



Archdiocese of Miami Pastoral Bulletin

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Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

Requiescat in pace

† **Bishop Emeritus René Henry Gracida**, who served as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Miami from 1972 to 1975, died May 1 in Corpus Christi, Texas, at the age of 102. From 1961 until his appointment as auxiliary bishop in 1971, Bishop Gracida served in numerous pastoral and leadership roles across the Archdiocese of Miami, including assignments at Holy Family, St. Coleman, St. Matthew, St. Ambrose, Visitation, Nativity, St. Patrick and St. Kieran parishes. He also served as chancellor, vicar general and acting rector of St. Mary Cathedral.

Prayer request

- Please pray for **Sister Carmen Ors, SCTJM**

Assignments

Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointments:

- **Father Adam Paul Cahill**, Our Lady of Guadalupe, parochial vicar
- **Father Henry Jair Cardenas Afanador**, St. Gregory the Great, parochial vicar
- **Father Tomasz Koziel**, Nativity, parochial vicar
- **Father Aristides Luis Lima**, St. Gregory the Great, parochial vicar
- **Father Carlos Eduardo Luzardo Leal**, St. John Neumann, parochial vicar
- **Father Cristhian David Mendieta Hernandez**, St. Thomas the Apostle, parochial vicar
- **Father Saint-Clos Papouloute**, Notre Dame D'Haiti, parochial vicar
- **Father Pietro Pironato**, Immaculate Conception, parochial vicar
- **Father Michele Sega**, St. Katharine Drexel, parochial vicar

Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski, continued

Priest retreats

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.

St. Paul Center Priest Conference

Experience four days of spiritual and intellectual renewal for priests, presented by the St. Paul Center 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.

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

Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Pastors: Please consider posting this in your bulletins:

World Youth Day Seoul 2027

Calling all youth and young adults for a pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea. Tentative dates are July 30-Aug. 10, 2027. Cost will be \$5,499 per person and includes flight, 10 nights at a 4-star hotel, breakfast daily and all World Youth Day events. This is an opportunity to grow in faith, experience the universal Church, and walk together with thousands of young pilgrims from around the world. To reserve your spot, a non refundable deposit is required. Space is limited! We are accepting registrations for both individuals and parish or school groups. Individuals will be assigned to our Archdiocese of Miami "Catch All Group." Leaders registering a group must have a minimum of 7 participants to be considered an official group. Groups with fewer than 7 participants will join the Catch All Group for travel and pilgrimage activities. Register at

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/5ysshk6>

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

Priestly Ordination Announcement

Newly Ordained Priests: With praise and gratitude to Almighty God, the Archdiocese of Miami joyfully congratulates our newly ordained priests:

- Rev. Adam Paul Cahill
- Rev. Henry Jair Cárdenas Afanador
- Rev. Tomasz Koziel
- Rev. Aristides Luis Lima
- Rev. Carlos Eduardo Luzardo Leal
- Rev. Cristhian David Mendieta Hernández
- Rev. Saint-Clos Papouloute
- Rev. Pietro Pironato
- Rev. Michele Sega

These men were ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on Saturday, May 9, 2026, by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski, Metropolitan Archbishop of Miami, at the Cathedral of Saint Mary. We give thanks to God for the gift of these new priests and ask the faithful to keep them in prayer as they begin their priestly ministry in service to the Church.

St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering: Our recent St. Andrew's Discernment Gatherings have been a true blessing. In March, we were warmly welcomed at St. Anthony Catholic Parish in the Northeast Broward Deanery, and we are grateful to Fr. Rolando, Fr. Carmelo, and the parish community for their generous hospitality. In April, we gathered at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Parish and Archdiocesan Shrine in the Northwest Dade Deanery, where we were blessed to come together under Our Lady's maternal care. We thank Fr. Israel and the parish community for their gracious welcome.

Our next gathering will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at St. Joseph Catholic Parish in the Northeast Dade Deanery, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Priests are encouraged to invite at least one young man, ages 16 to 35, who may be open to discerning a vocation. Participants will come together for prayer, fraternity, and guidance as they seek to listen more attentively to the voice of the Lord. Registration is available through this form. For more information, please contact the Vocations Office at 305-762-1137 or Fr. Milton Martínez at mmartinez@theadom.org.

Office of Vocations, continued

The Archdiocesan Vocational Chalice: The Vocations Chalice was welcomed at St. Joseph 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: The Focus 11 Vocations Rally for sixth-grade students, originally scheduled for May 2026, has been moved to October 20–23, 2026. To better accommodate schools and reduce overcrowding, the rally will again be held over four days: October 20–21 at St. Gregory the Great in Plantation, and October 22–23 at St. Agatha Catholic Parish in Miami. School principals will receive an email with further details and registration instructions.

Vocation Awareness Weekend Fall 2026: If you know a young man between the ages of 17 and 35 who may be discerning a call to the priesthood, please invite him to attend the upcoming Vocation Awareness Weekend at St. John Vianney College Seminary, taking place November 6–8, 2026. We encourage your prayers and support in helping young men listen to the Lord's call. Registration is now open; please click [here to register](#).

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, 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 they continue to minister in your respective parishes throughout the summer.

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 program is **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).

- **Saturday, August 1, 2026**- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in English (Online)
- **Sábado, 13 de junio de 2026** – 10 a.m. a 4 p.m. en español (en línea)

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

Transformed in Love

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.”

- August 15 and 16, 2026, in ENGLISH. Location: St. Mark Catholic Parish, 5601 South Flamingo Road Southwest Ranches, FL 33330. Register at: <http://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/uk8mpgn>

Transformados en el Amor

“Transformados en el Amor” es un programa oficial arquidiocesano, creado por diversos expertos, diseñado para ayudarles a prepararse para el día de su boda y comenzar su matrimonio construyendo juntos en una base sólida.

Las parejas deben asistir a todas las sesiones para recibir su certificado. Recuerden informar con antelación a su sacerdote que están participando en el “Programa Grupal de Preparación Matrimonial: Transformados en el Amor”

- 6 y 7 de junio de 2026, en español. Parroquia de San Isidro, 2310 Martin Luther King Blvd. Pompano Beach, FL 33069. Inscribáanse en: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/39k4vdd>

Office of Marriage and Family Life, continued

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:** 7 de julio de 2026, a las 7:30 p.m. (En línea / Gratis). Register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/aecazw8>
- **English Session:** July 9, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. (Online / Free). Register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/8j7wzdw>

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 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)

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