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## 'Welcome home!'

Church is where we 'practice' for salvation, Archbishop Wenski tells more than 600

**MARLENE QUARONI**  
Florida Catholic correspondent

**MIAMI** — On May 14, Nivurka Perez entered into full communion with the Catholic Church.

"It's a brand new life for me," said Perez after a Rite of Reception Mass at St. Mary Cathedral. "I feel like my life is just starting."

Perez was among 517 people who received the last two sacraments of initiation — confirmation and Communion — during two Masses the weekend of May 14 and 15. Another 175 will do so at a third Mass June 4.

Although her husband and two children are practicing Catholics, Perez, who was baptized, said she was not brought up as a devout Catholic.

"The faith wasn't embedded in me," she said. "Now that I'm married with children, I want Catholicism to be an important part of our lives."

Archbishop Thomas Wenski told those present that there would be no reason to become a Catholic if it was not necessary for salvation.

"As the English writer G.K. Chesterton told his friends, he had become a Catholic so that he



Archbishop Thomas Wenski confirms Sandra Neve of St. Anthony Parish in Fort Lauderdale. (MARLENE QUARONI | FC)

could have his sins forgiven," said the archbishop in his homily. "The Church which Jesus Christ founded to save sinners is, well, full of sinners. That's why, on this side of Judgment Day, we can call ourselves 'practicing Catholics.' Our earthly pilgrimage in this 'valley of tears' is our one-time opportunity to 'practice' the Catholic faith until

we get it right." This is the first year the candidates — those who have been baptized in the Church or another Christian faith — come to the cathedral to personally receive their final sacraments from the archbishop. In the past, they have received them in their parishes during the Easter Vigil, along with the

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catechumens.

Cheryl Whapham, archdiocesan director of lay ministry and adult faith formation, said the reason Archbishop Wenski chose to celebrate these Masses is primarily "to highlight the sacramental difference between the catechu-

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## MASSES, VIGIL UNITE LOCAL CATHOLICS TO BEATIFICATION



Claretian Sister Olga Villar joins youths in singing "Waves of Mercy" as performed by Joyful Noise, a musical group from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Miami. Teenagers from throughout the archdiocese joined their counterparts in Rome by spending a night in vigil April 30-May 1, awaiting the beatification of Pope John Paul II, the "pope of young people." The event took place in the St. Brendan gym, preceded by vespers with the seminarians in St. John Vianney's St. Raphael Chapel. See story, more photos, Page A2. (MARLENE QUARONI | FC)



# Miamians join in JPII celebrations

**ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO**  
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**MIAMI** — Joining in the joy of the universal Church, Miami Catholics celebrated two Masses in thanksgiving for the beatification of Pope John Paul II May 1.

The first took place in the morning at St. Mary Cathedral, with a large delegation of Polish people present, some of whom had known the pope personally. The second took place at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Charity, where a new mural was unveiled commemorating his 1998 visit to Cuba.

"I saw for myself the experience of the visit of the pope to Cuba," said Franciscan Father Rumin Dominguez, rector of the shrine, who worked on the island for 15 years. "I know what it means for the people of Cuba, for Catholics and non-Catholics alike. It is a point of reference with the Church."

He said he hoped that newly arriving Cubans, who typically visit the shrine right after their arrival, will "find here the well-known and well-loved person of John Paul II. ... I want them to find the image of the pope and the message of the pope here in this new land."

For Miriam Astasuizarraga, one of more than 600 people who gathered at the shrine for the Mass, Pope John Paul II meant "lots of love. He was always with young people. Above all, what he represents to me was lots of love. He tried very hard to bring peace to the world. Since he was alive, I always thought he would become a saint," she added.

A few hours earlier, at the cathedral Mass, Danuta Walach recalled

how she had been confirmed by then-Bishop Karol Wojtyla.

"When we were studying in Krakow, he was our priest," she said, adding that he was a lot like Miami's current Archbishop Thomas Wenski, "open-hearted, very nice and very warm."

The future pope often visited the home of Walach's mother, Helena Cyszezon, whose father, the sole support of a family of seven children, had perished in Auschwitz.

"He came to give emotional support to her mother," said Walach, a member of Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Mission in Pompano Beach.

She came to the Mass with her mother and a friend, Richarda Scott. All three wore the outfits traditionally worn by Polish mountaineers because the pope loved to climb the mountains of his homeland.

"We were always proud to be Polish and proud of our Polish pope," said Walach. "We are so pleased and we love him."

During the Mass at the cathedral, Archbishop Wenski used the paten and chalice which the pope gave to the archdiocese as a memento of his visit to Miami on Sept. 10-11, 1987. Papal memorabilia from his visit also was on display, including the chair he sat on, the kneeler and cover on which he knelt to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, and a zucchetto, or skull cap, that he gave as a gift to archdiocesan philanthropist Stephen Schott.

"It's a special memory for all of us who are here today, that Blessed John Paul II was with us in our own cathedral," said Msgr. Terence Hogan, the cathedral's rector.



Carla Rodriguez, 21, claps to the music at St. Brendan gym during a vigil celebrating Pope John Paul II's beatification. (MARLENE QUARONI | FC)



Retired Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman sprinkles holy water on a new mural on the grounds of Shrine of Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre May 1, with Archbishop Thomas Wenski looking on. The mural recalls Pope John Paul II's groundbreaking visit to Cuba in 1998. Archbishop Wenski celebrated Masses May 1 in thanksgiving for Blessed John Paul II's beatification: the first in English, Spanish Polish at St. Mary Cathedral; the second in Spanish at the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity. The Masses' beatification coincided with the second Sunday of Easter, which was proclaimed by Pope John P. as the feast of Divine Mercy. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

"He prayed with us and for us in this very church," Archbishop Wenski said. "And I'm sure you feel that he was praying with us and for us throughout this Mass."

The night before, chants of "JPII, we love you!" had filled the gym at St. Brendan High School in Miami as about 400 young people took part in an overnight vigil in anticipation of the pope's beatification.

The event started the evening of April 30 with youths joining St. John Vianney seminarians in vespers at St. Raphael Chapel, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a procession with the monstrance to the St. Brendan gym, which was adorned with photos of John Paul II.

The spirited youths, most wearing white T-shirts bearing the words "Blessed John Paul II," his picture, and his trademark phrase, "Be Not Afraid," took part in music, dance, and presentations based on World Youth Day themes.

They viewed a video on the life of the pontiff and at 4 a.m. watched a live broadcast of Pope Benedict XVI proclaiming John Paul II as blessed, moving him a step closer to sainthood. One miracle has been attributed to Pope John Paul II; another is needed for his canonization.

The high school age teenagers were too young to remember the life of Pope John Paul II, who died in 2005 from Parkinson's disease, so during the vigil they were edu-



Franciscan Father Rumin Dominguez, rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, exhorts the congregation to join in a tribute to Blessed John Paul II. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

cated as to his life and work. After watching the beatification, they split up into "six corners" where the youths covered the topics that Pope John Paul II stressed or developed during his pontificate: Theology of the Body, ecumenism, Divine Mercy, Mary and the luminous mysteries, the cross and social concerns.

"This was part of an amazing faith experience," said Claretian Sister Ondina Cortes, former director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the archdiocese who helped coordinate the event. "Many kids were crying during the adoration."

Blessed John Paul II's feast will be celebrated in Rome and native Poland Oct. 22, the day of election as pope in 1978. The Polish pope is credited with helping bring down communism in Eastern Europe, energizing young Catholics and bolstering the Church's presence in the developing world. He was beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday, a movable feast which year, coincidentally, fell on the most important holiday in the communist world. ■

*Marlene Quaroni contribute this report.*



# Feel the Spirit

Participants can experience personal Pentecost at Charismatic Renewal's 30th annual conference

**ANNE DIBERNARDO**  
Florida Catholic correspondent

**HOLLYWOOD** — Is God really good ALL the time?

The theme of the 30th annual Catholic Charismatic Conference, based on Jeremiah 29:11, "A Future Full of Hope," will help answer "yes," as participants bear witness to the hope found only in Jesus Christ.

Members of the English-speaking faith community are invited to attend the Catholic Charismatic Conference Saturday, June 4, at St. Bernadette Parish in Hollywood.

The conference is geared to help participants experience the mystery of Pentecost in their daily lives just as the apostles did during the first Pentecost. The conference is being held one week before the liturgical feast of Pentecost, which falls on June 12 this year.

"So many Catholics are missing out on the mystery of Pentecost," said Father John Fink, who along with Marianist Father Dan Doyle, is co-spiritual director of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the archdiocese.

The history of the renewal can be traced back to Pope John XXIII, who in 1962, at the beginning of the Second Vatican Council, led the Church in praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed John Paul II also prayed that the Church would experience a new Pentecost. On the feast of Pentecost 2004, he said, "Thanks to the Charismatic

## FIND OUT MORE

- The 30th annual Catholic Charismatic Conference will take place Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., at St. Bernadette Parish, 7450 Stirling Road, Hollywood.
- Adult registration is \$25; \$40 for married couples. Visit [www.miamiccc.com](http://www.miamiccc.com) to download a registration form or call the Catholic Charismatic Service Office at 954-961-1856 for more information.
- To watch a brief history of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal worldwide, go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-00000GQWA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-00000GQWA).

movement many Christian men and women, youths and adults have rediscovered Pentecost as a living and present reality in their daily lives. I desire that the spiritually of Pentecost be spread in the Church.

"Many Catholics do not have that deep awareness of the Holy Spirit in their lives," said Father Fink, noting that the conference is geared to promote a greater inner awareness of the Holy Spirit in the life of Christians, especially through the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"We have to evangelize the culture; otherwise the culture will evangelize us," said Father Fink, recalling the sentiments of John Paul II, who promoted the idea of a new evangelization throughout his pontificate.

Father Fink said awareness of the working of the Spirit helps Catholics to live good, holy lives,

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### Father John Fink

witness to the faith and be a light in the culture.

The conference will begin at 9 a.m. with an hour of praise and worship and will end by 10 p.m. The day is divided into three sessions featuring talks by several guest speakers. There will be time for witness, personal prayer ministry, and a vigil Mass followed by a healing service given by Father Fink. The conference will conclude with Benediction led by Father Fink and Father Doyle.

Featured talks include: "A Future Full of Hope" given by St. Bernadette parishioner Sandi LeBel; "From Discouragement to Hope" given by Deacon Michel Duchausse of St. Bartholomew Parish in Miramar; "Heights of Holiness" given by Janet Valvano of St. David Parish in Davie; and "Lay Hands on the Sick and They Will Recover" given by Father Doyle.

Some of the charismatic gifts identified with the "baptism of Holy Spirit" are a spirit of joy, a

renewed spirit of prayer, love for sacred Scripture and devotion to the Eucharist.

According to Father Fink, the manifestation of the Charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit such as tongues, interpretation of tongues, laying on of hands and prophecy will be evident during the conference. He predicted that many healings — physical, spiritual and psychological — will take place.

"Everyone is welcome," said Mary Horvath. She and her husband, Jim, have served as lay co-ordinators for the English-speaking renewal since 1997. "The Holy Spirit is doing wonderful, marvelous things in the archdiocese and we just have to be open to receive," she said.

"If you're looking to live a deeper life in Christ and have a strong desire to evangelize, if you want to grow as a Christian, attending the conference is a good place to start," said Father Fink. ■



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# ABCD tops \$12 million

2011 campaign sees increase in donors, average amount pledged and number of parishes exceeding their goal

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Florida Catholic staff

104 parishes and missions (a total of almost 70 percent) have exceeded their goal in 2011. Whereas last year only 22 percent of parishes and missions collected enough to meet their goal.

"Archbishop (Thomas Wenski) is thrilled with a total pledge level of \$12 million," said Sister Elizabeth Worley, a Sister of St. Joseph who serves as chancellor for administration and chief operating officer of the archdiocese.

And Archbishop Wenski told his priests just that during the annual Christen Mass celebrated during Holy Week.

Although not all parishes have reached their goal, "every parish has succeeded in bringing in more pledges than they did last year," the archbishop said during the Mass, which coincided with the one-year anniversary of his appointment to Miami.

"I am grateful for the way that all the faithful of the archdiocese have welcomed me and accepted me as their new archbishop," he said. And "I want to publicly thank all our priests. Thank you, brothers, for your willingness not only to serve your people and your brother priests, but also to help me."

Thirty-two parishes and mis-

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sions have yet to make their pledge goal.

"Overall, these parishes have pledged 73 percent of their goals — \$2,202,049 — but remain short of total goal accomplishment by \$814,371," Sister Worley said. The good news is that "40 percent of these 32 parishes are within \$10,000 or less of reaching their goals." And their money is needed since \$3.44 million will remain in parishes that exceeded their goal to help meet parish needs.

"I am confident that most of them will," Archbishop Wenski said. With all the remaining parishes meeting their goal, the archdiocese will have the \$9.3 million needed for operations next year.

ABCD is a once-a-year collection that goes directly to the archdi-

## ABCD BY THE NUMBERS

<b>\$12,031,715</b> — total pledged as of May 10, 2011, a 43 percent increase over last year's pledged amount of \$8,438,124.	exceeded their goal.
<b>\$9,396,658</b> — archdiocesan ABCD goal for 2011.	<b>31,024</b> — number of donors, a 34.5 percent increase from 23,058 last year.
<b>\$8,582,287</b> — total pledged so far toward archdiocesan goal, equivalent to 91.3 percent of total.	<b>150 percent</b> — increase in donors pledging \$10,000 or more.
<b>\$3,449,428</b> — amount that will remain in the 32 parishes that have	<b>160 percent</b> — increase in donors pledging \$5,000 to \$9,999.
	<b>\$387.82</b> — average gift in 2011, a 6 percent increase over \$366 last year.

cese — unlike the weekly collections, the proceeds of which remain in each parish, ABCD funds help support archdiocesan-wide ministries and works of mercy, including: Catholic Charities; hospital chaplains; the ministry to people in prisons; the Respect Life; Family Life; Communications and Safe Environment offices; the Schott Center for the Deaf and Disabled; the Marian Center for persons with developmental disabilities; MorningStar Retreat Center; the archdiocesan Tribunal which considers petitions for marriage annulments; and formation programs for lay ministers, religious educators and future priests and deacons.

Children in Catholic schools also are aided by ABCD, as funds from the campaign support the operations of the Catholic Community Foundation, which offers supplemental tuition assistance to families in need.

As Archbishop Wenski said when the campaign started in January, "The ABCD is what allows us to do what we do here. We need it to be a resounding success."

ABCD pledges can be made online and paid by credit card. For information about how the funds are spent, the different giving levels or "circles," and a look at the ABCD brochure (in English, Spanish and Creole), go to [www.supportabcd.org](http://www.supportabcd.org).

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Archbishop's master of ceremonies reflects on how liturgical vestments, symbols should lead faithful to God

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The 19th-century English Romantic poet John Keats once wrote: "Beauty is truth, truth beauty, that is all we know on earth or ever need to know." Keats was not exposing readers to a new, earth-shattering per-

spective on the world, but rather reflecting a long tradition that is echoed through the annals of history from the foundation of the world.

We find the concept of beauty in a privileged place in the works of Plato and the ancient Greeks, the Israelites in the Old Testament and into the Christian period in the writings of St. Augustine of Hippo. Our Lord is quoted by St. Matthew when he says: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these" (Mt 6:28-29). It seems Jesus is trying to point to a natural, objective reality concerning beauty. Indeed, beauty is an innate part of the human spirit.

As human beings, we experience God in very tangible ways, for beauty is a hallmark of our encounter with God. Beauty allows us to transcend and see God in our everyday experience.

As Catholics we see this quite clearly in the sacramental life of the Church. In No. 35 of "*Sacramentum Caritatis*," Pope Benedict XVI writes: "Like the rest of Christian Revelation, the liturgy is inherently linked to beauty; it is '*veritatis splendor*.'"

Holy Father is not simply relegated to the domain of the sacred arts, but rather points beyond to

The liturgical arts, whether in the form of sacred music, architecture, art, vestments or vessels, should move us beyond the superficial and mere aesthetics, and encourage us to plunge ourselves more deeply into the mystery of our faith. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FCQ)



but rather in interaction with each other — the past, present and future.

Recently, the pope's master of ceremonies, Magr. Gui Martini, noted the following: "The hermeneutic of continuity is always the precise criterion which to interpret the Church's journey in time. This also applies to the liturgy. As a pope cites his documents, popes who preceded him in order to indicate continuity in the magisterium of the Church, so in the liturgical sphere a pope also uses liturgical vestments and sacred objects of the popes who preceded him to indicate the same continuity also in the *lex orandi*. The important thing is not so much antiquity or modernity, as the beauty and dignity, important components of every liturgical celebration" (Interview given *L'Osservatore Romano*, June 2, 2008).

In other words, there is a stream of consciousness that carries us as Catholics with those gone before us in an unbroken tradition. The vestments and vessels we use, the words we say and pray, the music we sing, the buildings we worship in, the art we craft and display are all a part of the sacred patrimony that connects us as a people of God.

Beauty calls forth the best in us and leads us to a search beyond ourselves and to the transcendent reality of our faith. Many times, we find a struggle in the modern world between the sacred and the profane. We are called to be careful to not allow the profane to replace the sacred mysteries we celebrate.

Pope Paul VI noted: "The secular, the cheap, the inferior and the inartistic are not meant to cross the threshold of God's temple" (Address to the Italian Society of St. Cecilia, Rome April 15, 1971).

What, then, will we leave a legacy of our generation? Will we continue to follow Prospero Aquitaine's maxim "*Lex orandi, Lex credendi*" ("The rule of prayer is the rule of belief") and allow it to be the benchmark of beauty, goodness and truth?

Every time we make the sign of the cross, genuflect, kneel, bow we are invited to remember that beauty is indeed, "ever ancient ever new" ("The Confessions of St. Augustine, Book X"). ■

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## BISHOP ESTÉVEZ

### Returning to his 'roots'

Bishop Felipe de Jesús Estévez will be installed as 10th bishop of St. Augustine June 2

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO  
Florida Catholic staff

**MIAMI** — Prophetic? God-incidence? How else to explain the fact that when Bishop Felipe de Jesús Estévez was appointed auxiliary Bishop of Miami in November 2003, he included the St. Augustine Cross in his episcopal coat of arms.

On April 27, Pope Benedict XVI named Bishop Estévez the 10th bishop of St. Augustine, Florida's oldest diocese and the place where the first Mass on what is now U.S. soil was celebrated in 1565. He succeeds the retiring Bishop Victor Galeone, who submitted his resignation at the Vatican-man-dated age of 75.

Bishop Estévez, 65, will be formally installed in his new diocese during two ceremonies June 1 and 2. The first will be a vespers service at the cathedral of St. Augus-

time. The second will be a Mass at St. Joseph Parish in Jacksonville, where the diocesan offices are located.

His new assignment puts him in charge of a diocese spanning 17 counties in northeast Florida, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean, from Gainesville to the Georgia border. The diocese has 171,000 registered Catholics among a population of nearly 2 million. It has 52 parishes and eight missions, 30 schools and 148 priests.

Bishop Estévez says he is very happy to be going to St. Augustine.

"My roots are in Florida and my deep roots are in St. Augustine," he said, a city that has been a place of pilgrimage for him for many years. "I have been fascinated by the faith roots of Florida which are enshrined in this diocese," he noted, citing Michael Gannon's definitive history, "A Cross in the Sand," as one of his favorite books.

The history of St. Augustine also is entwined with that of Cuba, Bishop Estévez's homeland. Florida was once under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of Santiago de Cuba, and St. Augustine is the place where Cuban thinker

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Bishop Felipe Estévez gets a hug from LJ Rodriguez after a luncheon in his honor May 11.



Bishop Felipe Estévez listens to Archbishop Wenski's homily at a Mass May 11. Employees of the Pastoral Center, along with a number of archdiocesan priests, bid farewell to Bishop Estévez with the Mass and a paella lunch. Bishop Estévez has worked as executive director of the Ministry of Pastoral Services since his appointment as Miami's auxiliary bishop in 2003. He will assume his new position as 10th bishop of St. Augustine June 2. (PHOTOS BY ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)



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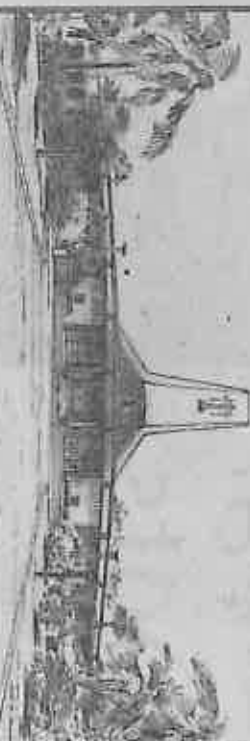
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The Clergy, Faculty, Staff, and the Parishioners of Blessed Trinity wish to congratulate Bishop Felipe Estévez in his new role as the tenth bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine.

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congratulations to  
Bishop Felipe Estévez

in his new role as the  
tenth bishop of the  
Diocese of St. Augustine.



**Thank you**  
for the many years  
of service to  
the faithful in the  
Archdiocese of Miami.

## Farewell Masses planned for Bishop Estévez

Installation ceremonies also can be viewed on the Internet, EWTN

**MIAMI** — Before Bishop Felipe Estévez is installed as the 10th bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine, Catholics in Miami are invited to wish him well at two farewell Masses.

On Sunday, May 22, at 5 p.m., religious, ecclesial movements and laity of the archdiocese are invited to celebrate a bilingual Mass with Bishop Estévez at St. John Vianney College Seminary, 2900 S.W. 8th Ave., Miami.

On Friday, May 27, at 7 p.m., the parish community of St. Agatha where Bishop Estévez served pastor from 1987 to 2001, will celebrate Mass with him and for him. Agatha is located at 1111 S.W. 10th Ave., Miami.

Although attendance at the installation events in St. Augustine is by invitation only, the diocese is working on live-streaming the event over the Internet. EWTN also plans to carry the installation Mass live and rebroadcast it at midday. Check the archdiocesan website [www.miamiarch.org](http://www.miamiarch.org), and the website of the Diocese of St. Augustine [www.dosafl.com](http://www.dosafl.com) for more information. The schedule is as follows:

- Solemn vespers at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine, 38 Cathedral Place in St. Augustine.

- Mass of thanksgiving/Installation at 2 p.m., Thursday, June 2, St. Joseph Parish, 11757 Old St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville.



Bishop Felipe de Jesús Estévez





Bishop Felipe Estévez enjoys the paella lunch at the Pastoral Center along with retired Bishop Agustín Román and Archbishop Emeritus John C. Favalora. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO/FC)

## FAREWELL

FROM A7

Father Felix Varela grew up and was buried.

Bishop Estévez did his doctoral dissertation on Father Varela. The priest, whose cause for canonization is under way, was a scholar, a teacher and an advocate for independence from Spain who ultimately was exiled to the United States. He wound up devoting a large portion of his priesthood to helping Irish immigrants in New York, and eventually retired to St. Augustine where he was buried, although his remains have since been returned to Cuba.

"But the tomb is there in a most beautiful chapel in the famous cemetery of Toíomato," Bishop Estévez said.

Archbishop Thomas Wenski, in his farewell remarks to his former seminary professor turned friend, traveling companion and ultimately auxiliary bishop, referred to the "ill wind" of exile that separated Bishop Estévez from his homeland in 1961, when he arrived in the United States as one of 14,000 unaccompanied minors brought here by Operation Pedro Pan.

Resettled in an orphanage until he was reunited with his parents a year later, the future Bishop Estévez "has proclaimed Christ wherever he went," Archbishop Wenski said. "In Fort Wayne, Ind., where he first settled, in Montreal, Canada, where he received his priestly formation, in Honduras where he served as a missionary priest when the doors were closed to his returning to his native Matanzas," and finally in the Archdiocese of Miami, which he served as seminary professor and rector, as pastor of St. Agatha Parish, and most recently as auxiliary bishop.

"Felipe, the archdiocese is most grateful for your gentle and loving service to this local Church," Archbishop Wenski said. "You leave us — and we will miss you, as I am sure you will miss us. But this time, your leaving is not an 'exile' — for this is not an ill wind that carries you away from us, but

Farewell and God bless you,  
Bishop Felipe de Jesús Estévez!

¡Adios y Dios te bendiga,  
Obispo Felipe de Jesús Estévez!

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appointment by the Holy Father  
to be the new Ordinary of  
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grant you a resounding success  
as you shepherd the people  
of St. Augustine.

*Fr. Samuel Muñiz C.S.Sp.*  
Pastor

Mother of Our Redeemer  
Church and School  
in Miami

**Congratulations**  
Bishop Felipe de Jesús Estévez



Our prayers and  
thoughts are with you  
as you begin this new  
journey of service!

*He loved his own in the  
world and he loved  
them to the end.*

**JOHN 13:1**

**BISHOP FELIPE DE JESÚS ESTÉVEZ:**

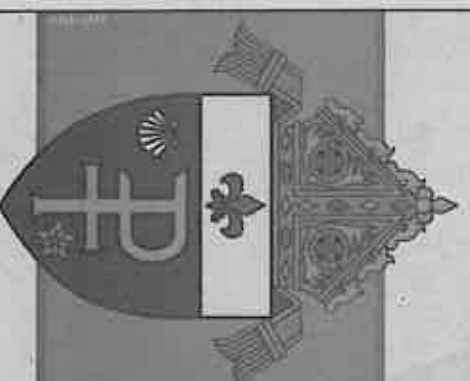
Bishop John Noonan,

Bishop Emeritus Norbert Dorsey,

the clergy, religious and laity of the

Diocese of Orlando rejoice with you as  
you are installed as tenth bishop of the

Diocese of St. Augustine.



*May the love of  
Christ guide your  
episcopacy as you  
love the people you  
serve to the end.*

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## Heartfelt Congratulations

**Bishop Felipe de Jesús Estévez**

Most Reverend Fernando Isern, D.D.  
Bishop of Pueblo  
and  
the faithful of the  
Diocese of Pueblo, Colorado



## Best Wishes

**Bishop Felipe Estévez**  
*As You Begin Your  
New Ministry  
in the Diocese of St. Augustine*



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## Bishop Estévez:

*Your life has been one of faith,  
hope and charity which you  
have shared with all of us.  
You have loved us to the end as  
you will love St. Augustine.  
Our deepest congratulations  
and all of God's blessings.  
Miami will miss you!*

The Community of Sts. Peter and Paul  
Church and School

## BISHOP ESTÉVEZ



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*thanks you for your support and  
prays that God grants you blessings of  
wisdom and grace in your new Ministry.*

*We will miss you!*

## ESTÉVEZ

FROM A9

It is the wind of the Holy Spirit that continues to renew the face of the earth."

"I will be a better ordinary because of my year here with you Bishop Estévez responded at luncheon that followed the farewell Mass at the Pastoral Center where Bishop Estévez has worked as executive director of the Ministry of Pastoral Services for the past eight years.

"I certainly will remember this place. This is a beautiful place to work. It has been a place of strength for me, significant strength," he said.

He also thanked Miami's retired Auxiliary Bishop Agustín Román, a friend and mentor nearly 50 years, the man responsible for planting the seeds of priestly vocation in the mind of a teenage youth group leader in Jovellanos, Cuba.

"He dared to invite me to become a priest," Bishop Estévez said. "And the Lord had in store more than becoming a priest."

"I had no doubt in my mind that St. Augustine was the place for him. He has always loved Augustine," said Carlota Morales, principal of Sts. Peter and Paul School in Miami and former principal of St. Agatha School where she worked with Bishop Estévez for 11 years. The two remained friends, and she is abashedly one of Bishop Estévez's greatest admirers.

Catholics in St. Augustine are going to be working with a new vision, of deep spirituality that centers his life totally on Lord," Morales said. "He's a gift to see a gift in every human being and he allows everyone to their gift."

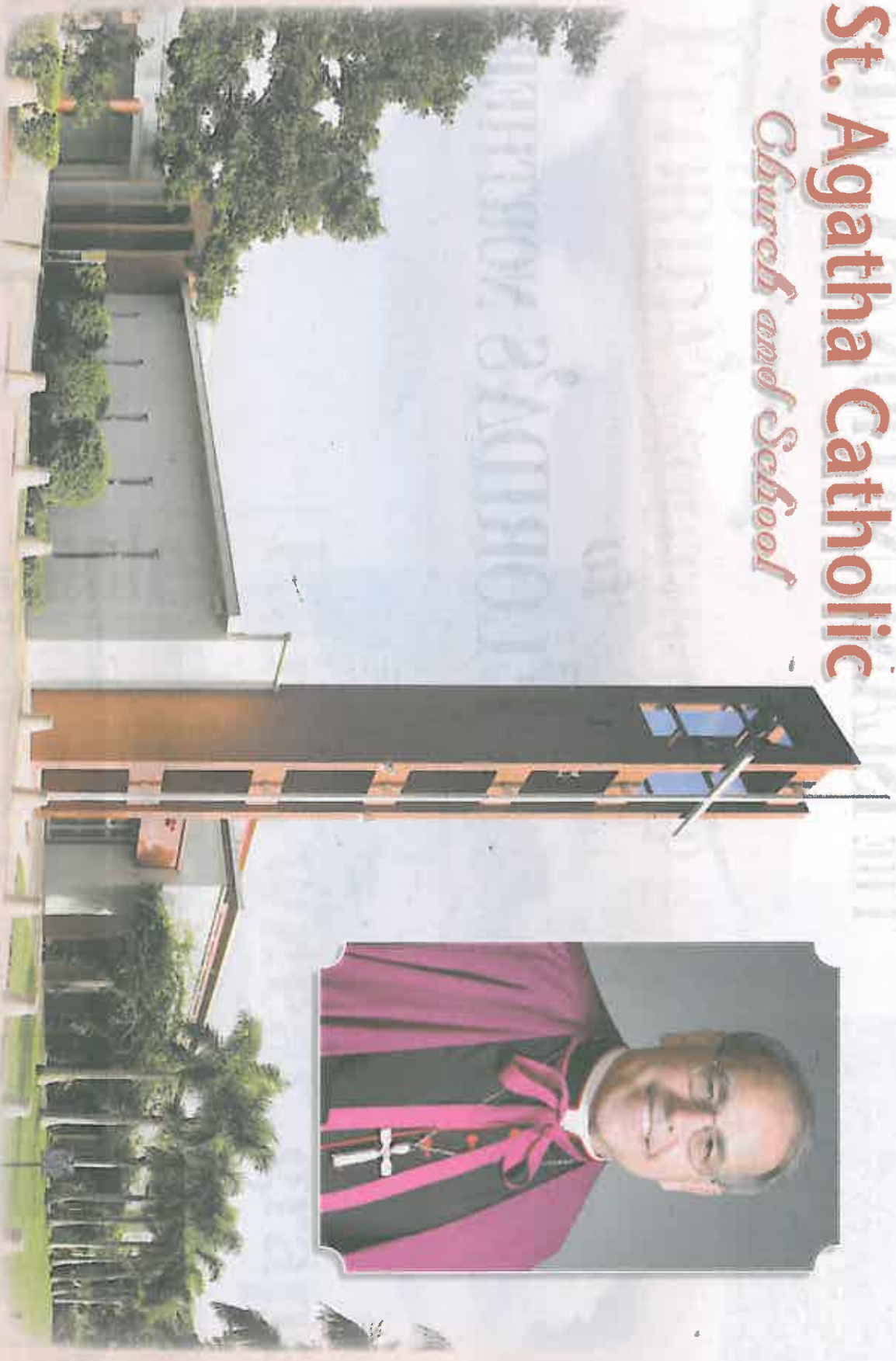
Two more farewell Masses being planned in the archdiocese for Bishop Estévez (see page A8). His installation Mass, June 2, also will be broadcast live by EWTN and will be streamed on the archdiocese website, [www.miaminarch.org](http://www.miaminarch.org)



Bishop Felipe Estévez, left, his friend and mentor, retired Auxiliary Bishop Agustín Román, celebrate the farewell Mass.



# St. Agatha Catholic *Church and School*



## *To our dear Pastor and Bishop Felipe G. Estévez:*

*On the occasion of your Episcopal Installation as the tenth Bishop of the historical Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida, it is our joy and honor to congratulate you and wish you the same blessings that you have shared with us all these years, especially those when you were our Pastor (1987-2001) here at St. Agatha Parish and School. You had "loved us till the end."*

*Your Excellency, we love you and we will certainly miss you.*

*Please keep us in your heart and in your prayers always.*

*From: Father Rolando S. Garcia, Pastor and the priests, religious sisters, deacon, faithful parishioners, parish staff, school staff, parents and children of our school.*





# *from* THE ISLAND NATION OF CUBA *to* FLORIDA'S NORTHERN C



4 years old, on the farm in Cuba



Senior yearbook picture at Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1964



Ordained to the priesthood, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1970



Meeting Pope John Paul II in 1980, the same year he defended his doctoral thesis on the spirituality of Felix Varela



Elevated to monsignor, June 18, 2001





# to FLORIDA'S SOUTHERN TIP

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Serving as a missionary in Honduras, 1971



Installed as pastor of St. Agatha Parish, Miami, 1987



Appointed bishop of St. Augustine, April 27, 2011

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## Hands, wheat, grapes and the Spirit

Explanation of the coat of arms of Bishop Felipe de Jesús Estévez

Bishop Felipe de Jesús Estévez's episcopal motto is written in Latin, *In finem dilexit eos*, which comes from the Gospel of John. "He loved them to the end" (Jn 13:1). Jesus Christ is the source and purpose of the episcopal ministry, which participates in Christ's selfless love for the Church (Eph 5:25).

Upon being named bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine, his personal coat of arms (right) is now combined with the coat of arms of the St. Augustine Diocese (left). The explanation for his coat of arms is as follows:

**Two hands come from above in majestic verticality. The hands express the utterly humble condescension of Christ's divine love: "He emptied himself ... coming in human likeness ... becoming obedient to death on the cross" (Phil 2:7-8). These hands also express what is most familiar in our gestures of communication. The image echoes the prayer: "When we were lost and could not find the way to you, you loved us more than ever; Jesus ... gave himself into our hands" (Mass of Reconciliation 1).**

**The wounds in Jesus' hands ex-**



press his saving death for our salvation. These wounds are a saving place for all sinners, a place of rich mercy for all. Contemplating this mystery, Ignatius of Loyola exclaimed: "In your wounds hide me." Showing forth his wounds, the Risen Lord invites the unbelieving apostle to "put your finger here and see my hands. ... Do not be unbelieving, but believe" (Jn 20:27).

**The earthly gifts of wheat and grapes honor the Creator of heaven and earth. The image also affirms the goodness of the fruits of the earth and of the work of those who till the soil. The inspiration for this comes from an ancient document called the *Didache* (or "Teaching of the Apostles," Chapter 10): "You created all things to the glory of your name and gave men the satisfaction of food and drink for their enjoyment so that**

they give you thanks. But to us you gave spiritual food and drink and eternal life by your Servant." The Eucharist is thus seen as the sacrificial banquet: "In this gift, Jesus Christ gave the Church the perennial actualization of the paschal mystery ... which is included, anticipated and concentrated forever in the eucharistic gift" (John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, "5).

**The dove represents the efficacious activity of the Holy Spirit in the work of our sanctification. As St. Ephrem the Syrian states: "He called bread his living body, he filled it with himself and with his Spirit" (Homily 4 for Holy Week). The Spirit is the true source of renewal and transformation of the world.**

**The light blue color which serves as backdrop seeks to honor Mary, the Mother of the Lord. Her fiat ("Let it be done to me according to your word," Lk 1:38) made possible the incarnation of the Son, and her prayerful and unique presence in the paschal mystery enables us to call her the "Eucharistic Woman."**

**The cross is a replica of the Great Cross which towers over Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine as a reminder of the humble beginnings of Christianity in this new land in 1565. The cross links the episcopal story of Bishop Estévez to the antecedents of evangelization in Florida, in which the Church in Cuba played such a vital role. ■**



## Farewell Bishop Estévez

*We send our heartfelt best wishes and may the Lord's peace  
be with you on your journey. Go with God!*

*~Father Brendan Dalton and Principal Richard Jean*



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## TIMELINE/BIOGRAPHY

# Bishop Felipe de Jesús Estévez

### PERSONAL

- Born Feb. 5, 1946, in Havana.
- Second of three children (two boys and a girl) of Adriano (deceased) and Estrella Estévez; most of the family now lives in St. Petersburg.
- Left Cuba in July 1961 under the Pedro Pan program; sent to a Catholic orphanage in Fort Wayne, Ind.; joined by older brother Carlos in December 1961.
- Reunited with his parents and younger sister in 1962.

### PIRESTHOOD

- Ordained May 30, 1970, in Fort Wayne, Ind., for the Diocese of Matanzas, Cuba.
- Associate pastor, Guascan Parish, Honduras, 1970-71.
- Faculty member, St. Joseph Seminary, Honduras, 1971-72.
- Faculty, Our Lady of Suyapa Seminary, Honduras, 1972-75.
- Faculty, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, 1975-77.
- Incardinated into the Archdiocese of Miami, Feb. 9, 1979.
- President/rector, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, 1980-86.
- Campus minister, Florida International University, Miami, 1987-2001.
- Pastor, St. Agatha Parish, Miami, 1987-2001.
- Elevated to the rank of monsignor, June 18, 2001.
- Dean of spiritual formation, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, 2001-03.
- Appointed auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Miami, Nov. 21, 2003.
- Consecrated to the episcopacy, Jan. 7, 2004, in Miami.
- Executive director, Ministry of Pastoral Services, November 2003-

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Bishop Estévez, at his ordination to the priesthood May 1970 in Fort Wayne, Ind., poses with Sister M. Leonard of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, who had cared for him at the orphanage in Indiana.



Newly ordained Father Felipe Estévez poses with a family while working in Honduras from 1970 to 1974. He worked first in Guascan Parish, and later as a professor of theology in the Tegucigalpa seminary. (COURTESY PHOTOS | BISHOP FELIPE ESTÉVEZ)

*The Parish of St. Thomas the Apostle* would like to extend its appreciation for the generous ministry of



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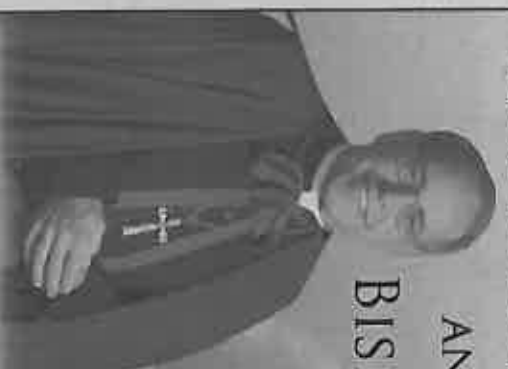
May God continue to grant you wisdom and courage as you prepare to shepherd your new flock.

*May the Diocese of St. Augustine, through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, thrive under your guidance!*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

AND BEST WISHES

**BISHOP ESTÉVEZ**



as you shepherd a new flock as tenth bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine

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Wish to bid Farewell and  
Best Wishes to

**Bishop Estévez**

In his role as tenth bishop of the  
Diocese of St. Augustine

*May the Lord Bless you and keep you*

*"We cannot do great things on this Earth,  
only small things with great love."*

-Mother Teresa

Congratulations and our deepest  
gratitude for all you did here  
with great love.

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# *Congratulations Bishop Felipe Estévez and best wishes*



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## **Best Wishes**

*You are in our thoughts and prayers as you  
begin your new Ministry at the  
Diocese of St. Augustine*



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## **St. Joseph Catholic Church**

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wishes Bishop Felipe de Jesús Estévez  
a joyful new beginning as the new  
bishop of St. Augustine, Florida.

## **BIO**

FROM A15

May 2011.  
• Archdiocesan vicar general, November 2003-May 2011.  
• Appointed 10th bishop of St. Augustine, April 27, 2011.  
• Installation set for June 1-2, 2011.

## **EDUCATION**

• "Proud graduate" of Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne, Ind.  
• Licentiate in theology, Montreal University, Montreal (1970).  
• Master of Arts, Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida (1977).  
• Doctorate in Sacred Theology, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy (1980).  
• Additional courses at: The Warren H. Deem Institute for Theological Education Management (1982); University of Creighton (seminar for spiritual directors, 2001); Institute for the Study of Human Sexuality, Chicago (2001); St. Luke Institute (psycho-sexual integration workshop, 2002).  
• Fluent in Spanish, English, French and Italian.

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Then-Father Estévez meets with Cardinal Francis Arinze, later head of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, and Doctor J. Dika and his wife, both of Nigeria, when they visited St. Agatha Parish in Miami. (COURTESY PHOTOS | BISHOP FELIPE ESTÉVEZ)



Although Bishop Estévez, at far left, was never able to minister as a priest in his native Cuba, he did return to participate in ENEC in 1986 a nationwide gathering of Cuba's Catholics that did much to promote the work of the Church and increase its profile in Cuban society.

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— Matthew 28:19-20

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# San Agustín: Donde se abrió la historia

*Mons. Agustín Román reflexiona sobre el nombramiento de su hijo espiritual, Mons. Felipe de Jesús Estévez, como nuevo obispo de San Agustín*

**MONS. AGUSTÍN A. ROMÁN**  
Obispo Auxiliar Emerito

Desde la década de los '70, en que descubrí la rica historia de La Florida, me propuse peregrinar a la ciudad de San Agustín cada año. Fue allí donde comenzó la evangelización en Norteamérica con la llegada de los misioneros el 28 de agosto de 1565, y fue allí donde se celebró la primera Misa en lo que es hoy territorio de Estados Unidos. Pero una de las cosas que más me atrae de San Agustín es que allí tenemos los cubanos, la tumba del Padre Félix Varela, padre de nuestra nacionalidad.

Todo esto hace que el nombramiento de Mons. Felipe de Jesús Estévez como Obispo de esa Diócesis me llene de gozo pensando, primero, que como sucesor de los apóstoles irá a servir a esa linda parte de la Iglesia con todos los dones que el Señor le ha concedido. Pero en segundo lugar el gozo es también porque Mons. Estévez, más que un hermano y amigo en la fe, es como un hijo espiritual.

Lo conozco desde que tenía 14 años cuando, siendo yo párroco de Coliseo, venía a visitarme desde su ciudad natal, Jovellanos. Fue entonces cuando comenzó esta amistad.

Al oírlo presentar entonces sus inquietudes religiosas, descubrí en él la madurez no propia en un adolescente.

MI expulsión de Cuba como sacerdote en 1961, que resultó en mis años en Chile donde practiqué mi ministerio, y la salida de él hacia Estados Unidos a través del programa "Pedro Pan" de la Arquidiócesis de Miami, instalándose en Fort Wayne, Indiana, pudo hacernos pensar que no nos encontraríamos más. Pero un día en Chile, entre las cartas encontré una de él. En esa primera carta me pareció que el adolescente virtuoso que había conocido no solo había crecido en edad, sino también en ideales. Más tarde me manifestaba que había decidido hacerse sacerdote y le respondí rápidamente.

Lo orienté hacia los sacerdotes de Misiones Extranjeras en Canadá, con los que me había yo formado. Comenzó entonces sus estudios de college con concentración en Filosofía, y después pasó al seminario de Teología donde haría sus estudios teológicos en la Universidad de Montreal, obteniendo su Licenciatura en Teología. Durante sus estudios de teología, al hacer la tesis, escogió como tema a San Ireneo de Lyon (A.D. 130-208). Con este Obispo escogía a uno de los primeros Padres de la Iglesia, jugando así el comen-

zo del cristianismo. Ordenado en Fort Wayne, Indiana en mayo 30 de 1970 y no pudiendo volver a su diócesis de Matanzas, partió como misionero a Honduras,

donde trabajó en la formación de los sacerdotes en el Gran Seminario de Tegucigalpa. Siempre con la esperanza del regreso a la patria, y viendo que no llegaba el permiso de entrada, decidió acercarse a la Arquidiócesis de Miami, donde serviría a la Iglesia y también a los cubanos.

El Arzobispo Coleman Carroll lo nombró profesor en el Seminario de Teología de Boynton Beach en La Florida. Allí enseñó por algunos años. Después, el Arzobispo McCarrthy lo envió a Roma para obtener su doctorado en la Universidad Gregoriana. Fue allí donde Mons. Estévez escogió como tema de su tesis al Padre Félix Varela (1788-1853) como modelo sacerdotal, descubriendo en él al hombre de Dios desconocido por muchos de nosotros desde el punto de vista de su gran labor sacerdotal.

Al regresar a la Arquidiócesis de Miami fue nombrado rector, en 1980, del mismo seminario donde había enseñado, cargo que desempeñó por seis años. Después fue nombrado párroco de St. Agatha en 1987 donde amplió el colegio, construyó el hermoso templo actual, y sirvió como orientador a los universitarios de FIU.

El 7 de enero de 2004 el Señor lo llamó al episcopado para servir a esta Arquidiócesis de Miami, donde ha trabajado incansablemente en la Vicaría de los Hispanos y como responsable de la pastoral.

El 1º de junio partirá para atender como obispo su nueva Diócesis de San Agustín. Le pedimos que nos

recuerde ante la capilla de la Virgen de la Lache, donde comenzó la primera evangelización de Norteamérica, rogando porque todos en La Florida nos entusiasmemos con la Nueva Evangelización, a la que el Santo Padre Benedicto XVI nos está llamando.

Dos amigos han impactado al nuevo Obispo de San Agustín: San Ireneo de Lyon, Padre de la Iglesia, y el Siervo de Dios Padre Félix Varela, cuya tumba encontrará en su dió-

cesis. Ambos, modelos de evangelización y defensores de la fe, le ayudarán a sentir y vivir, donde se abrió la historia, lo que la Liturgia de las Horas así expresa en un himno:

"Pastores del Señor son sus ungidos, nuevos Cristos de Dios son enviados a los pueblos del mundo redimidos, del único Pastor siervos amados." ■



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Miami's retired Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Agustín Román, left, and Bishop Felipe Estévez chat before the beginning of Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity Nov. 8, 2010, to mark the beginning of the annual meeting of Cuban religious leaders in the island and in the diaspora. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)



# BUILDING THE CITY OF *God*



**BISHOP FELIPE J. ESTÉVEZ**

**When he knew he wanted to be a priest:**  
"From early on in high school I kept the idea only to myself as an amazing dream."

**Person or event that triggered his vocation:**  
"I was very blessed as an adolescent to know 'Padre Aleido,' a very zealous and holy priest. One day he took my hands and said, 'These hands could consecrate the body of Christ.' I remained in shock and bewildered, not really understanding his words — it was a very sacred moment. Undoubtedly the seeds were then sown." That priest was Miami's retired Auxiliary Bishop Agustín Román, who has remained his friend and mentor for more than 40 years.

**Persons most surprised by his vocation:**  
"My father. When I broke the news he felt let down, as I would feel if a son of mine would join the Hare Krishna. Within a year I could feel he was happy over the idea of becoming the father of a priest, an idea he had never considered."

**What the seminary did not prepare him for:**  
"I was trained immediately after the Council of Vatican II. It certainly did not prepare me to deal with the very subtle crisis that came simultaneously with the great work of renewal of the Holy Spirit. I have a great gratitude for the great pontificate of John Paul II. His courageous leadership brought clarity and a vision which the whole Church needed at the end of the '70s."

**'A pastor of a parish (is) the best job in the Catholic Church.'**

**What he would be doing if he had not become a priest:**  
"Signs point to being an educator, a university professor perhaps; also I would have chosen to contribute in the field of international development and world peace."

**Favorite priestly assignment:**  
"A pastor of a parish, the best job in the Catholic Church."

**Most difficult aspect of being a priest:**  
"To live immersed in a living paradox or in an immense gap: on one side being a channel of God's mystery, on the other side at the same time being a very limited fragile individual who is also a sinner. ... St. Paul expressed it perfectly: 'We carry the treasure in earthen vessels that the all-surpassing power may be of God and not from us' (2 Cor 4:7)."



The future Bishop Estévez is shown here as a 4-year-old, playing with a goat in his native Matanzas, Cuba.

**Most rewarding aspect of being a priest:**  
"The celebration of the Eucharist."

**His description of the ideal priest:**  
"The ideal priest is really the holy, totally self-giving priest. The example is John Paul II — hard to match."

**Hobbies:**  
He loves music, long walks during which he prays the rosary, tennis and baseball. His favorite team is the Florida Marlins.

**What he does on his day off:**  
"I usually do personal reading and correspondence; usually see a movie; have a beer with a friend, a couple of friends or family. It's a day in which I take care more of my personal items."

**Last movie watched:**  
"Poetry" (a South Korean film).

**His favorite book:**  
"I love to read theology."

**His greatest joy:**  
"Seeing with my own eyes the growth that Christ makes possible in people."

**His greatest fear:**  
"I fear attacks, to be attacked, misunderstood; when your integrity is challenged or when your intentions are not well understood."

**His greatest disappointment:**  
"My lack of holiness."

**Person he most admires:**  
"St. John the Evangelist — the breadth of his writing, the breadth of his understanding of the event Jesus is truly overwhelming."

**Priestly stereotype that he thinks should be discarded:**  
"That we are unhappy. Recent statistics point out that more than 94 percent, 95 percent of priests are happy and satisfied in what they do."

Bishop Estévez was born Feb. 5, 1946, in Havana. "The liturgical calendar used then had as the saint of the day Felipe de Jesús," so that is his given name. He is the second of three children (two boys and a girl) who grew up in the area of Pedro Betancourt, in the province of Matanzas. In July 1961, the future bishop arrived in Miami as one of more than 14,000 unaccompanied children smuggled out of Cuba through the Pedro Pan program. A month later, he was relocated to St. Vincent Villa Orphanage in Fort Wayne, Ind., where he lived while attending Central Catholic High School. His brother joined him six months later, and they were reunited with his parents and sister a year after that. The future bishop attended seminaries in Mountred and was ordained May 30, 1970, in Fort Wayne for his home Diocese of Matanzas. Having been refused permission to return, he went to Honduras, where he served as a parish priest and member of the faculty in two seminaries. In 1975, he joined the faculty at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach. After obtaining a doctorate in theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome in 1980, he was named president/rector of St. Vincent de Paul, where he remained until 1986. In 1987, he was appointed pastor of St. Agatha Parish in Miami and director of campus ministry at nearby Florida International University. In 2001, he returned to St. Vincent de Paul as dean of spiritual formation, and in November 2003 was appointed auxiliary bishop of Miami. He was appointed bishop of St. Augustine on April 27, 2011, and installed June 2.



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# Have computer, will learn

Partnership with University of Dayton makes affordable online classes available to lay ministers, all others

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**MIAMI** — Such a deal! Learn from home. Save on gas. Pay only \$40 a course.

For the past few years, the Office of Lay Ministry and Adult Faith Formation has been offering just that deal, thanks to its partnership with the University of Dayton in Ohio. Students in the two-year School of Ministry can opt to do their coursework online if work, family or travel make it impossible for them to attend the weekly classes in person.

The best part is that "any person from the archdiocese can take these courses on their own, for their own faith formation, at any time," said Cheryl Whapham, director of the Office of Lay Ministry and Adult Faith Formation.

**'We're not graduating nameless, faceless computer people. I meet with them regularly. I know them. I feel comfortable with them.'**

**Cheryl Whapham**

English online classes started in 2009 for groups of aspiring lay ministers from the Florida Keys, Miami-Dade and Broward counties. The Spanish online classes began in the fall of 2010. Currently, 43 students are enrolled in the English-language classes, 13 in the Spanish ones. An additional 56 are enrolled in the more traditional English classes, 168 in the Spanish ones, and 17 in the Creole ones. There is no online option available for Creole right now.

"I want to continue to offer both because I don't think online is going to be for everybody, and at the same time, in person is not for everybody. Both need to be present," said Whapham. "That's the way we are going to be able to meet the needs of our population. The more opportunities we can offer, the more well-formed our laity become, and that's the ultimate goal."

Because the online classes are for a certificate from the School of Ministry, they are "closed sections," which means the students "move together" through each course, Whapham said. The students also gather with her every two months for face-to-face interaction.

"We're not graduating nameless, faceless computer people," she said. "I meet with them regu-

larly. I know them. I feel comfortable with them." The students, in turn, "love getting together. They love seeing each other" after spending weeks communicating by email.

That combination of online and face to face is what the University of Dayton is piloting as a "blended learning experience" in four dioceses — Newark, N.J.; Hartford, Conn., Cincinnati and Miami. "We're already doing what they're proposing," Whapham said.

According to Johnson Romero Rosas of Dayton's Institute for Pastoral Initiatives, the blended learning experience is being promoted, particularly among people in the Spanish-speaking community, "because the Hispanic people like to meet face to face."

Romero Rosas visited Miami in mid-May to speak in person with some of those lay ministry students. He wanted to make them aware of the blended learning option and reassure those who might be "afraid to cross that line of technology."

"Our platform is very simple," he said, "because we were thinking about that generation," the first, older, generation of native Spanish-speakers who may feel uncomfortable around computers.

"I do believe there are people here in the archdiocese who need the Spanish online as an option and they just don't know it's available for them," said Whapham. At the same time, "some of our newer immigrants are younger so that bodes well for them wanting to take courses online but in Spanish."

Dayton's courses last about five weeks each and cover topics such as Christology, liturgy, history of the Church, the Bible and foundational theology. Most of the reading materials are provided online so there is no extra expense for books. The university is sponsored by the Marianists, which accounts for the low cost of the classes.

"Basically, our program is a service," Romero Rosas said. "Some of our courses are for continuing education and some can be for credit at the university level."

## ENROLL NOW FOR SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

The Office of Lay Ministry and Adult Faith Formation is currently accepting applications for the two-year School of Ministry.

Students can choose from the traditional classroom format offered in English, Spanish or Creole, which meets once a week for two years, or the online program offered in English or Spanish which incorporates eight online courses with eight in-person meetings over a two-year period of time.

Students also can receive either a Catholic Studies Certificate, for those who are simply interested in learning more about the faith, or a Pastoral Ministry Certificate for those who desire to be commissioned to serve in a specific ministerial area.

Candidates for the School of Ministry need two personal recommendations, including one from their pastor, and must fill out a registration form. The deadline for enrollment in the graduating class of 2013 is Aug. 10. Cost is \$660 for the two-year program, plus a nonrefundable registration fee of \$25 (\$50 if received after July 1). For information, call 305-762-1184. Registration information and forms also can be found at [www.miamiarcl.org/layministry](http://www.miamiarcl.org/layministry).

"This works for the catechist certification program too," said Whapham, referring to those who teach religion in parishes and schools. They can sign up for the online classes as individuals, and learn along with Catholics from all over the world.

However, she noted, "the people in the closed sections tend to be more successful. So if a parish wants to take a group of 10 to 12 people who want to take a course together, call me."

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## NEWS/briefs

### Catechists classes summer schedule

The archdiocese's Religious Education Department will once again offer classes this summer for catechists, catechetical leaders and Catholic educators. The Summer Institute for Broward County will be held June 13-23 at St. Coleman School, 2250 S.E. 12 St., Pompano Beach. The Summer Institute for Miami-Dade County will be held June 13-24 in the archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 9401 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores. The registration fee is \$35 per course, or \$45 after June 1. For more information on the courses being offered, call 305-762-1107 or visit [miamiarclreligioused.org](http://miamiarclreligioused.org) and click on "Upcoming Courses."

### St. Helen School offers free lunch

Students at St. Helen School in Fort Lauderdale are now eligible to receive free and reduced-price meals thanks to a program of Holy Cross Hospital.

The Holy Cross "Growing Healthy Kids" program, a multifaceted approach inclusive of students, school staff, food service workers and parents at targeted parochial elementary schools, provides meals through the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program to students who qualify based on household size and income. A family of four, for example, whose income is below \$41,348 a year, would be eligible for

the program.

"There are critical needs in parochial elementary schools that we fulfill with the free and reduced-price lunch program," said Cathy Whit, Growing Healthy Kids coordinator for Holy Cross Hospital. "It is imperative for parents of students at St. Helen to submit an application for this program to determine their eligibility."

Applications may be submitted now and at any time during the year. The Holy Cross Community Outreach Department reviews all applications and determines eligibility. Once approved, meal benefits are good for an entire year.

Holy Cross, which opened in 1955, is a full-service, nonprofit Catholic hospital sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, and a member of Catholic Health East. For more information on the Growing Healthy Kids program, call Whit at 954-771-5808.

### June 24-26 HIV/AIDS conference

The U.S. Catholic AIDS Ministry's annual conference will again take place in Miami this year, June 24-26 at St. Brendan High School, 2950 S.W. 87 Ave., Miami.

Organized by SECCAM (Southeastern Conference of Catholic AIDS Ministries Inc.), the conference will feature presentations and reflections on: AIDS at 30; AIDS prevention education for Catholic youth; the Church's response to AIDS; best practices in AIDS min-

istry; caregiving for the caregiver; the national AIDS crisis; journeying with persons living with AIDS; the challenge of stigma in ethnic communities; AIDS in the Third Age and more.

Full registration is \$275, but there is a reduced fee of \$75 a day for teachers from the Archdiocese of Miami. For more information, email [seccaminfo@gmail.com](mailto:seccaminfo@gmail.com).

### Radio Chiquinquirá is now on the web

The Guild of Our Lady of Chiquinquirá, patroness of Colombia, has begun airing Radio Chiquinquirá via the Internet. The Spanish-language programming began May 1 and features a live broadcast of the Mass every Sunday at 6 p.m. and "Nights of Praise, Prayer and Integral Growth" on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Founded by Father Alvaro Pinzon, a Colombian priest who works in the archdiocesan Tribunal, the Guild of Our Lady of Chiquinquirá is an organization that promotes the integral growth of the person, that is, a developmental process that integrates all human dimensions — spiritual, emotional, intellectual, social and physical — as expressed by Blessed John Paul II.

Part of the guild's mission is to unite different cultures, which is why Radio Chiquinquirá online was started. The programming also can be heard on "smart phones" that can access the Internet.

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On July 1, the guild also will host a social outreach walk, "A Day Without Shoes," as a benefit for poor children in North, Central and South America. For more information, go to [www.virgendechiquinquirá.org](http://www.virgendechiquinquirá.org) or call 305-762-1238.

### Radio Chiquinquirá se escucha por Internet

La Cofradía de Nuestra Señora del Rosario de Chiquinquirá, patrona de Colombia, ha iniciado la transmisión en vivo, por Internet, de la Santa Misa todos los domingos a las 6 p.m. También transmite los misterios a las 7:30 p.m. la "Noche de Alabanza, Oración y Crecimiento Integral."

Fundada por el P. Alvaro Pinzon, sacerdote colombiano que trabaja en el Tribunal arquidiocesano, la cofradía es una organización que promueve el crecimiento integral de la persona — en sus dimensiones espiritual, emocional, intelectual, social y física — según el pensamiento de su santidad Juan Pablo II, y siguiendo el modelo de Jesús.

Radio Chiquinquirá Online ayuda a la cofradía en su misión de unir a diferentes culturas. La estación también se puede escuchar por "Smart-phone" con acceso a la Internet.

La cofradía también está organizando una marcha y lo de julio, "Un Día Sin Zapatos", a beneficio de los niños pobres de Norte, Centro y Sur América. Para más información visite [www.virgendechiquinquirá.org](http://www.virgendechiquinquirá.org) o llame al 305-762-1238.

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men, who entered the Church at the Easter Vigil and the catechists who will enter the Church at these Masses. Catechumens are not baptized; whereas if people are baptized members of the Christian community and have been faithful followers of Christ for many years."

The RCIA, or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, allows bishop the privilege of personally receiving baptized Christians into full communion with the Church if he so chooses, explained.

"This was a very beautiful and meaningful ceremony the candidates coming into Church and receiving recognition from the archbishop Whapham said.

At the beginning of Mass Archbishop Wenski recalled words of the Irish novelist James Joyce, who once said, "The Catholic Church means, 'here comes everybody.'"

"Our Church is a big Church. It's so, well, 'Catholic,' the archbishop said. "In the Catholic Church, men and women of every race, culture, language and color find their home."

He added, "To those who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church, those who were baptized Catholics but were only catechized in your adult years, welcome home!" ■

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## NEWSbriefs

### New superintendent appointed for schools

The Archdiocese of Miami has selected Kim Prybylski, Ph.D., as its senior director of faith formation and superintendent of schools, a position that encompasses overseeing 48 Catholic elementary schools



Kim Prybylski

and nine high schools in Broward, Dade and Monroe counties, as well as religious education and lay ministry formation programs. She succeeded Brother Richard DeMaria, who now serves his Christian Brothers' community in South Africa.

In announcing Prybylski's hiring, Archbishop Thomas Wenski said, "Catholic schools are a critical part of the Church's mission of evangelization. Catholic schools along with our parish-based catechetical programs help form our children and young adults to respond to their baptismal vocation to holiness."

Prybylski, a native of Pittsburgh, has spent her entire professional career within Catholic school systems. She has worked as a teacher, principal and superintendent of schools in Gary, Ind., and most recently in Monterey, Calif.

Msgr. Franklyn Casale, president of St. Thomas University and chairman of the search committee, said, "There were many qualified candidates; however, Dr. Prybylski's strong commitment to Catholic education and faith formation and her extensive background as a teacher and superintendent put her in a league by herself. The appointment by Archbishop Wenski of Dr. Prybylski is confirmation of the search committee's perception that she has the quality and experience to lead the schools of the Archdiocese of Miami to a new level of excellence and greatness. I personally look forward to collaborating with her at our archdiocesan university."

Prybylski obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and a Master of Science and Ph.D. in educational administration from Purdue University. She serves on the boards of several professional educational organizations, including the executive committee of Chief Administrators of Catholic Education.

She said her goal is to focus on "strategic planning and thinking,

communication, building an effective team, and alliances with the broader Catholic community" so as to support the future of Catholic education in the Archdiocese. She will assume her position on July 1.

### Legal professionals invited to Masses

Archbishop Thomas Wenski invites everyone in the legal profes-

sion, as well as the public, to attend this year's annual Red Mass, which will take place in Broward County on Wednesday, May 25, 6 p.m., at St. Anthony Parish and in Miami-Dade County on Thursday, May 26, noon, at Gesù.

The Red Mass is known as the lawyers' Mass, in which Catholic attorneys reaffirm their commitment to justice and their faith. It was first celebrated in the United States in 1928 and in the Archdi-

### SPECIAL COLLECTION HELPS MILITARY CHAPLAINS

Archbishop Thomas Wenski has asked that a special one-time collection be taken up in all the parishes on Memorial Day weekend, May 28-29, the proceeds of which will go to the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

The archdiocese's 265 active duty chaplains bring the sacraments, faith formation and other ministries to 1.5 million Catholics serving in the U.S. armed forces, as well as their families, students at military academies and veterans in VA Medical Centers, including the one in Miami.

"Because the mission of the Archdiocese for the Military Services is wherever U.S. troops are deployed, the archdiocese has no territorial borders, nor do they have parishes or weekly collections to fund their mission," Archbishop Wenski wrote in a letter to local pastors. "After almost 10 years of war, the burden on military chaplains, troops and families is extremely heavy, and the need to respond with more programs, strengthened religious educa-

tion and, of course, more priests to serve as chaplains is imperative."

Although military chaplains, as members of the armed forces, are paid by the government, they do not travel on military aircraft and the archdiocese must pay the costs of their visits to military installations around the world. Currently, about 25 percent of the U.S. military is composed of Catholics, but only 8 percent of the chaplains are Catholic priests.

The archdiocese is trying to alleviate that shortage by training nearly 39 seminarians for service in the military — at a project cost of nearly \$2 million over the next five years.

"Clearly, there is great reason to support the mission of the Archdiocese for the Military Services as it faces great challenges," Archbishop Wenski wrote. "Therefore, I have agreed to the request of Archbishop Timothy Broglio (archbishop for the military services) to allow this special collection to take place."

case of Miami in 1990. The name refers to the red vestments worn by the celebrants to signify the Holy Spirit. Participants pray for wisdom as they endeavor to seek justice.

St. Anthony Parish is located at 901 N.E. 2nd St., Fort Lauderdale. Gesù is located at 118 N.E. 2nd St., Miami.

After the May 25 Mass at St. Anthony, a reception will be held at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort. This year's guest speaker is Donna E. Shalala, president of the University of Miami. The Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy Award recipient is Magistrate Judge Lurana S. Snow, U.S. District Court and Southern District of Florida. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

After the May 26 Mass at Gesù, a reception will be held at Hurttak

Hall at the parish. Judge Vance Salter will be the recipient of an award.

For more information regarding the Red Mass at Gesù call 305-379-1424; for the Mass at St. Anthony, call 954-776-1600 or log on to [www.redmass.com](http://www.redmass.com).

### 'Joyful Again' helps the widowed

The archdiocese's Family Life Ministry is adopting a one-day retreat program for widows and widowers called Joyful Again. This national program is being launched this fall with an initial retreat. Volunteers are needed to help launch the program. Those interested should email [info@joyfulagainflorida.org](mailto:info@joyfulagainflorida.org) or call the Family Life Office at 305-762-1140.



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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Ave Maria University

**Founders dinner, Wednesday, May 25, 6 p.m.**, Holiday Inn Coral Gables, 1350 S. Dixie Highway. Features talk by Ave Maria founder Thomas S. Monaghan, "My Faith Journey." Tickets: \$30. R.S.V.P. by May 23. 305-273-9174, silvace@bellsouth.net or www.ave maria.edu/miami.

## St. Stephen flea market,

Saturday, June 11, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Stephen, 2000 S. State Road 7, Miramar. Spaces: \$25. 954-987-1100.

## Dance to bring a smile,

Mondays, 7:30 p.m., St. Martha Parish hall, 9221 Biscayne Blvd., Miami. Learn to dance while raising funds for needy children in Mozambique. \$10 per person per class. 305-898-5564.

## CONCERTS

**Carl Maria von Weber: Mass and clarinet concerto, Monday, May 23, 7:30 p.m.**, Epiphany, 8235 S.W. 57 Ave., Miami. Features soloist Ilian Iliev, and a rare performance of Weber's beautiful "Mass in E-Flat," with soprano Iori Kotake. Free. 305-667-4911

**Concerto Entregando Amor, sábado, 28 de mayo, 6 p.m.**, Coral Springs Center for the Arts, 2855 Coral Springs Drive, Coral Springs. Una noche de música y alabanza para Aquel que todos nos entrega. Invitado especial: Mons. Felipe de Jesús Estévez. Donación \$20. 954-344-5990

## FAITH EDUCATION

**SEPI (Southeast Pastoral Institute), 7700 SW 56 St., Miami.** Clases en español a través del año. 305-279-2333, sepi@miami@aol.com.

• **Maestría en Ministerio Pastoral Hispano**, acreditada por Barry University. Cursos presentan una reflexión teológica sobre realidades y contextos culturales hispanos, exploran la herencia cultural y teológica hispana, promueven la formación para

el ministerio laico, y ofrecen oportunidades de crecimiento personal y espiritual.

• **Sábado Bíblico, 4 de junio, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**, "María en el Nuevo Testamento," con el profesor Padre Pablo Laguna. \$10, debe traer almuerzo.

• **"Estudio de las Enseñanzas del Sínodo sobre la Palabra de Dios"**, 6-9 de junio, 7:30-10:30 p.m., con Mons. Felipe Estévez. \$30.

• **Seminario de Liderazgo Pastoral, 18-25 de junio.**

Estudio del liderazgo pastoral, sus elementos, dimensiones, habilidades y técnicas para un liderazgo efectivo. Costo incluye desayuno, almuerzo, cena y menudas, \$400 sin hospedaje, \$700 con hospedaje.

## Post Camino del Matrimonio,

Wednesday, June 8, SEPI, 7700 S.W. 56 St., Miami. Marriage enrichment program presented by Camino del Matrimonio. Presentations relate to ways couples can improve their marriage, both spiritually and practically. Offered the second Wednesday of every month. Free. 786-306-3747.

## Mission workshop and

"sending forth" Mass, June 11, Convocation Hall, St. Thomas University, 16401 N.W. 37 Ave., Miami Gardens. Archbishop Thomas Wenski will celebrate closing Mass celebrating vigil of Pentecost, and will give sending forth blessing to all missionaries serving here at home and throughout the world. Light lunch will be served. R.S.V.P.: 305-762-1226, info@missionnetworkmiami.org.

## Summer Institute for

catechists. Catholic educators, \$35 per course, \$45 after June 1, 305-762-1107.

• June 13-24, Department of Religious Education, Archdiocese of Miami, 9401 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores.

• June 13-23, St. Coleman School, 2250 S.E. 12 St., Pompano Beach.

**Scott Hahn at Immaculate Conception, Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**, 4497 W. First Ave., Hialeah. Talks include: "Hope for hard times," "Lord, have mercy," and "The Lamb's Supper." Light

lunch included. Tickets: \$20 per person, 786-337-2005, 786-229-2779, or events@ccc@gmail.com.

## Life issues workshop,

Saturday, June 25, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Bartholomew, 8005 Miramar Parkway, Miami. Defend the sanctity of human life at all stages; learn the Catholic Church teachings on the critical life issues of our day. Respect Life Office. 954-981-2922.

## MASSES/PRAYER SESSIONS

## Celebración de la fiesta de

**María Auxiliadora, martes, 24 de mayo, 7 p.m.**, Iglesia de Immaculate Conception, 4497 W. First Ave., Hialeah. Santa Misa, rezo del rosario, ofrecimiento de flores. 305-822-2011.

## Red Mass for legal

professionals, celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Wenski: • Wednesday, May 25, 6 p.m., St. Anthony, 901 N.E. Second St., Fort Lauderdale. Reception follows at Marriott Harbor Beach Resort. Guest speaker: Donna E. Shalala, president, University of Miami; award recipient: Magistrate Judge Lurana S. Snow, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida. Tickets must be purchased in advance. 954-776-1600

## • Thursday, May 26, noon,

Gesú, 118 N.E. Second St., Miami. Reception follows in church hall, honoring Florida Appeals Court Judge Vance Salter. 305-379-1424

## Misa con el arzobispo de

**Managua, Mons. Leopoldo Brenes, domingo, 29 de mayo, 12 p.m.**, Iglesia de Our Lady of Divine Providence, 10205 W. Flagler St., Miami. 305-551-8713

## Encuentros Familiares 40th

anniversary Mass, Sunday, May 29, 3 p.m., St. Mary Cathedral, 7525 N.W. Second Ave., Miami. Join Archbishop Thomas Wenski, Bishop Felipe Estévez and Bishop Agustín Román. 305-596-0001.

## Songs and prayer in the

spirit of Barry, Tuesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., Taizé University, Cor Jesu Chapel, 11300 N.E. Second Ave., Miami Shores. 305-899-3650 or 305-458-9919.

## RETREATS/DAYS OF REFLECTION

## Charismatic conference

with Robert Cantón, May 27-29, Blessed John XXIII, 16800 Miramar Parkway, Miramar. See this evangelist, teacher, healer. Be filled with the Spirit through praise and worship, spend time in adoration, 954-392-5062.

## Single parent encounter,

Saturday, May 28, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Ignatian Spirituality Center (Casa Marresa), 12190 S.W. 56 St., Miami. Encuentros Familiares sponsors this one-day retreat specifically for single parents and their children ages 12-23. 305-596-0001.

## "A Future Full of Hope,"

Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., St. Bernadette, 7450 Stirling Road, Hollywood. Catholic Charismatic Services 30th annual conference, full day of praise and worship, anointed talks, personal prayer ministry, and an evening healing service with Benediction. Led by Father John Fink and Marianist Father Dan Doyle. Adults: \$25; married couples: \$40. 954-961-

## MIAMI ARCHDIOCESE COMMUNITY PAGE SUBMISSION DEADLINES

The Florida Catholic welcomes calendar items of parish/organization events that are open to the whole archdiocese. There is no charge but items must be in the Miami office at least eight weeks before the event. To list an event both on the website and in the newspaper, go to [www.miamiacatholic.org](http://www.miamiacatholic.org), click on the banner request to publish your event and follow the instructions. Notices also may be sent by e-mail: [aisc@theaodm.org](mailto:aisc@theaodm.org), fax: 305-762-1132, and mail: The Florida Catholic, 9401 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33138.

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## Engaged Encounters. Life skills

component of the Archdiocese of Miami marriage preparation program. Covers goals, ambitions, approaches to money, children, family and faith. Couples also need to register separately for Sacramentality Day. All Engaged Encounters are individually sponsored and run by each parish: • Saturday, June 4, St. Bernard, 8279 Sunset Strip, Sunrise. 954-741-7800.

• Saturday, June 11, Little Flower, 1805 Pierce St., Hollywood. 954-922-3517; St. Thomas the Apostle, 7377 S.W. 64 St., Miami, 305-665-6862.

**Sacramentality Day**, part 1 of 2 of the marriage preparation program for couples in the Archdiocese of Miami, based on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Registration: 305-762-1148, [joyfilledmarriage@gmail.com](mailto:joyfilledmarriage@gmail.com).

• June 25, St. Agatha, 1111 S.W. 107th Ave., Miami.

• July 9, All Saints, 10900 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise.

## Wellspring Experience, June

3-5, The Forum, 300 S.W. Third St., Pompano Beach. A two-night, three-day retreat for people dealing with significant loss, with primary focus given to the divorce experience. Time for personal reflection, small-group sharing.

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**Pre-Cana II**, Saturday, June 25, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., St. Agatha, 1111 S.W. 107 Ave., Miami. Life skills component of the Archdiocese of Miami marriage preparation program for couples getting remarried in the Catholic Church.

Course explores helpful relevant topics such as merging households, the shadow of the former spouse, communications, finances, and more. Couples also need to register separately for Sacramentality Day. 305-762-1148.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

## Virtus workshops help

parents, teachers and anyone who works with children recognize signs of sexual abuse and spot abusers. Sessions are free for information, call 305-762-1250 or e-mail [prayburn@theaodm.org](mailto:prayburn@theaodm.org).

• Wednesday, June 1, 6 p.m., Blessed Trinity, Miami Springs.

• Saturday, July 30, St. Jerome, Fort Lauderdale.

## SCHOOLS

Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High summer programs,

June 13-July 15, 4949 N.E. Second Ave., Miami. 305-751-8367.

• Performing arts camp, grades six-nine: learn fundamentals of drama, singing and band, plus backstage skills such as lighting, sound, set design. Students will perform in a Broadway-style production. \$500.

• Athletic camp, grades six-nine: basketball, football, tennis, soccer, baseball, and softball fundamentals. \$100/week.

• Pre-med camp, grades nine to 11: introduction to health care system with lab and field work. \$400.

**St. John the Apostle, 479 E. Fourth St., Hialeah**, has some openings available for the 2011-2012 school year. Financial aid available for those who qualify. 305-888-6819.

## Our Lady of the Lakes

summer camp, June 13-July 29, 6600 Miami Lakeway N., Miami Lakes. Two programs: one for students entering PreK-3 to first grade and one for those entering second through eighth grade. Four-hour weekly instruction in math, language, one hour in arts and crafts; four hours in sports; field trips. \$100 registration, \$150 per week fee (excluding lunch, field trip fees). 305-362-5315.

**"Bye Bye Birdie," Thursday, July 14, 8 p.m.**, Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School, 4949 N.E. Second Ave., Miami. An ACNC Summer Knights Production of a musical theater classic. Donations appreciated. 305-751-8367.

## YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

**Jeremiah Project 3**, Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Youth Center of Miami, 3333 S. Miami Ave. Run by Encuentros Juveniles, for young people ages 12-15. Cost \$30. 305-484-3375, 786-380-2613, 305-302-7107 or [www.encuentrosjuveniles.org](http://www.encuentrosjuveniles.org).

**Retiro para jóvenes, 10-12 de junio**, Youth Center, 3333 S. Miami Ave., Miami. Para jóvenes entre las edades de 16-23 años. \$65 antes del retiro, \$75 el mismo día del retiro. Ten un encuentro personal con Cristo y comparte con otros jóvenes un fin de semana lleno de alegría. 305-856-3404, [www.encuentrosjuveniles.com](http://www.encuentrosjuveniles.com).

**Staubenville Florida High School Youth Summer Conference**, June 17-19, Palm Beach Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. High-energy, age-appropriate, dynamic speakers, adoration, reconciliation, Mass, Bible study. Prayer ministers needed. \$159 per person, plus local hotels; meals included. Group registration only. [www.staubenvilleflorida.com](http://www.staubenvilleflorida.com) or 561-670-1455.

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# Bring on the sun!

Jessie Ball duPont grant will boost efforts to bring solar energy to cathedral, school in Port-de-Paix, Haiti

**TOM TRACY**  
Florida Catholic correspondent

**MIAMI** — Here's the plan: Get rid of the diesel generator and install a solar energy system in the cathedral, add a second solar oven at a school in Baie-de-Henne so all 300 students can get a hot meal each day.

The results: Lower costs, provide a dependable, renewable source of energy, reduce deforestation and help the people in Miami's sister diocese, the poorest region in Haiti.

Thanks to a two-year, \$150,000 grant from the Florida-based Jessie Ball duPont Religious, Charitable and Educational Fund, those plans are on their way to becoming a reality.

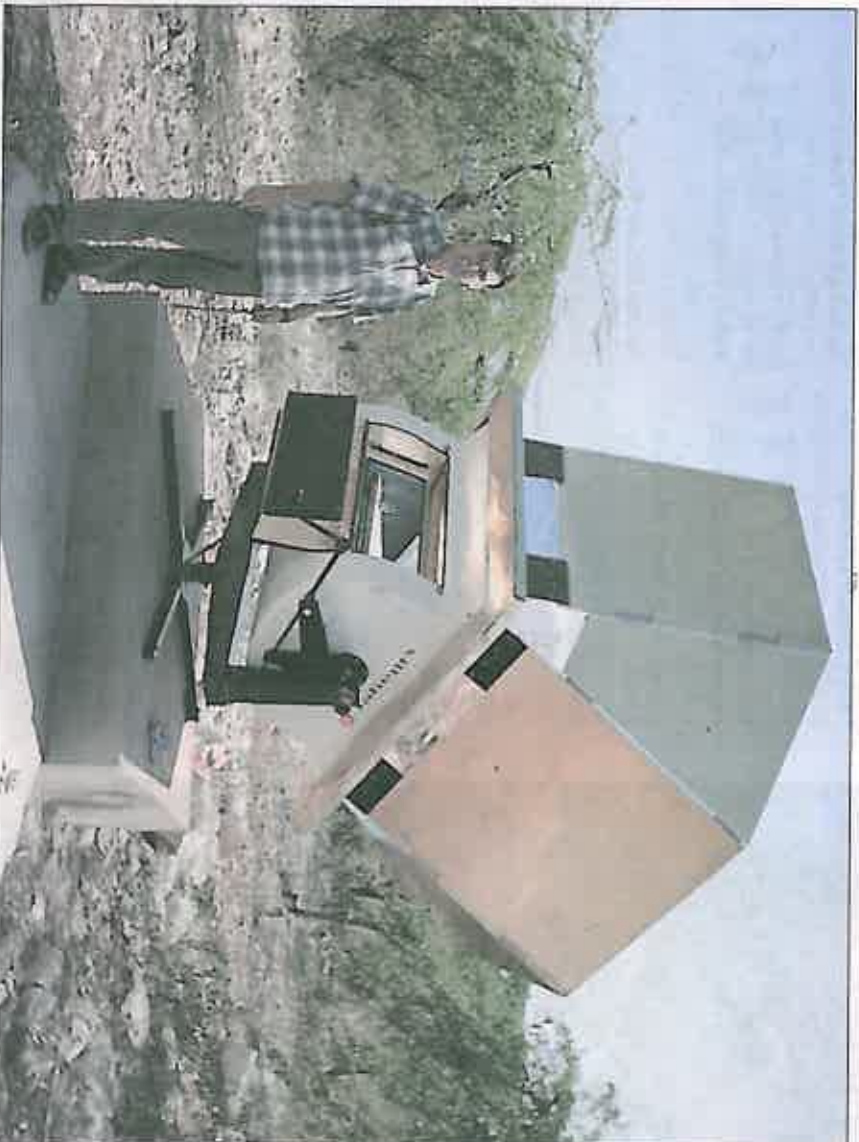
The grant was awarded to St. Thomas University's Center for Justice and Peace, whose solar energy project is one of three forward-looking initiatives now under way in the Diocese of Port-de-Paix. The other two are a coffee-growing cooperative and a women's artisan project, all being done under the aegis of the Global Solidarity Committee, a partnership among St. Thomas, the lay missionary group *Amor en Acción*, and Catholic Relief Services.

The grant money is expected to pay for the purchase and installation of a 7.2 kilowatt or stronger solar energy system in the cathedral, the installation of a second solar oven in the Baie-de-Henne school, and half the salary of a project coordinator to oversee the completion of the project as well as coordinate related educational initiatives here and in Haiti. "It raises awareness about energy, about deforestation and about global poverty in general," said Teresa Gonzalez, director of *Amor en Acción* and a member of the archdiocesan screening committee for the Ball DuPont grant. "Obviously, it also will contribute to lessening deforestation," a major problem throughout all of Haiti.

Once a major world exporter of bananas and coffee, Port-de-Paix is the capital of Haiti's Northwest Department on the Atlantic coast. It has a population of 250,000.

There is no consistent public electrical supply for Port-de-Paix, and the internal migration last year of more than 50,000 displaced people from the capital of Port-au-Prince following the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake has exacerbated this problem. Thousands arrived seeking shelter and aid but with no consistent lighting for resettlement services. The absence of public services means the Church is the center of civil life.

"It is not only the cathedral of the area but also a community center and the hub of local life. It is where people gather and where meetings



Father Roman Musil of L'Ecole St. Maria Boretti in Baie-de-Henne poses next to the solar oven that is helping to provide school children with their one hot meal a day. It is one of three sustainable development projects being funded in Haiti by the Global Solidarity Committee composed of St. Thomas University, *Amor en Acción* and Catholic Relief Services. (COURTESY | ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY)

happen or (people) seek shelter from hurricanes," said Anthony Vinciguerra of St. Thomas University's Center for Justice and Peace, who was to lead a delegation to Haiti this month in advance of the solar system installation.

Currently, the cathedral uses a diesel fuel generator that provides costly, intermittent power. According to the grant proposal, solar energy would save the cathedral about \$4,000 a year and allow it to stay open later at night, providing about 700 students with a place to study and community organizations with a place to meet. "Having electricity that is consistent and free is a big deal. The generator is really expensive with gas," Vinciguerra said.

Another unique aspect of the university's involvement in the region is its multidisciplinary approach. Faculty and students from its school of communications have produced a documentary, "Blossoming Hope," featuring the projects and people they are helping. The delegation that was to visit Haiti May 16-23 includes St. Thomas students, as well as professors from the areas of philosophy and ethics, counseling, and international business. An electrician also will accompany them in order to take measurements, study the wiring at both the cathedral and parish community center, and order all the new parts and batteries.

The system will be shipped down to Haiti in the late summer or fall if all goes as planned. Alberto J. Varela, associate professor at St. Thomas' School of Science, Technology and Engineering Management, will be taking select students to Haiti to assist with the installation.

Aside from directly helping the people of Haiti, the project is building Church relationships, fostering student learning and providing training for Haitians in modern electrical systems, according to Vinciguerra.

"After the earthquake, one of the

priorities was renewable energy amidst the immediate relief work, and now a goal is long-term relief in the northwest and renewable energy via the solar energy projects there," he said. "We spent a year working with the archdiocesan committee to write the duPont grant."

The Jessie Ball duPont Fund today directly supports the work of more than 300 "eligible organizations" ranging from large, widely known institutions such as the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. to small, little-known organizations serving local constituencies, such as Jenkins Orphanage Institute in North Charleston, S.C. More than seven dozen religious organizations are supported.

The fund gives priority to programs that improve or bring education to impoverished communities, help immigrants and refugees, cater to the needs of disabled and elderly persons, or provide housing and programs for the homeless.

"We've been recipients of the grant for a number of years, and every year we have the opportunity to write for up to \$150,000 worth of grants," said Gonzalez.

Past recipients have included the Mbofwa Ne Nyame, or "Children of God" choir from Holy Redeemer Parish in Liberty City; the St. John Bosco Clinic at Corpus Christi Parish in Wynwood; St. Helen and St. Mary Cathedral schools; and St. Ann Mission in Naranja. ■

For more information on St. Thomas University and the Global Solidarity Committee's work in Haiti, visit [www.stu.edu/haiti](http://www.stu.edu/haiti).



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## COMING NEXT MONTH ...



"The good earth" — Students of St. Thomas the Apostle School in Miami are harvesting fruits and vegetables, including eggplant as Sofia Guisasaola does above, in their organic gardens. The gardens yield lessons for students and food for the local homeless. See story and more photos in the June edition of the *Florida Catholic*.

### OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Office of the Archbishop

Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointments:

**Effective immediately:**

**Father Armando Alonso** — resident assistant, St. Mary Magdalen, Sunny Isles Beach.

**Father Eduardo Jimenez** — full-time chaplain, Waterford Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Hialeah.

**Effective June 1:**

**Father Michael Davis** — pastor, Little Flower, Coral Gables.

**Father Jorge Rodriguez de la Viuda** — administrator, Our Lady Queen of Marys, Fort Lauderdale.

**Father Michael Grady** — administrator, St. Jerome, Fort Lauderdale.

**Father Manny Alvarez** — St. Gregory, Plantation.

**Father Adelson Moreira, Trinitarians** — parochial vicar, Holy Rosary-St. Richard Parish, Palmetto Bay.

**Effective June 15:**

**Father José Alvarez** — administrator, Our Lady of the Lakes, Miami Lakes.

**Father Rolando Cabrera** — parochial vicar, St. Mark, Southwest Ranches.

**Father Cesar Peña** — parochial vicar, Epiphany, Miami.

**Father Peter Lambert** — parochial vicar, Our Lady of the Lakes, Miami Lakes.

**Father Lucien Pierre** — Dean of Men, St. John Vianney College Seminary, Miami.

**Effective July 1:**

**Father Michael "Happy" Hoyer** — pastor, St. Gregory, Plantation.

**Father Jesus Bohorquez** — administrator, St. Ann Mission, Naranja.

**Father Craig Malzacher** — parochial vicar, St. Andrew, Coral Springs.

**Father Jets Medina** — parochial vicar, St. John Neumann, Miami.

**Father Eric Zegeer** — parochial vicar, St. Augustine, Coral Gables.

**Father Ivan Toledo** — parochial vicar, St. Bernard, Sunrise.

**Father Wilfredo Contreras** — parochial vicar, St. Patrick, Miami Beach.

**Father Lazarus Govin** — parochial vicar, St. Clement, Fort Lauderdale.

**Father George Packuvertithara** — parochial vicar, St. David, Davie.

**Father Randall Musselman** — parochial vicar, Nativity, Hollywood.

**Father Alberto Rodriguez, Trinitarians** — parochial vicar, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Pembroke Pines.

**Effective July 8:**

**Father Carmelo Romanello** — to the Military Ordinariate.

### NEWSbriefs

#### Help the 'good news' get around

The national collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) will take place in all parishes June 4-5. This year, the campaign focuses on new ways to bring the Gospel to wherever people are. Whether it is through Internet content to strengthen marriage, podcasts for daily readings, televising the Christmas Mass, or using Facebook for news, discussions and sharing the faith, the Communication Campaign collection helps the "good news" get around.

"In today's world, it is essential for the Catholic voice to be where the people are," said Cincinnati Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Subcommittee on the Catholic Communications Campaign.

The bishops of the U.S. established the collection in 1979 to respond to the national and local communications needs of the Church. The collection's proceeds are split equally between each participating diocese and the national office. Dioceses use their share of the CCC collection to support local communications efforts, such as televised Masses and diocesan newspapers.

For more information, go to [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).



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