



# Archdiocese of Miami

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## OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI

### Requiescat in pace:

† **Father Michael P. Sullivan**, 84, who served as pastor of Our Lady of Mercy in Deerfield Beach, died Sept. 11, 2022. Father Sullivan served as a priest for 56 years.

† **Deacon Robert Binder** died in August. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Miami in 1988 and served at St. John Neumann Church. Please keep Deacon Bob, his wife Marge and the rest of the family in your prayers.

† **Deacon Joseph Sommovigo** died Aug. 26. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Miami in 1983 and served at St. Malachy Church. Please keep Deacon Joe, his wife Marie and the rest of the family in your prayers.

† **Mrs. Concetta Tina Vallee**, mother of Father Robert Vallee, died in August at age 80. She worked for many years as a cook and sacristan at Holy Family Church and Saint Augustine Church. Her funeral took place in Louisiana, with interment at Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery.

### Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Sister Carmen Ors, SCTJM

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

#### Effective Sept. 1, 2022

- **Father Carlos Andres Reyes, c.s.**, pastor, St. Vincent, Margate.
- **Father Hugo L. Santana Cardoso, c.s.**, parochial vicar, St. Vincent, Margate.

## OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI (CONTINUED)

### 2022 Priest Convocation

This year's Priest Convocation will take place Tuesday, Sept. 20 to Thursday, Sept. 22 at Hyatt Regency Downtown Miami, 400 SE 2nd Ave., Miami, FL 33131. Check-in begins at 3 pm on Tuesday, and Evening Prayer at 5 pm. Photos will be taken upon arrival; all priests please bring a collar and jacket for photo.

### Clergy Retreat

St. Paul Center Priest Conferences will feature talks by Scott Hahn, John Bergsma, Ralph Martin, Lawrence Feingold and Tim Gray. Cost is \$625 (includes room and board) and will be Jan. 3-6, 2023: The Meritage Hotel and Spa, CA (in partnership with the Napa Institute.) For more information or to register, visit <https://stpaulcenter.com/priests>

**Fr. Hector Manuel Martinez Moya** is not a priest of the Archdiocese of Miami, never asked for the faculties, and is not authorized to function as a priest within the Archdiocese of Miami. He is a priest celebrating secret Masses and hearing confessions in Miami area. The Pastoral Center advises you against participation in his gatherings and liturgies.

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

The book, **"A West African Model to address Human Trafficking"** is available for purchase on Amazon, Springer Nature, and Barnes and Nobles. The foreword written by the Most Reverend Thomas Wenski, reads, "With discussion-provoking questions, this narrative is an eye-opening writing that will move readers from awareness to advocacy and action. The book awakens in readers a sense of moral responsibility in purchasing. I urge you therefore to use your consumer power by downloading an anti-trafficking app on your phone to scan the barcode of the items you buy. Our feedback on social media sites such as Yelp and Facebook can force unethical companies to take steps to ensure their supply chains are slavery-free. This would be your way to join in the fight. I hope this book is helpful in introducing this disturbing social issue." To purchase click the link: <https://www.amazon.com/African-Model-Address-Human-Trafficking-ebook/dp/B09RQLJ1GM#customerReviews>

## OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION

Dear Bishop / Monsignors / Pastors:

It is again time for counting and reporting the weekly Mass census for the weekends in October. The 2022 October Mass Attendance Census includes the 5 weekends of October, beginning with the weekend of Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 1-2 and ending Oct. 29-30. Please remember to **count the number of penitents** during these five weekends.

The deadline to return the count electronically is **Monday, November 14, 2022**. 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).

## OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

**Retreat for Deacons** will take place Oct. 21-23 at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center in North Palm Beach. The retreat director will be Fr. John Riccardo, Executive Director of Acts XXIX. For registration, contact the retreat coordinator Sandi Lanowich, at [retreat@cprovfl.org](mailto:retreat@cprovfl.org) or call 561-626-1300, extension 121.

**Convocation of Deacons** is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9 am to 1 pm at St. John Vianney College Seminary. Aspirants in third year of diaconate formation will be instituted as Candidates by Archbishop Wenski during the Mass at 9 am.

## OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

**Vocation Awareness Weekend** will take place Nov. 11-13 at St. John Vianney College Seminary. If any young men from your parish might be interested in attending this bi-annual event, please invite them! Do not underestimate the power of an invitation; the CARA reports show an overwhelming number of men who enter the priesthood were first invited by a priest, family member, parishioner, or friend. Please follow the link to find a VAW blurb for your parish bulletin (found in *Description of Retreat*) and a flyer you can download to post it around the parish. The registration for the weekend is also found in the link.

We continue to pray for each other as we create a culture of vocations in the Archdiocese.

[https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=V\\_VAW](https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=V_VAW)

## OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

### Virtus Training Online

You may register for the initial Virtus training session at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

### Registration Instructions:

**For English:** Click [here](#)

**Para Español:** Oprima [aquí](#)

Once the initial training is complete, your account will be automatically activated. Continuing training is in the form of online monthly bulletins. For more information, contact Jan Rayburn at [jrayburn@theadom.org](mailto:jrayburn@theadom.org)

### Safe Environment USCCB audit

The Safe Environment office will welcome the USCCB's independent auditors in the coming months. This is a good opportunity for everyone to check that they have an active and up to date Virtus account. This includes the reading of the monthly bulletins. The bulletins are sent directly to your Virtus account the first Sunday of each month. At the same time an email reminder is sent to the email address on your Virtus account. If you are not receiving the reminders, it is most likely that your computer security program or an application update is blocking it. Please see the instructions below to ensure you receive the reminders. Keep in mind, whether you see the reminders or not, the bulletins are sent directly to your Virtus account anyway. If your account has been suspended due to an excess of missed bulletins, or for assistance or questions regarding your Virtus account, contact Jan Rayburn at: [jrayburn@theadom.org](mailto:jrayburn@theadom.org).

### Virtus Emails

To help ensure VIRTUS Online messages are delivered properly to your Inbox (not spam or junk folders) -- please add [system@pub.virtus.org](mailto:system@pub.virtus.org) -- to your Address Book and/or Safe List. If you follow these directions (adding [system@pub.virtus.org](mailto:system@pub.virtus.org) to your Address Book and/or Safe List), but reminders default to your **spam** folder -- or you do not receive your reminders at all -- we recommend that you check directly with your email provider to see if they are blocking or otherwise affecting delivery of email communications from VIRTUS Online ([system@pub.virtus.org](mailto:system@pub.virtus.org)) to your email account.

## 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, Oct. 22 & Sunday, Oct. 23 (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) in **English**.  
Location: Church of the Little Flower, Coral Gables. Register at: <https://conta.cc/3OA6fle>

### **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.

- **Spanish Session:** Sept. 20, 2022 at 7:30 pm (Online)  
Register at: <https://conta.cc/3PEqNzM>
- **English Session:** Sept. 22, 2022 at 7:30 pm (Online)  
Register at: <https://conta.cc/3NsF010>

For questions or more information about events hosted by the Office of Marriage and Family Life, please call 305-762-1123 or email [bmadhosingh@theadom.org](mailto:bmadhosingh@theadom.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 event will be:

- Friday, Sept. 30 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)

## OFFICE OF RESPECT LIFE

### **Parish Baby Bottle Drives**

Each parish in the Archdiocese is assigned to one of the Pregnancy Help Center locations for collaboration and support, which includes hosting an annual Baby Bottle Drive coordinated by pastor-appointed Respect Life Parish Representative. In addition to raising the funds necessary to operate the Pregnancy Help Centers, when each parishioner receives and fills a baby bottle, it helps raise awareness about the *Gospel of Life* and promotes personal commitment to building a culture of life and love within our parish communities. To participate in your parish's bottle drive by making an online donation, visit [respectlifemiami.org/baby-bottle-drive](http://respectlifemiami.org/baby-bottle-drive). For more information and to schedule a Baby Bottle Drive in your parish, contact [acuratalo@theadom.org](mailto:acuratalo@theadom.org).

## OFFICE OF DETENTION MINISTRY

### Volunteers Needed

The Office of Detention Ministry of the Archdiocese of Miami is looking for priests and lay volunteers for one of the 30 correctional facilities in Miami-Dade. For more information, please email Deacon Edgardo Farias at [efarias@theadom.org](mailto:efarias@theadom.org).

## 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

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

## 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.

### **Events**

#### **Eucharistic Marian Congress**

Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary invite you to a Eucharistic Marian Congress, "Be Not Afraid: The Two Hearts Will Triumph" on Oct. 7-9 at the DoubleTree by Hilton & Miami Airport Convention Center, Miami.

Internationally renowned speakers include:

- Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti PhD DMin, USA, will present the topic "Let us use the Power of Sacramentals and Spiritual Weapons to Protect our Souls, Families, and Homes."
- Fr. Josh Johnson, priest of the Diocese of Baton Rouge who has directed retreats and conferences and made use of social media to spread the healing power of Christ.
- Michael Brown, USA, will present the topic: "The Importance of the Angelic World in the Spiritual Battle."
- Antonia Acutis, Mother of Bl. Carlos Acutis, who was beatified in Assisi on Oct. 10, 2020. This Millennial youth used his computer skills to influence the world with his love for the Eucharist.

The event is multilingual. Simultaneous interpretation will be available. Holy Mass will be celebrated each day. Donation cost for the weekend: \$50 per person. Friday only (FREE ENTRANCE)

**Don't wait to get your tickets!** This year's congress promises to be sold out like in 2018. To purchase tickets click [here](#).

Watch the video invitation [here](#).