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Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

Requiescat in pace

† **Rev. Joseph Long Nguyen**, 62, founding pastor of Our Lady of La Vang Vietnamese Catholic Parish in Hallandale Beach, died Oct. 27, 2026. His funeral Mass took place on Nov. 7 and he will be buried in Vietnam.

Appointments

Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointments:

Effective Aug. 1, 2026

- **Father Rubén Orlando Leyva Pupo,** Chaplain, CHS Catholic Hospice, in residence at St. Martin de Porres

Effective Sept.1, 2026

- **Father Renel Mondesir,** Parochial Vicar, St. Agnes Parish

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!

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

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 Vocations

FOCUS 11 Vocations Rally 2026 – A Heartfelt Thank You!
On behalf of Archbishop Thomas Wenski and the Archdiocese of Miami Office of Vocations, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped make this year's FOCUS 11 Vocations Rally, held Oct. 20–23, 2026, such a beautiful and blessed experience for our sixth-grade students. We are especially grateful to St. Gregory the Great Catholic Parish and School in Plantation, and St. Agatha Catholic Parish and School in Miami for graciously hosting us and welcoming everyone with such generosity and hospitality. Our sincere gratitude also goes to all participating Catholic schools, principals, teachers, staff, priests, religious sisters and brothers, and volunteers who generously shared their time and talents to make these four days possible.

It was a blessing to see so many young people gathered in prayer, celebrating Holy Mass, spending time with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration, and reflecting on God's calling in their lives. Our prayer is that the seeds of faith and vocation planted during these days will continue to grow and bear fruit in God's time. To everyone who helped make FOCUS 11 possible, thank you for your generosity, collaboration, and commitment to fostering a culture of vocations throughout our Archdiocese. May God bless you abundantly!

St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering
Our October St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering was graciously hosted by St. John XXIII Catholic Church in the Southwest Broward Deanery. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Julio de Jesus and the entire parish community for their warm welcome, generous hospitality, and continued support of vocations to the priesthood.

Our next St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering will take place on **Saturday, Nov. 21, 2026**, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Parish in the East Dade Deanery. We are grateful to our brother priests for their continued collaboration and support in fostering vocations throughout our Archdiocese. We warmly encourage each priest to personally invite a young man from his parish, between the ages of 17 and 35, who may be open to discerning God's call to the priesthood. A simple personal invitation can make a lasting difference in a young man's vocational journey. Registration is available through this form. For more information or assistance with registration, please contact the Vocations Office at 305-762-1137 or mmartinez@theadom.org.

Office of Vocations, continued

The Vocations Chalice Continues Its Pilgrimage

The Archdiocesan Vocations Chalice has arrived at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Parish as it continues its pilgrimage in conjunction with our St. Andrew's Discernment Gatherings. During its time at the parish, the chalice serves as a visible reminder of the community's shared responsibility to pray for and foster vocations to the priesthood. We warmly invite every parishioner to join us in praying one Hail Mary each day for vocations, asking our Blessed Mother to intercede for the young men whom the Lord is calling to the priesthood, that they may have the courage and generosity to answer His call.

5th Annual Archbishop's Cup 2027

Mark your calendars! The 5th Annual Archbishop's Cup will take place on Friday, Jan. 15, 2027, at St. Thomas University. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., with kickoff at 7:30 p.m. This annual tradition brings our Archdiocesan community together for an evening of fellowship, fun, and friendly competition.

To the ADOM Clergy: Priests who would like to play on the clergy team are invited to register early to secure their spot on the field by clicking this link. We look forward to another great evening of fraternity and friendly competition!

One Hail Mary a Day for Vocations

Thank you for continuing to join us in praying #AHailMaryADay for vocations. We invite you to pray one Hail Mary each day for our seminarians as they continue their formation for the priesthood, for the young men currently discerning God's call, and for an increase of priestly vocations throughout the Archdiocese of Miami. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, may those whom the Lord is calling have the courage to listen and respond generously to her words: "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

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 the Permanent Diaconate

Convocation of Deacons is scheduled for Saturday Nov. 21, 2026, at St. John Vianney College Seminary. Deacons are expected to participate; wives are invited to attend. Candidates in the third year of diaconate formation will be instituted as Candidates by Archbishop Wenski.

Convocation Schedule
9 a.m. Mass - Archbishop Thomas Wenski, The Rite of Institution of Candidacy
10:30 a.m. Rev. Angel M. Rivera-Fals, S.J.
12 p.m. Lunch at refectory
1 p.m. Closing

Office of the Chancellor for Administration

Dear Monsignors/ Pastors,

It is again time for counting and reporting the weekly Mass census for the weekends in October-November. The 2026 October Mass Attendance Census includes all the weekends of October beginning with Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3 and 4, and ending Saturday, Oct. 31 and Sunday, Nov. 1.

Please remember to count the number of penitents during these five weekends. The deadline to return the count electronically is Monday, Nov. 16, 2026. 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, please have them contact Mayra Rossell in the Chancellors' Office at 305-762-1220 or mrossell@theadom.org.

Office of Worship and Spiritual Life

Training for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Office of Worship and Spiritual Life will offer the following training sessions in January and February 2027. Please share these dates with your parish staff and ministry coordinators, and invite those preparing to serve as readers or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to attend.

Saturday, Jan. 16, 2027
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saint Coleman Catholic Church, Pompano Beach
English at 11 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 30, 2027
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saint Augustine Catholic Church and Student Center, Coral Gables
English at 10 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 13, 2027
Readers (Lectors)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Doral
English from 9 to 10 a.m.
Spanish from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20, 2027
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Doral
English from 9 to 10 a.m.
Spanish from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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.

Catholic Health Services

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

Compassionate Support for Parishioners Facing Serious Illness
Those living with serious illness can count on Bloom Supportive Care to help relieve symptoms and provide support that extends to the entire family. A program of Catholic Health Services, Bloom cares for the whole person: body, mind and spirit. Our team walks beside patients and loved ones throughout their journey. Please share this resource with families in your parish who may benefit from palliative care. Find more information online: https://www.catholichealthservices.org/bloom. You can contact Communications Director Rose Lugo with any questions or requests (954) 955-7379.

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 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 for Religious

Retirement Fund for Religious annual collection
The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) announces that the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Miami on the weekend of Dec. 12-13, 2026. In 2025, Catholics across the archdiocese contributed $167,308.92 to the collection, mostly through their home parishes. For more information, visit retiredreligious.org or contact Robin Cabral by phone at (508) 685-8899 or by email at campaign@retiredreligious.org

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

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/wkkcg97
Registration for Young Adults (Ages 18-29):
https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/c6gusx5

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 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 Communications

Follow the Archdiocese of Miami on Social Media:

Please Include in your Parish Bulletin:

Facebook @ArchdioceseofMiami | @CatholicMiami | Instagram @CatholicMiami

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.

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.

Office of Communications, continued

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.

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.

Events

United by Faith, Called to Care: A Catholic Response to Mass Deportation

This event, which will focus on key issues related to the mass deportation of immigrants, will take place on Friday, Dec. 11, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Thomas University Convocation Hall, 16401 NW 37 Ave., Miami Gardens. Discussion topics will include the Catholic Church's position on immigration and enforcement; legal orientation; the status of sensitive locations such as parishes, schools, and hospitals; strategies for accompanying immigrant communities; approaches to public events and public witness; and effective communication strategies. Mass for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place at 5 p.m. following the event. Cost is $25 (lunch and light breakfast included). Register at https://www.eventbee.com/v/regional-convening-witness-to-hope-responding-to-mass-deportations/event?eid=250637335#/tickets