



# Archdiocese of Miami

## Pastoral Bulletin

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### Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

#### Requiescat in pace:

† **Mrs. Sonia Rocafort**, grandmother of Father Alexander Rivera, died on Feb. 14 in Puerto Rico.

† **Father Kidney Saint Jean**, 64, who served as pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Fort Lauderdale for 18 years, died on Feb. 27.

† **Monsignor Emilio Martin**, 96, who served as pastor for Saint John the Apostle in Hialeah until his retirement in 2012, died on Feb. 27.

#### Prayer Request:

#### Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Father Raul Angulo
- Father Andres Coucelo
- Monsignor James Fetcher
- Father Joseph Valoret

#### Important Notice

Rev. Carmelo González González, a priest of the Diocese of Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain, was recently reported to the Archdiocese of Miami as offering his services to various unsuspecting parishioners within our territory. Please note that Rev. Carmelo González González is not a priest in good standing according to his own diocese and certainly does not have authorization (faculties) to work in the Archdiocese of Miami. Kindly, be on alert about his whereabouts and report them when known. Obviously, please do not engage him in any ministerial activities and warn your parishioners about him.

## Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski, continued

### Announcements

#### Florida Catholic Advocacy Network (FLCAN)

The following message can be used in parish bulletins to promote FLCAN and encourage subscribers to opt-in:

The annual Florida legislative session starts soon and your elected officials need to hear from you. Are you a Florida Catholic who wants to put your faith into action? The Florida Catholic Advocacy Network (FLCAN) provides opportunities to stay informed and use your voice to advocate for the protection of human life and dignity in our state's law and public policies. As an FLCAN subscriber, you will receive important updates and calls to action directly from the public policy office of the bishops of Florida. Sign up now and start advocating on behalf of vulnerable and marginalized populations who often have no voice of their own, including pre-born babies, low-income families, children, individuals who are sick and dying, immigrants and refugees, persons who are incarcerated, and others in need. To learn more and opt in to receive FLCAN emails and/or text messages, visit [flaccb.org/flcan](http://flaccb.org/flcan).

**Jubilee Year 2025** will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world have designated their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Jubilee Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive the faith. The following churches and shrines are designated as special places of prayer for pilgrims:

- **Cathedral of St. Mary, Miami**, 7525 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami
- **The National Shrine of Our Lady of Charity (La Ermita)**, 3609 S. Miami Ave., Miami
- **Our Lady of Schoenstatt Shrine**, 22800 SW 187th Ave, Homestead
- **St. Mary Star of the Sea Basilica**, 1010 Windsor Lane, Key West
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish**, 11691 NW 25th Street, Doral
- **St. Clement Catholic Parish**, 2975 N. Andrews Avenue, Wilton Manors

## Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski, continued

### Announcements, continued:

The basic conditions to gain an indulgence are that a person is moved by a spirit of charity, is "purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion" and prays for the pope. Groups of faithful who wish to organize pilgrimages to one or more of the above designated churches or shrines should coordinate with the designated site so that the pilgrims can be properly welcomed and have access to the Sacraments, especially confession.

### Priest retreats: Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola will be offered at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake Conference Center in Mundelein, Illinois from July 2 to Aug. 4, 2025. 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 \$3,800 and includes all materials and stipend for spiritual direction. The 3, 5 and 8 day retreats cost \$150 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 3, 5, and 8 day retreats, contact Fr. Thomas Pulickal at [retreats@amorischristi.org](mailto:retreats@amorischristi.org). For more information, visit [www.spiritual-exercises-ac.org](http://www.spiritual-exercises-ac.org).

### National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC)

Please consider publishing in your bulletins:

The NACC provides grace-filled encounters to the sick, the imprisoned, and all those in need of Christ's healing presence. As they celebrate their 60th anniversary and a Jubilee Year, they have launched Works of Hope, a free digital resource highlighting the transformative work of pastoral care ministers throughout the United States. The publication debuted Feb. 11 in honor of the World Day of the Sick. You and your communities are invited to engage with this resource and share it with your parishes and pastoral care ministers dedicated to serving those in need. Works of Hope can be accessed by visiting [www.nacc.org](http://www.nacc.org).

## Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski, continued

### Announcements, continued:

#### Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women

The MACCW supports the archdiocese through service, community and shared mission, and offers numerous benefits and opportunities for your parish. Consider establishing a new group within your parish or supporting an existing one. Contact president Fabiola DeArmas at 786-457-6422 or [fabiolas@prodigy.net](mailto:fabiolas@prodigy.net), or their spiritual advisor Fr. Michael Greer at 954-941-7647 or [frgreer@yahoo.com](mailto:frgreer@yahoo.com).

#### Priestly faculties in Ireland

The Archbishop of Dublin, Ireland, has asked the USCCB to inform local U.S. bishops that any priest who travels to Ireland and seeks to exercise public ministry (whether as a resident or visitor) needs to be vetted and cleared by the Irish Police first. This requirement is in addition to their bishop's testimonial letter. It is important that at least one month's notice be given for this clearance to come through. To initiate this process of police clearance, it is best to make contact with the Irish diocese in which they hope to minister publicly.

#### Office of the Chancellor for Administration

Dear Monsignor/Father: This serves as a reminder that the 2025 March Mass Attendance Census started on the weekend of Saturday-Sunday, March 1 & 2. It includes the five weekends of March, ending March 29 - 30. Please remember to count the number of penitents during these four weekends.

The deadline to return the count electronically is **Friday, April 11, 2025**. 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) to assist them in uploading the parish data.

## Office of Development

### Havana Nights to benefit Unaccompanied Minors Program

The annual Havana Nights event is scheduled for Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Charity (La Ermita), 3609 S. Miami Ave., Miami. Hosted by Archbishop Thomas Wenski, this event raises much-needed funds for the Unaccompanied Minors Program of Catholic Charities.

Havana Nights, which brings together more than 200 people, is a night of fun and includes hors d'oeuvres, dominoes, drinks, music and cigars. Various sponsorship opportunities are available, as well as individual ticket sales starting at \$100 per person. To learn more and register online visit [www.adomdevelopment.org/havananights](http://www.adomdevelopment.org/havananights) or call 305-762-1051.

### 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Cheers to Charity at Joe's Stone Crab

The Archdiocese of Miami is hosting the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Cheers to Charity on Tuesday, April 29 at 11:00 a.m. at Joe's Stone Crab, 11 Washington Ave., Miami Beach. This special annual event hosted by Archbishop Thomas Wenski is a great opportunity for our Catholic community to unite in fellowship and enjoy delectable stone crabs alongside friends and families while also raising significant funds to support the charitable work of Church.

Visit [www.adomdevelopment.org/joes](http://www.adomdevelopment.org/joes) for more information about sponsorship opportunities or to buy tickets. This event is quick to sell out, so make sure to register before it is too late. For more information, call 305-762-1051 or email [events@theadom.org](mailto:events@theadom.org).

## 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, March 15, 2025 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in **English**
- Sábado, 5 de abril de 2025 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in **Spanish / En Español**

Please register at least 10 days prior to the class. To register go to <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:** Learn a medically safe and highly effective method of postponing and achieving pregnancy that respects the love-giving and life-giving natures of marriage:

### Creighton Model Introductory Session

- **Spanish Session:** April 8, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. (en línea/gratis)  
Register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/2steuum>
- **English Session:** April 10, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. (online/free)  
Register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/xp8baxd>

**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.”

- **6 y 7 de junio de 2025 en Español.** Location: San Isidro Parish, 2310 Martin Luther King Blvd., Pompano Beach. Register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/9sd9rhh>

For more information contact [cshaw@theadom.org](mailto:cshaw@theadom.org) or call 305-762-1128.

### Life-Giving Wounds Retreat

Come for a greater understanding of the wounds left by your parents' divorce or separation, for advice concerning love and trust of others, and for an experience of Christ and community that will lead to deeper self-understanding and healing. **March 29-30, 2025, Madonna Retreat Center, 3600 SW 32 Blvd, West Park, FL 33023.** Register at: [Life-Giving Wounds Retreat March 29 and 30, 2025.](#)

## Office of Safe Environment

### Safe Environment Local Coordinator

The Archdiocese of Miami's administration has reevaluated the Safe Environment Office in all aspects including the general policy, staffing and assigning of responsibilities, reporting procedures, requirements to serve as either an employee, vendor, or volunteer, and compliance procedures all in accordance with the USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults.

An imperative part of ensuring compliance for our entities is the assigning of a Local Coordinator for your site. The Local Coordinator is responsible for compliance and record keeping of the Archdiocesan Creating and Maintaining Safe Environments for Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy. Essentially, this means ensuring that compliance is met and that it can be proven.

(Remember the SE Office is an independently audited office.)

The role description is extensive and requires training before access is given. If your site does not have a local coordinator, please contact the Safe Environment office at [jrayburn@theadom.org](mailto:jrayburn@theadom.org) for the Role Description, and consider your choice carefully. Once a candidate is identified, contact the Safe Environment Office again with the name and email address of the candidate so they may be assigned the appropriate training. This person must already be compliant in Virtus, fingerprinting, and a signed pledge to promote safe environment.

Ultimately, the responsibility falls to the Pastor, Principal, or Director of the site. Thank you for joining the Archdiocesan's efforts to protect children and vulnerable adults.

## Office of Vocations

### St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering

This month's St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering will take place on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at St. Coleman Parish at 11 a.m. All priests of the Northeast Broward Deanery are encouraged to invite at least one potential candidate to join those discerning the priesthood by completing [the registration form](#).

## Office of Vocations, continued

Upcoming gatherings:

- April 12, 2025: Northeast Dade Deanery at St. Martha Parish
- May 17, 2025: Southwest Broward Deanery at St. Katharine Drexel Parish

For more information, contact the Vocations Office at 305-762-1137 or reach out to Father Milton Martínez at [mmartinez@theadom.org](mailto:mmartinez@theadom.org).

### Focus 11

We are excited to host the Focus 11 Vocations Rally for sixth-grade students over four days, May 13-16, 2025. To better accommodate schools and minimize overcrowding, we have added an extra day to the Broward County rally, ensuring ample space for schools in Broward and North Dade. The rally will take place on May 13 and 14 at St. Gregory the Great in Plantation, and on May 15 and 16 at St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami. School principals: Please refer to the email sent on Feb. 12, 2025, for further details and registration instructions.

### “One Hail Mary a Day for Vocations” Prayer Cards

The Office of Vocations has prayer cards available in both English and Spanish for distribution to the faithful. These cards encourage the simple yet powerful practice of praying one Hail Mary each day for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, religious life, and sacred matrimony. If your parish would like to receive prayer cards, please email us at [mmartinez@theadom.org](mailto:mmartinez@theadom.org).

## Office of Detention Ministry

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

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



## **Catholic Health Services**

### **Catholic Home Health Services**

Please consider publishing in your bulletins:

Catholic Home Health Services is here to support you and your loved ones with care rooted in faith and compassion. For over 30 years, Catholic Home Health Services has been providing compassionate and professional home care to our community. As part of Catholic Health Services, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Miami, we are committed to delivering care with dignity, respect, and a strong faith-based approach.

Our services are designed to be delivered in the comfort and privacy of your home, hospital room, or assisted living facility. Services include skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and medical social services, all tailored to meet your specific needs.

We are also looking to expand our team! If you are a registered nurse (RN), licensed practical nurse (LPN), or home health aide, we would love to have you join our dedicated team of professionals. For more information or to inquire about services, please contact Carol Hylton, Executive Director, at [chylton@chsfla.com](mailto:chylton@chsfla.com).

### **Catholic Hospice**

The Volunteer Services Department offers volunteer opportunities for individuals looking to join an organization committed to providing care to vulnerable populations. You can choose to join: Companion Care, Acts of Kindness Project, Camp Erin, We Honor Veterans, Pet Peace of Mind and more! For more information, email [volunteerservices@catholichospice.org](mailto:volunteerservices@catholichospice.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 are also available to eligible individuals. For information, call 954-630-9501.

## Office of Respect Life

**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).

## Office of Communications

### Follow the Archdiocese of Miami on Social Media:

*Please Include in your Parish Bulletin:*

 Facebook [@ArchdioceseofMiami](https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofMiami) |  [@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](https://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](https://myfloridalegal.com).

## **Office of Communications, continued**

### **Events:**

#### **Italian Mass**

Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables has begun celebrating a new Mass in Italian on the first Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. The parish is located at 2711 Indian Mound Trail, Coral Gables, and is pleased to offer this new Mass in the service of the Italian community of South Florida.