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to Miami's third shepherd
on the occasion
of his retirement

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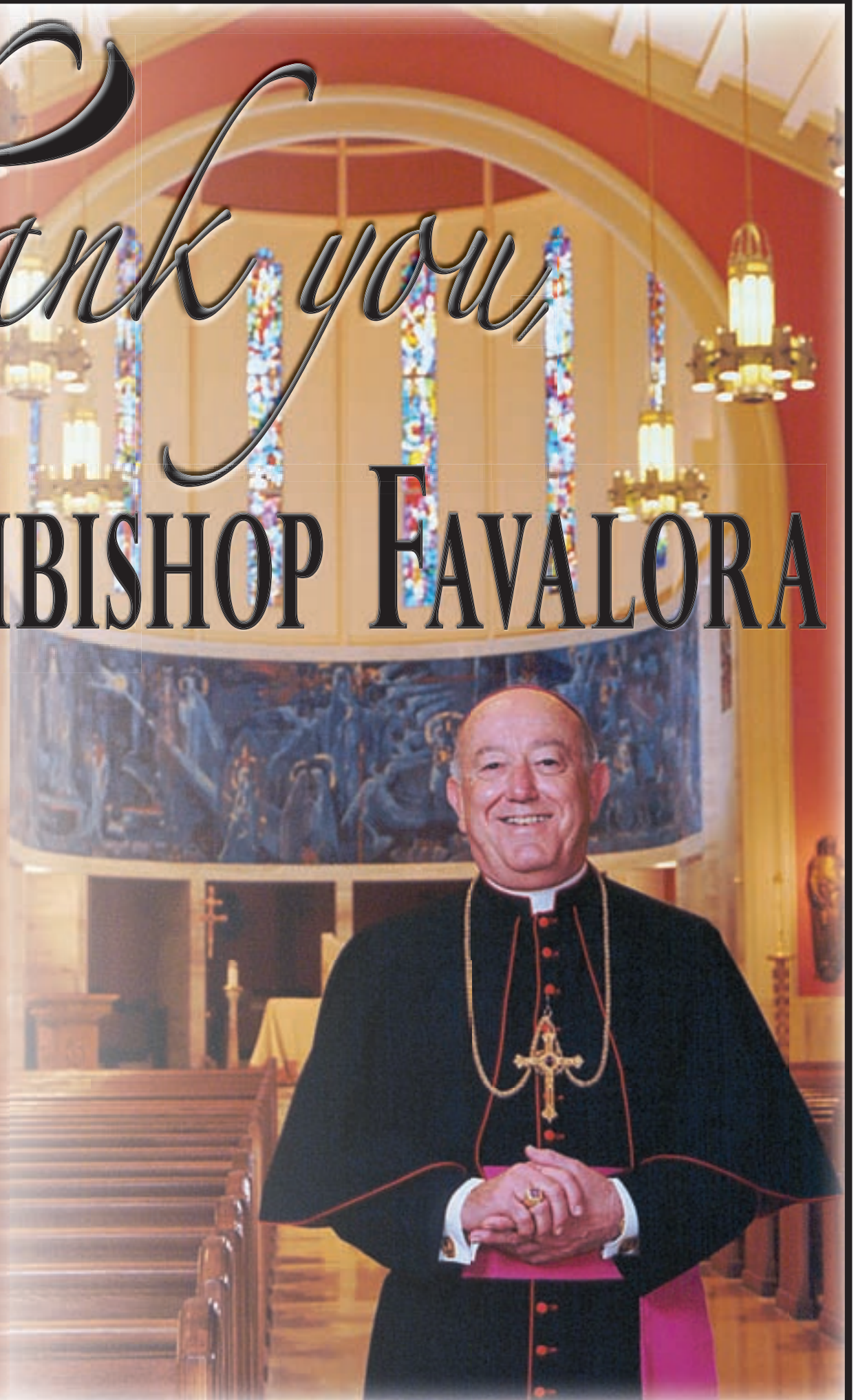
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Parting words

Archbishop John C. Favalora's takes on some hot-button issues

Most of the following quotes come from the press conference April 20 announcing the appointment of Archbishop Thomas Wenski as the fourth archbishop of Miami.

ON IMMIGRATION

"It was precisely our new archbishop (Archbishop Wenski) who taught me the complexities of immigration law. In a sense, even though I was his mentor, he was my mentor in this."

"All of us are immigrants. It's totally unacceptable that we don't address the immigration problems we have in this country. (While we need better enforcement and control of our borders) we don't solve those problems on the backs of families that are here, whether they're legal or illegal."

ON THE CLERGY SEXUAL ABUSE SCANDAL

"The Church is the leading organization in the U.S. that has (taken steps to ensure children are safe from abuse). The Church has been challenged. The Church

has come forth. Others could very well learn from the lead the Church has taken in the United States."

ON RETIREMENT

"I believe that it's time for me to get off the stage. I think it's time for me to move on. And I think that's a bit of wisdom that God has given me."

ON HIS LEGACY AS ARCHBISHOP

"History can judge that no matter what I say. I was given the mission to sanctify, to govern and to teach. I think that I have done that. In the time I've been here, I've kept the ship afloat."

ON THE NEED FOR PRAYER

His last words to the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, gathered for their annual convention May 2.

He recalled that he had always asked the women to "pray for me by name" rather than in a general way. Now, he said, "Pray for your new archbishop by name."



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Archbishop Favalora during the chrisam Mass in 2007. Liturgical celebrations such as that one with his priests are among the archbishop's fondest memories of his time in Miami.

Because as chief shepherd, he will need your prayers, just as I needed your prayers."

ON THE FUTURE

Referring to the first reading at the Mass he celebrated with Archbishop Wenski on the day of the announcement, which told of

the stoning of St. Stephen: "I'm trying to figure out whether that is a providential reflection on my tenure or a pro-

phetic voice for your tenure," he said, turning to his successor. "I think the truth of the matter is both." ■

BY THE NUMBERS

Archbishop John C. Favalora: By the numbers

61

The number of priests Archbishop Favalora has ordained during his tenure in the Archdiocese of Miami.

6

The number of archdiocesan priests who have been named bishops during Archbishop Favalora's tenure in Miami. In addition to his successor, Archbishop Thomas Wenski, they are: Bishop Robert Lynch of St. Petersburg; Auxiliary Bishops Gilberto Fernandez, Felipe Estevez and John Noonan; and Bishop Fernando Isern of Pueblo, Colo.

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The total number of archdiocesan priests who have been named bishops since the archdiocese was established. They include Bishop John Fitzpatrick of Brownsville, Texas; Bishop Rene Gracida of Pensacola-Tallahassee, and Corpus Christi, Texas; Auxiliary Bishops Agustin Roman and John Nevins (who retired as bishop of Venice); and Archbishop Ambrose Battista De Paoli, who served in the Vatican's diplomatic corps.

4

The number of pastoral letters written by Archbishop Favalora. His first two — "The Great Jubilee Year" and "The Star of Bethlehem" — coincided with the beginning and the end of the Jubilee Year 2000. His last two — "We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe" and "The Rosary: A Prayer for the Family" — coincided with the beginning and the end of the archdiocese's 50th anniversary celebration in 2008.

39

Number of seminarians studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Miami. Archbishop Favalora has supported both St. John Vianney College Seminary and St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary by being a strong role model of priestly formation and by attending Mass with the seminarians.

\$108 million

Amount raised by the Vision 2000 endowment campaign.



The Most Reverend Robert N. Lynch
and the
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Diocese of St. Petersburg

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The Most Reverend John Clement Favalora



Upon the occasion of his retirement as
Archbishop of Miami

We thank God for his 49 years of Priesthood and
24 years of Episcopacy,
5 of them in St. Petersburg!

With

our gratitude

God did provide

Archbishop Favalora reflects on the joys and disappointments of his time in Miami

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO

Florida Catholic staff

MIAMI — In April 1995, just a few months after being installed as archbishop of Miami, Archbishop John C. Favalora began the practice of sitting down each Monday morning to record “Conversations with the Archbishop.”

He explained that was his “media time” and it remained so for the next 15 years, interrupted only by travel, funerals or summer vacation.

The program consists of five segments, ideally no longer than 10 minutes each, which aired weekdays on Radio Peace, 710 AM and later 1040 AM. Since spring of last year, the program can be heard online at www.miamiarch.org.

On April 26, Archbishop Favalora sat down once more for another taping of “Conversations.” This time, he looked back on his tenure in Miami and his plans for retirement. Following is an edited version of those recordings.

Q: Last week at this time it was being announced that your retirement had been accepted by the Holy Father and that Bishop Thomas Wenski of Orlando is going to be Miami’s new archbishop. He’s returning to the place where he was ordained a priest, where he was auxiliary bishop. So we want the inside story. The rumors had been flying for months. Tell us how this whole process came about.

A: At the age of 75, every bishop has to turn in a letter of resignation to the Holy Father, and then the Holy Father makes a decision if he accepts it or not. Sometimes it can take a year or more for him to accept it. So I decided that it was best for the archdiocese that I do something on the front end instead of waiting for someone to be appointed a year

or so later, because of the complications of this diocese and the international complexities that are involved here.

Number two, because of the financial situation that we have been going through for the past two or three years, it would be important for the person who was going to come in to have time to understudy. That’s the reason why I asked for a coadjutor. A coadjutor is your successor being appointed ahead of time — usually not more than a year. Then he has the time to understudy things and to get an idea of what the situation is before he has to take over and make decisions. It’s also easier because sometimes in your last years as bishop you have to make decisions that will affect his future tenure, and it would be better to have him on the spot to be able to discuss things before you make the decision.

So I began a year and a half or so ago (September 2007) because the Roman congregation doesn’t move very quickly. The process is you have to request to make a request. In other words, I had to request permission to ask for a coadjutor. That took about two or three months. Then I had to prepare a complete report on the state of the diocese, and give three recommendations of (possible candidates) to the congregation. All of that was sent to Rome in January of 2009.

My understanding is that by May they actually began their investigation. They probably sent out 30 or 40 letters to people in the archdiocese — laypeople, religious, priests; then to bishops of the province; and I don’t know to whom else.

I discovered this February who the successor was going to be. When I discovered it was the man who had worked here 25 years and knew the place, spent more time here than I did, there didn’t seem

to be much sense in having him appointed as a coadjutor. He knew the place very well. There was no need to delay the transition, no reason for me to stay on until December. So I pursued with the papal nuncio the possibility of my presenting my resignation and having him appointed straightaway as the archbishop instead of the coadjutor.

So then I had to request (permission) to send a letter of resignation. That took a couple of months. It was all concluded the Monday of Holy Week. That’s when I knew that my resignation had been accepted and that we would make the announcement on April 20. So that’s the whole story. There’s nothing more.

As I said at the press conference, it isn’t my health. It’s simply the circumstances here. And frankly, I don’t have the stamina or the spirit that I had when I came here 15 years ago. It’s time for new eyes to look at things and new energy to be brought to the situation. As I said to somebody, being 74 is a health problem, no matter what your physical condition is; 74 should automatically be a health problem.

Q: What will you do now? Where will you live? What are your plans?

A: I will be moving into the house that Archbishop Edward McCarthy used to live in when he was archbishop. That has been convert-



FILE PHOTO

Archbishop Favalora smiles during the celebration of his 70th birthday by staff of the Pastoral Center.

ed into a residence with three suites in it. Auxiliary Bishop Felipe Estevez lives there and Msgr. William Hennessey, the vicar general, lives there. I will live there with them.

Q: So you’re going to stay in Miami. You’re not going to go to New Orleans?

A: I have my family home there so I’ll go back and forth. I haven’t decided exactly when. My suspicion is that I’ll spend winter

there, or some of the winter there, and the summers here. It’s better here in the summer than it is in New Orleans. It’s too humid in New Orleans. The breezes here are much better and it will give me a little taste of winter — not that there’s much in New Orleans normally.

Q: What strengths do you think Archbishop Wenski brings to Miami?

PLEASE SEE **ARCHBISHOP, A6**



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Archbishop Favalora stops to chat with Alexa Gomez, a pre-K4 student, during his visit Nov. 8, 2007, to Mother of Our Redeemer School in Miami when he blessed a new computer lab and library.



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Archbishop Favalora

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our school and for your many
years of dedicated service
leading our community's
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May God Bless You!



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Archbishop Favalora for his love
and care over the past sixteen years.
May God bless him during his retirement.*



*"He was faithful to the one who
appointed him, just as Moses was
faithful in God's house."*

Hebrews 3:2



Thank you,
Archbishop Favalora

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Parting gifts

Gardening tools, a chef's hat make for joke-filled farewell from auxiliary bishops

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO
Florida Catholic staff

MIAMI SHORES — Archbishop John C. Favalora's auxiliary bishops had a little fun while wishing him well in retirement. During a farewell lunch attended by Pastoral Center employees May 6, Auxiliary Bishop John Noonan confirmed his "prankster" reputation by unveiling a slew of retirement gifts for his boss. And he recruited his "brother Bishop" Felipe Estevez to help him pull it off.

Since the archbishop loves to cook and garden, Bishop Noonan's retirement gifts (which arrived hidden inside a black garbage bag) were:

- a genuine chef's hat;
 - a straw hat for protection from the sun;
 - assorted gardening tools;
 - gardener's gloves;
 - a set of barbecue utensils;
 - a lawn chair;
 - a hammock;
 - a can of mosquito repellent;
- and
- a gardener's cart for storage.
- Archbishop Favalora especially



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Archbishop Favalora puts on the straw hat that will shield him from the sun when he is gardening.

loved the straw hat, but upon seeing the low-slung chair, did inquire, "How am I going to get up from there?"

That's when Bishop Noonan pulled out the hammock.

At the end of the presentation, Bishop Noonan had only one question: "Are we still auxiliary bishops?"

"Yes," Archbishop Favalora deadpanned. "I no longer have a say on that." ■



Auxiliary Bishops Felipe Estevez, left, and John Noonan present Archbishop John C. Favalora with a garden tool cart as part of his retirement gifts.



At far left, Auxiliary Bishop John Noonan holds up the mosquito repellent that is part of Archbishop Favalora's retirement gift. At left, the archbishop dons a chef's hat.



*The family of the Diocese of Palm Beach offers
its prayerful best wishes to
Archbishop John Clement Favalora
on the occasion of his retirement as the
Metropolitan Archbishop of the Province of Miami.*

*He has been a good shepherd and faithful friend
to whom we offer our deep gratitude and
assurance of continued prayers.*

*Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito
Bishop of Palm Beach*



Thank you, Archbishop John Favalora, for
16 years of service to the Church of Miami

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Father William Elbert and Parishioners of
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ARCHBISHOP: 'My role as archbishop is to preach'

FROM A3

A: Well, the first and major strength is he knows the place. He has worked here over 25 years, as a pastor, as director of the Haitian apostolate. He's been the one who has really developed the ministry to the Haitian community and put them on the road to the wonderful leadership positions that they're taking not only in the Church, but in the civic community as well. He was director of Catholic Charities for a number of years and then he was auxiliary bishop here. So he has had as much experience as anyone would want. It's rare that someone comes in with as much understanding and appreciation of the diocese and the workings of the diocese as he has.

Number two, he has always been involved in the international community. He's been chairman of the U.S., bishops' Latin American Committee; he's been chairman of the International Relations Committee, the Immigration Committee. He has a master's degree in sociology, so he knows all of the current issues and topics that face Miami and its neighbors in the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

Number three, he has excellent linguistic skills. He is fluent in Creole — I mean he speaks Creole better than some Haitians do. And he's also extremely well-versed in Spanish. So he has a lot of qualifications and practical experience as the administrator of a large diocese like Orlando.

He also knows people. He's dealt with the civic community, for example, so he doesn't have to start finding out who's who. He knows them.

Q: Do you have a best memory or a best moment in Miami? What will stay with you?

A: Well, I always remember liturgical things a great deal, and every year, one of the joys that I celebrated was the Rite of Election on the first Sunday of Lent. That's when all of the people who are planning to be baptized and confirmed and receive Communion at the Easter Vigil come to the cathedral to be met personally by the archbishop.

Now we fill the cathedral three times (that weekend) — packed, jammed. Our numbers were hovering around 1,500 each year. As each one of them came up, I could shake their hand and look in their faces and just imagine what all of their grace stories are. That's always a wonderful experience.

It's also a wonderful memory to have the Chrism Mass with the priests on the Tuesday of Holy Week; to have that opportunity to speak to them as their bishop, as their spiritual father over the years. Those liturgical events are very, very meaningful.

I have many good memories. I just haven't sorted them out. And of course sometimes just a brief meeting, someone comes to see you in the office for something. Some of those things can be highly memorable. Some of them you can speak about, some of them you can't.

Q: What about your most difficult time here, your worst memory?

A: Dealing with the sexual abuse crisis, for every bishop, has been a very painful situation. Also, every bishop for the past three years has been dealing with serious financial situations. We were fortunate that we only had 14 mergers to make; there are dioceses that have 20, 30, 40, 50 churches that just simply have to close period, never mind merging, simply because you have no more funds. So that was a painful thing. But again, it's not unique to us.

What is also painful to me, I must say, now that I'm reflecting on it, is when I've had a priest come to me to ask for a leave of absence, to leave the priesthood. I spent many of my years in the formation of priests, as a vocation director and rector at two different seminaries. Even though I understand God calls and sometimes the call is not clearly discerned, and someone may need to leave, that's always a very painful thing for anyone, particularly for me.

I always try to take as much time with them as I can to help them discern. Unfortunately, not everybody comes to you to help discern the situation. Sometimes you don't know about it until they've already psychologically left. So those are always very painful moments.

Q: I know you do not like to answer this, but I am going to ask it anyway. Everybody says, what were your accomplishments here?

A: I was asked that at the press conference and the answer I gave is the correct answer as far as I'm concerned, for me. I don't think of accomplishments. I was sent here in my role as archbishop. My role as archbishop is to preach, to sanctify and to govern. If I have done that, then I have accomplished what my purpose is.

I'm sure if you asked the priests of the diocese, you'll get many different answers. It really doesn't matter. My point is to take the leadership when it's given to me and to preserve the teachings of the Church and hand them to the next person that comes. If I've done that, then that's my greatest accomplishment.

As far as my disappointments, oh, my God, there could be so many disappointments. But I never liked to dwell on disappointments. Everybody has disappointments. I often quote Nancy Regan after the president was shot. How do you deal

with this, she was asked. She said, "You play the hand that's dealt you." I believe that. If you dwell on your disappointments you are not going to be a happy person.

Q: Your motto is "God will provide." Have you found that to be true here in Miami?

A: Yes, absolutely. And if I ever had a concern about something, especially recently, after we've put a lot of effort and study and time into things, then I have Rosalia, my secretary, call the Discalced Carmelite Sisters. And I say, "Sisters, I want you to pray very hard for this or that or the other." Or sometimes I just say, "There's something that needs your attention and your prayers, please pray for it." I think God inspired me to bring them here because they are very special people in interceding on behalf of serious things. I wouldn't call them for foolish things, but they have been wonderful.

How I chose "*Deus Providebit*": The seminary in New Orleans was established in 1923 by Archbishop John Shaw and his episcopal motto was "*Deus Providebit*." It was on the entrance, carved in stone. So every day I worked there as rector I saw it.

The Latin term "*Deus Providebit*" comes really from the Hebrew. When Abraham was about to slaughter his son, Isaac, and all of a sudden the Lord kept his hand from doing so, and they discovered a ram and he slaughtered the ram. The Bible says this place shall be known as the equivalent in Hebrew of "*Deus Providebit*," God provides.

I really believe that. I've said that very, very often, when I am at my wit's end about certain things, I've always had to come back to that. So it's been a strength. It really has been something that's not just put on paper or a coat of arms. It's something that I believe in. It's a theology that I believe in, that this is God's Church, not mine. It isn't so much what I want, it's what he wants.

Q: What do you see yourself doing in retirement?

A: Well I like to read, I like to travel. I intend to visit friends, especially the retired bishops in the state. We worked together. I intend to visit with them, spend a little time with them, especially those who are old and ailing. I like to garden. I like to sit in the sun. I like to read outside. Then I'm going to work with the poor. That may take a number of dimensions, but when I'm here I intend to work at Mother Teresa's soup kitchen as well as Camillus House.

Q: You won't have meetings.

A: I will not attend another meeting. I'll attend gatherings, but meetings, no — nothing official anyway. They don't need me. They'll have better insights from other people. I've done that enough. ■

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Office of the Archbishop:

Official appointments

Archbishop John C. Favalora has made the following appointments:



Effective Aug. 1:

Father Enrique Delgado — pastor, St. Katharine Drexel, Weston.

Father Stephen Hilley — pastor, St. Justin Martyr, Key Largo.

Effective July 14:

Father Israel Mago — parochial vicar, Our Lady of the Lakes, Miami Lakes.

Effective July 1:

Father Bernard G. Kirlin — pastor, St. Mary Magdalen, Sunny Isles Beach.

Effective June 14:

Father Héctor Pérez — parochial vicar, St. James, North Miami.

Father Emmanuel Bastien — parochial vicar, Notre Dame d'Haiti Mission, Miami.

Father George Packuvettithara — parochial vicar, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Pembroke Pines.

Father Jean Jadotte — parochial vicar, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Cutler Bay.

Father Miguel Sepúlveda — parochial vicar, St. Edward, Pembroke Pines.

Effective June 1:

Msgr. Tomás M. Marín — pastor, St. Timothy, Miami.

Father Lucien Pierre — to the faculty at St. John Vianney College Seminary, Miami.

Effective April 1:

Father Charnel Jeanty — Archbishop's designee to the Board of Trustees of Barry University, Miami Shores, for a period of three years.

Effective March 22:

Deacon Henry González — permanent deacon, St. John Neumann Parish.

Archbishop Favalora has granted the following permissions:

Effective June 14:

Father Pedro Corces to pursue religious life with the Franciscan Fathers of the Province of the Holy Name, New York.

Effective June 30:

Father Thomas G. Honold to retire, ending his appointment as pastor of St. Mary Magdalen, Sunny Isles.

Effective July 1:

Father Patrick O'Neill to retire.

Effective Aug. 31:

Father Thomas Mannix Stack to retire.

From the Office of the Chancellor:

Our Lady of the Rosary Old Roman Catholic Church, Deerfield Beach, is not part of the Archdiocese of Miami nor in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church and Pope Benedict XVI.

Dear Archbishop Favalora,

Having the honor of knowing and loving you as our shepherd was a blessing to the people of our parish and the Archdiocese of Miami.

We are truly grateful for your leadership and dedication.

Our heartfelt wish for you in your retirement is many years of happiness and good health.

May the good Lord shine his light upon you forever.

Rev. Msgr. M. J. Cassidy, Pastor
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The Priests, Deacon and Parishioners of St. Agatha Parish and School say farewell to Archbishop John C. Favalora and wish him a very restful and blessed retirement.

Rev. Fr. Rolando G. Garcia
Pastor

Dear Archbishop Favalora,

We give thanks to God for your dedicated service as Good Shepherd of the Church of Miami and ask the Divine Shepherd to grant you good health and blessings in your retirement.

Affectionately yours in the Lord

Msgr. Brice, Fr's. Maroor and Alonso Sch. P,

and the faithful parishioners of

St. Paul the Apostle Church, Lighthouse Point



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Saint Monica Catholic Church

The Pastor, deacon and the entire members of St. Monica Parish thank the retiring Archbishop John Clement Favalora for his 16 years of dedicated service to the Archdiocese of Miami and wish him a happy retirement.

We also welcome Archbishop Thomas Wenski and promise him our full support and cooperation.

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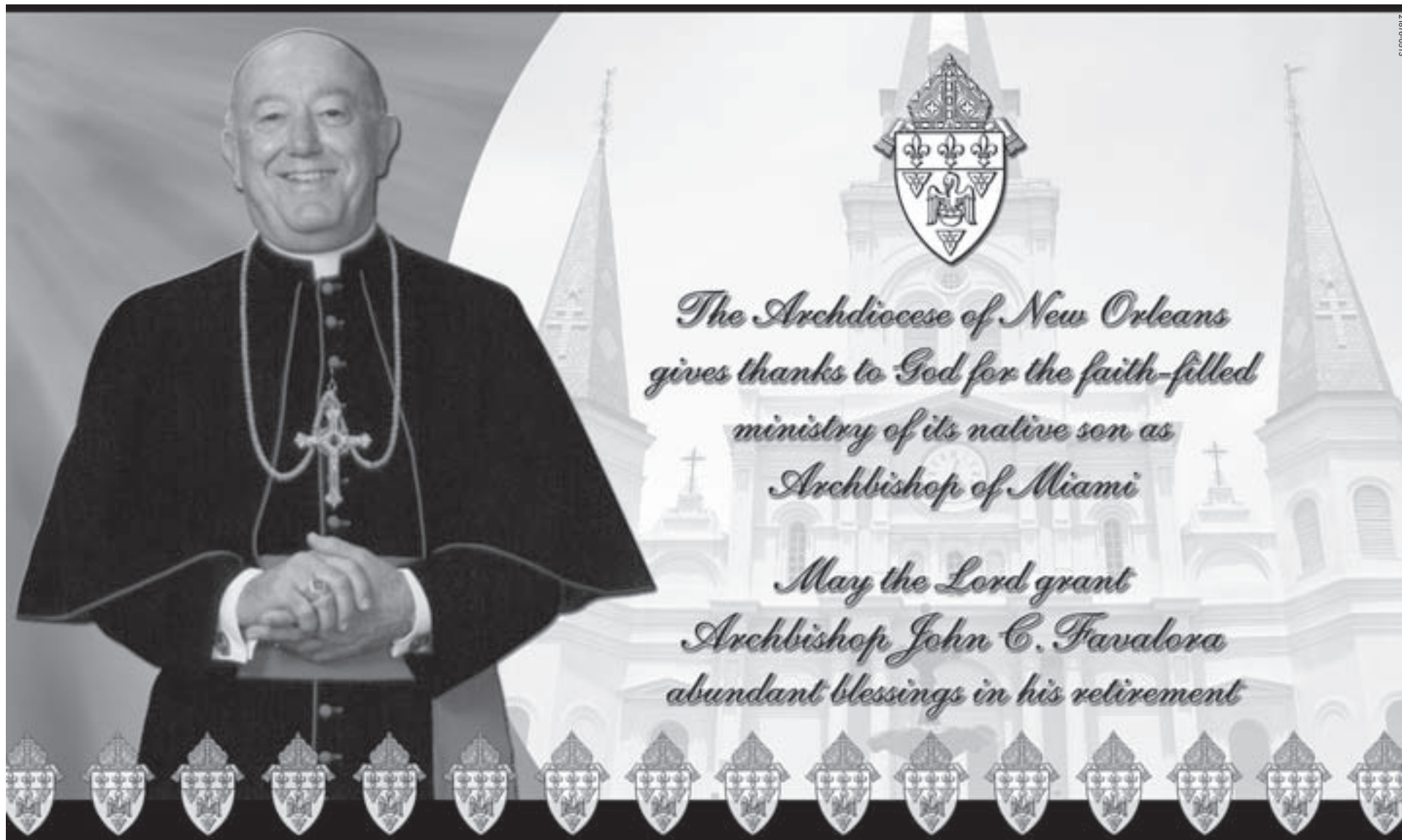
former Bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria

Thank you for your many years of service and may God bless you in your retirement



*Most Reverend Ronald P. Herzog, Bishop
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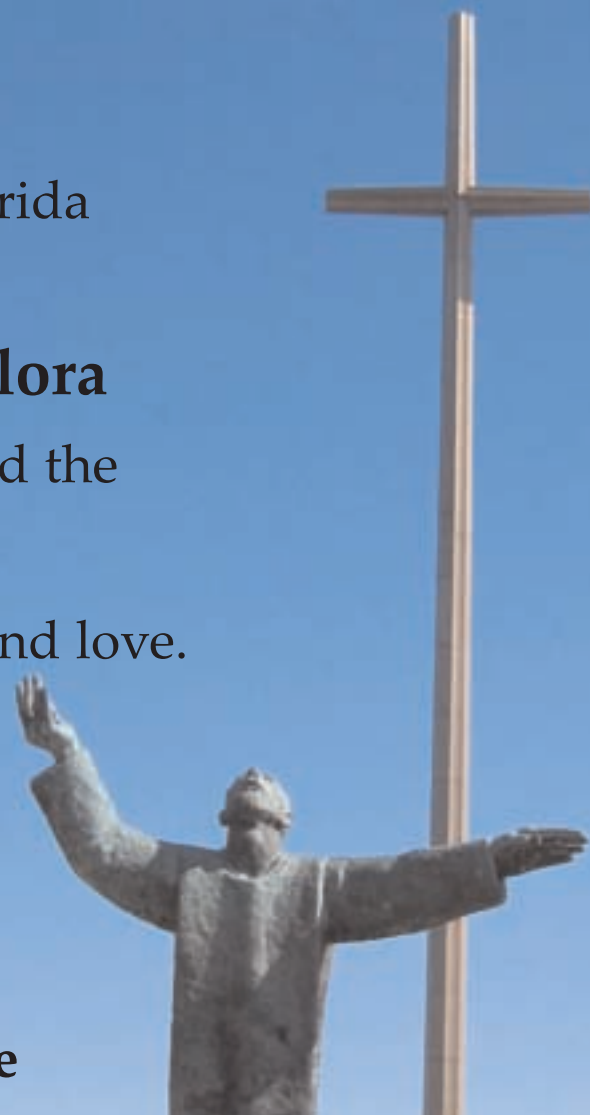


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who for the past 16 years has led the
Archdiocese of Miami
with his pastoral wisdom, vision and love.

Ad Multos Annos!



Diocese of Saint Augustine



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Archbishop John C. Favalora

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May God Continue to Bless You



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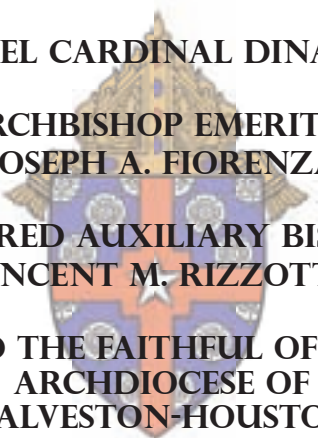
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FROM A13

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AUG. 15-16, 2009

The archdiocese announces the merger of eight parishes, five missions and one apostolate. Effective Nov. 1: Divine Mercy Haitian Mission merges into St. Clement Parish in Fort Lauderdale; Resurrection Parish in Dania merges into St. Maurice in Dania Beach; St. Charles Borromeo merges into St. Matthew in Hallandale; St. George merges into Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in Fort Lauderdale; St. Joseph Haitian Mission merges into St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Pompano Beach; St. Luke Parish in Coconut Creek and Our Lady Aparecida Brazilian

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ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC

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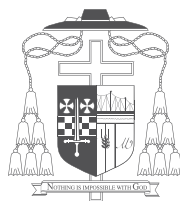
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NEWS *briefs*

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This vespers service will be an opportunity for those who have known and worked with Archbishop Favalora to bid him good wishes as he enters his retirement years. For information, call 305-759-4531.

Bishop Noonan to celebrate Gaelic Mass

Irish-born Auxiliary Bishop John Noonan will be the main celebrant of the annual Mass to commemorate the victims of the great Irish famine (*An Gorta Mor*, 1845-1850). The Mass will be celebrated Sunday, May 30, 3 p.m., at Little Flower Parish, 1805 Pierce St., Hollywood.

It will be followed by a "waking" for famine victims at The Field Soup Kitchen, 3281 Griffin Road, Dania Beach. The waking will feature free soup, music by "Echoes of Erin," Irish dancers and storytelling.

The Mass is sponsored by Irish-American organizations in south Florida and the goal also is to raise awareness about hunger in the world today. The date has been designated by the Irish government to commemorate this watershed event in Irish history.

"During the 'Great Hunger,' the Irish Catholics were put to the extreme test in keeping their faith, dying of pure hunger rather than accept soup from the Protestant missionaries," said Marie Smith, a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Miami Shores who is helping to organize the event.

For information, call 305-891-0715 or 954-522-4948.

Gallery features works by disabled artists

Schott Communities will open its art gallery, featuring the creative art and spirit of Schott's disabled artists, on Thursday, June 3, 6:30 p.m., at 6591 Flamingo Road, Cooper City.

Cooper City Mayor Debby Eisinger will be on hand for the official ribbon cutting, and attendees will be able to meet the artists and enjoy refreshments. The event is sponsored by the Prestige Club, which provides support to disadvantaged children and families in Broward County.

There is no charge, but reservations are required. Call 954-434-3306 for information.

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NEWSbriefs

St. Stephen opens retreat center

St. Stephen Parish now has a retreat center on the site of the old convent at 6081 S.W. 21 St., Miramar.

The St. Eugene De Mazenod Spiritual Center has 44 beds and a full kitchen with a stove and refrigerators. Each room is equipped with an air conditioner. There is a large meeting room along with two smaller rooms and a chapel.

"We have done some major renovations and have made it very comfortable for everyone," said parishioner Mary Raynor.

The rates are: \$40 per person, one night only; \$50 per person, two nights; \$65 per person, three nights; and \$30 per person, for team members or adult leaders staying overnight. Parish groups are welcome.

To tour the center, call Raynor at 954-981-4589 or 954-270-2770; or contact the parish office at 954-987-1100 and ask for Oblate Missionary Father Jonathan Closner.

Carmelite Friars return to Miami

The Discalced Carmelite Friars, who led the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Spiritual Life Center until its closing in July 2008, are opening a new house of prayer at 15710 N.W. 44 Court, Miami Gardens.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel House of Prayer will open to the public May 17, continuing the work started by Carmelite Fathers Eusebio Gómez and Lucio del Burgo and Brother Jorge Llorentes.

The new house of prayer will be staffed by Carmelite Fathers Lázaro René de la Fe, Miguel Gil-Díaz and Jorge Zurek, and Brother Llorentes.

Their mission will be to promote Carmelite spirituality in all its expressions and to accompany the different groups that come to the house searching for God in their lives.

The house will offer the following services in Spanish: courses in Christian and Carmelite spirituality for prayer groups, leaders of Christian communities, clergy, and religious; guided individual and group retreats; group retreats with their own guide; sacrament of reconciliation and spiritual direction (by appointment only); Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 a.m.; and Mass with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

For information, call 305-816-6468.

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NEWSbriefs

Catechist courses offered in summer

The archdiocese's Religious Education Department has scheduled its annual summer institutes for catechists in both Miami-Dade and Broward counties. The dates and courses to be offered are as follows:

Dade Summer Institute, June 14, 16, 18, 22 and 24, St. Thomas the Apostle School, 7303 S.W. 64th St., Miami:

- 9-11 a.m.: Teaching Religion Today (Level 1), Foundations of Catholicism (Level 1), Intro to the Old Testament (Level 2), Christology (Level 3), Liturgy (Level 4).

- 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.: Introduction to the Sacraments (Level 1), St. Paul's Letters (Level 3), Church History (Level 4).

- 2-4 p.m.: Intro to the New Testament (Level 2), Principles of Christian Morality (Level 3), Becoming Peacemakers (Level 4).

Broward Summer Institute, June 15, 17, 21, 23 and 25, All Saints School, 10900 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise:

- 9-11 a.m.: Teaching Religion Today (Level 1), Foundations of Catholicism (Level 1), Intro to the Old Testament (Level 2), Christology (Level 3).

- 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.: Introduction to the Sacraments (Level 1), Church History (Level 4).

- 2-4 p.m.: Teaching Religion Today (Level 1), Principles of Christian Morality (Level 3), Becoming Peacemakers (Level 4).

Fees are \$35 per course (\$45 after June 1). Checks should be made payable to the Archdiocese of Miami. For more information, call Anyely Garcia at 305-762-1107.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

"Night of the Arts," Thursday, May 20, 6-9 p.m., Our Lady of the Lakes School, 6600 Miami Lakeway N., Miami Lakes. Display of student artwork, music and dance performances. 305-362-5315.

"Celebrating Our Heroes," Friday, May 21, St. Bonaventure Parish Center, 1301 S.W. 136 St., Davie. Schott Communities' dinner dance and awards presentation, honoring Vicky Bovee, Ursula Eivers, Rosa Martinez and Freda Stein. Information: 954-434-3306.

Communion breakfast, Broward Council of Catholic Women, Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m., St. Paul the Apostle, 2700 N.E. 36 St., Lighthouse Point. Begins with Mass at 9 a.m. followed by breakfast and speaker. \$10 per person. Hosted by St. Paul the Apostle Council of Catholic Women. 954-941-3238.

Father James P. Murphy, 40th anniversary of ordination, Saturday, May 22, 6 p.m., Our Lady of the Lakes, 6600 Miami Lakeway

N., Miami Lakes. Mass followed by reception in parish center. 305-558-2202.

St. Rose of Lima 22nd annual golf and tennis classic, Sunday, May 23, Miami Shores Country Club, 10000 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores. Registration begins 10:30 a.m., shotgun start at 1 p.m. Dinner and awards ceremony follow. Proceeds will benefit the school. Information: <http://strosegolf.golfregistrations.com>.

Blessed Trinity 24th annual golf tournament, Saturday, June 5, 7 a.m. Fun, fellowship and great prizes. Awards ceremony, auction and luncheon at the parish hall immediately following the tournament. Participants and sponsors welcome. 305-807-3736, ivannia@mac.com.

FAITH EDUCATION

Southeast Pastoral Institute, SEPI, 7700 S.W. 56 St., Miami. Registration: 305-279-2333, www.sepiami.org.

• **Immersion in Spanish language and culture,** May

30-June 17. A three-week course providing necessary communication skills in Spanish for daily life situations. Designed for priests, laity and religious.

• **"Planificación y Evaluación Pastoral", técnicas concretas para desarrollar un plan pastoral dentro de la misión total de la Iglesia. 24 de mayo-11 de junio.**

Summer Institute courses, sponsored by the Department of Religious Education. Registration: \$35; \$45 after June 1. Information: 305-762-1107.

• Broward County: June 15, 17, 21, 23, 25, All Saints School, Sunrise, 9-11 a.m.: Teaching Religion Today (I), Foundations of Catholicism (I), Intro to the Old Testament (II), Christology (III); 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.: Introduction to the Sacraments (I), Church History (IV); 2-4 p.m.: Teaching Religion Today (I), Principles of Christian Morality (III), Becoming Peacemakers (IV).

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MASSES

Gaelic Mass, Sunday, May 30, 3 p.m., Little Flower Parish, 1805 Pierce St., Hollywood. Commemorates victims of the great Irish famine (*An Gorta Mor*) who are buried in mass graves in Ireland and around the world. Main celebrant: Bishop John Noonan. Sponsored by Irish-American organizations in south Florida. www.littleflowerhwd.org or 954-922-3517.

Broward County Red Mass, Wednesday, June 2, 6 p.m., St. Anthony Parish, 901 N.E. Second St., Fort Lauderdale. For legal professionals to reaffirm their commitment to justice and their faith. Sponsored by St. Thomas More Society of South Florida. Reception and dinner at Marriott Harbor Beach Resort. Keynote speaker: U.S. Sen. George LeMieux. Cost: \$65. Limited seating; reserve by May 14. 954-776-1600.

RETREATS/DAYS OF REFLECTION

MorningStar Renewal Center, 7275 S.W. 124 St., Pinecrest. Registration required for all programs. 305-238-4367, ext. 102, or visit www.morningstarrenewal.org.

• **"Missionaries in Our Midst: The Church of the Americas,"** Wednesday, May 19, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Share the experience of missions throughout the world through the experiences of missionaries. \$15 per person; a simple dinner will be offered.

• **"Oneness in Marriage,"** Thursday, May 20, 7-9:30 p.m. Seminar on working through challenges, building commitment. Presented by Jonathan and Carla Jannarone of St. John Neumann Married Couples Ministry. \$30 per couple, includes wine and cheese reception.

MIAMI ARCHDIOCESE COMMUNITY PAGE SUBMISSION DEADLINES

The Florida Catholic welcomes calendar items of parish/organization events that are open to the whole archdiocese. There is no charge but items must be in the Miami office at least six weeks before the event. To list an event both on the Web site and in the newspaper, go to www.miamiarch.org, click on the banner "announce your event for free" and follow the instructions. For publication dates and deadlines, go to www.miamiarch.org and click on "news." Notices may be sent by e-mail: arsoto@theadom.org; fax: 305-762-1132; mail: The Florida Catholic, 9401 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33138.

Experiencia de Emaús para caballeros, 21-23 de mayo, iglesia Our Lady of Lourdes, 11291 S.W. 142 Ave., Miami; basada en Lc. 24:13-35, lleva a los participantes a descubrir a Jesús en sus vidas. Inscripción: 305-387-9287.

Impacto 358, 22 y 23 de mayo, iglesia St. Joachim, 19150 S.W. 117 Ave., Miami. Para familias con hijos de 3 a 11 años. Inscripción en línea: www.impactos.org. Información: 305-571-7111.

"Pentecostés: Soplo de Vida", 28-29 de mayo, iglesia All Saints, 10900 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise. Retiro de pentecostés con los sacerdotes Aníbal Morales y Néstor López. Ven y recibe un nuevo pentecostés que cambiará tu vida. Invita el ministerio católico Holy Trinity. 954-588-7229, www.holytm.org.

To Encounter Christ, SONshine TEC 10, May 29-31, Youth Center, 3333 S. Miami Ave., Miami. Offers youths and young adults an experience of the paschal mystery of Jesus. 305-664-0086, www.teconference.org.

Emmaus experience for men, June 11-13, Our Lady of Lourdes, 11291 S.W., 142 Ave., Miami. The experience, based on Luke 24:13-35, leads participants to discover Jesus in their lives. Registration: 305-345-5386.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Virtus workshops: To help parents, teachers and anyone who works with children recognize signs of sexual abuse and spot abusers. Free. All sessions in English, except where noted. Information: 305-762-1250 or jrayburn@theadom.org.

• Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m., St. Louis Parish, Pinecrest.

• Wednesday, May 26, 6 p.m., Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy School, Southwest Ranches.

SCHOOL EVENTS

"The Transition to Pre-K," Thursday, May 20, 6:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Lakes School, 6600 Miami Lakeway N., Miami Lakes. Workshop for parents and their prekindergarten-aged children, to help parents understand the benefits of enrolling their child in a VPK program, the daily routine and curriculum structure. Also, "Bridging the Gap: Helping Your Child Adjust to His/Her New School Environment and How to Establish Vital Connections Between Educator, Child, Parents, and Caregivers." Free. Creative activities will be provided. Reservations required: 305-362-5315, ypelaez@ollnet.com.

Chaminade-Madonna 50th jubilee Mass and picnic, Saturday, May 22, 4 p.m., 500 E. Chaminade Drive, Hollywood. Join the celebration of 50 years of Catholic education with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop John

C. Favalora in the gym, followed by picnic on school grounds. Free admission; bring the whole family. Information: www.cmlions.org.

St. John the Apostle open house and school fair, Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 479 E. Fourth St., Hialeah. Come see what the school is all about. Offering Catapult Title I, YMCA after-school care and summer camp. Learn how you may qualify for free tuition, lunch and breakfast. Meet Home and School Board, current students and parents. Applications will be available. Limited space remains in some grades. 305-888-6819.

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SPIRITUAL

Vespers with Archbishop Favalora, Sunday, May 16, 3 p.m., St. Mary Cathedral, 7525 N.W. Second Ave., Miami. For religious and laity of the archdiocese, an opportunity for those who have known and worked with the archbishop to bid him good wishes as he enters his retirement years. 305-759-4531.


Rosario, misa y homenaje a las madres, domingo, 16 de mayo, comenzando a las 5 p.m., iglesia St. Martha, 9301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores. Auspiciado por la Cofradía de Nuestra Señora de Chiquinquira. Seguido por exposición de arte peruano; invitados especiales: Iván Van, de Radio Caracol, Paola Andrea, y coral "Cantar de los Cantares", entre otros. 305-762-1146, www.virgendetichiquinquira.org.

Magnificat luncheon, Saturday, May 29, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Bernadette Hall, 11291 S.W. 142 Ave., Miami. Come together in God's presence to listen, eat, sing and pray. www.magnificatmiami.com, 305-205-5599.


VOCATIONS

Vocations discernment group for men 18 or older considering a vocation to the priesthood. Call for information about meetings in the archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 305-762-1137 or vocations@theadom.org.

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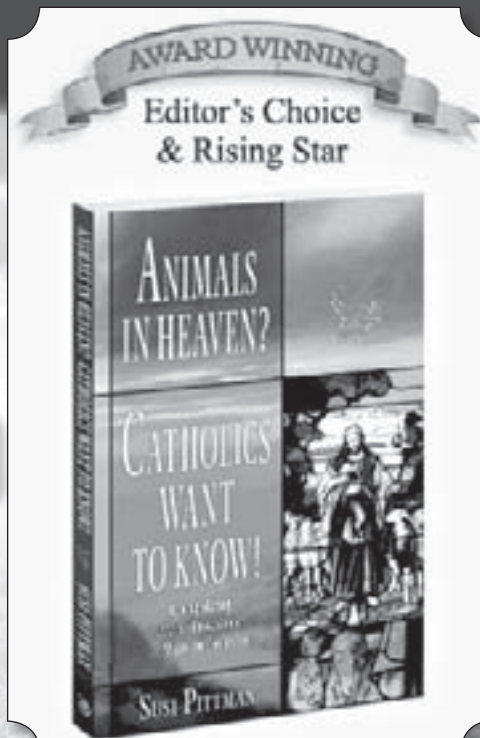
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Father Giovanni Peña imparts his first blessing — and a kiss — to his mother, Luz Caicedo de Peña.



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Father Jesus "Jets" Medina laughs as he greets a fellow priest at the end of the ordination rite.



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Father Luis Rivero gives his first blessing to his mother, Marisa Rivero, after his ordination May 8.



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Father Armando Tolosa greets a fellow priest at the end of the ordination rite May 8.

Four new priests, four faith journeys

Two from Colombia, one from Spain, one from the Philippines are ordained for Miami

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Florida Catholic staff

MIAMI — After three girls, he was "the most-awaited son."

"I even walked on my knees from the door of the church," said Consortia Medina, recalling how she prayed to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in her native Philippines.

When Jesus Medina finally was born, his name was deliberately chosen.

"I offered him to God," said Consortia Medina, known as Connie, and now a member of St. Martha Parish in Miami Shores.

On May 8, 45 years after that offering, her first-born son became a priest of the Archdiocese of Miami.

"I'm not losing him. I offered him. I know he is in God's hands," said a "nervous" Medina as she waited for the ordination Mass to begin.

Father "Jets" Medina was among the last four priests to be ordained for the archdiocese by Archbishop John C. Favalora, who has ordained a total of 61 during his 15-year tenure here.

Two others who were ordained with him also came to south Florida from elsewhere: Father Giovanni de Jesus Peña, 45, and Father Armando Tolosa, 40, came from Colombia. A fourth, Father Luis Rivero, 28, was born in Spain but grew up in Miami.

The stories of the new priests reveal how divine providence works in meandering, mysterious ways — and how God often makes his

call heard through human voices.

FATHER MEDINA

After 10 years working as a pilot for Philippine Airlines, Father Medina was invited to come to Miami by his mother, who had settled here a decade earlier. He thought he could continue his career as a pilot for an American airline — he is FAA-licensed as both a flight engineer and a transport pilot — but he arrived in September 2001 — not the best time for the airline industry.

While waiting for a pilot opening, he began volunteering at St. Mar-

tha, his mother's parish.

"I enjoyed volunteering," said Father Medina, 45, "first music ministry and then working in the office; then cleaning the hall, and then the bathrooms."

All the while, St. Martha's pastor, Father Federico Capdepon, "this very charismatic parish priest... every day would tell me, 'I think, Jets, you have a vocation.' I told him, 'Father Federico, after I get my job call, I'm out of here.'"

In 2004, "Jets" Medina entered the seminary. He is the first Filipino priest ordained for Miami.

FATHER PEÑA

Born in Medellín, Colombia, Father Peña earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural technology. For several years, he worked for Banacol, a company that exports bananas and other tropical fruits to the world. In September 1993, he came to south Florida and worked in Cuban bakeries to support himself.

"I learned everything about the bakery," he recalled. "Oven. Bread. Doughnuts. Everything."

He also joined St. Dominic Parish in Miami, where a Dominican priest, Father Desiderio Eguino,

better known as Father Yeyo, "told me, 'Giovanni, why don't you try to think about the priesthood?' In that moment, I began to think about my discernment process."

He went to several retreats at the Trappist monastery in Conyers, Ga., and met with the archdiocese's then-vocations director, Father Pedro Corcos. In 2004, he entered the seminary. He is the first priest in his family.

"It gave me great joy that he had a vocation," said his mother, Luz Caicedo de Peña, who finally was able to see her son after a 17-year separation. "I did not think God would give me so many years of life, to watch him become a priest. God has given me this gift."

FATHER RIVERO

He is a Spaniard, born in what he describes as "paradise," Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands. But Father Rivero grew up in southwestern Miami-Dade County, and graduated from St. Brendan High School.

It would have seemed he was destined for a lucrative career in business. While in high school, he began working at a furniture store, eventually moving up to operations manager, where he supervised the work of people much older than him.

Yet he entered the seminary — St. John Vianney, next door to St. Brendan — right out of high school.

"I always had the curiosity of the priesthood," he recalled. "I would go to Mass and ask my mom when



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Archbishop Favalora offers some parting words to the newly ordained outside St. Mary Cathedral.

PLEASE SEE **ORDINATION**, A23

ORDINATION: In his final ordination, Archbishop Favalora welcomes four new priests into the archdiocesan family

FROM A22

I was very little — she tells me, I don't remember — that I wanted to serve."

He served as an acolyte and religious education teacher at his parish, St. Timothy, where the associate pastor at the time, Father Marcos Somarriba, saw something in him.

"I knew since I first met him. We talked a lot. I told him he was meant for the priesthood," said Father Somarriba, now pastor of St. Kieran Parish in Miami. "For me, he is like my replacement. He is the type of priest I wish (to minister) to my family."

"Yeah, I had a promising career, but I didn't lose it," Father Rivero said. "No one took it away from me. I gave it up freely. I knew that wasn't going to bring me happiness."

FATHER TOLOSA

A native of Rio Negro, a small town in the region of Colombia whose capital is Bucaramanga, Father Tolosa is one of 24 children, the youngest of nine from his father's second marriage. He studied finance and accounting but never practiced it, working instead as a consultant engineer for petroleum companies.

At one point, he started his own consulting business, but when it faltered in 2000, he came to south Florida. His goal was "to pay my debts and go back to Colombia to make another business."

He worked odd jobs here to support himself — busboy, waiter, dish-



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A woman kisses the hands of Father Armando Tolosa after receiving a blessing after the ordination ceremony May 8.

washer — and joined San Isidro Parish in Pompano Beach, where Father Roberto Garza, the archdiocese's current vocations director, was pastor. After a long spell of working 50 to 60 hours a week, he decided he needed a break and took part in a Growing in the Spirit retreat.

"Something happened that weekend," he recalled, that moved him to grow closer to the Church and the Lord. "I was really hungry and thirsty for God."

He entered the seminary in 2004. Although his family is very devout, he had never considered the priesthood before, but said he does remember always playing one of the Twelve Apostles in the Holy Week processions in his hometown.

"We just went around the town in a truck and we just ate grapes and



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With the imposition of hands, Archbishop Favalora ordains Giovanni Peña as a priest of the Archdiocese of Miami.

bread and just represented the Last Supper with Jesus," he said. "I think the Lord had planted that seed in my heart, all those moments in my childhood, and now when I came to this country, just with a different purpose, God just broke my contract. He said, 'I have a new contract for you right now, Armando.'" ■

Listen to the vocations stories of the new priests at www.miamiarch.org, by clicking on "Conversations with Archbishop Favalora" and going to the segments for May 4, 5, 6 and 7.



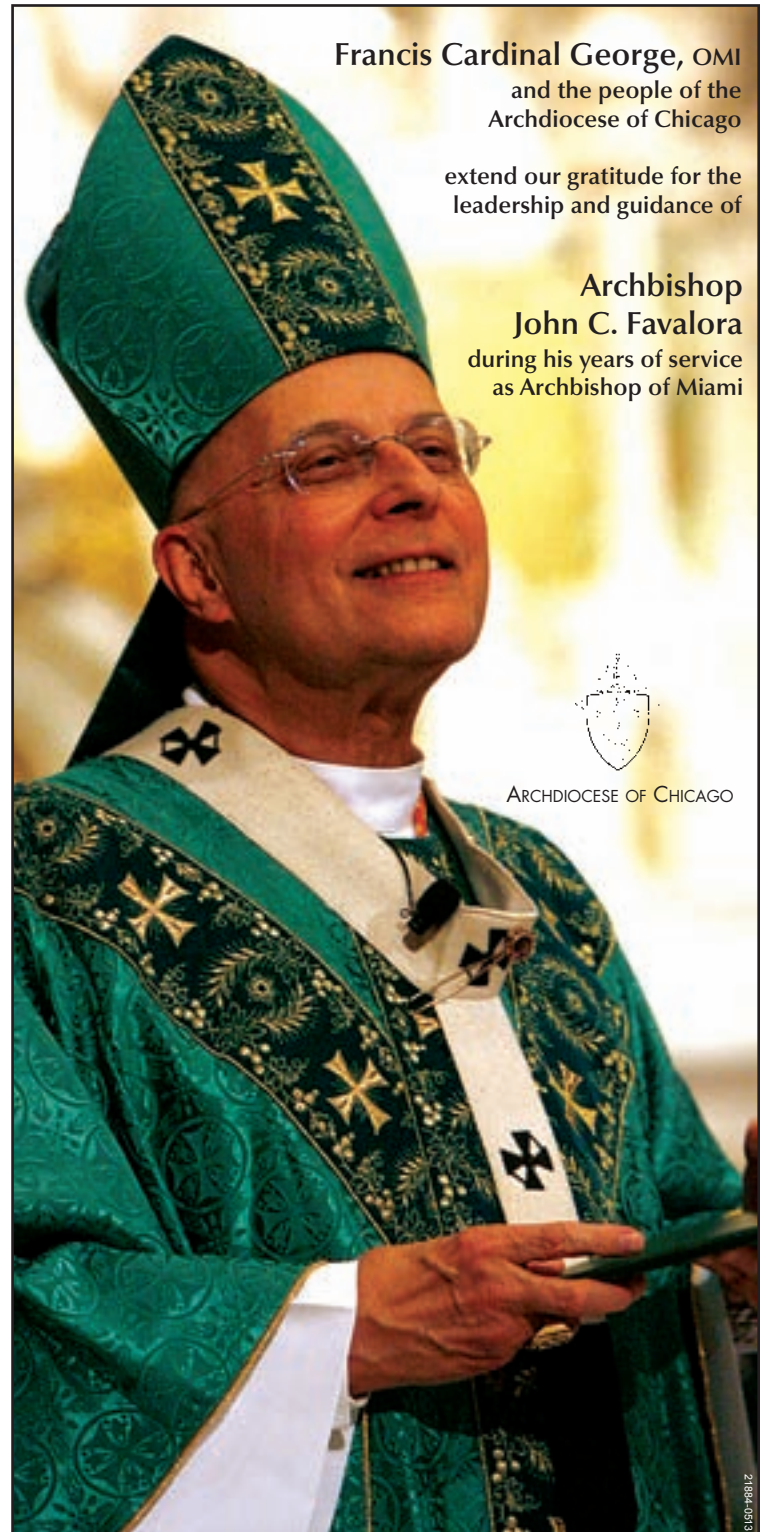
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Father Jesus "Jets" Medina imparts his first blessing to his mother, Consortia Medina.

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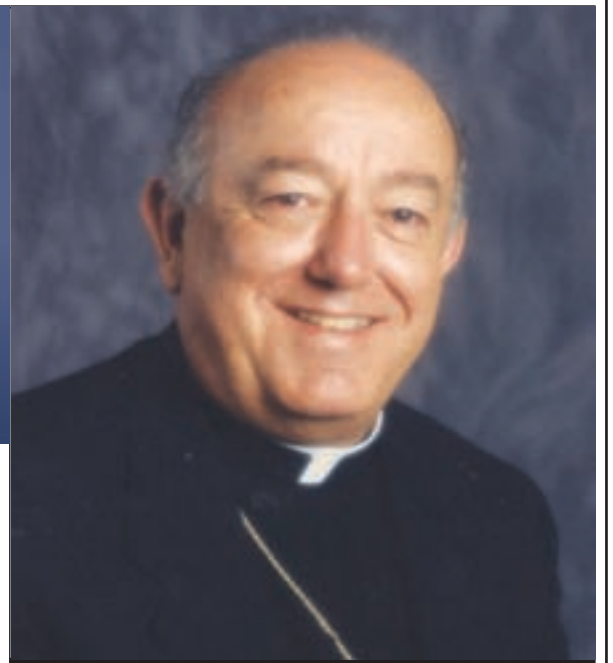
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ARCHBISHOP JOHN C. FAVALORA

Born Dec. 5, 1935, in New Orleans, Archbishop Favalora is the only child of an Italian grocer and a Cajun homemaker. He attended the all-boys Jesuit High School in New Orleans and entered the seminary in the New Orleans area after graduation. He completed his theology studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and was ordained there on Dec. 20, 1961, for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He worked as a seminary high school teacher, seminary rector, archbishop's secretary, judge in the tribunal, pastor, director of the permanent diaconate office and vocations director until being named the first bishop of Alexandria, La., on June 23, 1986. On March 7, 1989, he was named bishop of St. Petersburg, and on Nov. 3, 1994, he was appointed Miami's third archbishop. In addition to degrees in theology, he earned certification as a Latin and social studies teacher from Xavier University in New Orleans and a master's in education from Tulane University.



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What he did before becoming a priest:

He entered the seminary right after high school.

When he knew he wanted to be a priest:

As a high school senior, he seriously considered joining the Jesuits, but decided against it for fear that he would spend more time teaching than doing parish work. Ironically, he spent 17 years of his priesthood working as a teacher and considers teaching the primary role of a bishop.

Person or event that triggered his vocation:

The example of his Jesuit teachers and his own attendance at daily Mass.

On teaching:

"I was teaching high school (boys). It absolutely is tough. ... But I enjoyed my teaching years very, very much. I would say there's probably nothing that I did that prepared me better to be a bishop than that. Because my chief role as bishop is a teacher."

What he would be doing if he had not become a priest:

"I thought of medicine, but didn't like science. I thought of law. I thought of architecture, but couldn't draw. Probably the architecture is what I still like to dabble in."

'I guess I've never perceived myself as a worrier.'

Favorite aspect of the priesthood:

Preaching and hearing confessions. "Preaching and teaching are very much united. My vision, my image there, is Jesus preaching to the crowds. It's the teacher's challenge of whetting someone's appetite so that their mind gets moving or their heart gets moving in the right direction."

Confession is similar, except the experience is one on one. "It's the dialogue between Jesus and one other person. It's that challenge that you have as an instrument of God's grace to choose the right words, to pray for the enlightenment to say the right thing that will dispose that person to be as open to God's grace as possible."



Archbishop Favalora is shown here chatting with the confirmation class at St. Stephen School in Miramar in 2006. "I still enjoy visiting schools and spending a period just taking questions from (kids)."

Most difficult aspect of being a priest:

"Being misunderstood. ... In an instance when the Church might be delivering a teaching that is very hard to hear, you very much feel as Jesus did in the Gospel, when he preached about the Eucharist and many of his close disciples walked away and never returned. ... I guess that's where I have the most difficulty, embracing the cross lovingly. I think, rather naturally speaking, you want to run away from the cross. You want to disassociate yourself from the cross. Yet you know that to do that would be to deny the Lord."

What he does on his day off:

He loves to cook and tend to his herb garden; or sit in the sun and read.

Favorite TV series:

"The Honeymooners" (he has the complete series) and "Everybody Loves Raymond."

Favorite type of music:

Classical

Thing he most fears:

Not much. His episcopal motto is "God will provide." "I guess I've never perceived myself as a worrier. I try to deal with whatever comes," make a decision and move on. "You may find out tomorrow or next month or next year that the decision was wrong. Then my answer is, we'll change our position. If it indeed is wrong, I don't have any problem saying that."