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'Come and see'

Knights and Dames of Malta return to Cuba as pilgrims to visit El Cobre, see the good works they are funding

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EL COBRE, CUBA — Tears flowed freely at the feet of Our Lady of Charity, patroness of Cuba, as a group of pilgrims from Miami celebrated Mass at her sanctuary in El Cobre.

After 50 years away from the land of her birth, Ana Maria Capablanca called the moment "cathartic."

"Such emotion," she said afterward, "I never thought I would come here. It was a gift."

A gift and a trip that officials both of the Church in Cuba and the Church in the U.S. hope will be repeated throughout 2011, when Cubans celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the image of Our Lady of Charity by three fishermen in the Bay of Nipe.

The pilgrimage made Feb. 6-11 by Capablanca and 25 others, members of the Cuban Association of the Order of Malta and members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Miami, was the first of several being planned for this year.

This one was led by Archbishop Thomas Wenski, who celebrated the Mass in El Cobre and Mass in the cathedral of the Archdiocese of Santiago, within whose jurisdiction El Cobre is located. Also along were Father Daniel Kubala, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle, and Father Richard Vigoa, priest-secretary and master of ceremonies for Archbishop Wenski.

The pilgrimage was fast-paced and grueling, marked by lengthy and bumpy bus rides through the Cuban countryside, most of the time on the Carretera Central, a two-lane highway built in the late 1940s. Never did the pilgrims get to



Archbishop Thomas Wenski celebrates Mass in El Cobre, Cuba for the Miami pilgrims, along with Bishop Luis Del Castillo of El Melo, Uruguay, left, and Father Richard Vigoa and Father Daniel Kubala of Miami. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO/FQ)

their final destination before nightfall and often they were on the road — or at Mass — by 8 a.m.

They began their journey in Havana, where they had a long meeting with Cardinal Jaime Ortega and visited a center for the elderly, one of 60 throughout the island receiving support from the Cuban members of the Order of Malta.

From there they traveled east to Camaguey, where diocesan officials reported that donations from the order have enabled them to help more than 300,000 people, in particular those who are elderly and sick, including children with

Down's syndrome who are tended to by the Siervas de Maria (Servants of Mary).

"We have cared for the needy, as is proper to the Church," said Father Ernesto Pacheco, vicar general of the Diocese of Camaguey.

Moving on to Santiago, the pilgrims were welcomed by Archbishop Emeritus Pedro Meurice and given an overview of the plans for enlarging and restoring the Cobre shrine and improving its ancillary buildings, including the former seminary which is now being used as a retreat house, and a guest house for visitors. The shrine

receives about half a million visitors each year.

The years-long renovation is expected to cost upwards of 6 million euros, with the greatest expense coming from the purchase of raw materials such as cement which have to be imported from abroad.

"This place in Cuba is not only ours. We take care of it but it belongs to all Cubans and to the whole Cuban Church," said Mercedes Ferrera, secretary to Santiago's Archbishop Dionisio Garcia.

The renovations need to be done "so that the whole Cuban people, wherever they are, can come to a

MORE ON THE WEB

To read more stories, in both English and Spanish, and see more pictures of this first pilgrimage to Cuba, go to the archdiocesan website, www.miamarch.org

place that is worthy," Ferrera said. Before leaving El Cobre, the pilgrims celebrated a Mass in the upstairs area that houses the original image of Our Lady of Charity. The next morning they celebrated Mass in the cathedral of Santiago — Cuba's primateal see which once had jurisdiction as far north as Florida and Louisiana.

After Mass, they received a guided tour of the cathedral and adjacent museum by its enthusiastic director, Antonio Lopez de Queralt.

"A lot is exhibited," he said. "But a lot more is in storage."

After a stop in Campo Soriano to visit another center for the elderly, the group stopped briefly in Santa Clara, where Bishop Arturo Gonzalez welcomed them like the father in the parable of the Prodigal Son. He met them after dark along the road on the way into town and had them stop at the monument to John Paul II, located near the spot where he celebrated his first Mass on the island in 1998.

About 100 people gather there each month now to pray the rosary, Bishop Gonzalez said. He also let the visitors tour the diocesan library, which now includes 13,000 volumes of sometimes rare or hard to find books and magazines.

The idea behind the establishment of the library is to "rescue

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Florida bishops release DVD, archdiocese sponsors awareness weekend, training sessions

Human Trafficking Awareness Weekend will be marked the weekend of Feb. 19-20 in the Archdiocese of Miami. This edition includes the stories of victims of human trafficking who live here in Florida, along with a statement from Florida's bishops urging Catholics to become involved in the fight against human trafficking.

BE AWARE: FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On Nov. 6, 2010, the Archdiocese of Miami partnered with St. Thomas University and the Center for Human Rights at Florida State University to sponsor a workshop on human trafficking — what it is, how to be aware of it, and where to report it. That workshop drew 125 representatives from 67 parishes. A more in-depth, follow-up workshop Feb. 13 this year drew 75 representatives from 11 parishes.

"Florida and California are the only states to initiate pilot programs for this public awareness campaign," said Mary

Ross Agosta, archdiocesan director of communications. "One way to combat this illegal activity is to provide information to all who believe the Catholic Church's teaching that any form of slavery or treating humans as 'tools for profit' is an affront to human dignity."

To see the human trafficking stories, go to Pages A8-A9. More information also is available by following the "human trafficking" link on the archdiocese's web page, www.miamarch.org



Seeking understanding

Pilgrims to Cuba take part in 'extraordinary' meeting with Havana's cardinal

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HAVANA, Cuba — The Catholic Church in Cuba needs three things: space, personnel and assistance — not to mention a lot of understanding, according to Cardinal Jaime Ortega of Havana. The cardinal spoke for more than two hours Feb. 7 with members of the Cuban Association of the Order of Malta who traveled from Miami to Havana and from there in pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity in El Cobre.

Some members of the order and their spouses had not returned to the island in 50 years, since they went into exile in the 1960s.

"This is a meeting between Cubans who love Cuba. Love transcends everything," Cardinal Ortega said at the start of the meeting.

The 26 people present introduced themselves to the cardinal one by one, telling him in particular when they were last in Cuba. Most of the parings were not pleasant. As Fernando Garcia Chacon, president of the Cuban Association of the Order of Malta put it, "I did not depart. I was departed."

The cardinal, however, pointed out that Cuba should not be identified with a particular political era. "It is not the Cuba of Machado, nor the Cuba of Grau San Martín, nor the Cuba of Batista, nor the Cuba of Castro, nor the Cuba of anyone. It is my country, my homeland," because

if not, there is a tendency to "idealize past eras."

"Christianity surpasses all established (political) systems," he said, remembering a conversation he had about Cuba with Pope John Paul II. But "it is an ideal not yet reached" by any nation.

"I am very grateful for all that the Order of Malta does here," said the cardinal, because that "fosters appreciation for the mission of the Church among all the people."

Then he touched on the subject of forgiveness and reconciliation.

"If Christian priests or bishops cannot talk about reconciliation, we are lost," he said, referring to the negative connotation the word has for some exiles in Miami, and the strong criticism sometimes heaped upon the Church in Cuba because it does not confront or publicly criticize the Castro government.

Apparently the "media terror" in Miami is more frightening than any other, cardinal said. "The concepts of terror are fairly relative," he noted.

He also spoke of how the Cuban Church, during those "terrible years of isolation and loneliness," was harshly criticized by proponents of liberation theology. Even some Church officials went so far as to say that the Church in Cuba "only has what it deserves for not putting itself on the side of the poor."

"We have been like a sandwich, squished and pressed on the grill,"



Cardinal Jaime Ortega, Archbishop Thomas Wenski and leaders of the Cuban association of the Order of Malta conclude their meeting by praying the Our Father. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO/FC)

Cardinal Ortega said. He asked for "understanding, pardon, a letting go" and even acceptance of suffering because "that was the method of the Redeemer."

The meeting ended with everyone praying the Our Father.

His words moved some of those present, among them Ana María

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the patrimony" of Cuban letters, Bishop Gonzalez said. The library also is the site of art exhibits and discussions on topics such as faith and reason that bring together both atheists and believers.

After reaching Havana at 3 a.m. the next day, the pilgrims were back on the road after breakfast, touring a home for elderly women housed at the Church of San Francisco de Paula in the Vibora neighborhood, and another center for the elderly at the Church of El Sagrado Corazón (Sacred Heart) in Los Pinos.

In the afternoon they celebrated Mass at the impressive Santa María del Rosario in the El Cotorro neighborhood. The church dates back to 1730 and has retained its original glory. It was built in the baroque style by the family of Fernando Garcia Chacon, president of the Cuban Association of the Order of Malta, who was among those making the pilgrimage. It was his first time back in Cuba



Archbishop Pedro Meurice, bishop emeritus of Santiago, greets Archbishop Thomas Wenski on his arrival in El Cobre. (PHOTOS BY ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO/FC)

after 50 years.

"Obviously, there was a certain concern about coming face to face with a situation that is and has been very painful," said García Chacon. "Coming face to face with

50 lost years has been very difficult."

But, he added, "there has been great pain — both for those there (in exile) as well as for those here (in Cuba). Which was greater? That



Fernando Garcia Chacon recites the prayer of the Knights of Malta after Mass in the El Cotorro neighborhood of Havana.

is very personal."

García Chacon was not the only one among the pilgrims who had been hesitant to return to Cuba.

"I'm not very happy to be here at all," said Capablanca at the start of the trip. "I'm very confused. But I look at it as if it was meant to be and I'm happy to go to Cobre. I'm also happy to see the Church is really doing something. With a little bit of money you can do a lot in this country. I like that."

"I see a lot more relaxed attitude. I see a lot more permissiveness in terms of Church," said Robert Chisholm, a Miami architect and

aspiring Knight of Malta who traveled to Cuba six or seven years ago to lead the first ever Brn men's retreat on the island.

"That being said, this is a tatorship and this is commut crossed," Chisholm said.

He added that confront is not a productive path to Church. "The only way to ad anything is through human action."

"Everything is little by little you can't lose heart," said Rol "Piro" Suarez, legal advisor Cuban bishops who along with wife, Alma, served as the pilgrim guide and two shooter throughout the trip.

He recalled the words of ther Felix Varela, the great thinker, who in his writin tolled "what is small, what is ymous, what is constant." "I what is going on with the C in Cuba, Suarez said.

"Come, at least to know (happening)," he said, refer the pilgrimages. "Come at Your Mother is waiting." ■

Helping men 'cross the goal'

One day, men-only regional retreat coming March 26 to South Florida

TOM TRACY
Florida Catholic correspondent

PARKLAND — If more Catholic men had a deeper connection to their Church community, there might be far fewer divorces and problems that plague society at large, says a permanent deacon involved in men's ministry in South Florida.

"Men really have a great deal of difficulty knowing where they are supposed to fit and where they are supposed to be in the world today. We came through women's liberation and the sexual revolution and men don't play the roles they used to play," said Deacon Vince Eberling, a member of Mary Help of Christians Parish in Parkland, and a nuclear cardiologist working in Boca Raton. "So without having a role model they are wandering around by themselves."

When men are wandering around by themselves they get into trouble, but when a guy has another guy's back, he will keep him from getting into trouble in the first place, according to Deacon Eberling.

After working with other Catholics in the area and the National Federation of Catholic Men over the years, and after spending a year or two in the planning stages, Deacon Eberling is helping to launch the first archdiocese-wide men's conference in connection with a nationally recognized men's ministry team associated with Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN).

The one-day event is open to all Catholic men in South Florida and set for Saturday, March 26, at St. Mark Parish in Southwest Ranches.

A four-person team from "Crossing the Goal," a TV program and ministry of EWTN, will lead the retreat, which already has been presented in other cities.

Through a format and style that men can relate to — including sports-casting terminology and concepts — Deacon Eberling said the conference will invite men to have a closer relationship with Christ, their Church and family communities. And unlike other men's gatherings, this conference has a follow-up. Men will be asked to attend a retreat and later be encouraged to gather in small accountability groups.

The presentation team includes: • Peter Herbeck, vice president and director of Missions for Renewal Ministries. Herbeck is a co-host on "The Choices We Face" and a member of the new television program "Crossing the Goal." He is also the host of a daily radio program, "Fire on the Earth," focusing on Catholic mission and evangelization.

• Brian Patrick, host of the "Son Rise Morning Show" on Cincinnati's Sacred Heart Catholic Radio. He is a broadcast veteran of television and radio for nearly 35 years and an active volunteer, mentoring men who struggle with addiction, speaking openly of his own recovery and conversion.

• Curtis Martin, president and founder of FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, one of the fastest-growing movements in the Catholic Church. Martin holds a master's degree in theology, is the author of the best-selling book "Made for More," and is co-host of the new groundbreaking show on EWTN, "Crossing the Goal."

• Danny Abramowitz, a former NFL player with the New Orleans Saints, who works full time with Crossing the Goal ministries. He also serves in an advisory capacity to the board of directors of National Fellowship of Catholic Men and travels throughout the United States speaking at Catholic men's conferences.

Deacon Eberling said that the shortfall with men's spiritual events is often that "we find everyone goes up the mountain and then there is no follow-up," but this conference will hopefully blossom into regional retreats, teaching men how to move into small prayer or Scripture study and apologetics groups, and how to be accountable to one another.

The presenters will break down men's issues and concerns into a football format: They start off with a "playbook, a game plan, a red zone and an end zone." After the retreat, it is hoped this first initiative will enable parishes to tailor that "game plan" for their groups in the coming years.

In the past, the Crossing the Goal team focused its series of talks on such things as the seven deadly sins, virtues, and marriage and family.

"They have guys on the team who are older and some are younger. We all know what we are supposed to do and would like to do, but they will help us understand how to get there," Deacon Eberling said, emphasizing the conference is for men only.

The day will begin with morning refreshments followed by the team member talks. Throughout the en-

tire day, priests will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation. Lunch will be served, and there is time for prayer, question and answer, and fellowship.

archdiocese one time and his parishors will not see an increase in their workload, and I can stand behind that," said the deacon, who is also part of his parish Emmanuel retreat team.

Registration is \$25 per person. A special website has been set up for the retreat at www.miamicatholicmen.com, or call 954-773-7170. ■

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'New Age' is old Gnosticism

Despite the secularism of our age — or perhaps, because of it — many people are rediscovering an interest in spirituality. One can go to almost any commercial bookstore and discover whole sections devoted to the theme.

Unfortunately, most of what sells as "spiritual reading," usually classified under the heading of "New Age," does not demand any more faith or belief than going to the movies. Not all that is marketed under the rubric "spirituality" is "chicken soup" for the Christian soul. Indeed, much of it, if consumed indiscriminately or unwarily, could prove poisonous to the life of faith. While New Age writings may seductively appeal to the legitimate longing of human nature, they are fundamentally opposed to Christian revelation.

Spirituality in our Catholic tradition is more than just narrow, classicist navel gazing. It is not a self-absorbed seeking after self-fulfillment found through esoteric teachings or practices. Christianity's invitation is to look outwardly



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and beyond — to a "New Advent" of the God who calls us to a dialogue of love, a dialogue which invites us to conversion and submission to his will.

Authentic spirituality for the Christian is not so much about our search for God, but God's search for us. Spiritual life is a relationship with the Triune God entered into through our participation in Christ's passion, death and resurrection through baptism and the living of a life of discipleship. This personal relationship with God grows through his free gift of grace and sheds light on our relationship to our fellow men and women and indeed on our relationship to the world.

New Age spirituality — born as a reaction to contemporary culture but nevertheless its child — certainly represents a new challenge to the Church today. Yet, there is very little that is "new" in New Age teachings. A joint statement issued a few years ago by the Pontifical Council for Culture as well as the Pontifical Council for

'While New Age writings may seductively appeal to the legitimate longing of human nature, they are fundamentally opposed to Christian revelation.'

Interreligious Dialogue quotes the Holy Father, who warns with regard to the "return of ancient Gnostic ideas under the guise of the so-called New Age: We cannot delude ourselves that this will lead toward a renewal of religion. It is only a new way of practicing Gnosticism — that attitude of the spirit that, in the name of a profound knowledge of God, results in distorting His Word and replacing it with purely human words."

That statement titled "Jesus Christ, the Bearer of the Water of Life," offers an insightful analysis of the New Age movement and its incompatibility with sound Christian doctrine and practice. It specifically cautions against using the Enneagram, which in recent

years has enjoyed some popularity among Christian groups and has even been promoted by some Catholic religious communities. The Enneagram, a pseudo-psychological exercise supposedly based on Eastern mysticism, introduces ambiguity into the doctrine and life of the Christian faith and therefore cannot be happily used to promote growth in an authentic Christian spirituality.

In "Novo Milenio Inerte," John Paul II urged parishes to become "authentic schools of prayer." As he says, "... we who have received the grace of believing in Christ the revealer of the Father and the Savior of the world, have a duty to show to what depths the relationship with Christ can lead" (N 33).

As "Jesus Christ, the Bearer of the Water of Life" says: "To those shopping around in the world fair of religious proposals, the appeal of Christianity will be the first of all in the witness of its members of the Church, in the trust, calm, patience and cheerfulness, and in their concrete love of neighbors, all the fruit of the faith nourished in authentic personal prayer."

sas católicas. El Enneagrama, ejercicio pseudopsicológico basado supuestamente en el misticismo oriental, introduce la ambigüedad en la doctrina y la vida la fe cristiana y, por lo tanto, puede emplearse felizmente para promover el desarrollo dentro una auténtica espiritualidad cristiana.

En *Novo Milenio Inerte*, Juan Pablo II animó a las parroquias a convertirse en "auténticas escuelas de oración." Como él dice: "quienes hemos recibido la gracia de creer en Cristo, el revelador Padre y el Salvador del mundo, tenemos el deber de mostrar la profundidad que puede tener la relación con Cristo" (n. 33).

Como "Jesucristo, el dador de la Vida" dice: "Para que los que nos rodean sean verdaderos discípulos, debemos mostrarles la vida de la fe, la paz, la confianza y el gozo, y en su camino de fe, la gracia de creer en Cristo, el revelador Padre y el Salvador del mundo, tenemos el deber de mostrar la profundidad que puede tener la relación con Cristo" (n. 33).

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La Nueva Era es Gnosticismo viejo

A pesar del secularismo de nuestra época — o quizás a causa de él — muchas personas están redescubriendo un interés en la espiritualidad. Uno puede ir a casi cualquier librería comercial, y encontrar secciones completas dedicadas a este tema.

Desafortunadamente, la mayoría de lo que se vende como "lectura espiritual", generalmente clasificada bajo la categoría de "Nueva Era", no exige más fe o creencia que el acto de ir al cine. No todo lo que se comercializa bajo la rúbrica de "espiritualidad" es "sopa de pollo" para el alma cristiana. En realidad, gran parte de eso, si se consume indiscriminadamente o sin cuidado, puede resultar venenoso para la vida de la fe. Aunque los escritos de la Nueva Era puedan apelar seductoramente a los anhelos legítimos de la naturaleza humana, en lo fundamental se oponen a la revelación cristiana.

La espiritualidad, en nuestra tradición católica, es algo más que la autocontemplación narcisista. No se trata de una búsqueda que se absorbe en el propio set para lograr una autorrealización

que se alcanza por medio de enseñanzas o prácticas esotéricas. La invitación de la cristiandad es a mirar hacia fuera y más allá — hacia un "Nuevo Advencimiento" del Dios que nos llama a un diálogo de amor, un diálogo que nos invita a la conversión y a la sumisión a su voluntad.

Para el cristiano, la auténtica espiritualidad consiste no tanto en nuestra búsqueda de Dios como en la búsqueda de Dios por nosotros. La vida espiritual es una relación con el Dios Trino a la cual se entra por medio de nuestra participación en la pasión, la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo a través del bautismo y una vida de discipulado. Esta relación personal con Dios crece por medio de su regalo gratuito de la gracia, y arroja luz sobre nuestras relaciones con el prójimo — los hombres y las mujeres que nos acompañan en la vida — y, por supuesto, sobre nuestra relación con el mundo.

La espiritualidad de la Nueva Era — nacida como una reacción a la cultura contemporánea y, no obstante, hija suya — representa, en verdad, un nuevo desafío a la Iglesia de hoy. Sin embargo, hay

poco de "nuevo" en las enseñanzas de la Nueva Era. Una declaración conjunta emitida hace unos años por el Consejo Pontificio para la Cultura y por el Consejo Pontificio para el Diálogo Interreligioso, cita al Santo Padre, que advierte en contra del "regreso de antiguas ideas gnósticas bajo el disfraz de la llamada Nueva Era: No podemos hacernos la ilusión de que esto pueda llevar a una renovación de la religión. Es sólo una nueva forma de practicar el gnosticismo — esa actitud del espíritu que, en nombre de un conocimiento profundo de Dios, termina por distorsionar Su Palabra y reemplazarla con palabras puramente humanas".

Esa declaración, titulada "Jesucristo, el dador del Agua de Vida", ofrece un análisis profundo del movimiento de la Nueva Era, y de su incompatibilidad con la doctrina y la práctica cristiana cabales. La declaración advierte específicamente contra el uso del Enneagrama, que en años recientes ha disfrutado de alguna popularidad entre grupos cristianos, y que hasta ha sido promovido por algunas comunidades religiosas

católicas. El Enneagrama, ejercicio pseudopsicológico basado supuestamente en el misticismo oriental, introduce la ambigüedad en la doctrina y la vida la fe cristiana y, por lo tanto, puede emplearse felizmente para promover el desarrollo dentro una auténtica espiritualidad cristiana.

En *Novo Milenio Inerte*, Juan Pablo II animó a las parroquias a convertirse en "auténticas escuelas de oración." Como él dice: "quienes hemos recibido la gracia de creer en Cristo, el revelador Padre y el Salvador del mundo, tenemos el deber de mostrar la profundidad que puede tener la relación con Cristo" (n. 33).

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Gained in translation: the Roman Missal

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

PETER FEUERHERD

A translator is a traitor. Father Paul Turner, a priest of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., knows the saying as an inside joke among those who move words, phrases and meanings from one language to another. He points out that the joke works better in Italian, where the words for "traitor" and "translator" are almost the same.

But in any language the phrase points to a greater truth, said Father Turner, a Latin scholar who worked for the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) that developed the translation of the new Roman Missal.

"Anytime you translate you are doing your best. But it is nearly impossible to capture all the nuances and bring them into a new language," he said.

At the ICEL commission meetings, Father Turner served as a recorder of the proceedings held by 11 bishops from the English-speaking world. Led by Bishop Arthur Roche of Leeds, England, the group reviewed liturgical translations. Along with other scholars, Father Turner, who is also pastor of St. Muchin Parish in Cameron, Mo., could raise points about meaning and grammar, but only the bishops voted on the actual approvals.

Sometimes proposed suggestions were inserted into the revised texts; other times suggestions failed to win approval. The group, said Father Turner, was determined that the original Latin of the liturgical texts was faithfully rendered into English as much as possible.

"We want the liturgy to be understood," he said. "But those who pray it have to know that it is the prayer being brought to us by the tradition."

The result, for American Catholics who first encounter the Missal, will take some adjustment.

The current translation focuses on rendering the texts understandable to modern English-speakers. The new translation will focus more on keeping the nuances in the original Latin. The result will

be the use of some phrases and words that are not normally a part of everyday English discourse.

"It's not that the translation we have is wrong or heretical. But what we gained in fluidity (in English) we lost in nuance (from the Latin)," said Father Turner.

For example, the new translation sometimes uses the word "ineffable" to describe the power of God. Webster's defines the word as anything "incapable of being expressed in words." While not a part of daily English speech — although Father Turner notes he saw the word in a recent edition of *Newsweek* — "it's a great word when you talk about the mystery of God. It's a word that means we are speechless before God." When taken in context, he said, English-speakers will become familiar with it for a description of a mysterious quality of God.

Other examples: In the Creed of the new missal, the old translation read that Jesus was "one in being"

with the Father. The new translation will describe this relationship as "consubstantial," an English word as close to the original Latin meaning as possible.

"It's an unusual word. But the relationship between Jesus and the Father is unusual and needs a unique word," said Father Turner, adding that ancient Church councils attempted to define this relationship in a precise way as possible, and modern English-speakers should have the benefit of those insights.

American Catholics routinely recite the Creed each Sunday in which Jesus is described as "born of the Virgin." That phrase, said Father Turner, fails to capture the full nature of Jesus. "Incarnate," the word used in the new translation, is intended to emphasize that at Jesus' conception the divine was present.

It may sound strange at first but, said Father Turner, English-speaking Christians through

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WHY A NEW TRANSLATION?

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The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has approved a new English translation of the Roman Missal, Third Edition, the ritual text containing prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass. 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 questions

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 fifth 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.

the ages have recited the Lord's Prayer with its famous phrase, "hallowed be thy name." The word "hallowed" is rarely used in English anymore, but English-speakers reciting the Lord's Prayer easily recognize it in that context. The same should hold true for the

terminology in the new missal, said Father Turner.

The ultimate goal will be English-speaking Catholics reciting prayers that more precisely render their original Latin meanings, making the traitor in translation as unobtrusive as possible. ■

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Fight religious mark anniversaries of consecrated li

This year's jubilarians are four Marist Brothers, four Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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MIAMI—Eight men and women religious currently working in the archdiocese were honored Feb. 13 during a Mass at St. Mary Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Wenski.

This annual Mass honors those marking anniversaries — 25, 50, 60 and even 70 years — of their religious profession and coincides with the celebration of the World Day of Consecrated Life.

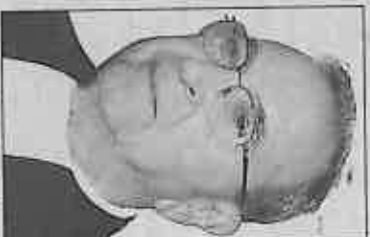
"The purpose of this day is three-fold: first of all to praise and thank the Lord for the gift of consecrated life; in the second place, to promote the knowledge and appreciation by all the people of God; finally, to invite all those who have fully dedicated their life to the cause of the Gospel to celebrate the marvels that the Lord has operated in them," said Sister Ana Margarita Lanzas of the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, archdiocesan director for religious.

She noted that the celebration of the World Day of Consecrated Life was started by the Venerable John Paul II in 1997 and timed to coincide with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

"In fact, the oblation of the Son of God — symbolized by his presentation in the Temple — is the model for every man and woman that consecrates all his or her life to the



Brother Chanel Lambert



Brother Rafael G. Martin



Brother Julio Vitorés

Lord," Sister Lanzas said.

To see pictures and a story about the Feb. 13 celebration, go to www.miamiarcho.org. Following are brief biographies of the jubilarians.

DOUBLE DIAMOND JUBILIARIANS: 70 YEARS

Brother Chanel Lambert,

Born May 31, 1923, in Lawrence, Mass., Brother Lambert grew up in a very faith-filled Catholic family. His faith was nurtured in his early formative years at home, by the sisters in school and by the Marist Fathers in the parish. Brother Lambert became a vowed member of the Marist Brothers of the Schools in 1941 and achieved his degrees in education at Marist College and Fordham University.

Members of his family have

served as models of service in the consecrated life. His brother was a Marist bishop in the missions of the Pacific for 49 years; four aunts were nuns; a nephew is also a Marist teaching brother; and a grandnephew was ordained for the Diocese of Tallahassee two years ago.

Over the years, Brother Lambert has served in many different ministries: high school teaching and coaching sports in schools in Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, Oregon, and Miami; moderator of the Sodality of Our Lady; director of a Marist summer camp for boys; coordinator of a preventive maintenance program for schools. At present he is living in a retirement residence for Marist Brothers in Miami. He said he is very grateful to God for his vocation and to his parents, relatives and brothers who have sup-

ported him in his Marist life and ministry over the last 70 years.

Brother Rafael G. Martin,

Marist Brothers of the Schools

Born in Cruces, Cuba, but raised in Yaguajay, Las Villas, Brother Martin entered the Marist Brothers' seminary in Cienfuegos in 1938 and continued his religious formation in Espira-de-l'Agly, France, until the novitiate. He moved to Pontos, Spain, during World War II. In 1943, Brother Martin began teaching elementary school in Cienfuegos and from 1944 to 1957 he was assigned to teach at Champagnat School in Havana. In 1957, he became vocations director for the Marist Brothers in Cuba. When the brothers left Cuba in 1961, he worked until late 1962 in Colombia, when he was transferred to Miami to work with unaccompanied Cuban boys, a work he continued in Lincoln, Neb.

Since 1965, Brother Martin has worked at Marist High School in Bayonne, N.J. Christopher Columbus High School in Miami, Universidad de Monterrey in Monterrey, Mexico; and as director of religious education in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Back in Miami, he has been a librarian, audiovisual coordinator and in the last years, in charge of the bookstore at Columbus High School.

Since his retirement in 1995, Brother Martin has become more involved with the Cuban Marists Alumni, an activity he began in 1969. In 2009, he published a book, *"Colegio Champagnat de la Vihora, 1915-1961"* and is now preparing another one, *"Presencia Marista en Cuba, 1903-1961"* ("Marist Presence in Cuba, 1903-1961").

DIAMOND JUBILIARIAN: 60 YEARS

Brother Julio Vitorés,

Marist Brothers of the Schools

Born in Palencia, Spain, in a very religious family, Brother Vitorés spent his formation years, 1946 to 1952, in Turin, Italy, where he made the novitiate and was accepted to receive his first vows as a Marist Brother. From 1952 to 1954, he continued his studies in Girona, Spain, and received a bachelor's degree. From 1954 to 1961, he served in Calbarren and Havana, Cuba, teaching elementary school. He also attended St. Tomás de Villanueva University in Havana, earning a master's degree in philosophy and letters. When the Castro regime took over, he was expelled from Cuba and sent to Spain. He was later sent to France and Guatemala where he taught high school.

In 1967, Brother Vitorés was sent to the U.S., where he taught at Marist High School in Bayonne, N.J. He attended Villanova University in

Pennsylvania and obtained a master's degree in education. In 1969, he came to Miami to teach at Christopher Columbus High School.

A year, he left for Kobe, Japan, where he taught at Marist Internal High School for two years. He spent one year in Fribourg, Switzerland, and another at the Ca University in Paris, and obtained a master's degree in theology.

From 1988 to the present, Brother Vitorés has been teaching at Columbus High School. His activities toward the teaching of the faith as well as secular subjects working with youth group coaching soccer, tennis and basketball. He said he gives thanks for recognition and honor of the celebration and most of all the prayers, so that he will be able to continue on the path of St. Avin Champagnat.

GOLDEN JUBILIARIAN: 50 YEARS

Brother Michael Brady,

Marist Brothers of the Schools

Born in Covington, Ky., and raised in an Irish-Catholic family, Brother Brady joined the Marist Brothers in Esopus, N.Y., after school in 1960, and completed his novitiate in 1962. From there he went to Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., graduating in 1964. He taught in high schools in Jersey and in 1977 he arrived in Miami, where he has taught at Christopher Columbus High School and religion. He has been a member of the campus ministry and director of admissions and recently in his third year as principal. He said, "This has been a two journey" and thanks God a lot for multiple blessings.

SILVER JUBILIARIANS: 25 YEARS

Mother Adela Galland,

Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Born in Leon, Nicaragua, in 1961, Mother Galland joined the religious institute of the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary in the Archdiocese of Miami in 1990. Their spiritual life is to be a living image and of the heart of Mary in the Church and to place the charism of the community in the service of the poor and the marginalized. The charism of the community is to be a living witness of the poverty of the magisterium and the human heart, so as to build a human heart of love, truth and life in the heart of the Church and in the world.

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Catholic churches, religious educators take part in Lighthouse of Broward's sensitivity training for faith communities

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FIND OUT MORE

- The Lighthouse of Broward sensitivity training program is open to any faith community in Broward County.

WILTON MANORS — Dolores McDiarmid has spent most of her professional life helping the blind to function in the sighted world. Now, she is helping the sighted to see the blind in the spiritual world.



Dolores Hanley
McDiarmid

McDiarmid is a public aware-
ness specialist with the Lighthouse
of Broward, whose mission
is to enhance
the indepen-
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adults who are
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ally impaired.
She is also a
Catholic with a



Loirena Gomez wears a blindfold and is led by Sister Rose Henry Eboh of the Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy during an activity where participants are taught how to properly aid a blind person. St. Clement Parish hosted a sensitivity training session to help its ushers, greeters and extraordinary ministers of holy Communion be more aware of the needs of churchgoers who are blind and visually impaired. (JONATHAN MARTINEZ | FC)

ing with faith communities," said McDiarmid during a training session she conducted Jan. 19 with

archdiocesan directors of religious education.

A few days earlier, she had conducted a similar training session at St. Clement Parish in Wilton, Md., and on Feb. 24 she will conduct another one at St. Anthony Parish in Fort Lauderdale.

"How many people with disabilities do you really see involved (in churches)?" asked McDiarmid. "Rather than thinking of them as charity, we need to think, what

doors can we open so they can become the people God created them to become?"

In Florida, there are nearly 315,000 people who are blind and disabled. Broward has one of the nation's highest incidences of visual impairment, with more than 50,000 blind and visually impaired people living in the county.

"We found that through research and asking those who are blind and visually impaired about their spiritual needs, especially Catholics, (they) don't feel as welcomed and as included as they would like

to be and we feel that that's due to education," said McDiarmid.

Her goal is to "raise the commitment level" of religious educators, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, ushers, clergy and religious, and all the faithful.

The first training session at a Catholic parish was held at St. Clement Jan. 15, with 33 members of the parish, including its associate pastor, Father Wilfredo Contreras, in attendance.

"We have people in our parish who are blind and so we thought that this would be a good idea to show our ministers how to outreach to those people," said Father Contreras. "They learned not to be afraid and to be more attentive to the needs of those who are blind and make them feel more comfortable as Christians."

Participants heard testimonials from people living with blindness and visual impairments and then got the chance to experience their world firsthand through the use of goggles, which simulate various eye diseases. Participants also learned how to properly guide a blind person.

"It made me more aware of how sometimes, inadvertently, we discriminate how we treat the blind out of ignorance," said Claudia Henriquez, a parishioner at St. Clement. "I learned how to reach out to them, how to welcome them and how to guide them the correct way if they need help."

FIND OUT MORE

- The Lighthouse of Broward's sensitivity training program is open to any faith community in Broward County. The next training session in a Catholic church will take place on Saturday, Feb. 26, at St. Anthony Parish, 901 N.E. Second St., Fort Lauderdale. The training takes about two hours.

- Although similar training sessions are not available in Miami, Dade or Monroe counties, the Miami Lighthouse can serve as a resource for parishes and schools. The number is 305-856-2288 or www.miamilighthouse.org.

Other tips for making blind visually impaired people feel at home included asking them if they arrive at the church if they would like to receive Communion from a priest or an extraordinary minister, and even asking whether they would like to be at the front or rear.

"One of the things I learned from this is that blind people don't know the layout of the church, the layout of the church, the layout of the church, and so I think it would be good to have a day for them to come to the church and get the chance to walk around and feel around that they can become more familiar and so that they can visit in their mind," Father Co said.

"We have to find ways to respond to this pastoral need," Maria Jose Mitsouli, archdiocesan director of religious education, said. "We hosted a training session that attracted nearly 40 religious education directors from throughout the archdiocese."

She called the training "a taste of what we need to add," "We need to be informed so that we will be afraid" when families and with disabilities such as b enter the church or the clai

"We want people to learn aware of the importance inclusive," Mitsoulis said.

"It's always a good reminder to have some children in our church who are blind or visually impaired and are we missing them? I remember Mary John Schick of the Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart, who provided religious education directly to the children of Flower Parish in Coral Gables. She makes me wonder, are they missing them? Are we missing them? Why are they coming forward? Why do they come? How do we do to help them come for

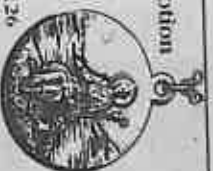
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Lifelong love

Couples honored at annual Mass say successful marriage is all about commitment, trust and faith

TONI PALATTO
Florida Catholic correspondent

MIAMI — "Love is patient, love is kind... It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

The truth of that often-cited passage from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians was on display Feb. 5 as 196 couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries were honored during the annual "celebration of marriage" Mass at St. Mary Cathedral.

The Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Wenski and is organized each year by the archdiocese's Family Life Office.

The couples' collective anniversaries represent more than 10,000

years of marriage, although it is a testament to modern times that the proportion of those celebrating golden or more anniversaries was much higher than those celebrating silver ones: 194 were celebrating 50 or more years of marriage, whereas 43 couples were marking 25.

The longest-married couple once again this year was Ann and Francis Seaman of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Deerfield Beach, celebrating their 73rd. They were followed by Henry and Elvira Kolyu of Coral Gables, marking their 70th.

Also present were Joseph and Rose Nagy of Little Flower Parish

in Hollywood, with 57 years of marriage under their belts.

"What love means to me is supporting each other in good times and bad, a dedication to our marriage and believing in our marriage," said Rose Nagy. "It's a togetherness and security you develop. We focused on our family, raising and educating our children, and now helping them to raise their families. I don't have any secrets; really, it's taking life one day at a time and it's just a matter of helping each other."

"It's hard to explain," said

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Homero Arceyut and Daisy, married for 45 years and parishioners at St. Agatha, proclaim the first reading during the celebration of marriage Mass Feb. 5 at St. Mary Cathedral. (JONATHAN MARTINEZ / FC)

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ORLANDO — While modern-day slave-trading industry might seem unfathomable to anyone with a human conscience, men, and mostly women and children become victims of this ugly, insidious industry on a daily basis.

No one knows this fact better than law enforcement officers and advocates of these victims with unforgettable faces. To one police officer, it is the face of a juvenile victim who was raped by her trafficker and left pregnant on the side of the road. For one victim's advocate, it is the face of a prostituted child whose vulnerability was preyed upon by a street-smart pimp who knows more about child psychology than Sigmund Freud. To some police officers, it is the stoney faces of those who sell people as if they were commodities and the buyers (or "johns") who purchase them.

Those caught in the web of human trafficking might be men or women; children, preteens, teens or adults; Americans or immigrants; and come from different types of domestic and economic affiliations. They could be forced into domestic servitude, forced hard labor, or into the sex industry.

"What these people go through is not unlike what slaves went through during Civil War times — they are neglected, abused and malnourished," said Lt. George Koder, commander of the Clearwater Human Trafficking Task Force. "It's time we called it what it is: slavery."

While they are trafficked for different reasons, they are all vulnerable victims. That is a common denominator that the general public might not understand, Koder said, especially when the victims are solely viewed as prostitutes or streetwalkers.

"Add in a drug dependence, and people might view that population as a waste of time," Koder said, adding that those in forced domestic servitude might be im-

migrants brought here illegally, putting another stigma on the population. "These people are coerced and lured into America to live the American dream. And then they come here and face a nightmare."

Koder said the "key factor" to understand about a victim of human trafficking — whatever his or her circumstance — is that the person cannot get out of the situation.

"It is hard for Americans to grasp that. They might think, 'Why not kick and yell and scream that they are being abused?'" Koder said. "But Americans have to realize that is not the reality. These victims are feared into believing they cannot get away. They are told they cannot trust the police, and the traffickers can simply make the victims disappear, and no one would care."

'VICTIM-CENTERED' FOCUS

According to Koder, Florida is one of the highest destination states for women and children trafficked into the United States. He distinguished the difference between trafficking and smuggling, which is generally connected to drugs or another commodity. Trafficking deals with people.

"We have to have a victim-centered focus when dealing with human trafficking," Koder said. "Investigators can't lose that focus that they are dealing with victims of a crime, and they have to make the victims feel safe and comfortable because without (the victims), the case won't go anywhere."

In October 2006, the Clearwater Police Department was awarded a Department of Justice grant to fund the creation of the Clearwater/Tampa Bay Area Task Force on Human Trafficking. The mission of the task force is to identify and rescue victims, create a coordinated law enforcement system to investigate and prosecute these crimes, and to deliver social, legal and immigration services to human trafficking victims in the Clearwater and Tampa Bay area.

A similar grant was also given to four other task forces in Florida, including Lee County, Naples, Homestead and Miami. Koder said there are grassroot task forces in other parts of Florida, including Orlando and Pensacola.

Combating human trafficking requires tenacity and patience on the part of law enforcement, and also a network of agencies working together. Koder said his task force relies on strategic collaboration between other area law enforcement agencies, the U.S. Attorney's office, immigration (when it involves a victim from overseas) and nongovernmental organizations such as World Relief and the Salvation Army. They not only aid in helping find victims, but in rescuing and caring for them during and after investigations and prosecutions. (See accompanying story, Page A11.)

FIGHTING THE 'BAD GUYS'

Koder said his detectives investigate different forms of trafficking, including migrant men and, in some cases, homeless men, forced to work in the fields; juvenile girls (some are runaways from the United States and some are children from other countries) forced to work as prostitutes and/or strippers; and women brought from overseas and forced to work in hotels or as domestic servants within a home.

Cases involving domestic servitude demonstrate how human trafficking can be anywhere, including in wealthy neighborhoods. Koder relayed one case in which a couple from Eastern Europe lured girls from their native country to America to gain an education and good jobs. Instead, they forced the girls to take care of their lavish home and live under the stairs, where they were frequently tortured and raped by family members.

But it isn't only small businesses or isolated incidents that involve human

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Look beneath the surface

It is an everyday reality that we may encounter a victim of human trafficking, especially here in Florida. If we look for the right signs or even ask the right questions, we may be able to save a life. If for any reason you feel that there may be a situation of trafficking happening, even if you're not sure, it is best to report it by calling the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888. Upon reaching the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, they will be able to

alert local authorities, identify local resources and coordinate help with local social service organizations to assist victims in the process of restoring their lives. You never know, but today could be the day you save a life — if you just look beneath the surface.

Signs of a victim of trafficking

- Accompanied by a controlling person or "boss."

- Not speaking on own behalf; non-English speaking.
- Lack of control over personal schedule, money, ID, travel documents.
- Transported to and from work, or lives and works in the same place.
- Debt owed to employer/crmw leader; inability to leave job.
- A large number of occupants in one residence.

- Outside locks on doors and windows.
- Bruises, depression, fear, overly submissive.
- Deprived of food, water, sleep or medical care.

Questions you might ask a victim

It is unlikely that a trafficked victim will be alone, but if the opportunity to speak to a potential victim alone arises without putting

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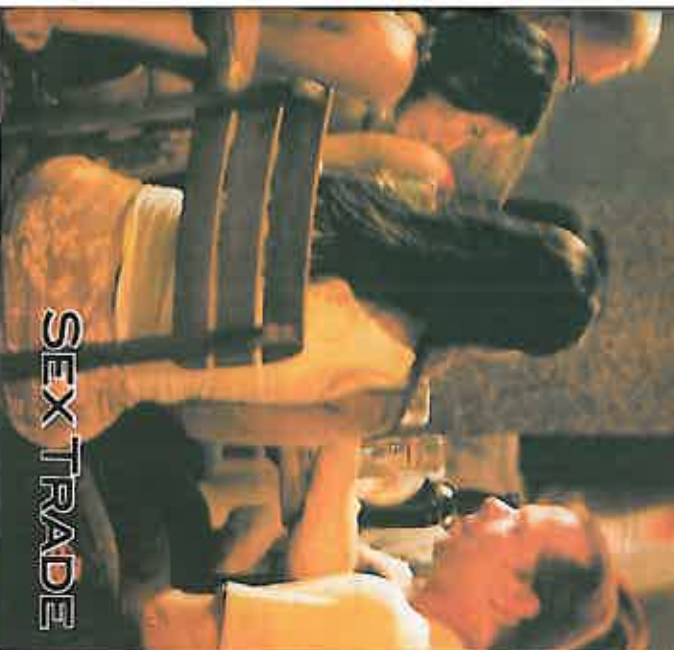
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Long-term help needed in recovery of human trafficking victims

NADIA SMITH
Florida Catholic correspondent

FORT MYERS — The fight against human trafficking doesn't end with rescuing a victim; it is only the beginning.

That's according to two men who have worked extensively with victims of human trafficking for many years: Terry Coonan, the executive director of the Center for the Advancement of Human Rights at Florida State University, and Tom Gillan, a certified law enforcement trainer for human trafficking and manager of the Prison and Jail Ministry for the Diocese of Orlando.

Once a victim has been identified and rescued, many agencies — federal, state and local law enforcement and service nongovernmental organizations — come together to aid the victim and prosecute the trafficker. This help includes explaining their rights, walking with them through the legal proceeding of prosecuting their traffickers, legalizing their visa status, as well as rebuilding their lives, which includes long-term psychological and emotional assistance, reunification with their children when possible and

any immediate and long-term material needs.

Coonan, also a certified law enforcement trainer for human trafficking, an immigration lawyer, and a law professor who has done work with torture victims in Chile, became involved with the anti-trafficking movement when he was called by the Florida Department of Children and Family to interview 60 rescued victims in one of the first sex trafficking cases of Florida.

"What I found out was horrific," he said. "I found out how they were recruited, how they were lured to the United States, and what they were forced to do. They faced the same trauma as the tortured victims I had experienced in Chile."

Since then, Coonan has worked on several cases, helping victims find justice, and the similarities of the type of trauma the victims face, whether labor or sex trafficked, remains the same. They experience post-traumatic stress disorder, an emotional illness classified as an anxiety disorder, which develops as a result of a

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A victim's story

NADIA SMITH
Florida Catholic correspondent

To this day, Mary Lewis still remembers the call she received from Florida's Department of Children and Families (DCF), asking her if she had a bed for a 13-year-old Guatemalan girl and her baby.

Lewis, the director of programs for Catholic Charities Fort Myers, was at the time the director of Mothers' Home, a residential shelter for foster-care teen moms and their babies. Lewis' heart sank and her mind raced with questions, none of which were answered by the DCF representative on the other end of the phone.

"How could this be? What happened? Who did this to her?" Lewis demanded to know.

The young girl did not speak English or Spanish, only the dialect from the impoverished and remote mountain village she came from, so she was unable to communicate and it didn't seem like anyone was that interested in finding out what was really going on — until she came under Lewis' care.

Once Eva (alias used to protect the victim's identity) arrived at Mothers' Home, she began learning English and started school. As Eva began to unlock the key

to a new language that others could understand and as her trust in Lewis grew stronger, she disclosed the horror she had been living.

Her parents had been approached by a villager who told them that she could offer Eva and her younger sister Alicia an opportunity of a lifetime — to go to the United States to study and to work. In turn, the girls would be able to send back some money to help their parents and their other siblings. She offered them some money upfront as a good faith gesture.

"They accepted, but you have to understand that these are very poor, naïve and simple beings. I always think it is horrible when people say, 'Their parents sold them,' because we don't understand the desperate poverty they live in, and parents truly believe what they are told and see it as their family's salvation," Lewis said.

With very little education, the girls arrived in the U.S. only to be stripped of their identification documents and forced to make beds at a local hotel by day and prostituted by night.

One day making beds, Eva leaned over and the woman working with her looked

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BISHOPS' STATEMENT

Bishops of Florida call on Catholics to fight the evil of human trafficking

On this 10th anniversary of the passage of the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA), we call upon the Florida faithful to be actively engaged in the fight against the evil of human trafficking. The Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign is intended to educate those who may come in contact with victims in churches, health care facilities, schools or the community so they can identify and report in order to rescue victims from their abusers.

The U.S. State Department estimates that 600,000 - 800,000 men, women, and children are trafficked across international borders each year and approximately 14,500 - 17,500 of them are trafficked into the U.S. annually, luring them with promises of money and then selling or using them in bondage. Profit over people places at risk women and children forced into prostitution, pornography and sexual entertainment to meet the huge demand of customers. Florida, a prime destination for traffickers because of agriculture and tourism, also depends upon workers in the fields, hotels, and other labor-intensive industries. This extreme exploitation destroys the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health of the victims, leaving them scarred for life.

A troubling trend is the exploitation of minors in domestic sex trafficking. These youth, under age 18, are the runaway and throwaway children in society picked up on our streets and forced into sex acts in exchange for food and a bed. We grieve for the children whose innocence has been sacrificed in the name of greed and monetary gain, a shocking example of "man's inhumanity to man."

In a 2007 pastoral statement of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration, the bishops wrote: "Human trafficking is a horrific crime against the basic dignity and rights of the human person. All efforts must be expended to end it... to ensure that, one day soon, trafficking in human persons vanishes from the face of the earth."

As we reflect on our human bond with each other and the words from Matthew 25:40, "as you did it to the least of my brethren, you did it to me," we call on Catholics to become educated about the scourge of trafficking in society. Our vulnerable brothers and sisters, trapped by poverty or circumstances, are waiting for us to help free them from bondage so they may be made whole and restored to health.

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the following questions if s/he is a victim nation to provide to the Resource Center to you do?

- What are your working and living conditions like?
- Where do you sleep and eat?
- Do you have to ask permission to eat/sleep/go to the bathroom?
- Are there locks on the doors/windows so you cannot get out?
- Has your identification or documentation been taken from you?

They 'run for life'

Statewide run supports crisis pregnancy centers, archdiocesan Respect Life office

TOM TRACY
Florida Catholic correspondent

MIAMI — They laugh, cry, chase

lost runners, tend to minor injuries and play music in the evenings during the statewide "Run for Life" each year, recalled Chuck Roessner, a re-

tired U.S. postal worker who is in his 23rd year of supporting the annual pro-life event. The Run for Life is set for March

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Two fundraising dinners will be held in the Archdiocese of Miami in support of the Run for Life:

- The annual kickoff dinner is set for Friday, March 4, at the Royal Palace Banquet Hall in Homestead. Tickets are \$25. To purchase tickets, call 305-248-3386 or 305-257-4106; or e-mail: frost_dot@bellsouth.net or jtkirk1701@comcast.net.

- A second dinner will be held Saturday, March 5, beginning at 7 p.m. to coincide with the first stop of the run. "A Night Under the Stars" will feature "a unique culinary experience in an outdoor garden setting." The dinner will take place at the home of Kevin Seifried in North Miami, with seating limited to 56 guests. Tickets are \$75 per person. Call 305-342-4367 or e-mail kevin.seifried@gmail.com. More information also can be found at www.kcrunforlife.com.

counseling and various other programs to help women.

In 1990, the Run for Life started at Sacred Heart Parish in Homestead, about 30 miles south of St. Mary Cathedral.

For the first three years, Floridian Mike Sapp ran the entire 352 miles as a one-man effort, running an average of 40 miles per day. These days,

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traumatic, often life-threatening experience.

Symptoms include flashbacks, nightmares, serious depression, withdrawal, loneliness, and dissociation or not registering emotions.

"These symptoms can continue for years and require long-term counseling," Coonan said.

Advocates for victims of human trafficking believe victims who were prostituted for sexual exploitation should be offered a safe haven in facilities that specifically care for their needs. Alesia Adams of Salvation Army in Atlanta said victims can become runners, returning to their trafficker because of their fragile psychological state and because they simply don't know of a better existence. That reality prompts the debate of whether a shelter for these victims should be under lockdown. It is a delicate debate, Adams said, because while law enforcement and advocates want to keep rescued victims safe, they also do not want them to feel like they are being locked up or punished.

Adams described a home in Atlanta that serves victims. It sits on the outskirts of the city, not just so that they are far from where their traffickers can find them, but also to remove them from the type of environment to which they have become accustomed.

"They need to learn to hear the night differently. They need to hear the sounds of crickets instead of ambulances and sirens," Adams said. "They need to see trees instead of street lights."

But most importantly, the victim needs to feel safe. Even is she is removed from the dangerous environment she knows, without trust and proper counseling and patience from professional therapists, forensic investigators and legal counsel, the victim might return to harm.

Coonan said through the proposed legislation of the Florida Sale Harbor Act, House Bill 535, three facilities across the state would be proposed to serve the critical and specialized need of minors involved in human trafficking who are commercially sexually exploited. However, it is uncertain whether the legislation will be heard by committees because of fiscal constraints.

"These residential facilities are critical. Legislators need to be aware that this is a priority," Coonan said.

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at her and told her she was pregnant. Eva was only 12 years old and thought she had a stomach tumor. She had no idea she was pregnant. The woman managed to get her to a clinic, and Eva went into labor and delivered. Her trafficker ended up at the hospital as well, and when Eva was discharged, the trafficker took her back with her baby. Thankfully, the woman who had initially brought her to the clinic followed up with Eva, and realizing things were very wrong, called DCF. DCF rescued Eva, her baby and her sister, but they never asked any questions.

Eight months into school, Eva approached Lewis with a request: There was a girl at school who wanted to speak with her. It turned out that Eva had befriended another Guatemalan girl, Rosa, who had a baby and was also a victim of human trafficking. Lewis was horrified by her story and couldn't believe that no one was doing anything to protect her from the trafficker who was still showing up at the school trying to get her back.

That was in 2002, when the words "human trafficking" were just starting to be mentioned, but the majority of people, including law enforcement and governmental agencies, were unaware of this modern form of slavery.

Shortly after her encounter with Rosa, Lewis went to a coalition task force meeting for human trafficking and realized that what she was dealing with were, in fact, victims of hu-

man said.

Victims also have a number of physical problems because "they are rarely allowed to see a doctor by their traffickers and go without medical and dental care although they have been exposed to high risks," Coonan added.

These risks include exposure to sexually transmitted diseases, the AIDS and HIV viruses, forced malnutrition and physical wounds inflicted by their traffickers. This means that once a victim is rescued, there is a long list of immediate and long-term needs that will need to be met.

"Catholic Charities plays a key role in helping our victims recover," said Coonan, who has worked closely with the agency through the years. "Service providers like Catholic Charities help victims for years and years long after the case is closed."

The agency provides a variety of services, including case management, counseling, health screenings, housing, legal immigration assistance, transportation, and food and clothing assistance.

Three of the Catholic Charities offices in Florida from the Orlando, Venice and Pensacola-Tallahassee dioceses receive funding from the

Eva if she ever thinks about or gets sad about how her son was conceived. She just looked at me and said, "Why would I think like that? It's not his fault."

In the last eight years, Lewis, who continues to aid victims of human trafficking through her work with Catholic Charities, has seen a marked improvement in awareness

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services, which in turn receives grant money from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, specifically to aid international human trafficking victims.

Once Catholic Charities has been contacted through law enforcement or the National Hotline number, 1-888-373-7888, a caseworker is assigned to a victim to make sure he or she receives the help needed.

"The victim has to be certified as a victim of human trafficking to receive funding for assistance, and they also have to get a T-visa, that is specifically for a trafficked victim, in order to be able to stay in the country legally," said Gillian, who initially worked for Catholic Charities in Orlando and has assisted victims since 2005. "The contract with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides x amount of dollars for pre-certified victims and then x amount of dollars for certified victims, which lasts for about four months, but victims are with us for much longer than that. If we can't get the victim certified, they are left in our care and we have to struggle with helping them."

That can be a daunting task in an already resource- and funding-

and services for human trafficking victims, thanks in part to the work of the Catholic Church. But more is needed because "the intensity of the needs of these victims is profound," Lewis said.

Whether it's something as simple as picking up the phone and dialing the hotline number, or donating personal hygiene items because

starved environment, which Gillian predicts will only get worse.

"The federal government will be cutting programs with the economy the way it is, so I foresee that a lot of money to support these victims will be cut starting Oct. 1 of this year," he said. "If that money is cut, a good way for people to help is to donate money to Catholic Charities human trafficking fund or to a legitimate human trafficking nonprofit service-oriented organization."

But money isn't the only way to help. "It's about giving of yourself and giving of the things that you are blessed with," Gillian added.

That means that if you're a doctor, dentist, lawyer or a bilingual teacher, you can offer your services free of charge to trafficked victims through an organization like Catholic Charities. Or if you own a clothing or grocery store or an apartment complex, you can donate clothing, food items or even offer an affordable apartment to these victims.

Coonan agrees. "This is where our Catholic community can really help," he said. "The Catholic community, that is so amazingly generous, can help these victims when we get beyond prosecution to find the help they need to rebuild their lives." ■

often victims are rescued with only the clothes they are wearing, or offering pro bono work in a number of areas, there is no question that there is something every person can do. ■

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trafficking. Koder said that big hotel chains might subcontract help for maids and cleaning services that use laborers who are victims of human trafficking. When big business does check to see employee records of their subcontractors, Koder said they are turning a blind eye to the possibility of being involved in human trafficking.

"There needs to be responsibility on corporations to due diligence. In this day and age of cheap costs to raise profits, that is something that can be forgotten, but that cannot continue," Koder said.

THE PIMPS

As an advocate of victims of sex abuse, Alesia Adams of the Salvation Army of Atlanta has been chased by many pimps. When she speaks about victims of human trafficking involved in the sex trade, she does not sugarcoat any descriptions. The pimps who trap and kidnap the victims and sell a minor girl at a rate of \$400 an hour are "rapists."

In many ways, Adams said, American pop culture has glam-

orized pimps. In 2007, "It's Hard Out There for a Pimp" from the movie " Hustle and Flow" won an Oscar for best song. But she said there is nothing glamorous about a man who preys on a vulnerable girl's insecurities — telling her she is beautiful and if she leaves with him he will treat her like a queen — then "trunks" her (throws her in the trunk of a car), drives her around, stops the car, rapes her, throws her back in the car and starts the process over and over again. This is a way the pimp breaks the girl's will so she is easily manipulated and controlled physically and psychologically.

"When it is so easy to recruit and lure, to kidnap and to rape several times a day, to steal the dignity and rights of another human being, there's something demonic going on here," Adams said. "Nowadays, American children are easier and cheaper to recruit and sell because you don't have to cross the border. ... We should be outraged that the number of children are being victimized."

Psychological control is so strong that when law enforcement officers try to rescue a victim, they encounter victims who don't want to cooperate, despite their tragic circumstances. The pimps say whatever it takes to control the

girls — tell the girls to call them daddy; tell the girls they love them; tell the girls they are always there for them. The pimps understand the "Stockholm Syndrome," in which victims sympathize with their attackers. They rely on that response from their victims.

"Who's easier to manipulate than a child?" Adams said. "Law enforcement has a difficult task to make cases and make them stick. But it is so important for them to work on making the girls feel safe and create trust."

Detective James McBride deals with many pimps as a leader on the Clearwater/Tampa Bay Area Task Force on Human Trafficking. He knows firsthand about the difficulty of working with victims because of the psychological bonds of the pimps. Victims are angry and fight with law enforcement, saying, "Where were you before when I was being abused by my father or my uncle? Where were you when I was homeless and starving?"

"Where were you? I've heard those words come out of victims' mouths. Creating trust and offering safety for these girls are so important," McBride said. "The pimps teach them what stories to tell. And if the pimps are picked up, they know the system. They bond out and then they try to find the girls and threaten them while we are trying to build a case."

Although that reality exists, it does not deter law enforcement. It is all part of the job of working with the system. McBride said he learned two years into his vocation as a law enforcement officer that he cannot save the world, but works to save one person at a time. Advanced training is required for those who work in human trafficking so as to deal with the psychological ramifications of the victims. When there is a symptom of human trafficking — whether it is a tattoo that looks like the branding of a pimp or a possible brothel in which prostituted women look like minors — law enforcement has to be able to look at the "big picture."

"This is modern-day sex slavery," McBride said. "The supply is always going to be there — people are seen as a commodity — and unfortunately there is always going to be a demand. We are trying to take victims out of that (supply chain)."

As for the pimps, McBride and fellow police officers have heard all kinds of stories. Pimps see themselves as entrepreneurs and businessmen who have business cards that simply have a phone number. They might not be formally educated and they might be in gangs, but they are smooth talkers and street smart and know the laws. They read legal documents with a fine-toothed comb and they use networks of cell phones to carry out business dealings and move their commodities (the

female victims they buy and sell) from place to place.

They brand their girls with tattoos so others know who the girls "belong to." They beat girls and tell them to never make eye contact with another male, because that is "breaking bread" — choosing another pimp.

"They are sharp. When we change our tactics to catch them, they change theirs," McBride said. "But they are predators who keep slavery going."

For example, since an excess of cash can point to prostitution, some victims of human trafficking have been found with receipts for prepaid credit cards. That is because the girls are told by the pimps to take the money they earn, go to 24/7 shops that sell prepaid credit cards and put all their cash on that card. Then the credit cards are given to the pimp.

PREDATORS, BUYERS, JOHNS

Those on the demand side have been called "johns" for years. But Adams believes that moniker is too sanitized. Men who employ the services of prostituted women or children are rapists, predators, Period.

Adams added that these people are not loners or outsiders of society or people without a healthy sexual relationship. On the contrary, they can be everyday people anyone knows.

"These men could be boy-friends, fathers, coaches, peers, doctors, nurses. They could be anyone," Adams said. "Men who purchase a prostituted person do not want a normal sexual relationship. They do not want to see a face. And they don't realize it will affect their relationships, but what they are doing is having sex without relationship responsibility and sex without the context of humanity. They degrade and dominate. ... There is a holocaust against women today, and we need to shine the light on these 'johns' who are predators contributing to slavery."

Koder echoed Adams' sentiments.

"There needs to be a stand on sex itself. There's too much where people are saying no one's getting hurt. But they are. They are getting raped 10 or 20 times a day," Koder said. "There is no consent to participation when the victim is underage. There needs to be stronger accountability of men who shouldn't prey on girls. It shouldn't be OK to go out and pay for sex."

So what is being done about the johns? When asked that question, Robert E. O'Neill, U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Florida — which includes more than 350 miles from the Georgia border on the northeast to south of Naples on Florida's southwest coast, including Tampa, Jacksonville, Ocala, Fort Myers and Orlando — said there is more of a push to pro-

secute traffickers (pimps) rather than purchasers (johns). That is not to say that johns should go unpunished. O'Neill said that their punishment might be best when hit in the pocketbook with large fines for being caught soliciting a prostituted person, and through awareness of their acts in the court of public opinion. O'Neill cited an example in a New York state district in which johns had their cars taken away from them.

"If they don't have a car, they can't drive around looking for sex," O'Neill said.

Fines collected from johns could be used to fund resources sorely needed for victims of human trafficking, he added. Money could be used for specialized shelters for prostituted women, as well as job training and therapy.

The johns are not put on a sex offender registry, but Adams advocated that idea, as did Terry Coonan, executive director of the Center for the Advancement of Human Rights at Florida State University in Tallahassee, who also agreed harsh fines might make a john think twice about paying for sex.

"They need to be embarrassed. They need to go to 'john school,'" Coonan said. "They need to understand what they are doing is not a harmless act where no one is getting hurt."

CREATING AWARENESS

The use of technology, such as multiple cell phones and sex ads on Craig's List, poses more challenges for law enforcement. But along with knowing how the pimps operate, it is also critical to understand where they look for victims. Coonan said there have been cases reported in which traffickers troll the parking lot of Walt Disney World, its resorts and other Central Florida tourist attractions looking for runaways for "recruitment." Other areas include shopping malls, shelters for homeless or runaways, and outside juvenile courts.

While it is important to help the community understand the realities and existence of human trafficking, all those interviewed said letting young people know they can fall victim and they must protect themselves from that possibility is also paramount.

Koder said presentations about the dangers of becoming a victim of human trafficking could be offered through health classes at schools, youth groups or other civic groups. He said human trafficking reflects a "brutality of humanity," and unfortunately it strikes the emotionally vulnerable individuals.

"How do you tell a young woman or man, 'Don't be vulnerable to someone being a pimp?'" Koder asked. "But people need to know young people, teachers, guidance counselors. Because it could happen to anyone." ■

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NEWSbriefs

College students: Come to retreat

All college students in the Archdiocese of Miami are invited to take a break from the pressures of college life and join their peers for a weekend retreat Feb. 25-27. Titled "From the Smallest of Seeds..." the retreat is hosted by St. Augustine Catholic Student Center at the University of Miami. The retreat begins Friday night and concludes Sunday. For information and registration, contact michelle@ucatholic.org or go to www.ucatholic.org.

Youth Center not for sale

Archbishop Thomas Wenski has decided that the Archdiocese of Miami Youth Center, located on Biscayne Bay between Vizcaya Museum and Immaculata La Salle High School, will neither close nor be sold. During the financial crisis of 2009, the archdiocese had announced that it would put the property up for sale to offset its debt.

"He wants it to be in the best operational condition possible for the youth and adult retreat programs that take place there," said Claretian Sister Ondina Cortés, former archdiocesan director of Youth Ministry

and now a professor at St. Thomas University. On a volunteer basis, she oversees the operations of both the Miami Youth Center and the Madonna Retreat Center in Hollywood.

The Miami Youth Center provides retreat space for many Emmaus groups, Catholic high schools, parish ministries, and support groups. It is also the home base of two archdiocesan youth movements: *Encuentros Juveniles* (Youth Encounters) and *Amor en el Principio* (Love in the Beginning), a movement for couples who are starting to date.

The archdiocese has recently paid for some needed repairs, but the Youth Center still needs help to improve and maintain its facilities, Sister Cortés said. The Claretian Sisters, who are responsible for the center, are launching a campaign to refurbish the rooms through the "Adopt a Room Campaign."

"Parishes, groups, and individuals that adopt a room for \$1,000 may name it after the saint of their choice," Sister Cortés said. Anyone wishing to contribute to the renovation of the Youth Center should contact its administrator, Claretian Sister Claudia Ortega, at sisterclaudia@bellsouth.net.

Sister Cortés also is organizing a group to attend World Youth Day in Madrid in August of this year. Any-

one 18 to 30 years old who is interested in participating should contact her at ocortes@theadom.org.

Camp Hope: For kids who grieve

Catholic Hospice will host its annual Camp Hope, a weekend bereavement camp for school-age children who have experienced the death of a loved one, on the weekend of April 8-10, from 4 p.m., Friday, to noon, Sunday, at Camp Owaissa Bauer in Homestead.

This camp is free of charge and open to children of all denominations, but space is limited. Registrations must be completed by March 25. Camp Hope is for children who have experienced the death of a parent, grandparent, sibling or other close relative. Through music, pet, art and sports activities, the camp helps children deal with their grief and begin the road to recovery.

A staff of nurses, social workers and bereavement counselors supervises the activities. For information or to volunteer, call Catholic Hospice at 305-822-2380.

Learn more about new missal

Anyone interested in learning

more about the new English translation of the Roman Missal is invited to attend two lectures being offered by Barry University's departments of theology and philosophy, and Campus Ministry.

The first will take place Monday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. The topic will be "Liturgical Reform: Historical and Theological Context" and the speaker will be Jesuit Father John F. Baldovin, professor of historical and liturgical theology at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. Father Baldovin is the author of "Reforming the Liturgy: A Response to the Critics."

The second lecture will take place Monday, April 4, at 7 p.m., and the topic will be "What Is at Stake: Pastoral Implications." The speaker will be Catherine Vincie of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, professor of liturgical theology at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis. She is currently president of the North American Academy of Liturgy and author of "Celebrating Divine Mystery."

Both lectures will take place in the Cor Jesu Chapel on the campus of Barry University, 11300 N.E. Second Ave., Miami Shores. For more information, contact Dominican Sister Mary Frances Fleischaker at mflischaker@mail.barry.edu.

St. Thomas U. on Radio Paz

On Feb. 14, St. Thomas University began airing a series of programs on Radio Paz (830 AM), under the title "Universidad Abierta" ("Open University"). The programs, which run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 to 10 a.m., are hosted by Marivi Prado, the university's chief marketing officer, and will continue through May 14.

Topics will cover theology, ministry, social justice, immigration issues and humanitarian activities provided by the university's Human Rights Institute, as well as analysis of economic trends by expert economist and Business School Dean Tony Villamil.

Mrgt. Franklyn Casale, president of St. Thomas University, "set the tone during the first program, letting the audience know what STU stands for, the advantage of Catholic higher education and a more in-depth perspective on our Catholic identity as the archdiocesan university," Prado said. More information on the university is available at www.stu.edu.

JUBILARIANS

FROM A6

of the world. The community is at the service of the new evangelization, to build a new civilization of love and life.

If she had to sum up her life in two phrases, she said, one of them would be the motto of her religious community: "All for the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary," and the second one would be the existential reality which has marked her entire life: "To live and to form the hearts in the path and logic of love so as to choose in all things the perfection of love."

Sister Ana Margarita Lanzas, Servants of the Pierced

Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Born in Managua, Nicaragua, on Dec. 28, 1964, Sister Lanzas entered the Institute of the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary in 1986. She has served as director of religious education at

St. Raymond Parish in Miami and has been a member of the Commission for Religious of the Archdiocese of Miami. She has been part of the evangelization team of her community, traveling all over the world giving conferences, retreats and courses of formation. She has also been actively involved in evangelization through Catholic radio programs.

In her community she has served as novice mistress and now as vicar general. In December 2010, she was appointed by Archbishop Thomas Wenski as director for religious in the Archdiocese of Miami.



Mother Adela Galindo



Sister Ana Margarita Lanzas



Sister Maria Teresa Acosta



Sister Carmen Ors

their families.

She said she thanks and praises forever the merciful heart of Jesus through the immaculate and maternal heart of Mary who one day called her by name "to throw the net in faith and start a journey of love."

Sister Carmen Ors, Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Born in Matanzas, Cuba, on May 4, 1955, Sister Ors received all her sacraments in Cuba. When

she came to the United States, she became an active member in the young adult charismatic group of her home parish. During a mission trip to the Dominican Republic, she felt the call to be totally for God. In 1985, she entered the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

She has served in the Respect Life Office, St. Raymond Parish, St. Mary Cathedral, the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life, and is a member of the vocation board of the Archdiocese of Miami. After 25 years of religious life, she said she gives thanks all the days of her life for the vocation she received; for having been called to live it in the Institute of the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary; and for the great honor and joy of living with the founders of her community. ■

RUN

FROM A12

a group of runners come together to run as a team. Members train individually, but become a close group as they run as a team to save lives.

For the third year, Miami's own Father Alfred Croffi, a moral theologian in residence at Immaculate

Conception Parish in Hialeah, will run the first day of the event.

The support crew of two or three drivers, along with the runners, take vacation time from their jobs, making this trip a sacrifice for themselves and their families in an effort to bring awareness to the needs of pregnant women and the homes that support them. Roessner said he keeps a jour-

nal each year of all the activities that happen during the run. One of the runners, Joe Hellriegel from Miami, is a Christian singer and songwriter, and has been known to pull out his guitar and play music during the evenings or rest time, according to Roessner.

"The dedication is to hang in there with us year after year," he said. Most of the volunteers walk

an hour or more a day as relay runners or drivers, with fundraisers taking place regionally along the way in the evenings. Team members also attend daily Mass at parishes along their route.

"We usually use the side of the roads and sidewalks," Roessner said. "We go through all kinds of construction over the years; somewhere on U.S. 1 we usually

have to deviate and somehow get around the construction. We have also lost runners. The runners go one way and the vehicle drivers go another because when we first started we didn't have cell phones. But now we have enough cell phones that if someone does make a wrong turn, we can make the calls and get them back." ■



John Paul II
International Film Festival

"The Mystery of Love"

February 17-26, 2011
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John Paul II Film Festival returns, running through Feb. 26

Second-year theme is 'Mystery of Love'

MELODY REGALADO

Florida Catholic correspondent

MIAMI — The three young adults who originally conceived the idea for a film festival named in honor of Pope John Paul II have returned this year with a new theme, "The Mystery of Love."

Appropriately, the second John Paul II International Film Festival runs during the "month of love" — beginning Feb. 17 and continuing through Feb. 26 in several venues throughout Miami. It also is taking place just a few weeks after the announcement of Pope John Paul II's May 1 beatification.

This year's lineup includes 17 feature-length films and documentaries as well as 10 short films from the United States, Europe, South America and India. From a boxing team fighting against poverty to stories of abortion and unlikely friendships, the JP2 film festival has a story for everyone.

Laura Alvarado, the festival coordinator, said, "People don't normally think that faith-based films equal art, but our festival proves just that. Our festival's mission is to prove that these incredible stories and high-caliber films have an audience, and we encourage them to step up and be counted."

Alvarado is a trained actress, singer and graduate of the New World School of the Arts in Miami. She and Frank Brennan, who became her husband in August 2010, founded SeventhDay Films, where she has acted in and produced three independent films. Brennan is a screenwriter, film editor and aspiring independent film director.

In early 2009, they met Rafael Anrich, a mental and behavioral health therapist in Miami, who had turned away from the faith in his late 20s, but felt a strong call to return to the Church after John Paul II's death. The three met while leading a retreat, named "Mystery Love," for the Jubilee Youth Group of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Miami.

Anrich shared with Brennan and Alvarado the idea of starting

a film festival named after the late pope, and it came into fruition in late 2009 with the theme "Faith Through the Storm."

Alvarado said as she and Brennan began marriage preparations last year, they began to see how hungry the world was for true love.

"The team began to really delve into John Paul II's teaching on Theology of the Body and the festival's theme became more than a tribute, it became our mission," said Alvarado. "We set out to find films of incredible caliber that could best decipher the meaning of love."

Just as they did in 2009, the organizers kicked off the festival with a prayer meeting Feb. 16 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish hall. The prayer meeting led into opening night Feb. 17, which featured the world premiere documentary of "Out of the Darkness." The film tells the true story of Shelley Labben and her journey from pornography to Christianity.

After a free screening of "Ramona and Bezus," a film that follows the adventures of an imaginative third-grader and her family, the

festival will take a two-day hiatus Feb. 21 and 22 and continue Feb. 23 with a movie about two teenage girls' unlikely bond during World War II, "The Power of Friendship," screening at the Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center in Miami.

The closing night film, "Nine Days That Changed the World," is a documentary directed by Kevin Knoblock about the impact of Pope John Paul II's visit to Poland in June 1979, where the people were moved to unite and stand up against communism. The screening and reception will take place on Saturday, Feb. 26, at FIU beginning at 7 p.m.

The Reel Rose Awards will be presented for best feature, best documentary and best short. The film that best captures this year's theme will receive the Mystery of Love Award, and the audience gets to vote and decide who will take home the People's Festival Award.

One of the films nominated for that award is the documentary "The Calling," an award-winning film which follows members of a Catholic community who aid the poor in Lima, Peru, in order to

FIND OUT MORE

Closing night tickets for the John Paul II International Film Festival cost \$15 for the film screening or \$25 for the screening plus reception, which also includes a panel discussion, music, meet and greet with the filmmakers, and the awards ceremony.

Tickets for the other nights of the festival are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and \$5 for children and seniors. Group tickets are available for groups of 10 or more, and ticket packages are also available.

To purchase tickets or for schedule and other information, visit www.jp2-filmfestival.org or call 305-418-0939.

explore the nature of belief, the bonds of family and the struggle to find meaning in life. "The Calling" will screen Saturday, Feb. 26 at noon at the FIU College of Law. Alvarado said the biggest lesson learned from last year has been to trust, despite the tension she and her partners faced during their inaugural year. "And though the stress of funding, promotion and attendance are still there, the fear and the doubt have been replaced by trust and love." ■

COUPLES

FROM A9

George Handley, celebrating 67 years of marriage with his bride, Miriam. "If you have a problem, love helps you solve the problem. And very important secrets listen to your wife!"

"You have to have a desire to get along, and not be particularly selfish in your thoughts," added Miriam Handley. "You don't have to believe what your partner believes, necessarily, and you have to be considerate and respectful."

The Handleys met on a hay ride in Muncie, Ind., at the Quaker Church where Miriam belonged.

"Once we met and fell in love," she said, "I converted to Catholicism because it was the best thing to do for our relationship. The fewer problems you have, the better off you are. And we have always been very active in the Church."

Jose and Libertad Perez have been married for 68 years. Their daughter, Maria Morgan, said, "They have a tremendous fidelity which is a witness to their vows, showing great love and attentiveness to each other in different stages of their lives. At ages 94 and 89, they are very attentive to one another to

this very day."

Their secret? "I would have to say they are faith-centered people," said Morgan, whose own work as a theology professor at St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami is a testament to that faith.

James and Dora Morris met in 1949, in their freshman year of high school at Gesù in Miami. Now parishioners at All Saints in Sunrise, they raised three children and are now raising three of their five grandchildren.

"Love is companionship, compatibility and honesty," said Dora Morris. "Jim and I have a great relationship. We do our thing, going out to dinner and the movies, and stay very active in our church. We choose to talk about world events, our kids, our faith, our family and that keeps us young. It's not about concentrating on ourselves, but staying involved."

"Love is being there for each other through thick and thin," added James Morris. "That's what it's about for me. She is my strong right arm."

Is there a secret to staying married?

"Yes, there is," he said. "Be true to the commitment you make before God on that wedding day. I feel we

'Love is companionship, compatibility and honesty.'

Dora Morris

live in a throwaway society where there is a lack of commitment. If it doesn't work, throw her away and get another one. Maybe you'll get lucky next time. Let me tell you, luck has nothing to do with it. It's about commitment. When times get tough, and it's difficult and hard, you have to work at it. Our lives have been a mixed bag, like so many others. You just have to dig in when you need to... I cannot imagine not being married to my wife."

Mary Welsh has been married to John Welsh for 60 years. They are currently parishioners at Christ the King in Miami.

"We have had our ups and downs, like everyone else," John Welsh said. "What love means to me is at the end of the day, we are still friends. We have raised six children and you have to be a good partner, through good times and bad."

Aside from that, if there is a secret to staying married, Mary Welsh said, "I don't think God has told me that yet and I am still listening." ■

LENTEN REGULATIONS

These are the 2011 Lenten and triduum regulations issued by the Office of Worship of the Archdiocese of Miami.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

The holy season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9. Both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 22, are days of abstinence from meat for all who are 14 years and older.

They are also days of fast (one full meal and two small meals with nothing eaten between the meals) for adults from 21 to 59 years of age.

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years and older.

EASTER VIGIL

Holy Saturday is celebrated on April 23 this year. The entire Easter Vigil celebration should begin after nightfall and end before the dawn of Easter Sunday. This rule is to be strictly observed in order to manifest the full meaning of the rites. The Easter Vigil is not to be celebrated at the time of the day that is customary to anticipate Sunday Masses.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until

the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The Easter triduum is celebrated from Holy Thursday evening until evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Alleluia is not said or sung from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil, nor is the "Te Deum" sung at or on Sundays of Lent.

During Lent the altar should not be decorated with flowers, and musical instruments should be used to support the community singing while respecting the need for silence and reflection during other moments in the liturgy. On the fourth Sunday of Lent ("Laetare") and on solemnities and feasts, musical instruments may be played and the altar decorated with flowers.

If marriages take place in Lent, couples are to be reminded that wedding plans should respect the special nature of this liturgical season in their simplicity.

It is recommended that during the Lenten season parishes should provide penitential celebrations that allow for the faithful to celebrate the mystery of forgiveness. These celebrations should take place before the Easter triduum, and should not immediately precede the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Where there is genuine pastoral need, the sacrament of penance may be celebrated on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Cyber-romance for Catholics

Singles, founder of online dating site offer advice on finding a soul mate

ANNE DIBERNARDO
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MIAMI — For the countless singles out there, Valentine's Day can be a sobering reminder that yet another year has gone by without their finding a soul mate, that special person with whom to share their life. They may seriously begin to wonder whether or not they have been called to the vocation of marriage in the first place.

Anthony Buono begs to differ. The founder of Ave Maria Singles, a Catholic dating website, says 99.9 percent of people are called to the vocation of marriage.

"It is taking the easy way out for people to say, 'Well, maybe I'm not supposed to get married' — that's highly unlikely. I don't care how many rosaries you say or Holy Hours you do, nothing can preserve you from your own prize if you let it run away from you."

Currently, the number of U.S. Catholic singles is at a record high — 27 million — according to statistics compiled by the Pew Research Center. Maria Wiering, a blogger for CatholicMatch.com, said that site has more than 1,000 members from the Archdiocese of Miami alone.

"CatholicMatch members join because they're looking to start a relationship with another Catholic, and success stories abound of happily married Catholics who met through the site," Wiering said.

According to Buono, single people who are into their 30s and 40s are still single either because they were busy during their 20s and were kind of casual about marriage or they had other things to take care of.

"We don't really think about marrying anytime soon. So what happens is you find people getting into their late 20s and 30s and when they are finally ready, it's not so easy, especially for women ... (because) when men are in their 30s and 40s, they are looking for women in their 20s," said Buono, who also hosted "Road to Cana" on EWTN and answers questions on his blog, stonejars.com.

He stressed that people need to seriously consider the vocation of marriage when they are in their 20s rather than putting it off. He also said the idea that there is just one person out there destined for another from all eternity is a romantic myth.

"Even the words used in the marriage ceremony, 'forsaking all others' imply that there are in fact 'others' out there. The problem is that people don't want to commit," said Buono, who has a diploma with



a concentration in marriage and family from Catholic Distance University. "God puts people into our lives for opportunities for potential spouses — that's the work he does. He doesn't have any one person picked from all eternity."

FRUSTRATION

Buono started Ave Maria Singles, formerly known as Single Catholics, in response to the frustration of countless single men and women who are in their late 30s and 40s and still searching for a good Catholic spouse. It was 1998 and the Internet was just taking off.

"I think God allowed these sites to arise because we were coming into a time, which we are well into now, where the strong Catholics are scattered all over the place; you don't have that concentration of them in your community anymore," Buono said.

"The number of faithful Catholics a single person meets today is anywhere from negligible to nonexistent, so Catholics have to cast a wider net," said Mary Beth Bonacci, founder of Real Love Inc., an international Catholic singles ministry.

According to Buono, more than 2,000 married couples have met on Ave Maria Singles in the past 12 years. Several other reputable Catholic dating websites also claim many success stories. The sites include Catholic Match, which turned 10 last year, Catholic Singles, Catholic Mates, Catholic Cupid and Singlephoenix.net.

Singles are encouraged to browse the sites to see which one is the best fit. Ave Maria Singles rejects men-

bers who do not accept all of the Church's teachings, while others are less restrictive.

Buono advises men to be more open about meeting women closer to their own age. "There is plenty of opportunity for women in their 30s and 40s. Men are going to have a lot more in common with a woman from their own generation. I don't blame these guys for having a desire to have children, but I do blame them for not starting sooner."

As for "clicking," physically, he said, "Are you talking about a very disturbing type of attraction where you actually have to feel a lust toward them? Or do you mean attraction where you guys get along really well and you never have a forced moment? That's attraction. And believe me, physical attraction comes when you get along like two peas in a pod."

EXPECTATIONS

Buono encourages people to have healthy expectations, but make them low expectations for the person they are seeking and high expectations for themselves.

"Too many people do it the opposite way. They have no expectations for themselves. They want to find somebody who wants to accept them exactly the way they are and they have super high expectations for the other person that are unobtainable — you can't find that person."

Only God's love is perfect, Buono said. "Marriage is about helping me in my vocation, which is toward heaven, and living life in a social setting. God sanctifies us through

... through the intercession of the Internet

MIAMI — Ten years ago, Arlene Carmenate, then 26, decided to dust off the computer that had been sitting in her room for more than a year. She had purchased it after hearing about a Catholic dating website from her grandmother, who had heard about it on Mother Angelica's program on EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network).

Although it took her more than a year to work up the courage, Carmenate met Joseph Castrenze within two weeks of setting up her profile. "We clicked instantly," she recalled. He e-mailed her and the two were engaged after three months of dating.

Castrenze, 29, at the time, said he tried his hand at secular dating websites before quickly discovering that many of the women were too materialistic. He felt a Catholic dating website would be a good way to "cut to the chase" and eliminate prospects who did not share his strong Catholic convictions.

Carmenate said she had tried to

our spouse's sinfulness, not their saintliness. Men are looking for their Blessed Mother and women are looking for their St. Joseph. That's not how it works."

EXPERIENCE

Still, not all single Catholics are looking for love on the Internet. Edith Torres of St. Augustine Parish in Coral Gables, a single Catholic in her 40s, believes that if people truly trusted God they would not be going to dating websites.

"I don't think God needs a hand in finding people the right mate. I believe that in time, if that is God's will for you, it will happen organically. If he can lead Tobias to his wife, if he can give children to so many people in the Bible, if he can lead the Israelites to the Promised Land, if he can foretell the prophets of the coming Messiah from the very beginning ... he can lead us to our spouses."

Victoria Lynn (she asked that her last name not be published), is a practicing Catholic in Texas who founded puritfeewear.com to promote saving the gift of one's self for marriage. She is writing an e-book about Internet dating guidelines and is ambivalent about online dating.

"I was one of the first members on Ave Maria Singles (then Single Catholics) 11 years ago, yet still being single. I'm not sure that's a good

match made in heaven ... meet quality people through her church at youth groups, but had had no luck.

"I wanted a practicing Catholic with a more wholesome outlook compared to others who say they are Catholic but are not practicing. It was very important for me to have a practicing Catholic man who shares a common bond; they tend to be more faithful and more generous in all aspects," she said.

She is convinced that it was God who brought her Castrenze. In fact, it wasn't until after she met him that she realized she had gone to the wrong website. Mother Angelica was talking about Single Catholics (now Ave Maria Singles) and not Catholic Singles, where Carmenate had established her profile.

She and Castrenze were married on Sept. 29, 2001 — coincidentally, the feast of the archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, who is the patron saint of singles searching for spouses.

The couple are members of St. Mark Parish in Southwest Ranches and have two children, Joseph Michael, 6, and Christian Patrick, 5. ■

thing," she said. "The blessings, though, are that I have learned quite a bit about meeting men this way and even more about myself."

She said it is critical for singles to try not to pre-judge, and think they may or may not like someone, until after they have met.

"The fact is we need that face-to-face encounter to know if there is also that gift of chemistry. At the same time, I feel it is most important to always be deepening our relationship with Christ so we can hear his spirit leading us in each present moment decision about whom we get to know or not," she said.

Her advice: "The first meeting should always be a brief encounter for coffee, tea, or ice cream or lunch to see if you are interested in getting to know each other more. Scheduling a romantic dinner fireside at an expensive restaurant, or worse at one of your homes, is a bad idea. Keep it simple, use discernment, and trust God."

As for pictures, she said, "Sure, it can be a guideline, but I must share that the pictures that I liked were always the ones (of guys) who I ended up not liking once we met. The two gentlemen I liked the least in their pictures, but went ahead and met anyway after delightful conversation, ended up being the two I really 'fell for.' I've learned to put more weight on the profile and then our conversations." ■

COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. Coleman Italian festival, through Feb. 20, 1200 S. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach, 954-966-3308.

All Saints carnival, through Feb. 20, 10900 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise, 954-742-2666 or abravo@allsaintsvillage.com.

St. Maximilian Kolbe carnival, Feb. 24-27, 701 N. Hiatus Road, Pembroke Pines, 954-432-0206.

Nativity jamboree, Feb. 24-27, Nativity Church, 5220 Johnson St., Hollywood, 954-987-3300, ext. 205.

St. Raymond festival, Feb. 25-27, 3475 S.W. 17 St., Miami, 305-446-2427.

Scholarship luncheon, Saturday, Feb. 26, 11:30 a.m., Rusty Pelican Restaurant, 3201 Rickenbacker Causeway, Key Biscayne, sponsored by Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. Benefits girls wanting to continue their high school education in Catholic schools. Tickets: \$35. galagrib@aol.com.

St. Stephen Mardi Gras carnival, March 3-6, 2000 S. State Road 7, Miramar, 954-987-1100.

St. Mark "Carnival in the Ranches," March 3-6, St. Mark, 5601 S. Flamingo Road, Southwest Ranches, 954-434-3777.

Little Flower Parish and School carnival, March 3-6, 1805 Pierce St., Hollywood, 954-922-3517.

St. John the Apostle carnival, March 3-6, 479 E. Fourth St., Hialeah, 305-888-6819.

"A Night Under the Stars," Saturday, March 5, 7 p.m., 12665

N.W. Eighth Ave., North Miami. Unique culinary experience to support Run for Life team and Knights of Columbus Marian Council. Tickets: \$75, limited seating. 305-342-4367 or Kevin.seifried@gmail.

St. Justin Martyr lunch and fashion show, Saturday, March 5, noon, 105500 Overseas Highway, Key Largo. Hosted by women's club. Fashions shown will be available for immediate purchase. Tickets: \$20, 305-451-6409.

St. Louis "Festival for the Poor," March 4-6, 7270 S.W. 120 St., Pinecrest. All proceeds go to help the needy, 305-238-7562.

St. Louis arts and crafts festival, March 5-6, 7270 S.W. 120 St., Pinecrest. edwardrosemarie@bellsouth.net.

Our Lady of the Lakes festival, March 10-13, 15801 N.W. 67 Ave., Miami Lakes, 305-558-2202, ext. 616.

Ave Maria University Founders Club dinner, Thursday, March 10, 6:15 p.m., Regions Bank Building Tower Club, One Financial Plaza, 28th floor, Fort Lauderdale. Speaker: Thomas Monaghan, chancellor of Ave Maria University, founder of Domino's Pizza, former owner of the Detroit Tigers. Tickets: \$30, R.S.V.P. by March 7, 954-722-2348 or www.avenaria.edu/lauderdale.

St. Justin Martyr winterfest, March 11-13, starting at 5 p.m., each day, 105500 Overseas Highway, Key Largo. Ethnic foods, rides for all, continuous entertainment, great family fun. Free admission, parking. 305-451-1316.

Friends of the Seminary dinner, Thursday, March 17, St. Gabriel, 731 N. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach. Hosted by the

Serra Club of Broward County. Donation: \$20. All proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, 954-966-2551.

St. Patrick's dinner dance, Saturday, March 19, 7 p.m., St. Malachy Parish hall, 6200 N. University Drive, Tamarac. Tickets at the door, 954-646-5567.

St. Joseph's dinner dance, Saturday, March 26, St. David Parish hall, 3900 S. University Drive, Davie. Hosted by women's club. Traditional Italian food and music. Tickets: \$20, 954-801-9798.

CONCERTS

Cathedral concert series, Sunday, March 6, 4 p.m., 7525 N.W. Second Ave., Miami. "Jeff Zavec and Friends" featuring "the blind musician extraordinaire" performing light classics and jazz on a variety of instruments. Free. 305-759-4531, ext. 111; or www.cathedralofmiami.com.

St. Martha-Yamaha Concert Series, Saturday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., 9301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores. The Italian Saxophone Quartet, led by superstar saxophonist Federico Mondelci, plays music from Bach to Piazzolla, and ragtime, tango, blues, Greek dances and film scores. Tickets include after-concert reception with artists. \$10 general admission, \$20 Blue Circle, 1-800-595-4849, www.saintmarthatlax.com or visit the church office.

Notre Dame Glee Club in concert, Saturday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., Assumption Parish, 2001 S. Ocean Blvd., Lauderdale-by-the-Sea. Adults: \$25, students: \$10, 954-771-6773 or 954-427-5778.

FAITH EDUCATION

Life issues workshops: Learn how to defend the sanctity of human life at all stages, what and why the Catholic Church teaches on critical life issues. Respect Life Office, 954-981-2922.

• Saturday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Gregory, 200 N. University Drive, Plantation.

Divine Mercy conference/priest seminar: March 11-12, Divine Mercy conference at St. Thomas University, Miami. Friday, March 11, priest seminar, 2-5 p.m., featuring Father Seraphim Michalenko. For more information visit www.divinemercysunday.com.

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"The Gnostic Gospels: What They Can and Cannot Tell Us," Friday, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m., St. Thomas University, 16401 N.W. 37 Ave., Miami Gardens. Free evening lecture by Pheme Perkins of Boston College. Part of Catholic Biblical Scholar Series. jreisinger@stu.edu or 954-434-7676.

"Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come," Bible study and video seminar, Tuesdays through March 15, 7-8:30 p.m., St. Ambrose Parish hall, 380 S. Federal Highway, Deerfield Beach, 561-368-6531.

Noche de oración y formación, Movimiento Castos Por Amor, todos los miércoles de 8 a 10 p.m., salón parroquial de St. Dominic, 5909 N.W. 7 St., Miami. Se invita a jóvenes y adultos, casados y solteros, de 18 años en adelante, a compartir un encuentro sobre la sexualidad humana a la luz de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. 305-599-2996, buzoncastos@yahoo.com.

MASSES/PRAYER SESSIONS

Ash Wednesday Mass with Archbishop Thomas Wenski, Wednesday, March 9, noon, Gesù, 118 N.E. Second Street, Miami. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40-day Lenten season. 305-762-1046, 305-379-1424.

Songs and prayer in the spirit of Taizé, Tuesday, March 15, 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.

Monthly healing service, third Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Annunciation Parish, 3781 S.W. 39 St., West Hollywood. Led by Father Bob Richardson, 954-989-0606.

Secular Franciscans: Is God calling you to a deeper life of prayer, fraternity and service? He may be calling you to be a Franciscan. The Secular Franciscan Order welcomes single and married Catholics. Meet first Sundays at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School library. 954-584-2253.

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. "Breakfast with the Saints."

Tuesdays, Feb. 25, March 29, 7:30 a.m. Donation: \$7.
Emmanuel experience in English, based on Luke 24:13-35, leads participants to discover Jesus in their lives.

• For men and women, Feb. 25-27 and March 11-13, Our Lady of Lourdes, 11291 S.W. 142 Ave., Miami, 305-253-0858 or rcc872@bellsouth.net.

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• Impacto 365, Spanish, Feb. 26 and 27, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Immaculate Conception, Hialeah.

• Impacto 366, English, Feb. 26 and 27, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Timothy, Miami.

Pre-Cana II, life skills component of archdiocesan marriage preparation program for couples getting remarried in the Church, Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Good Shepherd, 14187 S.W. 72 St., Miami. Couples also need to register separately for Sacramentality Day. 305-762-1148.

Retiro de Cuarema, 19 de marzo, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., con el Padre Jesus Lecea, Sch. P. SEPI, 7700 S.W. 56 St., Miami. \$10/persona, favor de llevar su almuerzo. Inscripción: 305-279-2333.

Marriages in Victory, March 19-20, St. Timothy, 5400 S.W. 102 Ave., Miami. Is your marriage everything you dreamed it would be? It can be even better. Spend two days enriching and growing together. 305-335-0780.

Engaged Encounter, life skills component of archdiocesan marriage preparation program for couples getting married for the first time. Sponsored and run by parishes.

• Saturday, March 26, Our Lady of the Lakes, 15801 N.W. 67 Ave., Miami Lakes. 305-558-2202.
• Saturday, April 2, Little Flower, 1805 Pierce St., Hollywood, 954-922-3517.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Virtus workshops help parents, teachers and anyone who works with children recognize signs of sexual abuse and spot abusers. Sessions are free. For information, call 305-762-1250 or e-mail jrayburn@theadm.org.

• Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m., St. Louis Parish, Pinecrest.

• Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m., St. Peter and Paul School, Miami.

SCHOOLS

McCarthy High dinner, dance, auction, Saturday, Feb. 26, 6:30-11 p.m., 5451 S. Flamingo Road, Southwest Ranches. Tickets: 954-434-8820, ext. 206.

Good Shepherd open house, every Tuesday, 10 a.m.-noon, 14187 S.W. 72 St., Miami. 305-385-7002, ext. 303; or office@good-shepherd-school.org.

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When he knew he wanted to be a priest:

"It was only after I came here. I was doing everything else — pursuing a career, I had a girlfriend, I was involved in youth ministry and church. ... There was a void in my heart calling me, as if this wasn't enough." The climax of his discernment came, by "God-incidence," on the same date he would later be ordained a priest, May 15: "Jesus appeared to me in a dream. He said, 'Chanel, come to me.' I woke up from the dream; never slept the rest of the night. I called up the vocations director that morning and said, 'I'm entering the seminary.'"

Person or event that triggered his vocation:

"It's all a mystery to me. The seed was planted in my heart."

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

"Probably a college professor, teaching philosophy or something that has to do with humanity, with the arts. I love philosophy."

What the seminary did not prepare him for:

"There's no way that I would imagine that I would end up being the chancellor of the archdiocese. The seminary doesn't prepare you for that."

The most difficult aspect of being a priest:

"To stand in the threshold of being the very incarnation of God is so mind-boggling. Hopefully you know your limitation."

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His description of the ideal priest:

"To be able to satisfy the hunger that everyone has for the infinite, the divine, for God. That's where I come in."

A priestly stereotype that he feels should be discarded:

"I know people expect a priest to be a role model and a great human being. That's as it should be. But we're certainly not supermen. All of us have to struggle with our limitations."

What he does on his day off:

He likes to go to the beach. "I simply enjoy the outdoors, read a good book."



Father Jeanty, seen here during a Pastoral Center Christmas party, taught himself to play the guitar while in the seminary. Eventually, he bought an acoustic guitar for \$1,200. "It's still my companion. It was a great investment."

Favorite movie:

"Kingdom of Heaven," "Gladiator," "Avatar" and other epic-type movies whose message is, "What good would it be for a man to live in this world and not make it a better world?"

Favorite TV series:

"I don't have time."

Favorite book:

"The Road Less Traveled" by M. Scott Peck

Favorite type of music:

"As long as it sounds good, that's me. Give me a good sound, a good lyric and I love it already."

Person he most admires:

"My mother. She wouldn't expect from me anymore than what she knows I can do. But she accepts me even when I don't do what she knows I'm capable of. If I could live up to her, I would wake up a better man every day."

His greatest disappointment:

"To not have made the best of the opportunities I have had as a person."

His greatest joy:

"Whenever I say 'yes' to a call to serve, it's going to be the place of (my) greatest joy."

His harshest critic:

"People who aren't as easygoing as I am. I drive them nuts. They say I'm too relaxed, too peaceful. I'm always keeping my cool."

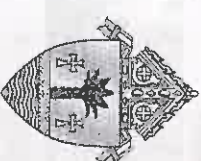
Regrets:

"None. The stupid things that I've done have brought me to be the person that I am now and helped me to see a different perspective, to be a better human being for others."



FATHER CHANEL JEANTY
Chancellor for Canonical Affairs

Born Feb. 10, 1972, in Cap-Haitien, Haiti, Father Jeanty came to the U.S. in April 1990 to join his parents, who were already living in Pompano Beach. He began studying accounting at Broward Community College while working full time, but entered the seminary in August 1996. He was ordained for the archdiocese on May 15, 2004, and served as associate pastor at St. Bartholomew Parish in Miramar until 2006, when he went to Rome to study canon law. He was named archdiocesan chancellor for canonical affairs in September 2010, and also serves as a judge in the Metropolitan Tribunal and associate pastor at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Miami Shores.



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Young people march, walk for life

In Washington, D.C., and South Florida, young people mark anniversary of Roe v. Wade

MIAMI — More than 100 archdiocesan high school students, along with their chaperones, took part in this year's March for Life, held Jan. 24 in Washington, D.C., while 1,400 more, young and old, "walked for life" here in South Florida to mark the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the U.S.

The walks for life — held at Archbishop Edward McCarthy, Archbishop Coleman Carroll, Msgr. Edward Pace and St. Thomas Aquinas high schools as well as Mary Help of Christians and St. Clement parishes — raised around \$30,000 for the archdiocese's Respect Life Ministry, specifically the pregnancy centers in Miami-Dade and Broward counties that help women in distress.

Florida Catholic correspondent Daniel Soñé accompanied the high school teens in Washington, D.C. Read his blogs and view the slideshows of his pictures at <http://tinyurl.com/adommarchforlife2011>. ■



One of the pilgrims prominently displays the free bumper sticker she received.



A contingent from Belen Jesuit Preparatory participates in the March for Life rally on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. (PHOTOS BY DANIEL SONE | FC)

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