complicated and is being monitored by our attorneys and the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops. In the meantime, we will continue to support those BSA units, both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts that are already chartered in our parishes. However, for the time being, no new BSA units are to be chartered at any ADOM parish or school.

### 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.

## Office of Safe Environment (continued)

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 Catholic Schools

### Employment Opportunity – Coordinator of School Finance

The Office of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese is seeking applicants for the role of Coordinator of School Finance. This role focuses on supporting Catholic schools in budgeting, scholarship application, financial planning, and other important tasks. Applicants must have a background in finance or accounting (school experience preferred). For more information, visit the Archdiocesan Human Resources website at [https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Job\\_Openings](https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Job_Openings)

### Happy Catholic Schools Week!

The 62 Catholic schools of the Archdiocese will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 30-Feb. 5, 2022. Each school has planned a variety of spiritual and social activities to celebrate the vibrancy of Catholic education. This week is also the start of registration season for our Catholic elementary schools. If you know of anyone who is interested in a Catholic education, please encourage them to visit the School Finder on the Archdiocesan website: [https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=school\\_location](https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=school_location)

## Office of Vocations

### Labouré Society Seminarians

Dear brothers in the presbyterate, the Archdiocese of Miami currently has one man participating in the Labouré Society program. This program helps to remove the obstacle of student loan debt during the years of formation.

According to the National Religious Vocation Conference, of the approximately 10,000 men and women discerning a call each year to the priesthood or religious life, 42% of them are blocked due to student loan debt. Since 2003, this 501(c)(3) organization has helped deliver over 300 men and women into religious formation who otherwise would have been turned away or put on hold due to student loans.

If you would like to assist, please email Fr. Matthew Gomez at [mgomez@theadom.org](mailto:mgomez@theadom.org) to put you in contact with the gentleman who is diligently working in this program to alleviate his student loan debt before entering the priesthood.

## 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 note that couples must attend both sessions to receive their certificate. Remember to **inform your Priest** in advance that you are attending the “Transformed in Love Group Marriage Preparation Program.

- Saturday, February 26 & Sunday, February 27, 2022 (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) in **English**.  
**Location:** St. Mark Church, 5601 S. Flamingo Rd., Southwest Ranches. Register at: <https://conta.cc/3v1v1mt>

### Natural Family Planning: Creighton Model Introductory Session

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.

## Office of Marriage and Family Life (continued)

- **Spanish Session:** January 18, 2022 at 7:30 pm (Online)  
Register at: <https://conta.cc/3n7Hmq>
- **English Session:** January 20, 2022 at 7:30 pm (Online)  
Register at: <https://conta.cc/3jdDHGE>

### Wedding Anniversary Mass 2022

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th or 50 plus wedding anniversary in 2022 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.

### 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, February 25, 2022 in Spanish
- Friday, April 29, 2022 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)

## Catholic Charities

**Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program** is looking for adults to become foster parents to refugee minors. The requirements to be a foster parent include:

- Be at least 21 years old
- Be able to provide adequate bedroom space and a separate bed for each foster child
- Have reliable transportation
- Be willing to participate in a 30-hour free training
- Be prepared for adults in your household to undergo complete background checks
- Be able to meet basic resources to support the household.

Catholic Charities provides 24-hour case management, monthly stipend to help with the care of the refugee minor or youth, continuing education and more. For more information, call 305-883-3383 or visit [www.ccadm.org](http://www.ccadm.org)

## Office of Communications

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

Please include in your Parish Bulletin

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### 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.