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## ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI

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JUNE 1, 2010*



Archbishop Thomas Wenski gives a small child a blessing outside the cathedral after his installation.



Archbishop Thomas Wenski, left, embraces his predecessor, Archbishop John C. Favalora, during the sign of peace.



Throngs of people play music and dance outside St. Mary Cathedral as they wait for their new archbishop to emerge.



COMPLETE INSTALLATION  
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# ‘Let us start afresh from Christ’

At installation Mass, Archbishop Thomas Wenski exhorts Catholics to enter public square, revitalize their faith

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO

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**MIAMI** — The deluge let up just as the festivities began.

Two hours later, Archbishop Thomas Wenski emerged from St. Mary Cathedral into bright sunlight, having officially been installed as Miami's fourth archbishop.

On a rain-soaked June 1, the first day of the hurricane season, as the archbishop himself noted, this descendant of Polish immigrants — a man born during a hurricane — became the first native son to take the staff as chief shepherd of south Florida's 1.3 million Catholics.

“Hopefully, this is not a prophecy,” Archbishop Wenski joked as the rains fell earlier in the day during a brunch for bishops, friends and family members that preceded the installation Mass.

The downpours reminded Father John McLaughlin, a retired archdiocesan priest, of the days of the late Archbishop Edward McCarthy, whose tenure as Miami's second archbishop seemed always to be “blessed,” as he put it, by rain.

It was obvious, however, as Archbishop Wenski stepped onto the drenched red carpet leading up to the cathedral doors, that he will add his own inimitable touch to his tenure here: He will not mince words and he will have plenty to say.

An outspoken advocate of immigrants and human rights since his days as a priest among Miami's Haitian community, the new arch-



Archbishop Thomas Wenski, the new archbishop of Miami, is interviewed by the press outside the cathedral after his installation ceremony.

bishop paused for impromptu news conferences both before making his way into the cathedral and afterward.

He preached his homily in fluent English, Spanish and Creole — the three languages he learned while growing up in Lake Worth, attending the seminary in Miami and working as a priest in Little Haiti.

He urged south Florida's Catholics to “involve themselves in the public square and do so coherently and unapologetically.”

He told them that “the sins” that



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Archbishop Thomas Wenski, center, celebrates Mass during his installation ceremony as archbishop of Miami.

weaken the Church from inside can only be healed by conversion, by focusing on “no other treasure but that: the gift of encounter with Jesus Christ.”

He summarized the Church's social justice teachings in five words: “No man is a problem,” adding, “When we see another human being as a problem, we often give ourselves permission to look for expe-

dient but not just solutions.”

He also told Miami's Catholics, buffeted in recent months by financial woes that forced the merging of parishes, the closings of schools and the shuttering of ministries, not to “feel sorry for ourselves. Our brothers and sisters in Haiti, Cuba and elsewhere have challenges much more daunting than our own — with far less resources than we

have.”

“We begin a new chapter in the history of this local Church,” Archbishop Wenski concluded, “and so, this is the time for us all — priests, deacons, religious and members of Christ's faithful — to assess our fervor and to find fresh enthusiasm for the spiritual and pastoral responsibilities that lie ahead of us. ... Let us start afresh from Christ.” ■

## TIMELINE OF AN INSTALLATION:

### A KNOCK ...



### A BULL ...



Left, Archbishop Thomas Wenski knocks on the doors of St. Mary Cathedral. Above, Msgr. Michael Souckar, archdiocesan chancellor, holds up the papal bull, the apostolic letter appointing Archbishop Wenski as fourth archbishop of Miami, for all to see. Right, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, left, papal nuncio, and Archbishop John C. Favalora, right, now archbishop emeritus of Miami, escort Archbishop Wenski to the cathedra, or bishop's chair.

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## NEWSbriefs

### Three priests to be honored

Three priests who have worked in the archdiocese for decades are being honored by their respective communities this month.

Franciscan Father William F. Collins, founder of the Poverello Center in Wilton Manors, is marking the golden jubilee of his priesthood this year. He will be honored at a dinner Saturday, June 26, 6 p.m., at the Fort Lauderdale-Broward County Convention Center, 1950 Eisenhower Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.

Father Collins began the Poverello Center about 23 years ago. While serving as chaplain at Imperial Point Medical Center, he found himself ministering to people with HIV/AIDS who had been abandoned by their families and friends and were in desperate need of food and shelter.

First using his own money, Father Collins tried to provide for the needs of those he met. When that wasn't enough, he began begging for help from other churches, synagogues and grocery stores. Finally, he and a group of supporters established a nonprofit corporation, the Poverello Thrift Store and Food Bank in Pompano Beach.

Today, the Poverello Center operates a food bank and thrift shop

out of a storefront facility at 2292 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors. As of 2010, they have served over 12,000 clients. Last year, they distributed enough food to provide more than 1 million meals to people living below the federal poverty guidelines.

Tickets for the celebration may be purchased online at [www.poverello.org](http://www.poverello.org) or by calling 954-561-3663.

Father Jose "Pepito" Garcia, currently retired but serving at St. Kevin Parish in Miami, will be honored at a luncheon June 27, 2 p.m., at Signature Gardens, 12725 S.W. 122 Ave., Miami. He also will have a street named in his honor: Bird Road from 117 to 127 Avenues will be known as "Padre Jose Pepito Way."

Father Garcia is marking 58 years of priesthood, nearly 28 of those in the archdiocese. Ordained in 1952, he arrived in south Florida in 1981 and began working at St. Timothy Parish in Miami. He has been at St. Kevin since 1987, and retired in June 2009.

Tickets to the luncheon are \$33 per person and may be obtained by e-mailing [fbritz57@gmail.com](mailto:fbritz57@gmail.com) or [jmdoradol@aol.com](mailto:jmdoradol@aol.com).

The community of St. Mark, 5601 S. Flamingo Road, Southwest Ranches, hosted a retirement Mass for Father Mannix Stack on Sunday, June 6.

Born in Ireland, Father Stack will

turn 90 this August. He has spent 72 years in religious life: 35 years as a brother and 37 as a priest. He joined the Presentation Brothers in 1939 and taught in Ireland, Grenada, Barbados and St. Lucia until 1970, when he entered the seminary.

He was ordained for the Diocese of St. Lucia, West Indies, in 1973 and came to the archdiocese in 1978, where his brother, Father Christopher Stack, was pastor at Sacred Heart in Lake Worth. Father Stack served there as well as at St. Luke in Lake Worth; Holy Family in North Miami; St. John Neumann in Miami; Nativity in Hollywood; St. Ambrose in Deerfield Beach; Our Lady of the Lakes in Miami Lakes; and finally St. Mark, since 1997.

### Archdiocese website wins award

The Archdiocese of Miami's website, [www.miamiarch.org](http://www.miamiarch.org), which has undergone updates and redesign over the past year, was recently awarded the 2010 Communicator Award of Distinction. The website was honored in the category of "Religion and Spirituality." More than 7,000 entries were received overall, making it the largest and most prestigious award of its kind. The website is maintained by the archdiocese's

Communications Department in conjunction with the designers and programmers at Atimo.us.

### Enrollment open at Brother Rice Academy

Archbishop Curley Notre Dame Prep is accepting applications for the 2010-11 academic year for its 6-7-8 Brother Rice Academy, located on the high school's campus at 4949 N.E. Second Ave., Miami.

This middle school academy is for students currently performing at or above grade level. It is intended as an enriched transition into the Catholic school system and is shaped to respond to the unique interests and capacity of each student. Students both individually and in small groups are encouraged to explore subjects in greater depth and to seek unique applications of what they are learning.

The curriculum features: an extended school day in which students are encouraged to develop skills in at least one other world language, to learn a musical instrument and to participate in community service projects; individualized programming and small-group engagement; advanced-level courses in math-

ematics, science and languages; the full resources of the high school campus and activities, including music, art studio, speech and debate, journalism, cross-country, soccer, football, basketball, wrestling, volleyball, baseball, softball, tennis, and track and field.

Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School is easily accessible via the Julia Tuttle Causeway and I-95, providing the perfect drop-off point for parents working within Miami's core, the beaches, and surrounding areas.

For more information, contact David Gerhardt, admissions director, at 305-751-8367, ext. 29; or [dgerhardt@acnd.net](mailto:dgerhardt@acnd.net).

### Installation video, photos available

Photos of the installation Mass for Archbishop Thomas Wenski, including the after-Mass reception line, are now posted at [DotPhoto.com](http://DotPhoto.com). Please go to [www.miamiarch.org](http://www.miamiarch.org) and click on any of the installation Mass photos to see the albums and purchase the photos. A video of the installation Mass also will be made available to parishes and the general public. For more information contact the archdiocesan Communications Office, 305-762-1045.

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# ‘Let us begin ... afresh from Christ’

Text of Archbishop Thomas Wenski's homily at his installation Mass

Thank you for that enthusiastic welcome you gave me at the beginning of Mass. *Gracias, Mesi anpil.* Also, I am grateful for the support of those who traveled great distances to be here today — His Eminence, Cardinal O'Malley, my brother bishops, my relatives, and, of course, the priests who came down from Orlando to make sure that I was well received. Your presence means so much not only to me but also to all the faithful of the Archdiocese — for this is a significant event not only in my own life but in the life of this local Church. Your Excellency, Archbishop Sambhi, as Papal Nuncio in the United States, I ask you to convey to the Holy Father my gratitude for the confidence he has placed in me in entrusting to me the care of this Archdiocese — in spite of my own limitations and shortcomings. Of course, if you forget to, perhaps Archbishop Barney Auza, Papal Nuncio to Haiti, who is also present here today, could carry that same message for me.

Sometimes I tell people — only half in jest — the best thing about Miami and South Florida is that it is so close to the United States. Miami is certainly, to be sure, part of the United States, this great land of opportunity and freedom. And Miami can rightfully claim to be our nation's new Ellis Island — for it has become a port of entry for refugees and immigrants from around the world, but especially from the Caribbean, Central and South America. Of course, there was no Statue of Liberty here to welcome the newcomers — and sometimes those newcomers were not very welcomed anyway; but for the past 52 years under the leadership of my predecessors, Archbishops Coleman Carroll, Edward McCarthy and John C. Favalora, the Church of Miami was here to extend her maternal embrace to all. For the Church is the Father's House — and all God's children should feel at home in their Father's House, and here in the Archdiocese of Miami — in our parishes, schools and charitable institutions — we have welcomed newcomers — from the first refugees fleeing the Cuban Revolution to this year's victims of Haiti's January earthquake. And we've learned that the best way to make someone feel at home in their “Father's House” is to speak their Mother's tongue.

And while Miami (and South Florida) is part of these United States, it also has become a vital part of the various nations from which our people have come: Haiti, Cuba, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Colombia



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Archbishop Thomas Wenski delivers his first homily as archbishop of Miami during his installation ceremony.

and the rest of the Caribbean, South and Central America. South Florida is truly a transnational community — and that, more than the sun and the beautiful beaches, explains why those who live here find it such a dynamic and exciting place to live. Sometimes, Miami boasts that it is the capital of Latin America, if not the entire hemisphere. The presence here today of Bishops from Ecuador, Uruguay, Puerto Rico, Cuba and Haiti shows that this is no idle boast.



FROM THE  
ARCHBISHOP  
**Thomas Wenski**

*Quiero agradecer la presencia solidaria de tantos obispos que han venido de todas partes de nuestra América — norte y sur, y en especial, de esta delegación de obispos de Cuba que ha venido a participar en esta ceremonia. De los obispos cubanos a quienes tanto admiro, he aprendido lo que quiere decir esta frase: “no es fácil”. ¡Y, qué testimonio de fe, esperanza y caridad nos han dado! Pues, a pesar que no es nada fácil, han permanecido fieles a la misión confiada a ellos por Cristo para llevar a los pobres la Buena Nueva, para anunciar la liberación a los cautivos y la curación a los ciegos, para dar libertad a los oprimidos y proclamar*

*el año de gracia del Señor (Lucas 4: 16-21). Se nos acerca el aniversario del hallazgo y la presencia de la imagen de la Virgen de la Caridad en Cuba: 400 años en el año 2012. Que este jubileo de la Virgen Mambisa una al pueblo cubano que, a pesar de tristes divisiones y agravios, sigue siendo un solo pueblo.*

*Como los obispos cubanos han dicho: A Jesús por María, la caridad nos une. A este fin, hagamos nuestro el Grito de Guerra de Ignacio Agramonte: “Que la Virgen de la Caridad nos ilumine”. Que ella nos ilumine con esa luz brillante como la estrella solitaria de la bandera cubana — que es la luz de Cristo, el único Salvador del mundo.*

*M pa kapab pa di kèk mo an kreyòl — ki preske tounen pou mwen lang manman mwen, Yo te konn di, Miyami se dizyèm depatman an, jodi a lè m wè prezans Nons Apostolik Ayiti a ak 5 evèk ayisyen ki soti Ayiti, mwen konnen se pa manti.*

*Lè m te ale Orlando, ayisyen Miyami yo ki te monte ave m jou m te ale a te di moun Orlando yo: se prete l n ap prete l. Konsa, jan pwovèb la di: prete pa vle di bay. Jodi a, mwen tounen lakay, mwen tounen Miyami kote m te premyè konte ak kominote ayisyen an.*

*Mezanmi, pèp ayisyen an se yon pèp ki gen kouraj: malgre tout dezaz — tout kalite ak tout jan — kouraj pèp ayisyen pa piti, epi lafwa pep sa nan Bondye pa piti. Menm lè apre tranbleman tè sa ki frape peyi lè 12 janvye, Ayisyen konnen pou yo fè Bondye konfyans. Lè yon jounalis etranje sezi we tout déga, tout moun mouri, moun blesi, li mande: Kote Bondye te ye? Li te kanpe bò kote*

*debri katedral Potoprens; epi, nan moman desespwa sa a te gen yon ti granmoun ki mennen l nan plas devan katedral la kote gen yon kalve — ak imaj Jezi krisifye — ki te rete entak. Epi, li di jounalis la: men, li te vle montre etranje sa, Bondye toujou la ak pep li a. Li pat lage li; men, l ap kriye, l ap soufri ansanm avè li. Epi, si Bondye pa lage pèp la, nou pa kapab lage l nonplis.*

*Se pou Manman Mari, ki toujou ban n sekou, li menm ki patwon peyi d'Ayiti Toma kore nou byen kore pou tout ayisyen yo ak tout zanmi Ayiti yo konsekan ak angajman yo pou Ayiti refè, pou tout Sòyèt ak Frèjis nan peyi a gen yon lavni espwa.*

As I just said in Creole, I am grateful to the bishops of Haiti who join with us today in this celebration. The faith of the Haitian people in the face of adversity has edified us all. Even after the Jan. 12 earthquake, when a foreign reporter asked where was God in all of this, a Haitian lady could point to a crucifix that stood in the midst of the rubble of Port-au-Prince's cathedral, as if to say, God is here, suffering with us. And that God who takes on our own suffering in the death and resurrection of his Son calls us all to a greater solidarity. Geography has made Haiti and the United States neighbors; but Jesus Christ has made us brothers and sisters.

Here in the Archdiocese of Miami, we have our problems, our challenges to face — the economic crisis and the closing of schools and more than a dozen parishes, have frustrated everyone and angered

PLEASE SEE **HOMILY, A8**



# Workaholic, childlike, bighearted

That's how those who have worked with Archbishop Thomas Wenski describe him

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**MIAMI** — Cristina Caban puts it plainly: "He's a workaholic."

She should know. For the past three years she has been Archbishop Thomas Wenski's secretary in Orlando — scheduling his appointments, answering his phone, typing his letters and trying to get copies of the ones he types himself.

"He answers all his mail, all of it," Caban said, even those she would argue deserve no response.

"Because everyone who takes the time to write deserves an answer," is Archbishop Wenski's reply to her objections.

Her official work hours, she said, are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but that's only on paper. As she put in the farewell card that she wrote to him, "I'm overworked, I'm underpaid and I still enjoy it. There's something wrong with this picture."

Still, "he works harder than all of us who work around him," Caban said.

"His sense of humor is what a lot of people don't know," she added. "He is the best boss I have had, ever."

Those who knew Archbishop Wenski when he was a priest also remember him fondly.

"It's because we took such good care of him since he was little," joked Claretian Sister Carmen Alvarez, who first met Miami's new archbishop when he was assigned as a deacon to St. Benedict Parish in Hialeah.

She remembers how he "invented" a religious education program that had catechists going out to teach in people's homes and in the Cambridge Square apartment complex. Eventually, the program taught more children than were enrolled in the parish-based classes.

"I knew that with the vision he has and his personality, he would become something," said Sister Alvarez, who later worked with Archbishop Wenski again when he was assigned as a newly ordained priest to Corpus Christi Parish in Miami.

"Since he was a seminarian he earned the admiration and love of all the people who worked for him," she added. "I admire him very much because he is a very capable man, a hardworker and someone whose heart is like that of a child."

Sister Yamile Saieh, a member of the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco who worked with then-Father Wenski at Notre Dame d'Haiti in Miami, said, "I still can't believe" he has returned as archbishop.

Her wish for him, she said, is that "he remain the same (person) he has always been, with that great heart he has that can encompass the whole world." ■



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At left, Elizabeth Krobrynski, left, and Sister Yamile Saieh, right, along with Taylor Wilson of St. Thomas Aquinas High School and Sherman Alcius of Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame High School, bring up the offertory gifts. Their escort is Sister Carmen Ors, center, of the St. Mary Cathedral staff. Far left, Claretian Sister Carmen Alvarez, who has known Archbishop Wenski since he served as a deacon at St. Benedict Parish in Hialeah, prays during the installation Mass.

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Angela Kopelakis, left, Archbishop Thomas Wenski's niece, her daughter, Briana, center, and the archbishop's sister, Mary Engle, watch as the archbishop leaves the cathedral after Mass.

## ‘What you see is what you get’

Family members say they had a feeling Archbishop Wenski might return to Miami

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Florida Catholic staff

**MIAMI** — Mary Engle said she always had a feeling her brother would come back to Miami — and she's glad.

“It's a lot closer” to her home in Lake Worth than Orlando was, said Archbishop Thomas Wenski's sister, who attended the installation ceremony along with her daughter, Angela Kopelakis; her granddaughter, Briana, 9; and cousins and in-laws from both her mother's and her father's side of the family.

“I was not surprised,” said Mary Freeborn, the archbishop's aunt on his father's side. “I think he'll go further. I'm very proud of him.”

Her sons, Robert of Edgewater, Fla., and David of Deerfield Beach, also were in attendance along with two of Robert's three children, Lauren, 13, and Ashley, 10.

Archbishop Wenski baptized both of them and gave Lauren her first Communion.

Having a bishop for a cousin came in handy when parish rules required that parents and godpar-

ents attend a class prior to having their children baptized, Robert Freeborn said. Ashley was his third child and he simply could not arrange his schedule to attend the class again.

“I called Tommy,” he recalled. “About 15 minutes later we get a call from the deacon. It's not going to be an issue.”

Bishop Wenski was going to be visiting the parish to celebrate Mass that weekend and he would perform all the baptisms.

Freeborn, a member of Sacred Heart Parish in New Smyrna Beach, also recalled the time his cousin showed up at the parish rectory on his Harley and was not recognized as the bishop.

“He was knocking on the door and they said, ‘There's a biker out there.’”

Asked what piece of advice he would give the new archbishop of Miami, Freeborn said, “The only thing you can tell him is to be himself and true to the faith. That's what he is. With him, what you see is what you get.” ■



Archbishop Wenski gives Communion to his grandniece, Briana Kopelakis, 9.

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Archbishop Thomas Wenski receives a crucifix from retired Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman after entering the cathedral.



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Priests concelebrate the installation liturgy.



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Archbishop Bernardito Auza, right, papal nuncio to Haiti, takes part in the installation Mass.



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Haitian children bring up flowers and fruit baskets during the offertory procession.



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Framed by a “welcome home” banner, Archbishop Thomas Wenski processes up the red carpet to the doors of St. Mary Cathedral.



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Archbishop Thomas Wenski greets people outside the cathedral after his installation ceremony.



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Bishops from Haiti, Cuba, the United States and parts of Latin America make their way into St. Mary Cathedral at the start of the installation Mass.

## Many nations represented at installation

More than 30 bishops attend, including 10 from Haiti and five from Cuba

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Florida Catholic staff

**MIAMI** — One cardinal, two papal nuncios and more than 30 bishops from the U.S. and Latin America took part in the June 1 installation Mass for Archbishop Thomas Wenski.

The cardinal was Boston's Sean O'Malley, formerly bishop of Palm Beach.

The papal nuncios were Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Pope Benedict's representative in the U.S., who read the papal bull appointing Archbishop Wenski as Miami's fourth archbishop; and Archbishop Bernardito Auza, the pope's representative in Haiti.

Perhaps more significant — and a testament to Archbishop Wenski's consistent involvement throughout the hemisphere — was the presence of 10 Haitian and five Cuban bishops.

“He was, for us, a great defender, a great advocate,” said Father Gene Gaetan of the Diocese of Jacmel, Haiti, noting that Archbishop Wenski supports “all the episcopal conference of Haiti, at all levels, economic and pastoral.”

“We can say he's a Haitian-American bishop,” Father Gaetan said.

“He was the one who made himself present in the cities, and there began a relationship that has continued,” said Bishop Emilio Aranguren of the Diocese of Holguin, Cuba, referring to the aftermath

of Hurricane Lilly in 1996, when then-Father Wenski, as director of the archdiocese's Catholic Charities, delivered tons of aid to the Cuban people by partnering with Caritas Cuba.

Bishop Aranguren, who said he also attended the ceremony as a representative of CELAM, the Latin American bishops' conference, noted “how many emigrants from the countries of CELAM have been welcomed in Miami.”

He added that the welcome had been beneficial to the Church in both continents: “At the same time we are welcomed, we share our wealth, our popular, simple faith which is a means of evangelization.”

Bishop Manuel Valarezo of the apostolic vicariate of the Galapagos Islands described Archbishop Wenski as “a man who is very interested in helping poor peoples and missions.”

The Galapagos is a region in Ecuador with 30,000 inhabitants, 20 percent of whom are Catholics, Bishop Valarezo said.

He explained that Archbishop Wenski became involved with the Galapagos through his longtime friend and seminary classmate, Father Daniel Kubala, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Miami, who helps sustain a number of Church projects there.

“Besides,” Bishop Valarezo said of Archbishop Wenski, “he speaks very good Spanish.” ■



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Archbishop Thomas Wenski blesses people on his way out of St. Mary Cathedral at the end of the installation Mass.



# HOMILY: Catholics should involve themselves in the public square

FROM A4

many. But let's not feel sorry for ourselves. Our brothers and sisters in Haiti, Cuba and elsewhere have challenges much more daunting than our own — with far less resources than we have. We can be tempted, like Martha in the Gospel, to be worried about many things — but let us not forget the one thing necessary: our relationship with Jesus Christ.

With the light of the Risen Christ and with the power of the Holy Spirit we must continue to announce the good news of Jesus Christ and invite all to an encounter with him in the Church so that they might have life in him. We have no other treasure but that: the gift of encounter with Jesus Christ. As the bishops of Latin America said at the Fifth Conference of CELAM in 2008: "We have no other happiness, no other priority but being instruments of the Spirit of God, in the Church, so that Jesus Christ may be known, followed, loved, adored, and communicated to all, despite difficulties and resistances."

Some of those difficulties and resistances are found within us — sometimes faith is found weakened, hope uncertain and charity grown cold. Pope Benedict remarked last month commenting on the scandal of clerical sex abuse of children and

young people: "The greatest persecution of the Church does not come from the enemies outside, but is born from inside the Church."

This "suffering of the Church that comes from the sins that exist from inside the Church" will not be solved by better computer programs, more efficient business practices, or even by better preaching — what is required, rather, is conversion, a recommitment on the part of all to live the faith coherently.

But there are other difficulties and resistances found outside as well as inside the Church. The increasing sway within our culture of what Pope Benedict has called the "dictatorship of relativism" is a growing challenge to the Church's mission to bring the Gospel to all. This radically secular world view wishes to reduce faith to the realm of the "private" and the "subjective" and thus tries to limit our freedom to serve, whether in health care, education or social services. It tries to exclude our voice, the voice of the Church, in the public square. To a world tempted to live as if God doesn't matter and therefore a world that teeters on the brink of despair, we need to witness to hope by showing — by what we say and do (and by what we won't do) — how beautiful, how joyful life is when one lives convinced that God does indeed matter.

And, because God matters, we are also called to model a life in which man matters as well.

For this reason, Catholics should involve themselves in the public square — and do so coherently and unapologetically. This is not to "impose our views" but to "make our proposal" about what is necessary for human flourishing in society. Thus, we bring to public policy debates on issues of human life, dignity, justice and peace, immigration reform, and marriage and the family an understanding of the human person that, while founded on the Christian Scriptures, is also accessible to human reason.

While this understanding expressed in the Church's social teachings can seem to be quite complex, I believe it can be summarized in one simple phrase: No man is a problem. This is why as Archbishop of Miami I will continue to proclaim a positive and consistent ethic of life: No human being — no matter how poor or how weak — can be reduced to just a problem. When we allow ourselves to think of a human being as a mere problem, we offend his or her dignity. And, when we see another human being as a problem, we often give ourselves permission to look for expedient but not just solutions. The tragic history of the 20th Century shows that thinking like this even leads to "final solu-

tions."

For us, Catholics, therefore, there can be no such thing as a "problem pregnancy" — only a child who is to be welcome in life and protected by law. The refugee, the migrant — even one without "papers" — is not a problem. He may perhaps be a stranger but a stranger to be embraced as a brother. Even criminals — for all the horror of their crimes — do not lose their God-given dignity as human beings. They too must be treated with respect, even in their punishment. This is why Catholic social teaching condemns torture and advocates for the abolition of the death penalty.

As I begin my service to this local Church as its fourth Archbishop, I ask for your support, your cooperation — and, most of all, I ask for your prayers. We begin a new chapter in this history of this local Church — and so, this is the time for us all — priests, deacons, religious and members of Christ's faithful — to assess our fervor and to find fresh enthusiasm for the spiritual and pastoral responsibilities that lie ahead of us. We must look ahead and, like Peter, trusting in Christ's words, "put out into the deep." *Duc in altum*. The Lord has already assured us: "I am with you always."

So let us begin. Let us start afresh from Christ (*"Novo Milenio In-eunte"*).

## APPOINTMENTS

### Office of the Archbishop: Official appointments

*Before his retirement June 1, Archbishop John C. Favalora made the following appointments:*

**Father Harry Loubriel** — temporary administrator, Our Lady of Mercy, Deerfield Beach, from May 15 to Aug. 1.

**Father Alfred Cioffi** — temporary administrator, St. Katharine Drexel, Weston, from June 14 to Aug. 1.

Effective June 7:

**Father Luis Rivero** — parochial vicar, St. Agnes, Key Biscayne.

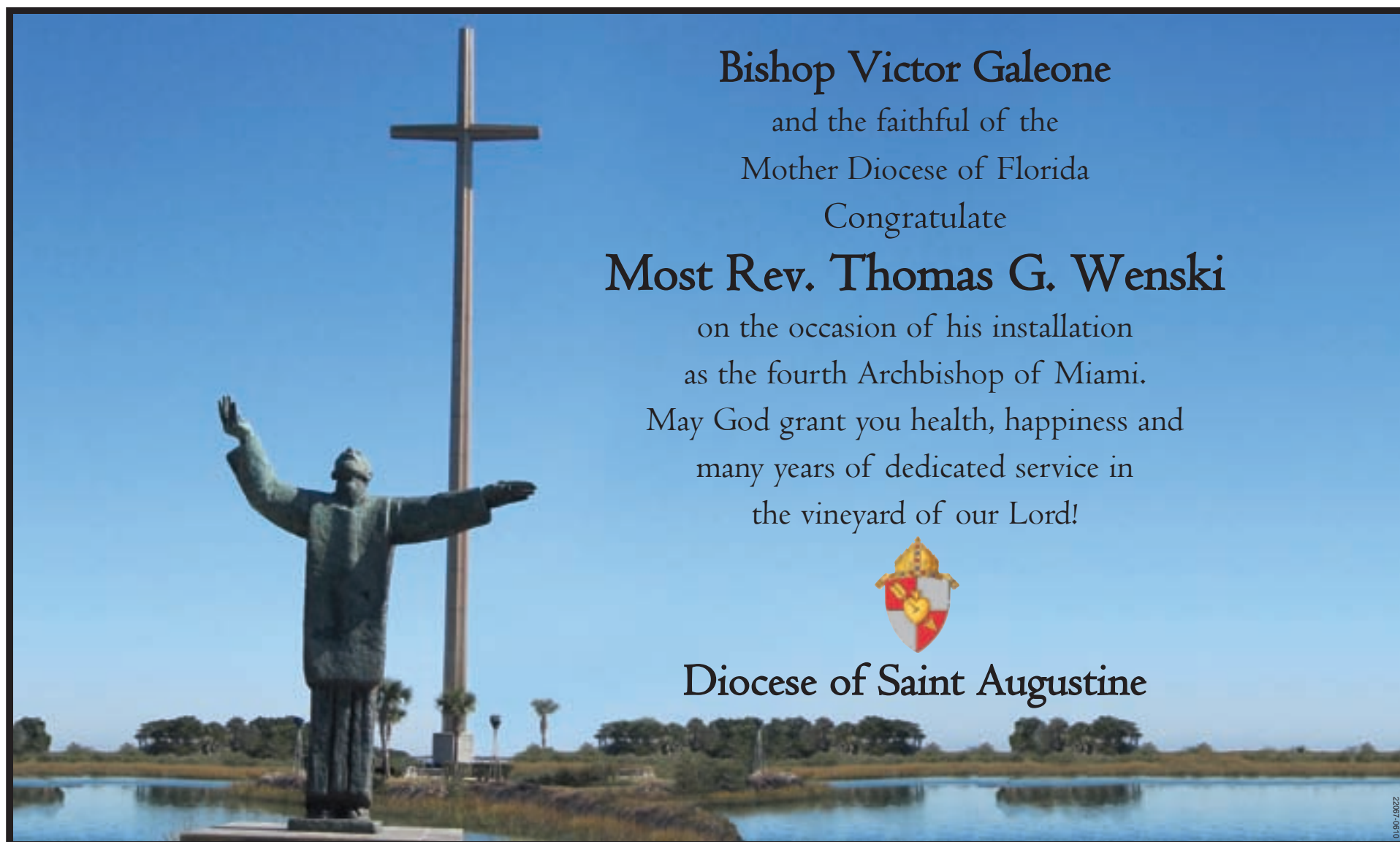
Effective Aug. 1:

**Father Damian Flanagan** — chaplain, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, with residence at St. Catherine of Siena Parish.


Permissions granted:

**Father John F. Fink** to retire on July 1.

**Msgr. James Parappally**, on leave of absence for medical reasons.



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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Summer fun runs**, beginning Saturday, June 5, through Thursday, July 29, 6:30 p.m., Miami Shores Community Center, 97th Street and Park Avenue. For all ages and ability levels; runs are split into three groups: walkers, short distance, longer distance. A good way to get some exercise or to get away from the pressures of a tough day. Sponsored by Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School. jcorcoran@acnd.net.

**St. Maurice Parish 40th anniversary celebration**, Friday, June 11, 6:30 p.m., dinner dance; Sunday, June 13, 10 a.m., Mass with former pastors Father David Russell and Father Sean Mulcahey, followed by family picnic. 954-961-7777.

**St. Stephen flea market**, Saturday, June 12, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Stephen, 2000 S. State Road 7, Miramar. Spaces: \$25. 954-987-1100.

**"Festival of June 2010,"** June 12-13, St. Vincent, 6350 N.W. 18 St., Margate. Annual festival of Our Lady Aparecida Brazilian community, featuring foods, games, dancing, Brazilian folklore. Free. www.catolicosnaflorida.org.

**St. Lawrence Parish summer blast**, Sunday, June 13, noon, St. Lawrence School, 2200 N.E. 191 St., North Miami Beach. Games and fun for all ages, barbecue and Latin food. 305-932-4912.

**Festival de advocaciones marianas nacionales y misa multilingüe**, viernes, 18 de junio, 7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 3709 Garden Ave., Miami Beach, seguida de un compartir musical. www.stpatrickmiamibeach.com.

**Father's Day Communion breakfast**, Sunday, June 20, 10 a.m., Signature Grand, 6900 State Road 84, Davie, to honor "Father of the Year" Harry P. Durkin ('53). Starts with Mass celebrated by Holy Cross Father Mark Thesing ('81), followed by 11 a.m. breakfast. Guest speaker: John Heisler, senior associate athletic director, University of Notre Dame. Adults: \$25; children: \$10. Open to the public. 954-771-6231, 954-565-0623.

**"Ecological Integrity: Reconnecting Humans, Health and Habitat,"** Tuesday, July 13, Sofitel Miami, 5800 Blue Lagoon Drive, Miami. Conference, dinner sponsored by Center for Earth Jurisprudence, an initiative of Barry and St. Thomas universities. Keynote: Dr. Vandana Shiva, renowned environmental activist, author and founder of Navdanya, a movement that created the largest fair-trade organic network in India. Conference: \$45, general public; \$15, students. Dinner and keynote address with Dr. Shiva: \$50. Both events: \$80; \$90 after June 15. www.earthjuris.org/events.

## FAITH EDUCATION

**Summer Institute courses**, sponsored by the Department of Religious Education. Registration: \$45. 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).

- Miami-Dade County: June 14, 16, 18, 22, 24, St. Thomas the Apostle School, Miami, 9-11 a.m.: Teaching Religion Today (I), Foundations of Catholicism (I), Intro to the Old Testament (II), Christology (III), Liturgy (IV); 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.: Introduction to the Sacraments (I), St. Paul's Letters (III), Church History (IV); 2-4 p.m.: Introduction to the New Testament (II), Principles of Christian Morality (III), Becoming Peacemakers (IV).

**SEPI (Southeast Pastoral Institute)**, Certificado en Ministerio Pastoral Hispano, y cursos para ampliar conocimientos sobre pastoral hispana, 7700 S.W. 56 St., Miami. 305-279-2333, sepimiami@aol.com o www.sepimiami.org:

- Seminario de liderazgo pastoral, 19 al 26 de junio, para miembros de consejos pastorales, facilitadores de pastoral hispana parroquial, agentes pastorales en diversos ministerios.

**TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)** spiritual directors workshop, June 21-24, La Salle Retreat Center, Wildwood, Mo. office@TECConference.org or 636-933-9233.

## MASSES

**All-night vigil/Mass of the Sacred Heart**, beginning Friday, June 11, 8 p.m., St. Raymond Parish, 3475 S.W. 17 St., Miami, celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop John G. Noonan, followed by all-night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers, intercessions and meditations. Mass, June 12, 6 a.m., celebrated by Father Luis G. Garcia. 305-444-7437, siervas@corazones.org.

## RETREATS/DAYS OF REFLECTION

**Seminario de crecimiento espiritual**, 12 y 13 de junio, iglesia All Saints, 10900 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise; con la Dra. Gloria Polo. Auspiciado por el ministerio católico Holy Trinity. Donación \$10. www.holytm.org o 954-588-7229.

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

- "Autobiography as Spirituality," Monday, June 21, women's morning retreat, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; men's evening retreat, 6-10 p.m. Mini retreat with Father Paul Mast, presenting material from his book, "Litanies and Legacies: Mystics and Mysteries," as a basis for discovering the spirituality woven into our lives. \$30 per person, includes meal.

- "Don't forget about the fun! A summer plan for an infusion of fun into married life," Thursday, June 24, 7-9:30 p.m. Happy half hour, dinner and presentation with Michael and Sue Deferrari. \$60 per couple. Limited seating.

**"Escuchando la Voz del Señor"**, seminario de Vida en el

*Espíritu. 25-27 de junio, iglesia de Mother of Christ, 14141 Coral Way, Miami. 305-559-6111.*

**Encuentros Juveniles**, Saturday, June 26, retreat for young people 12-15, Youth Center, 3333 S. Miami Ave., Miami. A fun-filled daylong retreat to get closer to God. 305-450-8528, encuentrosjuveniles@gmail.com or www.encuentrosjuveniles.com.

## 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, June 19, 9 a.m., Mother of Christ, Miami (en español).

## SCHOOL EVENTS

**Summer Knights performing arts/athletic camp**, June 14-July 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School, 4949 N.E. Second Ave., Miami. For fifth-graders to incoming ninth-graders to learn the fundamentals of drama, acting, singing and musical instruments. Students will focus on the creation and performance of a Broadway play for the community. Athletic camp features basketball, football, softball and baseball fundamentals, seven on seven flag football, and a competition course. 305-751-8367, ext. 22.

**Kidventure**, June 14-Aug. 6, St. Timothy School, 5400 S.W. 102 Ave., Miami. Open to students in PreK2 through grade eight. Fun activities, sports, field trips. 305-274-8229 or myoung@sttimothymiami.org.

**Soccer summer camp**, for boys and girls ages 5 to 16, June 14-July 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Archbishop McCarthy High School, 5451 S. Flamingo Road, Southwest Ranches. Full-day sessions beginning at \$135/week; half-day sessions beginning at \$100/week. www.futbolhpcamps.org.

**Immaculata LaSalle summer camp**, June 21-July 16, 3601 S. Miami Ave., Miami. Activities and experiences to enhance Christian development. www.ilsroyals.com.

**Summer camp and summer school**, Good Shepherd, 14187 S.W. 72 St., Miami. Summer camp: June 21-July 30; Summer school: June 21-July 16. Registration: 786-715-4188 or gscscamp@gmail.com.

**Immaculate Conception summer school**, June 21-July 17, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 125 W. 45 St., Hialeah. Remedial summer school classes for kindergarten-seventh grade in reading, language arts, math. Cost: \$350. 305-822-6461.

**"Jump Start" summer enrichment program**, June 21-July 16, Archbishop Edward McCarthy High School, 5451 S. Flamingo Road, Southwest Ranches. Students entering grades seven or eight can earn a half credit toward high school graduation by enrolling. Classes in personal fitness, computer/keyboarding, art, band or drama. sbrown.mccarthyhigh@comcast.net or 954-434-8820, ext. 206.



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# A serenade for new archbishop

Members of neocatechumenal group offer lively 'welcome back' to Archbishop Wenski

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO  
Florida Catholic staff

**MIAMI**— Long before Archbishop Thomas Wenski used a gilded hammer to knock on the door of St. Mary Cathedral, a lively group of Catholics were beating conga drums, strumming guitars and dancing in his honor.

The impromptu serenade by more than 50 members of the *Camino Neocatecumenal* (Neocatechumenal Way) contrasted with the scripted formality of his installation ceremony, which began with a knock on the closed door of the cathedral.

Waiting inside were Miami's three auxiliary bishops — Bishop Felipe Estevez, Bishop John Noonan and retired Bishop Agustin Roman. It was Bishop Roman who handed Archbishop Wenski a crucifix once the cathedral doors opened.

Afterward, the archbishop sprinkled holy water on those present in the vestibule of the church. Then, accompanied by his predecessor, Archbishop John C. Favalora, and Archbishop Pietro Sambì, the papal nuncio to the U.S., Archbishop Wenski made his way to the cathedral's Blessed Sacrament Chapel, where the three knelt for a moment in prayer.

When they moved to the altar, the ceremony of installation took place. Archbishop Sambì delivered a brief message, then read the papal bull, or letter, announcing Archbishop Wenski's appointment as Miami's fourth archbishop and thanking Archbishop Favalora for his nearly 16 years of service here.

Msgr. Michael Souckar, archdiocesan chancellor, held up the papal bull for all to see, and Archbishop Sambì and Archbishop Favalora escorted Archbishop Wenski onto the cathedra or bishop's chair at the back of the cathedral. They then handed him the crosier, or bishop's staff, another symbol of his office as shepherd of the Catholic flock in



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A priest leaves the procession and begins dancing to the beat of the music being played by members of the *Camino Neocatecumenal*.

south Florida.

After the Mass, Archbishop Wenski spent a full hour personally greeting each of the hundreds who obtained a seat at the installation — among them nearly 400 priests, plus deacons, members of religious communities and two representatives from each parish of the archdiocese.

But before doing so, he briefly stepped outside to greet and bless the more than 100 well-wishers who had braved the rain and heat to welcome him — all the while strumming guitars, banging on bongos and singing Spanish-language hymns.

They also unfurled a huge banner inscribed with his episcopal motto — "I have become all things

to all men in order to save at least some" — and, in even bigger letters, "Welcome home."

"This is a demonstration that the Church is alive," said Aidar Gonzalez, a member of the *Camino Neocatecumenal* from Mother of Christ Parish in Miami.

The movement's goal is to rekindle in today's Catholics the early Christians' enthusiasm for the faith by means of the proclamation of the word and instruction in the faith. The group, founded in Spain, has adherents today throughout the world.

"We know him because in Orlando he presided over a beautiful Eucharist for us," said Gonzalez. "We want him to know he can count on our support." ■



Members of the *Camino Neocatecumenal* (Catechumenal Way) sing hymns outside St. Mary Cathedral prior to the installation Mass.

## Haitian bishop: 'It was an honor'

TOM TRACY  
Florida Catholic correspondent

**MIAMI** — Bishop Joseph Lafontant, apostolic administrator for earthquake-ravaged Port-au-Prince, Haiti, led a delegation of Haiti bishops to the installation of Archbishop Thomas Wenski, bringing a relationship to full circle.

"It was really an honor to be invited because I had the privilege

of laying hands on him the day he was ordained a bishop. I was already a bishop for 10 years when Archbishop (John C.) Favalora ordained him," Bishop Lafontant told the *Florida Catholic* the morning following the Mass.

"It was a great ceremony. The part I loved the most was that everybody considered Archbishop Wenski as a child who was away and has come home (to Miami): That means they accept him and

he considered himself also at home," the bishop added. "So now he can start working with them."

Bishop Lafontant said that due to Archbishop Wenski's knowledge of the Creole language and the work he did at Notre Dame d'Haiti Parish in Miami, he has become a specialist in Creole, in proverbs and even telling jokes in Creole.

"When he preaches that goes through to the people immediate-

ly because he knows what people can comprehend," Bishop Lafontant said.

Asked if the new Miami archbishop would be a blessing for Haiti's earthquake recovery efforts, Bishop Lafontant pointed out that Archbishop Wenski has already published some 40,000 simple daily prayer booklets in Creole for distribution in the earthquake refugee tent cities and camps. He is shipping them to Haiti so the

priests can take them to all the camps, Bishop Lafontant said.

"We need a kind of new pastoral because people are not gathering mostly in the churches; they are gathering in the camps. The Protestant ministers go to the camps so we should go to the camps also. I have also given the priests battery-operated public address units made possible by a benefactor for preaching in the camps." ■