



# Archdiocese of Miami Pastoral Bulletin

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## Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

### Requiescat in pace

† **Sister Carmen Maria of the Sacred Wounds**, a founding member of the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary who served the Archdiocese of Miami for more than four decades, died June 16, 2026 at age 71, following a lengthy battle with cancer.

† **Aurelio Sommariba**, the father of Father Marcos Sommariba, passed away peacefully on June 20, 2026. at age 97.

† **Rev. Msgr. Vincent Timothy Kelly**, longtime leader of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Miami for more than three decades, died June 30, 2026 at age 92.

† **Father Joseph Valoret**, former associate pastor of St. Helen Parish in Fort Lauderdale and various churches of the Archdiocese of Miami, died June 30, 2026 at age 94.

### Priest retreats

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

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

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

### Catholic Charities

#### **Venezuela Relief Fund**

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami announced a relief fund to support earthquake victims in Venezuela. One hundred percent of all funds received will be directed to providing immediate humanitarian relief and essential resources to the regions of Venezuela affected by the recent earthquakes. Catholic Charities is currently accepting donations through its secure website. [Donate now!](#)

## Catholic Charities, continued

### Head Start & Early Head Start Program

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami is now enrolling children 3 months to 5 years old in our free Head Start & Early Head Start Program. Give your child the best start in our state-of-the-art, NAEYC-accredited early learning program, where they will receive:

- High-quality education that prepares them for school
- Three free nutritious meals each day
- A safe, nurturing environment with caring teachers
- Family support services and resources

We proudly serve families at six convenient locations:

- Centro Hispano Católico, 125 NW 25th St., Miami, FL 33127. 305-573-9095
- Good Shepherd, 18601 SW 97th Ave., Miami, FL 33157. 305-235-1756
- Holy Redeemer, 1325 NW 71st St., Miami, FL 33147. 305-836-4971
- Notre Dame, 130 NE 62nd St., Miami, FL 33138. 305-751-6778
- Sagrada Familia, 970 SW 1st St. #204, Miami, FL 33130. 305-324-5424
- South Dade, 28520 SW 148th Ave., Leisure City, FL 33033. 305-245-8796

Enrollment is free, but spaces are limited. Contact your nearest program today.

## Office of the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs

### Information and Instructions Pertaining to the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (SSPX)

On July 1, 2026, after proper warnings and communications from the Holy See, the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (SSPX) proceeded with the ordination of bishops without the mandate of the Holy Father. The next day, the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF) issued a decree and explanatory note that the actions on the part of SSPX constituted a delict of schism which has an attached penalty, namely the “*latae sententiae*” excommunication.

### Who is Excommunicated and Who is Not?

Those who **are** excommunicated:

- All clergy of SSPX (bishops, priests, and deacons);
- Lay Faithful who are part of the Third Order of the SSPX;
- Lay Faithful who habitually participate in the celebrations of the SSPX, formally sharing its doctrinal positions.

## Office of the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, continued

### Information and Instructions Pertaining to the SSPX, continued

Those who **are not** excommunicated:

- Lay Faithful who attended the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X only for liturgical or spiritual reasons;
- Lay Faithful who, while aware of the tensions with the Holy See, do not reject the Magisterium or the authority of the Roman Pontiff.

#### **Sacraments:**

The Holy See also declared that the Sacraments of Marriage and Confession received through SSPX are no longer considered valid for the members of the Catholic Church.

#### **Remedies:**

The Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith provided guidelines on receiving back those who wish to return to the Catholic Church and be freed from excommunication:

*Bishops:* they need to contact the Holy See directly.

*Priests and Deacons:* need to find a willing Ordinary to accept them and follow the process designed by DDF via local diocese.

*Lay Faithful excommunicated:* removal of excommunication is done via Chancery.

- Lay persons seeking reunion with the Catholic Church need to find a parish at which they intend to become parishioners.
- The pastor of this parish needs to contact the Chancery (305-762-1220) to receive two documents: 1). Profession of Faith and 2). Formula of Adhesion.
- After these documents are signed and dated by the lay faithful, the documents are submitted to the Chancery for the approval of the Ordinary.
- After the approval is granted, the pastor who submitted these documents on behalf of the Lay Faithful seeking reunion with the Catholic Church, will be instructed to arrange in their parish a ceremony using the *Rite of Admission to Full Communion of the Catholic Church of Those Already Validly Baptized*.

*Lay Faithful not excommunicated but seeking spiritual peace:* It is sufficient that they present themselves to a Catholic priest in full communion with the decision not to attend SSPX in the future. It can be done via an appointment, in spiritual direction, or confession. Nothing further is required from the lay person or the priest.

## Office of the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, continued

### Information and Instructions Pertaining to the SSPX, continued

#### Other Provisions

For those seeking an opportunity to attend Latin Mass, the Archdiocese of Miami offers the ministry of the Fraternity of Saint Peter (FSSP), which is in union with the Holy See. The Masses are celebrated in Our Lady of Belen Chapel on Sundays at 10 a.m.; and the chapel of Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery on weekdays at 7:30 a.m.

(<https://latinmassmiami.org/mass-times>)

Full article at: [https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Article\\_information\\_and\\_instructions\\_pertaining\\_to\\_the\\_priestly\\_fraternity\\_of\\_saint\\_pius\\_x](https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Article_information_and_instructions_pertaining_to_the_priestly_fraternity_of_saint_pius_x)

#### 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 and deacons**. 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 collaboration.

#### 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).

## 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 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>.

## Catholic Health Services

**Pastors, please consider announcing the following in your parish bulletin:**

### **When a Parishioner Receives a Serious Diagnosis**

One of the most difficult moments in pastoral ministry occurs when a parishioner or family member receives a serious diagnosis. Whether recovering from a stroke, major surgery, a debilitating illness, or facing the challenges of aging, families are often overwhelmed by unfamiliar healthcare decisions and uncertain about the next steps.

As the healthcare ministry of the Archdiocese of Miami, Catholic Health Services can help families identify the most appropriate level of care for their unique circumstances. Our continuum of care includes acute inpatient rehabilitation hospitals for individuals recovering from stroke, surgery, orthopedic conditions, injury, or illness who require intensive therapy to regain mobility, communication skills, and independence in daily activities.

Our four skilled nursing centers deliver both short-term rehabilitation and long-term care for individuals with complex medical needs, including those living with Alzheimer's disease and other chronic conditions. Our assisted living communities, in Miami-Dade and Broward counties, feature supportive services such as medication oversight, meals, housekeeping, laundry, and transportation while helping residents maintain their independence.

Catholic Home Health provides nursing and therapy services for individuals recovering at home—often progressing towards a full recovery. When serious illness progresses, Catholic Palliative Care helps people live better by relieving symptoms. Those nearing the end of life and facing terminal illness can count on Catholic Hospice for comfort-focused care with expert management of pain, breathlessness, anxiety, nausea, and other symptoms. Spiritual support and accompaniment for the entire family are also offered.

Catholic Health Services serves South Florida through four health campuses in South Miami, North Miami, Hialeah Gardens and Lauderdale Lakes. Daily Mass and pastoral care are available across all of our health campuses.

For more information about Catholic Health Services and available resources, visit [CatholicHealthServices.org](https://CatholicHealthServices.org) or contact Communications Director, Rose Lugo, [rlugo@chsfla.com](mailto:rlugo@chsfla.com) or (954) 955-7379.

## Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

### **Info Night Session – July 14, 2026**

Calling all Youth Leaders and Young Adults! Join us for a World Youth Day Seoul 2027 Live Info Night on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 11291 SW 142nd Avenue, Miami.

During this one-hour session, you'll receive key details about the pilgrimage, including itinerary highlights, travel logistics, registration information, and what to expect during World Youth Day in Seoul. Whether you're ready to sign up or simply interested in learning more, this is a great opportunity to ask questions and begin preparing for an unforgettable journey of faith. Registration Link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/6f7m5g8>

### **World Youth Day Seoul 2027 – July 30-Aug 10, 2027**

Join the Archdiocese of Miami for an unforgettable pilgrimage to World Youth Day Seoul 2027! This is a unique opportunity to experience the beauty of the universal Church and to walk alongside thousands from around the world. Space is limited, and a non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your spot. We are currently accepting registrations for individuals and for parish or school groups.

Age requirements: All participants must be at least 16 years old by the July 2027 departure date. High school students ages 16–17 must travel with an adult chaperone. Students who will be 18 or older at the time of the pilgrimage, including recent graduates, are welcome to travel with their school group as long as they travel as a HS participant of the school.

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

Info session (video): <https://vimeo.com/1183765743?fl=tl&fe=ec>

### **March for Life Pilgrimage – Washington, D.C.**

The Archdiocese of Miami invites high school and college students, as well as young adults, to stand for the dignity of human life at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., Jan. 22–24, 2027. Join us for the 2027 March for Life Pilgrimage as we journey together in faith and witness alongside tens of thousands of young people from across the United States. Space is limited, and a non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your spot.

Age requirement: Young adults and college students must be at least 18 and no older than 29 at the time of travel.

Registration link for high schools: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/wkkg97>

Registration for Young Adults (Ages 18-29):

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/c6gusx5>

## Office of Vocations

### **Burse Fund Collection 2026**

The annual Seminary Burse Fund Collection will take place on the weekend of Aug. 1–2, preceding the Feast of St. John Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests, on Aug. 4, 2026. Parishes that wish to receive collection envelopes should submit their request by July 17, 2026, via email to [mmartinez@theadom.org](mailto:mmartinez@theadom.org) to ensure timely delivery.

The Archbishop's letter, together with a QR code for online giving, is available on our website through this [link](#). We kindly ask that you consider publishing both in your parish bulletins to encourage participation in this year's collection. In addition, the following announcements are available for your consideration:

#### **1. SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS – Second Collection next Weekend (to be published July 25–26, 2026)**

Next weekend's second collection is for the benefit of the Seminary Burse Fund in support of the seminarians from the Archdiocese of Miami. These men, with God's grace, will be our priests in the future. Please use the provided QR code to make your donations online. May God bless you abundantly!

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### **St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering**

Our recent St. Andrew's Discernment Gatherings have been a true blessing. In May, we were warmly welcomed by Fr. Andrew Foltyn and the parish community of Saint Joseph Catholic Parish in the Northeast Dade Deanery. In June, we were graciously welcomed by Fr. Adonis González and the parish community of Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Parish in the South Dade Deanery. We are deeply grateful for their generous hospitality.

Our next St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering will take place on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at St. Justin Martyr Catholic Parish in the Monroe Deanery, beginning at 11:00 a.m. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather with the faithful in the Keys and especially encourage the priests of the Monroe Deanery to invite a young man, ages 17 to 35, from their parish to participate. Registration is available through [this form](#). For more information or to register, please contact the Vocations Office at 305-762-1137 or [mmartinez@theadom.org](mailto:mmartinez@theadom.org).

## Office of Vocations, continued

**The Archdiocesan Vocational Chalice:** The Vocations Chalice was recently welcomed at St. Justin Martyr Catholic Parish as it continues its journey among the parishes hosting the St. Andrew's Discernment Gatherings. As a visible sign of our shared prayer for priestly vocations, the chalice is displayed prominently during Mass, inviting the faithful to pray that the Lord will raise up generous men to serve His Church.

**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 Nov. 13–15, 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 support to the Director of Vocations and assistance with the daily operations of the office.

Qualified candidates who are interested in serving the Church through this role are invited to apply. Please submit a resume and cover letter addressed to the Director of Vocations, Rev. Milton Martínez, at [mmartinez@theadom.org](mailto:mmartinez@theadom.org) and [careers@theadom.org](mailto: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 continue to remember our seminarians in your daily prayers as they serve in parishes throughout the Archdiocese this summer and continue their formation for the priesthood.

## 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 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](http://www.marriagelifeline.org).

### **Fully Engaged Training for Mentor Couples**

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

- Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in English (Online)

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

**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). Regístrate en: <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>

## Catholic Cemeteries

### New Flower Shop Hours at Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Miami announces new business hours for the Flower Shop at Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery in Doral. Until further notice, the flower shop will operate according to the following schedule:

Wednesday through Saturday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday: Closed

Catholic Cemeteries remains committed to providing families with the freshest floral arrangements, ensuring every tribute reflects the love, respect, and remembrance their loved ones deserve. For information about Catholic Cemeteries, visit

[CatholicCemeteriesMiami.org](http://CatholicCemeteriesMiami.org)

## 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](mailto:mrivas@theadom.org) to request changes to your profile pages.

## 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).