



# Archdiocese of Miami

## Pastoral Bulletin

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### Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

#### Requiescat in pace:

† **Father Julio Estada**, 91, a Spanish-born priest who arrived in South Florida in 1980 after spending 20 years in Colombia, died June 6, 2024 in Miami. He served as associate pastor of Saint Benedict Catholic Parish; Saint Andrew Catholic Parish; and parochial vicar at Saint John Bosco Catholic Parish until his retirement from fulltime ministry.

He also helped at Saint Matthew Catholic Parish in Hallandale Beach and Mercy Hospital in Miami.

† **Father Vincent J. Sheehy**, 89, died June 13, 2024. He was the founding pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Venice and priest for 63 years. He also served in the Archdiocese of Miami at parishes in Miami, West Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale, Miami Beach, and North Miami Beach.

#### 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 deceptive 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.

## Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski, continued

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

**Pulpit announcement:** [https://www.miamiarch.org/articles\\_images/2024/05/Pulpit Announcement 1 1715108630.pdf](https://www.miamiarch.org/articles_images/2024/05/Pulpit%20Announcement%201%201715108630.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.

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

### Priest retreats

#### 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, eight day, five day, and three 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 three, five and eight 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](mailto:jhorn@svdp.edu). For application for the three, five, and eight day retreats, contact Fr. Thomas Pulickal at [frthomas@jesusyouth.us](mailto:frthomas@jesusyouth.us)

## Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski, continued

### Announcements:

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

## 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](https://www.miamiarch.org/schools).

## 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](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)

### 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 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:efarias@theadom.org) or visit <https://detentionministry.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](mailto:volunteerservices@cathoilchospice.org)

## Office of Respect Life

### Entering Canaan

This post abortion healing program of the Archdiocese of Miami offers a Day of Prayer and Healing retreat, which is a one-day retreat that provides a safe and confidential place filled with love, compassion, and prayer. The men and women who attend can begin their post-abortion healing journey. The goal of the day is for each person to leave with the hope that healing is possible. There is no cost to attend.

- Day of Prayer and Healing for Women in **English**: Saturday, Sept. 21, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Day of Prayer and Healing for Women in **Spanish**: Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Day of Prayer and Healing for **Men in Spanish**: Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For confidentiality reasons, the location of the retreat will be provided upon registration. Contact [projectrachel@theadom.org](mailto:projectrachel@theadom.org) or call 954-981-2984.

**St. Gianna and Pietro Molla Miscarriage Ministry** wants to invite you to honor your child/ children lost through miscarriage. Memorializing a loved one can be a very powerful part of the healing process. Many parents and relatives find it helpful to name their babies. If you have not done so, visit us on our Heaven's Littlest Saints wall. [https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Memorial\\_Miscarriage\\_Ministry](https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Memorial_Miscarriage_Ministry)

### Pregnancy Help Center: Volunteers Needed

The Respect Life Pregnancy Help Centers of the Archdiocese of Miami are looking for volunteers at our three locations. We have two in Broward County and one in Miami-Dade County. There are plenty of ways to serve if you feel called to do so: office duties, such as answering phone calls, scheduling appointments, counseling clients, organizing baby clothes, and other donations are among some of the ways you can help. Apply at: [www.respectlifemiami.org/volunteer](http://www.respectlifemiami.org/volunteer).

## Office of Vocations

**The Seminary Burse Fund** collection will take place on the weekend of Aug. 4, 2024 (the feast of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests). Envelopes will be sent only to parishes who requested them before July 1st. However, if you need envelopes to assist with this collection, please contact the Vocations Office by email at [vocations@theadom.org](mailto:vocations@theadom.org) or by phone at 305-762-1136 to obtain your envelopes as soon as possible.

A letter from Archbishop Thomas Wenski along with a QR Code will be available on our website through this [link](#). Please consider its publication in your bulletins to facilitate donations for the upcoming collection. In addition, the following announcements are also available for your consideration:

### 1. SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS – Second Collection next weekend **(to be published July 27 & 28, 2024)**

Next weekend's second collection is for the benefit of the Seminary Burse Fund in support of the seminarians from the Archdiocese of Miami. These men, with God's grace, will be our priests in the future. Please use the provided QR code to make your donations online. May God bless you abundantly!



### 2. SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS – Second Collection this weekend **(to be published August 3 & 4, 2024)**

This weekend's second collection is for the benefit of the Seminary Burse Fund in support of the seminarians from the Archdiocese of Miami. These men, with God's grace, will be our priests in the future. Please use the provided QR code to make your donations online. May God bless you abundantly!



Thank you for continuing to pray [#AHailMaryADay](#)! Please pray for the seminarians and their vocation as they continue to minister in your respective parishes throughout the summer.

## Office of Worship & Spiritual Life

**The Pontifical Choir** will sing for major liturgical celebrations in the life of the Archdiocese celebrated by The Archbishop of Miami in his Cathedral-Church and elsewhere. These include Chrism Mass, ordinations of deacons, priests, and bishops, the Rite of Election, the Rite of Reception, the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass, and the Archbishop's Thanks-for-Giving Mass.

The liturgical obligations of the choir are such that they will not interfere with a chorister's participation in their parish's music program. Most liturgies are on Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons at the Cathedral of Saint Mary in Miami.

Membership in the choir is open to organists, choir directors, cantors, and other singers from throughout the three-county area of the archdiocese. The ability to read music, though recommended, is not required. Only a simple placement audition and the ability to commit to the rehearsal schedule is necessary. Regular rehearsals, beginning in September, will be on Saturday mornings, approximately twice monthly at the cathedral.

For further information or to schedule a placement audition, email Max Tenney, Archdiocesan Director of Sacred Music at [mtenney@theadom.org](mailto:mtenney@theadom.org).

To view or download the flier for The Pontifical Choir visit: [www.thecathedralofstmary.org/ministries/adom-pontifical-choir/](http://www.thecathedralofstmary.org/ministries/adom-pontifical-choir/)

## 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).

- Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024 - 10am - 4pm in English

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](mailto:jill.svihel@gw.stcdio.org) or call (320) 258-7611.



## 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:** July 18 at 7:30 pm (Online/Free)

Register at: <http://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/n6wxyfd>

**English Session:** July 25 at 7:30 pm (Online/Free)

Register at: <http://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/fgyphk8>

### 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 July 19-21. 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 Evangelization and Parish Life

**Pastors, please consider announcing the following in your parish bulletins:**

**Jubilee of Families, Grandparents and the Elderly** will take place in Rome from May 26 through June 2, 2025.

The cost per person for the pilgrimage is \$3,899 and includes roundtrip airfare, hotel stay, and most meals. Optional day trip to Assisi is \$150.

A non-refundable deposit of \$800 per person is due July 30, 2024.

Register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/n358xkw> or contact Claudia Shaw for more information: [cshaw@theadom.org](mailto:cshaw@theadom.org)

**Jubilee of Young People** will be celebrated in Rome from July 26 to Aug. 5, 2025. Group registration is open through the Young Adults Track, High School Track, and College Track. All pilgrims must register through their parish or school groups. Contact your pastor or parish youth or young adult leader to let them know you are interested in attending.

Cost is \$3,999 per person for budget hotel lodging or \$4,299 for 4-star hotel lodging. Both options include: roundtrip airfare, hotel stay, day trip to Assisi, visits to Rome's four basilicas, most meals and more.

A \$500 non-refundable deposit per person is due on Sept. 6, 2024.

Click to register your group: [Young Adults Track](#), [High School Track](#), or [College Track](#)

For more information contact Juan A. Di Prado at [jdiprado@theadom.org](mailto:jdiprado@theadom.org)

## 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](http://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) |  X: [@CatholicMiami](https://twitter.com/CatholicMiami) |  Instagram: [@CatholicMiami](https://www.instagram.com/CatholicMiami)

## Office of Communications, continued

**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://myfloridalegal.com).

### **Events**

**Courage and EnCourage Annual Conference** will take place July 25-28 at the Conference Center of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois. The theme will be Divine Filiation. For more information or to register, visit [CourageRC.org/conference\\_2024](http://CourageRC.org/conference_2024) or call 203-803-1564.