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Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

Requiescat in pace

† **Col. (Ret.) Rufus B. Rogers**, father of Reverend Joseph Mary Rogers, SCTJM, died March 20, 2026 in Columbia, South Carolina. The funeral will take place in Newberry, South Carolina, on April 29, 2026, (details to be determined) with a military burial to follow at 2 p.m. with full honors at Ft. Jackson National Cemetery.

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-days 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-days 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 Development

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 Administration

2026 March Mass Attendance Census

Dear Monsignors / Fathers,

This serves as a reminder that the 2026 March Mass Attendance Census started on the weekend 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 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.

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 Vocations

Three New Transitional Deacons

On Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Boca Raton, Florida, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Gregg M. Caggianelli, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, will ordain three men as transitional deacons for the Archdiocese of Miami:

- Victor Galindo
- Jesus Garcia Yelo
- Jonathan Sanchez

Let us rejoice and give thanks to God as these men continue their journey toward the priesthood, joyfully embracing their call to serve Christ and His Church.

Priestly Ordination Announcement

With praise and gratitude to Almighty God, the Archdiocese of Miami joyfully announces the upcoming ordination to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood of the following transitional deacons:

- Deacon Adam Cahill
- Deacon Henry Cardenas
- Deacon Tomasz Koziel
- Deacon Aristides Lima
- Deacon Carlos Luzardo
- Deacon Cristhian Mendieta
- Deacon Saint-Clos Papouloute
- Deacon Pietro Pironato
- Deacon Michele Segal

The Ordination Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 10 AM by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski, Metropolitan Archbishop of Miami, at the Cathedral of Saint Mary. Due to limited capacity, this is a ticketed event by invitation only.

Office of Vocations, continued

Focus 11 Vocations Rally 2026

This year's Focus 11 Vocations Rally for sixth-grade students, originally scheduled for May 2026, has been moved to Oct. 2026. The rally will take place over four days, Oct. 20–23, 2026. To better accommodate schools and reduce overcrowding, we will continue with the additional day for the Broward County rally, as it proved effective last year, ensuring ample space for schools in Broward and North Dade. School principals are asked to be on the lookout for an email with further details and registration instructions.

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.

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 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

Rediscovery/Retrouvaille: A Weekend of Transformation

Step away from daily distractions and invest in what matters most - your marriage. Find real marriage help through Retrouvaille's proven program. We've helped thousands of couples worldwide rebuild trust and restore their relationships. Whether you're facing communication challenges or considering separation, Retrouvaille offers hope and practical solutions for couples at all stages. Experience powerful communication techniques and practical tools for rebuilding trust and intimacy in your relationship. Continue your journey with our essential post-weekend sessions that reinforce your progress and provide ongoing support for lasting change. Our upcoming programs are **May 1-3 (in English)** and **July 17-19 (en Español)**. For more information call 305-915-4607 or visit our website www.marriagelifeline.org.

Office of Marriage and Family Life, continued

Fully Engaged Training for Mentor Couples

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

- **Thursday, May 7 & 14, 2026** - 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. in English (online)
- **Sábado, 11 de abril de 2026** – 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. en español (en línea)

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 línea / 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

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Pastors are encouraged to include the submissions provided by the Safe Environment office in their parish bulletins and website. Please encourage parishioners to read the April blogs from Jan Rayburn and Anthony Pittelli accessible through the Florida Catholic and the Archdiocesan website:

www.miamiarch.org. Follow the Archdiocesan social media accounts for posts from the Safe Environment Office. Additionally, please communicate from the pulpit support of the Safe Environment Office's efforts and their commitment to ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults at ADOM entities.

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 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