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CQP helps you do your homework before voting

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TALLAHASSEE — It was much easier to inquire about political candidates in the days of George Washington who was twice elected president unanimously but ran against no one. In the upcoming primary election, voters will find an opposite scenario with many choices. Because of this, the Florida Catholic Conference (FCC) has compiled an online Candidate Questionnaire Poll (CQP) to help voters understand where candidates stand on important issues before they vote.

“Whether on election day, during early voting or by absentee ballot, casting our vote is a contribution most of us can make to the political process,” said Dr. Michael McCarron, executive director of FCC. “Voting responsibly requires us to be informed.”

FCC, an agency of Florida’s seven dioceses that acts as the lobbying arm for the bishops, presented seven important questions to each of the candidates and asked them to respond. The questions, according to McCarron, were linked to the principles related to one of the seven themes of Catholic social teaching.

“We also attempted to discern likely issues that will be in front of lawmakers in the coming legislative two-year term,” said McCarron.

When visitors go to the FCC website at www.flacathconf.org, they will find three areas of interest including: Federal and State Questionnaires; an area where voters are able to input their address or ZIP code to gain access to a list of their districts and legislators; and a third category where voters can view responses of candidates who answered the seven questions on the CQP questionnaire.

Response to the seven questions has varied both in completing the questionnaire and agreeing or disagreeing to each question. The CQP venue gives candidates the opportunity to share their views on issues of importance to Catholics.

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Sister Ana Maria Campos, who will turn 100 on Aug. 25, now spends her days knitting and in prayer on the second floor of a house where other members of her religious order, the Sisters of St. Philip Neri, also reside. See story, Page A13.

A little progress, a lot of frustration

Archbishop Wenski describes situation in Haiti after weeklong visit there

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO
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MIAMI — Six months after a devastating earthquake, the situation in Port-au-Prince resembles a glass: either half-full or half-empty, depending on your point of view.

That was the analogy used by Archbishop Thomas Wenski on his return from a weeklong visit to the country and to the northern border area between the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

“I think the humanitarian crisis

has been met. We’re talking now about the next phase, which is the building phase,” he said, describing that process as “frustrating” and “logistically, a nightmare.”

Speaking at a press conference upon his arrival Aug. 1 at Miami International Airport, the archbishop noted that some of people’s worst fears in the aftermath of the earthquake have not materialized.

“There hasn’t been the epidemic that many people had feared,” he said. “The problem of water, the problem of sanitation, the problem

of medical care has been addressed greatly” by humanitarian groups and organizations that continue to work in the country.

Neither has there been great violence or looting.

“That speaks well of the resiliency of the Haitian people,” said Archbishop Wenski, who celebrated Mass in two of the larger camps set up to house the earthquake’s victims, one of them with as many as 4,000 residents.

On the half-empty side, however, “hundreds of thousands of

people still are in tent cities” and not much is being done to move them into permanent housing.

In fact, “some of these camps now have taken on the aspect of mini-cities. Some people even have their mini-restaurants. That’s a little bit discouraging because you think people are getting settled for the long haul. That’s not the solution,” Archbishop Wenski said. “Haiti is a very difficult environment to work in but things should

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AIDS: Epidemic has changed, not ended

Catholic AIDS ministers from the U.S. meet in Miami

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO

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MIAMI — They put their loved ones' pictures on the altar and placed their written intentions in a basket nearby. Then they prayed for them by name.

As he led the memorial service for people who have died from AIDS-related complications, Father Dennis Rausch, a retired archdiocesan priest, reminded about 50 people gathered in the small chapel that, "We are the remnants. We are those who are left to fight."

The service July 28 was part of a three-day conference hosted by SECCAM, the Southeastern Conference of Catholic AIDS Ministers, with the support of the Volunteer Friendship Ministry of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami. Participants represented mostly parish-based AIDS ministry groups from as far north as Washington, D.C., and as far west as Hawaii.

In essence, SECCAM is the successor to the National Catholic AIDS Network, which was in existence for 20 years before closing for lack of funding.

"A number of us who had been going to the annual conference said we can't let this die because AIDS is not decreasing,



Genesis Crespo of St. Brendan High School's AIDS Awareness Club listens intently during the prayer service.

it's increasing," explained Irene Miranda, executive director and co-founder of SECCAM, which began in 2007.

Aside from the name, the group chose Miami for its third annual conference to highlight the changing face of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. It met in Norcross, Ga., the first year and Orlando last year.

"The South is now considered the epicenter," said Miranda, who was an AIDS educator for Catho-

lic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami in the early 2000s, and later directed the AIDS ministry for the Archdiocese of Atlanta, where she still lives.

For the past seven years, Miami-Dade and Broward counties have been either "number one or number two in the country with the highest rates of HIV and AIDS," Miranda said.

Per capita, the South has the greatest number of people living with AIDS, the highest number of new HIV infections, and the highest number of people dying from AIDS-related complications, she added.

At the same time, the South gets less funding per capita for AIDS prevention and treatment than other parts of the United States.

"The funding formulas didn't change as the epidemic changed," Miranda said.

Back in the 1980s, AIDS affected mostly homosexual white males. The disease now affects an increasing number of women, and people in African-American and Hispanic communities.

"It used to be there were at-risk groups. Now there's no such thing because everybody's at risk," Miranda said.

She noted that south Florida is the "epicenter" of AIDS among



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Carl Berger, an HIV/AIDS minister representing the Catholic Community of Manoa Punahou, Hawaii, carries a processional cross adorned with an AIDS ribbon at the beginning of a memorial service July 28 for people who have died of AIDS and AIDS-related complications.

the elderly, and most of those who are newly diagnosed today are women. In addition, "the incidence of HIV and hepatitis is very high among the homeless."

Because of their socioeconomic status, those who are newly infected are less likely to "live with AIDS" than their predecessors, despite the medical advances that have been made in treating the disease over the last three decades.

While the long-term survival rate for whites living with the disease can be more than 25 years, Hispanics survive only about a year from the time they test positive.

"Their socioeconomic status generally was higher," Miranda said, referring to the white or primarily Anglo population. "They had jobs with insurance, disability benefits. Although it was devastating, they had a safety net. Now that it's primarily African-Americans and Latinos, they don't have that safety net."

In addition, she said of Hispanics, "Our community doesn't talk about it. We don't get the information."

Imparting information was the goal of the conference. The topics discussed ranged from medical updates to dealing with pastoral

issues to teaching AIDS prevention in Catholic schools.

Along with the firsthand testimonies of people living with AIDS, the AIDS ministers also heard from students who are members of the AIDS Awareness Club at St. Brendan High School, which hosted the conference.

"Just to remind us that we have to keep current" with teen jargon, Miranda said.

"They speak a different language. It's coded."

The students dedicated a week of their summer to preparing the classrooms where the conference was held, acting as "gophers" and problem-solvers, and serving as hosts during all the events.

"Technically it's not a conference designed for kids," said Ainhua Tollinche, the club's moderator and a teacher of world religion and social justice at the high school. "But they're learning. They're learning and helping all at once."

Miranda noted that many dioceses — including Atlanta — have closed their AIDS ministry offices in recent years due to budget cuts.

"We're hoping that participants will go back to their dioceses and be able to talk to their bishops, to talk about some of the things they learned," Miranda said. ■



Cristina Acosta, HIV/AIDS educator for the Maya Ministry of the Diocese of Palm Beach, and Deacon Chester Griffin of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Atlanta read from Scripture during the memorial service for people who have died from AIDS.

Mercy Hospital to be sold to HCA chain

Hospital's Catholic identity would remain, as would Sisters of St. Joseph's sponsorship

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MIAMI — Mercy Hospital's board of directors, Catholic Health East and the Sisters of St. Joseph recently announced plans to sell Mercy Hospital to Hospital Corporation of America for an undisclosed amount. It would mean that Miami-Dade's only independent Catholic hospital would now become part of the investor-owned HCA chain.

"This will be a seamless process for patients, their families, our associates and physicians," said Dr. Manuel P. Anton III, president and chief executive officer of Mercy Hospital. The hospital will remain Catholic. Daily Mass will continue as will the display of crucifixes and other religious symbols.

Mercy Hospital is a 473-bed acute care hospital, staffed by more than 700 physicians and more than 1,900 employees.

Officials from Mercy Hospital, Catholic Health East and the Sisters of St. Joseph said that this was not an easy decision. Several years were spent reviewing and implementing different strategies as Mercy continued to face declining revenue.

In 1998, an offer from Baptist Health South Florida was considered but differences in Catholic teaching were viewed as too wide to overcome when it was learned that one of Baptist's facilities, South Miami Hospital, performed abortions.

Later that year, Mercy Hospital became part of the Catholic Health East network. Mercy also forged an arrangement to share some business services with Holy Cross in Fort Lauderdale, hoping to gain efficiencies.

Catholic Health East says it supports the decision to sell Mercy to HCA. Archbishop Thomas Wenski also has given his approval. Upon completion of the sale, Holy Cross will be the only remaining Catholic Health East hospital in south Florida.

While the details are still being worked out, the process for the sale began a few weeks ago with the signing of a letter of intent. HCA is now engaged in the due diligence process, examining financial records and evaluating the possible sale. Once complete, the parties will sign an official agreement, followed closely by closing of the transaction. Sources are hopeful the deal will be completed by the end of the year.

HCA is the largest for-profit hospital operator in the United States with more than 160 acute care facilities. The company is divided geographically. Mercy Hospital will be administered by the HCA East Florida Division which currently oversees 12 hospitals, 12 outpatient surgery centers and numerous other facilities in south Florida, including Kendall Regional Medical Center, Westside Regional Medical Center and Plantation General

Hospital.

It is this experience in local communities that first appealed to Catholic Health East and Mercy Hospital. "They already have a hospital in Miami. They know how to work with this community. And they bring a lot of knowledge on how to be successful here," said Sister Barbara Cekosh, the Sister of St. Joseph who chairs the board of Mercy Hospital.

Mercy Hospital's long history in Miami-Dade began in the late 1940s. Miami's population grew dramatically around the time of World War II and there was a shortage of medical facilities. The Church bought the land south of Vizcaya and began fundraising. The hospital opened in late 1950 under the auspices of the Diocese of St. Augustine, the only diocese in the state at the time.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine were asked to help staff the hospital and in 1966 became the hospital's sponsor. They continue in that role today.

"In the '50s, our order was primarily devoted to teaching and nursing," said Sister Catherine Bitzer, archivist for the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Diocese of St. Augustine. The order traces its roots to the 1600s in France and arrived in Florida in 1866.

The proposed deal with HCA would allow the sisters to continue in the role of sponsors of Mercy

Hospital.

According to Sister Ann Kuhn, general superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine, sponsorship is a very critical responsibility and one that is not taken lightly. "Being a sponsor ensures that the hospital is Catholic not only in name but in fact."

The initial discussion indicates that both a Catholic identity committee and Mercy ethics committee will be formed; and the sisters will continue to retain a presence on the board.

While not typical, for-profit health care companies do have a track record in dealing with religious health facilities. There are several faith-based within the HCA chain including St. David's Healthcare in Texas and Menorah Hospital in Kansas. HCA officials were not able to confirm whether any were Catholic. Locally, St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach is one of several Catholic institutions in the Tenet chain.

Mercy has a strong commitment to emerging community needs. In 1960, it opened its doors to Cuban-exiled physicians, helping them to rebuild their lives in the United States. Mercy Hospital School of Nursing was founded in 1981, and the St. John Bosco Clinic in Little Havana was created in 1992 to help the poor and disadvantaged.

Nursing is another area in which

HCA and Mercy Hospital share expertise. The Research Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo., is home to a nursing program that started in 1905 and still remains as part of the hospital's identity.

Sister Cekosh said she feels comfortable with the new situation. "We are impressed with HCA. We are both committed to maintaining our high-quality standards in health care."

In recent years, Mercy has received many awards including Center of Excellence Award from the American Society of Bariatric Surgery, and was named one of the best hospitals of 2009-2010 in the *U.S. World & News Report's* evaluation. In January, a nationwide survey named Mercy Hospital one of the top 5 percent in the nation for outstanding clinical performance.

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Let us not succumb to 'total war mentality'

This August marks the 65th anniversary of the surrender of Japan and the end of the Second World War. As Americans, we can be rightly proud of our successful defense against the grave threats to humanity presented by the Axis powers. We do well to remember the bravery and sacrifices of all those, soldiers and civilians, who fought for a cause that was certainly just. So many died. The survivors went on to become that "greatest generation" who faced down the threat of communism in the Cold War while building a nation of unprecedented prosperity.

However, this month also marks the 65th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The United States was the first and hopefully the last nation to use nuclear weapons in war. That we did so is still, after all these years, a reason for much soul searching. While our cause was just — and perhaps these bombings brought the war to a quicker conclusion — the indiscriminate and disproportionate attacks on these two

cities violated basic moral norms: namely, good ends do not justify evil means.

As Vatican II taught, "Every act of war directed to the indiscriminate destruction of whole cities or vast areas with their inhabitants is a crime against God and man, which merits firm and unequivocal condemnation" (*"Gaudium et Spes,"* 60). The Japanese bombing of Chinese cities in the 1930s, the German terror attacks on London and Coventry, as well as the Allies' fire bombings of Dresden, Hamburg and Tokyo, like the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, did not distinguish between civilians and combatants.

Taken together, they all were products of a "total war mentality" and represented an abandonment of our Christian tradition that insists that a just war must be limited in both its ends and its means. That our adversaries did not abide by these same principles did not free us from the responsibility to do so.

Today, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, the threat of global

nuclear annihilation which defined the post-war era has thankfully evaporated. Nevertheless, new threats have emerged. The present War on Terror has us engaged with an unconventional foe that certainly has a "total war mentality" which recognizes no moral restraints. The possible use of weapons of mass destruction by these terrorist groups or rogue regimes like North Korea still understandably preoccupies us even as coalition forces continue to pacify Afghanistan and Iraq.

As we respond to the threats of the present, we must remember the lessons of the past and refuse to succumb to a "total war mentality." We do have a right to defend ourselves against terrorism. But it is a right which, as always, must be exercised with respect for moral and legal limits in the choice of ends and means.

As Pope John Paul II said 15 years ago, "World War II is a point of reference necessary for all who wish to reflect on the present and on the future of humanity." Sixty-five years after Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we can recognize how the growth of technologies of violence does little for the security of nations and peoples. The yearnings for peace will

not be satisfied through arms races or the stockpiling of arsenals of increasingly more lethal weapons.

Sixty-five years ago this month, World War II ended. The free world celebrated V-J Day, exhausted yet hopeful that a new peace could be forged. Today, we must recover that hope — and dare to pray for Peace on Earth.

Pope John Paul II, only weeks after that fateful Sept. 11 of 2001, exhorted us: "To pray for peace is to open the human heart to the inroads of God's power to renew all things. With the life-giving force of his grace, God can create openings for peace where only obstacles and closures are apparent; he can strengthen and enlarge the solidarity of the human family in spite of our endless history of division and conflict. To pray for peace is to pray for justice, for a right ordering of relations within and among nations and peoples. It is to pray for freedom, especially for the religious freedom that is a basic human and civil right of every individual. To pray for peace is to seek God's forgiveness and to implore the courage to forgive those who have trespassed against us." ■



FROM THE
ARCHBISHOP

Thomas
Wenski

No nos sometamos a la 'mentalidad de la guerra total'

En este agosto se conmemora el 65to aniversario del rendimiento de Japón y del fin de la Segunda Guerra Mundial. Como americanos, podemos sentirnos orgullosos de nuestra defensa exitosa contra las graves amenazas que presentaban las fuerzas del Eje a la humanidad. Recordamos el valor y los sacrificios de todos los soldados y los civiles que pelearon por una causa que era absolutamente justa. Murieron muchísimos, y los sobrevivientes se convirtieron en la "gran generación" que enfrentó la amenaza del comunismo en la Guerra Fría, a la vez que construía una nación de una prosperidad sin precedentes.

Sin embargo, en este mes también se conmemora el aniversario de los bombardeos atómicos de Hiroshima y Nagasaki. Estados Unidos fue la primera nación, y confiamos que la última, en utilizar armas nucleares en la guerra. Después de todos estos años, eso es motivo para la introspección. A pesar de que nuestra causa era justa — y quizás dichos bombardeos aceleraron el fin de la guerra — los ataques indiscriminados y desproporcionados sobre estas dos ciudades violaron las normas fundamentales de la moral, a saber, que una finalidad noble no justifica medios nefastos.

Como lo enseñó el Vaticano II, "toda acción bélica que tienda indiscriminadamente a la destrucción de ciudades enteras o de extensas regiones junto con sus habitantes, es un crimen contra Dios y la humanidad que hay que condenar con firmeza y sin vacilaciones" (*Gaudium et Spes* 80). Al igual que los bombardeos atómicos de Hiroshima y Nagasaki, el bombardeo japonés de ciudades chinas en la década de 1930, los ataques terroristas alemanes en Londres y Coventry, al igual que los bombardeos aliados de Dresden, Hamburgo y Tokio, no distinguieron entre civiles y combatientes. Todos fueron producto de una "mentalidad de guerra total" y representaron el abandono de nuestra tradición cristiana, que insiste en que la guerra justa debe estar limitada tanto en su fin como en sus medios. El hecho de que nuestros adversarios no respetaron estos mismos principios, no nos liberó a nosotros de la responsabilidad de hacerlos.

Hoy, tras el colapso de la Unión Soviética, se ha evaporado la amenaza de la aniquilación nuclear mundial que definió a la era de la posguerra. Sin embargo, han surgido nuevas amenazas. La actual Guerra contra el Terrorismo nos tiene ocupados con un enemigo poco

convencional, de una "mentalidad de guerra total" que no reconoce límites morales. La posibilidad de que estos grupos terroristas o regímenes parias como Corea del Norte utilicen armas de destrucción masiva, nos mantiene comprensiblemente preocupados, aunque las fuerzas de la coalición continúan pacificando a Irak y Afganistán.

Mientras respondemos a las amenazas del presente, debemos recordar las lecciones del pasado y rehusar a someternos a la "mentalidad de la guerra total". Tenemos el derecho a defendernos contra el terrorismo. Pero es un derecho que, como siempre, debe ejercerse con relación a los límites morales y legales, al escoger los fines y los medios.

Hace 15 años, el Papa Juan Pablo II dijo que "la Segunda Guerra Mundial es un punto de referencia necesario para todos aquellos que desean reflexionar en el presente y en el futuro de la humanidad". Sesenta y cinco años después de Hiroshima y Nagasaki, podemos reconocer cómo el crecimiento de las tecnologías de la violencia hace muy poco por la seguridad de las naciones y de los pueblos. No se pueden satisfacer los anhelos por la paz a través de carteras armamentistas o almacenando arsenales de armas cada vez más

mortíferas.

Este mes, hace 65 años, finalizó la Segunda Guerra Mundial. El mundo libre celebró el Día V-J exhausto pero esperanzado en que se podría forjar una nueva paz. Hoy debemos recuperar aquella paz, y atrevernos a orar por la paz en la Tierra.

A sólo semanas después de aquel fatídico 11 de septiembre de 2001, el Papa Juan Pablo II nos exhortó:

"Orar por la paz significa abrir el corazón humano a la irrupción del poder renovador de Dios. Con la fuerza vivificante de su gracia, Dios puede abrir caminos a la paz allí donde parece que sólo hay obstáculos y obstrucciones; puede reforzar y ampliar la solidaridad de la familia humana, a pesar de prolongadas historias de divisiones y de luchas. Orar por la paz significa orar por la justicia, por un adecuado ordenamiento de las Naciones y en las relaciones entre ellas. Quiere decir también rogar por la libertad, especialmente por la libertad religiosa, que es un derecho fundamental humano y civil de todo individuo. Orar por la paz significa rogar para alcanzar el perdón de Dios y para crecer, al mismo tiempo, en la valentía que es necesaria en quien quiere, a su vez, perdonar las ofensas recibidas." ■

NEWSbriefs

Registration extended for lay ministry courses

Registration has been extended until Aug. 27 for the Office of Lay Ministry and Adult Faith Formation's School of Ministry 2010. The following classes in the two-year program still have capacity: Wednesdays, in English, at Mary Help of Christians in Parkland; Wednesdays, in Spanish, at St. Rose of Lima in Miami Shores; and Thursdays, in English and Spanish, at St. Bartholomew in Miramar. To download a registration form and two recommendation forms, go to www.miamiarch.org/layministry and click on School of Ministry.

Students can get reduced-price meals

Students at St. Helen School in Fort Lauderdale and St. John the

Apostle School in Hialeah are invited to apply to receive free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch meals through a program offered by Holy Cross Hospital. Applications may be submitted now and at any time during the year.

The Holy Cross Growing Healthy Kids program is a multifaceted approach involving students, school staff, food service workers and parents at targeted parochial elementary schools. The program provides meals under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program to students who qualify.

Growing Healthy Kids also incorporates classroom learning with experiential learning outside the classroom, including school-site vegetable gardens, all designed to increase awareness and knowledge of improving health and nutrition and decreasing obesity.

"We are very proud of the 2,750 students who participate in nutrition activities on a weekly basis. There are also critical needs such as the free and reduced-price lunch program that we fulfill in parochial elementary schools," said Cathy Whitt, Growing Healthy Kids coordinator for Holy Cross Hospital. "As we move closer to the start of the school year, it is imperative for the parents of students at St. Helen and St. John the Apostle to submit an application for this program to determine their eligibility."

The Holy Cross Community Outreach Department reviews all applications and determines eligibility, which is based on household size and income criteria. Once approved, meal benefits are good for an entire year. For information, call Whitt at 954-771-5808.

Seeking families who serve families

Anyone who works in a ministry that serves engaged, married couples or families anywhere in the archdiocese, including those who are divorced, separated and bereaved, is invited to connect with "Serving Families as Family," an initiative of the archdiocese's Family Life Ministry.

This initiative is designed to help connect everyone in family ministry so that participants will get to know each other, learn about each other's ministries and programs, share ideas, synergize resources, and keep up more closely with each other's event calendars. The goal is to encourage greater mutual support and a spirit of collaboration and fellowship.

The first gathering is set for this

fall. All those interested in "serving families as family" should call Marta Vargas at 305-762-1140 or e-mail mvgargas@theadom.org.

The Family Life Ministry also is scheduling its 2011 marriage preparation programs, and is looking for parishes to host its sacramentality days, featuring the new program, "God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage."

"All we need to offer this program in your parish area is the space, and we take care of the rest, from team to logistics," said Vargas, family life program coordinator.

Parishes wishing to serve as hosts, learn more about this and other marriage preparation programs, or replenish their supply of the brochure, "7 Steps to a Rewarding Marriage Experience," should contact Vargas at the numbers and e-mail above.

APPOINTMENTS

Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointments:

Effective June 14:

Father David Smith — chaplain to Catholic Hospice, with residence at St. Raymond Parish, Miami.

Father Philip Scheiding — chaplain to Catholic Hospice, with residence at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish, North Lauderdale.

Effective July 1:

Father Mathew Thundathil — parochial vicar, St. Patrick Parish, Miami Beach, and chaplain, Mount Sinai Hospital and Miami Heart Institute.

Father Israel Mago — administrator, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Doral.

Father Albert Lahens Jr. — parochial vicar, St. Edward Parish, Pembroke Pines.

Effective Aug. 1:

Msgr. Michael Carruthers — pastor, St. Augustine Parish, Coral Gables.

Father Roberto Garza — rector, St. John Vianney College Seminary, Miami.

Effective Aug. 2:

Father Stephen O'Hala — administrator, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Pompano Beach.

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Father Jordi Rivero — a one-year sabbatical beginning June 1.

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Vatican updates norms on sexual abuse

Revisions codify penalties, procedures that had been in place since 2001

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith released an apostolic letter July 15 concerning updates to norms related to grave crimes (*graviora delicta*) that were outlined in 2001 by Pope John Paul II in the *motu proprio* "Sanctitatem sanctitatis tutela" ("The protection of the sanctity of the sacraments").

It expands the number of offenses to be referred to the Holy See and deals with such issues as sexual abuse of a minor, pornography, violations of the seal of the confessional and attempted ordination of women.

These revisions codify practices that have been in place for several

years for removing abusive priests from ministry. The revisions state, for example, that:

- The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith can dispense from applying the statute of limitations in cases where the commitment of an egregious crime is manifest, i.e. already proven. (This expedites clear-cut cases.)

- With a mandate from the Holy Father, the congregation may judge cardinals, patriarchs, nuncios, bishops and others whose alleged offenses usually are reserved to the pope. (This permits the pope to draw upon judicial expertise of the congregation.)

- Tribunals may include not only priests, but lay men and women, as well as individuals who do not have doctorates in canon law. (This broadens the number and

expertise in the pool of people who may sit on tribunals.)

The document also increases that statute of limitations for any serious crime (*graviora delicta*) from 10 to 20 years from its occurrence. For sexual abuse of a minor, that 20-years period begins when the one victimized turns 18. On a case by case basis, the CDF can also dispense from the statute of limitations entirely.

The document also highlights the seriousness of:

- Attempted conferral of absolution by someone who is not empowered to do so, or does not have faculties to do so, or pretends to confer absolution without really intending to do so.

- A priest's violating the seal of confession either directly or indirectly, or someone maliciously

recording and publicizing a sacramental confession. (Previously only direct violations of the seal had to be referred to the Holy See.)

- Attempted ordination of a woman or a woman's attempting to be ordained. It repeats that such crimes are matters of automatic excommunication. A priest who commits this crime faces not only excommunication but also removal from the clerical state.

The document also states that sexual abuse of anyone who habitually has an imperfect use of reason is to be treated as if the abuse were of a minor. (An obvious example would be molestation of someone who is mentally disabled.)

The document highlights the seriousness of a cleric's engaging in child pornography by acquiring, retaining or transferring por-

nographic images of prepubescent children, i.e. children under the age of 14. Punishment may include dismissal from the priesthood.

The document also upholds the withdrawal of a cleric from ministry during the preliminary investigation of a crime.

The attempted ordination of a woman was already treated as a crime by a 2007 Vatican decree. The newly released list codifies this rule as part of an update of a 2001 list of crimes to be referred to the Holy See. Pope John Paul II affirmed that the Catholic Church does not have the authority to ordain women in a 1994 apostolic letter. ■

Read about the new norms in question-and-answer format below.

'Grave crimes': Questions and answers

An explanation of the revisions to the norms announced by the Vatican July 15

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Q: What actual changes in handling of sexual abuse of minors by clerics do we see in this document? What are the practical changes we will see?

A: Most of the changes in the document are already part of the actual practice of the Holy See in dealing with sexual abuse cases. The processing of cases will continue to be streamlined. One of the changes,

for instance, allows the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to correct procedural acts of lower tribunals as it moves forward with a case. This can shorten the amount of time it will take to process some cases. Allowing qualified individuals who are not priests to serve on tribunals, another change, will provide for a larger pool of competent people to process cases. Both of these modifications, and others in the document, have been permitted in practice for several years. Now they will be part of the law.

Q: Do these norms affect what the Charter and norms for the Church in the United States cover?

A: The norms strengthen the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and the U.S. norms in that they provide for a smoother application of the spirit of the Charter, which is to remove from ministry anyone who intends to harm a child through sexual abuse, and to protect children and young people from abuse by anyone who serves in the Catholic Church.

Q: What does it mean to update

these norms? Weren't these norms already in place?

A: Most of the updates are a codification of current practice. This is recognition that these practices have been useful. The new norms also allow the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to move more quickly in some cases and clarify the important role it serves in helping the Church deal with abuse of minors by its clerics.

Q: Does this document address sanctions against Church leaders who mishandled sexual abuse accusations?

A: The norms now codify the

ability of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, with a prior mandate from the pope, to judge cardinals, patriarchs, nuncios, bishops and other physical persons included in the law, whose causes are usually reserved to the pope. While the pope has always had the option to ask the congregation to consider a case, the new norms clarify that process.

Q: Why did the Vatican decide to extend the statute of limitations for reporting from 10 to 20 years after an individual turned 18?

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Peruvian chapel nears completion in Miami

Peruvians mark independence, continue raising funds for Our Lady of Mercy of Peru Church-Museum



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Father José Luis Menéndez, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, gives details about the new church.

MELODY REGALADO
Florida Catholic correspondent

MIAMI — Catholic Peruvians in Miami will soon have a deeper connection to their country and patron saint without having to travel overseas.

More than 800 attendees, including Peruvian council Eduardo Chaverri, came together with Father José Luis Menéndez July 25 to celebrate Mass at Corpus Christi Parish in Miami.

The occasion was the 189th anniversary of Peru's independence, proclaimed by José de San Martín on July 28, 1821, after the Peruvian War for Independence.

Following the Mass, participants

saw for the first time the progress of the construction of Nuestra Señora de la Merced Iglesia-Museo Perú (Our Lady of Mercy of Peru Church-Museum), which Father Menéndez, pastor of Corpus Christi, said would

be the first Peruvian church in the United States.

According to U.S. Census figures, from 2005 to 2007, an estimated 54,373 Peruvians were living in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.

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Artist Dan Hennis shows off one of the colorful prints of his artwork, part of a 60-print collection that will be sold to raise funds for St. Bartholomew School in Miramar.

Artful fundraiser

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO
Florida Catholic staff

MIRAMAR — Dan Hennis says of his paintings, “They’re like my children.”

So even though he has a collection that spans nearly 30 years of work, he has been unwilling to sell most of them.

But now he has come up with a novel idea: a way to sell prints of his paintings, which disseminate a religious message, and in the process help children, particularly those who attend St. Bartholomew School in Miramar.

For \$2,000, individuals will be able to buy a collection of 60 unsigned prints of Hennis’ colorful oil paintings, all of them religious in nature. The number of sets sold will be limited to 3,300. All who purchase the set will receive a limited edition, signed and numbered set of the same 60-print collection — the same one Hennis sent to Pope John Paul II as a gift for the jubilee year 2000.

The first 2,000 people to purchase the set also will receive a bonus collection of 20 prints — the same prints the artist personally distributed during the archdiocese’s Jubilee 2000 celebration at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

Hennis said the signed collection has been valued at \$6,000. The cost of purchasing the unsigned collection comes out to \$33.33 per print.

“I’ve got all my artwork in a grantor’s trust. The trust is do-

nating these to the school,” said Hennis, and the money is being collected by St. Bartholomew’s Knights of Columbus Holy Spirit Council 6032.

If all 3,300 sets are sold at \$2,000 apiece, the artwork could raise a significant amount of money for the school.

The number 3,300 is meaningful to Hennis, who lives in North Miami with his wife and son, and used to be an art teacher in the public school system.

Thirty-three was Christ’s age when he was put to death; 00 refers to the fact that Hennis started to sign and number the 3,300 collections of the 60-print set in October 1999 and finished in February 2000. He said the feat put him in the Guinness Book of World Records for “most planned signatures.”

His connection to Father Paul Vuturo, pastor of St. Bartholomew, began many years ago when Father Vuturo’s father taught Hennis’ mother how to play the organ.

“This has been a long time coming. It’s definitely inspired by the Almighty,” said Hennis, who recalls going to Father Vuturo with his idea and asking him, “You need to tell me a good cause.”

Father Vuturo’s reply: “My school.”

St. Bartholomew has an enrollment of about 250 students in pre-K through eighth grade. Father Vuturo describes the stu-

PLEASE SEE **HENNIS, A12**



This is one of the colorful prints of Dan Hennis’ artwork that will be sold to raise funds for St. Bartholomew School in Miramar. All the prints are religious in nature, and many are based on the works of old masters, such as El Greco.

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Archbishop Thomas Wenski speaks to reporters at Miami International Airport after returning from a weeklong trip to Haiti to view the progress in reconstruction after the Jan. 12 earthquake.



Archbishop Wenski shows Gisele Fleurant, the Comité Artisanal Haitien store manager, new pamphlets on how to pray the rosary in Kreyol.



Archbishop Wenski visits the Comité Artisanal Haitien store in Port-au-Prince. The Comité works with Catholic Relief Services' partner, SERRV, to sell fair-trade goods in the United States through CRS' Work of Human Hands Catalogue.



Archbishop Wenski, representing the International Justice and Peace Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, participates in a meeting with the secretary general of the Haitian Bishops' Conference.

WENSKI: 'It's a very difficult situation'

FROM A1

be better."

He referred specifically to the situation at the port, saying not only is it inadequate for receiving large quantities of supplies, but many of the supplies needed to clear the rubble and rebuild are often held up by "lower level" officials seeking payoffs.

"We have to try to encourage the government to sort of address that," Archbishop Wenski said.

Rubble removal is also "a real challenge," he said.

Some experts have estimated that the earthquake resulted in 10 to 20 times more rubble than was created by the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

In Haiti, much of that rubble lies "at the end of very narrow streets" where large dump trucks have difficulty maneuvering, Archbishop Wenski said. So it is being carried out one wheelbarrow at a time.

The process is slow but it does create jobs for the local people. Catholic Relief Services also has a "cash for work" program where it pays people in the camps to dig trenches for drainage to prevent flooding during rainstorms.

In terms of rebuilding, Port-au-Prince lacks the quality of sand needed to create cement mix. That must come either from abroad or the other provinces and those shipments are being held up at the port.

The government also is finding it difficult to clear land titles in order to build new housing projects. Many of its own buildings — and the records they housed — were destroyed in the earthquake.

"It's a very difficult situation," Archbishop Wenski said.

Asked what he thought the situation would be in January 2011, he replied, "Hopefully marginally better than we have it now. Progress in Haiti is not done by giant steps."

He referred to the upcoming elections, which will result in a new president and perhaps a mostly new parliament, as "an important part of the recovery."

"You would hope there would be an electoral process that is credible," he said.

Archbishop Wenski toured the camps in Port-au-Prince along with Haiti's papal nuncio Archbishop Bernardito Auza, Brooklyn Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, and representatives of Catholic Relief Services and the U.S. bishops' office of Migration and Refugee Services.

At the northern border between the Dominican Republic and Haiti, they checked on the situation of human trafficking, specifically trafficking in children, and the flow of Haitian refugees into their neighbor nation.

Archbishop Wenski said "there's hasn't been really a big spike" in any of those numbers, which have been part of the "constant reality" in that area.

"People in Haiti are patient but I think their patience must have a limit," the archbishop said, referring to the pace of rebuilding. Ultimately, "they need to see in order to believe" that improvements are coming. ■



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Archbishop Wenski shows some schoolchildren a play of words in Kreyol. The school was badly damaged by the earthquake and classes are now conducted in outside tents.





It is a time of year every Floridian, no matter what age, takes very seriously — hurricane season, which begins June 1 and lasts through November.

Every member of the family should be aware of what needs to be done to prepare for hurricane season. Do you know what your family's disaster plan includes? Have you ever talked with your family about a disaster plan? If not, maybe you should.

While it's important to have the right supplies when you are waiting out a storm or living in the aftermath, thinking of prayer is important too. There are examples from the Bible in which people turned to God for comfort and support during major storms. In Psalm 107 — "God the Savior of Those in Distress" — marks how God's love for us will help us en-

sure trials, including storms. In verses 28-30, "In their distress they cried out to the Lord, who brought them out of their peril, hushed the storm to a murmur; the waves of the sea were stilled. They rejoiced that the sea grew calm, that God brought them to the harbor they longed for."

So maybe put a special prayer book, a Bible, and a rosary in your disaster supply kit. And don't forget, you can always use your fingers to pray the rosary. If you need some prayer resources, ask your parish director of religious education or go online to www.rosary-center.org/howto.htm

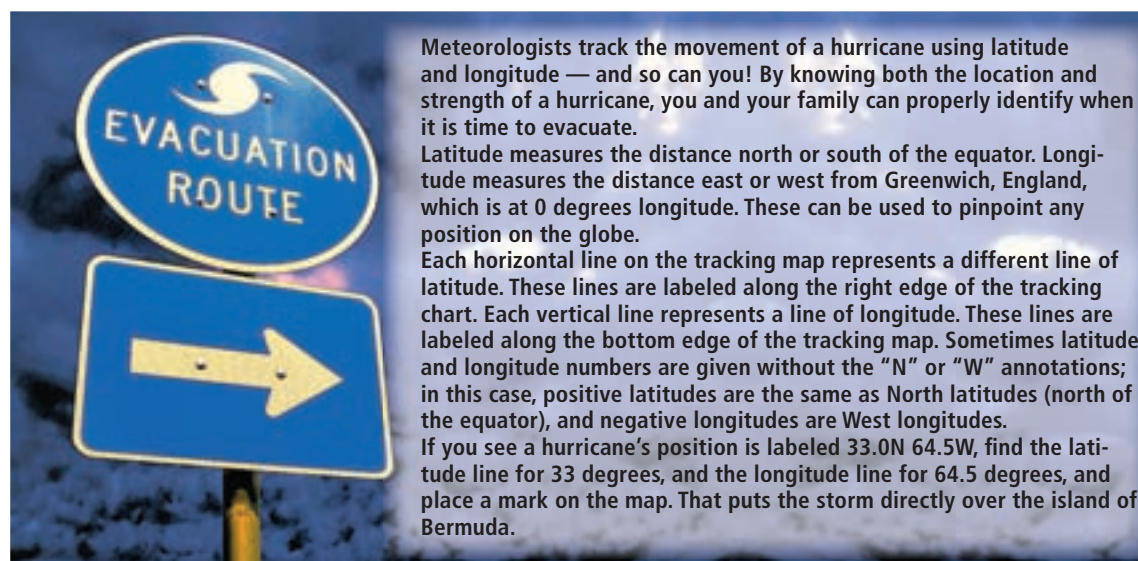
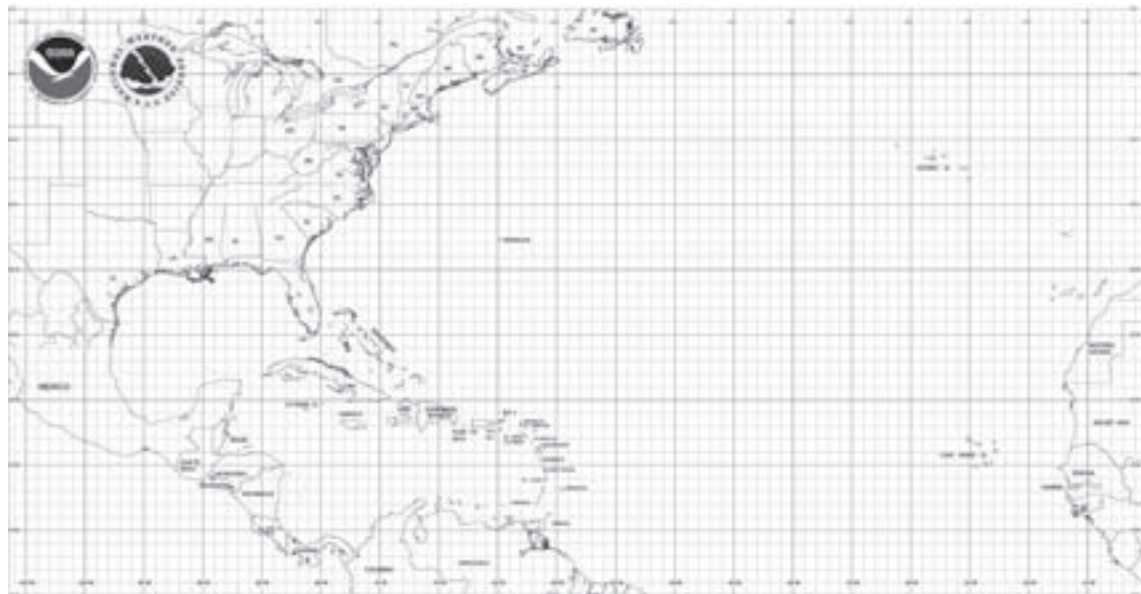
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- Ask your mom and dad about whether your home might be vulnerable during a storm. Does your area get flooded? Do you live near the water where a storm surge can affect you?
- Find the safest room (whether it is a bathroom or large walk-in closet) or area in your home where you would gather during a hurricane. Also, locate any hurricane shelters in your community.
- Talk as a family about how to get out of your house during an emergency.
- Make sure you know contact information for out-of-town friends and family.
- Think about what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate. Will they stay with you, or go to a friend or to a shelter?
- Know how, when and who to call during an emergency. Talk with your parents about when to dial 911.
- Prepare a disaster supply kit (see boxed item this page). And make sure some supplies are available in your safe room.
- Make sure your parents have a weather radio with working batteries, and remind them to use it during storms.
- Maybe you can't fill the car's gas tank, but make sure your parents do.

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Atlantic Basic Hurricane Tracking Map



Meteorologists track the movement of a hurricane using latitude and longitude — and so can you! By knowing both the location and strength of a hurricane, you and your family can properly identify when it is time to evacuate.

Latitude measures the distance north or south of the equator. Longitude measures the distance east or west from Greenwich, England, which is at 0 degrees longitude. These can be used to pinpoint any position on the globe.

Each horizontal line on the tracking map represents a different line of latitude. These lines are labeled along the right edge of the tracking chart. Each vertical line represents a line of longitude. These lines are labeled along the bottom edge of the tracking map. Sometimes latitude and longitude numbers are given without the "N" or "W" annotations; in this case, positive latitudes are the same as North latitudes (north of the equator), and negative longitudes are West longitudes.

If you see a hurricane's position is labeled 33.0N 64.5W, find the latitude line for 33 degrees, and the longitude line for 64.5 degrees, and place a mark on the map. That puts the storm directly over the island of Bermuda.

Prayer for protection from storms

God, our Father, Creator of the universe and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before you as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection. We ask that you keep us safe from all hurricanes which may threaten us in the coming seasons. Protect us from all the fear and anxiety of storms and give us an ardent trust and hope in your love and mercy. You alone have the power to command the sea, the wind and the rain. You alone bring peace, calm and safety. Father, we thank you in advance, for you are our only refuge. We ask this through Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

WHAT'S IN THE DISASTER SUPPLY KIT?

It's best to have a disaster supply kit ready if you find yourself without power and/or water for a while. Here are some things to consider:

- Water — Did you know that you should have at least 1 gallon daily per person for three to seven days?
- Food — at least enough for three to seven days. Stock up on nonperishable (that means they won't spoil if they are not refrigerated) packaged foods, canned food and boxed juices.
- What good are canned foods if you can't open the can? Have a nonelectric can opener in the kit.
- If you have a charcoal grill, make sure there are dry bricks, waterproof matches and lighter fluid.
- Plates and utensils (disposable works).
- Clothes, blankets, pillows, rain gear, sturdy shoes and plenty of socks.
- First-aid kit with medicines, bandages, creams and necessary prescription drugs.
- Soap, toilet paper, deodorant, wipes — hygiene items so you and your family don't smell so bad.
- Flashlights and batteries.
- Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a noncordless telephone that does not require electricity.
- Make sure Mom and Dad have keys to car and house. While they should have credit cards, if electricity is out at banks and businesses, it might be good to have some cash on hand.
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Camillus House began 50 years ago this month, when Brother Mathias Barrett, BGS, provided a hungry, elderly man with a bowl of cornflakes and milk. The ministry has since grown into a beacon of hope providing food, shelter, medical care, behavioral health treatment, job training and job preparation - and precious hope - to tens of thousands of South Floridians in desperate need.

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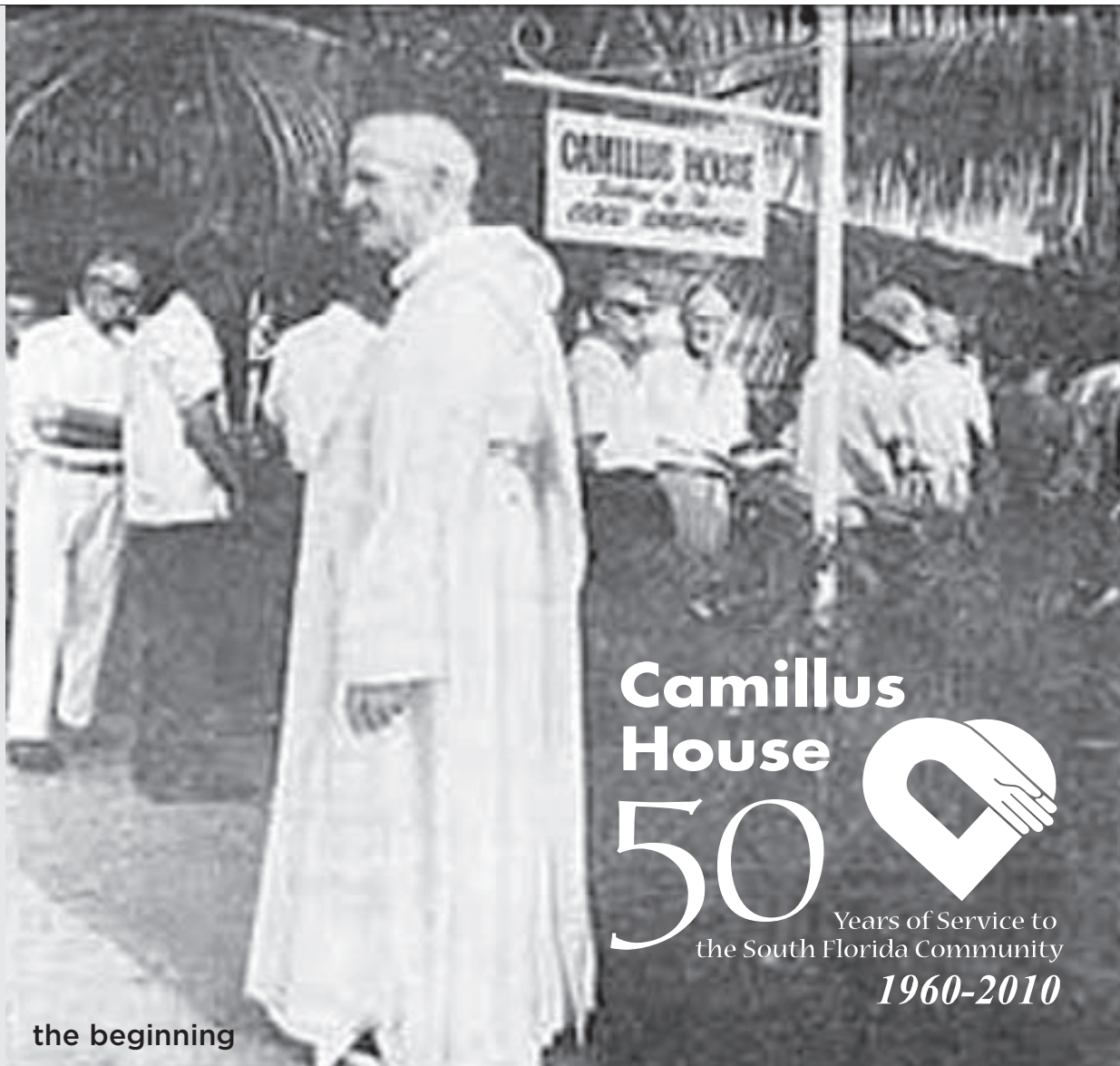
In this our golden anniversary year, we give thanks for the tireless work of Brother Mathias and all the Brothers of the Good Shepherd. We are equally thankful for our many friends from parishes across the Archdiocese of Miami, which have supported us throughout the years with their time, talent and treasure.

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A Special Thanks!

Together we can make our community a better place for all.

NEWSbriefs

Catholic Charities redesigns website

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami has launched a newly redesigned website and logo.

"The website has been greatly expanded to include more detailed information on the services we provide, our impact in the communities we serve and opportunities for supporting our agency," said Deacon Richard Turcotte, chief executive officer. "We are proud of our newly redesigned logo which has become the cornerstone of relaunching our agency on the Web."

As part of the revamped website, Catholic Charities programs now have their own website pages with in-depth information for each program.

"Detailed content helps donors understand our ministries and informs clients about the varied services we provide and eligibility requirements," said Iani Carvalho, senior director of information technology for Catholic Charities.

Other improvements range from clearly noting volunteer opportunities to providing a place for monetary online donations and an upcoming events section on the home page.

"Information on supporting our agency through both volunteering and monetary donations is now clearly highlighted. Volunteer opportunities in different ministry areas are available to view, while the donate buttons on program pages make it easier for benefactors to con-

tribute directly to our programs," said Carvalho.

The website is www.ccadm.org. Feedback or suggestions are welcome and can be e-mailed to social-media@ccadm.org.

World Youth Day registration opens

Registration to participate in World Youth Day, set for Aug. 16-21, 2011, in Madrid, is now open. The registration is done online and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has updated its existing World Youth Day page to allow access to the registration process through its website. The site includes links to important information regarding the event.

The theme of World Youth Day 2011 is "Planted and Built Up in Jesus Christ, Firm in the Faith." Organizers estimate that nearly 600,000 young people from countries other than Spain, including about 25,000 from the United States, will participate in the events. For information, go to www.wydua.org.

Mass in honor of Our Lady of Charity

Archbishop Thomas Wenski, along with retired Auxiliary Bishop Agustín Román and priests of the archdiocese, will concelebrate the annual Mass in honor of Our Lady of Charity, patroness of Cuba, on Sept. 8 at the University of Miami Bank United Center, 1245 Dauer Drive, Coral Gables. Rosary will begin at 6:45 p.m. and Mass at 8 p.m. Parking is free for the general public.

NORMS

FROM A6

A: The norms do not change the fact that the Church always encourages people to report sexual abuse. There has never been, and still is not, any restriction on when someone can report. The norms simply state what has become a frequent practice in the Church. It states what is already being done, and clearly states, as law, that the statute runs for 20 years.

Q: Is the Vatican still able to dispense from its own statute of limitations in egregious cases of sexual molestation?

A: Yes, the norms are very clear in this regard. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith retains the right to act on an individual basis if the actions are beyond the statute of limitations. So cases of abuse that are reported over 20 years after the victim reached the age of majority may still be heard.

Q: If the Vatican allows until 20 years after one's 18th birthday to report abuse, why do United States bishops oppose changing or lifting statutes of limitations?

A: The Vatican's norms address the Church's canonical response to sexual abuse, not the government's secular response. State and federal laws also do not limit a victim's right to report abuse for criminal prosecution. There are numerous reasons why our secular law limits the ability to file civil cases more than a certain number of years after the event, including state and federal constitutional guarantees, problems with evidence and recollections, and the potential for inaccurate claims.

Q: What is the significance of including sexual abuse of vulnerable adults among cases to be reported to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith?

A: This is an expansion of canonical protection of people with limited mental faculties. The distinction now is that those who habitually have an imperfect use of reason are equated with minors in the area of sexual abuse by a cleric. This will allow canonical prosecution of those who take advantage of people with severe conditions.

Q: Who are included as vulnerable adults?

A: It's important to clarify that many diocesan policies have a broader definition of vulnerable adults. The local diocese still has the ability to follow its own policies in protecting vulnerable adults from abuse or other harm.

Q: Is the Vatican adopting a zero tolerance policy such as what exists in the Church in the United States?

A: The concept of zero tolerance is not addressed in the norms. However, the universal norms do not conflict with the norms that the Vatican approved for use in the United States. Those norms remain in full force here.

Q: Do these norms change how the crime of sexual abuse is classified by the Church?

A: Yes. The modifications broaden the notion of what constitutes sexual abuse of minors to include situations where child pornography is involved and vulnerable adults might suffer abuse.

Q: How do these new norms make it easier to root out abusive priests?

A: The norms clarify the juridical process to remove those who have abused. Some of the new norms allow the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to expedite egregious cases. The role of the congregation as the primary office for hearing cases of sexual abuse of minors is made very clear.

Q: Have creating, purchasing,

downloading and viewing child pornography been considered sexual abuse before?

A: The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has already accepted cases involving child pornography. The addition to the norms puts this into the law.

Q: Why define pornography as looking at children younger than 14? What about pornography using 15-year-olds?

A: The norms define what is punishable by dismissal from the clerical state. Bishops still retain the duty and right to encourage their clerics to live moral and holy lives. Again, all local, state and federal laws regarding pornography are followed completely, and those serving the Church are held to higher moral standards. Abuse of another person is a grave sin. The new norms do not change that.

Q: Does this mean that child pornography is now something to be considered by the U.S. bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People?

A: The Vatican has not mandated that the U.S. bishops consider including the issue of child pornography in the Charter. The bishops could make the decision to include it; at this time there has been no decision to do so. The laws of the United States, of course, apply to all who work in the Church, including clerics.

Q: How are child sexual abuse and ordination of women related?

A: They're not. The Vatican document is an omnibus document that includes both grave crimes against the sacraments, which now includes attempts to ordain women along with such crimes as desecration of the Eucharist, and grave crimes against morals, which now includes involvement with child pornography as well as sexual abuse of a minor. ■

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FROM A8

dent body as "a significantly immigrant community," made up of families from the Caribbean, the Philippines, South America and even Nigeria.

"We have a lot of kids who are first generation here. The families are doing their best to realize their hopes for their kids," Father Vuturo said. "We're doing everything we can to make sure that it is not only the affluent who can afford a Catholic education."

The money raised by the sale of Hennis' prints will not go to any particular project, Father Vuturo added. "It's just that, regularly, families just need help with tuition."

Hennis points out that the prints represent "the entire lifetime collection of the artist. It's extremely rare to get this, especially a signed and numbered



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Artist Dan Hennis and Father Paul Vuturo, standing, pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish in Miramar, look over some of the prints of Hennis' artwork.

set."

He began painting only religious oils, each about 11 by 14 feet in size, in 1979 after his wife

was in a terrible car accident. She was in a coma for four-and-a-half days.

"I was praying, 'Lord, either take her from me or give her back and I'll dedicate my talent to the Lord each and every day.'"

She recovered and Hennis kept his promise.

The couple also were told that they could never have children. Yet their son, David, is now 24 years old — and a computer whiz who designed Hennis' website, www.maestrohennis.com.

"Nobody can tell me that miracles don't happen," said Hennis.

He adds that this fundraiser "is so unique, it's never been done like this before."

"The people who can afford this, they will either be blessed in the future or they're already blessed and they know it. And we need their help," Hennis said. "I deeply believe there are 3,300 people out there who will want to help." ■

100 years of life and prayer

Sister Ana Maria Campos has taught a lot of children, 'inspired' the vocation of Miami's retired auxiliary bishop

GAIL BULFIN
Florida Catholic correspondent

FORT LAUDERDALE — Her deep brown eyes have seen a lot of life in 100 years.

They witnessed the wonder of the children to whom she taught the catechism of the Church in pre-Castro Cuba. They were also among the first to observe the trickle, then the storm, of children landing on U.S. soil after being smuggled out of Cuba during Operation Pedro Pan in the early 1960s.

Her eyes showed her the needs of the aging religious who were unable to care for themselves and whose own eyesight was failing. And now those brown eyes, accompanied by a smile and confident in the power of a life spent in prayer, greet her visitors.

Quiet, unimposing Sister Ana Maria Campos, now in residence at St. Jerome Parish in Fort Lauderdale, turns 100 this month.

Sister Campos was born in a part of Havana called San Antonio de Los Baños on Aug. 25, 1910. She knew she wanted to be a religious from an early age. But, always the caregiver, she first tended to her grandmother, then cared for both her parents, and did not enter the convent until after their deaths.

Sister Campos joined the Sisters of St. Philip Neri, a congregation founded in Spain in 1858 by Marcos and Gertrudis Castañer y Seda. This unusual team of brother and sister were inspired by the life of St. Philip Neri and devoted themselves to serving God by starting a shelter for the poor and teaching catechism to those in spiritual need.

Marcos, ordained a priest in 1839 and Gertrudis, whose failing health prevented her from finishing her studies as a Carmelite nun, opened their first school in Barcelona, Spain. The congregation soon expanded its reach into Mexico, Cuba, and eventually to the United States.

Much like the founders of her congregation, Sister Campos traces her religious calling to her experiences as a young teacher of catechism in her hometown. She and another neighborhood friend would go out into the community, gather up the children and tell them vivid stories of the Church.

"She was well-known in the community both as a catechist and missionary," remembers her

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Father Michael W. Davis

neighbor and friend Agustin Roman, who would later become auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Miami, the first Cuban in 200 years to be appointed bishop in the United States.

Sister Campos joined the order in 1955 and began teaching at Chaparra Oriente, a small primary education school in Cuba. In the years prior to the revolution, she worked at Our Lady of Lourdes in Havana. One of her former students went on to become the bishop of Matanzas. Sister Campos always loved taking care of children and working in the convent with the other sisters. She continued her teachings at Our Lady of Lourdes until circumstances in Cuba led to another calling across the Straits.

In 1961, Sister Campos came to Homestead where, along with the other sisters, she continued to serve the Lord by caring for the children seeking freedom in America through Operation Pedro Pan.

Sister Vivian Gomez, current principal at St. Jerome School, met Sister Campos when Sister Gomez, as a young child, first arrived in the Pedro Pan community at Florida City.

"We used to call her 'Sister Cepacol' because whenever anyone was sick, she would give us Cepacol," recalled Sister Gomez.

Sister Campos took her perpetual vows in a tiny chapel in Homestead in 1961. The chapel was sparse, with no musical instruments, so the children borrowed an organ from another church for the ceremony.

"We gave it back after the ceremony," Sister Gomez recalled with a laugh.

When people ask Sister Campos what she remembers most about that time of exodus, she recalls the image of a young girl, age 11, newly arrived from Cuba, clutching her newborn brother in her arms. It was a symbol of the depth of sacrifice the families of Cuba made during this time of



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Sister Ana Maria Campos of the Sisters of St. Philip Neri, right, poses with her fellow religious Sister Vivian Gomez, principal of St. Jerome School in Fort Lauderdale. The two met when Sister Gomez arrived in Homestead at one of the camps set up for children coming out of Cuba through Operation Pedro Pan. Sister Campos, herself a Cuban exile, took care of the children housed there.

great upheaval. Sister Campos still weeps when she recalls the cries of the baby.

These days she spends her time knitting and, of course, in prayer. Religious music remains her great love — no surprise when you learn she used to sing and play the *bandolina*.

"In my day I had a lovely voice," she said with a wink.

She lives in the tidy pink convent located just down the street from St. Jerome School in Fort Lauderdale. Sister Campos lives in an upstairs room, unable to get down the stairs because the building has no elevator. The room she sleeps in was once used by Mother Teresa of Calcutta when she visited south Florida in 1974.

Bishop Roman visited the parish not long ago and gave Sister Campos one of his most prized possessions, his rosary.

"They are what I prayed with every day. She was the inspiration for my vocation and for the vocations of four other priests in our parish in Cuba. She prayed for us and for us to follow Jesus," the bishop said.

Even at 100, Sister Campos still prays every day. She prays for

world peace. She prays for world health. But most of all she prays for "the little children."

"If I had one request it would be to be able to go back to Mass," she said.

It's been more than two years since she was able to leave the second-floor apartment to attend Mass. "My legs don't take me anymore, but I pray for all of you."

"Sister provides us with an inspiring, century-long witness to her love for life, perseverance in her commitment, and joy in the service of Christ," said Father Michael W. Davis, parochial administrator of St. Jerome.

The parish will celebrate Sister Campos' birthday with a party for parish friends and family on Saturday, Aug. 21. For information, contact Mark Landia, director of advancement for St. Jerome School and Parish, at 954-525-4133, ext. 3040. ■

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St. Andrew garage sale, Saturday, Aug. 21, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Andrew Parish hall, 9950 N.W. 29 St., Coral Springs. Merchandise drop-off Friday, Aug. 20, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. No large furniture, electronics, computers, monitors, keyboards or TV sets. Hosted by St. Andrew Council of Catholic Women. 954-227-1640.

St. Stephen flea market, Saturday, Aug. 21, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Stephen, 2000 S. State Road 7, Miramar. Spaces: \$25. 954-987-1100.

Encuentros Juveniles festival, Sunday, Aug. 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Youth Center, 3333 S. Miami Ave., Miami. Fun, music and games. Tickets: \$7 in advance; \$10 at the door, includes food, drinks, dessert. 305-856-3404, ext. 19; www.encuentrosjuveniles.org.

St. Malachy's sock hop, Saturday Aug. 28, 7 p.m., St. Malachy Parish hall, 6200 John Horan Terrace, Tamarac. Come back to the '50s, wear your favorite poodle skirt or leather jacket. \$15 per person for hot dog, side dish, soda or drink, DJ. Sponsored by St. Malachy's Knights of Columbus. stmalachychurch@comcast.net.

Labor Day picnic, Sept. 6, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish, 106 S.E. First Drive, Homestead. Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 4998. Enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, delicious sides, desserts, cold drinks; games, fun activities for kids and grown-ups. Admission: \$7 per person or \$20 per family of three or more. www.kofc4998.org.

"East of 95," Sept. 11-Oct. 29, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School's Gallery of Art, 4949 N.E. Second

Ave., Miami. Opening reception Sept. 11, 7 p.m. Free but R.S.V.P. required. Exhibit presents Simon Hare's photographic portrait study of people who live and work in Miami's historic Buena Vista neighborhood. 305-751-8367 or www.acnd.net.

"Don Bosco Among Us": Relics of St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesians, will arrive at Immaculata-La Salle High School, 3601 S. Miami Ave., Miami, on Sunday, Sept. 25. All-night vigil begins at 8 p.m., concludes at 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 26, with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Wenski. Relics then go to St. John Bosco Parish, 1358 N.W. First St., Miami, where they will be venerated from noon until midnight. Immaculata-La Salle vigil will include activities for high school and middle school students; schools, parish youth groups invited to participate. 786-427-5788 or 305-649-5464, or <http://donboscoamongus.org>.

"Noche Caribeña," Saturday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m., DoubleTree Miami Mart Hotel, 711 N.W. 72nd Ave., Miami. Annual fundraiser gala for *Amor en Accion*, archdiocesan lay missionary community with projects in Dominican Republic and Haiti. Live music by Latin Groove. \$60 per person. events@amorenaccion.com.

CONCERTS

Hermana Glenda en concierto, *miércoles, 25 de agosto, Blessed John XXIII Church, 16800 Miramar Parkway, Miramar. Donación: \$10/persona. 954-392-5065.*

"The Entertainer: Music of Scott Joplin," Thursday, Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m., St. Martha Parish, 9301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami. Richard Dowling tickles the

ivories and weaves stories of the age of ragtime, traversing one of America's native art forms. Tickets: \$30-\$35 per person. 1-888-544-FIRE, www.seraphicfire.org.

FAITH EDUCATION

Learn to be a "spiritual companion": Applications are being accepted now for the Spiritual Companionship Certificate Program at St. Thomas University. Graduates serve as spiritual directors and spiritual companions. Classes are from September to May, Monday evenings, 6:30-9 p.m. 305-628-6548, sloretta@stu.edu.

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:*

- "Evangelización y Cultura Hispana", 23 de agosto al 22 de septiembre, sobre el pluralismo cultural entre los hispanos en los EE.UU.; para todo aquel que entienda la evangelización como la misión central de la Iglesia o desempeñe en su ministerio personal un servicio de liderazgo.*

"El Camino" to spirituality, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Aug. 31-Sept. 14, St. Gregory, 200 N. University Drive, Plantation. An opportunity for participants to deepen their spiritual life through prayer, Scripture reading and spiritual exercises. 954-816-8756 or 954-260-8342.

Bible study, Tuesdays, St. Michael the Archangel School, 300 N.W. 28 Ave., for Catholics who want to learn more about the Scriptures. 305-643-4661 or ydelrivero@yahoo.com.

Training for extraordinary ministers of holy Communion, Saturday, Sept. 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Bartholomew, 8005 Miramar Parkway, Miramar, in English and Spanish. \$10 per person. Candidates must be recommended to the Office of Worship in a letter signed by their pastors. 305-759-4531, ext. 107.

"Ignite the Spark Within Us," annual Respect Life Conference, Oct. 29-30, Fort Lauderdale Marriott North, 6650 N. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Information and registration: 954-771-0440, www.respectlifemiami.org

MASSES/PRAYER SESSIONS

Blue Mass, Sunday, Sept. 12, 12:30 p.m., Mother of Christ, 14141 S.W. 26 St., Miami, in memory of law enforcement, firefighters, rescue squads and first responders. Main celebrant: Archbishop Thomas Wenski. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 14215 of Mother of Christ Parish. 305-559-6111.

Mass for healing, Tuesday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m., St. Maurice, 2851 Stirling Road, Dania Beach. Celebrated by Father Andrew Chan-a-Sue, preceded by rosary at 6:30 p.m. 954-967-9533.

Tridentine Latin Mass, first and last Sundays, 7:30

a.m., St. Malachy, 6200 John Horan Terrace, Tamarac. stmalachychurch@comcast.net.

RETREATS/DAYS OF REFLECTION

"For the Love of God Worldwide," with John Rick Miller, who travels the world preaching the word of God and spreading devotion to the Holy Family. Friday, Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe, 11100 N.W. 27 St., Doral; Saturday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m., St. Pius X, 2511 N. Ocean Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. Free. 305-238-4367.

Healing the whole person, Aug. 27-29, St. Jerome, 2601 S.W. Ninth Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Led by Dr. Bob Schuchts and his brother Bart Schuchts. Journaling exercises, prayer experiences, sacrament of reconciliation. www.tobhealing.org.

Matrimonios en Victoria, una oportunidad para que los matrimonios pasen un tiempo alejados de la agitación diaria y reflexionen sobre su vida y su relación con Dios: 28 y 29 de agosto, *iglesia Our Lady of Lourdes, 11291 S.W. 142 Ave., Miami. 305-490-0903; 25 y 26 de septiembre, iglesia St. Timothy, 5400 S.W. 102 Ave., Miami. 786-547-9289.*

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

- "Finding Jesus in the silence of our hearts," Sept. 3-5, Labor Day weekend, with Father Jose Alfaro of the Archdiocese of Miami. Special weekend of silence in prayer, with periods of input and teaching, ample time for personal prayer, reflections, and growing in the presence of Jesus, who will fill your quietness with joy. All-inclusive weekend: \$160 per person.

- Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, one Monday per month from September through May, 7-9:30 p.m. Following the 19th annotation of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Suggested donation: \$150 per person for the nine-month program.

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- 19th annotation of the Spiritual Exercises: Like a 30-day retreat in content and process, but spread out over nine months for busy people. Monday group begins Aug. 30, 7-8 p.m.; Wednesday group begins Sept. 8, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Weekly meetings until May 2011 in CCD conference room. Free, but space is limited. Monday group: 305-971-3225 or GNmckee@bellsouth.net; Wednesday group: aiolaso@yahoo.com or 786-423-4701.

- Meeting Christ in prayer, Sept. 15-Nov. 3, an eight-week guided prayer experience designed for small groups. Introduces participants to various ways of praying, helps them form regular habits of prayer, provides them with an opportunity to meet Christ anew and experience support in the Christian life.

305-790-5772, mtlopez@stlcatholic.org.

Life in the Spirit seminar, begins Tuesday, Sept. 7, St. Bernadette Parish, 7450 Stirling Road, Hollywood. Seven weeks of talks, praises, prayer, healing in the format of the Catholic Charismatic tradition. Directed by Father John Fink, coordinated by lay leaders. Cost: \$7. mariamanda@bellsouth.net.

Magis retreat, Sept. 10-12, John Paul II Retreat Center, 720 N.E. 27 St., Miami, for single/married adults of all ages, based on Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. \$95, includes meals, private rooms. 305-805-4411, magisretreats@aol.com or www.magisretreats.com.

Retiro Emaús: 17 de septiembre, para caballeros, St. John the Apostle, 479 E. Fourth St., Hialeah. 305-807-4383, danoscariz@aol.com.

Challenge retreat, Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 29, 7-8:15 p.m., St. Matthew Parish, 542 Blue Heron Drive, Hallandale Beach. New, eight-month retreat experience based on Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, with spiritual direction, weekly group meetings. Learn discernment, contemplation, meditation, much more. 954-458-1590, support@saintmatthewcc.com or www.saintmatthewcc.com/challenge-retreat.html.

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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, Aug. 21, 9 a.m., St. Jerome School, Fort Lauderdale.
- Monday, Aug. 30, 4 p.m., Chaminade-Madonna College Prep, Hollywood.
- Tuesday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m., St. Kevin Parish, Miami.
- Saturday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m., St. John Neumann Parish, Miami; St. Jerome School, Fort Lauderdale; St. Rose of Lima School, Miami Shores.

- Wednesday, Sept. 15, 6 p.m., Archbishop Edward McCarthy High School, Southwest Ranches.
- Saturday, Sept. 18, 9 a.m., St. Jerome School, Fort Lauderdale.

YOUNG ADULTS

Sonshine TEC No. 11, young adult retreat, Sept. 4-6, Youth Center, 3333 S. Miami Ave., Miami. TEC brings youths and young adults into a deeper relationship with Christ and provides a powerful experience in Christian living. 305-664-0086, 954-815-1105 or www.miamitec.org.

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When he knew he wanted to be a priest:

"All my life I was around the brothers (Congregation of Presentation Brothers). All through school they influenced me so I eventually decided to join them. I was blessed with a second vocation. I guess you can say I went to the other side of the street. It really was Vatican Council II that influenced me to become a priest because of its effects on religious communities."

Person most surprised by his vocation:

"My family was most surprised when I became a brother first and not a priest. They always knew I would become a priest."

What the seminary did not prepare him for:

"Being a good preacher. I've always been told my Irish accent is too strong and I speak very fast."

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

"I always liked engineering. I liked to design. Not that I could draw very well, but I liked it."

Favorite priestly assignment:

"I've been equally happy at every assignment but I really enjoyed teaching CCD, hearing reconciliation and being available to the people. I was at the airport in London once and a woman asked me to hear her confession after another woman asked me to bless her baby."

The most difficult aspect of being a priest:

The challenge to holiness.

'A priest isn't a superman; he's fully human with ups and downs.'

His description of the ideal priest:

"Simplicity and availability. I chose as my motto, 'He must increase, I must decrease.' I honestly believe that and have tried to live it."

A priestly stereotype that he feels should be discarded:

"A priest isn't a superman; he's fully human with ups and downs."

What he does on his day off:

"Up until a few years ago (before Hurricane Katrina) I used to play tennis and golf, but now I enjoy listening to music and reading."

Favorite movie:

"Life of Don Bosco" (1936).

Favorite TV series:

"I'm not into TV; I listen to music over the TV now and really only watch sports."



Father Mannix Stack had the privilege of a one-on-one meeting with Pope John Paul II in May 2000, during the celebration of the Jubilee for Priests and the pope's 80th birthday. Father Stack was one of 12 priests turning 80 that year who were selected to have lunch with the pope.

Last book read:

"I prefer religious newspapers and magazines. I read Our Sunday Visitor."

Favorite type of music:

Classical, but really anything other than jazz.

What he collects:

"At St. Mark I began a coin collection as a way to raise funds for the parish. I now have coins from all over the world and they are valued at quite a bit."

Person he most admires:

"I have met so many saintly brothers and priests over the years. (Miami Auxiliary Bishop) John Noonan stands out as a great person."

His greatest disappointment:

"I never got the chance to learn how to play a musical instrument."

His greatest joy:

"My family. I'm the third of 12 children. We were poor but religious and very blessed. I didn't realize it at the time, but my parents had a great love between them."

His greatest accomplishment:

"I have managed to keep breathing!"

His harshest critic:

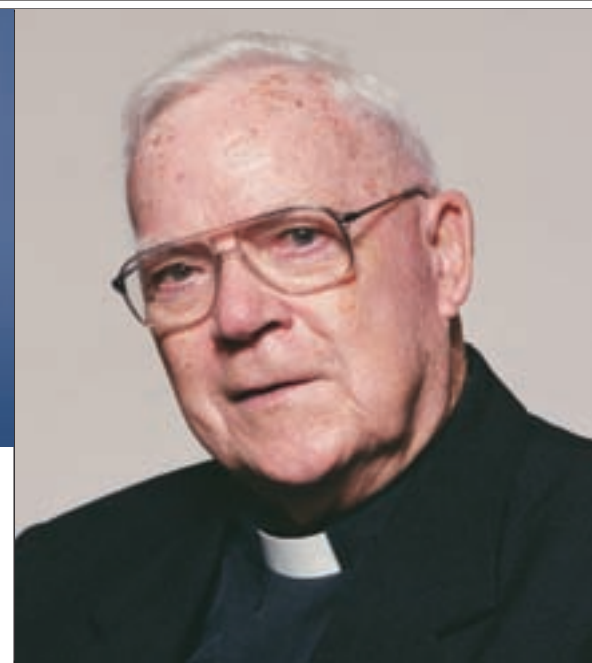
"Myself. I always wanted to be better."

Thing he most fears:

"I don't fear dying. I fear becoming a burden on other people."

Regrets:

"Not being holier."



FATHER MANNIX STACK

Parochial vicar, St. Mark, Southwest Ranches

Born Aug. 11, 1920, in Cobh, County Cork, Ireland, Father Stack was a Presentation Brother for 35 years, beginning in 1939.

He taught in, established and administered Catholic high schools in Ireland, Grenada, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, and St. Lucia. Later in life, he discerned "a second vocation" and entered the seminary in 1970. He was ordained a priest June 24, 1973, for the Diocese of St. Lucia, West Indies. He came to the Archdiocese of Miami in 1978 and has served at Sacred Heart and 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 St. David in Davie. Since December 1997, he has served at St. Mark in Southwest Ranches from where he will retire at the end of August, after turning 90.



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CHAPEL

FROM A7

to celebrate weddings and baptisms in the chapel.

A committee began discussing and planning for the project in 2004, and construction began in 2006. Members hope the church will be ready to open next year if the \$500,000 needed to complete it is collected.

Many of the construction materials were donated, and although many who have participated in the project are Peruvian, they also have a lot of support from other nationalities in the community, for example Venezuelans, Colombians and Cubans.

"I came today to celebrate Peru's independence and to share in this beautiful moment with my neighbors," said Sergio Velasquez, an Argentinean member of Corpus Christi Parish.

"This is going to be a place where we can profess our Catholic faith through Peruvian art and culture," said Wilson Alayo, a Peruvian and member of the committee.

The church contains paintings and sculptures donated from the archdiocesan collection of colonial Latin-American art, which is curated by Father Menendez.

"We live in front of the art district in Miami and it's good for the Church to become part of this area too," Father Menéndez said.



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Parishioners of Corpus Christi tour the inside of the nearly completed Nuestra Señora de la Merced Iglesia-Museo Perú.

Although the building's structure is finished, including a balcony where the choir will sit, there still remain some things to complete, such as the floor, the altar and painting the walls. Currently completed are the baptismal area and the chapel housing an image of the Lord of Miracles.

This image of a dark-skinned Christ on the cross, with the Holy Spirit, God the Father, the Virgin Mary and Mary Magdalen by his side, is considered the patron of Peru. It was first painted by an Angolan slave in 1651 on an adobe wall near Lima, in the region of Pachacamilla. The image remained nearly intact even after several earthquakes and natural disasters,

which led to its fame and the people's devotion.

The Church of the Nazarenes was later built around it and still stands today. People continue to travel there to pray and ask for miracles. The devotion has spread all over the world, including south Florida.

At the event Sunday, participants raised the Peruvian flag next to the American flag as the national anthem of Peru played from loudspeakers, and the celebration concluded with a reception featuring foods typical of the country.

"It reminds us of Peru," said Hilda Romero, a member of Corpus Christi Parish since 2003. "It brings us closer to our country and our community." ■

CQP

FROM A1

"It's always important for us to take our faith seriously and that's why the way the candidates vote when they are in office and the way they respond to the CQP helps us to be informed and be conscientious voters," said Michael Sheedy, FCC associate director for health. "The outcome affects the care for the world around us and the community we live in."

There are currently 12 candidates running in the governor's race in the primary election and 60 percent have completed the CQP. For U.S. Senator, 15 are running and response rate is now at 42.9 percent. And of the more than 100 running for U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, 50 percent have responded. Of the 44 running for the Florida Senate and more than 250 running for the Florida House of Representatives, there has been better than a 60 percent response.

"If a candidate has not responded, we encourage voters to write to the individual candidate, or see who has endorsed them, or where they have gotten their donations from," said Sheedy.

The primary election this year takes place Aug. 24; early voting began Aug. 9. The general election occurs Nov. 2, with early vot-

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ing beginning Oct. 18. Downloadable files of candidate responses will be available on the two weekends prior to early voting for the primary and general elections.

On the FCC website, voters will also find a link to Faithful Citizenship, which provides information on forming one's conscience for faithful citizenship, prayers and other important information to help voters prepare for the upcoming elections.

"When it comes to marking our ballot, reconciling politics with the basic values of the Gospel and the tenets of our faith can be difficult," said McCarron. "We are better prepared to address this challenge if we have taken the time to become familiar with candidates' positions on issues of human life and dignity, justice and common good." ■

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