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Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

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.

It is imperative that we mobilize our people to vote NO on this amendment. Polling indicates that we could easily lose, if we don't get our people to vote against the amendment and to convince other people of good will to vote against the amendment.

I share this below with you. More information and materials will be forthcoming in the coming weeks. The pulpit announcement could be modified because of its length – perhaps segmented over the course of several weeks.

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

Pulpit announcement: https://www.miamiarch.org/atimos/articles_images/2024/05/Pulpit_Announcement_1_1715108630.pdf

Fr. Alfred Cioffi, chaplain for the Florida State Catholic Medical Association, is available to preach on Amendment 4 voting at weekend parish masses between now and the vote in November. Pastors should contact him directly for the arrangements.

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>

Army Chaplain Ministry

Priests of the archdiocese are invited to attend the Army Chaplain Experience (ACE) recruiting event, which will take place June 4-7 at Fort Liberty, NC and will provide a unique opportunity to witness the essence of priestly ministry in the Army. Those interested may contact LTC William "Will" Gehlen at William.p.gehlen.mil@army.mil or call 443-306-0753.

Please note:

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.

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 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](https://www.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](https://www.faithfulcitizenship.org) and [ciudadanosfieles.org](https://www.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)

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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

Catholic Cemeteries

Memorial Day Mass

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Miami will offer Memorial Day Masses on Monday, May 27 to remember the sacrifices of the fallen.

Archbishop Thomas Wenski will celebrate a Memorial Day Mass at 10 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 1500 S. State Road 7, North Lauderdale.

Auxiliary Bishop Enrique Delgado will celebrate a Memorial Day Mass at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery, 11411 NW 25 St., Miami.

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 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

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 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. Get to know the men who will be ordained by clicking here. All are welcome to attend!

Priests who plan to attend the Vespers before the ordination to the priesthood, please wear cassock and surplice. Vespers begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 10.

On April 20, we had a wonderful Mass honoring Altar Servers from throughout the Archdiocese of Miami, please click [here](#) for a wonderful article from the event.

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, please pray for the men who will be ordained on May 11.

Attention Dade & Broward County parochial school Principals: a second email was sent on April 23, 2024, about FOCUS Eleven Vocations Rally. Please review the email and be sure to RSVP through the Excel Link provided in the email as soon as you can. We are getting close and need your assistance for the breakout groups on May 21-23.

The Seminary Burse Fund collection will take place on the weekend of August 4, 2024 (the feast of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests). We will not be sending envelopes to parishes this year, but if your parish is in need of envelopes for this collection, please send an email to the Vocations Office as soon as possible, vocations@theadom.org with a request of envelopes for your parish, in increments of 500.

Office of Catholic Schools

Pastors: Please consider posting in your bulletins:

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.

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 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 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.