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Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

Requiescat in pace

† **Reverend Raul Angulo**, a retired priest who previously served as pastor at Mother of Christ Catholic Parish, died Feb. 12 at age 79.

† **Reverend John Peloso**, retired priest and former pastor of St. Edward Catholic Parish in Pembroke Pines, died March 4 at age 70.

Announcements

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

Priest retreats

St. Paul Center Priest Conferences
Experience four days of spiritual and intellectual renewal for priests, presented by the St. Paul Center. Two 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 or contact events@stpaulcenter.com or call 740-264-9535 ext. 20 for more information.

Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski, continued

Priest retreats, continued

Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola
The Spiritual Exercises of St. 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 30-days, 8-days, 5-days, and 3-days form 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 days retreat 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 days retreat, contact Fr. Thomas Pulickal at retreats@amorischristi.com.

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 the Chancellor for Administration

2026 March Mass Attendance Census

Dear Monsignors / Fathers,
This serves as a reminder that the 2026 March Mass Attendance Census starts on the week-end of Saturday-Sunday, March 7-8. It includes five weekends in March, and one weekend in April, including Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, ending April 4-5.

Please remember to count the number of penitents during these weekends.

The deadline to return the count electronically is Monday, April 27. 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, contact Mayra Rossell in the Chancellors' Office at 305-762-220 or mrossell@theadom.org.

Office of Development

Havana Nights 2026

Havana Nights 2026, a joyful evening of fellowship in support of a meaningful cause, will take place on Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary Rectory Courtyard, 7525 NW 2nd Avenue, Miami.

Hosted by Archbishop Thomas Wenski, this annual celebration raises much-needed funds for Catholic Charities' Unaccompanied Minors Program, which provides care and hope to vulnerable children in our community.

The Havana-inspired evening will feature hors d'oeuvres, dominoes, cocktails, live music, and cigars. Sponsorship opportunities are available, and individual tickets start at $100 per person. Learn more and register at www.adomdevelopment.org/havananights or call 305-762-1293.

15th Annual Cheers to Charity at Joe's

This annual event, benefiting the charitable works of the Archdiocese of Miami, will take place Tuesday, April 28 with cocktail reception at 11 a.m. and lunch at noon at Joe's Stone Crab, 11 Washington Ave., Miami Beach. RSVP by April 21 to www.adomdevelopment.org/joes or call 305-762-1054 or email events@theadom.org.

Office of the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs

Requests for Faculties

We kindly request the cooperation of all pastors of the Archdiocese of Miami regarding the submission of requests for faculties for visiting priests. Please remember that all requests must be submitted at least two weeks in advance. Requests received after this timeframe may not be processed in a timely or proper manner. Thank you for your cooperation.

Office of Vocations

St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering

We are grateful to Fr. Richard Vigoa and the parish community of St. Augustine Catholic Parish in the East Dade Deanery for hosting last month's St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering. Their generous welcome provided a meaningful setting for young men to pray and reflect on God's call.

The next St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering will take place at St. Anthony Catholic Parish in the Northeast Broward Deanery on Saturday, March 21, 2026. Priests are encouraged to register at least one young man, ages 16 to 35, who may be open to discerning a vocation. Participants will gather for prayer, fraternity, and guidance as they seek to listen more attentively to the Lord's voice.

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

The Vocations Chalice was welcomed at St. Anthony Catholic Parish as it continues its journey among the parishes hosting the St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering. Serving as a visible sign of our shared commitment to pray for priestly vocations, the chalice is placed in a prominent location during Mass. Its presence invites the faithful to pray that more young men may generously respond to the Lord's call and that a spirit of openness to God's will may grow within the parish community.

Focus 11 Vocations Rally 2026

The Focus 11 Vocations Rally for sixth-grade students will be held over four days, May 12–15, 2026, with events scheduled in both Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. To better serve participating schools and ensure adequate space, an additional day has been added in Broward County. The rally will take place May 12–13 at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Parish in Plantation and May 14–15 at St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami. School principals are asked to consult the email distributed on March 2, 2026, for complete details and registration information.

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 Vocations, continued

Administrative Assistant – Office of Vocations at the Pastoral Center
The Office of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Miami is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant to support the mission of promoting and fostering priestly vocations. This position provides administrative and project management support to the Director of Vocations and assists in the daily operations of the office.

Qualified candidates who are interested in serving the Church through this role are invited to apply. To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter addressed to the Director of Vocations, Rev. Milton Martínez, at mmartinez@theadom.org and careers@theadom.org. The subject line should read: Administrative Assistant, Office of Vocations. For more information and application details, please visit the Archdiocese of Miami employment page.

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 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

Fully Engaged Training for Mentor Couples

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

- **Saturday, March 21, 2026** - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in English (online)
- **Sábado, 11 de abril de 2026** – 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. en español (en linea)

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.

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**: 14 de abril de 2026, a las 7:30 p.m. (En linea / Gratis). Register at: Planificación Familiar Natural "Modelo Creighton" Sesión Introductoria - Abril 14,2026
- **English Session**: April 16, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. (Online / Free). Register at: Natural Family Planning "Creighton Model" Introductory Session April 16, 2026

Life-Giving Wounds Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce of Separation

Join us for a two-day retreat Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19, 2026, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. (not an overnight retreat) designed to help you explore and heal the wounds of your parents' divorce or separation. Through reflection, shared community, and an encounter with Christ, you will receive guidance on love, trust, and personal growth that leads to deeper self-understanding and healing.

Register at: Life-Giving Wounds Retreat April 18 and 19, 2026

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.

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.

Office of Communications

Follow the Archdiocese of Miami on Social Media:

Please Include in your Parish Bulletin:

Facebook @ArchdioceseofMiami | @CatholicMiami | Instagram @CatholicMiami

Archdiocesan website

In an effort to update and maintain current information on our website, we ask parishes and schools to review their contact information on the archdiocesan website and email Maria Alejandra Rivas-Ávila at mrivas@theadom.org to request changes to your profile pages.

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.

Office of Communications, continued

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.

Events

Camp Erin

Family Bereavement Camp, will take place on Saturday, June 20 in Davie, FL. This special day is completely free of charge, and we warmly invite the whole family to attend together with campers ages 6 – 17 (18 if still in high school, or 5 if turning 6 within three months). The final day to apply is Friday, May 29.

Caregivers and family members are invited to join gentle, supportive workshops where they can reflect on their own experiences with grief and loss, connect with others who understand, and take a moment for themselves, while still being present alongside their children.

Campers will take part in separate, age-appropriate activities that encourage expression, connection, and healing in a space created just for them. If you know a child or family who might benefit from Camp Erin, applications are available at www.camperinsouthflorida.org.

If you have any questions or would like to talk more about the camp, call 954-944-2709 or 786-459-6539, or email CampErin@catholichospice.org