



Archdiocese of Miami Pastoral Bulletin

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Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

Requiescat in pace

† **Mr. Ricardo Acosta**, brother-in-law of Father Juan Sosa died in Miami in August.

† **Mr. Jaime Prada**, father of David Prada, senior director of the Office of Building and Property, died on Aug. 11, 2026, in Miami.

† **Mr. James Thomas (J.T.) Rayford, Sr.**, father of Dr. LaTonya White, associate superintendent of teaching and learning of the Office of Catholic Schools, died on Aug. 29, 2026, in Memphis, Tennessee.

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+ courses 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.

Catholic Charities

Venezuela & Colombia Relief Fund

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami announced a relief fund to support earthquake victims in Venezuela and Colombia. One hundred percent of all funds received will be directed to providing immediate humanitarian relief and essential resources to the regions of Venezuela and Colombia 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 Vocations

Burse Fund Collection 2026

Dear Pastors and Parish Communities, on behalf of Archbishop Thomas Wenski, our seminarians, and everyone involved in the work of priestly formation, thank you for your generous participation in this year's Annual Seminary Burse Fund Collection. Your faithful support and continued prayers are a tremendous blessing to the men preparing for the priesthood and help make their formation possible. We are sincerely grateful for your generosity and for your ongoing commitment to fostering vocations throughout the Archdiocese of Miami.

A New Year of Priestly Formation Begins

We ask you to keep our seminarians in your prayers as they begin a new year of priestly formation. Our new seminarians have been arriving at their respective seminaries over the past weekend and throughout this week, beginning this important new chapter in their vocational journey. Please pray for all our seminarians, that the Lord may continue to strengthen their vocation, deepen their relationship with Christ, and form their hearts after the Heart of the Good Shepherd. May they respond each day with generosity, faith, and joy to the Lord's call.

Office of Vocations, continued

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.

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.

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 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 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.

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:

Office of the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, continued

Information and Instructions Pertaining to SSPX), continued

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.

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

Office of the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, continued

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.

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 Health Services

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

Faith-Centered Skilled Nursing Care Across the Archdiocese of Miami

When parishioners turn to their priest after surgery, hospitalization, stroke or serious illness, Catholic Home Health can help. Part of Catholic Health Services, the healthcare ministry of the Archdiocese of Miami, Catholic Home Health provides skilled nursing, wound care, cardiac and diabetes care, disease management, infusion therapy, and physical, occupational and speech therapy in the home across Miami-Dade and Broward. Most major healthcare plans accepted. Parishes seeking guidance may contact Communications Director Rose Lugo at rlugo@chsfla.com or (954) 955-7379.

Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

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.

Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry , continued

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/wkkcg97>

Registration for Young Adults (Ages 18-29):

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

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.

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

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.

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.

Office of Communications, continued

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.

The Archdiocese of Miami is now on Hallow.

Founded to help people grow closer to God, Hallow has become the world's most widely used Catholic prayer app. It features thousands of guided sessions, meditations, Scripture reflections, music, and was built to welcome people from all backgrounds, grounded in Catholic spirituality and contemplative tradition.

We invite you to check out the [Archdiocese of Miami community page on Hallow](#), where you can hear Archbishop Wenski's welcome message in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Haitain Creole](#)! From there, you can find your own parish through the Archdiocesan page.