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Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

Requiescat in pace

† **Pope Francis** died April 21 at age 88.

† **Thressiamma Mathew (Teresa)**, mother of Reverend George Packuvettithara, died recently. Her funeral took place in India on May 6, 2025.

† **Deacon Carl Hubbell** died March 9. He was ordained in and for the Archdiocese of Miami in 1988 and served faithfully at St. Bartholomew Parish until his retirement and move to the Diocese of Charlotte in 1998. Funeral took place at St. William Church in Murphy, North Carolina.

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 preborn 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.

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Announcements, continued

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 2nd 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

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.

2025 International Priests Tennis Tournament

This tournament will take place July 10-12, 2025 in Overland Park, Kansas in the Archdiocese of Kansas City. Accommodations with host families or hotel. Divisions: Singles - Open, Over 50 and Over 65; Doubles - Open and Over 120. For more information, contact Fr. Connor at Fr.Brian-connor@cdolinc.net or visit <https://tinyurl.com/PriestTennis>.

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, or their spiritual advisor Fr. Michael Greer at 954-941-7647 or frgreer@yahoo.com.

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Announcements, continued

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.

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.

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.

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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. For application for the 3, 5, and 8 day retreats, contact Fr. Thomas Pulickal at retreats@amorischristi.org. For more information, visit www.spiritual-exercises-ac.org.

St. Paul Center Priest Conferences

Experience four days of spiritual and intellectual renewal for priests, presented by the St. Paul Center. Three different dates and locations are offered:

- Jan. 5-8, 2026 in Huntington Beach, CA
- April 13-16, 2026 in Austin, TX
- July 13-16, 2026 in Wheeling, WV

Costs vary, from \$425-\$700. Register online at StPaulCenter.com/Priests or contact events@stpaulcenter.com or call 740-264-9535 ext. 20 for more information.

St. Paul Center Priest Lifetime Membership

The St. Paul Center is offering free all-access membership for priests. Resources include:

- The Word of the Lord weekly reflections on the Sunday Mass Readings
- Over 20+ course on Scripture and Theology
- Flagship Journey through Scripture studies on the Mass, the Virgin Mary, and more

Priests may visit StPaulCenter.com//Priest-Membership to register.

Office of Vocations

St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering

This month's St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at St. Katharine Drexel Church, beginning at 11 a.m. All priests of the Southwest Broward Deanery are encouraged to invite one potential candidate to join those discerning the priesthood by completing [the registration form](#).

Upcoming gatherings: June 21, 2025 - West Dade Deanery at St. Agatha Catholic Parish, and July 2025 - South Dade Deanery at St. John Neumann Catholic Parish. For more information, please contact the Vocations Office at 305-762-1137 or reach out to Fr. Milton Martínez at mmartinez@theadom.org.

Focus 11

Vocations Rally will take place May 13–16, 2025 at St. Gregory and St. John Vianney College Seminary. This exciting event offers sixth-grade students a unique opportunity to learn about the various vocations in the Church - priesthood, permanent diaconate, religious life, and sacramental marriage - through engaging presentations, personal testimonies, and interactive activities. Please pray for the success of this year's Focus Eleven.

"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.

Vocation Awareness Weekend - Fall 2025:

Do you know a young man between the ages of 17 and 35 who may be discerning a call to the priesthood? Invite him to attend the upcoming Vocation Awareness Weekend at St. John Vianney College Seminary, taking place Nov. 14–16, 2025. Registration is available [here](#).

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 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 efforts to protect children and vulnerable adults.

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, or <https://detentionministry.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.” Contact cschaw@theadom.org or call 305-762-1128.

- 7 y 8 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>.
- Aug. 16 & 17, 2025 (8:30 am to 5:30 pm) in ENGLISH. Location: St. Mark Catholic Church, 5601 South Flamingo Road, Southwest Ranches. Register at:
<http://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/u9vght6>

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:** Julio 15, 2025, at 7:30 pm (En línea / Gratis). Register at:
<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/kfctb76>
- **English Session:** July 17, 2025, at 7:30 pm (Online / Free). Register at:
<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/2xz65bp>

Fully Engaged Training for Mentor Couples

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

- Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025 - 10am - 4pm in English (Online)
- Sábado, 7 de junio 2025 - 10am - 4pm in Spanish (Online)

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

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.

Catholic 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.

Availability at St. Joseph's Assisted Living

St. Joseph's Assisted Living currently has availability for new residents. If you or a loved one are seeking a caring, faith-based community with compassionate support, we welcome you to consider making St. Joseph's your home. For more information or to schedule a visit, please contact Elanie Chambers at 954-739-1483 ext. 1619 or echambers@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.

Catholic Charities

Pastors, please consider publishing in your 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.

Wilton Manors Adult Day Care

Provides services for elder adults in a safe environment. Our center is designed to promote well-being through social and health-related services. Services include nutritional meals, assistance with activities of daily living, educational workshops, live musical entertainment, caregiver assistance and referrals. We accept Medicaid Managed Care Programs. Open Monday-Friday 7:30 am-5:00 pm. Servicios disponibles en español. Location: 1503 NE 26 St., Wilton Manors. Call 954-630-9501.

Office of Communications

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Please Include in your Parish Bulletin:



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[@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.

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.

Camp Erin

We are now accepting applications for our Family Bereavement Camp on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Tree Tops Park in Davie. Our one-day Family Bereavement Camp combines grief education and emotional support with fun, traditional camp activities for youth campers and their families. All adults (18 and older) – including parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and so forth – are highly encouraged to attend. Contact 954-944-2709.

Brief video on Camp Erin:

<https://youtu.be/gyOfLD0EZj8?si=CjifOkmyswUMd3yD>