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A visitor from Rome

Cardinal who administers the Vatican City State spends six days in South Florida

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MIAMI — Some wondered if he was Archbishop Thomas Wenski. Others thought he might be the pope. The latter were closer to the truth.

Cardinal Giovanni Lajolo, president of the Pontifical Commission for the Vatican City State, is in effect the second in command at the Holy See, right after Pope Benedict XVI — and he was the red-sash-wearing visitor who briefly forced a halt in the line of people waiting to see the Vatican Splendors exhibit at the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art March 6.

"I don't see this in Rome. I have to come to Miami," said the affable cardinal as he stopped to look at the artistic and historical treasures which make up the Vatican Splendors exhibit.

During his whirlwind visit to South Florida, Cardinal Lajolo spent three days in the Diocese of Palm Beach and three days in the



Cardinal Giovanni Lajolo holds up a prayer card made by St. Thomas the Apostle school children. The president of Vatican City State, visited St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and School in Miami during his three-day visit to the Archdiocese of Miami. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

Pensacola bishop retires, Archbishop Wenski named administrator

PENSACOLA — Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the request for retirement of Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ, as Bishop of the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocese. At the same time, the Holy Father named Archbishop Thomas Wenski of Miami as the apostolic administrator of the diocese until the installation of a new bishop. The resignation and appointment were publicized in Washington on March 11 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States.

Although the normal retirement age for bishops is 75, the pope accepted the resignation of 71-year-old Bishop Ricard, who suffered a stroke Dec. 22, 2009. He asked for papal permission to retire last month.

Both Bishop Ricard and Archbishop Wenski attended a press conference about the announcement at the Msgr. James Amos Pastoral Center in Pensacola March 11. Archbishop Wenski, who has known Bishop Ricard since 1997, said his esteem for Bishop Ricard and his pastoral zeal continues to grow. "I know that the priests, deacons, religious and people of this Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee share both esteem and gratitude for his leadership," Archbishop Wenski said. "And I know how much Bishop Ricard loves you — and this diocese."

HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

Reconciliation can be done face to face with a priest or kneeling behind a screen in a confessional or reconciliation room.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE:

Before going to confession, take a moment and compare your life with the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the example of Christ, and then pray to God for forgiveness.

GREETING:

After the priest welcomes you, both of you make the sign of the cross. Then you may wish to indicate facts about your life and the length of time since your last confession.

CONFESSION:

Confess your sins. All serious (mortal) sins since your last confession must be confessed. The priest then offers suitable advice and imposes an act of penance or satisfaction, which may include prayer, self-denial, or works of mercy.

PRAYER OF THE PENITENT:

Play a prayer expressing sorrow for

your sins and resolving not to sin again (see Act of Contrition).

ABSOLUTION:

The priest extends his hands over your head and pronounces the formula of absolution, making the sign of the cross over your head during the final words. You answer, "Amen."

DISMISSAL:

The priest dismisses you with the command to go in peace. Continue to express your conversion through a life renewed according to the Gospel and more and more steeped in the love of God.

An Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Time for confession

40 parishes will have priests available for eight hours over two days during first-ever 'Reconciliation Weekend' April 15-16

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MIAMI — Can't find the time to go to confession? Has it been so long since your last confession that you don't know how to begin or what to say?

This Lent, the archdiocese will make it easier for you to "get right" with God by holding a first-ever Reconciliation Weekend April 15-16, right before the start of Holy Week.

"This weekend before Holy Week can be a moment of grace for our people and an opportunity for us as pastors to invite our people to rediscover the sacrament of Penance," wrote Archbishop



Father David Zirilli, vocations director of the Archdiocese of Miami, hears confessions of Miami pilgrims attending the March for Life in Washington, D.C., this past January. (Daniel Soñé | FC)

PLEASE SEE CONFESSION, A10

'From Depression to recession'

Catholic Charities marks 80th anniversary of helping the needy in South Florida

MARLENE QUARONI

Florida Catholic correspondent

MIAMI — From the Great Depression to the current "great recession," Catholic Charities has been there for the poor and vulnerable.

"We're able to adapt by finding funding available in the community," said Deacon Richard Turcotte, chief executive officer of the agency which is marking its 80th anniversary this year. "No matter the amount of money we have, we'll do our best."

Recently, the charity launched the Emergency Services Endowment Trust in response to the current economic situation, said Deacon Turcotte. So far, the organization has raised \$400,000 and is well on its way to its goal of \$1 million.

When he became CEO in 1998, Deacon Turcotte added a grants and development office to search and apply for new funding to stabilize the organization's budget.

"The money will help people to pay for housing and utilities," said Deacon Turcotte. "Many people are losing their homes to foreclosure because of joblessness."

People who have not been badly affected by the recession don't see the suffering in the community, said Deacon Turcotte. "Our country is anesthetized to poverty," he



Nicole Ocasio prays during Catholic Charities' 80th anniversary Mass. She said she had a close friend who was helped by Catholic Charities.

said. "The poor become invisible." Instead of tent cities sprouting up in South Florida, the homeless are living in motels or their vehicles, he said. Many people are living on the edge. They are one paycheck away from homelessness or are living on credit.



Deacon Richard Turcotte, left, Catholic Charities' chief executive officer since 1998, assists at the agency's 80th anniversary Mass March 8, which was celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Wenski, who served as Catholic Charities CEO from 1995 to 1998. (PHOTOS BY MARLENE QUARONI | FC)

"In the last two years, there's been a 60 percent to 70 percent increase in the number of people seeking assistance," Deacon Turcotte said. "The demographics have changed. Now, we're seeing middle-class professionals who've exhausted their savings and unemployment payments."

"Catholic social teachings must continue to inform and form us in our service to the needy and our relationship to those in power," said Archbishop Thomas Wenski in his homily at the anniversary Mass celebrated March 8 at St. Maricha Parish.

The archbishop served as chief executive officer of Catholic Charities from 1995 to 1998, replacing Msgr. Bryan Walsh.

Catholic Charities serves Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties, and has helped newly arrived Cuban refugees; created a social service center for the Haitian community; provided care to homeless people living with AIDS; provided help for alcoholics, drug addicts, ex-offenders, unwed mothers and runaway teenagers; and opened day care centers for children of low-income workers.

"Some say that the recession is over, but it's not over for the clients you in Catholic Charities serve," the archbishop told the Catholic Charities staff. "And given the debt obligation of many of our parishes, it's not over for the Archdiocese of Miami."

He stressed that "our good deeds must accompany us not just in good times, but in hard times."

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking Catholics to help the needy by contacting their legislators and advocating that a "moral budget" be passed, the archbishop

said.

Pope Benedict XVI calls for reform in economic and social systems, noting that the present crisis was not caused by the failure of the market, but by the failure of ethics in the business and financial communities.

"Truth matters, the Holy Father tells us, even in economics," Archbishop Wenski said. "Without truth, charity becomes mere sentimentality. Without truth, the truth about man and his relationship to his Creator, man neither knows the way to go, nor even understands who he is."

Pope Benedict has said that advancements in science and technology will end up dehumanizing rather than humanizing us if we view ourselves as no more than a chance development in a mindless universe, the archbishop said. If we don't see ourselves as made in the image of God, then anyone can justify using other human beings for their own ends and purposes.

"The fact that three-quarters of the world's population lives in poverty or that millions still die of starvation isn't because there's not enough food or riches to go around, it's because there is an inequitable distribution of the world's resources," Archbishop Wenski said. "Love in truth binds us to one another as our brother's keeper."

As part of the 80th anniversary celebration, the pope sent a formal papal blessing written on parchment paper to the organization. ■

Donations to Catholic Charities can be made via the website, www.ccdm.org or mailed care of: Catholic Charities Emergency Endowment Trust, 1505 N.E. 26 St., Wilton Manors, FL 33305.



"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU..." JEREMIAH 29:11 (NIV)

From Latin to English

Expert: New Mass translation will require more preparation from priests, laity

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MIAMI SHORES — Words matter. And they will start mattering a lot more beginning this Advent, when a new translation of the Roman Missal comes into use in the United States.

This new translation — seven years in the making — will be the same one used in every English-speaking country in the world. In keeping with a Vatican directive issued in 2001, the words said by the priests and the people will be a lot more faithful to the Latin text of the Mass.

"Every element in the Latin text has to be accounted for in this translation," said Jesuit Father John Baldovin, a professor of historical and liturgical theology at Boston College, who spoke Feb. 28 at Barry University. "That doesn't necessarily make for a literal translation of the Latin, but it does mean that the text is going to come a lot closer to what the Latin looks like."

For example: The response, "And also with you," will become "And with your spirit."

Before Communion, the people

NEXT LECTURE

Jesuit Father John Baldovin's talk was one of two being sponsored by Barry University to help anyone involved in ministry — priests, laity, liturgical ministers, musicians — better understand the changes that are coming when the new English translation of the Roman Missal comes into use this Advent.

The talks are sponsored by Barry's departments of theology and philosophy and campus ministry. The next one will take place April 4 at 7 p.m. The topic will be "What is at stake: pastoral implications," and the speaker will be Sister Catherine Vinco, Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, who is professor of liturgical theology at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis and president of the North American Academy of Liturgy.

For information, call 305-458-9919 or e-mail mileschaker@mail.barry.edu.

will no longer say, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed." Instead, they will respond, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof. But only say the



Jesuit Father John Baldovin puts the new English translation of the Roman Missal into historical and theological context during a talk at Barry University. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

word and my soul shall be healed."

Although the "under my roof" part might seem a bit awkward, "It also captures the image from Scripture. That's supposed to resonate with us," said Father Baldovin, whose lecture focused on the history and theology of liturgical reforms, especially those undertaken since the Second Vatican Council. The reforms began in 1963, when

the council called for the "full, conscious and active participation" of the laity at Mass. In response to the requests of bishops around the world, that meant translating nearly every part of the liturgy from the original Latin.

The first Latin edition of the new Roman Missal was published in 1969 and the English translation was approved for use in 1973. The

translating work was done by ICEL — International Commission on English in the Liturgy — a group set up by bishops from English-speaking countries, including the United States, Canada, England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, South Africa, India, Pakistan, the Philippines, New Zealand and Australia.

"It was done quickly and it was done under one standard of principles for translation," said Father Baldovin.

That standard, set by the Vatican in 1969, was "dynamic equivalence," which meant "you would take the meaning of the text you were translating and put it into the best text that you could," be it in English, Spanish, German or whatever language.

In 1982, the world's English-speaking bishops saw the need for a new translation of the missal. That work was completed in 1995 and approved by the various bishops' conferences in 1996. But it was never approved by the Vatican because it was working on new rules for the translation of liturgical texts.

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Lent: Saying 'no' to me, 'yes' to God

Moses led the Hebrews out of the slavery of Egypt into the freedom of the Promised Land. Forty years they wandered in the wilderness. Our Lenten observance lasts only a symbolic 40 days but, if we live its spirit fruitfully, it is meant to be for us an Exodus as well. For Lent challenges us to come out of ourselves so that we can open ourselves — with trustful abandonment — to the merciful embrace of our loving and merciful Father.

At the same time, a fruitful observance of Lent will help us to open ourselves to others in their need so that we, having experienced mercy from God, might learn how to be ourselves merciful. Lent then is a call to us who have become too self-centered, too self-conscious, to become more Christ-centered and Christ-conscious.

Our Lenten journey is also a memorial of our baptism. In baptism, we "pass over" from death



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to life, from slavery to freedom, from the "Egypt" of this world to the Promised Land of God's kingdom. To have sought baptism was to have sought to become holy. For this reason, on Easter Sunday, we all will be called upon to renew our baptismal promises. To renew our baptismal promises, then, means to recommit ourselves to that seeking for holiness which should be what our life in Christ means for us as Christians, as Catholics. If we seek holiness, as Pope John Paul II reminded us, then "it would be a contradiction for us to settle for a life of mediocrity marked by a minimalist ethic and a superficial religiosity."

To that end, the Church proposes some specific tasks for us during these 40 days: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I would say these three tasks are like the legs of a three-legged stool: Our Lenten observance must stand on all three legs. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, then, we are to work on resolving "those contradictions" in our life that divert us from the pursuit of holiness. We must pray — for any relationship can only grow through communication. Our friendship with God will grow if we don't talk to him in the dialogue that is prayer. We must fast — for before we can say "yes" to anything or anyone, we must be able to say "no" to ourselves, otherwise our appetites will defeat all our good intentions. And we must give alms — even when, perhaps especially when, the economic forecasts continue to be a bit cloudy. Almsgiving is a specific way to help the needy — those more affected than us by economic downturns. It is also a means of self-denial, freeing us from attachment to worldly goods. After all, we are not the owners but only the stewards of all the goods we possess. Our ABCD, which supports the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in our archdiocese, is one way through which our alms can be

distributed. Supporting the ABCD can be an effective form of alms giving during Lent and throughout the year. Saying "no" to ourselves through some type of fasting and almsgiving during Lent, saying "no" to habits of sin by going to confession, this Lent, is all about helping us say "yes" to God, "yes" to his mercy and compassion, "yes" to his plan for our lives — which is that we be delivered from the slavery of sin and receive the promise of the new life of grace. Throughout our Lenten Exodus, let us look intently at the image of Christ pierced on the cross for our sins. It is on the cross, in his "yes" to his Father, that Jesus reveals to us in all its fullness the power of our heavenly Father's mercy and love. His cross remains the only way for us to pass over into the mystery of this mercy and love — for it is only through Him, with Him and in Him, thanks to the water and blood that flowed from his side that we are reconciled and our sin forgiven. ■

La Cuaresma: un 'no' a nosotros mismos, y un 'sí' a Dios

Desde la cruz, al dar su "sí" al Padre, Jesús nos revela en toda su plenitud el poder de la misericordia y el amor de nuestro Padre celestial.

Moisés condujo a los hebreos desde la esclavitud de Egipto hacia la libertad de la Tierra Prometida. Durante 40 años, erraron por el desierto. La temporada de Cuaresma dura solo 40 días simbólicos, pero, si vivimos su espíritu con provecho, debe significar un Éxodo también para nosotros, pues la Cuaresma nos desafia a salir de nosotros mismos para que podamos abrirnos — con un confiado abandono — al abrazo misericordioso de nuestro Padre amoroso y compasivo.

Al mismo tiempo, la observancia provechosa de la Cuaresma nos ayudará a abrirnos a otros en sus necesidades, de modo que, habiendo experimentado la misericordia de Dios, aprendamos cómo ser misericordiosos. La Cuaresma, por lo tanto, es un llamado para que aquellos de nosotros que nos hemos centrado excesivamente en nosotros mismos, que nos hemos vuelto demasiado conscientes de nosotros mismos, nos centremos más en Cristo y nos volvamos más conscientes de Cristo.

Nuestra jornada cuaresmal es también una conmemoración de

nuestro bautismo. El bautismo, es un "paso" o sea "pascua" de la muerte hacia la vida, de la esclavitud hacia la libertad, del "Egipto" de este mundo hacia la Tierra Prometida del reino de Dios. Haber querido ser bautizado fue haber querido ser santo. Por esta razón, en el Domingo de Pascua todos seremos llamados a renovar nuestras promesas bautismales, por lo tanto, significa volver a comprometernos con esa búsqueda de la santidad que debe ser lo que nuestra vida en Cristo signifique para nosotros como cristianos, como católicos. Si buscamos la santidad, como el Papa Juan Pablo II nos recordó, entonces "sería un contrasentido contentarse con una vida mediocre, vivir según una ética minimalista y una religiosidad superficial." Con ese fin, la Iglesia nos propone algunas tareas específicas durante estos 40 días: orar, ayunar y dar limosnas. Yo diría que estas tres tareas son como las patas de un trípode: nuestra observancia de la Cuaresma debe apoyarse en las tres patas. Mediante la oración, el ayuno y las limosnas, debemos trabajar para resolver "aquellos contrasentidos" de nuestra vida que nos apartan de la búsqueda de la santidad.

Tenemos que orar — pues toda relación sólo puede crecer mediante la comunicación. Nuestra amistad con Dios se enfriará si no Le hablamos en ese diálogo que es la oración. Tenemos que ayunar — pues antes de que podamos decirle "sí" a cualquier cosa o a cualquier persona, tenemos que ser capaces de decirnos "no" a nosotros mismos; de otro modo, nuestros apetitos derrotarán a todas nuestras buenas intenciones. Y tenemos que dar limosnas, incluso cuando — y quizás especialmente cuando — los pronósticos económicos sigan siendo un poco sombríos. Dar limosnas es una manera específica de ayudar a los necesitados, a aquellos que han sido más afectados que nosotros por los reverses económicos. Es también una forma de abnegación que nos libera de nuestro apego a los bienes terrenales. Después de todo, no somos los dueños, sino los administradores de todos los bienes que poseemos.

La campaña ABCD, que da apoyo a las obras corporales y espirituales de misericordia en nuestra Arquidiócesis, es una de las maneras en que podemos distribuir nuestras limosnas. Apoyar la campaña ABCD

puede ser una forma eficaz de dar limosnas durante la Cuaresma, y lo largo del año.

Decimos "no" a nosotros mismos mediante algún tipo de ayuno y de limosnas durante la Cuaresma, decir "no" al hábito de pecar mediante la confesión durante esta Cuaresma, no es sino ayudarnos nosotros mismos a decir "sí" a Dios, "sí" a su misericordia su compasión, "sí" a Su plan para nuestras vidas — que consiste en liberarnos de la esclavitud del pecado para que recibamos la promesa de la nueva vida de la gracia.

Durante el Éxodo de esta Cuaresma, miremos fijamente la imagen de Cristo traspasado en la cruz por nuestros pecados. Es desde la cruz, al dar su "sí" al Padre, Jesús nos revela en toda su plenitud el poder de la misericordia y el amor de nuestro Padre celestial. Su cruz sigue siendo el único medio para que hagamos ese "paso" hacia el misterio de Su misericordia y de Su amor — pues sólo a través de Él, co-El y en Él, gracias al agua y la sangre que se derramaron de su costado nos reconciliamos con el Padre alcanzamos el perdón de nuestros pecados. ■

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APPOINTMENTS

Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointments:

Effective Feb. 3

- Deacon Víctor López — to Blessed John XXIII Parish, Miami.

Effective Feb. 14

- Parish Father Jesús María Lecea and Parish Father Efrilio Soriano — to priestly service at the Southeast Pastoral Institute (SEPI).

Effective March 1

- Msgr. Kenneth Schwieger, J.C.D. — Adjutant Judicial Vicar in the Metropolitan Tribunal for a term of one year; Judge in the Metropolitan Tribunal for a term of five years; Promoter of Justice in the Metropolitan Tribunal for a term of five years.
- Msgr. Andrew L. Anderson, J.C.D. — Judge in the Metropolitan Tribunal for a term of five years.
- Msgr. James Mann, J.C.L. — Judge in the Metropolitan Tribunal for a term of five years.
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- Father Fernando Heria, J.C.L. — Judge in the Metropolitan Tribunal for a term of five years.
- Father Mark Reeves, J.C.L. — Judge in the Metropolitan Tribunal for a term of five years.
- Father Juan Alberto Aviles — Parochial vicar at St. Agatha Parish, Miami.

NEWSbriefs

Amor en Accion details Haiti aid

More than a year after Haiti's devastating earthquake, some aid organizations are still struggling to get money and assistance into the country. But *Amor en Accion*, a lay missionary group of the Archdiocese of Miami, has effectively disbursed more than 78 percent of the money it received for earthquake relief, with the remainder earmarked for projects in 2011.

"The Catholic Church is community-based so we have a natural network," said Teresa Gonzalez, executive director of *Amor en Accion*. "We know the leaders and religious communities in the north-west and in Port-au-Prince and we know how they work. We just had to give them a call and ask them what they needed."

In its summary of earthquake relief projects in Haiti for 2010-2011, *Amor en Accion* reported receiving a total of \$275,233, of which \$214,864 was disbursed in 2010 in the following ways:

- \$43,924 in emergency food aid.
- \$41,350 in school repairs and reconstruction.
- \$38,500 in aid for displaced persons, including education and housing.
- \$28,837 in medical aid, including medications, supplies and eight medical missions that helped more than 7,000 people.
- \$18,100 in immediate aid, including burial, evacuation assistance and aid to injured survivors.
- \$16,750 in agriculture and micro-finance, which created job opportunities.
- \$13,909 for shipping, packing and transportation of more

than 100,000 pounds of relief donations.

- \$13,494 for water purification projects and cholera response.

Gonzalez visited Haiti in September 2010 and saw firsthand how the aid was helping Haitians.

"From here (in Miami) you don't see it, but when you're in Haiti, the people come out of the woodwork. People were very eager to greet us and thank us and show us what they have done," said Gonzalez. "They wanted to show us that life goes on, and they're picking up the pieces. They are devastated still today and they carry that with them, but they don't let it tear them down."

In 2011, \$60,366 has been earmarked for continuing projects and support in Haiti, including water and cholera assistance, micro-finance projects and school damage repair. These projects will be focused on the Archdiocese of Miami's sister Diocese of Port-de-Paix in the northwest of Haiti.

"When Port-au-Prince gets a cold, everyone else gets pneumonia," explained Gonzalez, who said that many people from Port-au-Prince were displaced throughout Haiti's countryside after the earthquake.

"What we would like to impress upon people is that it is a priority to continue to provide some solidarity to our sister diocese whereby people can see some hope of building a life for themselves in the north, so they don't have to go back to Port-au-Prince. That concentration (in the capital) is a problem, so we need to help decentralize Port-au-Prince by continuing to support efforts for educational and economic sustainability throughout the country. Our hope is to strengthen

the communities and the Church in the northwest, and to continue that relationship with them."

For more information on *Amor en Accion*, go to www.amorenaccion.com or call 305-762-1226.

McCarthy students collect books for troops

Archbishop McCarthy High School's Support Our Troops Club is asking the community for help once again in its collection of new or gently used paperbacks and DVDs for U.S. sailors and marines.

On April 29, the students and their adviser, Retired Lt. Colonel G.J. Cosgrove, will deliver the donated books and DVDs to a U.S. warship as part of the 2011 Fleet Week activities.

"Each year for the past five years we have delivered more than 1,000 books and several hundred videos," said Cosgrove, who teaches government and economics at McCarthy High. "The great thing about books is that our marines and sailors will be able to keep a book handy in the cargo pocket of their battle dress. The DVDs will be a great addition to the ships' on-board entertainment."

Donations can be dropped off

between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays through April 12 in the main office of McCarthy High, 5451 S. Flamingo Road, Southwest Ranches. For information, e-mail grove@mcCarthyhigh.org.

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Retrouvaille, a program of renewal and enrichment for troubled marriages, is in the process of rebuilding its infrastructure in South Florida. Organizers are seeking couples to serve as team leaders, as well as priests who would like to be involved with the program.

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the night," Father Baldwin said.

The new rules, published in 2001, called not for "dynamic equivalence," but for "formal correspondence," that is, greater fidelity to the Latin texts, their cadence, their syntax and their imagery.

That is why, beginning the first Sunday of Advent of this year, priests and laity will have to re-learn the prayers and responses of the Mass, from the penitential act to the Gloria to the Credo to the eucharistic prayer.

"I think the biggest challenge is for priests, because it's going to require more preparation than they usually do. They're going to have to read the texts before they pray them, because they're so much more complicated," Father Baldwin said.

But that's a good thing, he added. "Change is difficult but this helps us to concentrate a little bit more on how important the liturgy is to us."

Between now and November, pastors are being asked to begin educating parishioners about the changes. All the texts of the "ordinary" of the Mass — those used most weekdays and Sundays — are available online at the U.S. bishops website, www.usccb.org/roman-missal, with the new texts printed side-by-side with the current ones.

As with any changes in the liturgy, Father Baldwin said, these new texts have both supporters and detractors among bishops and liturgical experts. But he stressed that "there are no substantial changes being made in the liturgy." The only thing changing are the words.

"There will be a different feel to it. My recommendation is be as open as you can," Father Baldwin said.

He added that it is important, amid the change, to keep the role of the liturgy in perspective.

"Liturgy is important. But it's sad when it distracts us from our Christian activity," he said, which is to "go into the world so that you can bring the love of God, the presence of

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After visiting the desperately poor families who live in the rural parts of Haiti, Msgr. Michael Flanagan has dedicated himself to rallying support in America for their urgent needs.

Msgr. Flanagan believes that he and other Americans can play a unique role in the recovery of Haiti's impoverished countryside. He urges U.S. Catholics to seize this opportunity to help this sister parish overseas.

"In Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus gave us a preview of the final judgment, and the power of those words burned in my soul as I walked through the rural villages of Haiti," Msgr. Flanagan said. "When Jesus related the last judgment of mankind, he made the shocking revelation—that help given to the poor would equate to help given to him, and that those who ignored the poor would be judged as if they had ignored Christ himself. The connection to Haiti is obvious to all who will listen. These destitute villages are where Christ abides today. He is there among the poor, calling for our help."

Flanagan also encourages Catholics to see the Judgment story in Matthew as a blessing rather than as a source of anxiety or fear.

"Who among us wouldn't be joyful to serve our Lord if he were to appear here among us now? We shouldn't see our actions in Haiti as simply feeding a child here or building a home for a poor family

there. We should see our outreach as a loving response to Jesus himself. That's what's so amazing about our Lord's revelation in Matthew 25. He is showing us a tangible way to demonstrate our love for him here and now—in our modern world," Flanagan said. "What could be more inspiring than that?"

Flanagan also pointed to other key verses in scripture that magnify the importance of the poor in God's plan for blessing his people.

"Isaiah 58:5-11 is another powerful passage. It explains that we are most pleasing to God when we help the needy and bring relief to the poor," he said. "And it contains a powerful promise to those who reach out in compassion—'then your light will break forth like the dawn and your wound shall quickly be healed; Your vindication shall go before you and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!' As Catholics, we rightfully respect the Eucharist and other Sacraments as important means of grace. Here, God is showing us another way we can be blessed—by responding in love to people in need."

Ultimately, a generous response from American Catholics to the needs in rural areas of Haiti could have a tremendous impact, he added.

"If we rise to this occasion and help

As Cross International Catholic Outreach (CICO) continues its range of relief work to help the poor overseas, its efforts are being recognized by a growing number of Catholic leaders in the U.S.

"We've received an impressive number of endorsements and letters of support from American Bishops and Archbishops—nearly 50 Catholic leaders at last count," explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross International Catholic Outreach. "They're impressed by the fact that we've done outreaches in more than 40 countries and that we undertake a variety of projects: everything from feeding the hungry and housing the homeless to supplying safe water and supporting educational opportunities for the poorest of the poor."

Archbishop Robert Carlson of St. Louis sent one of the more recent letters of encouragement, writing: "It is my hope that this ministry will continue to flourish and reach as many people as possible. I will inform the priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis of the important work that Cross International Catholic Outreach does

and elicit their prayerful and financial support for the service you provide to the less fortunate around the world."

Bishop Kevin Vann of Fort Worth was just as enthusiastic about Cross Catholic and its mission. "I also know

that many of the Bishops in Texas think very highly and endorse the work and mission of Cross International Catholic Outreach—as well as do other Bishops whom I know from my days of graduate studies in Rome. Please know of my prayers and support for this vital work..."

In Archbishop Gregory Aymond's case, the endorsement came with a personal note of thanks for the role Cross Catholic played in helping families hit hard by Hurricane Katrina.

"I'm happy to acknowledge that Cross International Catholic Outreach was of tremendous help to the Archdiocese of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina," he said.

Bishop Thomas Rodi of Biloxi had similar praise.

"Your quick response to the needs of the people in south Mississippi in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina will



Typical housing in Haiti's Central Plateau—a leaky patchwork of canvas, old plastic and scraps of wood.

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in Rome. This allows the charity to participate in the mercy ministries of the Holy Father himself. In his praise of CICO, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of Cincinnati underscored this unique connection.

"Cross International Catholic Outreach's close collaboration with the Pontifical Council Cor Unum is a source of encouragement," the Archbishop said. "The Holy See has unique knowledge of local situations throughout the world through its papal representatives in nearly two hundred countries and through its communications with Bishops and others who care for the poor and needy in every corner of the world."

CICO president, Jim Cavnar, explained the significance of this connection.

"Our collaboration with Cor Unum allows us to fund outreaches in virtually any area of the world, and we have used that method in special cases—to help the victims of natural disasters, for example," he said. "It only represents a small part of our overall ministry, but it can be a very important benefit in those special cases."



Bishop Kevin W. Vann, a director on the board of Cross International Catholic Outreach, at a recent meeting with Pope Benedict.

always be remembered and greatly appreciated," he said. "Thank you for all the good you do, and may God bless you and your ministry."

In addition to praising the work CICO accomplishes, many of the Bishops and Archbishops are also impressed by the unique collaborative relationship Cross has with the Pontifical Council Cor Unum

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Missionaries Seek Support For Their Efforts to Help Haiti's Poor

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"Before God sent the missionaries here, we had lost hope," says Roland Dersaint, a 36-year-old father of three. "The children here in Kobonal were dying of sicknesses. Many families were surviving only by eating green mangos. But it wasn't enough to save the weakest. We often saw families walking down the road with tiny coffins — sometimes as many as five little ones would be buried in a single day."

A few years ago, Roland and Mary Dersaint pulled a tiny coffin of their own down the long dirt road. Inside was their nine-month old baby, Rosalie. "Typhoid took her," Roland explains, looking away to hide his grief.

In the years before the missionaries came, circumstances like these defined life — and death — in Kobonal, Haiti. This isolated section of Haiti's Central Plateau is plagued by hunger, illness and the other marks of extreme poverty. In fact, before the missionaries came, as many as one out of three children died before reaching age five.

Roland and Mary Dersaint's story of loss is very typical in this part of Haiti, according to Father Glen Meaux. When Fr. Meaux and other members of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) came to Kobonal from America more than 10 years ago, they were shocked by the severity of poverty in the Central Plateau. In fact, as the group was driving up to the Kobonal villages for the very first time, they passed a group of families with tiny coffins coming down from the mountains to bury their children.

"It was heartbreaking, but it was also an important experience for us because it humbled us and showed us how difficult life is for the poor. It taught us that our ministry to preach the Gospel must also include a significant outreach to the poor," Fr. Meaux explains.

In the years since, the missionaries have worked hard to bring both the Gospel's hope — and Christ's ministry of mercy — to the struggling families living in Kobonal. At times, they have faced serious, even life-threatening challenges. "We had some extremely difficult days in the beginning," Fr. Meaux recalls.

"The voodoo priests didn't want us in Kobonal, and the poverty we all lived in made it very hard for everyone involved. But this is where God wanted us, and we set our minds and spirits on doing His will," he says. "Today, voodoo is no longer practiced in the areas we serve, and the poor have new hope. God has been good! Because we made a commitment to Him and remained faithful, He has blessed the work of our hands. That's how we see it."

The fact that these missionaries have given up comfortable lives in America to help the poor in Haiti is a testament to their strong faith and abiding love of Christ. "God created us all — Americans and Haitians. And Christ died for us all. We are all brothers and sisters. His children. As brothers and sisters, we should love one another and share what we have with those in need," the priest explains. "That is what motivates us. And, frankly, it should motivate every Catholic. Expressing compassion and serving others are at the very heart of the Gospel. As Catholics, we preach it and we should be living it out."

When the Kobonal Mission was founded, Father Meaux first sought to eliminate the hunger and malnutrition that plagued Haiti's Central Plateau. His group launched a special program to provide food for the poorest of the poor, including vulnerable women and young children. That program was recently expanded through support from Cross International Catholic Outreach and its family of donors.

After responding to this basic human need for food, the missionaries looked for ways to create a lasting change in the area — ways to help the poor break the cycle of poverty and become self-sufficient.

"We discovered that many poor families wanted to grow crops, but they had no land of their own to cultivate. We looked for ways to acquire land and to supply these families with the help they needed to begin a small farm," the priest explains.

This idea impresses Cross International Catholic Outreach's president, Jim Cavnar, and he hopes to encourage American Catholics to support the project.

"When I heard about their plans to help these poor families, I immediately thought of that powerful passage in Isaiah 58, where the Lord promises to bless those who respond to the poor with compassion. From verse 6, it reads: 'This, rather, is the fasting I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the naked and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.' The

Kobonal Mission exemplifies this spirit of mercy in action," Cavnar says. "Cross seeks out partners like this — ministries that are clearly led by the spirit of God, and leaders who find innovative ways to address the needs of the poor."

Cavnar went on to explain the details of the Kobonal Mission farming project.



"Through this program, a poor family receives a half-acre plot of fertile land and a simple but sturdy house. They also get a small subsidy to purchase tools and seeds for the first few years, after which point the farm will allow them to be self-sufficient," Cavnar explained. "The amazing thing is the cost. The total budget for the package is just \$6,070 — that's all it takes to provide a family with a small home, land and the tools to begin a little farm."

On behalf of the Kobonal Mission, Cross International Catholic Outreach will be approaching American Catholics and U.S. parishes with this appeal, hoping to find enough sponsors to fund all 41 Haitian families that the missionaries have identified for help in the first phase of the project.

"You need not sponsor the full amount to make a meaningful difference. Every gift, large or small, is important to our goal. For example, a gift of \$40 covers the start-up expense for the farm, providing the seed and the use of the oxen to till the land," Cavnar explains. "So you can

give \$40 and know that your gift has had a big impact on the lives of these desperately poor families."

Broken down, the various parts of the outreach include: \$500 for the half acre of land; \$5,500 for the house; \$40 for the first year subsidy; and \$20 and \$10 for the second and final year's support.

"We're asking American Catholics to prayerfully consider making a substantial gift to help these Catholic missionaries," Cavnar says. "Father Meaux and his group have a wonderful heart and an amazing plan to help Haiti's poor, but they can't achieve their goals without our help. We need to do our part."

The priest raises his face to heaven, thankful that Cross International Catholic Outreach and its family of benefactors in the U.S. will continue to help the Kobonal Mission develop its outreach to the poor.

"Praise God!" he says. Then bowing his head as if in prayer, he quietly adds, "What a blessing this will be for Kobonal. These poor families have suffered for too long."

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NEWSbriefs

Gaelic Mass recalls famine

The third annual "Gaelic Mass and Waking," to commemorate the victims of Ireland's Great Hunger (*An Gorta Mór*), will be celebrated Sunday, March 27, 3 p.m., at Little Flower Church, 1805 Pierce St., Hollywood.

The Irish government requests that the Irish diaspora commemorate this event each year in order to raise awareness of this great watershed in Irish history and local and world hunger. After the Mass, participants are invited to go to a "waking" for the victims of the famine at the Field "Soup Kitchen," 3281 Griffin Road, Dania Beach. There will be

free soup, music by Echoes of Erin, dancers, storytelling and the Irish Theatre Group. This event is sponsored by the Irish-American organizations of South Florida.

For more information, call 305-891-0715 or e-mail irishfamineledy@juno.com.

Radio Paz hosts

Lenten reflections

Pax Catholic Communications, Radio Paz and Spirit Online Radio invite the community to attend one of three special nights of music and reflection being planned for this Lent.

These bilingual evenings will feature various priests and musicians

from around the archdiocese. They will begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude with the sacrament of reconciliation.

The Lenten nights of reflection will take place: Wednesday, March 30, at St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Weston; Wednesday, April 6, at Corpus Christi Parish in Miami; and Wednesday, April 13, at Mother of Our Redeemer Parish in northwest Miami-Dade County.

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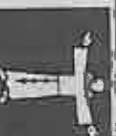
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The St. John Bosco center is a unique after-school program that has obtained amazing results with at-risk kids.

"The children city when they have to leave the center and go home," said Mirra Fuentes, director. "They just love the environment they are exposed to here."

"We are very proud of the work these programs do as they enhance learning opportunities for inner-city children," said Emilio Alonso-Mendoza, president of the Catholic Community Foun-

dation and of the Archdiocese of Miami Development Corporation. But, he added, "It happens only through the generosity of the community."

The gala will begin with a cocktail silent auction reception followed by dinner and dancing. In addition to Bastian, gala sponsors are: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dimai and Mrs. Bob Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Viegela, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sevilla-Sacasa, Mr. and Mrs. Juan O'Neighen, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Coscuella, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wallace, J. Patrick Fitzgerald Associates, Bachelor Foundation, BacardiUSA, Catholic Health Services, Catholic Charities a Wells Fargo Financial.

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Major seminary prepares for the future

St. Vincent de Paul plans to widen its community awareness and fundraising statewide

TOM TRACY
Florida Catholic correspondent

BOYNTON BEACH — While raising a record amount of financial support during the annual Friends of the Seminary event last month at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Miami Archbishop Thomas Wenski and the Florida bishops approved a feasibility study in anticipation of a major capital campaign.

The study will likely pave the way for a capital campaign in the next three to five years in hopes of substantially bolstering public awareness and statewide financial support for the seminary's endowment fund.

Building up the endowment fund, which now stands at approximately \$13 million, is necessary in order to offset diocesan subsidies from around Florida, which help pay faculty salaries and other expenditures above and beyond student tuition.

Since the seminary's founding in 1963, nearly 500 priests have earned degrees here and have gone on to serve parishes throughout Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico and elsewhere.



Msgr. Keith Brennan, rector and president of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, poses with Carmel Quinn, who chaired the Friends of the Seminary dinner in 2009. (COURTESY PHOTOS | LEONARD BRYANT)



Archbishop Thomas Wenski poses with Catherine "Sis" Murphy, a sustaining sponsor of the Friends of the Seminary, and her daughter, Maureen Fay, during the 2011 Friends of the Seminary dinner.



Father Thomas J. Skindeleski, pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish in Delray Beach, speaks with Diane Simowitz, chair of the 2011 Friends of the Seminary dinner.

St. Vincent de Paul is situated southwest of West Palm Beach, and is described as the only major Catholic seminary south of Washington, D.C., and east of New Orleans. One of only two bilingual, multicultural,



major Catholic seminaries in the United States, it is also "Florida's best-kept secret," according to Msgr. Keith R. Brennan, currently in his sixth year as rector/president of the seminary.

to lift the burden on the dioceses themselves." The goal is also to continue to spread the word throughout the state that most of Florida's priests are alumni of St. Vincent de Paul, Msgr. Brennan said. "People may not know the seminary by name but they certainly know the 'product.'" The last several years have seen a tripling of the size of the donor database as a result of more focused public relations, annual events open to the community and direct-mail campaigns, including a high-quality magazine that the seminary publishes. On March 8, the seminary saw nearly 700 south Floridians turn out for the annual Joe-Paddy Festival, an outdoor party celebrating the feasts of St. Joseph and St. Patrick. The Friends of the Seminary event is more formal, featuring vespers in the seminary chapel, a reception with the seminarians, faculty and Florida bishops, a silent auction and dinner. This year, Archbishop Wenski invited Annabelle and Denis Cole-

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Archbishop
Thomas Wenski greets and blesses a young man after Ash Wednesday Mass at Gesu Church. The archbishop is encouraging Catholics to "Start Afresh from Christ" this Lent by taking the opportunity to go to confession during Reconciliation Weekend April 15-16. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)



CONFESSION

FROM A1

Thomas Wenski in a letter to priests announcing the weekend. He asked all priests with faculties to volunteer their time to hear confessions during the weekend, when 40 parishes will hold extended confession hours: from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

"This weekend of reconciliation is not meant to replace scheduled celebrations of the Rite of Reconciliation in our parishes but rather to make this sacrament of God's mercy more available," Archbishop Wenski said. To announce the weekend, posters have been distributed to every parish in the archdiocese with the names and addresses of the participating churches. (See page A20)

Ten thousand "How to go to confession" booklets, in English, Spanish and Creole, also have been distributed among the parishes. The booklets provide step-by-step instructions for confession, beginning with

the examination of conscience, continuing with what the priest and the penitent do and say during confession, and concluding with the Act of Contrition. (See page A1.)

It's a good refresher course, since data collected by CARA, the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, found that "three quarters of Catholics never participate in the sacrament of reconciliation or that they do so less than once a year."

Among those who attend Mass every week, 62 percent say they take part in the sacrament of reconciliation at least once a year, according to CARA's research. Only 6 percent do so once a month or more; 31 percent do so several times a year.

In concluding his letter to priests, Archbishop Wenski asked them to "pray that the Lenten season — and the weekend of the reconciliation — help bring all Catholics — both active and those who may have fallen away — to an experience of the Divine Mercy of him who in dying and rising for us has reconciled us to his Father and to one another." ■

WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES ABOUT CONFESSION

Following is a brief history of the sacrament of penance and its theological underpinnings. These excerpts are from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Nos. 1446-1448.

Christ instituted the sacrament of penance for all sinful members of his Church: above all for those who, since baptism, have fallen into grave sin, and have thus lost their baptismal grace and wounded ecclesial communion. It is to them that the sacrament of penance offers a new possibility to convert and to recover the grace of justification. The Fathers of the Church present this sacrament as "the second plank (of salvation) after the shipwreck which is the loss of grace."

Over the centuries the concrete form in which the Church has exercised this power received from the Lord has varied considerably. During the first centuries, the reconciliation of Christians who had committed particularly grave sins after their baptism (for example, idolatry, murder, or adultery) was tied to a very rigorous discipline, according to which penitents had to do public penance for their sins, often for years, before receiving reconciliation. To this "order of penitents" (which concerned only certain grave sins), one was only rarely admitted and in certain regions only once in a lifetime.

During the seventh century, Irish missionaries,

inspired by the Eastern monastic tradition, took to continental Europe the "private" practice of penance, which does not require public and prolonged completion of penitential works before reconciliation with the Church. From that time on, the sacrament has been performed in secret between penitent and priest.

This new practice envisioned the possibility of repenting and so opened the way to a regular frequenting of this sacrament. It allowed the forgiveness of grave sins and venial sins to be integrated into one sacramental celebration. In its main lines, this is the form of penance that the Church has practiced down to our day.

Beneath the changes in discipline and celebration that this sacrament has undergone over the centuries, the same fundamental structure is to be discerned. It comprises two equally essential elements: on the one hand, the acts of the man who undergoes conversion through the action of the Holy Spirit; namely, contrition, confession, and satisfaction; on the other, God's action through the intervention of the Church. The Church, who through the bishop and his priests forgives sins in the name of Jesus Christ and determines the manner of satisfaction, also plays for the sinner and does penance with him. Thus the sinner is healed and re-established in ecclesial communion.

CARDINAL: Visit included archbishop and many infor

FROM A1

Archdiocese of Miami before flying back to Rome March 8. The purpose of his visit was to attend the international meeting of the leaders of the Patrons of the Arts of the Vatican Museums, a group that raises money to restore and preserve the Vatican's artistic treasures.

"Pope Benedict XVI has entrusted to me the care of the monuments, buildings, chapels, gardens and the day-to-day life of the employees who maintain the smallest city-state in the world," Cardinal Lajolo explained to a gathering of donors and dignitaries during his visit to the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art.

He would repeat that during all his other stops in South Florida: St. Thomas University, Little Flower Parish in Coral Gables, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Charity, St. Mary Cathedral, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and School, Epiphany Parish and the Marian Center, a school for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Archbishop Thomas Wenski also hosted a dinner in honor of the cardinal.

But not everything was formal and scripted. The cardinal made time to give his blessing to anyone who asked for it, including Cynthia Shobe of St. Edward Parish in Pembroke Pines, who stopped him as he exited the Vatican Splendors exhibit and asked him to bless a cross she had just purchased there. "I was pretty touched," said Shobe.

The cardinal himself seemed touched by his visit March 7 to the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity, where he met Miami's retired Auxiliary Bishop Augustin Roman and the shrine's current rector, Franciscan Father Ramin Dominguez.

Ondina Menocal, president of Hispanic Apostolic Movements in the archdiocese and a member of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Charity, explained the building's history after the cardinal had spent a few moments in prayer before the image of Cuba's patroness.

"I was thinking that here was the history of faith, the history of humanity," he said, pointing to the mural that depicts the intertwining of faith and history on the island.

"We have to pray with a lot of faith, with a lot of love," he told the small group who had gathered at the shrine to see him.

Cardinal Lajolo, 76, a native of Italy and veteran of the Vatican's diplomatic service, delivered those remarks in perfect Spanish.

Menocal called the visit from such a close collaborator of the pope "a gesture of love for all of



Cardinal Giovanni Lajolo blesses a c exhibit at the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art. "I was pretty touched," she said. (P us on the part of the universal Church."

Cardinal Lajolo also left a special n with the children at St. Thomas the School during his visit there March 8.

Departing from his prepared remarks the children, "You are young people pr yourselves for life. This is very impor cause we only have one life."

"Everyone has a mission," the cardinal continued, everyone "is sent to do something. He reminded the nearly 600 student with school staff, that "you have to live f who are not so privileged as we are," suc people in Africa.

Citing the many wars in the world, "We have to bring peace where there is l have to bring love. That is the message like to give you today. It is more joyfu than to receive. Those are the words I



From left, Cardinal Giovanni Lajolo "shakes hands" with Pope John Paul II during his to to give to the Holy Father when he arrived in Rome; and presents Auxiliary Bishop Ag

nal meetings, dinner with the blessings for Miami Catholics



Myrtha Shobe of St. Edward Parish in Pembroke Pines as he exits the Vatican Splendors Shobe said one of the priests accompanying the cardinal told her to ask him to bless it. ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO (FC)

a message of the Lord who has called us to be together on this beautiful morning."

Both the children at St. Thomas the Apostle and the students at the Marian Center gave Cardinal Lajolo prayer cards for him to give to the Holy Father — something the cardinal said he could do as soon as he arrived in Rome.

In the meantime, he got a feel for South Florida's cultural diversity during a brief visit with the mostly Haitian student body of St. Mary Cathedral School. A few hours later, the children of St. Thomas the Apostle School serenaded the cardinal with four hymns: one in Latin, one in English, one in Spanish and one in Creole.

Cardinal Lajolo also celebrated Mass at Little Flower with members of the Cuban and American Associations of the Order of Malta, and the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulcher.

He toured the chapel, campus, archives and

museum of St. Thomas University, where the documents and history of the Archdiocese of Miami are stored.

And he shared an Italian lunch — and conversation — with the Sisters of St. Joseph Benedict Cottolengo who came from Italy 48 years ago to staff the Marian Center.

"He was very gracious," said Sister Lucia Cecchetti, executive director of the center.

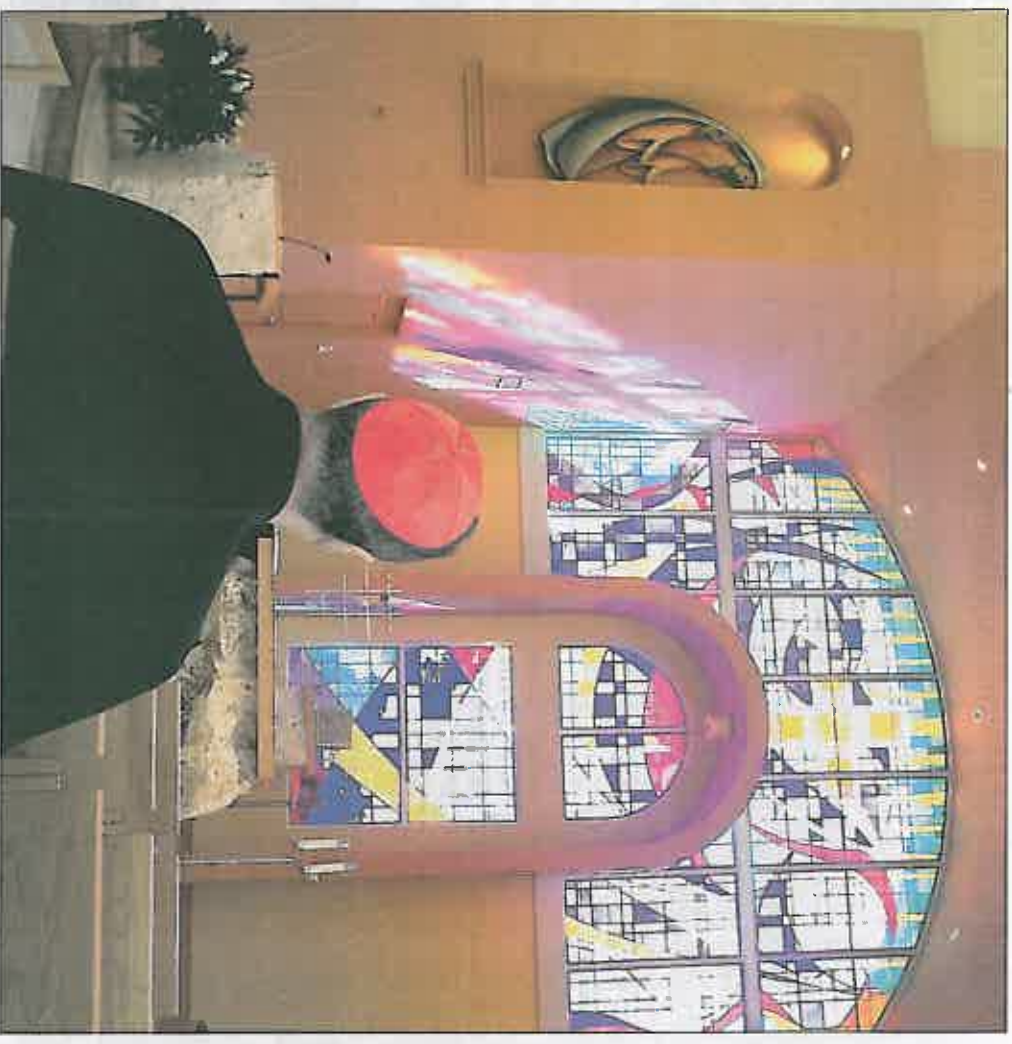
During his time in South Florida, Cardinal Lajolo was accompanied by Legionary of Christ Father Mark Haydu, international director of the Patrons of the Arts; as well as Msgr. Terence Hogan, rector of St. Mary Cathedral and North American chaplain of the Patrons; and Father Kenneth Whitaker, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Deerfield Beach. ■ See slideshow of cardinal's visit at www.miaminarch.org



can Splendors exhibit, holds up a card created by Marian Center students which he promised with a medallion featuring the images of Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Pius XI.



Top, Cardinal Lajolo poses with Archbishop Thomas Wenski. Below, Cardinal Lajolo poses with Carmelites of the Sacred Heart of Los Angeles who work at Little Flower Parish in Coral Gables.



Cardinal Giovanni Lajolo takes a moment to pray in the chapel of St. Thomas University. The president of Vatican City State visited St. Thomas University's chapel, archives and museum during his six-day visit to South Florida. After several days in Palm Beach, where he attended a meeting of the international leaders of the Patrons of the Arts of the Vatican Museums, he spent several days in the Miami area.

To the faithful of the Archdiocese of Miami:

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present the financial report of the Archdiocese of Miami for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. While financial reports may vary from year to year, oftentimes as a result of economic conditions both positive and negative, the generosity of the people and their support of the Church's mission to preach the Gospel does not vary. Our mission today is the same as that of the early Church in the first century: to announce Jesus Christ with faith and confidence so that He will be known and loved and our people have life in Him. Although the intrinsic value of money appreciates and depreciates, the mission of the Church is always the same — since Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever.



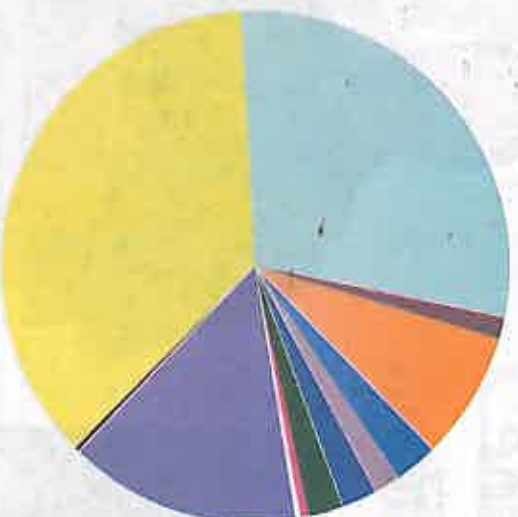
FROM THE ARCHBISHOP
Thomas Wenski

When I was installed on June 1, 2010, as your new Archbishop, I invited you and all the members of Christ's faithful in the Archdiocese to *Start Afresh From Christ*. This "starting afresh" has already initiated many changes in the Archdiocese — and more will soon follow. These changes are not reflected in this June 30, 2010, financial report; however, they are important enough to share with you.

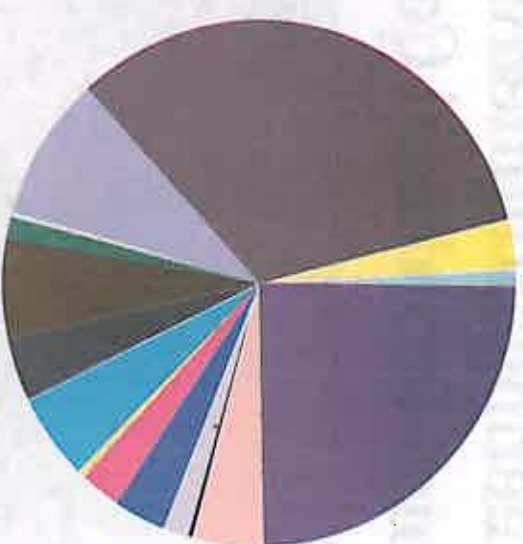
The Catholic people of this local Church are a significant part of the larger South Florida community. Each Sunday, we gather as communities of faith, hope and love in 104 parishes or missions for the celebration of Mass. In this Archdiocese, we worship in 12 languages. More than 1 million.

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EXPENDITURES



SUPPORT AND REVENUES



Archdiocese of Miami: Combining Statements of Financial Position at June 30, 2010, and 2009 (dollars in thousands)

	Pastoral Center	Churches	Schools			Cemeteries	Catholic Hospice	Radio Station	Catholic Charities	Catholic Health Services	Total	Eliminations	TOTALS	
			Elementary	Secondary	Colleges/Universities								2010	2009
ASSETS														
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,487	\$ 63,808	\$ 44,446	\$ 17,781	\$ 1,172	\$ 5,309	\$ 9,188	\$ 32	\$ 4,236	\$ 13,817	\$ 177,018	\$ (86,977)	\$ 90,041	\$ 81,423
Marketable securities	142,396	15,652	16,727	7,163	17,036				4,492	9,089	212,555	(9,838)	202,717	162,680
Receivables, net	7,047	740	6,056	71	1,491	31,992	1,649	412	4,725	10,556	75,739	(8,482)	67,257	70,134
Inventory and other assets	7,899					1,175	21,670	520	1,702	519	42,902		42,902	33,476
Land, buildings and equipment, net	32,852	536,434	71,200	117,752	52,529	4,970	378	2,468	11,634	113,411	943,628		943,628	926,775
Total assets	\$ 192,681	\$ 616,634	\$ 141,431	\$ 146,767	\$ 89,943	\$ 64,141	\$ 13,735	\$ 4,614	\$ 25,606	\$ 156,290	\$ 1,451,842	\$ (105,297)	\$ 1,346,545	\$ 1,274,488
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS														
Notes payable	\$ 6,000	\$ 10,133	\$ 3,816	\$ 23,413	\$ 34,663	\$ 61	\$ =	\$ 1,668	\$ 3,366	\$ 10,616	\$ 53,538	\$ =	\$ 53,538	\$ 37,583
Advances and assessments due to Pastoral Center		6,425	386	508	1,163						8,482	(8,482)	—	—
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		3,947	2,910	1,152	5,384	2,045	5,051	382	816	14,553	36,240		36,240	28,089
Savings deposits payable to parishes and agencies	92,011										92,011	(86,977)	5,034	5,247
Self-insurance reserves	23,333										23,333		23,333	17,275
Trust accounts	9,838	70	173	2,887						845	13,826	(9,838)	3,988	3,317
Deferred contributions		107	(4,306)	5,380	59	27,186		13		55	47,577		47,577	34,833
Other liabilities	14,764	910			3,738	9,085		882		1,274	30,653		30,653	24,004
Long-term liabilities	145,966	178,592	21,651	33,340	45,009	38,377	5,051	8,967	5,214	123,513	605,680	(105,297)	500,383	497,367
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)	46,715	438,042	119,780	113,427	44,934	25,764	8,684	(4,353)	20,392	32,777	846,162		846,162	777,221
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See accompanying notes to combined financial statements.

Archdiocese of Miami: Combining Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2010, and 2009 (dollars in thousands)

	Pastoral Center	Churches	Schools					Cemeteries	Catholic Hospice	Radio Station	Catholic Charities	Catholic Health Services	Total	Eliminations	TOTALS	
			Elementary	Secondary	Colleges/ Universities	2010	2009									
SUPPORT AND REVENUES:																
Parish Offering		\$ 62,807											\$ 62,807		\$ 62,807	\$ 62,382
School ordinary revenues			\$ 113,373	\$ 71,200	\$ 44,582								229,155		229,155	221,603
Charity, development and debt reduction drives	\$ 8,250	6,372	3,686	2,612									20,920		20,920	20,069
Cemetery income, less cost of sales							\$ 7,810						7,810		7,810	16,252
Social services, health services, fees and rentals								\$ 38,582			\$ 578	\$ 132,595	171,755		171,755	125,712
Government grants and assistance		73	56	181	7,978						23,465	519	32,272		32,272	27,678
United Way grants											921	1	922		922	1,587
Bequests and donations	3,621	4,839	585	739	54			122	\$ 554	1,786	196	196	12,496		12,496	14,635
Bingo, bazaars, fundraising, ancillary revenues		9,377	4,393	5,536	3,226				1,358				23,890		23,890	25,228
Interest and investment income	9,192	1,592	413	361	2,291		1,700	188			160	50	15,947	\$ (1,633)	14,314	(8,962)
Contributed facilities, goods and services					128					4,486		290	4,904		4,904	6,335
Other revenues	12,930	7,749	2,125	734	6,691		537	52	1,652	70		3,162	35,702		35,702	16,894
Internal assessments and subsidies:																
Property and liability self-insurance	27,305												27,305	(27,305)		
Health care self-insurance	44,500												44,500	(42,777)	1,723	2,222
Parish subsidies to/from schools		1,310	(1,310)													
General assessment from parishes	9,075												9,075	(9,075)		
Subsidies from Pastoral Center		1,326	273		611								2,210	(2,210)		
Total support and revenues	114,873	95,445	122,594	81,363	65,561		10,047	38,944	3,564	31,466	136,813	701,670	(83,000)		618,670	531,625
EXPENDITURES:																
Pastoral services	8,719	87,461											96,180	(10,026)	86,154	85,842
Persons (clergy and lay ministry development)	3,017												3,017		3,017	5,488
Christian formation (education)	1,719		115,302	69,520	50,153								236,694		236,694	245,237
Social and health services	361							34,566	3,035	28,899	122,488		189,341		189,341	143,865
Cemeteries							10,649						10,649		10,649	14,472
Health plan cost	51,724												51,724	(42,777)	8,947	1,441
Property and liability self-insurance	19,117												19,117	(27,305)	(8,188)	6,234
Archdiocesan administration	10,843												10,843		10,843	8,110
Depreciation and amortization	974					3,450	551	243	195	1,171	7,429		14,013		14,013	12,977
Interest expense	2,002	3,885	758	1,157	1,703				543	228	3,603		13,879	(1,633)	12,246	13,592
Provision for uncollectible receivables	1,259				492		300	1,039				1,039	4,129	(1,259)	2,870	3,846
Property administration	1,453												1,453		1,453	1,145
Total expenditures	101,188	91,346	116,060	70,677	55,798		11,500	35,848	3,773	30,298	134,551		651,039	(83,000)	568,039	542,241
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	13,685	4,099	7,534	10,686	9,763		(1,453)	3,096	(209)	1,166	2,262		50,631		50,631	(10,616)
OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:																
Debt refinancing gain																52,501
Building fund additions		6,457	650	1,585									8,692		8,692	12,098
Changes in restricted net assets	1,254	—	—	—	(3,181)			(22)	11			308	(1,630)		(1,630)	(23,459)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	14,939	10,556	8,184	12,271	6,582		(1,453)	3,074	(198)	1,168	2,570		57,693		57,693	30,524
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT), BEGINNING	31,776	427,486	111,596	101,156	38,352		27,217	5,610	(4,155)	19,224	30,207		788,469		788,469	746,697
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT), ENDING	\$ 46,715	\$ 438,042	\$ 119,780	\$ 113,427	\$ 44,934	\$ 25,764	\$ 8,684	\$ (4,353)	\$ 20,392	\$ 32,777	\$ 846,162	\$ —	\$ 846,162	\$ 777,221		

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements.

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Notes to Combined Financial Statements

1. The statements for churches, elementary schools and secondary schools are unaudited.
2. Intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.
3. The Catholic Health Services statements include the combined statements of:

Archbishop Hurley Hall, Inc.	06/30/10
Archbishop McCarthy Residence, Inc.	06/30/10
Carroll Manor, Inc.	06/30/10
Catholic Health Services, Inc.	09/30/10
Catholic Housing for the Elderly and Handicapped, Inc.	09/30/10
Marian Center Services, Inc.	06/30/10
Marian Towers, Inc.	06/30/10
Palmer House Inc.	06/30/10
St. Andrew Towers, Inc.	06/30/10
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St. Anne's Nursing, St. Anne's Residence, Inc.	06/30/10
St. Boniface Gardens, Inc.	06/30/10
St. Dominic Gardens, Inc.	06/30/10
St. Elizabeth Gardens, Inc.	06/30/10
St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital and Nursing Center, Inc.	09/30/10
St. Joseph Residence, Inc.	09/30/10
St. Joseph Towers, Inc.	06/30/10
St. Mary Towers, Inc.	06/30/10
Stella Maris House, Inc.	06/30/10
Villa Maria Health Care Services, Inc.	09/30/10
Villa Maria Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Inc.	09/30/10
Catholic Home Health Services of Broward, Inc.	09/30/10
Centro Mater Child Care Services, Inc.	06/30/10
St. Monica Gardens, Inc.	06/30/10
St. Vincent De Paul Gardens, Inc.	06/30/10

4. The archdiocese is a participant in the defined benefit pension plan for all employees of the Archdiocese of Miami and Diocese of Venice.
5. Colleges and universities include the combined statements of St. Thomas University and St. John Vianney Seminary.
6. The following is the disposition of the Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive Funds:

Ministries and pastoral services	\$ 3,553,000
Inner city parishes	3,349,000
Christian formation	1,026,000
Catholic Charities	199,000
Maintenance and repair facilities	123,000
	<u>\$ 8,250,000</u>

Archdiocese of Miami 2010 statistical data

Personnel	Welfare	Educational	Vital Statistics
Archbishops..... 1	Catholic Hospitals..... 2	Seminaries, Diocesan..... 1	Receptions into the Church:
Auxiliary Bishops..... 2	Total Assisted..... 837,923	Students from This Diocese..... 19	Infant Baptism Totals..... 13,692
Retired Bishops..... 2	Health Care Centers..... 10	Students from Other Dioceses..... 55	Minor Baptism Totals..... 871
Priests:	Total Assisted..... 10,938	Diocesan Students in Other Seminaries..... 13	Adult Baptism Totals..... 640
Diocesan Active in Diocese..... 171	Homes for Aged..... 5	Total Seminarians..... 32	Revered into Full Communion..... 785
Diocesan Active Outside Diocese..... 7	Total Assisted..... 5,096	Colleges and Universities..... 2	First Communion..... 11,269
Diocesan in Foreign Missions..... 1	Residential Care of Children..... 2	Total Students..... 11,000	Confirmations..... 8,246
Retired, Sick or Absent..... 82	Total Assisted..... 255	High Schools, Diocesan and Parish..... 9	Marriages:
Number of Diocesan Priests..... 261	Day Care Centers..... 7	Total Students..... 9,197	Catholic..... 1,852
Religious Priests in Diocese..... 76	Total Assisted..... 3,211	High Schools, Private..... 4	Interfaith..... 241
Total Priests in Diocese..... 337	Specialized Homes..... 2	Total Catholic Population..... 703,950	Total Marriages..... 2,093
Extern Priests in Diocese..... 70	Total Assisted..... 310	Total Population..... 4,221,722	Deaths..... 4,193
Ordinations:	Special Centers for Social Services..... 16		
Diocesan Priests..... 4	Total Assisted..... 28,695		
Transitional Deacons..... 1	Residential Care of Disabled..... 2		
Permanent Deacons in Diocese..... 128	Total Assisted..... 153		
Total Brothers..... 48	Other Institutions..... 9		
Total Sisters..... 277	Total Assisted..... 5,431		

LETTER: Report a 'historical snapshot' of Archdioceses' financial position

FROM A12

Catholics are served by 236 priests and 300 Religious Sisters and Brothers. The faith formation of our youth is supported by parish religious education programs and 48 elementary schools, nine secondary schools, an Archdiocesan University and our Seminaries. At the present moment, 34 seminarians are in formation to serve as priests in our Archdiocese. More than 6,000 employees serve our parishes and schools, in Catholic Charities and Catholic Hospice, in nursing homes and rehab hospitals, in senior housing and child care. Last year, 2,000 couples received the sacrament of Matrimony, 12,000 children received Baptism and 1,200 adults were received into the Catholic faith.

We can count our blessings but we also must acknowledge the challenges that lie before us: secularism and its effect on the faith life of the people; the destruction of marriage and family life within society; a need for evangelization of our youth and our multicultural population; and a growing need for the Church's charitable services and programs.

In order to respond more effectively to these challenges, I intend to convoke an Archdiocesan Synod to focus our energy and attention on strategic goals and initiatives that will:

- Revitalize parishes as "schools of prayer and communion."
- Support faith formation efforts for youth in Catholic schools and religious education.
- Enhance structures of participation in schools and parish communities.
- Increase evangelization efforts to youth and "fallen-away."
- Continue the promotion of vocations to priesthood and consecrated religious life.
- Revitalize Sunday Mass attendance and the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.
- Support works of charity at parish and Archdiocesan levels.
- Transform Archdiocesan Administration consistent with national best practices.

• Increase the involvement and participation of all members of Christ's faithful so that the gifts of their wisdom, professional competency and experience can better serve the Church.

The financial report that I am presenting to you is a historical snapshot at a single point in time of the Archdiocese's assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. I am confident that thanks to the assistance of the Archdiocese's financial oversight boards, committees and professional staff, this report fairly states the financial position and activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. In the context of this historical snapshot and recalling the words of Pope John Paul II who will be beatified May 1, we must "remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm and look to the future with confidence."

I am grateful to the priests, deacons, consecrated men and women as well as to all the members of Christ's faithful for all you do to build up God's Kingdom. I am deeply appreciative of the faithful in the Archdiocese for their generosity and sacrificial giving in support of the mission of the Church.

Together, may we "start afresh from Christ"; together may we "put out into the deep" confident that it is the Lord who calls us — and it is he who will bring the good works he inspires within us to completion. ■

Source: 2010 Official Catholic Directory

Watching the money

New procedures, tamper-evident bags aimed at ensuring proper handling of weekly Mass collections

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO
Florida Catholic staff



MIAMI — In what might be viewed as a Catholic version of Ronald Reagan's "trust but verify," the Archdiocese of Miami will put into use new tamper-evident bags and corresponding procedures to ensure that every penny of every Sunday collection goes directly from the basket to the bank.

The procedures become mandatory April 1, and training sessions have been taking place throughout the month of March for ushers, bookkeepers, priests and anyone involved in the handling or counting of collection money.

"We want to be prudent stewards of the donations of our parishioners," said Sister Elizabeth Worley, Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine, who serves as chancellor of administration for the archdiocese. She stressed the new procedure is "not intended, nor is

The archdiocese ordered a 6,000-bag supply of tamper-evident bags to get parishes started with the new money handling procedures. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

It a reaction toward, any suspicions."

In fact, Archbishop Thomas Wenski instituted the same procedures and collection bags in all the parishes in Orlando when he was bishop there. He asked the accounting firm of Verdeja/De Armas, which normally audits archdiocesan parishes, to implement the procedures and conduct the training sessions in the archdiocese.

"Many dioceses throughout the United States have already implemented them," said Octavio Verdeja, citing Palm Beach as another Florida diocese that uses the tamper-evident bags and procedures.

He noted that the bags have

been in use for at least 10 years in other parts of the country, and not just by Catholic churches. "They're used by all sorts of organizations that collect funds."

Sister Worley said the new procedures are aimed at preventing "messy habits" and ensuring that "no shortcuts" are taken between the time cash and checks are collected at Mass and the time they are deposited in the bank.

"Every step of the way is well-defined. It is controlled. It is documented," she said.

The new procedures include the rule that no one is ever alone with the money. "You never count it by yourself. You never carry it by

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"I must have been either 11 or 12 years old."

Person or event that triggered his vocation:

"My aunt was instrumental. She spoke to me about it quite a bit. She must have seen something in me. There was also a missionary who after hearing my confession asked me if I would ever consider the priesthood."

Persons most surprised by his vocation:

"No one... My mother may have tried to tell me to consider a career in business to help support the family. My father died in 1973, only a year before I entered the seminary. My mother was left caring for my four older sisters and two younger brothers."

What the seminary did not prepare him for:

"They could have done more to teach us how to run a parish, deal with the finances. I had to learn a lot on my own. Also, they did not prepare us enough on how to deal with social situations. In my case, in Burundi we never discussed in the seminary the problems of the country and how to deal with them as a priest."

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

"Either a businessman or a teacher. I felt a strong calling to teach during my high school years until my call to the priesthood became too strong to ignore."

'Celibacy is difficult but beautiful.'

The most difficult aspect of being a priest:

"Celibacy is difficult but beautiful. Obedience is also a challenge. As priests we pledge our obedience to our bishop. In Africa it was challenging to be obedient because situations change so often."

His description of the ideal priest:

"He would love God very deeply, love his people... In loving your people you must live their joys and sufferings. You must be part of it. A good priest must also be well educated and know and teach the faith."

A priestly stereotype that he feels should be discarded:

"Priests should avoid being put on pedestals. We should be brothers among brothers and sisters. If people saw us that way then maybe they would have a better understanding of the priesthood and be willing to pray more for vocations and their priests."



Dressed in traditional African garb, Father Biriruka poses with former parishioners during an event at St. Kevin Parish a few years ago.

Favorite movie:

"I don't really watch movies, but I would like anything that has to do with Padre Pio or Blessed John XXIII. Occasionally I enjoy a good martial arts movie... as long as it isn't too violent."

Favorite TV series:

"I like the news. I watch CNN or BBC. I enjoy hearing about politics and then looking at it from the point of view of theology."

Favorite type of music:

Gregorian chant.

Person he most admires:

"John Paul II because of how he loved the people, how he taught us, how he dealt with problems and how he opened the doors of Jesus to the world."

His greatest disappointment:

"In my country, there have been horrible massacres and genocides as in neighboring Rwanda. My greatest disappointment has been not being able to stop them. I have tried. I have written letters, made phone calls to so many people both in the United States government and abroad and yet nothing has happened to stop these senseless killings."

His greatest joy:

"Serving the people of God in both good and bad times."

His greatest accomplishment:

"I was able to successfully build this church (Blessed John XXIII in Miramar) and I think I have also earned partial credit, at least, for stopping the persecution of the Church in Burundi. I did that by speaking the truth, being vocal and writing letters."

Thing he most fears:

"I don't have fears. I consider them adventures."

Regrets:

"I have had struggles but I have no regrets."

FATHER ERNEST BIRIRUKA Pastor, Blessed John XXIII Parish, Miramar

Born Jan. 20, 1954, in Burundi, Africa, Father Biriruka entered the seminary of Bujumbura in 1974 and was ordained July 11, 1981, for the Diocese of Ngozi, Burundi. He obtained a degree in theology from the Urbaniana Pontifical University in Rome in 1985 and a licentiate in moral theology from St. Patrick's College in Maynooth, Ireland, in 1991. He speaks Kirundi, his native tongue, French (one of Burundi's official languages), English, Spanish, a little Swahili, and is learning Italian. He found refuge in the United States in 1995 after being blacklisted in his homeland for trying to stop the genocide between Tutsi and Hutu. He has served at Our Lady Queen of Heaven in North Lauderdale, Immaculate Conception in Hialeah, St. Maximilian Kolbe in Pembroke Pines, St. Kevin in Miami, and Epiphany in South Miami before being named pastor of Blessed John XXIII in June 2008.



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NEWSbriefs

Youths hold vigil for pope's beatification

Loved John Paul II but can't go to Rome to celebrate his beatification? No problem. As the Church prepares for the May 1 event recognizing the saintly qualities of "the pope of young people," youths in the Archdiocese of Miami will have an opportunity to connect with their counterparts around the world by taking part in a vigil right here in South Florida.

"We wish to unite in communion with those celebrating in Rome through the social media" that John Paul II promoted, said Claretian Sister Olga Villar, who, along with fellow Claretian Sister Ondina Cortes and several other youth ministers, is organizing the event.

The vigil will begin at 7 p.m., April 30, and conclude at 9:30 a.m., May 1. It will be held at

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man of Palm Beach County to serve as honorary chairs of the event. A retired Wall Street investor and Georgetown University graduate, Coleman also earned a theology degree from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute at The Catholic University of America.

"The higher the quality of the seminary, the higher the quality of the seminarians and future priests we will have," Coleman said, adding he is impressed with the seminarians he met at St. Vincent de Paul.

"The quality of the seminarians who will be ordained in the next few months is very encouraging. I think there is a rebirth going on in the seminaries," he said. "The Dominicans, for example, have had more seminarians than they have had in 40 years, so maybe we have turned the corner. I have the impression that we are starting to see that in various pockets throughout the Church."

There are currently 70 seminarians from around Florida and a few other places studying at St. Vincent de Paul, including a group of four students from a small religious community based in Orlando.

The graduating class this year is expected to total approximately five, but by next year there may be as many as 80 or 90 total seminarians here following a large graduating class from St. John Vianney, the minor seminary in Miami.

"Which is great for us; we haven't had numbers like that since 20 years ago," Msgr. Brennan said.

During the summer, many of the students live in the Dominican Republic where they practice their Spanish and experience pastoral work among Hispanics. During the academic year, they live in dormitories on campus. Part of the capital campaign would be directed at modernizing the student residences, which are very dated, according to the rector.

In addition to educating future priests, St. Vincent de Paul serves as a place of study for men seeking the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Palm Beach. Miami candidates seeking to be ordained deacons spend one weekend a

month in study here.

The seminary will mark its 50th anniversary during the 2013-2014 academic year.

"We think we have a very good program of formation established by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops," Msgr. Brennan said. "Most of the faculty here are priests from all the dioceses and laypeople. I would put our program up against any other seminary in the United States."

"And I keep hearing from the alumni and they tell us how well prepared they were for ministry, both academically and pastorally," he added.

Stanton Cadow, the seminary's director of Institutional Advancement — an alumnus of St. Vincent de Paul as well as its chairman and chancellor of the board of trustees — now plays a significant leadership role at the seminary. Cadow also credited the many volunteers, seminarians and underwriters who helped make Friends of

St. John Vianney College Seminary, 2900 S.W. 87 Ave., Miami. For more information, e-mail olga8989@aol.com.

Learn Spanish in three weeks

The Southeast Pastoral Institute (SEPI) is now accepting applications for its annual immersion in Spanish language and culture course, to be held May 22-June 10 at the institute, 7700 S.W. 56 St., Miami. This three-week course

The Seminary a good experience. The event raised approximately \$215,000 with very little overhead, he said.

"Since 2007 we have increased the number of donors from 300 to more than 3,500 through the overall improvement, upgrading and distribution of seminary publications," he said. "We mail out more than 5,000 copies of *The Dialogue*, our magazine. We also redesigned our website, added e-mail blasts and our direct mail has been upgraded."

"Because we have expanded events on campus, the interaction between the seminary and donors has increased dramatically," Cadow said.

The seminary's e-mail database now includes every Catholic priest in Florida, as well as leadership at Catholic schools, organizations like the Knights of Columbus, Serra Clubs, the Councils of Catholic Women and the Catholic Daughters of America. ■

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS/SENIOR DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

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The Archdiocese of Miami (www.miamiarcb.org) is searching for an energetic and visionary Superintendent of Schools and Senior Director of Faith Formation to lead its Catholic schools and religious education programs. The Superintendent/Senior Director acts as the educational leader of all religious education programs, schools, and the lay minister formation program.

This exciting position requires a leader who is a forward-thinker, has the ability to grow programs and instill a passion for excellence, and will work collaboratively with all ministerial groups. The successful candidate must hold a Master's degree in school administration, doctoral degree preferred. At least five years experience in Catholic educational leadership at the Diocesan level is also required. Advanced training in theology and/or a religious education degree is preferred. Language fluency is an added benefit. Florida administrative credential or eligibility for the credential also preferred. A successful applicant must be a member in good standing of the Catholic faith. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. Preferred starting date is July 1, 2011.

Interested and qualified candidates are asked to submit electronically a letter of introduction addressing the requirements listed above, a resume, and names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of five professional references to Archdiocese of Miami Search, Catholic School Management, Inc., Attn: Lois K. Orsini, at office@catholic-schoolmanagement.com. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

allows participants to learn Spanish in a pastoral context. It is especially designed for priests, religious, laity and anyone interested in Hispanic people and Hispanic ministry. Immersion in environment and daily life situations,

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THIRD ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE BENEFIT PILGRIMAGE CRUISE TO THE HOLY LAND — Nov. 10-21, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Dead Sea, Galilee, Cyprus, Turkey, Greece. Spiritual leaders: Father John Fink, Father Dan Doyle, Guest Speaker: Dr. Alveda King (Priests for Life). www.fairfaithtravel.org. Suzanne: 305-664-2664. 4/2/10.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. Joseph dinner/dance. Saturday, March 26, 8 p.m., 3900 S. University Drive, Davie. Hosted by St. David Women's Club. Auction, Italian food, music. \$20 per person. 954-801-9798.

St. Stephen flea market. Saturday, March 26, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Stephen, 2000 S. State Road 7, Miramar. Spaces: \$25. 954-987-1100.

Women's Guild fashion show/luncheon. Saturday, April 9, St. Bernard, 8279 Sunset Strip, Sunrise. Fashions by Sondro and ladies of the Filipino community. 954-723-5652.

Gentlemen's dinner. Thursday, April 14, 6 p.m., Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six, Fort Lauderdale. Annual event benefits St. Anthony School's Foundation for Education. 954-467-9009.

Andy Hurst memorial fish fry/auction. Friday, April 15, 5:30 p.m., St. Sebastian, 2000 S.E. 25 Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Live entertainment, games for kids, \$15, adults; \$10, children. 954-524-9344.

St. Martha social events. held at the parish hall, 9221 Biscayne Blvd., Miami. 305-751-0005.

• Garage sale/bazaar, Saturday, April 16, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., parish hall parking lot. Vendors welcome. Tables: \$25. Sponsored by Men's Club.

• Fourth annual chili cook-off, Saturday, April 16, 12:30 p.m. \$5 per person, includes sampling all the chili pots entered. Sponsored by Men's Club.

• Dance to bring a smile, learn to dance while raising funds for needy children in Mozambique, Mondays, 7:30 p.m., \$10 per person per class. 305-898-5564.

CONCERTS

Baroque Brass. Monday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., Epiphany, 8235 S.W. 57 Ave., Miami. Features the Miami Brass, nine renowned soloists from outstanding first-class orchestras and ensembles, performing music from Baroque period, including Handel. Free. 305-657-4911.

Cathedral concert series. St. Mary Cathedral, 7525 N.W. Second Ave., Miami. Free. 305-759-4531, ext. 111; or www.cathedralofmiami.com.

• Sunday, April 3, 4 p.m., Greater Miami Youth Symphony, composed of musicians ages 5-18.

• Wednesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., Tenebrae concert, the drama of the Passion story as performed by the St. Mary Cathedral Choir.

St. Martha-Yamaha Concert Series. Saturday, April 9, 7:30 p.m., 9301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores. Violinist Alexander Markov, winner of the international Paganini Competition; with his famous father and mentor, Albert Markov, winner of the Queen Elizabeth International Music Competition of Belgium; and pianist Paul Posnak perform virtuosic works by Paganini, plus a wide variety of classical masterpieces. 305-751-0005.

FAITH EDUCATION

Gregorian chant conference. April 1-2, Ave Maria University, Ave Maria Boulevard and Annunciation Circle, Ave Maria. Choice of chant classes for beginning, intermediate and advanced chanters; sung Mass cantata at the Oratory of Ave Maria on Saturday evening. Registration: \$55, or \$15 for students with I.D., includes materials and instructions. Register online at www.musicasaca.com/florida.

Life issues workshop. Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven, 1400 S. State Road 7, North Lauderdale. Defend the sanctity of human life at all stages, learn Catholic Church's teachings on the critical life issues of our day. Respect Life Office: 954-981-2922.

"The New Roman Missal: Challenge and Opportunity." Monday, April 4, 7 p.m., Cor Jesu Chapel, Barry University, 11300 N.E. Second Ave., Miami Shores. Sister Catherine Vince addresses "What is at Stake: Pastoral Implications" in the second lecture on the new Roman Missal. 305-458-9919.

"The Middle Eastern Cultural Context of the Bible and Strach." Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., St. Thomas University, 16401 N.W. 37 Ave., Miami Gardens. Features John Pilch of Georgetown University. Free and open to the public. Part of St. Thomas's Catholic Biblical Scholars Series. Lecture continues on Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., with \$20 registration fee. 305-628-6765, 954-434-7676.

MASSSES/PRAYER SESSIONS

Legion of Mary Ades Ceremony. Saturday, March 26, 9:30 a.m., Little Flower, 2711 Indian Mound Trail, Coral Gables. Rededication to the Blessed Virgin Mary. rosary. Mass. 305-657-8142.

Gaelic Mass and waking. Sunday, March 27, 3 p.m., Little Flower, 1805 Pierce St., Hollywood. Commemorates victims of the Great Hunger (An Gorta Mor). Followed by a "waking" at the Field Soup Kitchen, 3281 Griffin Road, Dania Beach (954-964-5979). Includes free soup, music, dancers, storytelling and Irish Theatre Group. Sponsored by the Irish-American organizations of South Florida. 305-891-0715.

Nuevas del Santísimo/Blessed Sacrament Thursdays. 7 p.m., St. John Bosco, 1349 W. Flagler St., Miami. Mass and procession. Missa y procesión. 305-649-5464.

Salesianos Cooperadores. reunion mensual, primeros sábados, 2 p.m., Inmaculada-La Salle High School, 3601 S. Miami Ave., Miami. 305-298-2103.

RETREATS/DAYS OF REFLECTION

Noche de Alabanza. viernes, 25 de marzo, 7:30 p.m., iglesia de St. Maurice, 2851 Stirling Road, Dania Beach. Organizada por la Renovación Carismática Católica Hispana. 305-302-5234.

Impacto 367. 26 y 27 de marzo, iglesia de St. Joachim, 19150 S.W. 117 Ave., Miami. Una experiencia

LENTEN EVENTS

Retiro de Cuarema "Formación de Discipulos". sábado 26 de marzo, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., iglesia de St. John Bosco, 1349 W. Flagler St., Miami. \$51 persona. 305-649-5464.

Actividades para la Cuarema. iglesia de Our Lady of Divine Providence, 10205 West Flagler St., Miami. 305-551-8113.

• Reflexión, "La Oración del Desierto," viernes, 25 de marzo, 7:30 p.m., con el Diácono Manuel Mendoza.

• Misa de sanación, viernes, 1 de abril, 7 p.m., presidida por el Padre Manuel Soler. 305-551-8113.

• Retiro con Fernando Casanova, viernes, 8 de abril, comenzando con la Misa a las 6 p.m.

• Película y "Fish Fry," para toda la comunidad, viernes, 15 de abril, 7:30 p.m.

Lenten nights of reflection: Join Pax Catholic Communities, Radio Pax and Spirit Online. Radio for a bilingual night of healing, reflection and praise, featuring priests and musicians from around the archdiocese. Nourish your soul, be moved by beautiful music and inspiring words. All events begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude with the sacrament of reconciliation. Information: ellen@paxcc.org.

• Wednesday, March 30, St. Katharine Drexel, 2700 Glades Circle, 200, Weston.

• Wednesday, April 6, Corpus

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Crossing the Goal. Saturday, March 26, St. Mark, 5601 S. Flamingo Road, Southwest Ranches. A one-day retreat for men, time for prayer, question-and-answer session, fellowship. Priests available for confession, \$25 per person, includes lunch. 954-773-7170.

Senderos de Esperanza. domingo, 27 de marzo, iglesia Good Shepherd, 14187 S.W. 72 St., Miami. Retiro de sanación física, mental y espiritual. Entrada gratis. senderosdesperanzamiami@gmail.com. 305-631-2121.

Engaged Encounters. All Engaged Encounters are individually sponsored and run by each parish.

• 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.

Nueva Vida retreat. April 1-2, St. Louis, 7270 S.W. 120 St., Pinecrest. For persons 17 years and older to learn about addiction, prevention and how to deal with the addicted person. \$50 offering suggested for those who can pay; meals will be provided. 786-547-1920.

Emmanuel retreats. based on Luke 24:13-35, lead participants to discover Jesus in their lives.

• For women, in English, April 1-3, St. Brendan, 8725 S.W. 32 St.,

Christi, 730 N.W. 34 St., Miami.

• Wednesday, April 13, Mother of Our Redeemer, 8445 N.W. 186 St., Miami.

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

• Evening of reflection, "Lessons From Lent for Life," Tuesday, March 29, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Look to Christ as the focal point of life and Lent, based on the writings of Father Henri Nouwen. Facilitated by Sue S. DeFerrari. \$15 per person.

• Christian Seder meal, Monday, April 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Passover is an elaborate teaching experience: by using all of the senses, the Passover Seder tells the story of God's grace in history and calls participants to experience the story as their own. Simple dinner and Seder program included. Seating is limited. \$15; adults: \$40. Family of four (children should be 10 or older).

• Prepare for Holy Week, silent retreat, Wednesday, April 20, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The day will include brief talks, guided meditations, Mass. Facilitators: Dominican Sister Neida Perez, and Chale Father Bill Mason. \$30 per person, lunch included.

Night of praise and worship. Friday, April 8, St. Bernard, 8279 Sunset Strip, Sunrise. With music to help us repent and convert for Holy Week. Noche de alabanza y música religiosa que nos ayudará para la conversión con miras a la Semana Santa. 954-741-7800.

Miami. 305-282-1207.

• Para caballeros de la iglesia Little Flower, Coral Gables. 1-3 de abril, en el Miami Youth Center, 3333 S. Miami Ave., Miami. 305-742-4529, 305-984-6053, 305-519-5336.

• Para damas y caballeros, 29 de abril-1 de mayo, iglesia Our Lady of Lourdes, 11291 S.W. 142 Ave., Miami. 305-439-3143, 786-499-9207.

Magis retreat. April 8-10, John Paul II Retreat Center, 720 N.E. 27 St., Miami. For single married adults of all ages, based on spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. \$95, includes meals, private rooms. 305-805-4411, magisretreat@aol.com or www.magisretreats.com.

Pre-Cana II. Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., St. Maximilian Kolbe, 701 N. Hiatus Road, Pembroke Pines. Life skills component of the Archdiocese of Miami marriage preparation program for couples getting remarried in the Church. Covers merging households, the shadow of the former spouse, communications, finances, and more. Couples also need to register separately for Sacramental Day. 305-762-1148.

Life in the Spirit seminar. April 8-9, San Isidro, 2310 Martin Luther King Blvd., Pompano Beach. 561-883-5266.

Encuentro Familiar 297. 9 y 10 de abril, Casa Maréx, 12190 S.W. 56 St., Miami. Para familias con hijos de 12 a 21 años. 305-596-0001.

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, Tuesday, March 29, 7:30 a.m., focusing on a saint's life, ministry and contribution to our faith. Donation: \$7.

• Retreat for families preparing for first Communion, Monday, April 4, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Will prepare you and your child for this holy sacrament. \$30, adults; free for religious education students.

Camp Hope. April 8-10, Camp Owassa Bauer, 17001 S.W. 264 St., Homestead. Bereavement camp for school-age children who have experienced the death of a loved one. Free, open to children of all denominations. Organized by Catholic Hospice. 305-822-2380 or 954-676-5465.

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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 frayburn@theodora.org.

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

• Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m., St. Louis Parish, Pinecrest.

SCHOOLS

Elton John's "Aida." March 24-26, 7 p.m.; March 27, 3 p.m., Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame High School, 4949 N.E. Second Ave., Miami. Two-act, rock-pop opera based on classic tale of timeless love. Presented by ACND Knightingales. \$7 per person. 305-751-8367.

Brother Rice Honors Academy open house. Friday, April 1, 9 a.m.-noon, Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame High School, 4949 N.E. Second Ave., Miami. Pre-registration for visit to 6-7-8 Catholic middle school is required, but other arrangements can be made. 305-751-8367, admissions@acnd.net.

"I Remember Mama." March 31-April 1, 7 p.m.; April 2, 2 and 7 p.m., Bienes Center for the Arts, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, 2801 S.W. 12 St., Fort Lauderdale. Comical story of Norwegian immigrants in San Francisco in early 1900s. \$12, adults; \$5, students; \$6, faculty/staff. 954-581-0700, ext. 8441.

"Godspell." April 1-2, 7 p.m.; April 3, 2 p.m., Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory, 500 E. Chaminade Drive, Hollywood. Musical based on Gospel according to Matthew. \$10, adults; \$5, students and senior citizens (I.D. required). 954-989-5150.

St. Theresa School spring dinner/dance. Saturday, April 2, 2701 Indian Mound Trail, Coral Gables. Music, dinner, dancing. 305-446-1738.

Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame 2011 Hall of Fame gala. Saturday, April 16, 7 p.m., the Surf Club, 9011 Collins Ave., Surfside. \$150 per person. The Batchelor Foundation will match every dollar raised up to \$20,000. 305-751-8367.

NEWsbrief

Conference teaches Gregorian chant

Ave Maria University will host a two-day workshop April 1 and 2, presenting both beginning

and advanced musicians with lectures, breakout sessions and rehearsals that will enrich their knowledge of Gregorian chant and its use in the Roman Catholic liturgy.



Octavio Verdeja of the accounting firm of Verdeja/DeArmas holds up one of the new tamper-evident bags that are to be used for every offertory collection in every archdiocesan parish beginning April 1. (TERESA MARTINEZ | FC)

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yourself. You never handle it by yourself," Sister Worley said. "It's just to be prudent."

Also key to the new procedures are the tamper-evident bags, similar to the plastic mailing envelopes used by Federal Express. The bags have serial numbers and are meant to be discarded after each use.

Once the collection money has been put into each bag, the usher who handled it seals it, using the tear-off portion as a receipt which he or she has to sign. The parish bookkeeper keeps track of the serial numbers on the bags that he/she gives out each week for each different Mass, and makes sure both the bags and their receipts are returned on Monday morning.

"The bag is a tool for internal controls over cash," said Verdeja, who distributed 55 bags to each parish during the training sessions — enough to last at least one month, possibly two. The bags come in different sizes and cost between 25 cents and 70 cents apiece.

Father Jose Espino, pastor of San Lazaro Parish in Hialeah and one of those in attendance at a March 9 training session, estimated that the new collection bags would cost the parish about \$5 more a week. But he added that the cost is well worth it. "It just gives more security because everyone who handles money has to sign their name and that keeps

'It's controls — internal controls over cash.

Specific procedures that are uniform to all parishes are followed so that there's better control over the cash collection and deposit.'

Octavio Verdeja

everybody honest."

Similarly, during the counting process, those handling the money must ensure that "every nickel in the bag goes in the bank and it gets documented," Sister Worley said. Nothing gets pulled out for petty cash or to make change before the deposit is made.

"It's controls — internal controls over cash," said Verdeja. "Specific procedures that are uniform to all parishes are followed so that there's better control over the cash collection and deposit."

He recommends the bags be put to use not just for the offertory collection, but for carnivals and any other events where cash is handled. "We would hope that this gets adopted for all events," he said.

Sister Worley said the new procedures are in keeping with the Church's view that every donation is "a gift for the building of the kingdom of God. Our task as proper stewards is to make sure it gets from the collection basket to the bank and that it is used for the mission of the Church." ■

This third annual conference on Gregorian chant is sponsored by the Florida chapter of the Church Music Association of America and the Department of Music at Ave Maria University. Led by a faculty of chant specialists from around the country, attendees will learn about the history of chant, and experience chant in the context of both the

Divine Office and the Mass. Beginning chanters will learn the basics of notation and rhythm according to the Solesmes method. Experienced chanters will learn new repertoire and advance in rhythm and interpretation.

This workshop is ideal for choir members, parish music directors, music students, teachers, parents, seminarians, deacons, priests and

anyone who is interested in learning about the heritage of sacred music in the Catholic Church. Registration fee is \$55 (\$15 for students with I.D.).

Ave Maria University is located at 5050 Ave Maria Blvd., Ave Maria, on Florida's southwest coast. For more information, e-mail susan.treacy@avemaria.edu or visit www.musicasacra.com/florida.

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