



# Archdiocese of Miami Pastoral Bulletin

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## Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

### Requiescat in pace

† **Reverend Pedro Súarez, S.J.** died Jan. 1 in the Dominican Republic. He served the Barry University, Belen Jesuit Preparatory School, and Miami community for many years.

† **Mrs. Micaela Dominguez**, mother of Reverend Juan Rumin Dominguez, died Dec. 26, 2025 at St. Ann Nursing Home at age 92.

### Assignments

Appointments effective Dec. 1, 2025:

- **Fr. Warren J.G. Escalona Martínez**, parochial vicar, St. John Neumann, Miami.
- **Fr. Francisco Javier Hernández Arenas**, pastor, St. Henry, Pompano Beach.
- **Fr. Joseph E. Rogers, SCTJM**, parochial administrator, St. Raymond, Miami.

### Announcements

#### 14th Annual Archbishop's Motorcycle Ride

Rev up for an unforgettable experience! Registration is now open for the 14th Annual Archbishop's Motorcycle Ride on Sunday, Jan. 25, benefiting St. Luke's Center, a program of Catholic Charities. This year features a new 51.5-mile route, bringing together more than 400 riders for a scenic ride from Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Doral to St. Justin Martyr in Key Largo. The day begins with Mass and a blessing of the bikes at Our Lady of Guadalupe, followed by the ride, and concludes with live music, entertainment, food, and prizes at St. Justin Martyr. Register today and secure your spot in this year's Archbishop's Motorcycle Ride! Contact 305-762-1293 or [events@theadom.org](mailto:events@theadom.org)

## **Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski, continued**

### **Announcements, continued**

#### **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](mailto:Fr.Blatchford@couragerc.org)

### **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](mailto:jhorn@svdp.edu). For application for the 3, 5, and 8 day retreats, contact Fr. Thomas Pulickal at [retreats@amorischristi.com](mailto: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:

- 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](http://StPaulCenter.com/Priests) or contact [events@stpaulcenter.com](mailto:events@stpaulcenter.com) or call 740-264-9535 ext. 20 for more information.

## Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski, continued

### Priest retreats, continued

#### **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](http://StPaulCenter.com//Priest-Membership) to register.

## Office of the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs

### 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 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 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>.

## Office of Vocations

### IV Annual Archbishop's Cup – 2026

Mark your calendars! Everyone is warmly invited to the IV Annual Archbishop's Cup on Friday, Jan. 16 at St. Thomas University. Doors open at 6:00 PM, with kickoff at 7:30 PM. This free event is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together for fellowship, fun, and friendly competition. Don't miss out on this cherished tradition!

#### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Opening Show: Presentation of colors by the Knights of Columbus Color Corps
- National Anthem: Performed live by the Our Lady of Lourdes Academy Singers
- Half-Time Show and Game Day Entertainment: STA Raider Regiment – Marching Band, Cheerleaders, Twirlers, & Color Guard
- Announcer: The beloved Fr. Manny Alvarez will keep the energy high and guide us through the excitement of the game
- Food & Fun: Enjoy a variety of food trucks on site
- Family Participation: Engage in fun activities – your family is part of the celebration!
- The Priests and Seminarians: Witness a spirited, friendly soccer match that blends faith, fun, and fellowship.

### St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering

We sincerely thank Our Lady of the Holy Rosary–St. Richard Catholic Parish in the South Dade Deanery for graciously hosting last month's St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering. Your generous hospitality and warm welcome were truly a blessing.

Join us for this month's St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering on Saturday, Jan. 31, at Nativity Catholic Parish in the Southeast Broward Deanery. Priests are encouraged to invite at least one young man (ages 16–35) to attend. All young men in this age group are welcome to come together for prayer, fellowship, and support 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 contact Fr. Milton Martínez at [mmartinez@theadom.org](mailto:mmartinez@theadom.org).

### Vocation Awareness Weekend Spring 2026

If you know any young men between the ages of 17 and 35 who may be discerning a call to the priesthood, please encourage them to attend the next Vocation Awareness Weekend, which will be held at St. John Vianney College Seminary from March 6–8, 2026. They can register [here](#).

## Office of Vocations, continued

### 2025-2026 Archdiocesan Vocations Poster

The Archdiocesan Vocations Posters were delivered in December. We kindly ask that you place them in a visible location at your parish and school to encourage the faithful and students to continue praying “One Hail Mary a Day” for vocations to the priesthood, as well as for seminarians and those discerning a vocation. If you have not received your poster, please contact us at the Office of Vocations via email: [mmartinez@theadom.org](mailto:mmartinez@theadom.org).

### Archdiocesan Vocational Chalice

The Vocational Chalice has arrived at Nativity Catholic Parish as it continues its journey among the host parishes of the discernment group, serving as a visible sign of our shared commitment to pray for priestly vocations. Each parish that receives the chalice places it in a place of honor during Mass, inviting the faithful to pray that more young men may respond generously to God’s call to the priesthood, fostering a spirit of prayer and openness to God’s will within the community.

### Focus 11 Vocations Rally 2026

Mark your calendars! We will be hosting the Focus 11 Vocations Rally for sixth-grade students over four days, May 12-15, 2026—with two days in Broward County and two days in Miami-Dade County. To better accommodate schools and reduce overcrowding, we will continue the extra day for the Broward County rally, as it worked well last year, ensuring ample space for schools in Broward and North Dade. School principals, please be on the lookout for an email with further details and registration instructions.

### 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 Marriage and Family Life

### Wedding Anniversary Mass

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their Paper (1st year), Silver (25th year), or Gold+ (50th+ year) wedding anniversary in 2026 are invited to renew their marriage promises on Saturday, Feb. 21 at Cathedral of St. Mary, 7525 NW 2nd Ave. Miami. Couples interested in having their picture taken with Archbishop Wenski should arrive by 4:00pm with Mass starting at 5:30pm. Register at: [Wedding Anniversary Mass February 21, 2026](#)

## Office of Marriage and Family Life, continued

**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.”

- **March 21 & 22, 2026 (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) in ENGLISH.** Location: St. Mark Catholic Church, 5601 South Flamingo Road, Southwest Ranches. Register at: <http://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/63havsp>

### Fully Engaged Training for Mentor Couples

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

- **Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026** - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in English (online)
- **Sabado 7 de Febrero, 2026** – 10 a.m. a 4 p.m. en espanol (en linea)

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

**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:** 20 de enero, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. (En linea / Gratis). Register at: [Planificación Familiar Natural "Modelo Creighton" Sesión Introductoria - Enero 20,2026](#)
- **English Session:** Jan. 22, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. (Online / Free). Register at: [Natural Family Planning "Creighton Model" Introductory Session January 22, 2026](#)

## Catholic Health Services

**Please consider publishing in your bulletins:**

### **Carrying Forward Christ's Healing Mission: Catholic Health Services**

For generations, the Catholic Church has been a source of compassion and healing for the sick, the elderly, the poor, and the vulnerable. Today, **Catholic Health Services** continues this mission, now preparing to celebrate **40 years of service in our community**, by providing high-quality, faith-centered care that honors the dignity of every person, regardless of age, background, or ability to pay.

Services available in our Archdiocese include:

- Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Centers / Specialty Rehabilitation Hospitals:  
Comprehensive post-acute care, including physical, speech, and occupational therapy, as well as state-certified skilled nursing and long-term care.
- Assisted Living & Independent Senior Housing: Safe, supportive, and community-focused residences that promote dignity and independence.
- Palliative & Hospice Care: Compassionate, holistic, and spiritual support for individuals and families facing terminal illness.
- Home Health Services: Medical and personal care are provided in the comfort of one's home to support independence and recovery.

At the heart of Catholic Health Services is the mission to be Christ's healing presence in the world—seeing the face of God in every patient, resident, and family we serve.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed, joyful, and healthy New Year!

For more information or to access care, please visit [CatholicHealthServices.org](http://CatholicHealthServices.org) or call 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.ccadm.org) for more information about the Child Development Services or to find a center near you.

## 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 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 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)

## **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).