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## BACK TO SCHOOL



The new leadership staff in the Office of Faith Formation examines a report on the faith practices of young people. From left are Kim Pryzbyski, senior director of faith formation and superintendent of schools; Donald Edwards, associate superintendent of schools; and Peter Ductram, director of the Office of Catechesis. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO / FIC)

## New leaders take charge of schools

Systemwide planning, data-driven education are among top priorities of new superintendents

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO  
Florida Catholic staff

**MIAMI** | Like freshmen in high school, the top administrators of the archdiocese's Catholic school system have some adjusting to do their first year on the job.

"The size is the biggest thing, and the number of schools and students," said Kim Pryzbyski, who became senior director of faith formation, and superintendent of schools — July 1.

She previously worked as superintendent of schools in Gary, Ind., and Monterey, Calif. The Monterey Diocese had 5,000 students in 18 schools. Miami has 33,000 students in 62 schools.

In her new position, Pryzbyski oversees not only archdiocesan schools but all the programs of faith formation, including catechesis of children who attend public schools, lay ministry, and adult faith formation, which includes the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

"The challenge is just getting to learn the whole Catholic community and working together with catechesis and lay ministry and faith formation to provide guidance for as many people as possible," Pryzbyski said.

Working side by side with her is another newcomer to the archdiocese, Donald Edwards, who became associate superintendent of schools Aug. 1. He comes from the

Diocese of Memphis, Tenn., which had 27 schools in its system.

The third newcomer is Peter Ductram, who became director of the Office of Catechesis (formerly known as religious education) Aug. 22. He comes from the Archdiocese of Chicago — which is larger than Miami — where he worked in evangelization and Hispanic ministry. (See accompanying story Page A14.)

Both Pryzbyski and Edwards have doctorate degrees in education. Ductram has a master's in theology from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

While it may take them a while to match names with faces and places,

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'Good to  
be back'

New principal at  
Archbishop Carroll  
High served earlier at  
St. Theresa School in  
Coral Gables

TONI PALLATTO  
Florida Catholic correspondent

**MIAMI** | A veteran school administrator has taken the reins this year at Archbishop Coleman Carroll High School in southwestern Miami-Dade County.

Sister Maureen Cochrane, Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles, has 43 years of experience in education and



Sister Maureen Cochrane

new to me. I was principal at St. Theresa School in Coral Gables from 1995 to 2003. It's good to be back."

She succeeds another Carmelite, Sister Marisa Ducote, who served as principal at Carroll High since 2008.

The Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart, based in Alhambra, Calif., have been serving in the apostolate of education in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for 60 years. The scope of their teaching ranges from early childhood to elementary, middle school, high school, youth and adult education, and also includes a "senior university" for aged residents of assisted living and skilled nursing facilities.

Sister Cochrane has been a teacher at many different grade levels, as well as a principal and

PLEASE SEE CARROLL, A15

# “Su presencia mantuvo viva la fe de su pueblo”

Cubanos celebran el 50 aniversario de la llegada de la imagen de la Virgen de la Caridad a Miami

**ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO**  
Florida Catholic staff

**CORAL GABLES |** Con la presencia del exiliado en cuyo equipaje se escondió la imagen de la patrona de Cuba, los cubanos de la diáspora celebraron una vez más la fiesta de su querida “Cachita” —recordando a su vez el 50 aniversario de la sorprendente y oportuna llegada de esa imagen a Miami.

“Nuestra madre se había puesto en camino para acompañar a sus hijos en el exilio”, dijo el P. Rumin Domínguez, rector de la Ermita, quien predicó la homilía de la misa celebrada por Mons. Thomas Wenski, arzobispo de Miami, varios obispos y dos decenas de sacerdotes arquidiocesanos.

Cerca de 5,000 personas se congregaron en el Bank United Center de la Universidad de Miami para la celebración anual de la Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre, tradición que comenzó en el ya desaparecido Estadio Bobby Maduro, el 8 de septiembre de 1961.

El Obispo Coleman Carroll, primer obispo de Miami, había citado



Jóvenes vestidas de manera típica le abren camino a la imagen de la Virgen de la Caridad con una bandera cubana.

**ONLINE —** For the English version of this story, please visit the archdiocesan website at [www.miamiarch.org](http://www.miamiarch.org)

a los cubanos a la misa, pero no esperaba a mucha gente —si acaso, unos 1,000. Sin embargo, según los allpresentes, el estadio se llenó con cerca de 30,000 personas.

“Los movía el amor a su Dios y a su Madre del cielo. Los convocaba el amor a su tierra”, dijo el P. Domínguez. “Venían buscando el consuelo de la fe para su dolor”.

Entonces llegó el signo, el milagro que nadie esperaba, la entrada de la imagen de la Virgen, que aca-

baba de llegar ese día, réplica de la original que se encuentra en el Cobre. Era la imagen que el párroco de Guanabo, el P. Armando Jiménez Rebolívar, había mandado esculpir 14 años atrás.

Luis Gutiérrez, que llevaba seis meses asilado en la embajada de Panamá, la trajo en su equipaje. Se puede decir que la imagen también se había asilado, pues estaba escondida en la embajada de Italia, esperando una manera de salir de Cuba.



Parroquianos de San Juan Bosco reciben a la Virgen. (FOTOS POR ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

“Me sorprendí cuando me la dieron en la embajada”, recordó Gutiérrez, quien no pudo asistir a esa primera misa. Nada más llegó a Miami, se fue a la iglesia St. Patrick, en Miami Beach para bautizar —y ver por primera vez— a su hija.

Le habían dicho que alguien estaría en el aeropuerto esperando la imagen. Pero nadie fue. Así que Gutiérrez se la llevó consigo a St. Patrick, y llamó al teléfono que le habían dado en la embajada. Esa per-

sona la recogió y la llevó al estadio. “Yo no fui a esa misa, pero a casi todas las demás he ido y he vuelto todos los sábados a la Ermita”, dijo Gutiérrez.

Este año, participó en el ofertorio, cargando otra réplica de la imagen de la Virgen de la Caridad hacia el altar.

“No pensé que iba a estar 50 años aquí”, dijo Gutiérrez.

PLEASE SEE **CARIDAD**, A17

## A place of prayer and hope

Archbishop blesses Redlands tract where Carmelite nuns will build new monastery

**ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO**  
Florida Catholic staff

**REDLANDS —** Right now, it's nothing but five acres of brown mud in the far western reaches of the Redlands.

But Archbishop Thomas Wenski called it “an expression of our hope in the future.”

“After 10 years, it's time for you to find a permanent home,” he told the 11 Discalced Carmelite nuns who will live in the new Monastery of the Most Holy Trinity once it's built. The nuns arrived in the archdiocese in 2001 and have been living in

a two-story convent on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Parish in Hialeah for the past few years. But they needed a bigger place, as three women already have been added to their original community of eight, and more have expressed an interest.

The nuns live a cloistered life, apart from the world, devoting themselves to constant prayer for the Church in general, and the archdiocese and its members in particular.

Fittingly, their new monastery

PLEASE SEE **NUNS**, A17



Mother Blanca Fior de Jesus Sacramento points the way to the front for Father Armando Tolosa, parochial vicar at St. Louis Parish in Pinecrest, as Mother Ana Misericordioso looks on. Nearly 300 people attended the groundbreaking ceremony Sept. 7 for the new Monastery of the Most Holy Trinity. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

# A way to help before disaster strikes

Catholic Charities' disaster relief registry and mobile network allows volunteers to come forward ahead of time

TONI PALATTO  
Florida Catholic correspondent

**MIAMI** | When disasters strike, the people of South Florida ask, "What can I do to help?"

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami has provided an answer, by launching an online disaster relief registry and mobile network that allows volunteers to come forward, in the spirit of giving, ahead of time.

Last year, during the earthquake in Haiti, thousands of people contacted our organization who wanted to help," said Deacon Richard Turcotte, chief executive officer of Catholic Charities. "They contacted us by telephone and email, wanting to give financially or volunteering their skills and expertise to make a difference."

But there was no functional tool to help manage all that data. With Florida and the Caribbean being hotbeds of natural disaster activity, particularly during hurricane season, a system needed to be developed that would help mobilize people and resources at an even faster pace, using all available channels of communication.

With a little bit of research and a strong commitment to engage the community in the spirit of giving, the disaster relief registry and mobile network was created.

"Individuals and businesses can proactively register online by creating their own profile," said Rachel Ramjattan, special projects coordinator for Catholic Charities. "Supporters can manage their profiles via the Catholic Charities website and control their level of engagement, receiving as much or as little information as they would like."

Information can be received via email, text, Facebook, Twitter or good old-fashioned hard copy. "When we know a disaster is

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HELPS IRENE VICTIMS

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami is accepting financial contributions to assist victims of Hurricane Irene in the Bahamas. Hurricane Irene moved through the Bahamas as a strong Category 3 storm, leaving behind a trail of destruction.

According to Archbishop Patrick C. Pinder of Nassau, the southeastern islands in the Bahamas experienced the most severe damage. Due to the short supply of food and water, the Archdiocese of Nassau is mobilizing relief shipments of supplies from neighboring islands.

"Archbishop Pinder has requested financial assistance to purchase supplies," said Deacon Richard Turcotte, chief executive officer of Catholic Charities. The agency has already committed funds to this effort.

"Additional funds will be needed to help victims repair damaged homes," Deacon Turcotte said. "Catholic Charities will continue to provide financial assistance as we receive donations from the public."

Contributions can be made to Catholic Charities online at [www.ccadm.org](http://www.ccadm.org). Mobile users can make a \$10 donation to the disaster relief fund by texting the word AID to 80088.

on the way, or a disaster strikes, our team is in touch with the bishop of the diocese and the ordinaries in charge of the affected areas," Deacon Turcotte said. "Each disaster is unique, with its own set of needs. We step into action, along with Caritas and Catholic Relief Services, and create a damage assessment. A response plan is then developed with the affected diocese to best serve the community."

## NEWS briefs

### Catholic Hospice needs volunteers

Are you a good listener? Can you give two or three hours of your time once a week? Interested in working in hospice care, but don't know much about it?

Catholic Hospice's terminally ill patients and their families need a friendly visitor who cares and will listen. Persons who have some flexibility during the week are especially needed, and bilingual ability is a plus. Clerical volunteers and warehouse volun-

teers also are needed.

Catholic Hospice is a not-for-profit organization that serves people of all faiths, usually in their own homes. To see if you can help, call Theresa Barbieri, 305-351-7052 (in English) or Jesus Rodriguez, 305-351-7053 (in Spanish). Registration is required.

### Catechetical Day set for Nov. 5

"The Eucharist: In Communion With Christ and With One An-

other" is the theme of this year's Catechetical Day, to be held Saturday, Nov. 5, 7:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish, 15801 N.W. 67 Ave., Miami Lakes.

This annual gathering is aimed at catechetical leaders, catechists, pastors, Catholic educators and all those who teach the faith to children, youths and adults. Workshops will be offered in both English and Spanish, and more information will be posted in the coming weeks on the archdiocesan website, [www.miamiarcb.org](http://www.miamiarcb.org). Catechists also may

"With the new Catholic Charities disaster relief registry, we can now identify, organize and mobilize resources quickly based on the needs on the ground," Deacon Turcotte continued. "In the past, pilots have come forward to offer transportation, businesses have offered water, cooking oil, clothing and food. People have offered their expertise, or to foster or adopt. With that information at our fingertips, we can reach out in a matter of minutes to start relief in motion when every second matters."

The mobile network will enable supporters to receive text-message alerts and make donations using their cell phones even if they are unable to access the Internet. This platform allows ongoing communication and acts as a mobile bulletin board.

"If a medical doctor is needed in Haiti, we can text that request to the doctors in our database who have registered, offering their services in times of crisis," said Ramjattan. "In a matter of hours, we can mobilize a medical team for deployment. That is a very positive use of today's technology."

The community can also donate via text up to \$10 twice per month, or visit the website to specify the amount and frequency of the gift. With the disaster relief registry, people will be able to opt in to receive emails containing ongoing success stories so they can see how their financial donations have made a difference.

"The entire state of Florida and our region are prone to natural disasters, so it is a matter of when and how frequently we will need to respond," said Deacon Turcotte. "With seven Catholic Charities organizations in the state of Florida, having knowledge of what is available to us pre-disaster helps us to be a lot

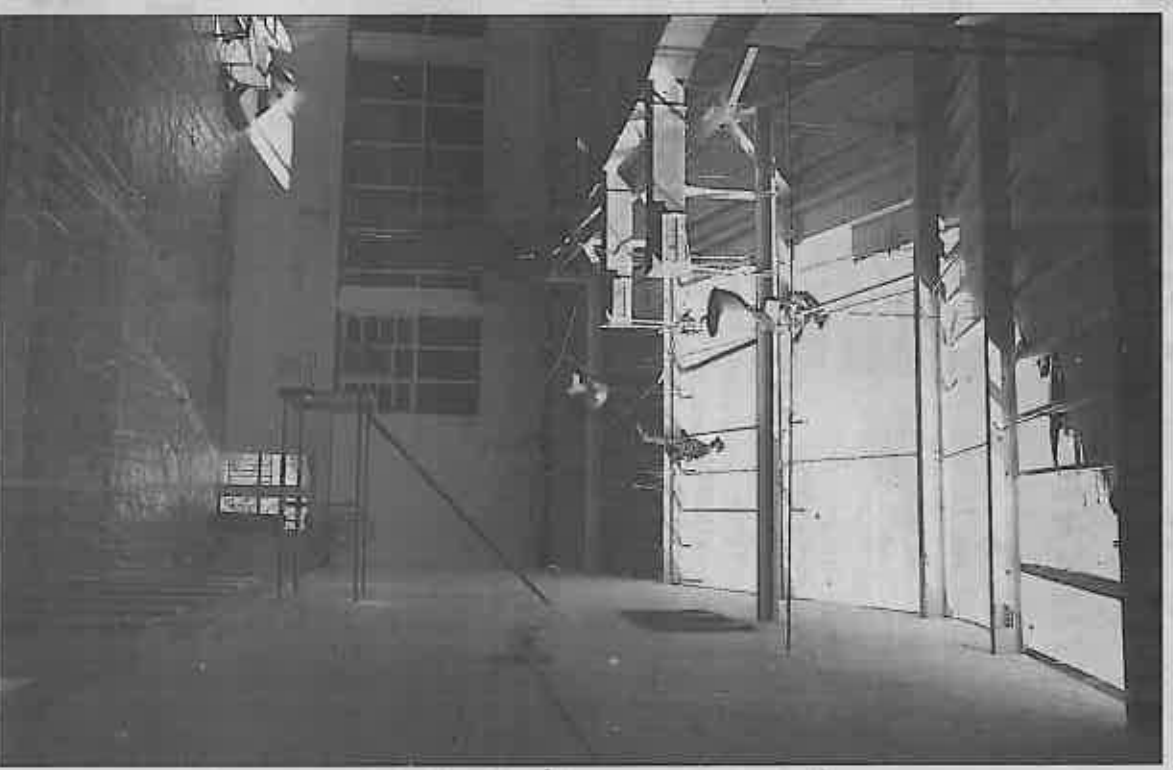
other" is the theme of this year's Catechetical Day, to be held Saturday, Nov. 5, 7:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish, 15801 N.W. 67 Ave., Miami Lakes.

### Alkema heads Catholic Hospice

Catholic Hospice has named Bonnie Alkema, a registered nurse and certified hospice and palliative nurse, as its new executive director. She assumed her responsibilities at the end of August.

Alkema, a seasoned nurse with more than 20 years of experience in the hospice health care industry, has been with Catholic

Workers repair the damage to the gymnasium roof at St. Patrick School in Miami Beach after Hurricane Wilma hit the area in 2005. (MARLENE QUARONI | FC)



olic Charities' disaster relief community by visiting [www.ccadm.org/joinourteam](http://www.ccadm.org/joinourteam) or by clicking on the "Register as a Disaster Relief Resource" button in the lower right corner of the website. To join the mobile network, text SPIRIT to 80088.

The public is invited to join Cath-

Hospice since 2008, where she was previously director of performance improvement. She comes from Caring People Home Health-care Agency, where she was director of operations and director of nursing.

"I am thankful for the opportunity to continue the Catholic Hospice mission of not only providing excellent end-of-life care to patients and families, but to also become a community advocate for end-of-life care," said Alkema, who lives with her husband in Broward County.



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# Rosary: Neither 'old fashioned' nor 'too hard'



FROM THE  
ARCHBISHOP  
Thomas  
Wenski

Since the time of Pope Leo XIII, the month of October is dedicated to the holy rosary. For generations, the recitation of the rosary was an integral part of Catholic piety. The famous "Rosary Priest," Father Patrick Peyton, encouraged families to pray the rosary together at home by telling them that the family that prays together stays together. In recent years, however, many Catholics — to their spiritual impoverishment — abandoned the practice of praying the rosary. Some found it "too old fashioned," and others found it just too hard.

Yet, in the contemplative prayer that is the recitation of the rosary, Mary has given us a simple yet powerful weapon for the spiritual warfare that is part of our daily life in this "valley of tears." It is not a weapon of violence or intimidation, but rather one of peace and healing, for praying the rosary leads us to a more intimate relationship with the "Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope."

In a world still threatened by weapons of mass destruction, we have in the rosary — as Mary indicated to the shepherd children of Fatima — a weapon of mass conversion. Indeed, the rosary sustained many of God's faithful caught behind the Iron Curtain during decades of communist oppression and atheistic indoctrination. Deprived of freedom to practice their religion openly and oftentimes impeded from assisting at Mass, these faithful Catholics found in the rosary the strength to persevere.

And should we not recognize in the unanticipated events of 1989, when the Berlin Wall was taken down and the communist regimes

of Eastern Europe dismantled, the evidence of Mary's powerful intercession?

This revered prayer of devotion in no way detracts from the Church's official prayers that are found in the liturgy. Indeed, the rosary can help us to prepare for and participate more fruitfully in the liturgy, especially the holy sacrifice of the Mass which is the "source and summit" of our Christian life. For the rosary is, in the words of Blessed John Paul II, simply the contemplation of the face of Christ through the eyes of Mary.

The rosary, then, as a prayer that has us gaze upon Jesus through the eyes of Mary, can help us embrace life: to understand that life is not a burden to be endured but a gift to be shared. In this way, the rosary is a powerful antidote against the "culture of death" of our contemporary society — a culture in which the dignity and the right to life of the unborn, the disabled and the aged is increasingly discount-

ed. The quiet witness of those who pray the rosary outside abortion mills testifies to the efficacy of prayer as a weapon to oppose "new dictatorship, that of religion and the domination of ideology."

The mysteries of the rosary ent us with a veritable summit: the Gospel message — and the unlearned and unscripted can learn through the prayer the rosary the fundamentals of faith. The rosary, once under property, is neither "old fashioned" nor "too hard." It is accessible in any place and at any time. In 2002, Pope John Paul II, the five luminous mysteries 15 traditional joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries. The mysteries which we content as we pray the "Hail Mary" our instruction and hope, should also be, for us, our life and the pledge of eternal vation. ■

## El Rosario: Ni "pasado de moda ni 'demasiado difícil'"

Desde la época del Papa León XIII, el mes de octubre está dedicado al Santo Rosario. Durante generaciones, el rezo del Rosario fue una parte integral de la piedad católica. El famoso "sacerdote del Rosario", el P. Patrick Peyton, alentó a las familias a rezar juntas el Rosario en la casa, diciéndoles que la familia que reza unida, permanece unida. En los últimos años, sin embargo, muchos católicos — para su empobrecimiento espiritual — han abandonado la práctica de rezar el Rosario. Algunos lo consideran "demasiado pasado de moda", y otros lo encuentran demasiado difícil.

Sin embargo, en la oración contemplativa que es el rezo del Rosario, María nos ha dado un arma simple pero potente para la guerra espiritual que es parte de nuestra vida cotidiana en este "valle de lágrimas". No es un arma de violencia o intimidación, sino más bien de paz y curación, pues el rezo del Rosario nos lleva a una relación más íntima con la "Madre de miseri-

cordia, vida, dulzura y esperanza nuestra".

En un mundo que sigue amenazado por las armas de destrucción masiva, tenemos en el Rosario — como María lo indicó a los niños pastores de Fátima — un arma de conversión masiva. De hecho, el Rosario sostuvo a muchos de los fieles de Dios atrapados detrás de la Cortina de Hierro, durante décadas de opresión comunista y adoctrinamiento ateo. Privados de libertad para practicar su religión abiertamente, y muchas veces impedidos de asistir a Misa, estos fieles católicos encontraron en el Rosario la fuerza para perseverar.

Y acaso no debemos reconocer, en los sucesos imprevistos de 1989, cuando el Muro de Berlín fue derribado y los regímenes comunistas de Europa del Este fueron desmantelados, la evidencia de la poderosa intercesión de María?

Esta venerada oración de devoción no nos aparta en modo alguno de las oraciones oficiales de la Igle-

sia que se encuentran en la liturgia. En efecto, el Rosario nos puede ayudar a prepararnos para la liturgia, y a participar de manera más fructífera en ella, especialmente en el santo sacrificio de la Misa, que es la "fuente y cumbre" de nuestra vida cristiana. Pues el Rosario es, simplemente, en palabras del Beato Juan Pablo II, la contemplación del rostro de Cristo a través de los ojos de María.

El Rosario, pues, como una oración que nos hace mirar a Jesús a través de los ojos de María, nos puede ayudar a aceptar la vida: a entender que la vida no es una carga que es preciso soportar, sino un don para ser compartido. De este modo, el Rosario es un poderoso antidoto contra la "cultura de la muerte" de nuestra sociedad contemporánea — una cultura en la que la dignidad y el derecho a la vida de los no nacidos, los discapacitados y los ancianos, se descarta cada vez más.

El testimonio silencioso de quienes rezan el Rosario frente a las clínicas

de abortos, da prueba de la eficacia de esta oración como un arma opuesta a lo que el Papa Benedicto XVI ha llamado la "nueva cultura de la relatividad" y el "dolor de la técnica".

Los misterios del Rosario presentan un verdadero re del mensaje del Evangelio, los ignorantes e ilterados aprenden a través del rezo del Rosario, los fundamentos de n El Rosario, una vez entend reamente, no es "anticu "muy difícil"; es accesible, en cualquier lugar y en cu momento.

En 2002, el Papa Juan añadió los cinco misterios a los 15 misterios tradicionales los misterios gozosos, los tr dolorosos y los misterios gloriosos. 20 misterios que c plamos al rezar el "Ave María nuestra enseñanza y nuestra. También deben ser, sortos, regla de vida y pro salvación eterna. ■

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# Catholic Scouts seek more recruits

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**MIAMI GARDENS** | Seeking to raise awareness among schools and parishes of the value that Scouting can provide for young people, the Archdiocese of Miami's Catholic Committee on Scouting sponsored a Scouting recruitment dinner Aug. 29 at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens.

Archbishop Thomas Wenski attended the dinner, hosted by the South Florida Council of the Boy Scouts in conjunction with the Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida and Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida. Attendees at the dinner were specifically chosen from the 25 parishes in the archdiocese that have or are affiliated with schools but do not have any Scouting presence. In addition to the pastors and principals, representatives of several local Knights of Columbus councils also were present.

During the dinner, Archbishop Wenski spoke about the need for providing today's youths a safe environment where they have the opportunity to interact with their peers. He noted that as society becomes more technologically advanced, young people often retreat into a world that is becoming more and more virtual.

Involvement in Scouting, the archbishop said, gives young people the opportunity to end their physical isolation, and also to give of themselves through projects and by taking on leadership roles. By having Scouting active in a parish or school, youths also come closer



Archbishop Thomas Wenski stands with, from left, Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting chairman Al Naranjo, Boy Scout Council president Robert Morrison, and Boy Scout Council executive John Anthony. (COURTESY PHOTOS | ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI)

to the Church and vice versa, the archbishop said.

Also speaking at the dinner were Deacon Emilio Blanco, Catholic Scouting Committee chaplain; committee chairman Al Naranjo; and South Florida Council president Robert Morrison.

Deacon Blanco spoke of the Catholic Committee on Scouting's religious emblems program, which offers Scouts the opportunity to grow in their faith. He said he has seen firsthand how immigrant parents of Scouts become more active in the Church as a result of their children's participation in parish-sponsored Scout troops.

Rebecca Schultz, who is in the Venturing program and also has earned the Girl Scout Gold award,

the group's highest achievement, spoke of the leadership opportunities that Scouting provided her, and how Catholic Scouting's religious emblems program gave her the chance to do projects that caused her to focus her faith in a Scouting context.

Eagle Scout Marcos Mirabent spoke of his Scouting experience, which began as a Tiger at St. Patrick Parish in Miami Beach, where he later served for many years as an altar server. In addition to earning Catholic Scouting emblems, he also had the opportunity to give back by helping the Catholic Committee on Scouting staff days of recollection, retreats and awards Masses. His Eagle Scout service project benefited his school, Msgr.



Archbishop Thomas Wenski poses with Girl Scout Rebecca Schultz, recipient of the Girl Scout Gold award, the Pope Pius XII Catholic emblem, the Quartermaster Sea Scout award and the Silver Hornaday award.



Scouts from the three Scout Councils within the boundaries of the Archdiocese conduct the opening ceremony.

Edward Pace High School in Miami Gardens. ■

At the end of the evening, council president Morrison presented Archbishop Wenski with an Eagle Scout emblem. ■

## WELCOMING VISITORS



Above left, on Aug. 31, Archbishop Thomas Wenski welcomes Israeli Consul General Chaim Shacham, left, to the Pastoral Center. He was accompanied by Rabbi Solomon Schiff, retired executive vice president of the Rabbinical Association of Greater Miami. Shacham directs the Information and Internet Department at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The archbishop welcomed the consul general to Miami and also spoke to him about the U.S. bishops' interest in the Israeli Knesset's approval of the Fundamental Agreement that was signed with the



Vatican some years ago. This agreement would help settle questions regarding the ownership of Church properties in Israel. Israel's move toward implementing the Fundamental Agreement could help inspire confidence that negotiations on other more contested issues are possible, the archbishop said. Above right, later that day, the archbishop met with René Prével, former president of Haiti, and former first lady Elisabeth Delatour Prével. Archbishop Wenski has met Prével before during his travels to Haiti.

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# Sing it to learn it

Priests, music ministers prepare to use new translation of Mass prayers

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO

**PLANTATION** | It's easier sung than said.

At least that's how Msgr. Terence Hogan made it seem during one of two workshops he led at the end of August to familiarize local priests and music ministers with the new English translation of the Roman Missal. Msgr. Hogan is rector of St. Mary Cathedral and director of the archdiocese's Office of Worship.

"It's going to take time to get to learn it," he told nearly 200 people who gathered for the Aug. 23 workshop at St. Gregory Parish in Plantation. "We're going to have to use the musical pulpit for a while."

By that he meant that it will be easier for people to learn the new wording of Mass responses if they begin by singing them, using the musical settings they already know.

Although the new English translation of the Roman Missal will not be used until the first weekend of Advent (Nov. 26-27), the U.S. bishops — and locally, Archbishop Thomas Wenski — have given permission for parishes to begin using some of the sung responses this September.

Those responses include the penitential act, the Gloria, the



Suzie Arsenault, left, archdiocesan music director, sings the new words of a Mass response with Dora Cardona, music director at St. Matthew Parish in Hallandale. (PHOTOS BY ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

Creed, the Holy, Holy, Holy, and the mystery of faith. At the workshops, Msgr. Hogan proved that it is a whole lot easier to remember the new words if people are singing the same old tunes.

"Don't go crazy trying to get those gallion things into people's lives. Take some basic chants. Take some basic music and apply it to the text. Don't make it overly difficult," he said.

He also suggested that parishes take advantage of what music and missal publishers are offering, including laminated prayer cards containing all the people's new responses, which could be purchased and placed in every pew for parishioners to follow along during each Mass.

"I know I'm going to have my head in the book for a while," Msgr. Hogan said, noting that the changes to the priests' prayers are much more widespread and significant than the changes to the people's responses. And the new prayers do not roll smoothly off the tongue in many cases because the

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Msgr. Terence Hogan leads one of two workshops dealing with the new English translation of the Roman Missal at St. Gregory in Plantation.

whole goal of the new translation is to bring the English closer to the original Latin, which is the official language of the Church.

"We're not going to use everyday language. We're going to use theological language. We're going to use poetic language. We're going to use biblical language," Msgr. Hogan said.

An example of that is the phrase "consubstantial with the Father," which will be used in the Creed.

"Be patient," Msgr. Hogan advised. "People — and priests — are not going to memorize the new words overnight."

At the same time, however, he really thinks it's going to reinforce "the celebration of the liturgy." Sometimes we take things for granted, Msgr. Hogan said. The new translation will force people into thinking, "Why do I say it? Why do I believe this?"

"People who have memorized things will just have to read books," said Kathy Myrick, a works in campus ministry who helps prepare the liturgies at Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale.

"The way he presented it made it seem so easy," Myrick added. "If they learn the music, then when they say it, they'll already know it."

"I think that the changes be easier for the young," said Layman Myrick's colleague Thomas. "I don't even open up the missal," she added, because she has all the prayers and responses memorized.

"For me, personally, it's going to be easier now I have to read because now I have to read what I'm thinking," Layman said. ■

# 'My most grievous fault'

New English Missal translation brings back the repetition, triple beating of breast in penitential rite

MSGR. RICHARD ANTAL

Special to the Florida Catholic

One of the phrases in Latin from the old liturgy that survived in literary writing, at least, was "*mea culpa*," which means "my fault." In the old *Confiteor*, this was said three times: "*Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa*." This declaration of guilt was accompanied by the movement of hitting the breast with the right fist. The gesture communicated acknowledgment of guilt and symbolic penance.

Somehow the intensive triplication of "my fault, my fault, my most grievous fault" got lost in the new translation. This was, I suppose, because the criteria that the translators used saw the repetition unnecessary. Hebrew uses the triple repetition as a superlative, as in "Holy, Holy, Holy," but English does not. So instead of the triple breast-beating and the repetition of guilt, there was the laconic, "that I have sinned through my own fault." The fact that most Catholics forgot to raise fist to chest when this was said, despite the rubrics explicitly asking for the gesture, says it all for me. The repetition helped.

People who forget to do the gesture leave something important out of the choreography of the liturgy. The beating of the breast is an outward sign of inward contrition. The pain on the inside is mimicked by that of the outside. The gesture is not one common in our culture, although we use the words "breast-beating" in certain contexts.

We strike our breasts in the liturgy because it is a nonverbal way of saying in the Bible that you are repentant. Remember the Pharisee and the Pharisee? The first was beating his breast, as the Jews did on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, and said, "Have mercy on me a sinner." It was a public gesture, because it is not hidden from others. The Greek of the New Testament said that the Pharisee was praying "to himself" (in more senses than one, probably) while the publican is making a spectacle of his grief for his sin and his desire for reconciliation with God.

In the first eucharistic prayer there is an example of a single striking of the breast by the priest when he says, "To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners," That has fallen beneath the radar of some American Catholics because those words are not used so much in many parishes, because of the ever-popular second and third eucharistic prayers.

Soon, however, we will be beat-

ing our breasts with the best of them when the new translation comes into effect this Advent. For me, it is a welcome change because we will be able to rescue the publican's gesture and because there is something about threes in the Bible that is nice to remember in the liturgy.

Many times, Bible stories insist on repetition. This has something to do with human nature and not just Hebrew grammar. What is repeated is important. Poets know this. Gertrude Stein could have said, "A rose is a rose," and left it at that. Shakespeare has Macbeth remark about, "Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow" creeping in its petty pace, when he could have said it without the repetition. English does not like repetitions, generally, but neither does it outlaw them. And a repetition, like, "my fault, my fault, my most grievous fault," is both more memorable rhetorically and more effective psychologically.

There is also the psychological resonance of repeating our guilt three times that is helpful. It should remind us of a very famous example: When St. Peter said that he would never be among those who denied the Lord, Jesus said to him that he would deny him three times. "Before the cock crows," meaning before the night was over. All the evangelists have Jesus' prediction of the denial and Peter's lapse of loyalty, but only St. John presents us with the reconciliation of the saint with his Lord on the shores of Galilee.

There are three sets of three. Jesus predicts the denial saying, "before the cock crows three times." Then there is the actual denial. And when it is all over, and it appears that Peter has gone back to fishing fishes instead of men, there is a reconciliation with his threefold declaration of love for the Lord. Peter's redemption is symmetrical with his fall.

The penitential act of the Mass in the new translation has us say, "I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault."

'The greatest of saints referred to themselves as the greatest of sinners because their holiness gave them greater insight into their own souls.'

The prayer should make us feel as uncomfortable as Peter did when the Lord asked him three times, "Do you love me?" It is a moment in which we can analyze a bit the dichotomy in all our lives between what we want to be, or what we ought to want to be, and the way we are.

The trouble with ritual is that, even when you repeat some words three times and have a gesture indicating contrition, you can go through the motions and make the noises but not really invest the prayer with personal integrity.

I knew a couple and they had a kind of routine, especially when a special situation developed. The wife would extravagantly praise her husband in front of her friends and he would say comically, "She don't mean it."

What a scare it would be if there

were to be some divine epiphany while we piously recite our own contrition, "through our most grievous fault," and God would say, "You don't mean it." Because that is the real issue behind the change of words in the new translation. It is about the meaning of the words of the Latin Rite and it is about meaning what we say in our own language.

Think of what that implies for our personal lives: We have greatly sinned; we want to change. That means we appeal to God's mercy. And we ask the prayer of intercession of the blessed Virgin, all the saints and all the people at Mass. How could you do that if you were not really repentant? If you didn't have the slightest feeling of contrition for what you did and no plans to better your discipleship? If you were embittered with someone who was in the next pew, someone you had just asked to intercede for you?

Obviously some will make the point that the people at Mass are not usually reproaches (or at least not all) and thus not in need of tremendous conversions. Once, a nun friend told me that she did not like the preaching of a priest at Mass who tended to use Scripture as a means of examining consciences, especially at the early morning

Mass. "You just get up in the morning and you're trying to feel good about yourself when he dumps a guilt trip on you," she said.

Well, there are guilt trips and there is the journey of conversion. Conversion is a process that never ends. Our egos are subtle and find ingenious ways to look for compensations, even in the most ordered of lives.

The greatest of saints referred to themselves as the greatest of sinners because their holiness gave them greater insight into their own souls. Our self-image is a lot less work when we are focused on God than when we seem to think that we are the center of the universe. And that is why it will help to say frequently, "through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault." ■

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# Pace High School turns 50

New students unite with alumni and former faculty at Mass kicking off yearlong celebration

**MARLENE QUARONI**  
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**MIAMI GARDENS** | In 1961, long before Nicholas Fernandez, 15, was born, Msgr. Edward Pace High School's first male students started their classes at Our Lady of Perpetual Help elementary school. Except for one school building, which was still under construction, Pace's current site was comparable to a sand dune desert.

"That was 19,251 days ago," said Nicholas, a sophomore, as he read a concise history of the school during a Mass kicking off a yearlong 50th anniversary celebration. "That's five popes, 18 wars, 12 summer Olympics, and 10 presidents since 66 pioneering young men established a tradition of excellence, which lives on in a legacy that continues to this day."

In 1962, the school admitted its first female students, housed in a newly constructed building separate from the boys. Members of the Teresian Association, a lay institute, taught the girls while Marist Brothers taught the boys. In 1974, Pace officially became coed when boys and girls had classes together. The brothers and members of the Teresian Association remained at Pace for the next two decades, teaching and sharing the administrative duties at the school.

Present at the Sept. 1 Mass were the school's current student body, past and present faculty, alumni, community leaders, priests and Archbishop Thomas Wenski, who celebrated the Mass in the school's gym.

"We moved from OLPH into our first building three weeks after the school year started," said Marist Brother Stephen Kappes, who was among the original faculty. "They were putting in tile floors and painting when we moved in. We didn't have air conditioning until 1963, and then it was only in a few rooms. We enlisted some of the boys to plant sod between the two new buildings."

Much of the student body consisted of immigrant children whose families made sacrifices to send their kids to Pace — at first Cuban refugees and later Haitians, said Brother Kappes. "The kids had great values which they learned from their parents," he said.

Pace was the first Catholic institution on the archdiocese-owned site north of Opa-Locka Airport. Biscayne College, now St. Thomas University, followed, then the Marian Center for children with developmental disabilities.

Marist Brother Felix Elardo, now principal of St. Brendan High



Members of the Teresian Association, who taught at Pace for three decades beginning in 1961, pose for a photo after the 50th anniversary Mass along with some current students and Marist Brother Stephen Kappes, who also taught at the school from the very beginning. Current students, alumni, and past and present staff of Msgr. Edward Pace High School gathered in the school gym Sept. 1 for a Mass celebrating the school's 50th anniversary. (PHOTOS BY MARLENE QUARONI)



Sophomores Alejandro Hernandez and Elexa Suarez carry a framed copy of the Nov. 1, 1963, edition of the Pace High School newspaper, *Kerygma*, during the offertory procession.

School in Miami, spent 23 years teaching at Pace. He recalled Msgr. William Hennessey's years as supervising principal, 1965-1974 and 1991-1996, when he helped transform the sand dunes into sports fields.

"He did a lot of physical work, like moving dirt around on a tractor," said Brother Elardo. "He helped build the baseball, football and track fields."

In honor of Msgr. Hennessey, the Hennessey Center opened in 1998 and serves as the school cafeteria. Also in 1998, the gym originally built in 1971 was renovated. Throughout the years, several new buildings were added on the 44-acre campus, as well as a student plaza with fountains, lampposts and benches.

The gym's walls are covered with

banners denoting the championships the Spartans' sports teams have won, including six state championships in baseball, five state championships in boys' basketball and one in football. In 2003, the U.S. Department of Education honored Pace with a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award.

Among famous alumni and staff are Catherine Keener, 1976, two-time Academy Award nominee for best supporting actress; Alex Fernandez, 1988, Major League Baseball pitcher who played for the Chicago White Sox and the 1997 world champion Florida Marlins; and Bill O'Reilly, FOX talk show host who taught history and English at the school from 1970 to 1972.

Alumna Ana Munder-Garcia, 1980, met her husband, Buddy Garcia, 1980, at Pace. Now, she is prin-

cipal of the high school and he is principal of one of its feeder schools, Immaculate Conception in Hialeah. Their three children — Jenise, Bryan and Steven — all graduated from Pace, and the Garcias are about to reach the same milestone as their alma mater.

"Next year we will turn 50 years old along with the school," said Ana Garcia.

Several former teachers from the Teresian Association attended the anniversary Mass. Carmen Zabalegui was one of them. She taught and served as a guidance counselor at Pace from 1973 to 1985 and remembers Garcia. "The current principal was my student," she said. "Ana was a great dancer."

Archbishop Wenski said the most important lesson Pace's 1,040 students will learn at the school is to live as friends of Jesus and to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord.

"You'll learn a lot about algebra and science," he said. "You'll learn about English literature and English composition and a whole lot of other subjects. You will go on to



From left, Estefani Cruz-Alvarez, 16, Francesca Fernandez, 17, Yesenia Colon, 17, Quinde Barron, 17, and Stephanie Aguirre, 17, share a laugh after the 50th anniversary Mass.

## GOLDEN JUBILEE EVENTS

In addition to publishing a 50th-anniversary yearbook that celebrates its first half-century, Msgr. Edward Pace High School is planning a number of golden jubilee events, and calling all alumni from the past 50 years to participate.

Among those events are:

- A homecoming game and alumni bash Oct. 7
- A "Tons of Love" Mass Nov. 19
- A Christmas Yikes party Dec. 6
- A Sparta-fest family fun day Feb. 4, 2012
- A Spartan golf classic March 30, 2012
- An alumni retreat April 14-15, 2012
- A golden jubilee gala May 12, 2012

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great colleges and universities, and as an alumnus of Pace you will go on to great careers. Thanks to your teachers, you will learn how to do well, but the most important lesson you will learn here at Pace is to learn how to do good."

Don Espino, Miami Springs councilman, presented a proclamation from Miami-Dade County proclaiming Sept. 1, 2011, as Msgr. Edward M. Pace High School Day. In addition, he brought proclamations from several cities where Pace feeder schools are located, including Miami Gardens, Miami Springs, Miami Lakes, Doral, Hialeah and Virginia Gardens.

Pace is the first Catholic school that sophomore Nicholas Fernandez, who compiled the history of the school, has ever attended.

"Going to Pace is a different experience for me," he said. "I went to public school throughout my life. I became interested in the history of the school because I wanted to know what made Pace so special. I felt it would be able to feel prouder of my school if I knew more about it." ■

# 'It's more than a job'

Catholic Volunteers find enriching work while helping at local entities such as St. James School

**MARLENE QUARONI**

Florida Catholic correspondent

**MIAMI** | Lauren Halstead isn't in Kansas anymore.

"I felt like God was calling me to do mission work," said the 22-year-old participant in the Catholic Volunteers in Florida program. The Wichita native is serving as a teacher for a year at St. James School in North Miami.

Another volunteer, Patricia Payo, 22, works with Halstead at St. James and a third volunteer, Amanda Candlieri, 22, works for Catholic Legal Services in Fort Lauderdale.

All three are recent college graduates. Halstead got her degree in elementary education from Emporia State University in Kansas; Payo received a degree in social work from Dominican College in Orangeburg, N.Y.; and Candlieri's degree is in international relations and Africana studies from St. Joseph University in Philadelphia.

Payo is a Haitian-American and Candlieri grew up in Tampa, but for Halstead, South Florida is a new experience.

"The culture is very different here," said Halstead, who co-teaches second- and third-graders with another St. James teacher, Ju-lisa Lopez. Most of the 390 students at St. James School are Haitian-American.

"This is quite a change. There's little diversity in Kansas and I wanted to learn about other cultures," Halstead said.

For Payo, St. James School is a good fit. Although her family lives in Nyack, N.Y., she has friends and relatives in Miami.

"I've never been away from my family," said Payo, who speaks English, Spanish, Creole and French, and is working as a librarian at St. James. "I love doing service work. Maybe one day I can help in Haiti."

The three volunteers each receive a \$1,006 monthly stipend which they use for living expenses. They share a \$1,300 two-bedroom apartment in Hollywood.

"Catholic Volunteers emphasizes living simply," said Halstead. "They make us focus on the simple necessities of life and not material things."

Before they found their apartment, the young women lived for a short time with the Sisters of St. Joseph who staff St. James School. Sister Stephanie Flynn, St. James' principal, said she appreciates the help Halstead and Payo are giving to the inner-city school, most of whose students receive financial aid.

"They're young and full of life



Volunteer Patricia Payo teaches St. James students to use the library. Three members of Catholic Volunteers in Florida are serving this year in the Archdiocese of Miami: two at St. James School and the third at Catholic Legal Services. (PHOTOS BY MARLENE QUARONI | FC)

and energy," she said. "They help us morally, spiritually and financially, since they're paid a much smaller amount than our 18 teachers and coaches. They're good role models for our students because they're witnesses to their faith. It's a win-win situation for volunteers and for us."

Because of her interests, Catholic Volunteers in Florida assigned Candlieri to work for the legal services office. She said her work is everything she wanted in a job.

"They do good work," she said. "The people here are genuinely interested in helping others. The legal system is too complicated to navigate by yourself. We know how the system works and we can help clients interpret the law."

Candlieri, who always attended Catholic schools, said that her Catholic education strongly influenced her social awareness. When she learned about the genocide

in Darfur, Sudan, she organized an awareness week at her Tampa high school, Academy of the Holy Names. In her junior year of college she went to South Africa as part of the university's School of International Training.

"I lived with two Zulu families and an Indian family while I was there," she said. "I stayed in a mud hut for a week. Our work involved feeding children at local schools. I learned about the economy and government and did a project on the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission which dealt with hate crimes."

Candlieri said that at Catholic Legal Services she is learning about the plight of illegal immigrants.

"If you're not legal, then you don't have bootstraps to pull yourself up with," she said.

Callan Garcia, the supervising attorney at the Fort Lauderdale of-



Catholic volunteer Amanda Candlieri, 22, looks through a handbook on immigration law at Catholic Legal Services' office in Fort Lauderdale.



Volunteer Lauren Halstead talks to St. James School second-grader Shamir Wylie, 7.

ice, had three other Catholic Volunteers work in his office and calls them "gens." The office has a receptionist, one part-time and one full-time paralegal, and about 400 walk-in clients each month.

"Amanda really fills a gap," Garcia said. "She's catching on quickly. We'd be in trouble without her. The need is great. It's tough for non-profits these days."

The Miami office of Catholic Legal Services has six attorneys and eight to 12 paralegals, said Randy McGorony, Catholic Legal Services' chief executive officer.

"The volunteers' contribution is important," he said. "But the example of young people giving a year of service is more important."

An archdiocesan priest, Father Patrick O'Neill, founded the Catholic Volunteers in 1983 as the Augustinean Volunteers at St. Thomas University, where he was president. He recruited faculty members from the school's Institute for Pastoral Ministries to give shape to the group and its work. The group changed its name to Catholic Volunteers in Florida in 1989, when St. Thomas became an archdiocesan university.

Throughout the years, Catholic Volunteers in Florida has placed about 250 volunteers in positions

throughout the state, said Blaine Fowler, the group's executive director.

"It's a year of growth and development," said Fowler, who runs the organization from its office in Orlando. "It's more than a job. It's a life-changing encounter with God and others by giving of yourself."

Potential volunteers can go to the group's website — [www.civil.org](http://www.civil.org) — and complete an application form describing their background, experience and interests. Catholic Volunteers in Florida has a nine-member board of directors that oversees the organization. Florida's seven bishops promote it and the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine and New Hope Charities are co-sponsors. The majority of the group's funding comes from donations. Most volunteers are fresh out of college, but some are older.

"This year, a 60-year-old man is working at WIN-VET in Brevard County, a service agency for veterans," said Fowler. "Sixty-five percent of volunteers stay on for another year or are hired at their work site. The volunteers are so dedicated to helping the community that 10 former (Catholic volunteers) are now in leadership positions at social service agencies in Florida." ■

# Of iPads and apps

## McCarthy High, Sts. Peter and Paul School get on technology fast track

**ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO**  
Florida Catholic staff

**MIAMI** | If the era of the printed textbook ever ends, several schools in the Archdiocese of Miami can say they are ready for the change.

Two schools — Sts. Peter and Paul Elementary in Miami and Archbishop Edward McCarthy High School in Southwest Ranches — have now joined St. Hugh School in Coconut Grove and St. Agnes in Key Biscayne in purchasing iPads for their students.

And the pace of acquisition has escalated. Last year, St. Agnes purchased two iPads for use in a fourth- and fifth-grade science lab, and St. Hugh purchased 20 that are shared by students in preschool through fourth grade (as profiled in the June edition of the *Florida Catholic*).

This summer, Sts. Peter and Paul is leasing 120 iPads for use by students in fourth through eighth grades, and McCarthy High School went on an iPad spree.

"We began this school year with 800 students using an iPad and we have an order in for 400 more," said Richard Jean, McCarthy's principal. "We want our students to be on the cutting edge of technology in the classroom and it raises the educational stakes."

"Students will be using the iPads to take notes in the classroom, to visit educational sites to gather information and for testing preparation, and of course for homework," said Joe Morano, McCarthy's technology director. "Eventually the iPads will be used in lieu of schoolbooks, when the publishers catch up with new technology." In fact, that is what propelled



Brandon Cabrera, a freshman at Archbishop Edward McCarthy High School, shows off his iPad, one of 800 acquired by the school. Another 400 are on order. (COURTESY)

Sis. Peter and Paul to look into the iPads. Judith Nuñez-Noceo, middle school science teacher, had to buy new science textbooks at the end of last year, and the company she chose offered an interactive curriculum that has students doing most of their reading and testing online.

"It's the way the book companies are now going," said Nuñez-Noceo, who already had been using the company's website to augment her teaching materials.

The iPads will be used to teach science and reading in a completely interactive way.

"The books are read out loud for students who have dyslexia," Nuñez-Noceo said. "It allows students to have their own individual (learning) time. They can see demos of experiments."

The presence of iPads, however, does not mean McCarthy's or Sts. Peter and Paul's students will be

free to roam the Internet during class time.

"They will find plenty of filters in place," said McCarthy's Morano. At Sts. Peter and Paul, the iPads will not go home, and neither will students be able to bring their own iPads to school, in order to ensure that no one tampers with the pre-loaded content or applications.

If school officials needed any convincing about the usefulness of technology, their doubts dissipated after watching Sts. Peter and Paul students take part in an online math and spelling competition last year.

"We saw how many hours on end the children were in the computer lab doing math problems and writing spelling words to compete with students around the world," said Marina Stabenau, the school's computer teacher and technology guru. "They didn't want to go to sleep to keep doing math problems."

That does not mean teachers will become obsolete, said officials at both schools.

"The iPads program augments the knowledge imparted by the teacher in the classroom," said Jean, McCarthy's principal.

Veteran McCarthy history teacher Lawrence Boes found that out in one lesson.

"I instructed my students to find the first country to implement Solidarity. The next thing I knew we had an active discussion on Poland and its use of civil resistance to advance the rights of workers and implement social change. Students are able to access the facts immediately. This is a great way to fast-forward teaching," Boes said.

PLEASE SEE IPADS, A15



Sts. Peter and Paul's computer teacher Marina Stabenau, right, teaches Principal Carola Morales how to use an iPad. Before school began, teachers at Sts. Peter and Paul School in Miami gathered to learn about — and play with — the school's new iPads. (ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)



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## NEWS briefs

### Sister Marie Schramko to receive

#### Lumen Christi

The Catholic Educators Guild of the Archdiocese of Miami will present this year's Lumen Christi (Light of Christ) award to Sister Marie Schramko, Franciscans of Mary Immaculate. The 94-year-old dynamo was co-founding principal of Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale, and continues to work there to this day.

The awards presentation will take place Sunday, Sept. 18, beginning with a 5 p.m. Mass at St. John the Baptist Parish, 4595 Bayview Drive, Fort Lauderdale. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Wenski, accompanied by Msgr. Vincent Kelly, supervising principal at Gibbons and St. Thomas Aquinas High School, pastor of St. John the Baptist, and longtime archdiocesan vicar for Christian formation.

Sister Schramko, a native of Johnstown, Pa., has worked in education throughout her 75 years of religious life, and 50 of those years have been spent at Gibbons.

For more information about the Catholic Educators Guild, call 305-828-6419.

### Mission Office re-opens

Effective Sept. 1, the Archdiocese of Miami has re-opened its Mission Office. The office is being led by Teresita Gonzalez, who already serves as director of the lay missionary group *Amor en Accion*, and Father David Zirilli, who will assume the duties of director of the Propagation of the Faith while retaining archdiocesan director of vocations.

Gonzalez will work toward developing programs of mission awareness in archdiocesan schools and parishes and managing the Mission Cooperative which brings missionaries from around the world to speak at local parishes.

Gonzalez is already looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

- helping with the organization of the new office space
  - assisting with mailings
  - motivating parish representatives via phone and email
  - organizing the World Mission Sunday materials that are sent out to all the parishes
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# Dream big, learn from each other

That is how new catechesis director plans to expand the reach of his office

**ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO**  
Florida Catholic staff

**MIAMI** — Peter Ductram said he likes to dream big.

"I dream for the Mercedes even though at the end I get the bicycle," said the archdiocese's new director of catechesis, formerly known as religious education. "I wish that every parish has a hired DRE [director of religious education], even if it's part time, and that hired DRE is certified."

It is a tall order when many parishes are financially strapped, and when the teaching force is composed almost entirely of volunteers.

According to the 2011 Kennedy Directory, about 39,000 students are enrolled in catechesis in the Archdiocese of Miami. These are Catholics who attend public or other private schools, but come to their parishes to receive religious instruction and sacramental preparation.



Peter Ductram

"The sharing of our faith is a high priority in a minority situation as we are," said Ductram, who comes from the Archdiocese of Chicago, where he worked in evangelization and Hispanic ministry. "Our kids are submerged in a society that is constantly reminding them about values that are not Catholic."

He cited a Pew Center study that found about 30 percent of the U.S. population is Catholic.

"Within that minority, there is about 35 percent to 40 percent of Catholics who really participate in some way with the Church. A large majority only come to celebrate the sacraments," Ductram said.

One of his goals as director of catechesis is to "take advantage of those small times when we have Catholics coming back to the Church."

That means engaging more in "whole-community catechesis,"

which calls for teaching and evangelizing the parents when they bring their children for sacramental preparation, such as first Communion and confirmation.

To do that, Ductram said he will have to rely greatly on the knowledge and experience of those parish DREs and their catechists, since his own office has been reduced in size to two people: himself and an administrative assistant.

He is spending his first few months on the job going around and meeting people, and continuing the planning for the annual Catechetical Day, which is set for Saturday, Nov. 5, at Our Lady of the Lakes

Parish in Miami Lakes.

"I need to have a clearer understanding of the state of catechesis in the archdiocese," Ductram said. "I have to be realistic. I need to hear: Many of our DREs are volunteers. How can we develop a stronger network and a stronger faith formation with the instruments that we have?"

He plans to create a task force to look into the current catechist certification process, the programs being offered by his own office, St. Thomas University and online, and ways to use the media to promote catechesis "in a much, much bigger way."

He said the sense of hope in

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the three of them are as enthusiastic as freshmen about their new responsibilities, and they bring with them some new ideas.

Pryzbylski, for one, said she was drawn to Miami by "the challenge to create a model system of schools."

She pointed out that what we now call the Catholic school system really started out as individual parochial schools. That tendency to operate independently continues to this day, even though we are nearly 200 years removed from that initial

reality.

"In order to thrive, we need to really become a system because there is strength in numbers. We also can support each other by working together," Pryzbylski said.

Edwards, who was drawn to Miami by his previous experience working with Pryzbylski, said he will help her carry out that goal by focusing on planning and "helping administrators see the broad view."

"Pro-activity rather than reactivity is what we have to focus on," Edwards said. "Expanding our vision and then determining what we have to do to bring that vision to reality. And that's going to be differ-

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ent from school A to school B, from school C to school D."

Both are advocates of data-driven education. That means "we base decisions on factual information that we've gathered," Pryzbylski said.

That data is not just standardized test scores, but also teacher observations, attendance statistics, demographics, socioeconomic factors and ethnicity. The goal is not to compare schools, but to continually assess the progress of each student at each school.

"We don't educate schools. We educate students," Edwards stressed.

"Even if a student is in the 90th percentile, how much growth has that student made? We don't want to see a student plateau or decrease," said Pryzbylski. "We want growth for every student."

She listed the three reasons why parents seek a Catholic education for their children: Catholic identity, quality academics and a safe environment.

"We have to ensure that our schools are high in each of those facets," she said. "We have to point out what's going well and then inspire them to go to the next level. We can't become complacent."

How will they know if they have succeeded?

Edwards told the story of a student he met while visiting Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School in Miami just last month. He asked the student why he chose Curley Notre Dame.

"This is where I can be happy," the student replied.

"I presume that means I can embrace my faith. I can grow as an individual. I can develop my own potential. I can become all that God wants me to be," Edwards said.

Success, then, is when every student in a school in the archdiocese replies to that question the same way: "This is where I can be happy."

# Carroll High: The place for 'foodies'

TONI PALLATO  
Florida Catholic correspondent

**MIAMI** — The gourmet food truck craze has hit Miami in a big way, and Archbishop Coleman Carroll High School is going to take a bite out of it.

"We are planning a 'Food Truck Roundup' once a month, beginning in September," said the high school's new principal, Sister Maureen Cochrane, Carmelites of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles.

"We expect more than 70 trucks to participate, with room for 100, offering a great food selection for parents, bringing out neighbors to us."

The "foodie events" will be third Thursdays, from 6 to 10 p.m. "We planned the dates to coincide with parent-teacher meetings or other functions on the campus," said Carmelite Sister Mary Elizabeth Barbosa, vice principal of development.

"It will be a small, yet steady fundraiser for our school, and a wonderful convenience for our parents, students, staff and neighbors."

The food trucks offer a wide range of cuisine, with an average meal cost of \$10. Calendar dates are Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 17, Jan. 19, 2012, Feb. 9, 2012, March 22, 2012, April 19, 2012, and May 17, 2012. ■

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Carmelite schools supervisor. Apart from Florida and California, her assignments have taken her to Arizona and Colorado, as well as vocational work in Alaska. She most recently served as president of Flos Carmeli Formation Centers, guiding the education, retreat apostolates and formation ministries of the Carmelite Sisters.

Born in South El Monte, Calif., Sister Cochrane is the first daughter of Donald and Margaret Cochrane. She has an older brother and a younger sister. Her father was raised Christian, attending whatever church or Sunday school was available. Her mother was raised Presbyterian, but received piano lessons from sisters at a local convent.

A Catholic neighbor invited the Cochrane children to religious education classes, and Sister Cochrane's journey toward religious life began. Before Christmas of her third-grade year, she, her brother and sister were baptized and enrolled in the local Catholic school.

No matter where her father's work in construction took them in the United States, she said she and her siblings always attended Catholic schools staffed by religious.

She entered Bishop Amat High School in California and began volunteering at Santa Teresa Hospital, as she was interested in pursuing a career as a pediatric nurse — or so she thought. It was there that she first met the Carmelite Sisters, who were nursing the aged residents.

"I was attracted by their joy and simplicity," said Sister Cochrane. "I entered Carmel after graduation, and six months later as I entered novitiate, I received the name of Sister Maureen of St. Therese. I also received my first assignment of teaching at one of the local elementary schools. Even though I thought I would be a nurse, I was so happy being a Carmelite that nothing else mattered."

She went on to receive her master's degree in religious studies from Notre Dame Institute in Virginia, with additional classes in child development and administration.

"I am delighted to be here to

continue the good works of the Carmelite Sisters," Sister Cochrane said. "The culture of Archbishop Coleman Carroll High School is beautiful. We have a family atmosphere here and our students know they are truly loved. And we have many exciting ideas and plans here to build enrollment and advance our curriculum. We are a work in progress, and all things can be done through Our Lord Jesus Christ."

Also new to the school this year, serving as vice-principal of development, is Sister Mary Elizabeth Barbosa, also a Carmelite.

"I have been a Carmelite sister for almost 50 years, and in education for 40 of those years," she said. "I have been a language-arts teacher, a religion teacher, a principal and a supervisor of education for the Carmelite community for 10 years. It is truly a treat to be here and to be back in the classroom as well."

Sister Barbosa graduated from St. Anthony's High School in Long Beach, Calif., and then attended Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles, where she earned a bachelor's degree in education. "Our

ogy is that it allows schools to do their share to protect the environment." "Driving the parents to the website has been crucial" to avoid sending reams of paper home, said Stabenau.

In Sis. Peter and Paul's case, it also helps the school promote itself. She created a Facebook page that parents can "like."

"With all the parents that we

have 'liking' us on Facebook, it shows up on their Facebook account. Then people who are interested can link back to us," Stabenau said.

And in case of emergency, added Morales. "They can follow us on Twitter." ■

Valerie Moran contributed to this report.



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# Say it in Mandarin

St. Thomas University reaching out to students from China

**DANNY GONZALEZ**  
Florida Catholic correspondent

**MIAMI GARDENS** | St. Thomas University has always been known for its diverse student population, attracting students from all over the United States and Caribbean nations. Within the last few years, that diversity has grown to include students from mainland China.

Last year, 30 Chinese students made their way to St. Thomas — and not by accident. Outreach to China is part of St. Thomas' dedication to bringing different nationalities together for the sake of education, and of the school's commitment to ever-expanding diversity.

Of course, St. Thomas might have an advantage when it comes to spreading the word about itself in China: Gregory Chan, the university's provost and chief academic officer, was born in mainland China

but studied overseas. He is the force behind this outreach.

Through his contacts in China, he spread the word about St. Thomas, making it more and more internationally known. Chan also brought two priests from China who are now enrolled in the religious studies program — and helping out with the Chinese Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Miami.

Within the last two years, school officials have led student groups on summer trips to mainland China. Led by Andre Lightbourne, dean of enrollment, and Toni Mountain, dean of students, St. Thomas' students were able to experience the wonders that China offered. More importantly, these trips sparked the effort to bring students from China to Miami.

The university assisted the Chinese students in obtaining visas to study abroad. St. Thomas also has

taken advantage of the Department of State's J-1 visiting scholars program to allow professors from China to come and sit in on the different classes the school offers.

The students coming over have completed their four years of university study and are looking to obtain master's degrees, mostly in business administration or accounting. Many of the students who come already speak English, but for those who do not, Susan Angulo, associate provost for academic support services, has set up an English-as-a-second-language program. Along with learning to speak English, the students also learn to write it properly from English professors such as James Conley.

To help the students become oriented with the university, they are guided by the visiting professors, who are more comfortable with the school and can assist in the transition.

The Chinese students are coming to the U.S. not only to further their studies, but also to experience what the country has to offer, in particular South Florida. They do not constantly have their heads buried in books, but instead are going out and exploring a new world.

Professors say they do not differ much from American students

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

**MIAMI GARDENS** | St. Thomas University will kick off its 50th anniversary celebration at noon Sept. 21, with a Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Wensel in the Chapel of St. Anthony. Right after the liturgy, St. Thomas will dedicate its new Jubilee Tower, facing the Palmetto Expressway at the Northwest 37th Avenue exit.

The university traces its roots to the Universidad de Santo Tomas de Villanueva, founded in 1946 in Havana, Cuba, by American Augustinians with assistance from European Augustinians. When the Castro government expelled the Augustinians from Cuba in 1961, several of the American Augustinians came to Miami, where they founded Biscayne College.

Given their experience in Cuba, the university's founders, and specifically its first president, who was vice rector of Villanueva, were intimately familiar with teaching students from different backgrounds. That commitment to student

except for one thing — the Chinese students are incredibly appreciative of the professors, going so far as to bring them gifts from their homeland to say "thank you" for taking the time to teach them.

These students go back home and spread the word about St. Thomas University, increasing the school's popularity. But one student figuratively stumbled upon St. Thomas.

Sihua Huang grew up in Beijing and studied in Shanghai for the majority of his life. With a passion for sports administration, Huang wanted to further his studies and obtain a master's degree, but found it diffi-

diversity continues strongly today. When university status was attained, the name of the institution was changed from Biscayne College to St. Thomas University to reflect its Cuban heritage. The university came under the sponsorship of the Archdiocese of Miami in 1988, conferring upon St. Thomas the distinction of being the only Catholic archdiocese-sponsored university in the state of Florida.

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cult to do so in his homeland. So he turned to the Internet to search for the next best possibility, and found himself on the St. Thomas website — which is offered in Mandarin.

Huang was able to get in contact with St. Thomas, discovered there was another Chinese student studying sports administration, and he is now entering his third year at the school. "I love it here," said Huang. "Everyone has been really welcoming and the school has great professors." Like every other college student, Huang and his companions hope to take what they have learned at St. Thomas and use it to find a job back home. ■

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To be considered for one of these two grants, applications must be either from groups owned by or part of the archdiocese (such as Catholic Charities, parishes, schools), or financially supported by the archdiocese and having a representative of the archbishop on their governing board. Funding may be requested for up to \$150,000 over a three-year period. Proposals should reflect this timeline and funding level.

To receive guidelines in developing a preliminary proposal, email [hope@theadom.org](mailto:hope@theadom.org). Completed proposals must be postmarked and received no later than Sept. 30. Mail completed preliminary proposals to: IBD Committee, c/o Hope Sadowski, Archdiocese of Miami, 9401 Biscayne Blvd., Miami FL 33138.

### St. Martha premieres jazz 'Meditations'

St. Martha Parish has announced its lineup for the 2011-2012 St. Martha-Yamaha concert series, which this year includes the world premiere of a piece commissioned by the parish.

"Meditation" for two pianos,

premiering Dec. 17, is an original composition by pianist Shelly Berg, who will perform it with the concert series' artistic director Paul Posnak, and *Jazz Week's* vocalist of the year Tierney Sutton.

Tickets to the concerts are \$10 each or \$20 each for Blue Circle reserved seating. Both include receptions with the artists after the concerts. Tickets can be ordered by calling 1-800-595-4849 or visiting [www.sainmartha.litx.com](http://www.sainmartha.litx.com). St. Martha is located at 9301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores.

The concert schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, Nov. 13, 3 p.m., Broadway star Lisa Vroman sings show tunes and modern classics, with award-winning baritone Mark Allapoulos, pianists Posnak and Anita Castiglione, and organist Dan Sandlin.

- Saturday, Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m., "Meditations in Jazz" featuring jazz artists Berg and Sutton.

- Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012, 3 p.m., the Rose Ensemble, winner of Spain's Tolosa International Choral Competition, sings and plays "Voices of Ancient Mediterranean Christians, Jews and Muslims" with Sephardic laments, Spanish villancicos, Hebrew chants and Galician cantigas, plus music from Las Huel-

## CARDAD

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Tampoco lo pensaron la mayoría de los cubanos que se congregaron hace 50 años en el Estadio Bobby Maduro. Pero su Virgen se quedó con ellos.

"Aquí se quedó para proteger y acompañar a sus hijos que siguen llegando", dijo el P. Domínguez. "Y no sólo a los cubanos. Aquí en el exilio la Virgen se ha convertido en la Madre de todos. Nos acoge a todos, sin excepción, bajo su manto".

Anotó que todos los pueblos latinoamericanos conocen a su Madre celestial por diferentes nombres: la Guadalupe en México, la Purísima en Nicaragua, la Chinita en Colombia, la Aparecida en Brasil.

"Ella forma parte de nuestra identidad más profunda como

iberoamericanos", dijo el P. Domínguez. Y por eso, hoy en día, la Ermita de la Caridad en Miami se ha convertido en "la casa de oración de todos".

"Su presencia mantuvo viva la fe de su pueblo", añadió.

Dirigiéndose a los jóvenes de escuelas arquidiocesanas que asistieron a la misa, incluyendo 100 del Colegio Belén que también este año marca 50 años en el exilio, el P. Domínguez les dijo: "Son ustedes los herederos y los continuadores de esta historia de fidelidad y compromiso a Dios".

Al concluir la misa, habló Mons. Agustín Román, obispo auxiliar emerito de Miami, quien no estuvo presente tampoco en esa primera misa, pues aún no lo habían expulsado de Cuba. Pero en 1967, un año después de su llegada a Miami, Mons. Carroll lo puso a cargo del proyecto de construc-

ción de la Ermita, y ahí ha estado en los últimos 44 años.

Recordó una lección que aprendió cuando niño en los campos de Cuba. Un día, una vaca lechera se trágó un mango, y se atoró. Los hombres más fuertes del pueblo trataron sin éxito de extraerlo de la boca. Por fin, crearon un aro de metal y lo introdujeron en la boca de la vaca. Su padre llamó a Agustín, que entonces tendría 4 o 5 años, y le dijo que metiera su mano por el aro para sacar el mango.

"Saqué el mango y salvé el desayuno del día siguiente", dijo Mons. Román. "Una mano pequeña podía hacer mucho más que todas esas manos fuertes".

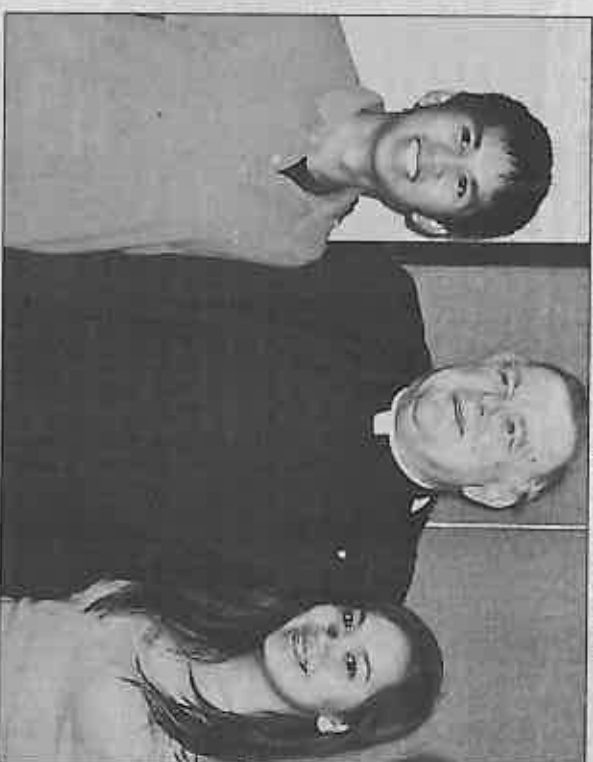
Es así como "lo pequeño en las manos de Dios se hace grande. Lo grande muchas veces, en nuestras manos, se hace pequeño", continuó el obispo.

Así como él puso la construcción de la ermita en las manos de Dios hace 44 años, "no se asusten por las cosas que tienen que hacer. Ponéngalas en las manos del Señor y no hay problema alguno".

Al concluir la misa, se leyó también una proclama de Mons. Wenski, concediendo una indulgencia plenaria durante este próximo año, que marcará el 400 aniversario de la aparición de la Virgen en la Bahía de Nipe. La indulgencia se otorgará a todas las personas que visiten la Ermita a la vez que se confiesen, reciban la comunión y oren por las intenciones del papa. ■



La imagen de la Virgen de la Caridad llegada de Cuba hace 50 años hace su recorrido por el BankUnited Center. (ANA RODRIGUEZ SOTO | FC)



Archbishop Wenski poses with University of Miami students after celebrating a Mass of the Holy Spirit at St. Augustine Parish's Catholic Student Center to mark the beginning of the academic year at the university. See story, read archbishop's homily at [www.miamiarch.org](http://www.miamiarch.org). (VICTORIA QUINTERA DEBAYLE | FC)

gas convent in Burgos, Spain.

- Sunday, March 11, 2012, 3 p.m., Carpe Diem String Quartet, an internationally acclaimed ensemble, performs traditional chamber music as well as compositions by their own Korne Fujiiwara, including the South Florida pre-mieres of Sowashi's "Septendecim" and Fujiiwara's "Fiddle Suite Moon-tana."

- Saturday, April 28, 2012, 7:30 p.m., a unique and exciting program of marimbas, percussion and two pianos with Svet Stoyanov and his Hammer/Klavier Quartet, featuring pianists Tanya Bannister and Stephen Buck, and percussion-

## NUNS

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will sit in wondrous isolation in the midst of Redlands farms and fields — not exactly "the ends of the earth" but close enough in South Florida.

In his remarks, Archbishop Wenski noted that prayer is a sign of hope, for those without hope do not pray. Unfortunately, there are many people today who live their lives that way, without hope, because they do not believe that God matters.

"The lives of these nuns are a testimony to the fact that God does matter," he told the nearly 300 people who attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new monastery Sept. 7.

Serving as the cornerstone was a white marble box which the nuns filled with important papers, including: the letter from Archbishop John C. Favalora, archbishop emeritus of Miami, inviting their community of Querétaro, Mexico, to establish a new monastery in the archdiocese; the permission from their bishop and the Vatican to do so; a book containing the history of the foundation and a small bag with sand from Querétaro; the monastery's logo, rules and constitution; the names of their benefactors; and even the program for the groundbreaking ceremony.

The occasion was remarkable in that it marked one of the few times the nuns were able to step out of

their cloister and interact with friends and benefactors without any physical separation.

"I am so happy. This is something very beautiful, that exceeds all our expectations," said Mother Teresa Lucia del Inmaculado Corazon, who served as superior of the community when the nuns first moved to Miami and found the plot of land where she felt the Lord was calling them to move.

"We don't sense the presence of God in our lives because we don't open our eyes to everything that surrounds us with which the Lord has gifted us," she said, pointing out the beauty of the day and the surroundings.

Among those present at the groundbreaking were Archbishop Favalora, Bishop Manuel Cruz, auxiliary bishop of Newark, N.J., Msgr. Tomás Martín, who serves as prefect of the monastery, members of other religious orders in the archdiocese, local priests, and a good number of the nuns' admirers and financial supporters.

Among the latter was Julie Williamson of St. Martha Parish in Miami Shores, a real estate attorney whose firm, Ackerman Senterfitt, worked pro bono to help the nuns acquire the land and obtain the necessary zoning permits.

"I was there the day they bought it," she said. After the closing, "we drove out here and they sprinkled holy water on the ground. There was no way I would not be back here today." ■

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**"Noche Caribeña" (Caribbean Night),** Saturday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m., Doubletree Miami Mart Hotel, 711 N.W. 72 Ave., Miami. Benefits Amor en Accion lay missionary group. Donation: \$60. 305-762-1226, [www.amorenaccion.com](http://www.amorenaccion.com).

**Florida Center for Peace gala,** Friday, Sept. 30, Renaissance Ballroom, 5910 S.W. 8 St., Miami. Dinner, dance, silent auction. Donation: \$45. 305-412-1700, [info@fcpac.com](http://info@fcpac.com).

**St. Theresa golf tournament,** Friday, Sept. 30, 11 a.m., Biltmore Golf Club, Coral Gables. Supports ongoing restoration of St. Theresa School. Includes buffet, open bar, silent auction, awards, dance. 305-798-1141.

**St. Andrew holiday bazaar,** Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 9950 N.W. 29 St., Coral Springs. Vendors wanted. Indoor spaces: \$60. Outdoor spaces: \$45. 954-227-1640.

**Good Shepherd garage sale,** Saturday, Oct. 8, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., 14817 S.W. 72 St., Miami. Sponsored by Council of Catholic Women. Spaces: \$25 without tent, \$30 with tent. 786-683-9298, [fiorellaparis@yahoo.com](mailto:fiorellaparis@yahoo.com).

**"Havana Nights" at Blessed Trinity,** Saturday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m., 4020 Curtis Parkway, Miami Springs. Live music, cash bar. Benefits construction of new multipurpose school building. [bishavanighting@gmail.com](mailto:bishavanighting@gmail.com).

**Curley Notre Dame alumni golf tournament,** Friday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Miami Shores Country Club. Includes auction, dinner, awards. Sponsorship opportunities available. [alums@acdn.net](mailto:alums@acdn.net).

**Schott Communities 5K walk and run,** Saturday, Oct. 22, 6:59 a.m., Flamingo Road, Cooper City.

Fee: \$25 per person. Sponsorship opportunities available. 954-434-3306, [Kdrumheller@schottcommunities.org](mailto:Kdrumheller@schottcommunities.org).

**St. Andrew Parish golf outing,** Saturday, Oct. 22, 12:30 p.m., Woodmont Country Club, Tamara. Scramble format, shotgun start. Sponsorship opportunities available. Fee: \$125 per golfer; \$450 per foursome; \$115 for students 15 and under. 954-295-0260, 954-707-1580, [www.standrewmensclub.com](http://www.standrewmensclub.com).

**St. Maximilian Kolbe flea market,** Saturday, Oct. 22, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., 701 N. Hiatus Road, Pembroke Pines. New and gently used items. Vendors welcome. \$30 for one space; \$55 for two spaces. 954-432-0206, [reled@stmax.cc](mailto:reled@stmax.cc).

**Mother of Christ harvest festival,** Oct. 27-30, 14141 S.W. 26 St., Miami. Food, music, great rides. Vendor opportunities available. 786-423-5636.

**St. Sebastian Oktoberfest,** Friday, Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m., 2000 S.E. 25 Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Traditional German fare, music by German dance band, rock-climbing wall, children's field games. Adults: \$15, children: \$10. 954-524-9344.

## CONCERTS

**Belén Jesuit Cultural Series,** Inaugural event, Saturday, Oct. 8, 8 p.m., Roca Theatre, 500 S.W. 127 Ave., Miami. Featuring alumnus and Broadway performer Raul Esparza with special guest Lucracia, accompanied by Belén Jazz Band conducted by Marlene Urbay. Tickets: \$35, \$65 and \$125, and can be purchased online. 305-223-8600, [www.belenesuit.org](http://www.belenesuit.org).

**"Celebremos a Jesús el Nazareno,"** viernes, 28 de octubre, 8 p.m., Iglesia de All Saints, 10900 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise. Concierto con el grupo Alfarenos, de la República Dominicana, para celebrar fondos para los niños.

mas necesidades de Latinoamérica. Invitación especial: Marcos Chau, 786-395-0692, [gigipastrana@hotmail.com](mailto:gigipastrana@hotmail.com).

## FAITH EDUCATION

**Life Issues workshop,** Saturday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Agatha, 1111 S.W. 107 Ave., Miami. Defend the sanctity of human life at all stages, learn the Catholic Church's teachings on critical life issues of our day. Respect Life Office: 954-981-2922.

**SEPI (Southeast Pastoral Institute), 7700 S.W. 56 St., Miami.** Clases en español a través del año. 305-279-2333, [sepi.miami@aol.com](http://sepi.miami@aol.com).

• 19 de septiembre-3 de noviembre, lunes y jueves, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Fundamentos de Teología, Revelación, fe, gracia, dogma, tradición, magisterio y otros, profesor: Padre Jesús Lereña, sacerdote escolapio.

• 27 de septiembre-25 de octubre, martes, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Taller de Biblia, San Marcos. Marcos da respuesta a la pregunta ¿quién es Cristo? para que su comunidad caiga en cuenta de que ¿quién es discípulo de Cristo? Profesor: Padre Oscar Alonso, sacerdote escolapio.

• 5 de octubre-2 de noviembre, miércoles, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Curso de Bioética. Para conocer la problemática ética que el desarrollo de las modernas técnicas biomédicas ha suscitado, sobre todo desde el punto de vista de moral católica, profesor: Juan José Rodríguez.

**Camino,** programa de preparación matrimonial en español que ofrece la Arquidiócesis de Miami a las parejas que desean celebrar el sacramento del Matrimonio en la Iglesia Católica: 8-9 de octubre y 22-23 de octubre, Southeast Pastoral Institute, 7700 S.W. 56 St., Miami. 305-226-4664.

**Post-Camino,** programa de enriquecimiento matrimonial abierto a todas las parejas! marriage enrichment program open to all couples, bilingual, segundo miércoles del mes/second Wednesday, Southeast Pastoral Institute, 7700 S.W. 56 St., Miami. 305-226-4664.

**Engaged Encounter,** Life Skills Day, Part 2 of 2 of the marriage preparation required for couples getting married in the Archdiocese of Miami. This day explores topics such as expectations, family of origin, communications, finances and more. Couples will also need to register separately for Sacramentally Day. 305-762-1148.

• Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Little Flower, 1805 Pierce St., Hollywood  
• Saturday, Oct. 8, 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Jerome, 2533 S.W. Ninth Ave., Fort Lauderdale  
• Friday, Oct. 14, 6:30-10 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., St. Louis, 7270 S.W. 120 St., Pinecrest.

**"Matthew: The King and His Kingdom,"** Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., beginning Oct. 4 and continuing for 24 weeks, St. Ambrose, 380 S. Federal Highway, Deerfield Beach. Revisit the Gospel account, recognize the power and importance of the Church, the Mass and sacraments. 954-427-2225.

**Music ministers: "Getting to Know You,"** Saturday, Oct. 8, 9 a.m.-noon, Barry University

Chapel, 11300 N.E. Second Ave., Miami Shores. Meet other parish musicians, share resources and support, sing new Mass settings. Organized by Miami Chapter of National Association of Pastoral Musicians. 305-458-9919, [mfielshaker@mail.barry.edu](mailto:mfielshaker@mail.barry.edu).

**Extraordinary ministers of holy Communion training workshop,** Saturday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes, Kendall, in English and Spanish. Candidates must be 16 or older. Have received Confirmation, lead a life in harmony with Catholic faith, and be recommended by their pastor, principal or school chaplain in a letter sent to the Office of Worship. Registration: \$10 per person, done through the parish at least a week before the workshop date. 305-756-2755, [CORIS@catholicofsfairmiami.com](http://CORIS@catholicofsfairmiami.com).

**U.S. Catholic Mission Association 2011 Conference,** Oct. 28-30, Dorai Golf Resort & Spa, 4400 N.W. 87 Ave., Miami. Theme: "Push Out into the Deep: Communion and Missionary Discipleship." Mass Saturday, Oct. 29, 6 p.m., Notre Dame d'Haïti, with Archbishop Thomas Wenski. 202-832-3112.

**Pre-Cana II,** Saturday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Good Shepherd, 14181 S.W. 72 St., Miami. Life skills component of the archdiocese's 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 will also need to register separately for Sacramentally Day. 305-762-1148.

## MASSES/PRAYER SESSIONS

**Songs and prayer in the spirit of Taizé,** Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m., Barry University, Cor Jesu Chapel, 11300 N.E. Second Ave., Miami Shores. 305-899-3650 or 305-458-9919.

**Encuentros de reflexión y oración sobre la Divina Voluntad,** martes, 10-11:15 a.m., miércoles, 8:15-9:30 p.m., Iglesia de St. John Bosco, 1349 W. Flagler St., Miami, con el Padre Jorge Noda. 305-649-5464.

## RETREATS/DAYS OF REFLECTION

**Women of Grace "Healed for Holiness,"** Sept. 23-25, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 3050 N. Highway A1A, Indian Creek. 11th national conference featuring author Johanne Berkeovic, Father Phillip Scott, Mary Jo Anderson, and Holy Cross Father Edmund Sylvia. Registration at [www.womenofgrace.com](http://www.womenofgrace.com) or 1-800-558-5452.

**Retiro Emaus para hombres,** 23-25 de septiembre, Miami Youth Center Retreat House, 3333 S. Miami Ave., Miami. 786-285-1059 o [eliopalomo@yahoo.com](mailto:eliopalomo@yahoo.com).

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

• K.I.S.S. (Keep It Simple Sister!).

Saturday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., for women who have been through Emaus retreat to "refresh" and "reconnect." \$30, includes lunch.

• Couples evening of reflection: Monday, Sept. 26, 7-9:30 p.m. Insights for marriage from Theology of the Body. \$60 per couple, includes happy half-hour, dinner, after-dinner presentation.

• Parenting seminar: Tuesday, Sept. 27, 7:30-9:30 p.m. "Parenthood — The Journey: You Can't Plan For It. But You Can Prepare For It." \$20 per person; \$30 per couple.

**Cursillo weekend,** Sept. 29-Oct. 1 for women; Oct. 13-16 for men, Casa Emaus, 16250 S.W. 112 Ave., Miami. [www.cursillomiami.org](http://www.cursillomiami.org) or 305-302-7811.

**Joyful Again,** Saturday, Oct. 1, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., St. Maximilian Kolbe, 701 N. Hiatus Road, Pembroke Pines. A one-day retreat program for persons who have lost a spouse through death more than four months ago, and who want to resolve the grief. 954-417-5569, [info@joyfulagainsofflorida.org](mailto:info@joyfulagainsofflorida.org).

**Emaus experience for women,** Oct. 7-9, Our Lady of Lourdes, 11291 S.W. 142 Ave., Miami. Based on the passage of Luke 24:13-35, program leads participants to discover Jesus in their lives. 305-253-0858.

**Ejercicios Espirituales Ignacianos,** 7-9 de octubre para mujeres, 14-16 de octubre para hombres, Juan Pablo II Retreat House, 720 N.E. 27 St., Miami, según el método de San Ignacio de Loyola, predicados por sacerdotes del Instituto Cristo Rey de Argentina. 305-825-4949 / 954-446-6612.

**Impactos (en español),** para familias con hijos de 3 a 11 años que desean mejorar su relación, ofrece soluciones basadas en la fe católica para los retos que enfrentan hoy. 305-571-7111, [www.impactos.org](http://www.impactos.org); 24-25 de septiembre, 8:30 a.m. 5 p.m., Iglesia de St. Brendan, 872 S.W. 32 St., Miami.

**Impactos (in English),** Oct. 8-9, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Good Shepherd, 14187 S.W. 72 St., Miami. For families with children ages 3-11 who wish to improve their relationship, Impactos offers Catholic solutions to the challenging faced by today's families. 305-571-7111, [www.impactos.org](http://www.impactos.org).

**Caballeros Católicos XXIII Asamblea Diocesana,** sábado, 16 de octubre, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Salón Padre Estevez, Iglesia de St. Agatha, 1111 S.W. 107 Ave., Miami. Presentando dos talleres: "Un Sc Cuerpo" y "La Caridad Nos Une" con Pete Suarez. 305-300-3880.

**Talleres de Oración y Vida del Padre Ignacio Larraga,** sábados, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Iglesia de St. John Bosco, 1349 W. Flagler St., Miami. Para quienes desean avanzar más adentro en el misterio insondable de Dios. 305-649-544

## SCHOOLS

**Lion Cub cheerleading program,** Chaminade-Madonn College Preparatory, 500 E. Chaminade Drive, Hollywood. Program encourages physical activity at a young age, introduces participants to cheerleading skills and routines. Fee: \$125, includes registration, uniforms, sneakers. [cmilions.org](http://cmilions.org) or 954-410-3594.

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# BUILDING THE CITY OF God

## What he did before becoming a priest:

"I began working when I was 15, went to college and became an elementary school teacher for the public school system in Miami-Dade County."

## When he knew he wanted to be a priest:

"At age 19 I thought of becoming a Franciscan brother. The call to become a priest was not in the beginning, it developed slowly under spiritual guidance. I didn't begin the seminary until I was 28 years old."

## Person or event that triggered his vocation:

"After I read the life of St. Thomas de Celano (one of the first followers of St. Francis of Assisi) and reading about the radical decision to leave everything behind and follow the Lord. Being involved in parish ministry fueled my desire to serve the Church."

## Person most surprised by his vocation:

"My family at first because they didn't understand; also the principal at the school where I taught. I remember she said, 'I have goose bumps,' when I told her I was going into religious life."

## What the seminary did not prepare him for:

"I would have benefited from learning more about the fundamentals of the biblical languages and Latin since we are committed to read, study, preach and teach the sacred Scripture as part of our way of life."

**'I do thank God for calling me and using me as his instrument in spite of my unworthiness.'**

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

"Teaching elementary school and special education. I was very happy doing that!"

## Favorite priestly assignment:

"Serving the poor in the inner city and serving the Virgin Mary."

## The most difficult aspect of being a priest:

"This question reminds me of John 15:20: 'No slave is greater than his master, if they persecute me they will also persecute you.' The hatred and persecution that Jesus suffered is also our own suffering as priests."

## A priestly stereotype that he feels should be discarded:

"People think that in order for a priest to be truly happy he needs to be married, and that simply isn't true."



A 3-year-old •  
Msgr. Oscar Castañeda is pictured here dressed as a cowboy in his native Morton, Cuba.

## Favorite movie:

"The Mission."

## Favorite TV series:

"When I have a little bit of time I like to watch the show on A&E 'Intervention.' It is about a method or strategy used to help drug addicts recognize their problem and begin the process of recovery."

## Last book read:

"Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" by Brant Pitre.

## Favorite type of music:

"I like music in general but my favorite is classical guitar and Bach's organ concertos."

## What he collects:

"Nothing in particular, but throughout the years I have kept various editions and translations of the Bible as my own way of interest in sacred Scripture."

## Person he most admires:

Blessed Teresa of Kolkata. "I admire her convictions, her courage and her poverty."

## His greatest disappointment:

"When I see people abandon the practice of the sacraments or when marriages break and families are broken apart."

## His greatest joy:

"To celebrate the Eucharist with my parents on their 60th wedding anniversary (which took place Sept. 10 of this year.) It is a joy and a special grace for my family."

## His greatest accomplishment:

"I normally don't look at my life from that perspective, but I do thank God for calling me and using me as his instrument in spite of my unworthiness."

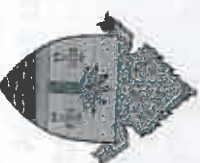
## Thing he most fears:

"I try to live without fear because it tends to paralyze some aspects of my life. My apprehension is to not want to contradict myself and the ministry/mission that I am called to."



**MSGR. OSCAR CASTAÑEDA**  
Pastor, St. John the Apostle Parish, Mialeah

Born Jan. 21, 1954, in Morton, Cuba, Msgr. Castañeda came to South Florida with his family and graduated from Miami Springs Senior High. He attended Miami Dade College and Florida International University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a minor in special education. In 1982, he entered St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami and continued his studies for the priesthood at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach. He was ordained May 16, 1987, for the Archdiocese of Miami. Among his assignments since then, he has served as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Coral City and rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Charity in Miami. He became pastor of St. John the Apostle in 2010 and also serves as director of Opus Caritas, a ministry to the homeless, the elderly and people with substance abuse problems.



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Framed by an a 60-foot American flag that flew over New York City following 9/11, Archbishop Thomas Wenski stands outside St. Mary Cathedral before Mass Sept 11. (PHOTOS BY MARLENE QUARONI | FC)

# Honoring heroes

## At 9/11 Mass, archbishop pays tribute to heroes, victims of terrorist attacks

**MARLENE QUARONI**

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**MIAMI** | Capt. David Duenas, along with other City of Miami firefighters who were members of the South Florida Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, spent two weeks after Sept. 11, 2001, searching through the rubble of World Trade Center buildings one and two.

"We found four deceased members of the New York fire department," Duenas said after a Mass of remembrance at St. Mary Cathedral marking the 10th anniversary of the attacks on the buildings in New York, the Pentagon and the hijacked plane that crashed in Shanksville, Pa. "We were able to bring closure to those firefighters' families."

Everybody called the firefighters heroes, but that's our job, he said.

"The bell rings and you go," said Duenas. "We're here to protect citizens. Firefighters are a family, along with police and the military."

The Communion hymn "No Greater Love," which included the words, "there's no greater love than to lay down your life for a friend,"

brought tears to the eyes of some firefighters at the Mass. Although Lt. Olga Gomez, a 21-year veteran of the City of Miami Fire Department, didn't go to ground zero in 2001, she toured the World Trade Center site in 2007 and met the mother of Thomas Foley, a firefighter killed there.

"We bonded when she found out I was a firefighter," Gomez said. "His mother gave me a memorial card with his picture on it."

Outside the cathedral, a 60-foot American flag that flew over New York City following the attacks hung from an extension of a City of Miami fire truck. Knights of Columbus Assembly 2723 brought to the Mass a replica of the helmet of Father Mychal F. Judge, New York Fire Department chaplain who was among the first to be killed in the collapse of the towers. The Pembroke Pines assembly is named in his honor. The original helmet is kept at the Vatican, said Phil Williams, assembly member.

In his homily, Archbishop Thomas Wenski quoted Pope John Paul II as saying the "fight against the death-makers doubtless requires firmness and resoluteness. ... At the same time it is necessary to make every possible effort to eradicate misery, despair, emptiness of heart and whatever favors this drift toward terror. ... We must not let ourselves be overwhelmed by fear



City of Miami firefighter Olga Gomez cries as the choir sings, "No Greater Love" during the Mass at St. Mary Cathedral with firefighters and first responders to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.



Phil Williams of the Knights of Columbus Father F. Mychal Judge FDNY, Assembly 2723 of South Broward carries into Mass at St. Mary Cathedral a replica of the fire helmet worn by Father Judge, who died at the World Trade Center.

which leads men and women to focus on themselves and strengthens the selfishness entrenched in the hearts of individuals and groups." The archbishop also commended the firefighters and first responders.

"If 10 years ago the very worst that man was capable of was shown by the terrorists, the very best was brought forth through heroic efforts by firefighters, police and rescue personnel, and through thou-

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— **Capt. David Duenas, City of Miami Fire Department**

sands of caring and compassionate volunteers who stepped forward that time of crisis," he said. ■

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