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As culture of death mentality increases, Catholics need to be well-informed

LYNN RAMSEY

Special to the Florida Catholic

ORLANDO — Sanctity of life carries great weight. Respect life, and all are safe. Let abortion and euthanasia take hold, and no one is safe.

Father Alfred Cioffi will show how high the stakes are in his keynote speech at the Florida Respect Life Conference. The event will take place Friday, Oct. 29, through Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott North Hotel. Attendees will also get plenty of information to articulate the Church's positions on life issues.

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FYI

When: Friday, Oct. 29-Saturday, Oct. 30.

Where: Fort Lauderdale Marriott North Hotel, 6650 N. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. Hotel phone: 954-771-0440.

Cost: \$75 individual, \$140 married couples, \$65 student. Registration includes all general sessions.

More information: Call the Miami Respect Life Ministry at 954-981-2922. Schedule information, guest speakers list, conference brochure and registration form available on the Florida Catholic Conference's website, www.flacathconf.org.

The USCCB's website has a link to the Church's stands on the issues. Visit usccb.org, then click "Life Issues."

A DECADE OF THE LIVING ROSARY



From left, Carolina Prado, Ana Alvarez and Nicholas Callison, sixth-grade students at Our Lady of the Lakes School in Miami Lakes, represent beads in a "living rosary" prayed by the entire school Oct. 12. October is the month of the rosary, and Our Lady of the Lakes School has marked it with a living rosary for more than a decade — first in the church and since 2004 in the rosary garden in the school's courtyard. This year, the students reflected on the mysteries of light. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

Change is coming

For some pastors, it is already here;
Archbishop Thomas explains why

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO
Florida Catholic staff

MIAMI — To parishioners who have lost their longtime pastors, it may seem as if priests are being shuffled around like dominoes these days in the archdiocese.

Well, it's true. They are.

But there is good reason for it, Archbishop Thomas Wenski told the *Florida Catholic* in an interview. When a pastor retires or goes on sabbatical, it typically requires moving more than one priest to fill the opening.

"Picking the best man for

PLEASE SEE **WENSKI, A6**



Archbishop Thomas Wenski asks retired archdiocesan priests to "continue to support me with your prayers" during a luncheon Oct. 12 at St. Martha Parish hall. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

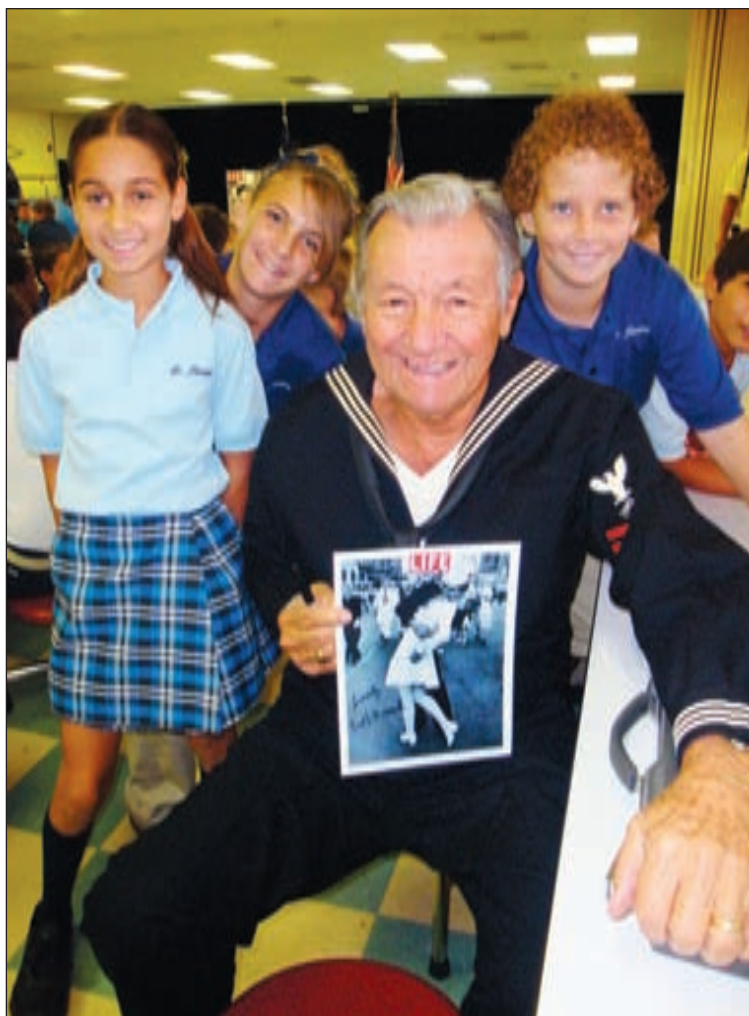
A kiss for the ages

World War II's 'kissing sailor' shares 'his-story' with St. Jerome students

GAIL BULFIN
Florida Catholic correspondent

FORT LAUDERDALE — Times Square, V-J Day, 1945: A young sailor dressed in blue grabs a nurse in white, bends her back and embraces her in a kiss immortalized in a photo that appeared on the cover of *Life* magazine. The black-and-white photograph of the two became the iconic image of America's victory over Japan and the celebration of the end of World War II.

On Oct. 13, the students at St. Jerome School in Fort Lauderdale got to hear firsthand the story behind the famous kiss.



Carl Muscarello, holding the photo that made him famous, is surrounded by students from St. Jerome School during his presentation on World War II and V-J, or Victory from Japan, Day. Behind him, from left, are Samantha Alejo, 11, Ginna Martineau, 11, and Tiago Rodrigues, 12. (GAIL BULFIN | FC)

Carl Muscarello, now 84 and a retired New York City police detective, is the man most believed to be the sailor behind the smooch.

The woman in white, Edith Shain, recently passed away in California

PLEASE SEE **KISS, A8**

Remembering 'the innocents'

Service at St. Andrew Parish commends souls of unborn, stillborn children to Mary's care

JONATHAN MARTINEZ
Florida Catholic correspondent

CORAL SPRINGS — The death of a child is never easy — even if that child has yet to be born.

"My mom personally had two miscarriages before I was born, and in a way I suffered that pain because I missed the chance of having brothers; and I also saw the effect it had on my mom and dad and how it opened their hearts to love," said Father Flavio Montes-Colon, parochial vicar at St. Andrew Parish in Coral Springs.

Father Montes-Colon led a solemn prayer service Oct. 9 at the parish to remember the lives of babies lost either through miscarriage, stillbirth or shortly after birth without having the opportunity of being baptized.

The Dedication and Blessing of the Book of the Innocents, attended by more than 40 people, was sponsored by the Respect Life Ministry for the first time in Broward County. It coincided with Respect Life Month, in which issues promoting the sanctity of life are promoted. The names of the children were written in a book and placed by the statue of the Blessed Mother in the main sanctuary.

"We will have in this book the names of children/babies who have been lost, and notes for those babies to the Holy Mother

'This finally gives a chance to surrender your child to God and gives you a chance to heal that wound.'

Anna Rocco

and also for those babies who died because of abortion," said Father Montes-Colon. "We trust that our Mother Mary will bless these babies and families, and continue to intercede on behalf of all those who suffer so that Christ can bestow upon them his blessings and consolation."

The emotional service brought tears to the eyes of those in attendance and provided an opportunity for healing for those who had suffered such a loss.

"I hope those who attended this service find healing, to realize the healing power of God and to enjoy God's mercy and his love because that is what we all need, especially during the loss of someone close to us. And they need to realize that Christ is there for us," said Father Montes-Colon after the service concluded.

"This finally gives a chance to surrender your child to God and gives you a chance to heal that wound," said Anna Rocco, who

PLEASE SEE **INNOCENTS, A7**



Michele Marano, representative of the Respect Life Ministry at St. Kevin Parish in Miami, carries the Book of the Innocents into the church at the beginning of the Oct. 9 blessing ceremony at St. Andrew Parish in Coral Springs. (JONATHAN MARTINEZ | FC)

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Interested in a Catholic education for your children? Schools hosting 'open houses' in coming months

During the next few months, archdiocesan elementary and secondary schools will be hosting open houses and administering entrance exams to students wishing to attend a Catholic school during the 2011-2012 academic year. Following is a listing of these activities. For a more updated schedule, keep checking at www.miamiarch.org, by clicking on the "Events" calendar and selecting "Open Houses/Exams."

HIGH SCHOOLS

Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll, 10300 S.W. 167 Ave., Miami:

- **Open house:** Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. An opportunity to meet students, hear from staff members and talk with school parents about the academic, spiritual, athletic and activities programs.

- **Entrance exam:** Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, 9 a.m.-noon. Mandatory for incoming ninth-grade students only. 305-388-6700, ext. 1225; www.colemancarroll.org.

Archbishop Curley Notre Dame, 4949 N.E. Second Ave., Miami:

- **Open house:** Saturday, Oct. 30, 9:30-11:30 a.m. An opportunity for families to tour the school, participate in question-and-answer session with alumni, faculty, students and parents.

- **Family fun day:** Saturday, Oct. 30, beginning at noon with inauguration of new baseball field, with representatives of Major League Baseball and Baseball Tomorrow Fund; followed at 2 p.m. by homecoming football game. Face painting, pony rides, bounce house available for free with purchase of a \$5 ticket to football game (free for children under 8); refreshments, barbecue available for purchase. 305-751-8367, www.acnd.net.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy High School, 5451 S. Flamingo Road, Fort Lauderdale:

- **Open house:** Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m.

- **Entrance exam:** Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, 7:30 a.m. Deadline for registration and payment: Jan. 25.

- **Freshman registration day:** March 19, 2011. Parents of prospective students should contact Kathleen Manning, admissions director, 954-434-8820, ext. 217; kmanning@mccarthyhigh.org.

Cardinal Gibbons High School, 2900 N.E. 47 St., Fort Lauderdale:

- **Open house:** Sunday, Oct. 31, 12:30-4 p.m. Learn about Gibbons' unique combination of college-preparatory curriculum, extracurricular programs and community service that promote the academic, moral, social, athletic, artistic and

spiritual development of students. 954-491-2900, www.cghsfl.org.

Christopher Columbus High School, 3000 S.W. 87 Ave., Miami:

- **Open house:** Saturday, Dec. 4, 1 p.m. Columbus is a college preparatory high school for boys, providing Marist educational excellence. 305-223-5650, www.columbushs.com.

Immaculata-LaSalle High School, 3601 S. Miami Ave., Miami:

- **Open house:** Saturday, Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Immaculata-LaSalle provides the atmosphere and programs necessary to produce good Christians and productive, responsible citizens by embodying St. John Bosco's Salesian system of education which emphasizes the holistic formation of the young person. Admission applications will be available. All tours depart from the gymnasium at noon. 305-854-2334, ext. 130; admissions@ilsroyals.com.

Msgr. Edward Pace High School, 15600 N.W. 32 Ave., Miami:

- **Open house:** Saturday, Nov. 20. Guided walking tours begin at 9 a.m., continuing every 15 minutes until 11:30 a.m. Meet administration, faculty and staff; find out about athletic and activities programs. 305-624-8534, ext. 212; ereigosa@pacehs.com.

Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, 5525 S.W. 84 St., Miami:

- **Entrance exam:** Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, mandatory for all prospective incoming freshmen. Students do not need to register for the exam; all students who apply for admission to the school are automatically registered. Application deadline: Jan. 5, 2011. 305-667-1623, www.olla.org.

St. Brendan High School, 2950 S.W. 87 Ave., Miami:

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- **Entrance exam:** Saturdays, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, and March 5, 2011. 305-221-2722, ccabrera@stbrendanmiami.org.

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All Catholics must 'cultivate' priestly vocations

There is much talk regarding the crisis of vocations to the priesthood. And here in the United States, we are rightly concerned given that our priests are aging and ordinations continue to be admittedly too few. In 2011, there will be no one ordained for the diocesan priesthood here in South Florida. Here in the Archdiocese of Miami, we have a goodly number of priests serving as pastors who are over 70 years of age. Thank God for them, but who will step in their shoes?

Young Americans today, many of whom have suffered the consequences of the divorce of their parents, fear making any long-term commitments. This fear to assume risks in the face of an apparently uncertain future also accounts for the contemporary crisis in marriage today. In the West (North America and Western Europe), young people caught in a culture of instant gratification and fleeting interests are in no rush to marry much less enter a seminary or convent.

Yet, on a global level, the total number of seminarians is higher today than it was in 1978 when John Paul II became pope. During the almost 27 years of his pontificate, he inspired many young people to embrace a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. As he said in *"Novo Milenio Ineunte,"* "Young people, whatever their possible ambiguities, have a profound longing for those genuine values which find their fullness in Christ. ... If Christ is presented to young people as he really is, they experience him as an answer that is convincing and they can accept his message, even when it is demanding and bears the mark of the cross" (NMI, No. 9).

This worldwide resurgence of vo-

cations is a hopeful sign. But it is also a challenge to us who live in what is called the West, where the numbers of vocations have yet to significantly grow. And I use the word "grow" deliberately, for vocations must be cultivated if the numbers are to grow. And that is a task for the entire Catholic community.

Priests should not only invite young men to consider a vocation to the priesthood, but also attract them by their priestly integrity and joy. Parents also should be willing to encourage their children if and when they wish to discern a vocation to priesthood or consecrated life. At the same time, teachers and just simple Catholics, when they see a particularly promising youth, should also encourage him or her to think about dedicating

their lives to God's service. Despite conventional wisdom to the contrary, the priest shortage is not the result of celibacy, but of a crisis of faith and the closing of the window of man's mind to infinity or transcendence. The desire to become a priest is nourished essentially from intimacy with the Lord, in a really personal relationship, which is expressed above all by the desire to be with him.

A superficial knowledge of Christ — the fruit of an inadequate or faulty religious formation — is a formidable obstacle to fostering vocations. Whatever can foster in children and youths the authentic discovery of the person of Jesus and of the vital relationship with him will be beneficial to awakening vocations.

World Youth Days — on a global level — have done just that — and we look forward to next year's World Youth Day in Madrid. A countless number of young priests and women



FROM THE
ARCHBISHOP
Thomas Wenski

APPOINTMENTS

Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointments:

Effective Sept. 14 for a period of three years:

Father Michael Greer — vicar forane of the Northeast Broward Deanery.

Father Abel Barajas — vicar forane of the Northwest Broward Deanery.

Father Thomas O'Dwyer — vicar forane of the South Broward Deanery.

Father Christopher Marino — vicar forane of the East Dade Deanery.

Father Federico Capdepón — vicar forane of the Northeast Dade Deanery.

Msr. Oscar Castañeda — vicar forane of the Northwest Dade Deanery.

Msr. Pablo Navarro — vicar forane of the South Dade Deanery.

Father Jesús Arias — vicar forane of the West Dade Deanery.

Father Gerald Morris — vicar forane of the Monroe Deanery.

Presbyteral council appointments, effective Sept. 15, for a period of three years:

• **Father Michael Greer**

• **Father Abel Barajas**

• **Father Jesús Arias**

• **Father James Fetscher**

• **Father Roberto Cid**

• **Father Lesly Jean**

• **Father Klemens Dabrowski, Society of Christ**

Effective Oct. 1:

Father Andrew Chan-A-Sue — administrator, St. Bartholomew Parish, Miramar.

Father Flavio Montes-Colón — parochial vicar, St. Andrew Parish, Coral Springs.

Effective Oct. 15:

Father Juan Sosa — pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Miami Beach.

Father Cristóbal De Paula — administrator, St. Joachim Parish, Miami.

Father Alejandro Rodríguez Artola — administrator, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Miami.

Father Roberto Cid — director, PAX Catholic Communications, for a term of five years while retaining assignment as parochial vicar at Corpus Christi Parish, Miami.

Father Patrick Charles — parochial vicar, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Miami.

Father Jean Jadotte — parochial vicar, St. Bartholomew Parish, Miramar.

Father Isidro Pérez — parochial vicar, Blessed Trinity Parish, Miami Springs.

PERMISSIONS GRANTED:

Msr. Emilio Martin — to retire Oct. 15.

Msr. Martin Cassidy — to retire Oct. 15.

religious attribute the "discovery" of their vocation because they went to one of these events where first John Paul II and now Benedict XVI have presented Christ "as he really is," and they were able to experience him "as an answer that is convincing."

Young people, whether in our parishes, campus ministries, schools or religious education programs, can and will respond to God who does not fail to call — for he is

not outdone in generosity. They will be able to overcome "their possible ambiguities" with the confidence that Christian hope inspires — if all of us in the Archdiocese of Miami continue to support the ordained ministry of our priests, and if all of us support the young by introducing them to a personal and real relationship with Christ, a relationship that is nurtured with a solid catechesis and sacramental life. ■

Todos los católicos debemos 'cultivar' las vocaciones sacerdotales

Se habla mucho sobre la crisis en las vocaciones al sacerdocio. Aquí, en los Estados Unidos, tenemos motivos para preocuparnos, pues nuestros sacerdotes están envejeciendo y hay que admitir que las ordenaciones continúan siendo demasiado pocas. En 2011, nadie será ordenado para el sacerdocio diocesano aquí, en el sur de la Florida. En la Arquidiócesis de Miami tenemos un buen número de sacerdotes que

sirven como párrocos, y que tienen más de 70 años de edad. Damos gracias a Dios por ellos pero, ¿quiénes seguirán sus pasos?

Los jóvenes americanos de hoy, muchos de los cuales han sufrido las consecuencias del divorcio de sus padres, temen hacer un compromiso a largo plazo. Este temor a asumir riesgos al enfrentar un futuro que aparenta ser incierto, hoy también es responsable por la crisis

en el matrimonio. En el Occidente (Norteamérica y Europa Occidental), los jóvenes que se encuentran atrapados en una cultura de gratificación instantánea e intereses fugaces, no tienen prisa en casarse, y mucho menos en entrar a un seminario o a un convento.

Sin embargo, a nivel mundial, hoy el número de seminaristas es mayor que en 1978, cuando Juan Pablo II se convirtió en Papa. Durante

los casi 27 años de su pontificado, él inspiró a muchos jóvenes a acoger la vocación al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada. Es, como dijo en *Novo Millennio Ineunte*: "...una juventud que expresa un deseo profundo, a pesar de posibles ambigüedades, de aquellos valores auténticos que tienen su plenitud en Cristo... Si a los jóvenes se les presenta a Cristo

PLEASE SEE **ARCHBISHOP, A16**

New missal: Church ministers will play crucial role

A guide to the new English translation of the Mass, which Catholics will begin using in November 2011

KATE BLAIN

Now that the U.S. bishops and the Vatican have approved new English translations of the Roman Missal, the book of prayers used at Mass, experts say the next step is educating Church ministers — from lectors to musicians — to better serve at liturgies.

Father Richard Hilgartner, associate director of the U.S. bishops' conference Secretariat of Divine Worship, said the new adaptations of the missal will offer laypeople an opportunity to explore the great spiritual richness that can be found in these prayers.

"Just as priests who preside will have to prepare their proclamation of the prayers since the style is different from what is now prayed," he said, "the laity will experience some immediate changes in the responses they say at Mass."

For example, when the priest says, "The Lord be with you," the old response was, "And also with you." Now the people will respond, "And with your spirit."

Since Church ministers serve at liturgies, Father Hilgartner said, they will be responsible in part for guiding the people in the pews to understand and adapt to these changes. To prepare for this, lay ministers should "reflect on the new translation for their own spiritual growth and development."

Father Hilgartner suggests that Church ministers refer to the new texts during meetings at parishes and even open meetings by reciting some of the prayers from the new translation to become more comfortable with them and "gain access to the richness they contain." Doing so during special liturgical seasons such as Advent and Lent, he added, may smooth the transition further.

To prepare for the changes, the bishops' conference has a new Web page (www.usccb.org/romanmissal) and is sponsoring a series of regional workshops for priests and parish leaders. The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions is planning workshops that can be given at

WHY A NEW TRANSLATION?

U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS Office of Media Relations

A new English translation of the Roman Missal, Third Edition, the ritual text containing prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass, has been approved by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. The first use of this new text in the United States will be on the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, 2011.

The implementation of this new English translation raises many ques-

tions for U.S. Catholics. Why do we need a new translation? What prayers will be different? Who are the new saints included with the edition? How will this translation affect lay ministers and liturgical musicians?

None of these questions has a short, simple answer. This is the second in a series of articles produced by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that seeks to answer those questions.

Sample texts of the changes, and much more information, are available at the U.S. bishops website, www.usccb.org/romanmissal/index.shtml.

parishes. Materials also are being published that can aid in adjusting to the liturgical changes.

Not all parish ministers will be affected by the changes. The translation of Scripture readings used at Mass will remain the same, so lectors will be unaffected. So will extraordinary ministers of holy Communion.

Church musicians, however, are another story. The changes to the Roman Missal will affect their ministry "pretty profoundly," said Michael McMahon, president of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians and a Church music director.

Father Hilgartner explained, "Musicians will be challenged to lead the people in sung text that corresponds to the new translation. Composers have readjusted previous musical settings. New compositions are also being prepared that will broaden the treasury of music for the people."

McMahon said people can expect "new settings of many of the Mass texts that people have come to know and sing pretty confidently — the 'Gloria,' the 'Sanctus.' A lot of musical settings are being retooled."

While he doesn't expect the entire musical repertoire of most parishes to change, he said, one significant

difference is that the new missal translation will "open up singing parts of the Mass we're not used to."

For example, he calls it a "priority in the new translation" to sing the dialogue at the beginning of the eucharistic prayer. He notes that singing more parts of the Mass "puts us at the same tempo," adding to the common experience of Massgoers. McMahon sees the changes as a benefit since any part of the Mass given greater attention can result in greater understanding of the Mass by the people.

"People always need to be taken back to the basics of liturgical formation," he said, and the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s "called for full, active participation in the liturgy."

McMahon cautioned that, despite the fact that change is coming, "we don't want to make too much or too little of it. We're not changing the Mass; we're changing the translation." ■

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WENSKI: 'I'm very hopeful because I know this archdiocese and I know the talent that we have here'

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those needs (of that parish) requires some shuffling," Archbishop Wenski said. "When you move one there's always a domino effect, because you're trying to match the priests' gifts and talents with the needs of a particular parish."

He explained that at least four of the recent changes were necessitated by the retirement of pastors who were well over the age of 75. Another two asked for permission to go on sabbatical or take a leave of absence.

"I accepted their resignation and I had to replace them," Archbishop Wenski said, adding that he could not rule out more changes in the coming weeks. "We do still have a number of priests that are over the 75 age limit," when they are canonically required to submit their resignation.

Losing a pastor who has served a parish for decades — such as

Father James Fetscher at St. Louis, Father Michael Greer at Good Shepherd and Father Paul Vuturo at St. Bartholomew — is difficult for people to accept, since those priests might have served as many as two or three generations of parish families.

Archbishop Wenski said he understands that, but "priests are ordained to serve the Church, not a particular parish. I was moved around from Orlando to Miami. I had to say 'yes.' These priests said 'yes' very gracefully."

Some of their replacements, as well as those appointed to administrative roles in the archdiocese, are priests who have been ordained within the past 10 years. The archdiocese's new chancellor for canonical affairs, Father Chanel Jeanty, was ordained in 2004; the new director of vocations, Father David Zirilli, was ordained in 2008, as was the archbishop's new priest-secretary, Father Richard Vigoa.

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Archbishop Thomas Wenski

But "they're not kids," Archbishop Wenski said, pointing out that most of them are in their mid- to upper-30s and also pursued careers before entering the seminary. "They may be young in ordination, but they have life experience. They are people who can be entrusted with responsibility."

Father Jeanty is the first Haitian priest to be appointed chancellor in the archdiocese. His title is chancellor of canonical affairs, which means he will deal with all issues involving priests, such as the granting of faculties, permissions and other matters governed by canon law. Father Jeanty has a degree in canon law and until now served in the Metropolitan Tribunal.

In appointing him, Archbishop Wenski said he was not necessarily looking to make history. "Out of all the young priests,

he's the best prepared for that. The fact that he is a Haitian was a real plus because he brings a third language to that office."

The same applies with his appointment of Sister Elizabeth Worley, a Sister of St. Joseph of St. Augustine, as chancellor for administration and chief operating officer of the archdiocese — the first woman to hold the title of chancellor, although this is a newly created position in the archdiocese. Sister Worley served in the same capacity in the Diocese of Orlando for the past three years.

"She served me well in Orlando," Archbishop Wenski said. "We have some serious administrative problems in the archdiocese. I need a strong administrator to come in and handle the day-to-day operations of the archdiocese."

Something else Catholics in


South Florida might look forward to is another synod, which he described as "a Church word meaning 'strategic planning,'" during a luncheon with retired priests Oct. 12. He said the synod's goal would be to identify the Church's priorities and decide on the "best practices" for achieving them.

The archdiocese's first and only synod, called for by the late Archbishop Edward McCarthy, was a three-year process which took place from 1985 to 1988.


Archbishop Wenski said the next synod will not take as long. The one he called in Orlando took about 16 months. But it does require a lot of preparatory work, so the call to synod probably will not come before the end of Lent next year.

"I'm very hopeful because I know this archdiocese and I know the talent that we have here," the archbishop told the retired priests.

But, he added, change is coming. "We have some changes to make, changes that we will try to explain and make clear the rationale," he said. "That doesn't mean that you'll agree with me. That doesn't mean that you're going to change my mind. But I will listen and I will explain why I do what I do." ■



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Father Jose Paz, left, shares a laugh with fellow retired priests Father Ron Noguera, center, and Father Juan DeLacalle. Archbishop Thomas Wenski was the keynote speaker at a luncheon for retired priests held Oct. 12 at St. Martha Parish in Miami Shores. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

LIFE: Groeber to speak on truth of sexual morality and God's plan

FROM A1

The search for respect life information takes on greater urgency with local, state and federal elections only three days after the end of the conference.

"Know the issues. Right now, it's not just the traditional issues of abortion or euthanasia," said Father Cioffi, a senior fellow at the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia and a priest at Immaculate Conception Parish in Hialeah. "The issues are more sophisticated, like stem-cell research, human cloning, and in vitro fertilization — also the end of life, nutrition and hydration issues, when to disconnect the ventilator. These are questions heavily driven by technology."

Miami Auxiliary Bishop Felipe Estevez will kick off the weekend with a welcome ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday. Archbishop Thomas Wenski will begin Saturday's events with an 8 a.m. Mass at the hotel. Barbara Groeber, education coordinator for the Archdiocese of Miami's Respect Life Office, said that all should attend Friday festivities to prepare spiritually for Saturday's message.

Groeber will start Saturday's main session by speaking about the truth of sexual morality and God's plan for love and life. She will use the archdiocese's six-hour workshops on respect life causes as examples. The workshops immerse attendees in what the Church believes, using Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body as a foundation.

"It's interesting because the response of the people who come, they're just so amazed," Groeber said. "They're hearing things they've probably never heard before."

Augustinian Father Richard

'To think that these agents of death have at their disposal politics, millions of dollars — it's the same as it was for the Lord Jesus as he lived in his own time. He survived on prayer, on trust in God's will and that God's will be done sooner or later.'

Father Alfred Cioffi

Mullen, parochial vicar at Little Flower Parish in Hollywood, will continue by sharing how Catholic social teaching addresses abortion.

Abortion isn't the only pre-birth threat to human life. By executive order, President Barack Obama loosened restrictions on federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research in 2009. According to amednews.com, a news site of the American Medical Association, U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth issued an injunction in August prohibiting federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research, using a strict interpretation of the Dickey-Wicker Amendment prohibiting creation of embryos for research or destroying embryos in research. However, the Obama administration appealed the injunction, permitting the executive order to stand for now.

This battle is ongoing, said Dr. Claire Thuning-Roberson, director of pharmaceutical development at Thallion Pharmaceuticals. Thuning-Roberson, also the chairwoman for the political action committee Citizens for Science and Ethics, said that it's a misconception that previous bans on embryonic stem-cell research have put the United States behind other nations in overall stem-cell research.

"People don't understand there is a difference, and that adult

stem-cell research is more advanced in many areas," Thuning-Roberson said.

She said that governments should put money into research that works, providing several examples of success in adult stem-cell research. She spoke of a patient in Boca Raton whose doctor used stem cells to restore joints. The University of Miami's Interdisciplinary Stem Cell Institute is using adult stem cells to treat cardiovascular disease. The University of Florida is using stem cells from umbilical-cord blood to study treatments for Type 1 diabetes.

Though adult stem cells have success in treating illnesses, success isn't the primary reason to go that route. "We can't forget that the most important question is — 'Is it ethical?'" she said. "The Lord always provides vehicles around things, and what he's done is provided the very natural approach to treatment. Adult stem cells aren't something created by science."

Father Carmello Romanello, parochial vicar at St. Augustine Parish in Coral Gables, will return to the topic of abortion, speaking of post-abortion healing. Then the conference focuses on the end of life with talks by Dr. Joseph Mauceri and Dr. Michael McCarron, executive director of the Florida Catholic Conference.

Father Cioffi, who also holds a

doctorate in genetics from Purdue University and a doctorate in theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, will cap the weekend with his keynote speech on "Hope Amidst Adversity" at the closing banquet.

Euthanasia seems to be gaining steam, Father Cioffi said. Oregon, Washington state and Montana have legalized assisted suicide. He credits pro-life forces for defeating what is an annual euthanasia bill in the California legislature.

Blame falls on what Father Cioffi calls a pragmatic, utilitarian culture. He spoke of a slippery slope where no one is safe — unborn, those born with abnormalities or handicaps, or the elderly. He challenged those who embrace the culture of death to follow the example of Jesus, who

also lived in adverse times.

"To think that these agents of death have at their disposal politics, millions of dollars — it's the same as it was for the Lord Jesus as he lived in his own time," Father Cioffi said. "He survived on prayer, on trust in God's will and that God's will be done sooner or later."

"We can take courage from Our Lord and from all those who have lived before us through 2,000 years living through adverse times," he continued. "Many courageous men and women shed their blood so we can have the faith we have today. We can't take our faith for granted." ■

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INNOCENTS

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suffered the loss of a baby and attended the prayer service. "By having a ceremony like this, you are in a way formally giving your child over to God and getting closure."

Normally associated with Project Rachel, a post-abortion counseling and healing service offered through Respect Life, the Blessing of the Innocents was open to anyone who has suffered the loss of a baby, regardless of the circumstances.

"Our hope is to do this annually at St. Andrew and rededicate the book. We welcome anyone to come," said Kathy Lapi, parish coordinator for respect life. "We hope to offer comfort to anyone who has



Father Flavio Montes-Colon blesses the Book of the Innocents during the Oct. 9 blessing ceremony at St. Andrew Parish in Coral Springs. (JONATHAN MARTINEZ | FC)

gone through a loss of a baby, and this is open to anyone, not just women; fathers are welcome as well." ■

For more information on how to get involved in the respect life movement, contact 954-981-2922 or visit www.miamiarch.org/respectlife.

KISS

FROM A2

at the age of 91, but the two made many appearances together in celebration of the Aug. 15, 1945, World War II milestone.

Today, Muscarello lives in Plantation, but 65 years ago he was a petty officer second class on the USS Orion docked in Staten Island before shipping off to the Pacific.

"Our boat was being fitted with additional armor to help against the kamikaze attacks," he re-

called.

While in port, the United States bombed Japan. The surrender came shortly thereafter. The ship's captain gave the sailors 72 hours of leave and Muscarello headed to Broadway and 42nd Street. "Everybody was kissing everybody. I just joined in the celebration."

Months later and stationed in Panama, he called his mother who told him he was on the cover of *Life* magazine. "She was annoyed because I was kissing a strange girl."

When he asked her how she

knew it was him, she said she could see the distinctive birthmark on his hand. The photographer, Alfred Eisenstaedt, never got the names of the famously random couple and speculation around their identity raged for years. It wasn't until Muscarello was in his late 60s that he finally came forward and met the nurse, Shain.

Since many had claimed to be the mystery sailor, she was skeptical.

"She asked me all kinds of questions trying to trick me, but I guess

I answered them right," he said.

The two then made the media circuit, appearing on the "Today Show," "Good Morning America" and even an Italian television station.

At least one of the junior high students from St. Jerome was already familiar with the photo.

"My grandparents in England have a copy," said Jack Langford, 12. He thought the discussion about the role of the military was good, saying, "He (Muscarello) helped save the United States and I liked hearing about his life."

Muscarello, a parishioner of All Saints Parish in Sunrise, was invited by middle school teacher Wendy Lockard to help the students better understand the war era they are studying.

"I think it's important to our students to embrace the ideals of patriotism and service," said Lockard, the daughter of a soldier who was in Normandy on D-Day.

The hall where Muscarello spoke was filled with more than 120 students, parents and teachers, all listening with rapt attention.

He shared many stories, but one seemed to resonate with the young crowd. He showed a small flag that families with loved ones in the war would hang from their windows. "If there was a blue star in the middle, the person was still alive. A flag with a gold star meant the person had been killed in action."

As he walked along his street in Brooklyn after leaving Times Square, he saw a flag with a gold star flying from the home of a

friend stationed in England whom he had just talked to months before. "When I asked my mother, she burst into tears." His friend had just been killed.

"He made me cry when he told us about the flags," said Cynthia Pacheco, 13.

"He was amazing," said eighth-grader Andrea Ociepka, saying she learned a lot about the day of the surrender.

Sister Vivian Gomez, principal of St. Jerome, said Lockard, who has taught at the school for 22 years, does a wonderful job making history come alive for her students. "This is something real. It's the real story of what he experienced."

At the end of the unit on Pearl Harbor, Lockard partners with the local VFW and its auxiliary to bring students to their annual celebration. This year, St. Jerome's middle school students and their families have been invited to the Saturday luncheon honoring World War II Pearl Harbor survivors and their families.

After the hourlong presentation, each student received a copy of the famous picture. Muscarello said he does not accept money for his presentations. He has made thousands of copies over the years and is happy to donate them to worthy causes. "The picture has become part of American history. It means something. It's unconditional surrender. The fight is over." ■

For more information about the Pearl Harbor luncheon to be held in December, contact St. Jerome rectory, 954-525-4133.



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'God calls. You answer'

Sister Elizabeth Worley brings business experience, 'just-do-it' attitude to her new job with archdiocese



Sister Elizabeth Worley

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MIAMI — Doing one thing at a time does not seem to be part of God's plan for Sister Elizabeth Worley.

A few years into her teaching career as a Sister of St. Joseph, the Jacksonville native went back to school to get a degree in chemistry.

"I did sophomore, junior and senior chemistry courses in one year simultaneously," recalled Sister Worley, who got her degree from Barry University in 1973.

A decade later, when she was asked to join the board of directors of Mercy Hospital in Miami, which is sponsored by her community, she decided to go back to school for a master's degree in business administration.

She began the two-and-a-half year program while teaching chemistry at Hollywood's Madonna High School and completed it while serving as chairwoman of

Mercy's board — and still graduated as valedictorian of her class at the University of Miami. The salutatorian, she said, likes to tell people that he graduated "second to nun."

Nearly 20 years later, Sister Worley was again doing two jobs at once: finishing up her 19-year stint as chairwoman of Mercy's board and beginning a two-year stretch as chief executive officer of Catholic Hospice.

She was still with hospice when then-Bishop Thomas Wenski called from Orlando and asked her to serve as his chancellor for administration and chief operating officer. She started the job in February 2007, but remained with hospice until a new chief operating officer was appointed.

"The turnpike and I were old friends," she said, recalling how she went back and forth between Miami and Orlando "every other week."

The intrastate commute con-

tinued this summer. On July 15, Archbishop Wenski announced her appointment as chancellor for administration and chief operating officer for the Archdiocese of Miami — but her duties in Orlando ended Sept. 30.

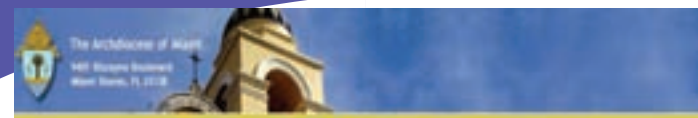
"I tended to do this in my lifetime," she said. "God calls. You answer. Literally, it just keeps coming. There's a need. You respond to the need. It's service of Church. It's obedience."

NO REGRETS

At 64, Sister Worley said she has absolutely no regrets. She joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine at the age of 17 and never looked back.

"I can remember when I was 5. I knew then I was going to be a Sister of St. Joseph, with whatever certainty a 5-year-old could have. It's all I've ever wanted to be," she said.

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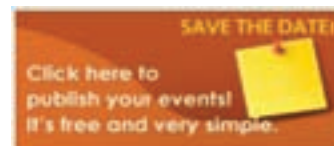
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Mari Tere Solares poses with Archbishop Thomas Wenski and Archbishop Louis Kébreau of Cap-Haitien, president of the Haitian bishops' conference, after Solares donated \$100,000 to the Catholic Community Foundation, earmarked for the construction of an orphanage in Cap-Haitien. (TOM TRACY | FC)

Haiti donation now in good hands

Through Catholic Community Foundation, St. Hugh parishioner will help Haitian orphans

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO
Florida Catholic staff

MIAMI — For nearly seven months, Mari Tere Solares looked for a secure way to help Haitian earthquake victims. She wanted to make sure her donation would go to the people who needed it most.

She felt as if she was “going around in circles,” she said, until her inquiries led her to the Catholic Community Foundation, an archdiocesan endowment fund that allows donors to designate how and where they want their contributions to be used.

“I didn’t know about it. I’m sure a lot of people can make use of it,” said Solares, who finally presented her \$100,000 donation to Archbishop Louis Kébreau of Cap-Haitien on Sept. 24, during the meeting of the Haitian bishops’ conference in Miami.

“I wanted to help the kids, basically,” said Solares, a member of St. Hugh Parish in Coconut Grove. “I

Plans made to rebuild Haiti’s Church

Haitian bishops approve program to ensure ‘efficient, transparent’ use of donors’ money

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO
Florida Catholic staff

MIAMI — The phrase “wounded healers” certainly applies to the Catholic Church in Haiti. It is struggling to meet the humanitarian needs of its people — both physical and spiritual — while working out of damaged or destroyed parishes, schools and clinics.

So far, most of the money collected by Catholic churches around the world for Haiti relief — about \$304 million — has been put to use to provide food, water, shelter, jobs and medical care to the hundreds of thousands of Haitians who were injured and displaced by the Jan. 12 earthquake.

While that work will continue, Haiti’s Church soon will get some aid of its own, as some of that donated money will begin to be spent on rebuilding the facilities of the Church itself.

To do so in an “efficient and transparent” way, Haiti’s bishops met in Miami Sept. 22-26 with bishops from the United States, Canada, Argentina, Colombia, Mexico, Guadeloupe, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France and Germany, as well as representatives of the Holy See, Catholic relief organizations and the Inter-American Development Bank. During this historic meeting, the bishops agreed to put in place a structure that will oversee how the work of reconstruction is carried out.

Known by the acronym PROCHE — which stands in both Creole and English for Partnership for Reconstruction of the Church in Haiti — it will consist of a joint steering committee chaired by the president of the Haitian bishops’ conference and composed of representatives of the Holy See, the Haitian bishops, religious orders working in Haiti and donor dioceses and agencies.

Under them will be a reconstruction unit, described as “like a back office, a construction office” by Archbishop Thomas Wenski during a press conference Sept. 24 at Notre Dame d’Haiti Church in Miami. Staffed by competent laypeople with experience

Archbishop Louis Kébreau of Cap-Haitien, president of the Haitian bishops’ conference, celebrates Mass at Notre Dame d’Haiti with Archbishop Thomas Wenski.



All of Haiti’s bishops, as well as bishops from the United States and across the world, gather for Mass at Notre Dame d’Haiti the evening of Sept. 24. Representatives of bishops’ conferences and Catholic relief organizations gathered in Miami Sept. 22-26 to propose a plan for the rebuilding of Church facilities in earthquake-damaged Haiti. The gathering actually was part of the annual plenary meeting of the Haitian bishops, which Archbishop Thomas Wenski offered to host in Miami. (PHOTOS BY ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

in engineering and architecture, the office will be responsible for drafting and approving reconstruction plans, and ensuring that all Church buildings adhere to safety and structural codes.

This structure will allow Haiti’s bishops, in partnership with donors from around the world, to make sure that the reconstruction work is done “in a most efficient but also in a most transparent way,” Arch-

bishop Wenski said.

“This will give us confidence that the reconstruction process will go smoothly,” said Archbishop Bernardito Auza, papal nuncio to Haiti.

He noted that, so far, almost all of the funds collected for Haiti relief “have been employed in the humanitarian cause.”

In the meantime, the Haitian Church “is doing what it can with temporary structures,” said Richard Balmadier, who helped draft the PROCHE plan. He currently serves as special assistant for Haiti for Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops’ international relief agency.

In addition to losing its archbishop, vicar general and chancellor, who were among the more than 230,000 people killed by the earthquake, the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince lost 27 parish structures, and 11 more were heavily damaged. The national cathedral and national seminary also were destroyed. Parishes and other Church facilities in the dioceses of Jacmel and Anse-à-Veau et Miragoâne also were damaged or destroyed, along with buildings and seminaries belonging to religious orders.

“These are permanent structures that provide a tremendous amount of support in terms of spiritual and community services,” Balmadier said. “It’s a very important role that the Church plays.”

PLEASE SEE HAITI, A15

Begging for \$700,000

Money will go toward building a medical clinic in Port-au-Prince

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO
Florida Catholic staff

MIAMI — Msgr. Jean Pierre needs to raise \$700,000 — and he has been visiting South Florida parishes to beg for it.

The money will go to build a medical clinic in Port-au-Prince, a gift from the Archdiocese of Miami to the people of Haiti. But to begin construction, he needs \$200,000 by the end of November.

“The idea is to care for the orphans, for the women, for the injured with dignity and love,” said Msgr. Pierre, pastor of St. James Parish in North Miami, and director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the archdiocese. “It’s part of the archdiocese’s response to the victims of the earthquake, in solidarity with the bishops of Port-au-Prince.”

In March of this year, the Archdiocese of Miami outlined a pastoral

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Msgr. Jean Pierre

plan for Haiti, committing the more than \$1 million donated by South Florida Catholics to Haiti relief.

The first chunk of money, \$400,000, was equally distributed immediately after the earthquake among Haiti’s 10 dioceses. Another \$300,000 was earmarked for the clinic, and the rest for educational and vocational scholarships for Haitian children and youths, as well as for the support of Church-run orphanages that were devastated by the earthquake.

The land for the clinic has been purchased, a 3.5-acre tract that will house a two-story medical clinic that will include a pharmacy and laboratories and offer medical care to women, children and those who lost limbs in the earthquake, as well as dental

PLEASE SEE CLINIC, A15



In keeping with the Archdiocese of Miami’s Pastoral Plan for Haiti, Msgr. Jean Pierre is raising funds to build a medical clinic for the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince. Here he displays the architectural blueprints for the clinic. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

Fun, fireworks and faith

Thousands, young and old, venerate relics of St. John Bosco at Immaculata-La Salle High School and St. John Bosco Parish

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO
Florida Catholic staff

MIAMI — More than 10,000 people venerated the relics of St. John Bosco overnight Sept. 25 at Immaculata-La Salle High School, and thousands more did so a day later at his namesake parish in Little Havana.

In keeping with Don Bosco's educational philosophy, the reception of the relics at Immaculata-La Salle featured fun activities for children, teens and young adults, more than 600 of whom spent the night on the high school's football field.

For most of the teenagers this was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that combined the pleasures of adolescent life with the rich faith of Catholicism.

"I saw faith in all these kids, faith redeemed, faith expressed, but mostly pure faith," said J.C. Moya, a teacher at Immaculata-La Salle, who served as one of many chaperones throughout the night.

During the welcoming rite for the relics, Auxiliary Bishop John Noonan noted that Saturday night is when most teenagers go to the movies. But that night they were gathered to witness "something that even Hollywood cannot recreate for us, an encounter with somebody special."

"It is because of this man you have this school," Bishop Noonan said. "We are in the midst of a saint ... a man who loved the young people and gave them hope."

When the relics arrived, the football field at Immaculata-La Salle was ringed by bounce houses and awash in light and color. The relics — encased in a life-size wax figure enclosed in glass — were pulled around the track by a never-ending relay of the high school's students, teachers and alumni.

Leading the way in her white habit, giddy with excitement, was Sister Teresa Gutierrez, a member of the Salesian order who teaches at the high school, and the lead organizer of the event. The Salesians are the order of educators founded by Don Bosco, a priest who dedicated his life to helping underprivileged youths in his native Italy.

"It's incredible that we have this opportunity," said Sofia Ferrer-Rojo, a sophomore at Immaculata-La Salle, who said the student body had watched movies about the life of Don Bosco in preparation for the relics' arrival.

"He's a great saint and he loved a lot of children. He was a father to the children who didn't have parents," Sofia said.

When her opportunity came to



Immaculata La Salle cheerleaders wave their pom-poms as fireworks go off, timed to coincide with the arrival of the relics of St. John Bosco onto the school's football field. (PHOTOS BY ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

pray before the relics, she said, "I prayed for my future and for a specific neighbor who's sick."

At a Mass celebrated early the next morning on the football field, Archbishop Thomas Wenski noted that Don Bosco dedicated his life to loving "those whom others considered unlovable ... the throw-away kids of his time."

The archbishop exhorted the

young people to notice "the poor youth, the homeless or runaway teen (who) often live next door to us," as well as those who are being trafficked for sexual exploitation, and those who cannot continue their education because they lack immigration papers.

"The lives of the saints," the archbishop said, "like the life of Don Bosco, should be for each of

us not merely some pious stories that we recall just to make us feel good ... (but) a daily challenge ... to our complacency, a challenge to the easy compromises we make to the demands of Christian living, a challenge to the spiritual myopia that prevents us from seeing the Lazarus at our doorstep."

A few hours after the archbish-



Salesian Cooperators help bring the relics of St. John Bosco onto the grounds of St. John Bosco Parish in Miami. (BLANCA MORALES | FC)



From left, Andrea Piloto, Amanda Piloto and Carla Martinez hold hands in prayer during the welcoming ceremony for the relics of St. John Bosco.

op's Mass, the relics arrived at St. John Bosco Parish in Little Havana, where they were venerated into the morning of Sept. 27.

The relics were received with delight by parishioners donning Don Bosco T-shirts, singing and waving flags as the wax figure of the saint moved past them into the church. The procession was accompanied by the music of a Mexican mariachi band.

"This is an electric moment — especially for St. John Bosco," said Salesian Bishop Mario Fiandri of Guatemala, who preached at all of that Sunday's standing-room-only Masses at the parish.

Bishop Fiandri noted that St. John Bosco was never able to visit his missionaries in Latin America. But in a way, his wish was fulfilled when he came to Miami, which is home to many people of Latin American background.

Don Bosco is, "in a very real sense, at home in Miami," Bishop Fiandri said.

He added that since the saint's "*raison d'être*" was Jesus, the relics' visit should remind Catholics "it's worthwhile to be Christian."

"This has been a fabulous marketing tool," said Graciela Monroy, an international delegate for the *Damas Salesianas* (Salesian Ladies).

The group, with about 100 members in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties, dedicates itself to fundraising for Salesian schools, clinics and missions in Latin America. Members also raise funds to support programs at St. John Bosco Parish.

Monroy said she hoped the relics' visit would "open (young people's) hearts to be better Christians and to put their gifts at the service of others." ■

Freelancers Blanca Morales and Danny Gonzalez contributed to this report. To read Archbishop Wenski's homily at the Mass, go to www.miamiarch.org and put in the keywords "St. John Bosco."

WORLEY

FROM A9

Teaching was another passion. "I loved teaching school. I nearly died when I was taken out of the classroom. I would have been happy teaching chemistry for the rest of my life."

She began teaching in 1970, middle school science and English at St. Mary Cathedral School in Miami. Then came eight years teaching high school chemistry and college-level organic chemistry at Immaculata-La Salle High School in Miami, where students called her "Sister Red" for the color of her hair.

From 1981 to 1988, she taught the same subjects to girls and boys from Madonna Academy and Chaminade College Preparatory in Hollywood, which later merged into Chaminade-Madonna College Prep.

Eileen Lopez Tomé was one of those students. A Madonna graduate and now an attorney, she took chemistry with Sister Worley in 1986. The two have kept in touch over the years.

"She had no patience for nonsense and she had no compunction about calling you out if you weren't paying attention or focused on the lesson," Lopez Tomé recalled. "She expected everyone to be equally prepared, no excuses. Whether you had a knack for science or not was irrelevant. She expected you to excel."

"For a girl who had a way with words but struggled miserably in math and science, this was very empowering," Lopez Tomé continued. "She's a person of tremendous integrity who makes no apologies about being assertive and does not shy away from taking the lead."

BEST PRACTICES

Those are qualities that come in handy when running businesses, even Church businesses such as Mercy Hospital and Catholic Hospice. It was the kind of experience that led Archbishop Wenski to offer her the job in Orlando, and now in Miami.

"I need a strong administrator

to come in and handle the day-to-day operations of the archdiocese," Archbishop Wenski said, noting that Sister Worley can bring the "best practices" of the business world to the daily administration of the archdiocese, all with one goal in mind: "The money should follow the mission and not the other way around."

By all accounts, Sister Worley has left the Diocese of Orlando in great financial shape, even amid these difficult economic times.

"She has a great capacity to absorb the details of any project, whether historical, financial, or administrative, and seeks to ask, 'Why?' in the process of evaluation," said Carol Brinati, director of communications for the diocese. "Her commitment is reflected in the late-night e-mails she distributes before rest, never leaving a stone unturned in her pursuit for excellence in all she endeavors."

Sister Worley sees her role as bringing "that dynamic of good business practices to the work of the Church. And it is not for the sake of the business. It is for the sake of the mission."

Among the "best practices" cited by both Sister Worley and Archbishop Wenski are zero-based budgeting, the establishment of a human resources department in the Pastoral Center, and educating pastors and priests about administration, "to avoid mistakes and set productive patterns going forward," Sister Worley said.

"Miami is much more complex than Orlando, and the temporal issues here are much more complex," she added. "We're going to need to take some prayer and the best and sharpest minds that we can bring to the table to take a look at the temporal challenges facing the archdiocese."

She figures her new position will require at least 60-plus hours a week of work — but if the past 47 years are any indication, she's used to it.

"Each time, (God) has led me in a direction where I would never have gone," she said. "He picked me up and moved me. I have been blessed with the faith and the grace to move with that." ■

NEWSbriefs

Cathedral kicks off concert series

St. Mary Cathedral kicked off its annual concert series Oct. 17 with a benefit concert for earthquake relief in Haiti, performed by the Civic Chorale of Greater Miami and featuring an exhibit and sale of Haitian artworks.

The concert series, which is free of charge, continues with:

- "Lessons and Carols" performed by the cathedral choir, beginning at 11 p.m. on Dec. 24 and followed by Christmas Eve midnight Mass.
- "Jeff Zvac and Friends," featuring "the blind musician extraordinaire" performing light classics and jazz on a variety of instruments, Sunday, March 6, 2011, at 4 p.m.
- Greater Miami Youth Symphony, composed of musicians ages 5 through 18, who will perform Sunday, April 3, 2011, at 4 p.m.
- Tenebrae concert, the drama of the Passion story as performed by the St. Mary Cathedral choir, on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.

The cathedral is located at 7525 N.W. Second Ave., Miami. For more information, or to help underwrite the concert series, call 305-759-4531, ext. 111.

Film festival seeks submissions

The John Paul II International Film Festival has extended its submission deadline to Nov. 7. The

theme of the 2011 festival is "the mystery of love."

"The high volume of responses to this year's theme made us curious to see how filmmakers, especially film students, were interpreting the theme," said festival co-founder Laura Alvarado Brennan.

The festival already has drawn in films from France, Russia, India, Poland, England, New Zealand and many states across the U.S.

"When we chose last year's theme, we found that the only way to express the state of our country and the world was to call for films that demonstrated 'faith through the storm.' This year, concurrent with our mission, we are hoping to find a film that exhibits how the mysterious power of love forges a common bond in the human condition," Alvarado Brennan said.

The extended deadline will give films currently in post-production an opportunity to be the festival's opening night film, which is a spot reserved for debuting films with potential for mainstream distribution.

The second annual John Paul II Film Festival is scheduled for Feb. 17-26, 2011, in selected venues around Miami. The festival is organized by 7eventhDay Media, Inc, a nonprofit organization based in Miami, that seeks to nurture faith-inspired filmmakers to create high-quality productions that serve as witness to their faith.

Filmmakers are encouraged to visit www.jp2filmfestival.com for more information on how to submit their work.

Archbishop to speak at Legal Services lunch

Catholic Legal Services of the Archdiocese of Miami will host a "welcome home" luncheon for Archbishop Thomas Wenski on Thursday, Nov. 11, 11:30 a.m., at Jungle Island, 1111 Parrot Jungle Trail, Miami.

The archbishop will be the keynote speaker at the event, with the theme "A Nation of Immigrants ... Renewing Hope, Seeking Justice."

The luncheon is also a fundraising event for Catholic Legal Services. Tickets are \$75 per person. Corporate tables are available for \$2,500 and \$1,000. Reservations must be made by Nov. 4 by calling 305-778-9929 or e-mailing mmezadieu@cclsmiami.org.

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Parish twinning projects part of Haiti recovery

Earthquake recovery will benefit from church-to-church relationships

TOM TRACY

Florida Catholic correspondent

MIAMI — Solidarity, increased communications and collaboration across borders were among the themes that emerged from the international summit of Church leaders convened in Miami in September to discuss Haiti's earthquake recovery and reconstruction.

Evidence of that connectivity and information sharing as a vital part of Haiti recovery planning was the presence of Theresa Patterson, the Nashville-based program director for the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas.

Patterson and other agencies such as Catholic Relief Services (CRS) estimate that anywhere between 350 and 500 twinning relationships exist between Haiti and U.S. and Canadian Catholic institutions, including parishes, schools and associations.

The Parish Twinning Program of the Americas, formerly the Haiti Parish Twinning Program and the Adopt-A-Parish Program, has been facilitating and maintain-

ing parish linkages throughout the United States and Canada since 1978. There are at least nine such parish twinning arrangements between Florida and Haiti.

Patterson said her network was valuable in the immediate aftermath of Jan. 12.

"Our guest house became a tent city and medical clinic in emergency mode," she said. "We had a lot of medical personal who went down to be of assistance. In the long term, it is a matter of a lot of the parishes in the U.S. working with parishes affected, helping them raise funds to rebuild churches, schools and rectories."

Patterson said she came away from the Miami summit feeling that the greater Church is working together in an improved spirit of cooperation toward Haiti. "In the past I worked directly with the priests, but was buoyed by the efforts that CRS is making to get the bishops, the Church and the parishes to be in better communication together." ■

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The Parish Twinning Program also fosters relationships with hospitals, orphanages, and schools. For more information, see www.parityprogram.org.

Amor en Acción, a lay missionary group in the Archdiocese of Miami, has arranged for local parishes and schools to "adopt" schools in Miami's sister Diocese of Port-de-Paix since the mid-1980s. For more information see www.amorenaccion.com.



L'Ecole Nouvelle Royal Caribbean in Labadee, Haiti, has been constructed with special fiber composite earthquake- and hurricane-resistant panels. The construction style offers significant savings in cost, construction time and energy costs. Initially, the school will feature seven classrooms and other spaces and accommodate 125-150 students. As it expands to maximum capacity, enrollment will be closer to 360. Later, during a second phase of development, the school will accommodate 700. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Opening a window into Haiti

St. Coleman School students will support, communicate with students at new school developed by Royal Caribbean

TOM TRACY

Florida Catholic correspondent

POMPAÑO BEACH — Lori St. Thomas imagines a time in the very near future when students at St. Coleman School, where she is principal, will talk via Internet with students in post-earthquake Haiti, the poorest nation in the Americas.

Along the way, she hopes students on both ends of a new sister-school relationship will learn foreign language skills, inspire each other academically and develop insights into each other's world.

That will happen thanks to partnership with Royal Caribbean International that was facilitated by a school parent.

The cruise line, which has long maintained a private resort destination in Labadee, on Haiti's northern coast, has been putting the finishing touches on a new K-12 and vocational/technical school there. It will be called L'Ecole Nouvelle Royal Caribbean.

The cruise line said it recognizes that primary and secondary educational needs in Haiti are great in both the early childhood years and for adults transitioning into the workforce, and wanted to partner with Catholic school students in the Miami Archdiocese.

The sister-school relationship will not be one of financial support from St. Coleman so much as cultural exchange. But students here also will provide some symbolic material support, such as donations of books, backpacks, pencils, paper, pens, erasers and teacher supplies, according to John L. Weis, a parent of two students at St. Coleman, and Royal Caribbean's vice president of Guest Port Experience.

Weis, who said he was reassigned to Haiti for approximately five months in the wake of the earthquake while on loan to the Clinton Foundation, said even before the Jan. 12 earthquake the cruise line had a vision of setting up a series of model schools in Haiti.

"There are not enough schools to go around and not everyone gets a fair shake in terms of education," Weis said. "Our chairman said it was his vision to start helping Haiti. We were one of the first responders to Haiti after the earthquake and we have a 25-year history of working there."

To give some perspective to the great need in the Labadee area, Royal Caribbean estimates there are 5,000 primary school-aged children in the greater region, but only 2,000 primary school slots.

Focusing on Labadee means



John L. Weis, a parent of two students at St. Coleman School in Pompano Beach and Royal Caribbean's vice president of Guest Port Experience, is overseeing the cruise line's school project in Labadee, and suggested that St. Coleman's students develop a sister-school relationship with their peers in Haiti. (COURTESY PHOTO)

the possibility of seeing real results in youngsters' lives through nutritional and health support, fostering greater respect for the environment and raising the bar in education.

"That is what we hope the relationship with St. Coleman might facilitate: that the kids should strive for more than

day-to-day existence," Weis said.

The Jan. 12 earthquake brought urgent attention to the needs of Haiti, but St. Coleman's students will be interacting with students affected not so much by the earthquake as by the grinding poverty and limited opportunities facing all Haitian youths.

"We talked with the students, sent a newsletter home to the parents, conducted a school supplies drive, and put up a huge bulletin board with pictures showing the school construction and details," said St. Thomas, adding that the students are excited about the sister school project.

"The younger kids don't totally understand the impact of the earthquake and situation in Haiti, but the older kids understand what is going on over there," she said. "Our kids have been writing letters so when school starts in Haiti Oct. 18, they will have a letter waiting for them."

One of St. Coleman's staffers, Susan Jaen, director of admissions and a French-speaker, planned to fly down to Labadee Oct. 21 for the school's dedication. She will tour the site, meet teachers and students, and take pictures of the project.

PLEASE SEE **SCHOOL**, A15



Archbishop Louis Kébreau of Cap-Haitien, president of the Haitian bishops' conference, speaks at a press conference prior to Mass at Notre Dame d'Haiti Sept. 24. (PHOTOS BY ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

HAITI

FROM A10

"We have to get people back to normal. This is one aspect of bringing Haiti back to normal," added Balmadier, who described the meeting in Miami as "an expression of the level of support and genuine solidarity that exists throughout the global Church for the Church in Haiti."

"I've never been at a meeting like this. It's very exciting," Balmadier said.

According to Oblate Missionary Father Andrew Small, who works in the U.S. bishops' Office of National Collections, the American Church has set aside approximately \$32 million for Church reconstruction projects in Haiti. That represents about 40 percent of the \$82 million donated for Haiti during the special collection held in all U.S. parishes the weekend after the earthquake.

Another \$68 million was donated directly to Catholic Relief Services, which means nearly half of the worldwide total collected for Haiti was raised by the Catholic Church in the United States.

"The money is still coming in," Father Small said. "What we're trying to figure out is how to spend it well."

Archbishop Wenski, a member of the U.S. bishops' Haiti advisory group who visited Haiti as recently



During the offertory procession, Haitian young people bring up baskets of fruits while swaying to the music.

as July, said he hoped the assurance of "efficiency and transparency" in how the money is spent will "inspire more generosity."

"This is still just the beginning," he said. "This effort will not be resolved by \$30 million or \$100 million and it's not going to be resolved in one year or three years."

"We are constantly edified by

the hope of the Haitian people," he added, who along with their bishops, priests and religious, continue to face "incredible difficulties."

After the press conference, all of Haiti's bishops and their international counterparts celebrated Mass at Notre Dame d'Haiti. The meeting concluded Sept. 26 with a Mass at St. John Vianney College Seminary. ■

CLINIC: 'It's a dream, but it is based on faith'

FROM A11

care. Long-term plans also call for men's and women's dorms, and soccer and baseball fields on the site.

Between buying the property, fencing it, drawing up architectural plans and purchasing building supplies, "the \$300,000 is almost gone," Msgr. Pierre said.

More money is needed to start construction, a process that will be overseen by Father Joseph Durante, a Scalabrinian priest who works in Port-au-Prince, and has some experience in the field. The work will be done by Haitians themselves, and when completed the clinic will be turned over to the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince.

"They'll staff it, but we can use it to do missions," Msgr. Pierre said, alluding to the Haitian priests and medical personnel from South Florida who have been traveling to Haiti to help with earthquake relief over the past five months. So far, local Haitian priests and members of Miami Medical Missions have traveled to Haiti

eight times.

But the time for temporary relief is over, and such trips won't resume "until we have our own place," Msgr. Pierre explained.

The building where the mission teams were staying was leased, and the lease has run out. In the meantime, Haiti's people "are still living in the streets."

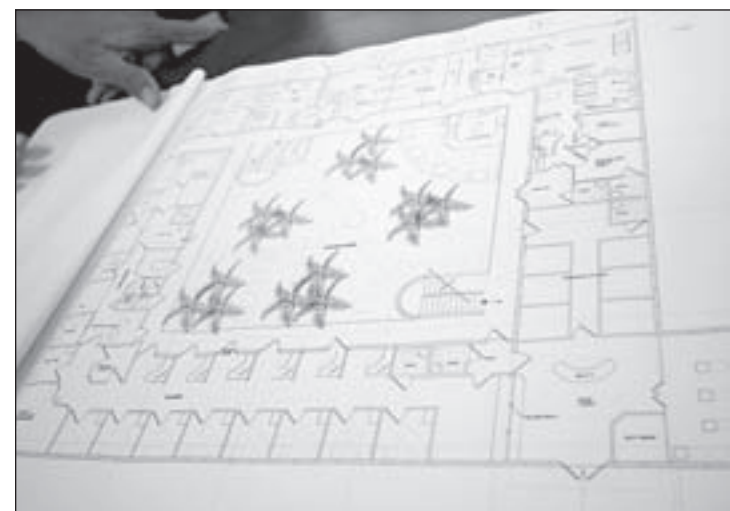
So far, Msgr. Pierre has visited nine south Florida parishes, preaching at all the Masses and raising close to \$70,000.

"I'm very impressed by the generosity of the parishes, the people, how they respond," he said.

He will be visiting more parishes in the coming weeks in an effort to meet his goal, which is by no means final.

As everyone involved in Haiti relief has said all along, the Haitian people will continue to need help to recover from the earthquake for a long time to come.

"It's a dream, but it is based on faith," Msgr. Pierre said of the medical clinic. "We believe it needs to be done and the Lord will show us the way." ■



Pictured above are the architectural blueprints for the medical clinic the Archdiocese of Miami wants to build in Port-au-Prince, in keeping with the Pastoral Plan for Haiti. Msgr. Jean Pierre, pastor of St. James Parish, is raising funds for the project. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

SCHOOL

FROM A14

L'Ecole Nouvelle has been constructed with special fiber composite earthquake- and hurricane-resistant panels used to build residential, commercial, government and military structures without the use of cement, steel or wood. The construction style offers significant savings in cost, construction time and energy costs.

Initially, the school will feature seven classrooms and other spaces and will accommodate 125-150 students. As it expands to maximum capacity, enrollment will be closer to 360. Later, during a second phase of development, the school will accommodate 700.

As the school develops, older Haitian students will have access to employment opportunities with Royal Caribbean, which will offer evening language courses, basic child care and other specialized tourism education.

Moreover, it is hoped the 670 students at St. Coleman will provide the Haitian students with a window into North American life and modern education.

"We may set up a Skype (Internet phone service) account so the kids can talk to each other," said St. Thomas, who hopes to eventually travel to Haiti. "It will be interesting in watching the reaction of our children get lessons you can't get from a textbook."

To make sure the sister-school relationship doesn't founder, Weis

said he will encourage periodic field trips for the Florida students and faculty to Labadee. He is also hoping area high school students will join the partnership.

The new compound in Labadee also is expected to offer women's health programs, including education in the care of newborns/infants; micro-finance loans to encourage business opportunities; and meeting places for community functions that can also serve as shelter space during tropical storms, hurricanes or other natu-

ral disasters.

The operating costs for the school will be approximately \$133,000 annually. Royal Caribbean intends to fund these costs through three sources, namely the Solano Foundation, Inter-American Development Bank and USAID.

"It is not that we are just putting up a building, a lot of thought has been put into this: Royal Caribbean wants those people to have a stable life," St. Coleman's principal said. ■

NEWS**briefs**

Interfaith Weekend
marked Nov. 12-14

“Facets of Faith: Windows Into the Sacred” will be the main event of Interfaith Weekend, celebrated Nov. 12-14 in Miami-Dade County. Sponsored by the Miami Coalition of Christians and Jews, it will take place Sunday, Nov. 14, 1 p.m., at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 464 N.E. 16 St., Miami. Historian Ann Rose will share her knowledge of the stained-glass window art form and lead tours of Trinity Cathedral’s windows. Following the session, self-guided tours, with accompanying maps, will be available so that the public can spend the afternoon visiting Miami’s most beautiful and historic houses of worship. Houses of worship across the county are encouraged to participate in Interfaith Weekend by

scheduling pulpit exchanges and programs with neighboring faith groups. Pastors who would like their churches to be part of the “Windows Into the Sacred” tour, or are hosting an Interfaith Weekend event, should contact Roberta Shevin at 305-755-6096 or roberta@miamiccj.org. **St. Vincent Parish marks 50th** St. Vincent Parish in Margate will celebrate its 50th anniversary by hosting an anniversary Mass and dinner for current and former parishioners on Sunday, Nov. 7. The dinner, at the Heron Bay Marriott on Coral Ridge Drive in Coral Springs, will follow the 4 p.m. anniversary Mass at the church, 6350 N.W. 18 St., Margate. Tickets are \$25 per person. For more in-

formation call 954-972-0434. **Retreats help those coping with divorce** The archdiocese’s Family Life Office offers a retreat program aimed at helping people who are coping with the loss of divorce or separation: *Resurrección en Ágape* for the Spanish-speaking, and Wellspring Experience for the English-speaking. The next *Resurrección en Ágape* will take place Oct. 29 and 30 at SEPI, 7700 S.W. 56 St., Miami. For information call 305-762-1143. The next Wellspring Experience will take place Nov. 5-7 at Don Shula’s Hotel, 6842 Main St., Miami Lakes. The weekend will offer time for personal reflection and small-group sharing, and is

open to all faiths. It will end with the celebration of Sunday Mass. The cost of Wellspring is \$175 per person and the deadline to register is Nov. 2, but participants must speak with one of the Wellspring coordinators before registering. Call Helen at 305-823-7594; Bob at 954-718-7241; or Jean at 305-762-1142 in Miami-Dade or 954-797-9770 in Broward; or e-mail jvfduda@theadom.org. **Public invited to TV Mass tapings** The public is invited to attend the taping of TV Masses that will be celebrated by Miami’s bishops. • On Tuesday, Nov. 23, Auxiliary Bishop Felipe Estevez will tape the Spanish Masses for Dec. 12 and 19. The tapings begin at exactly 3 p.m. and should conclude by 4 p.m. The public is asked to arrive by 2:30 p.m. • On Wednesday, Dec. 1, Auxiliary Bishop John Noonan will tape the English Masses for Jan. 2 and Jan. 9. The tapings begin at exactly 1:30 p.m. and should conclude by 2:30 p.m. The public is

asked to arrive by 1 p.m. • On Wednesday, Dec. 15, Archbishop Thomas Wenski will tape the Mass for Sunday, Dec. 25, in both English and Spanish. The taping will begin at 10 a.m. and should conclude by 11 a.m. The public is asked to arrive by 9:30 a.m. No one who arrives late will be allowed inside. All tapings take place at La Milagrosa Mission of Corpus Christi Parish, located at 1860 N.W. 18 Terrace, Miami. The English Masses air Sundays at 10 a.m. on WPXM-35 (Ion Media Networks). The Spanish Masses air on Univision 23 at 6:30 a.m. every Sunday. For more information, call Teresa Martinez at 305-762-1046. **Correction** An Around the Archdiocese notice in the September edition listed the wrong venue for the Oct. 23, 6:30 p.m. concert marking the anniversary of St. Catherine of Siena Parish. The concert will take place at St. Brendan Parish hall, 8725 S.W. 32 St., Miami. Tickets are \$45 and will be available at the door.

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con su verdadero rostro, ellos lo experimentan como una respuesta convincente y son capaces de acoger el mensaje, incluso si es exigente y marcado por la Cruz”. (NMI #9)

Este resurgimiento mundial de las vocaciones es un signo de esperanza. Pero también es un desafío para nosotros, que vivimos en lo que se conoce como el Occidente, donde los números de las vocaciones aún deben crecer significativamente. Utilizo la palabra “crecer” con deliberación, porque las vocaciones deben cultivarse si los números han de crecer. Esa es la tarea de toda la comunidad católica. Los sacerdotes no sólo deben invitar a los hombres jóvenes a considerar la vocación al sacerdocio, sino que los deben atraer por su integridad y su dicha sacerdotal. Los padres y madres también deben estar dispuestos a motivar a sus hijos si estos desean discernir una vocación al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada. A la vez, los maestros y los simples católicos, cuando ven a un joven particularmente prometedor, deben motivarle a que considere dedicar su vida al servicio de Dios.

A pesar de la opinión general, la escasez de sacerdotes no es resultado del celibato, sino de una crisis de fe y del cierre de la mente humana al infinito o a la trascendencia. El deseo de convertirse en sacerdote se nutre, esencialmente, de la intimidad con el Señor en una relación verdaderamente personal

expresada, sobre todo, por el deseo de estar con Él. Un conocimiento superficial de Cristo, fruto de una formación religiosa inadecuada o defectuosa, es un obstáculo inmenso para fomentar las vocaciones. Lo que pueda motivar en los niños y jóvenes el descubrimiento auténtico de la persona de Jesús y de la relación vital con Él, será beneficioso para despertar las vocaciones. A nivel global, la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud ha logrado eso, precisamente, y esperamos la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud el año que viene, en Madrid. Un sinnúmero de jóvenes sacerdotes y religiosas atribuyen el “descubrimiento” de su vocación a su participación en uno de estos eventos en los que, primero Juan Pablo II y ahora Benedicto XVI, han presentado a Cristo “como verdaderamente es”, y pudieron experimentarlo “como una respuesta convincente”.

Ya sea en nuestras parroquias, en los ministerios universitarios, las escuelas o los programas de educación religiosa, los jóvenes pueden responder y responderán a Dios, quien no cesa de llamar, pues no es superado en generosidad. Podrán superar sus “posibles ambigüedades” con la confianza que les inspira la esperanza cristiana, si todos nosotros en la Arquidiócesis de Miami continuamos apoyando el ministerio ordenado de nuestros sacerdotes, y si todos nosotros apoyamos a los jóvenes al introducirlos a una relación personal y verdadera con Cristo, una relación que se nutre de la catequesis sólida y la vida sacramental. ■

NEWS**briefs**

Teach the faith? Come to Catechetical Day

"Christ: At the Heart of Catechesis" is the topic of this year's Catechetical Day, which will take place Saturday, Nov. 6, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish, 15801 N.W. 67 Ave., Miami Lakes.

The event is sponsored by the archdiocesan Department of Religious Education and is aimed at everyone involved in teaching the faith in South Florida — from the hundreds of volunteers who staff religious education programs in the parishes to the dozens of religion teachers in Catholic schools, as well as priests and pastors.

"The goal of Catechetical Day is to come together, to know that there are other people like us who are doing the same ministry, to continue learning more and encouraging each other to keep going and to keep teaching the faith," said Maria José Mitsoulis, director of religious education in the archdiocese.

The event is bilingual, with keynote speakers and sessions in both English and Spanish. Speakers will be:

- Diana Dudoit Raiche, executive director of the Department of Religious Education at the National Catholic Educational Association, and consultant to the U.S. bishops' Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis.
- Hosffman Espino, assistant professor of Hispanic ministry and

religious education, and director of graduate programs in Hispanic ministry at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry.

- Angelina Karpinski, who works as parish resource specialist in the Office of Stewardship and Development of the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

In addition, one of the sessions will focus on the coming revisions in the Mass. This will be led by Sal Rendina, Patricia Zeiler, Michael Sayers and María Perez-Rudisill, liturgical musicians in the archdiocese and the voices of Dell 'Oro Voice (The Golden Voices), an a cappella group that will provide the musical accompaniment for the morning and closing prayers of the conference.

Registration is \$15 per person. For more information, call 305-762-1090 or go to www.miamiarchreligioused.org.

Classical pianist launches St. Martha-Yamaha concerts

The 2010-2011 season of the St. Martha-Yamaha Concert Series will kick off Sunday, Nov. 14, at 3 p.m., with a performance by the world-famous Cuban-American pianist Santiago Rodriguez, silver medalist at the Van Cliburn International Competition and recipient of the Avery Fisher Lifetime Achievement Award. His program will include works by Chopin, Haydn, Lecuona and Rachmaninoff.

Future concerts will feature:

- Soprano Sara Wolfson and tenor Noah Stewart with pianist and series artistic director Paul Posnak, performing tunes, arias, duets and holiday classics, on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m.
- A Far Cry, a conductorless chamber orchestra from Boston, performing "An Andean Walk-

about," a work by Grammy-award winning Peruvian composer Gabriela Frank, as well as works by Mozart, Dvorak and Tchaikovsky, on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.

- The Italian Saxophone Quartet, led by superstar saxophonist Federico Mondelci, playing music from Bach to Piazzolla, ragtime, tango, blues, Greek dances and film

scores, on March 12, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the concerts are \$10 each general admission or \$20 Blue Circle, including post-concert receptions with the artists. The concerts take place at St. Martha, 9201 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores. For tickets, call 1-800-595-4849 or go to www.saintmartha.tix.com



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. Vincent carnival, through Oct. 31, State Rd. 7 (U.S. 441) and Margate Boulevard (Old Margate Swap Shop location), Margate. Unlimited rides: \$20. 954-962-0434 or stvincent7@aol.com.

St. Lawrence carnival, Oct. 28-31, 2200 N.E. 191 St., North Miami Beach. Rides, games, costume and pumpkin carving contests, candy for kids in costumes on Sunday. Limited booths available for vendors: \$50 per day or \$175 per four days. 305-932-4912.

Harvest festival, Mother of Christ, Oct. 28-31, 14141 S.W. 26 St., Miami. Prizes, talent shows, live entertainment, with Roberto Torres on Saturday. Vendors welcome. Four-day ride tickets: \$50 presale at church office; not available at fair. 786-423-5636.

"Trunk 'n' Treat," Friday, Oct. 29, 5-8 p.m., St. Andrew School, 9990 N.W. 29 St., Coral Springs. A safe way of trick or treating. \$5 admission includes dinner from Chick-fil-A and games. 954-501-4985.

Blessed Trinity family festival, Nov. 4-7, 4020 Curtiss Parkway, Miami Springs. Carnival rides, games, plenty of food, lots of fun for entire family. 305-871-5780.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs fall carnival, Nov. 4-8, 2785 Happy Hoyer St. (Southwest 11 Court), Fort Lauderdale. Family night: Thursday, Nov. 4, 6:30 p.m. Affordable fun for the whole family. 954-583-8725.

St. Bonaventure family festival, Nov. 4-7, 1301 S.W. 136 Ave., Davie. International food court, games for all ages, live nightly entertainment. Tickets: \$45 unlimited four-day ride wristband; \$25 single ride session; only available pre-event. stbonadmin@aol.com.

St. Brendan Elementary family festival, Nov. 4-7, 8755 S.W. 32 St., Miami. Rides, international food, games, prizes, music and a Hispanic heritage show with performances from students. 305-221-2722.

St. Stephen fall festival extravaganza, Nov. 4-7, 2000 S. State Road 7, Miramar. Discounted ride bracelets: save \$5 before opening day; unlimited ride coupon: \$50, good all weekend. 954-987-1100.

Bobcat holiday bazaar, Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, 5525 S.W. 84 St., Miami. Proceeds benefit tuition assistance fund. Admission: \$5. 305-667-1623.

St. Vincent Parish 50th anniversary dinner, Sunday, Nov. 7, Heron Bay Marriott in Coral Springs, following the 4 p.m. anniversary Mass. For tickets: 954-972-0434.

St. Maurice country fair, Nov. 11-14, 2851 Stirling Road, Dania Beach. Rides, games, food, live entertainment. Proceeds benefit the parish and its hunger program. Tickets available in parish office. 954-961-7777.

St. Timothy carnival, Nov. 11-14, 5400 S.W. 102 Ave., Miami. Celebrating 50 years of community. Follow on Facebook: St. Timothy Carnival 2010. 305-274-8224.

Visitation Parish international food festival, Nov. 13-14, 19100 N. Miami Ave., Miami Gardens. Features food from countries of the West Indies, music and fellowship. 305-710-7472.

St. Paul the Apostle Christmas boutique, Nov. 13-14, 2700 N.E. 36 St., Lighthouse Point. Thanksgiving and Christmas items, gifts, home-baked goods, plants and religious items. 954-943-9154.

"Invictus: Haiti Unconquered" exhibition, Nov. 13, 2010-Jan. 15, 2011, Archbishop Curley

Notre Dame High School Gallery, 4949 N.E. Second Ave., Miami. A collection of photojournalist Carl Juste's photos after the Haiti earthquake. Open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., or by appointment. 305-751-8367.

"Facets of Faith: Windows Into the Sacred," Sunday, Nov. 14, 1 p.m. Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 464 N.E. 16 St., Miami. Presented by the Miami Coalition of Christians and Jews Clergy Dialogue in honor of Interfaith Weekend, Nov. 12-14. Features historian Ann Rose and tours of Trinity Cathedral's stained-glass windows. 305-755-6096.

St. Jerome fall carnival, Nov. 17-21, 2533 S.W. Ninth Ave., Fort Lauderdale. 954-525-4133.

Our Lady of Divine Providence family festival, Nov. 18-21, 10205 W. Flagler St., Miami. Rides, games, bazaar, silent auction, music, international food and live entertainment. 305-551-8113.

Mary Help of Christians fall festival, Nov. 18-21, 6000 University Drive, Parkland. Chili cook-off, hot dog eating competition with high school football teams from across Broward. Rides, games, live entertainment, food and beverages. 954-804-1941.

Miami Heroes luncheon, Saturday, Nov. 20, 11:30 a.m., Coral Gables Women's Club, 1101-1109 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Coral Gables. Honors heroes in the disabled community. Proceeds benefit Shake-a-Leg of Miami and Schott Communities for Persons Who Are Deaf or Disabled. \$25 per person. 305-226-5183.

AIDS Awareness fundraiser, Saturday, Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m., St. Bartholomew, 8005 Miramar Parkway, Miramar. DJ and goodies. Organized by Youn Renmen Lot ministry. \$25 per person. 954-981-9966.

"Camino de Santiago: Two Perspectives," on display through Dec. 5, Barry University's Andy Gato Gallery, Thompson Hall, second floor, 11300 N.E. Second Ave., Miami Shores. Art exhibit featuring works by Laura Luna and Silvia Lizama, mdlapena@mail.barry.edu, 305-899-4887.

FAITH EDUCATION

Catechetical day, Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Our Lady of the Lakes, 15801 N.W. 67 Ave., Miami Lakes. Meet other people in the same ministry, continue learning and keep teaching the faith. A bilingual event organized by the archdiocesan Department of Religious Education. 305-762-1090

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:

- Integración Psicológica del Crecimiento Espiritual*, 5 al 13 de noviembre, Padre Elkin Arango, S. J. A través del Análisis Transaccional, los participantes integrarán su personalidad en su experiencia espiritual.

- ¿Cómo escribir trabajos de investigación? 16 de noviembre al 14 de diciembre. Padre Jesús Lecea, Sch. P. Seminario introductorio para familiarizar a los estudiantes con los métodos académicos de investigación, composición de los*

'term papers' que son requeridos en nuestros cursos de Maestría.

"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.

Life issues workshop, Saturday, Nov. 13, St. John Neumann Parish, 12125 S.W. 107 Ave., Miami. Organized by Respect Life Ministry. Information: 954-981-2922, ilovelife@bellsouth.net.

Extraordinary ministers of holy Communion training, Saturday, Nov. 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Anthony, 901 N.W. Second St., Fort Lauderdale. Candidates will register through their parishes, must be recommended in a letter signed by their pastors. 305-759-4531, ext. 107.

RETREATS/DAYS OF REFLECTION

MorningStar Renewal Center, 7275 S.W. 124 St., Pinecrest. Registration required for all programs. 305-238-4367, ext. 102, or visit www.morningstarrenewal.org: "Raising Faith-filled Kids" parenting seminar, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 7-9 p.m. For parents seeking to integrate more faith into parenting and family relationships.

Resurrección en Ágape, 29 y 30 de octubre en el SEPI, 7700 S.W. 56 St., Miami. Retiro para ayudar a divorciados y separados a superar dicha experiencia. Dirigido por el Centro de Enriquecimiento Familiar de la arquidiócesis. 305-762-1143/1140.

Wellspring experience, Nov. 5-7, Don Shula's Hotel, 6842 Main St., Miami Lakes. Retreat for people dealing with significant loss, with primary focus given to the divorce experience. \$175 per person. Registration deadline: Nov. 2. Sponsored by archdiocese's Family Life Office. 305-762-1142.

Retiros de Impacto, un programa para parejas con hijos de 3 a 11 años que lleva a los esposos a un diálogo sincero. 305-571-7111, www.impactos.org:

- 6 y 7 de noviembre, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., iglesia de St. Joachim, 19150 S.W. 117 Ave., Miami.

- 13 y 14 de noviembre, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Misión Santa Ana, 13875 S.W. 264 St., Homestead.

Matrimonios en Victoria, 6 y 7 de noviembre, iglesia de Mother of Christ, 14141 Coral Way, Miami. Participantes pasarán un tiempo alejados de la agitación diaria para reflexionar sobre sus vidas y su relación con Dios. 305-479-0408, 786-390-8903, matrimoniosenvictoria.moc@gmail.com.

Experiencia de Emaús para damas, 19 al 21 de noviembre, iglesia católica de Our Lady of Lourdes, 11291 S.W. 142 Ave., Miami; basada en Lc. 24:13-35, lleva a las participantes a descubrir a Jesús en sus vidas. Inscripción: 305-387-9287.

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- Wednesday, Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m., St. Anthony School, Fort Lauderdale.

- Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m., Mother of Christ Parish, Miami (in Spanish).

- Thursday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m., Mother of Our Redeemer, Miami Gardens.

- Saturday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m., St. Vincent, Margate.

- Wednesday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m., Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy High School, Southwest Ranches.

SCHOOL EVENTS

"South Pacific," Oct. 23, 7 p.m.; Oct. 23-24, 2 p.m., Bienes Center for the Arts at St. Thomas Aquinas High School, 2801 S.W. 12 St., Fort Lauderdale. Presented by drama department. Tickets: \$12 adults; \$5 students. Joan.Kneski@aquinas-sta.org.

Cheerleading exhibition, Sunday, Nov. 14, 2-5 p.m., Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy High School gym, 5451 S. Flamingo Road, Southwest Ranches. Features teams from Catholic middle schools. \$5 per person. Refreshments available for purchase.

"Lucky Stiff," a musical murder mystery, Dec. 2-4, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 5, 2:30 p.m., Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy High School, student and performing arts center, 5451 S. Flamingo Road, Southwest Ranches. Tickets on sale Nov. 1. Cost: \$15, preferred seating; \$10, adults; \$8, students. 954-434-8820.

SPIRITUAL

"Upon This Rock," Saturday, Oct. 30, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Bob Thomas Student Union Building, Ave Maria University, 5050 Ave Maria Blvd., Ave Maria. A day of reflection with music, talks, prayer and Mass. \$50 per person, includes continental breakfast and lunch. Transportation to/from Ave Maria available. R.S.V.P. by Oct. 25: 954-722-2348, www.avemaria.edu/founders.

Songs and prayer in the spirit of Taizé, Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m., Barry University, Cor Jesu Chapel, 11300 N.E. Second Ave., Miami Shores. Chant, Scripture, silent reflection, intercessory prayer. 305-899-3650 or 305-458-9919.

Eucharistic procession, Sunday, Nov. 21, after bilingual 1:30 p.m. Mass, St. Andrew, 9990 N.W. 29 St., Coral Springs. Archbishop Thomas Wenski will preside. Hymns in English and Spanish. jvogel23@earthlink.net.

Mass in honor of Mary Help of Christians, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. *Misa en honor de María Auxiliadora*, martes, 7 p.m., St. John Bosco Parish, 1349 W. Flagler St., Miami. 305-649-5464.

VOCATIONS

Vocations awareness weekend, Nov. 12-14, St. John Vianney College Seminary, 2900 S.W. 87 Ave., Miami. For men ages 18-35 who are considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood; an opportunity to experience seminary life. Space is limited. Registration: 305-762-1137 or vocations@theadom.org.

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When he knew he wanted to be a priest:

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Person or event that triggered his vocation:

"By the time I had my first Communion, I knew I wanted to do what the priest did. I wanted to stand at the altar and make Jesus present. My vocation stems from the liturgy of the Church."

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

Probably work in the food industry, in some aspect of the seafood business. "Before I became pastor of Visitation Parish I was the fine dining food critic for the Miami Herald Broward edition for three years, from 2000 to 2003, and that was a lot of fun."

The most difficult aspect of being a priest:

"Not living up to people's expectations, even though sometimes their expectations are unreasonable."

His description of the ideal priest:

"A man who is faithful to Christ, the Church and the liturgy."

'My own human failure is my disappointment ...'

A priestly stereotype that he feels should be discarded:

"I don't believe there are any, especially in this archdiocese, because we are all so diverse with such a variety of style."

What he does on his day off:

"I like to cook, I like to fish (shallow water reef fishing), but mainly I like to relax at the parish."

Favorite movie:

The "Godfather" trilogy: "Yes, even Godfather III!"

Favorite TV series:

"House" and "No Reservations" with Anthony Bourdain.

Last book read:

"I just re-read, 'The Leopard' by Giuseppe di Lampedusa and the biography 'John Adams' written by David McCullough."

Favorite type of music:

"I enjoy music; I like having either classical or opera playing in the background. I have an appreciation for the human voice."



Father Marino is pictured here with his mother, Marie, and his brother Joseph, whom he calls "a great blessing in my life."

What he collects?

Liturgical vestments and vessels (chalices)

Person he most admires:

"Many people (and) no one person in particular. I have spiritual fathers that I model my life as a priest after: Pope John Paul II; Msgr. Luigi Giussani, founder of Communion and Liberation; Archbishop Fulton Sheen; and Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger before and after becoming Pope Benedict XVI. As a high school student, I received the book 'Introduction to Christianity,' written by Cardinal Ratzinger, and although I didn't understand it I knew that it was important for my life. I have never put that book down since."

His greatest disappointment:

"I would say to not communicate God's love and truth as I should. My own human failure is my disappointment, my lack of charity and mercy."

His greatest joy:

"I have lots. The fact that I wake up in the morning, that people feel welcomed at my parish, being the person that can see the good in others are all joys. My brother Joseph is a great blessing in my life."

His greatest accomplishment:

"I am only doing what I am supposed to do. ... I may do it poorly, but I am still doing it."

His harshest critic:

"Myself. However, my mom is my greatest champion."

Thing he most fears:

"Allowing my human failures to overwhelm me, to disappoint people or let them down."

Regrets:

"When I fail to show charity and mercy, sometimes on a daily basis."



FATHER CHRISTOPHER MARINO

Pastor, St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Miami

Father Marino was born July 27, 1967, in Flushing, N.Y. His family later moved to South Florida, and in 1985 he graduated from Chaminade College Preparatory (now Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory) in Hollywood. After his freshman year at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., he was accepted as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Miami. He studied at St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami and St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, and was ordained April 16, 1993. He has served as pastor of St. Michael since July 2008, and before that was pastor of Visitation Parish in North Miami. In addition, he serves as adjunct spiritual director at St. John Vianney; spiritual director of the Italian Apostolate; chaplain of the Knights of St. Gregory and St. Sylvester; and presbyteral council representative for the East Dade Deanery. He also is a member of the international movement Communion and Liberation, and serves as the priest responsible for member priests in the U.S.



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'Be witnesses' to the Gospel

Archbishop asks faithful to donate to World Mission Sunday collection Oct. 24

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our Lord, before returning to the Father, promised His followers the Holy Spirit and charged them with being His "witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

At Baptism, we too were called to be Christ's witnesses. We are to share our faith with those around us, and to support, in prayer and sacrifice, the work of missionaries who bring the "Good News" of Jesus to faraway places — to Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America.

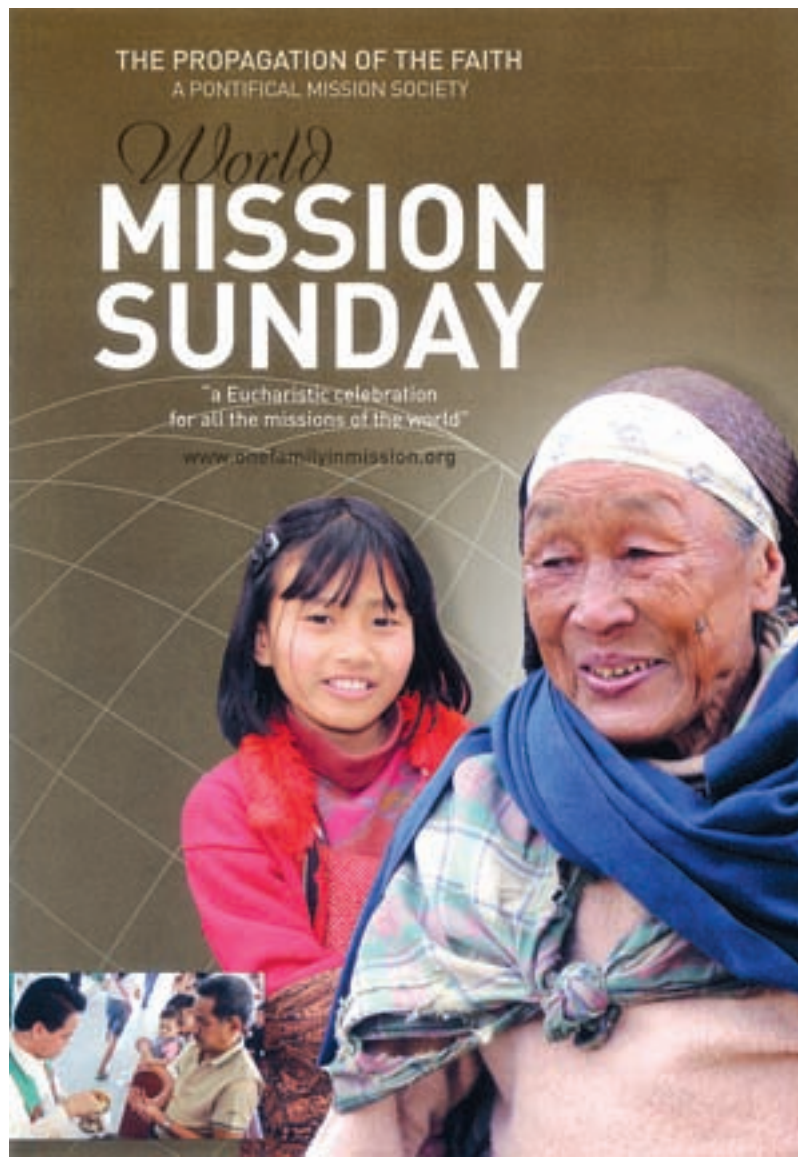
On World Mission Sunday, celebrated this year on Oct. 24, the Catholics of the world unite at Mass to recommit ourselves to this baptismal vocation to

be missionaries. As we pray and respond here at home, we are replicating what is also taking place in every parish and chapel in every corner of the globe.

Your generosity through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will reach those who await the "Good News" of Jesus, who long to experience His hope and love.

More than 1,150 young churches in the Developing World count on your generous response to this World Mission Sunday. Please also continue to pray that all of us in the Archdiocese of Miami may be eager and effective witnesses of Jesus, as He asked us to be.

Sincerely in the Lord,
The Most Reverend
Thomas Wenski
Archbishop of Miami



MORE ON THE WEB

Here's a look at some stories that ran on the archdiocesan website, www.miamiarch.org, in the past month. To see them, click on the "news center" tab and look along the column on the right, or click on "news archive" and search via keywords.

- Recent homilies and opinion pieces by Archbishop Thomas Wenski, including a Let's Talk blog on the "Faith of our fathers" and a column in support of the Haiti Empowerment, Assistance and Rebuilding Act (H.R. 6021) pending before Congress.
- Cubans pay tribute to Archbishop Wenski.
- Catholic women told "all of us are leaders."
- Pet blessing at St. Vincent in Margate.
- Archdiocese marks 52nd anniversary.
- Re-opening of St. Robert Bellarmine as mission of Corpus Christi Parish.
- St. Bonaventure Parish marks 25th anniversary
- Obituaries for Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Rosemary Quigg, who worked at St. Rose of Lima Parish, and Father Carl Morrison, who worked at the Metropolitan Tribunal and helped out at St. Martha Parish.

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