



Archdiocese of Miami Pastoral Bulletin

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Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

Priest retreats

Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola will be offered at Grand Coteau Retreats in Grand Coteau, LA from June 30 to Aug. 2, 2026. 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 \$4,400 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.com.

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 6-9, 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.

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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.

Announcements

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.

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 Ave, 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 Ave, 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 designated churches or shrines should coordinate with the site so that the pilgrims can be properly welcomed and have access to the Sacraments, especially confession.

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Courage and EnCourage Conference

Priests, save the date for Clergy Study Day July 15, 2026 during the Annual Courage and EnCourage Conference July 16-19, 2026 at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary Conference Center in Mundelein, IL. For more information, contact Fr.Blatchford@couragerc.org

2025 Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Miami on the weekend of Dec. 13-14. For more information visit www.retiredreligious.org

Office of the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs

Announcements

Important Notice

“Patriarch” Andrés Tirado Pérez does not have faculties in the Archdiocese of Miami. He is not authorized by the Catholic Church to perform sacraments, exorcisms or paid ministries. His ministry is not recognized nor recommended by the Archdiocese of Miami.

Office of the Chancellor for Administration

Dear Monsignors/ Fathers,

This serves as a reminder that the 2025 October Mass Attendance Census started on the weekend of **Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 4-5**, it includes the four weekends of October, **ending Oct. 25-26**. Please remember to count the number of penitents during these weekends.

The deadline to return the count electronically was **Monday, Nov. 10, 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, please have them contact Mayra Rossell in the Chancellors’ Office at 305-762-1220 or mrossell@theadom.org.

Office of Development

Support our mission on Giving Tuesday with iGiveCatholic

On Dec. 2, the Archdiocese of Miami is participating in the national iGiveCatholic day of giving. This 24-hour online event is our chance to come together and raise crucial support for the diverse entities and ministries of the archdiocese. Every dollar donated through the iGiveCatholic platform goes directly toward sustaining the essential programs and services these entities provide our community. For more information visit www.igivecatholic.org/organization/archdiocese-of-miami.

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.

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, Dec. 6, 2025 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in English (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 Vocations

St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering

We extend our heartfelt thanks to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish in Miami and the East Dade Deanery for hosting last month's St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering. Your warm welcome and hospitality were a true blessing.

This month's St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 29, 2025**, at **St. David Catholic Church** in the Southwest Broward Deanery. We encourage the priests of the Southwest Broward Deanery to invite at least one young man (ages 16–35) to attend. All young men in this age group are welcome to join us for prayer, fraternity, and guidance in discerning the Lord's call.

Registration can be completed using [this form](#). For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at 305-762-1137 or reach out to Fr. Milton Martínez at mmartinez@theadom.org.

The Archdiocesan Vocational Chalice

Our Vocational Chalice continues its journey among the discernment group host parishes, serving as a visible reminder of our shared call to pray for priestly vocations. Each parish that receives the chalice places it in a place of honor during Masses, inviting the faithful to join in prayer that more young men may respond generously to God's call to the priesthood. Since Oct. 18, 2025, St. David Catholic Parish has been blessed to host the Vocational Chalice, nurturing a spirit of prayer and openness to God's will within their community.

IV Annual Archbishop's Cup – 2026

Mark your calendars! The IV Annual Archbishop's Cup soccer tournament will take place on **Friday, Jan. 16, 2026**, at St. Thomas University. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., and kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. This exciting annual tradition brings our community together for fellowship, fun, and friendly competition.

To the ADOM Clergy: We extend a special invitation to our priests who wish to play — please register early to secure your spot on the field [by clicking this link](#). Come cheer, play, and enjoy an evening of fraternity and faith-filled camaraderie!

One Hail Mary a Day for Vocations

Thank you for continuing to pray [#AHailMaryADay](#)! Please pray for the seminarians and their vocation as well as for new vocations.

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 with the name and email address of the candidate to receive 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>.

Catholic Health Services

Please consider publishing in your bulletins:

Carrying Forward Christ's Healing Mission: Catholic Health Services

For centuries, the Catholic Church has served as a beacon of compassion, healing, and shelter—caring for the sick, the elderly, the poor, and the vulnerable. Catholic Health Services continues this sacred tradition today, offering high-quality, faith-centered care that preserves the dignity of every person, regardless of age, background, or ability to pay. Our services reflect the Church's commitment to human life and the common good.

We are proud to offer the following services to our Archdiocese:

Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers & Specialty Rehabilitation Hospitals:

Compassionate care and services for those recovering from various injuries and surgeries that require post-acute physical, speech, and occupational therapy. State-certified skilled nursing services and long-term care.

Assisted Living and Independent Housing for Seniors: Safe, respectful, and community-oriented residences designed to support aging with dignity.

Palliative and Hospice Care: Holistic and spiritual support for those facing terminal illness and their families.

Home Health Services: Medical and personal care delivered in the comfort of one's home, enabling independence and healing.

At the heart of Catholic Health Services is a mission not only to provide care, but to be Christ's hands in the world—to see the face of God in every patient, resident, and family we serve. To learn more about Catholic Health Services and how you can access care, please visit www.CatholicHealthServices.org or contact 877-CHS-4ALL.

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 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Servicios disponibles en español. Location: 1503 NE 26 St., Wilton Manors. Call 954-630-9501.

Head Start and Early Head Start

Offer qualifying families of children up to the age of five a range of services including:

- Social Services
- Nutritional Services
- Health Services
- Mental Health and Disability Services
- Assistance Obtaining SNAP/food stamps for: Housing, Public Assistance, etc.

Enrollment for 2025-2026 is open, but spaces are limited. Visit www.ccadm.org for more information about the Child Development Services or to find a center near you.

Office of the Permanent Diaconate

Convocation of Deacons is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. John Vianney College Seminary. Deacons are expected to participate; wives are invited to attend. Candidates in the fourth year of diaconate formation will be instituted as lectors and acolytes by Archbishop Thomas Wenski within Mass at 9 a.m.

Convocation Schedule:

9 a.m. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Wenski
Institution of lectors and acolytes
10:30 a.m. Rev. Joseph Mary Rogers, SCTJM
12 p.m. Lunch at refectory
1p.m. Closing

Ordination of permanent deacons: Saturday, Dec. 13, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary.

Office of Communications

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Announcements

St. Therese of Lisieux Relics

The relics of St. Therese of Lisieux will be visiting various parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Miami from Dec.1-8, 2025 in honor of the 100th Anniversary of her canonization and the Jubilee Year. Visit StThereseUSA2025.com to view the itinerary.

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 | 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.