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Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

Requiescat in pace:

† **Reverend James McDougall, OSA**, who served in Augustinian ministries in Pennsylvania and Florida (at St. Thomas University) as a teacher, administrator, and campus minister, died March 9 at Saint Thomas of Villanova Monastery in Pennsylvania. The viewing was held on March 15 at St. Thomas of Villanova Church on the campus of Villanova University, followed by the Funeral Mass at 10:00am. Burial followed the funeral at Calvary Cemetery, Conshohocken, PA.

Prayer Request:

Father Daniel Houde, OSST, the Pastor of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary-St. Richard Church in Palmetto Bay.

Appointments:

Effective March 18, 2024

- **Fr. Angel Calderon**, parochial vicar, St. John XXIII Church, Miramar.
- **Fr. Pedro Torres**, parochial vicar, St. Bernadette Church, Davie.
- **Fr. Mario Avila Vivero**, parochial administrator, Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Key West (3 months)
- **Fr. Eliseus Ezeuchenne**, parochial vicar, St. Coleman Church, Pompano Beach.
- **Fr. Franklin Ekesie**, parochial vicar, Nativity Church, Hollywood.
- **Fr. Hector Perez**, parochial vicar, All Saints, Sunrise.

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>

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.

Vote No on Amendment 4

An extremely grave amendment has been placed on the November 2024 ballot that seeks to erase pro-life protections by inserting language into the Florida Constitution banning regulation of abortion. This amendment to the Florida constitution 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. The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops is working hard to oppose this dangerous and deception amendment and urges all Floridians to vote 'no' on Amendment 4.

Pastors: Please consider printing the statement from the bishops of Florida in your parish bulletins: [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski (continued)

Announcements continued:

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Pastors: As is apparent to us all, our nation is seeing increasing displays of hyper-partisanship and division. As pastors, we offer neither support for nor opposition to any party or candidate. Rather, we seek to offer hope and encouragement by equipping Catholics to engage as faithful citizens, to set aside malice, and to put on “the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16). The USCCB webpage, CivilizeIt.org, includes tools and resources to help Catholics practice civil dialogue in their families, parishes and communities. In addition, the materials accompanying Faithful Citizenship approved during the 2023 Fall Plenary Assembly have been completed. Please find for your consideration the following documents available in English and Spanish at faithfulcitizenship.org and ciudadanosfieles.org:

- New introductory note to Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship
- Bulletin insert on “The Role of the Church in American Political Life”
- Bulletin insert on “The Dignity of the Human Person”
- Bulletin insert on “The Common Good”
- Bulletin insert on “Solidarity”
- Bulletin insert on “Subsidiarity”

Please consider sharing these materials with the faithful in your diocese as we prepare for the upcoming election season.

Priest retreats

Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Retreat Center

- May 13 -17, 2024
Theme: TBA
Retreat Director: Msgr. Rick Hilgartner (Archdiocese of Baltimore)

Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski (continued)

Priest retreats, continued

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 the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs

The Archdiocese of Miami received information from the Diocese of Syracuse about **Rev. George Mattice**, who has been removed from ministry in his own diocese. Apparently, he moved and resides within the Archdiocese of Miami. Should he present himself as an active priest, please do not allow him to concelebrate or minister. He will not be granted ADOM faculties.

Office of the Chancellor for Administration

Dear Monsignor/Father:

This serves as a reminder that the 2024 March Mass Attendance Census started on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, March 2 -3, and it includes the five weekends of March, ending March 30- 31.

The deadline to return the count electronically is **Monday, April 15**. 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, please have them contact Mayra Rossell in the Chancellors' office at 305-762-1220 or mrossell@theadom.org. The Excel Template to use is the same used last October. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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 Development

Please share this information with your parish communities through your bulletins, websites, etc:

The **13th Annual Cheers to Charity at Joe's Stone Crab** event will take place on Tuesday, April 23 at 11:00 a.m. Information about sponsorships, tickets and registration can be found online at: [Cheers to Charity at Joe's](#). For more information, contact 305-762-1051 or events@theadom.org.

Please join us for our annual **Havana Nights** event on Friday, May 3 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. It will be a fun evening to enjoy old Cuban music, cigars, delicious food, and dominos. All monies raised will benefit the Unaccompanied Minors Program of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Miami. Call 305-762-1051 or email events@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 Catechesis

RCIA Rite of Reception for Baptized Christians into Full Communion of the Catholic Church and Baptized Catholics completing initiation (Confirmation, Eucharist) will take place Sunday, April 14 at 2:30 p.m. at Cathedral of St. Mary.

Office of Vocations

Please pray for Mr. Jakub Bereza who will be ordained to the diaconate on Saturday, April 11 with 11 other men from St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary.

Altar Servers Awards Mass will take place April 20 at 10 a.m. at St. John Vianney College Seminary. Pastors, please acknowledge the Altar Servers who received the award on Sunday when they serve.

Thank you for praying [#AHailMaryADay](#) as we are seeing men and women discerning their vocation because of your prayers! If your parish has not yet begun to pray a Hail Mary a Day, I encourage you to begin on Sunday, April 21 when we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. You can find resources to celebrate this day on the [Vianney Vocations website](#).

It is with great joy that we would like to announce and invite everyone to attend the Priesthood Ordination of Deacon John Edward Buonocore, Deacon Milton José Martínez Blass, Deacon Piotr Sawicki and Deacon David Zallocco on Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Mary. The Ordination Mass will be transmitted live through the home page of the Archdiocese of Miami www.miamiarch.org. All are welcome to attend!

Attention Miami-Dade & Broward County parochial school principals: an email was sent on March 14 at 9:30 p.m. about FOCUS Eleven 2024 Vocations Rally. Please review the email and if you have not sent an RSVP, please do so as soon as you can. We will be sending out more specific information soon in preparation for May 21-23.

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 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

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 Worship and Spiritual Life

Archdiocesan Choir

The Office of Worship and Spiritual Life announces the formation of an Archdiocesan Choir for the purpose of singing the forthcoming Priesthood Ordinations on Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of St. Mary.

There will be four rehearsals:

- Saturday, April 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. (Cathedral Choir Room in the Cathedral Office Center)
- Saturday, April 27 from 9 to 11 a.m. (Cathedral Choir Room in the Cathedral Office Center)
- Saturday, May 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. (Cathedral Choir Room in the Cathedral Office Center)
- Tuesday, May 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. (Cathedral)

While no audition is necessary, a simple, short placement will be held at the first rehearsal. The ability to read music is extraordinarily helpful, but not required, only the ability to commit to the rehearsal schedule and to the Ordination Mass itself is required. Please make every effort to attend each rehearsal.

Please reserve your spot by emailing the Archdiocesan Director of Sacred Music, Maximilian Tenney at mtenney@theadom.org.

Office of Marriage and Family Life

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.”

- **Friday, April 19, Saturday, April 20 & Sunday, April 21** in **English**. Location: St. Augustine Church, 1400 Miller Road, Coral Gables. Register at: <http://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/76yvptg>

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: April 23 at 7:30 pm (Online/Free)

Register at: <http://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/pcpz8ev>

English Session: April 25, at 7:30 pm (Online/Free)

Register at: <http://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/84dtvrf>

Office of Catholic Schools

New Associate Superintendents

Dear School Leaders,

As you may recall, Brenda Cummings, current Associate Superintendent for Academics, announced her resignation from the office this June. Since this announcement, we launched a search for the next Associate Superintendent. We were blessed to have many strong candidates apply. As the interviews proceeded, we also had a chance to reflect upon the changing needs of our Catholic schools. Through the work of Ms. Cummings and our Academic Team, we believe there is a need for greater support for our schools in such areas as teacher development, use of academic data, ESE, federal programs, etc.

Given these factors, we have decided to restructure the leadership roles for the OCS Academic Team. The positions of Associate Superintendent for Academics and Director of Continuous Improvement have been changed. Effective July 1, we will have two Associate Superintendent positions in these roles. These roles will be titled **Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning** and **Associate Superintendent for Continuous Improvement**. These will be in addition to the third Associate Superintendent role (Associate Superintendent of Schools) occupied by Dr. Donald Edwards.

I am very pleased to inform you that Dr. Latonya White has been hired as our Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning and Mr. Gabriel Cambert has accepted the role of Associate Superintendent for Continuous Improvement.

Office of Catholic Schools (continued)

New Associate Superintendents (continued)

Dr. Latonya White has a distinguished history of leadership in Catholic education. Since 2021, she has served as the principal of St. Peter Claver Catholic School in Tampa (Diocese of St. Petersburg). She previously worked in the Archdiocese as the Assistant Principal of the Basilica School in Key West (2018-2021). Before her work in Key West, Dr. White was a teacher, Dean of Students, and Principal in Catholic schools in the Dioceses of Memphis and Little Rock. She has also worked as an Instructional Coach through FACTS at some of our schools. Dr. White possesses a Bachelors in Early Childhood Education from Rust College, a Masters in Educational Leadership from Travecca University, and a Doctorate of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Capella University. She is a woman of sincere faith, vision, enthusiasm, and leadership. As Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Dr. White will oversee our programs to recruit, develop, and support our teachers. She will assist principals with implementing our curriculum standards, teacher observation and evaluation models, and other areas. Dr. White will also oversee our certification and international student programs.

Mr. Gabriel Cambert is a familiar presence in the OCS. Since 2022, he has worked as the OCS Director of Continuous Improvement. He previously worked as a teacher and STEM/Technology Director at Blessed Trinity Catholic School, a teacher at the Leadership Learning Center at St. John Bosco, and a Special Programs Coordinator at RAMZ Academy Charter School. Mr. Cambert holds a Bachelors in Exceptional Student Education from Miami-Dade College and a Masters in Educational Leadership from American College of Education. He has provided great value to the OCS. Mr. Cambert is a passionate leader, a faithful Catholic, and a relentless advocate for children. In his new role as Associate Superintendent, Mr. Cambert will lead our assessment systems, ESE programs, and other initiatives. He will also take on oversight of Federal Programs (such as Titles I-IV, IDEA, etc.).

These roles will begin on July 1. More information about each role will be offered at upcoming Principals' Meeting. Please join me in welcoming Dr. White and Mr. Cambert to their positions.

Hiring New Teachers

The Archdiocese of Miami Office of Catholic Schools is hiring new teachers for the 2024-25 school year. To view available positions, visit www.miamiarch.org/schools.

Office of Communications

Follow the Archdiocese of Miami on Social Media:

Please include in your Parish Bulletin

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Pastors: Please add the following announcements 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.

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.

Office of Communications, continued

Events:

Clericus Cup International Soccer Match: Miami vs. Ecuador

Come watch Archdiocese of Miami priests face off in a soccer match against priests from the Archdiocese of Quito, Ecuador in the Clericus Cup International. The match will take place Tuesday, April 23, at 7 p.m. on the field of St. Thomas University, 16401 N.W. 37 Ave., Miami Gardens.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Free admission.