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Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

Requiescat in pace:

† **Madre Angélica del Divino Corazón, O.C.D.**, a Carmelite Sister, died Dec. 27.

† **Alfonsina Lopez**, mother of Deacon Victor Pimentel, director of the Permanent Diaconate for the archdiocese, died Jan. 5. Her funeral took place Jan. 9 in Mexico City.

† **Deacon Vincent Tola**, who worked for many years and retired from All Saints Parish, died recently. The funeral Mass will take place on Friday, Jan. 12 at 11 a.m. at All Saints Church in Sunrise. Burial will follow at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointments

Effective Jan. 1, 2024

- **Fr. Khiet Huu-Manh Pham**, Chaplain to Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll High School and Adjunct Faculty at St. Thomas University.

Memorandum from USCCB President Most Rev. Timothy P. Broglio

Dear Brothers, all,

It appears that numerous parishes may be reproducing the daily and Sunday readings in their worship aids or bulletins without a license from the USCCB.

I encourage you to become licensees if you are not already. The current rate is from \$200 per year for up to 250 copies per Sunday to \$1,500 per year for 1,500 copies or more per week. (Fees are assessed separately for English and Spanish.) To license the readings properly, a parish can simply contact Mary Elizabeth Sperry at msperry@usccb.org.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski (continued)

Announcements:

Pastors: National Eucharistic Revival parish resources, which are free and ready to print, are available at this link: <https://store.eucharisticrevival.org/collections/digital-resources>

Recently Ordained Workshop

St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary will offer a workshop Jan. 8-11, 2024 for priests ordained within the past five years. The conference includes inspiring presentations, intellectual stimulation, times for prayerful recollection and relaxation with socials each evening. Mr. Brett Powell from the Archdiocese of Vancouver will present: There is No Such Thing as Servant Leadership: A workshop that will redefine your pastoral leadership for the new apostolic age. You may invite other priests anywhere in the U.S. who fit this demographic. Contact: Sr. Mary Roberta Connors, FSE at mrconnors@svdp.edu.

Floridians Should Decline to Sign Petition for Dangerous Pro-Abortion Amendment

An extremely grave initiative is underway in Florida that seeks to erase pro-life protections by inserting language into the Florida Constitution banning regulation of abortion. Abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to place a pro-abortion constitutional amendment on the Nov. 2024 ballot. This amendment would allow abortion up until birth, including when the baby is capable of feeling pain, and would eliminate laws requiring parental consent and safety protocols for women. Floridians should not sign the petition. Please spread the word to your spheres of influence and continue to pray for the protection of the unborn.

Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski (continued)

Priest retreats

Priest Winter Institute 2024 The Annual Priest Winter Institute to be held at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, from Jan. 28 to Feb. 2, 2024. Enjoy a week of inspiring presentations, time for prayer and relaxation. Register online. Cost: \$695 for tuition, room and meals. \$450 for commuters. For flyer and more details, [click here](#).

The presenter, Msgr. Stephen Bosso, a well-known scripture scholar, will offer fresh ideas for preaching on the Gospel of Mark throughout Sundays in 2024.

For flyer, Msgr. Bosso's bio and more details, [click here](#) or visit www.svdp.edu/continuing-education. For questions, contact Sr. Mary Roberta Connors at mrconnors@svdp.edu.

Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Retreat Center

- Feb. 5-9, 2024
Theme: Priesthood: the Gift of Spiritual Fatherhood"
Retreat Director: Msgr. Thomas Caserta (Diocese of Brooklyn)
- May 13 -17, 2024
Theme: TBA
Retreat Director: Msgr. Rick Hilgartner (Archdiocese of Baltimore)

Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola will be offered at the Joseph and Mary Retreat House in Mundelein, IL from June 30 to August 2, 2024. A team of trained spiritual directors will offer the 30-day, 8-day, 5-day, and 3-day forms of the Spiritual Exercises. The program is co-sponsored by Jesus Youth and Amoris Christi.

The cost for the 30-day retreat is \$3,700 and includes all materials and stipend for spiritual direction. The 3, 5 and 8 day retreats cost \$125 per day. Preference for admission to the 30-day retreat is given to bishops, seminary formators, vocation directors, priests, deacons and their wives, religious and lay leaders involved in spiritual formation and evangelization.

For application for the 30-day retreat, contact Fr. John Horn, S.J. at 561-374-2268 or jhorn@svdp.edu. For application for the 3, 5, and 8 day retreats, contact Fr. Thomas Pulickal at frthomas@jesusyouth.us

Office of Safe Environment

Safe Environment policy update

All those seeking employment or volunteer opportunities can complete Virtus training online which must be completed prior to employment/volunteer/vendor positions begin.

Online training can be accessed 24/7. Both fingerprinting and the initial Virtus training session must be completed (and for fingerprinting the results must be received) prior to serving as an employee, vendor, or volunteer. New hires may take the online training during their first day as part of their orientation. Any other scenario requires the training to be completed prior to working or volunteering.

You can verify participants' status through your location's Virtus User Reports (accessible by your Local Coordinator) or by having the participant turn in their Training Report.

Virtus Training Online

You may register for the initial Virtus training session at 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

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 -- to your Address Book and/or Safe List. If you follow these directions (adding 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) to your email account.

Office of Safe Environment (continued)

The Safe Environment Office is sharing a new addition to the Virtus training requirements for employees and educators in Archdiocesan parishes, schools, and entities.

Healthy Boundaries for Adults: Development and Implementation

This module addresses the proper development of healthy boundaries, and the implementation of them within the ministry environment. The module seeks to equip caring adults with the information needed to move past simply understanding boundaries and helps to put them into practice. Best practices of appropriate and inappropriate behavior will be discussed including such practices between adults, as well as between adults and children.

Participants should log into their accounts on www.virtus.org and click on the **Home** tab followed by the **Current Training** box to complete the training.

New employees need to be assigned the module at time of hire by the local coordinator at their site or by requesting it from J. Rayburn via email at jrayburn@theadom.org.

Office of Detention Ministry

Pastors: Please consider announcing the following in your parish bulletins:

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.

Catholic Hospice

The Volunteer Services Department offers an array of volunteer opportunities for individuals, like you, looking to join an organization committed to providing care to vulnerable populations. By volunteering with us you can choose to join our many special programs: Companion Care, Acts of Kindness Project, Camp Erin, We Honor Veterans, Pet Peace of Mind and more! For more information, email volunteerservices@cathoilchospice.org

Office of Vocations

By now parishes, schools and other entities should have all received the 2023-2024 ordained priests and seminarians' poster. If you would like to receive more, we have a few left in the office. Please send an email to vocations@theadom.org.

Included with the poster was a flyer for the Archbishop's Cup on January 26 at St. Thomas University. There is more information available on our [website](#). If your parish would like to purchase t-shirts to show support during the event, please feel free to order them at the [online store](#) which is also available on our [website](#). There is a 15% discount offer on the website. The funds collected are simply to facilitate the purchase of the t-shirts to support the priests (royal blue) or seminarians (gold). If you have a company in your area that could print shirts in bulk for your parishioners, please send an email to vocations@theadom.org to provide the artwork directly to them.

We continue to pray Hail Mary a Day for Vocations as we create a Culture of Vocations in the Archdiocese of Miami.

Office for Religious

World Day of Consecrated Life Mass, presided by Archbishop Thomas Wenski, will take place at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Cathedral of Saint Mary. All the Religious of the Archdiocese of Miami are welcome to join us. For more information, contact Sister Ana at religious@theadom.org

Catholic Cemeteries

Honoring the children of Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery

Since the 1960s, more than 800 beloved infants and children have been buried at Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery. Thanks to a recent donation, we have begun giving these innocent souls the remembrance they deserve but there is still more to do. That's why Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery has launched the Footprints in the Garden fundraising campaign. A \$100 donation will pay for a 10 by 10 inch engraved stone memorial to be placed on the grave of a child. With your support, we can leave a sign that these small souls were loved in this world. Please consider donating today at www.catholiccemeteriesmiami.org/donate

Office of Catechesis

RCIA Dates

- **Rite of Election** for Catechumens: Sunday, Feb. 18, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at Cathedral of St. Mary.
- **Rite of Reception** for Baptized Christians into Full Communion of the Catholic Church and Baptized Catholics completing initiation (Confirmation, Eucharist): Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. at Cathedral of St. Mary.

Catholic Charities

Pastors: Please consider announcing the following in your parish bulletins:

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

Catholic Charities provides adult day care

Catholic Charities has been providing adult day care services for over 35 years at its Wilton Manors Adult Day Center, located at 1503 N.E. 26 St., Wilton Manors. Trained professionals care for adults requiring supervision during the day, including those with Alzheimer's or other dementia disorders. Nutritious meals, socialization, music therapy, exercise, and games are among the services provided in a safe and secure environment. Free adult day care services also are available to eligible individuals. For information, call 954-630-9501.

Office of Marriage and Family Life

Fully Engaged Training for Mentor Couples

Fully Engaged Pre-Marital & Convalidation Inventories are offering New Facilitator Webinar Trainings via ZOOM (ONLINE).

The following options are available in **English:**

- Saturday, March 16, 2024 - 10am - 4pm

The following options are available in **Spanish:**

- Sábado, 3 de febrero 2024 - 10am - 4pm

Please register at least 10 days prior to the class. To register please click on the following link <https://getfullyengaged.com/new-mentor-training/> or email Jill at jill.svihel@gw.stcdio.org or call (320) 258-7611.

Transformed in Love is an official Archdiocesan program created by many different experts to help you prepare for your wedding day and to begin your marriage by building a strong foundation together.

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, Feb. 17 & Sunday, Feb. 18 (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) in **English**.
Location: St. Mark Catholic Church, 5601 S. Flamingo Rd., Southwest Ranches. Register at: <http://conta.cc/3LE8ZEN>

Wedding Anniversary Mass 2024

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their Paper (1st), Silver (25th), Gold (50th) or 50 plus wedding anniversary in 2024 are invited to attend a Mass at St. Mary Cathedral on Saturday, Feb.10 and receive a blessing from Archbishop Thomas Wenski. Couples interested in having their picture taken with Archbishop Wenski should arrive by 4 p.m. with Mass starting at 5:30 p.m. To register, visit <http://conta.cc/3LC3aYA>

Office of Marriage and Family Life (continued)

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:** Jan. 23 at 7:30 pm (Online/Free)
Register at: <http://conta.cc/3u7sAY6>
- **English Session:** Jan. 25 at 7:30 pm (Online/Free)
Register at: <http://conta.cc/3SzHYqs>

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)

Pastors: Please add the following announcement in your parish bulletins:

Sunday Mass for shut-ins: online, on TV and on YouTube

The greatest gift that you could give a sick or homebound person is to remind them that hearing God’s word in livestreamed and recorded Masses is only a few clicks away. To watch the Mass in English or Spanish, visit miamiarch.org | Offices & Ministries | Communications | Television Mass; or watch the Spanish Masses on our YouTube channel, CatholicMiami. Mass recordings become available at 6 p.m. every Saturday through midnight Sunday, and a direct link is posted on the News Center on the home page of the archdiocesan website. Masses also are broadcast in Spanish on Univision 23 on Sundays at 6:30 a.m. Those who are homebound and would like a visit from an extraordinary minister of Communion may contact their parish office directly.

Office of Communications (continued)

Pastors: Please add the following announcement in your parish bulletins:

Beware of scammers

The Archdiocese of Miami has heard reports of scammers impersonating Archbishop Thomas Wenski and some of our priests on Facebook, Instagram and other social media platforms, as well as via texts and phone calls. Please be aware that no archdiocesan priest or bishop will ever contact you directly asking for money, gift cards or anything else.

If you, your friends, family, or parish staff receive a direct message from anyone impersonating Archbishop Wenski or one of our priests, please do not respond. Report the fake account immediately to the social media platform and let the archdiocesan Communications Office know by emailing mrivas@theadom.org.

Impersonator scams also should be reported to the Federal Trade Commission by calling 1-877-382-4357; or Florida's Consumer Protection Division, 1-866-966-7226. Find out more about the types of scams making the rounds at myfloridalegal.com.

Events:

Exodus: Seeing the Pattern

Explore the Sacred Scriptures during a course with Father Avelino Gonzalez, SThD on Saturday, Jan. 27 and Sunday, Jan. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the St. John Paul II Evangelization Center, 3087 SW 15 St., Miami. Mass will be celebrated both days. Spanish translation will be offered. Cost for the event is \$50, plus Eventbrite ticketing fee. To register, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/e-x-o-d-u-s-seeing-the-pattern-january-27-28-2024-tickets-784233342037?aff=oddtcreator> For those interested in joining through Zoom, please contact veritatissplendor@piercedhearts.org after completing registration and payment.