Archbishop Thomas Wenski spent first two weeks in office visiting Catholics throughout archdiocese

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MIAMI — Miami’s new archbishop wasted no time in reacquainting himself with the people and places of south Florida.

Just a day after his installation Mass at St. Mary Cathedral, Archbishop Thomas Wenski was off and running, celebrating a whirlwind of welcome Masses — 10 in 9 days — for Catholics from Key West to Fort Lauderdale.

Sometimes he celebrated two Masses a day, such as on Sunday, June 5, when he returned to his former parish, Notre Dame d’Haiti, for morning Mass, and traveled to St. Thomas University in the afternoon for a send-off Mass for archdiocesan missionaries.

He was at St. Gregory June 3 to greet Catholics in Broward County; at St. Mary Star of the Sea June 8 to greet Catholics in Monroe County; at St. Michael June 4 to greet members of the Hispanic apostolic movements; at St. Clement June 9 for a multicultural Mass with representatives of all the different ethnic and cultural groups; and at Epiphany June 10 for a Mass with members of the papal and chivalric orders, as well as those who have received archdiocesan or papal honors.

W A T C H  T H E  P A L L I U M  M A S S

The Pallium Mass can be viewed on the archdiocesan website, www.miamia cardinal.org, live at 3:30 a.m. (9:30 a.m. Rome time) on Tuesday, June 29. It will air again on the website only once, at 6 p.m. that evening.

Also turn to the website for daily blog postings — pictures and stories — from Rome by Ana Rodriguez-Soto, editor of the Florida Catholic’s Miami edition, who is accompanying Archbishop Thomas Wenski on the pallium pilgrimage.

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Clockwise from top left, Archbishop Thomas Wenski is greeted by Rabbi Solomon Schiff and his wife, Shirley Schiff, at Epiphany Parish in Miami; Adanma Osuji, a member of the Nigerian apostolate, applauds Archbishop Wenski as he enters St. Clement Parish; and Archbishop Wenski greets Flossie Abrigo, a Filipino, after Mass at St. Clement Parish in Fort Lauderdale.
WELCOME: ‘Remember that there is no greater priority for us than to make Jesus Christ known to all’

He also celebrated the annual Red Mass for Catholics in the legal profession at St. Anthony Parish in Fort Lauderdale June 2, and a Mass June 5 to mark the graduation of 34 students of the two-year School of Ministry — and the commissioning or recommissioning of 47 others.

After taking a break to attend the U.S. bishops’ meeting in St. Petersburg, he celebrated Mass June 20 for members of religious communities. In between, he managed to write opinion pieces for both the Miami Herald and the National Catholic Register.

Although he tailored his message for the audience at each Mass, Archbishop Wenski reiterated the theme he spoke about at his installation: The world has forgotten about God, therefore the world is without hope. That lack of hope manifests itself in drug abuse, abortion and other societal ills. The role of Catholics is to witness to the world that there is hope, and that hope lies in belief in God. Similarly, Catholics must witness to the joy that results from experiencing a personal encounter with Jesus.

“Remember that there is no greater priority for us than to make Jesus Christ known, loved, adored, announced and communicated to all,” Archbishop Wenski told the lay ministers.

He also took the opportunity, in talking to Hispanics at St. Michael and members of all the cultural groups at St. Clement, to vigorously defend immigrants.

“Diversity does not divide the Church,” he said in his homily at St. Clement. “The word ‘catholic’ means universal. Today, the presence of so many ethnic groups that form part of our archdiocesan community should show that all can and do find a home in the Catholic Church. Our unity is found in Christ.”

The groups included Haitians, Brazilians, Hispanics, Koreans, Filipinos, Chinese, Nigerians, Indians, Vietnamese and Americans. The archbishop said that everyone should feel at home in the Father’s house and that the Church will continue its outreach to newcomers.

“We will speak their Mother’s tongue,” he said. “The newcomer, regardless of legal status, is a human person, he is a brother, she is a sister with a claim on our solidarity. We must build bridges, not walls.”

At St. Michael, he challenged Hispanics, the largest minority and Catholic group in America, to be beacons of hope to the nation.

He said the vast number of Hispanic immigrants to the U.S. can provide “an antidote to the individualism and moral relativism that has infected American popular culture.”

He also asked them to embrace and advocate for the undocumented, “the lepers of our day.”

“Before those who want to let themselves be carried away by fear — and so build up walls of racism and lack of understanding — we have to be witnesses of a ‘God love’, a compassionate God, a God who is Father of all — whether they ‘have papers’ or not,” Archbishop Wenski said.

He will conclude his first month as Miami’s archbishop by traveling to Rome with about 250 pilgrims from Miami and Orlando. There, on June 29 in a Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica, he will receive — along with all the other newly named archbishops from around the world — the pallium, the symbol of his office as metropolitan archbishop.

As metropolitan, Archbishop Wenski has limited jurisdiction over a group of dioceses referred to as a province, in this case the Province of Miami, which consists of the seven dioceses of Florida.

The pallium will be placed around his shoulders by Pope Benedict XVI on the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul — a reminder of the bonds that bind the bishops around the world with the successor of St. Peter.

To read coverage of all of Archbishop Wenski’s Welcome Masses, as well as some of the homilies he preached, go to www.miamiarch.org. Click on the “news center” tab, then on “news archive” and search by the keyword “Wenski.”
Learn to teach children to pray

The Ministry of the Friends of Jesus and Mary invites the community to its VI International Congress, to be held at Manresa Retreat House, 12190 S.W. 56 St., Miami, from July 15 to 18. This event is for adults, including parents, who are called to serve God by teaching children to pray and to love the Lord in their families and in their prayer groups. The information will be presented in Spanish; however, simultaneous translation will be available at no extra cost.

Donation for the four-day event is $40. For reservations, call Flori- da Center for Peace, 305-273-8730, or go to www.fcpeace.com, and click on the tab “Friends of Jesus and Mary,” then on Events.

Advocate training begins in September

The Office of the Metropoli- tan Tribunal announces that classes for the Advocate Pro- gram 2010-2011 will begin Sept. 15. They are held at the School of Canon Law at St. Thomas University, 16401 N.W. 37th Ave., Miami Gardens, every other week on Wednesdays, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The deadline to receive nomi- nations for new students is July 31. For more information, please visit http://tribunal.mi.edu, call Roberto Aguirre at 305-762-1237, or e-mail robertoaguirre@bellsouth.net.

Theology of Body Congress in July

Ascension Press will host a national Theology of the Body Congress July 28-30 at Normandy Farms, Blue Bell, Pa. (near Phila- delphia). Speakers include Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia, Christopher West and Janet Smith. The three-day congress will feature more than 35 seminars, roundtable discussions, expert panels and keynote addresses. Registration fees are $75 (in- dividual), $140 (married couple) and $65 (student). The registration deadline is Oct. 15. For information, call the Respect Life Ministry Office at 954-981-2922.

Miami will host Respect Life conference

“Ignite the Spark Within Us!” is the theme of this year’s Florida Respect Life Conference, which will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Miami Oct. 29-30 at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott North Hotel, 6650 N. Andrews Ave., Fort Lau- derdale.

This conference is sponsored by the bishops of Florida, the Florida Catholic Conference and diocesan respect life directors.

Speakers will include: Father Alfred Ciolfi, a Miami priest who serves as senior fellow of the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia; Claire Thuring- Roberson, director of pharmaceuti- cal development at Thallion Pharmaceuticals, who will speak on advances in ethical stem-cell research; D. Michael McCarron, executive director of the Florida Catholic Conference, who will speak about the death penalty; Joseph Mauceri, doctor of internal medicine, clinical research and bioethics, who will speak about the final hour of life; Father Carmelo Romangello, a Miami priest who will speak about post-abort- ion healing; Augustinian Father Richard Mullen, who will speak about abortion in the context of Catholic social teaching; and Bar- bara Grotebier, education coordi- nator for the archdiocese’s respect life ministry, who will speak about sexual morality.

Catechetical credits will be avail- able for attendance at the confer- ence. Registration fees are $75 (in- dividual), $140 (married couple) and $65 (student). The registration deadline is Oct. 15. For informa- tion, call the Respect Life Ministry Office at 954-981-2922.

If you have a special need or intention, the staff of the Florida Catholic will pray with you. Just send in your prayer requests and we will include your needs in our prayers.

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Let ‘illegals’ earn their citizenship

A quienes acusaron a Jesús de transgredir las leyes de su tiempo, Él replicó: “El sábado ha sido hecho para el hombre, y no el hombre para el sábado” (Mc 2:27). Su enseñanza subraya el punto de que la ley positiva, aún la ley divina positiva, debe beneficiar a la humanidad, no esclavizada.

Los patriotas que violaron la ley durante el motín del té en el puer- to de Boston, lo entendían, como lo entendía Rosa Parks, quien quebrantó la ley cuando rehusó ceder su asiento en el autobús a un hombre blanco.

Cuando las leyes fracasan en permitir el progreso del bien común, deben y tienen que ser cambiadas.

Nuestras leyes de inmigración necesitan un cambio; son anticuadas e inadecuadas para la promoción y la regulación de las relaciones sociales y económicas de América en el siglo 21. Parece que todo el mundo está de acuerdo con este punto.

Sin embargo, las soluciones propuestas no deben empeñar la situación. Las leyes anacrónicas, adaptadas equivocadamente a la creciente interdependencia de nuestro mundo y a la globalización laboral, son inadecuadas. Los cambios propuestos deben considerar tanto la dignidad humana como el interés nacional. De lo contrario, las leyes malas serán remplazadas por leyes peores.

Por esta razón, los obispos católicos de los Estados Unidos y una amplia coalición bipartidista de uniones y cámaras de comercio, han apoyado una reforma abarcadora de inmigración que trate las necesidades laborales futuras al establecer un programa legal de trabajadores temporales; que ofrezca un camino a la legalización para los 10 millones de trabajadores, aproximadamente, que se encuentran en el país; y que elimine los atraves en las visas de reunificación, que mantienen a las familias separadas por períodos inseparable de tiempo.

Una legislación limitada y restrictiva, concentrada exclusiva- mente en el “cumplimiento”, sólo empeorará la situación. De hecho, durante los pasados 10 años se han invertido miles de millones de dólares en la protección de la frontera, pero la inmigración ilegal aumentó hasta la actual recesión, debido a que el mercado laboral exigía trabajadores diestros y dispuestos.

La inmigración ilegal no debe ser tolerada, pues contribuye al abuso y a la explotación de los propios inmigrantes; en última instancia, los negocios que necesitan el trabajo de los inmigrantes — lo que contribuye al crecimiento de la economía americana — preferirían y se beneficiarían de la fuerza laboral legal y responsable.

La solución a la inmigración ilegal no requiere calumniar a los supuestos “illegales”. América siempre ha sido una tierra de promesa y oportunidades para quienes están dispuestos a trabajar arduamente. Podemos proteger nuestra seguridad nacional y nuestras fronteras sin que América, una nación de inmigrantes, deje de ser una tierra de promesa y oportunidad para los inmigrantes.

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Catholic schools: Faithful evangelizers

Survey finds at least 700 Catholic school students, parents, staff joined Church this year across the country

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ARLINGTON, Va. — While Catholic schools traditionally are prized for their high academic standards and orderly behavior, occasionally the evangelizing mission of schools is taken for granted. After all, aren’t all students in Catholic schools Catholic? They are not, according to statistics compiled annually by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), the professional membership organization for Catholic schools and parish religious education programs.

According to figures released this spring, approximately 14.5 percent, or nearly 308,000 students, enrolled in Catholic schools are not Catholic. The percentages vary widely from region to region, from few non-Catholic students in rural areas to inner-city schools where Catholic students may be the minority.

In the Archdiocese of Miami, for the school year 2009-2010, nearly 9 percent of the 34,418 students in Catholic elementary and high schools were not Catholic.

The full effect of a school’s evangelizing mission is difficult to pinpoint precisely. However, based on an e-mail survey conducted by the NCEA this spring, Catholic schools around the country reported more than 700 youths, parents and staff members connected to Catholic schools chose to become Catholic this year.

Responses represented 17 percent of the nation’s 178 Latin-rite dioceses or archdioceses, so actual nationwide numbers would be higher if statistics were available.

According to Karen Ristau, president of the NCEA, “These numbers speak impressively to the effectiveness of U.S. Catholic schools in sharing and spreading the faith. It’s testimony that religion is an integral part of the educational program and of students’ daily life at school.”

Many schools reported that the numbers of those received into the Church were in the ones and twos, but several dioceses reported significant numbers of new members during the 2010 Easter season.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia reported that 100 students in elementary and high schools joined the Church this year. The Archdiocese of Baltimore reported that 74 students and seven adults connected to schools joined the Church. The Archdiocese of Atlanta reported 10 students. The Diocese of Jackson, Miss., where about 50 percent of the diocese’s students are Catholic, reported that 30 students, 15 parents or guardians, and two teachers were received into the Catholic Church during Holy Week. The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, with 18 of 22 schools responding, reported 41 students, 60 parents and eight teachers joined the Church. The Diocese of Little Rock, Ark., said that 37 adults and 39 children were received into the Church.

The Archdiocese of Miami reported 76 students among 35 schools joined the Church. Christian Brother Richard DeMaria, executive director of Christian Formation for the archdiocese, said, “This supports the impression that Catholic schools are the most important form of evangelization in a parish.”

While many of the new Catholics were among students in the early grades, larger numbers came from the upper elementary grades and high schools. In some cases, students took the step independently; others were accompanied by their parents and other family members.

At least 54 of the new Catholics were faculty and staff, including several school secretaries.

The individual stories are inspiring. In Des Moines, Iowa, a family of five (parents and three children) began the process after the oldest child in Catholic school began to wonder why his family did not attend any church.

John Paul II School in Sacramento, Calif., reported eight students this year, and noted that the school has experienced one or two baptisms since the school opened in 2005. “We celebrate the baptisms as a school community because it’s a powerful witness to all of our students,” wrote Principal Fran Wise.

At St. Margaret Mary Catholic School in Winter Park, Fla., a teacher of math, science and social studies for the sixth grade joined the Church during the Easter Vigil. “Many of the students were present for his baptism,” said school Principal Kathleen Walsh. “This experience has been such an incredible blessing for our school community and especially for the sixth-grade class.”

A number of schools also reported that students received their first Communion or confirmation after their families returned to the practice of their Catholic faith.
Installation Mass video now available

Copies of the video that captured the historic Mass of installation for Archbishop Thomas Wenski, fourth archbishop of Miami, are now available from the archdiocese’s Communications Department. So are the pictures of many of those who personally greeted the new archbishop after the Mass ended.

The cost of the DVD is $10 per copy, and it is available with commentary in English or Spanish. To order, write to:
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Those wishing to look through the photos should go to: http://tinyurl.com/wenskigreeting. Photos may be viewed and purchased directly from that site, www.DotPhoto.com. To view or purchase photos from Archbishop Wenski’s installation and other events he has attended since then, go to www.DotPhoto.com and sign in as a “guest” with the username “tcmiami.”

‘Don Bosco Among Us’: Saint’s relics coming

The year 2015 marks the second centenary of the birth of St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesians, who are known for their education ministry to the poor around the world. To prepare for that observance, the saint’s relics have been traveling from Turin, Italy, on pilgrimage through 130 countries.

The relics will arrive at Immaculata-La Salle High School, 3601 S. Miami Ave., Miami, on Sunday, Sept. 25, where an all-night vigil will begin at 8 p.m. It will conclude with a Mass at 8 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 26. The relics will then be moved to St. John Bosco Parish, 1358 N.W. First St., Miami, where they will be venerated from noon until midnight. These events are open to the public.

The vigil at Immaculata-La Salle also will include activities for high school and middle school students. All schools and parish youth groups are invited to participate. For more information, call Salesian Sister Teresa Gutierrez at 786-427-5788 or Maria Morales at 305-283-7642. More information is also available at http://donboscoamongus.org or call 305-649-5464.
Head of the class

Catholic high schools honor valedictorians, salutatorians for the Class of 2010

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MIAMI — The Florida Catholic congratulates all the members of the Class of 2010 in the Archdiocese of Miami. May you rely on the lessons you learned in Catholic school — both academic and spiritual — to succeed in college and beyond.

Following are the valedictorians and salutatorians of the Class of 2010 in archdiocesan Catholic schools that submitted their information.

ARCHBISHOP CURLEY NOTRE DAME

Valedictorian: Adela Maria Hurtado, 5.22 GPA, accepted into New York University.
Salutatorian: Laura Angela D’Ovidio, 5.05 GPA, accepted into Barry University.

ARCHBISHOP MCCARTHY

Valedictorian: Victoria DeLeo, 5.25 GPA, accepted into University of Georgia, Clemson University, Cornell University, Drexel University.
Salutatorian: David Mercado, 5.14 GPA, accepted into University of Florida, Arizona State University, Auburn University, Carnegie Mellon University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Louisiana State University, Texas A&M, University of Alabama, University of Arizona, University of Oklahoma, University of Central Florida, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, and the University of Texas at Dallas.

BELEN JESUIT

Valedictorian: Charles Cavalaris, 5.03 GPA, accepted into Florida International University, University of Florida, University of Miami Honors Program for Medicine.
Salutatorian: Derek Saffe, 4.99 GPA, accepted into Duke, University of Florida, Johns Hopkins, University of Miami and Washington University in St. Louis; attending Duke.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

Valedictorian: Christian-Immanuel S. Oliveros, 5.25 GPA, accepted into University of Florida, Arizona State University, Auburn University, Carnegie Mellon University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Louisiana State University, Texas A&M, University of Alabama, University of Arizona, University of Oklahoma, University of Central Florida, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, and the University of Texas at Dallas.
Salutatorian: Jorge I. Cuello, 5.14 GPA, accepted into University of Florida, Arizona State University, Auburn University, Carnegie Mellon University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Louisiana State University, Texas A&M, University of Alabama, University of Arizona, University of Oklahoma, University of Central Florida, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, and the University of Texas at Dallas.

CARDINAL GIBBONS

Valedictorian: Nicholas Picon, 5.03 GPA, accepted into Georgia Institute of Technology, Cornell, Notre Dame, Princeton, University of Florida; attending Georgia Institute of Technology.
Salutatorian: Giancarlo Champin, 4.99 GPA, accepted into University of California, Cornell.

CHAMINADE-MADONNA

Valedictorian: Gregory John Vitale, 5.03 GPA, accepted into University of Florida, University of Miami Honors Program for Medicine.
Salutatorian: Lorraine Candido, 5.14 GPA, accepted into University of Florida, Arizona State University, Auburn University, Carnegie Mellon University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Louisiana State University, Texas A&M, University of Alabama, University of Arizona, University of Oklahoma, University of Central Florida, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, and the University of Texas at Dallas.

IMMACULATA-LA SALLE

Valedictorian: Adara Tognozzi, 5.22 GPA, accepted into New York University.
Salutatorian: Paul George, 5.05 GPA, accepted into Barry University.

MSGR. PACE HIGH

Valedictorian: Natalie Lamelas, 5.25 GPA, accepted into University of Georgia, Clemson University, Cornell University.
Salutatorian: Nicole Vila, 5.14 GPA, accepted into University of Florida, Arizona State University, Auburn University, Carnegie Mellon University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Louisiana State University, Texas A&M, University of Alabama, University of Arizona, University of Oklahoma, University of Central Florida, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, and the University of Texas at Dallas.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Valedictorian: Stephanie Leiva, 5.25 GPA, accepted into University of Georgia, Clemson University, Cornell University.
Salutatorian: Cristina Brea, 5.14 GPA, accepted into University of Florida, Arizona State University, Auburn University, Carnegie Mellon University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Louisiana State University, Texas A&M, University of Alabama, University of Arizona, University of Oklahoma, University of Central Florida, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, and the University of Texas at Dallas.

ST. BRENDAN

Valedictorian: Veronica Diaz, 5.25 GPA, accepted into University of Georgia, Clemson University, Cornell University.
Salutatorian: Katrina Torres, 5.14 GPA, accepted into University of Florida, Arizona State University, Auburn University, Carnegie Mellon University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Louisiana State University, Texas A&M, University of Alabama, University of Arizona, University of Oklahoma, University of Central Florida, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, and the University of Texas at Dallas.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

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‘Run so as to win’

Brother John Corcoran’s recovery from serious car accident inspires everyone at Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School

LYNN RAMSEY
Florida Catholic correspondent

MIAMI — When Christian Brother John Corcoran suffered injuries in a major automobile accident, he knew he could rely on God to get him through. But students and athletes at Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School, where he teaches English and coaches cross-country, also answered the call to support the 62-year-old brother.

The high school and Brother Corcoran’s fellow Christian Brothers prayed for and visited him during every step of his recovery. The school also supported him in other ways and gave him a warm welcome when he returned to the classroom.

Curley Notre Dame’s boys cross-country team capped the welcome with better finishes at the district, regional and state meets in 2009.

Brother Corcoran is an intensely private man who directs all the praise to God, the brothers and the high school. However, to illustrate how the school and the brothers supported Brother Corcoran, it is best to show how far he came from the day of his crash.

‘GREAT SHOCK’

The journey began June 11, 2008, around 7:10 a.m. Brother Corcoran was returning from Mass at a local parish. Since it was the last day of the school year, the high school was hosting its faculty luncheon.

Brother Corcoran said via e-mail that he did not remember the details of the crash. He said that it was several days before he regained consciousness.

“The first memory I have is of awakening in a strange room and seeing one of the brothers, who told me I had been in a major car crash,” he said. “I think I simply had a feeling of helplessness in the sense of realization of things just being beyond my control.”

Christian Brother Patrick Sean Moffett, the high school’s principal, said that by the time he heard of the accident the students had left school.

“It was a moment of great shock,” Brother Moffett said. “All I could say (to the faculty) is that it seems there’s been a terrible accident.”

Getting word about the accident took the students proved slow. Eventually, they started finding out, spreading the word through cell phones, e-mail and social-networking sites.

Sanjay Singh, a junior cross-country athlete, had heard that Brother Corcoran might not be able to walk again. Kevin Smith, a senior captain on the cross-country team, said that the thought of losing Brother Corcoran made him fearful.

The high school held a memorial Mass for Brother Corcoran, which gave the school its first chance to pray for him as a community.

“I started breaking down” at the Mass, Kevin said. “I was so afraid to lose him.”

The mood in the Christian Brothers’ house in Miami was one of disbelief. They were also left to deal with Brother Corcoran’s surgeries and questions of whether he was supposed to live.

“This was a fellow who could always run five miles, and then to have an accident — that wasn’t supposed to happen,” Brother Moffett said.

JOURNEY BEGINS

After the initial shock, Brother Corcoran began the work of healing from his injuries. He suffered compression of his spinal cord, fractures of the right ankle and right kneecap and a tear in the intestines.

Dr. Mark Shaya, a neurosurgeon, told the brothers that without surgery Brother Corcoran would not walk again. After two operations in the eight days following the accident, he spent time in North Shore Hospital’s Intensive Care Unit.

He suffered a couple of bouts of pneumonia during his recovery and developed deep-vein thrombosis (a blood clot) in his left leg three days before he was released.

His journey took him from North Shore Hospital to Memorial Hospital in Hollywood and the Sister Emmanuel Hospital, a long-term acute-care facility at Mercy Hospital in Miami. Between the injuries, he relied heavily on God.

“I remember several times telling people that although I did not understand why this happened, I didn’t need to understand,” Brother Corcoran said. “I firmly believed that God knew the reason, that I was always within the circumference of his love, and that I wanted to continue to try to live my life according to his will.”

People with ties to the high school guided him in his recovery. Christian Brother Richard DeMaria, archdiocesan superintendent of schools, said that a member of the school faculty who had worked at North Shore’s emergency room helped the brothers understand the treatment options.

“This is the second time that this hospital has provided cutting-edge medical care to a member of our community,” Brother DeMaria said.

He added that it was at this point where the students became the true heroes and showed a sense of family that he calls “miraculous.” They stepped up with prayer and visits.

“There is a group of students (and their parents) who would do anything for Brother Corcoran; I call them his fan club,” Brother DeMaria said. “The students were so affected by this accident.”

“They immediately asked if they could organize a Holy Hour in the early hours of the morning and asked Father Daniel Kent if there could be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during that. My memory is that about 70 students appeared at 7 a.m.”

In summer 2008, current and former Curley Notre Dame athletes would get together for weekly “fun runs” as a way to stay in shape for the following season. Jay Velasco, currently a senior at Cornell University, and K.C. Della Fera, a junior at the University of Florida, led the runs. They began each run with a prayer for Brother Corcoran and the school’s six-day campus wide “prayer marathon.”

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“This was a fellow who could always run five miles, and then to have an accident — that wasn’t supposed to happen,” Brother Moffett said.

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After the initial shock, Brother Corcoran began the work of healing from his injuries. He suffered compression of his spinal cord, fractures of the right ankle and right kneecap and a tear in the intestines.

Dr. Mark Shaya, a neurosurgeon, told the brothers that without surgery Brother Corcoran would not walk again. After two operations in the eight days following the accident, he spent time in North Shore Hospital’s Intensive Care Unit.

He suffered a couple of bouts of pneumonia during his recovery and developed deep-vein thrombosis (a blood clot) in his left leg three days before he was released.

His journey took him from North Shore Hospital to Memorial Hospital in Hollywood and the Sister Emmanuel Hospital, a long-term acute-care facility at Mercy Hospital in Miami. Between the injuries, he relied heavily on God.

“I remember several times telling people that although I did not understand why this happened, I didn’t need to understand,” Brother Corcoran said. “I firmly believed that God knew the reason, that I was always within the circumference of his love, and that I wanted to continue to try to live my life according to his will.”

People with ties to the high school guided him in his recovery. Christian Brother Richard DeMaria, archdiocesan superintendent of schools, said that a member of the school faculty who had worked at North Shore’s emergency room helped the brothers understand the treatment options.

“This is the second time that this hospital has provided cutting-edge medical care to a member of our community,” Brother DeMaria said.

He added that it was at this point where the students became the true heroes and showed a sense of family that he calls “miraculous.” They stepped up with prayer and visits.

“There is a group of students (and their parents) who would do anything for Brother Corcoran; I call them his fan club,” Brother DeMaria said. “The students were so affected by this accident.”

“They immediately asked if they could organize a Holy Hour in the early hours of the morning and asked Father Daniel Kent if there could be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during that. My memory is that about 70 students appeared at 7 a.m.”

In summer 2008, current and former Curley Notre Dame athletes would get together for weekly “fun runs” as a way to stay in shape for the following season. Jay Velasco, currently a senior at Cornell University, and K.C. Della Fera, a junior at the University of Florida, led the runs. They began each run with a prayer for Brother Corcoran and the school’s six-day campus wide “prayer marathon.”
Catholic students honored with Silver Knights

Annual awards recognize excellence in academics and community service

Florida Catholic staff

MIAMI — Students from south Florida’s Catholic high schools garnered four Silver Knight awards and 10 honorable mentions in the annual contest sponsored by the Miami Herald to recognize graduating seniors who excel at both academics and service to the community.

The awards are for students in public and private high schools in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Nominees must complete an extensive application followed by an interview from a four-member panel of judges. Winners in each category receive $2,000 and a Silver Knight statue, plus a medalion made by American Airlines. Three honorable mentions in each category receive $500 and a plaque.

Following are brief biographies of the winners and a listing of those who earned honorable mentions.

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He was a part of the school’s keynote event — a group prayer for Brother Corcoran. The school’s bookstore sold orange shoelaces to honor Brother Corcoran. Proceeds from the shoe- laces went to the school’s key chari- ties — its sister school in Haiti and the Christian Brothers’ programs in Peru. Kevin, the cross-country captain, said he bought three pairs and put them on all his shoes. The athletes also wore T-shirts during workouts honoring him.

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Haiti bishops: Earthquake recovery a slow process

Seminary and parish rebuilding among reconstruction priorities

TOM TRACY
Florida Catholic correspondent

MIAMI — Efforts to find interim shelter for Haiti’s homeless populations and local clergy and religious following the Jan. 12 earthquake remain the major aim of Church recovery there as the hurricane season gets under way.

In Miami for the installation Mass of Archbishop Thomas Wenski, several members of the Haitian episcopate as well as the papal nuncio to Haiti and the director of the U.S. bishops’ Office for Latin American Affairs spoke with the Florida Catholic about the recovery efforts a half-year after the historic catastrophe.

“We met with the president (of Haiti) just a few days ago and his main preoccupation is the people under the tents as a bad hurricane season has already been predicted,” said Bishop Joseph Lafontant, apostolic administrator of Port-au-Prince. “The Church doesn’t have the facilities to help them all in that way.

“In the provinces we can get some materials together and provisional shelters that will help, but people are taking advantage of the situation by selling materials at increased prices,” Bishop Lafontant added. “Many of the rectories have collapsed and clergy have no shel-

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Child earthquake refugees pose for the camera at a tent city in Port-au-Prince.

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in his class of 282. (His un-weighted GPA of 4.0 represents straight A’s for four years.) Nick is a National Hispanic Merit Scholar, a National Merit Commended Scholar, and has been named an AP Scholar with Distinction.

He has volunteered for two years at Boca Community Hospital and started the Gibbons lacrosse program — even helping to find a coach for the team. As the sport boomed in popularity, he was inspired to start a tournament as a fundraiser for the Alzheimer’s Association in honor of his great-grandmother. Nick recruited 110 players, found sponsors, and built a website. The event raised $4,000 and was covered with stories in local newspapers.

In Nick and his parents have long made the daily drive from West Boca Raton to come to Gibbons. He will attend the Georgia Institute of Technology this fall.

Social Science: Bridget Bambeneck, Archbishop McCarthy High School

Bridget was one of 2,200 Coca-Cola Scholars semifinalists and won Wendy’s High School Heisman award for her school, and won Wendy’s High School Scholar, a National Merit Commended Scholar Program, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Tufts University, University of Miami, Villanova University, attending Tufts University.

Honor of his great-grandmother.

He was elected governor at Florida Girls State, served as student council president and was captain of Aquinas’ varsity basketball team.

Honorables mentions in March: Julie Fliegenspan, Archbishop Edward McCarthy High School

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In general scholarship: Justin Rozzato, Archbishop McCarthy High School

In science: Ryan Taylor Goodman, St. Thomas Aquinas High School

In world languages: An-Marie Katherine Rodriguez, St. Thomas Aquinas High School

Duke, Georgia Institute of Technology, Princeton, University of Southern California, University of Florida; attending University of California.

Chaminade-Madonna, Hollywood

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‘We have to look to the future with confidence’

Miami’s new archbishop says, despite economic problems, Catholics in south Florida must be ‘witnesses to hope’

Following is an edited version of Archbishop Thomas Wenski’s first interview with the Miami edition of the Florida Catholic. The interview took place May 30, two days before his installation as archbishop of Miami. It also can be heard online at www.miamiaarch.org by clicking on “Conversations with Archbishop Wenski.”

Q: How does it feel to come back home, this time as archbishop?

A: It’s still quite new because for the past seven years Orlando also has become home. But I’m comforted by the familiar faces I see and also the very warm welcome that I’ve gotten to date. So it won’t take me too long to get back into the swing of things and feel at home.

Q: How will your new position affect your relationship with priests who were friends and classmates? Why do you deal with that now that you are in a position of authority? Does that make your job here harder than if you were in a diocese like Orlando where you really didn’t know all that many people?

A: It’s going to change a lot of things. In the position I have as archbishop, I will try to be friendly with everyone. But at the same time, it is a position of authority over priests and others whom I have known and have been friends with, so there’s going to be a re-definition of that relationship. It’s natural that, for professional integrity and for the understanding of the lines of authority, certain boundaries be established.

In Orlando, I didn’t know many priests before I got there although one priest was a former classmate of mine. So there was something similar there. But again, it’s sort of like in a family, the parent always has to be a parent. The parent can’t confuse his role as a parent and become a buddy to his child. That image might seem perhaps a little bit too paternalistic; however in any professional relationship something similar occurs. Even when it’s a family business, you can’t let the lines of authority be blurred.

Q: Does that mean a bishop can’t have friends?

A: A bishop has friends. As I said, this archbishop will try to be friendly to everyone. But at the same time, there’s a certain professionalism that everyone is expecting — in the sense that no one wants to think that so-and-so has it easier or better access than someone else; or that so-and-so’s advice or counsel is more highly regarded than others’ because of a personal relationship.

Q: Your name had been rumored for so long. Were you surprised at the announcement? You told the Orlando Florida Catholic your initial reaction was to “stay put.” Why?

A: The rumors were going on for a long time. Previous to the rumors about my coming to Miami, there were also, I think at one time, some strong rumors, at least in Orlando, that I was going to another diocese up in the north where winning lasted for six months. Obviously, I’m much more elated that this rumor and not the previous one proved to be true. The rumors at one point were getting to be a little ridiculous and bothersome because I did not want to let the people in Orlando think that I was a lame duck. At the same time, my first reaction was to stay put because, again, there is a very special relationship between a bishop and his Church, and his diocese. Although I was only there for just short of seven years — five and a half years as the ordinary — I think there was a bonding that took place between myself, my priests in Orlando and the people of Orlando; a similar bonding which I’m confident will also take place here as I now return in my new capacity as the archbishop.

However, those rumors were hot and heavy and this was over a year ago that they first started coming. I was involved in a very important capital campaign in the Diocese of Orlando that came out of our diocesan synod. I had also just initiated the renovation of the cathedral church of the Diocese of Orlando which had started last summer. So I had a lot of irons in the fire. I was a bit concerned about leaving Orlando with my work unfinished.

Of course as the time came on, a lot of that work, although it did not finish, did get closer to the finish. For example, our capital campaign that we began in January 2008 and will end in December of this year has to date raised over $107 million and we still have about 30 percent of our parishes yet to participate. The campaign was staged so that different waves of parishes participated at different times. It was a strategic way of approaching the capital campaign in Orlando. However, the goal is to raise $150 million. I am confident that the campaign is on track and even without my presence it can achieve that goal.

Of course, the cathedral renovation project is still under way. It started as I said last July and it won’t be finished until November of this year. So this is one project that I had to leave undone. But I’m not the one that’s hammering nails into the roof or putting plaster on the walls so it’ll get done without me. I’ll be proud to go back and visit it and to take credit for having initiated the renovation project even though someone else will be there for its completion.

Q: In your “Building the City of God” profile you said you were able to be a “missionary in my own backyard.” Have you been able to continue that type of ministry as a bishop in Orlando, and if so, how do you plan to continue it as archbishop of Miami?

A: Every baptized Catholic is expected to be both a disciple and a missionary of Jesus Christ. In fact that was the theme of the fifth general conference of CELAM, the organization of the bishops from Latin America that met two years ago in Aparecida in Brazil. The theme of that was the Church as disciple and missionary.

The Haitian experience here in south Florida was a great blessing to me. Because from the time I was in Haiti I felt an attraction to working with the poor but also working outside my own culture. I remember in the seminary at one point I thought about asking to go study in Latin America. There was a program at the time where a seminary in Chile was taking people from other parts of the world to prepare them for work in Latin America. That was attractive to me. I remember speaking to the vocation director about it at the time. He discouraged me and he discouraged me simply by saying that I don’t have to go to Latin America because Latin America is coming here. I think he was right.

So when I was ordained a priest I fully expected to be working in a Hispanic community here in south Florida as a Hispanic and Cuban community. When I was a deacon, I was at St. Benedict in Hialeah; that was a great experience with a parish that was perhaps evenly mixed between Anglos and Hispanics. Those Hispanics at that time were overwhelmingly Cuban.

Then in my first assignment as a priest I went to Corpus Christi Parish in Miami, where I remember that even our staff meetings were held in Spanish because everybody spoke Spanish and I did too and I didn’t think it was strange at all that the language of business in that parish was in Spanish.

It was there when I was at Corpus Christi that I encountered the Haitian community. I started learning a few words in order to be friendly to the people who were coming there to Mass. Just by happenstance I saw in the paper that there was going to be a Creole-language course that was going to be offered under the auspices of FIU at one of the local grammar schools in the area, so I signed up for it. As they say, the rest...
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**WENSKI: Priests, religious need to communicate hope to all**

is history. The archbishop at the time, Archbishop McCarthy, found out that I was learning Creole and in less than a year I was assigned full time to work with the Haitian population. That happened almost at the same time that the numbers of Haitians arriving to south Florida expanded exponentially. So I was in the right place at the right time, I guess.

Having been a priest of the Archdiocese of Miami, growing up here, I know all the lay of the land so it was relatively easy for me to be a bridge between the growing Haitian community and the wider Catholic community. For example, when I heard that there were Haitians in Immokalee, I didn’t really need a road map to find out where Immokalee was because I had been there. I had worked there as a seminarian, briefly, with the Hispanic ministry. When I realized the Haitians needed a Mass in the Fort Lauderdale area, I could go and knock on the door of the then-pastor of St. Clement, which was then Father (Patrick) McDonnell and say I need a church; and it was hard for him to refuse me because years and years ago when I was in grade school I asked him if I could be an altar server in my home parish.

So that, I think, enabled me perhaps to assure that the Haitians were integrated into the local Church structures. As I said at that time, I always understood my mission to make the Church present to the Haitian community and at the same time to make the Catholic Church present to the broader Church. I think having known the various priests who I had to interact with in order to get the help and Catholic facilities was one way of making the Church present to that Haitian community because otherwise they would have remained invisible. As far as the opposite end, I think the fact that when the Holy Father arrived here in 1987, that he spoke in English, Spanish and Creole also signified that indeed the Church knew that the Haitians were there. So he made the Haitians present to the Church and the Church present to the Haitians.

**Q:** Lately we’ve been going through difficult times in Miami. MorningStar retreat center is up for sale. A proposal has been made to merge Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and St. Richard. I just wondered, is there anything you can tell the people involved in these? Have you even had a chance to study that? What are your plans right now for those properties?

**A:** At this point, I’ve been very busy as the bishop of Orlando. In fact, even the Friday before my installation I was in Ocala celebrating a Mass for the graduating high school class of Trinity High in Ocala. So I’ve been very busy working to the very end in order to face the crisis. As I said on the day of that announcement, the history of south Florida has been a history of booms and busts. You can go back to the 1890s when Julia Tuttle was trying to get Henry Flagler to bring the railroad to Miami, you had a series of great spurts of economic growth followed by downturn, and (and) doom-sayers were writing the obituary of the city of Miami. They were always proved wrong because, after those downturns, Miami has always bounced back. I think that will be true again of this region.

The Church is supposed to be not of the world but it’s certainly in the world, so the problems of the world do affect it. As I said on the day of my announcement when a reporter asked me that same question, when the recession started a lot of the airlines had to cancel a number of their regularly scheduled flights. So the airlines are putting a lot fewer planes in the air than they did before the economic downturn took place. They had to do that because they couldn’t afford to fly half-empty planes. They had to downsize or perhaps even right-size in order to face the crisis.

**A:** I’m not sure if the media coverage will necessarily ebb because again the Church has, as you said, taken steps to deal with the crisis and I think they’ve been very effective steps. So that I believe we can say that this crisis has been surmounted at least here in the United States. However, it does sell newspapers apparently, so lots of newspapers and other media like to revive the coverage of the crisis. Hopefully the people who are reading, following the media, will notice that most of the cases, the overwhelming majority of the cases they are citing, are cases that occurred 40 years ago, 30 years ago and not something that has happened yesterday or is happening today.

Again, I think right now the Church here in the United States is committed to providing a safe environment, and to being a safe environment for children and young people, and I think it has done that to a degree that is unprecedented and unparalleled, and other similarly situated institutions have not done as much as the Catholic Church has done.

Of course, I think recent attention to scandals in Germany and elsewhere has also helped bishops in other countries perhaps become more aware of this issue and hopefully they will look at the procedures and policies that the bishops of the United States have put in place and try to emulate them. But again, what the research has shown is that this was an epidemic of demonic proportions that affected the Church at a particular time in its history, namely from the early ’60s to the late ’70s or early ’80s. By the mid-’80s and later this epidemic had pretty much run its course in the Church.

This is not to belittle by any means the pain and the suffering of those who were affected by this epidemic of child sexual abuse. Why this epidemic happened and how many people it affected is still something that will be studied by social scientists and perhaps they’ll come up with something that will help us to avoid situations like this in the future. But this has not been the narrative of the Church in its 2,000 years of history and it will not be the narrative of the future. I think we still have to analyze the broader cultural context of that time. From the late ’50s to the early ’80s we witnessed in our nation and in the culture of the West an unprecedented shift in social culture and moral and other changes that were happening at an unprecedented pace. Certainly that has a lot perhaps to do with the explanations that happened, much more than some of the facile explanations that sometimes are offered up in the media — like for example, something that is supposed to do something with celibacy. If those perpetrators had been celibate there would have been no scandal because there would have been no victims. Celibacy is not the problem. So we have to look beyond the facile explanations which are usually used as barbs by some people trying to advance their own agendas.

**Q:** Your Miami community.

**A:** In my years in Orlando, I’ve spoken out quite openly and quite freely both in our diocesan media but also in the public media, the secular media, like the various daily newspapers that are published in central Florida, and I hope to continue to do likewise here. We live in an increasingly secular society or secularized society, I would say. I think there’s probably a difference that is not well appreciated but there’s a subtle difference between secularity and secularism. Now secularism is a healthy thing, for example the difference between Church and state. But secularism is more understood as an ideology that seeks to basically marginalize God.

Secularism seeks to organize life without taking God into account; or as I said in that article, as
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Mission Mass

Archbishop Thomas Wenski blesses the missionary cross of Anamari Jimenez, a member of the missionary group Amor en Acción who will be traveling to the Dominican Republic this summer during the Archdiocese of Miami Mission Network’s annual “send-off” Mass for groups of volunteers traveling to work in missions in the Caribbean and Latin America.
COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer fun runs, through Thursday, July 29, 6:30 p.m., Miami Shores Community Center, 71st Street and Park Avenue. For all ages and ability levels; runs are split into three groups: walkers, distance longer. A good way to get some exercise or to get away from the pressures of a tough week. Sponsored by Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School.

Almuerzo en honor del Padre José “Pepito” García, domingo, 27 de junio, 2 p.m., Signature Gardens, 12725 S.W. 122 Ave., Miami. Organizado por la comunidad parroquial de St. Kevin para celebrar el 75º aniversario sacerdotal del Padre García y la designación del tramo desde la avenida 117 S.W. a la 127 S.W. como “Padre José Pepito Way” - Costo: $33/ persona. fbriz57@gmail.com, jmdorado1@aol.com.

“Ecological Integrity: Reconnecting Humans, Health and Habitat,” Tuesday, July 13, Sofitel Miami, 5800 Blue Lagoon Drive, Miami. Conference sponsored by Center for Earth Jurisprudence, an initiative of Barry and St. Center for Earth Jurisprudence, Conference, dinner sponsored by Blue Lagoon Drive, Miami. July 13, Sofitel Miami, 5800 Blue Lagoon Drive, Miami. Registers: 305-751-8367, ext. 22; acndprep@news.gov.

FAITH EDUCATION

Vi International Congress, July 15-18, Florida Center for Peace, 7797 S.W. 72 St., Miami. For families, catechists who want to go deeper in their faith and deepen their knowledge of how to teach children their faith and how to pray. Discussions on spiritual formation in the mornings followed by practical workshops in the afternoon. In Spanish, with simultaneous translation. 305-412-6933.

Tercera Conferencia Hispánica para Músicos Pastorales del Este, 29 de julio-1 de agosto en Tampa. Con el Padre Juan Sosa, Mary Frances Reza, Damaris Thillet, Diego Correa, Pedro Rubalcaba y Jaime Cortez, entre otros. La conferencia brindará la oportunidad de enriquecer y fortalecer los conocimientos musicales y litúrgicos.

Escuela de Dirigentes, Cursillos de Cristiandad, Martes, 8 p.m. iglesia de St. Stephen, 6044 S.W. 19 St., Miramar. www: currilios.org/ to www.sepi.org (Southeast Pastoral Institute), Certificado en Ministerio Pastoral, Dias 12-15, 4 p.m., Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School, 4949 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami. Summer Knights performing arts finale. Free admissions accepted. 305-751-8367, ext. 22. acndprep@news.gov.

A musical tribute to the Roaring ’20s, Thursday, July 15, 4 p.m., Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School, 4949 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami. Summer Knights performing arts finale. Free admissions accepted. 305-751-8367, ext. 22. acndprep@news.gov.

SCHOOL EVENTS


Cursillo Uxteyra en English, last Fridays, 7-9 p.m., St. John Neumann Parish, 12125 S.W. 107 Ave., Miami. The Uxteyra is the sharing of our faith experiences with an another. www.cursillomiami.org. 305-710-0121.

RESERVATIONS/PRAYER SESSIONS

Camino del Matrimonio, 10 al 11 de julio 8 a.m. 5 p.m., SEPI, 7700 S.W. 56 St., Miami. Programa de educación y preparación matrimonial que ofrece la Archidiócesis de Miami; una oportunidad para que las parejas tomen tiempo para reflexionar sobre su relación, dialogando acerca de los temas que van desde el éxito de las relaciones matrimoniales. http://caminodelmatrimonio.org.

Matrimonios en Victoria, 31 de julio-1 de agosto, iglesia católica de Mother of Christ, 14141 S.W. 26 St., Miami. Una oportunidad para que los matrimonios pasen un tiempo alejados de la agitación diaria y reflexionen sobre su vida y su relación con Dios. 305-497-0408.

Retiro de Catedráticos de Emaús, 6-8 de agosto, iglesia católica de Mother of Christ, 14141 Coral Way, Miami. Información e inscripción: 305-613-9480, 786-922-1030. Robert Walter, Director.

John’s Retreat Center, 7275 S.W. 124 St., Pinecrest. Registration required for all programs. 305-438-4367, ext. 102, or visit www. morningstarrenewal.org.

“A Finishing Touch: The seals of our hearts,” Sept. 3-5, Labor Day weekend, with Father Jose Aliaro, St. John Neumann Church, 14125 S.W. 107 Ave., Miami. Special weekend of silence in prayer, with periods of input and teaching, ample time for personal prayer, reflections, and growing in the presence of Jesus, who will fill your quietness with joy. All-inclusive weekend: $160 per person.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Summer Knights performing arts/athletic camp, through July 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School, 4949 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami. For incoming ninth-graders to learn the fundamentals of drama, acting, movement, and musical instruments. Students will focus on the performance and performance of a Broadway play for the community. Athletic camp features basketball, football, softball and baseball fundamentals, seven on seven flag football, and a competition course. 305-751-8367, ext. 22.

Kidventure, through Aug. 6, St. Timothy School, 14187 S.W. 102 Ave., Miami. Open to students in PreK2 through grade 12. Free. Includes field trips. 305-274-8292 or myoung@ sttimothyiami.org.

Soccer summer camp, for boys and girls ages 5 to 16, through July 23, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Archbishop McCarthy High School, 5451 S. Flamingo Road, Southwest Ranches. Full-day sessions beginning at $135 per week; half-day sessions beginning at $100/week. www.soccerbymcc.com.


Summer camp, through July 30; Summer school: through July 16. Registration: 786-715-4188 or gscscamp@gmail.com.

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MIMI ARCHDIOCESE COMMUNITY PAGE SUBMISSION DEADLINES

The Florida Catholic welcomes calendar items of parish/organization events that are open to the whole archdiocese. There is no charge but items must be in the Miami office at least six weeks before the event. To list an event both on the website and in the newspaper, go to the Florida Catholic website and click on the banner “announce your event for free” and follow the instructions. Notices may be sent by e-mail: arsoto@thehadom.org; fax: 305-762-1132; mail: The Florida Catholic, 9401 Biscayne Blvd., Miami 33138.

VOCATIONS

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Respect Life, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m., Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School, 4949 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami. Remedial summer school: through July 30; Summer school: through July 30. Registration: 305-981-2922 or ilovelife@bellsouth.net.

Detention Ministry training new volunteers, first Mondays, 7-9 p.m., 6001 S.W. 322nd Blvd., West Park. 305-981-1039, efarias@thehadom.org or www.detentionministry.org.

YOUNG ADULTS

Ave Maria University youth conference 2010, July 9-11, Ave Maria University 501 Ave Maria Blvd., Ave Maria. Dynamic talks, praise and worship, adoration, fellowship and entertainment with musician Martin Doman of Steubenville, Ohio. $115 per package, includes lodging and meals. Registration due by Thursday, July 1, 230-280-2541 or www.youthconference@avemaria.edu.

St. Augustine young adults’ group, summer camp, through Aug. 30, St. Augustine Parish hall, 1400 Miller Road, Coral Gables. Join our discussion group for young adults ages 25-35 as we strive to grow in our faith and life the Catholic faith. There is no charge and space is limited. Meetings: Wednesdays, 8 p.m., Prince of Peace Parish, 12800 N.W. 6th St., Doral. yam@princeofpeaceciami.org.
June 25, 2010 www.thefloridacatholic.org

HAITI: Life in tent cities is totally chaotic

FROM A12

A child cooks a meal at an earthquake refugee tent city in Port-au-Prince.

A child is pictured here at the makeshift medical clinic near the cathedral in Port-au-Prince.

Church partners plan to move forward in their analysis, design and reconstruction of key priority projects — but within a process that attempts to guarantee that such destruction won’t happen again to Haiti’s capital.

Church officials say that future Church structures should withstand both earthquakes and hurricanes, and also be a place of refuge for the local populations until the country as a whole adopts more substantial design and construction practices.

A budget of approximately $36 million collected during a special appeal for Haiti in U.S. parishes is providing both transitional and permanent solutions to key Church sites identified earlier this year, in part by Archbishop Wenski. Approximately $40 million additional funds were collected for Catholic Relief Services projects, many of which focus on emergency and humanitarian needs.

Some of the priority long-range reconstruction sites in the Port-au-Prince Archdiocese include the severely damaged Sacred Heart Parish, Girls’ Grammar School, St. Francis de Sales Hospital; the National Cathedral; St. Therese Parish and St. Louis de France Montfortian Church and seminary. Other Church and related projects have been identified in the nearby provinces, including the areas of Jacmel, Leogane, Grosset, Lilavois, Petit Goave and Grand Goave.

SEMINARIANS

Another major priority of the funding projects is to sustain seminarian education in Haiti. On April 6, seminarian classes resumed under tents on land provided by the Haiti Bishops Conference and the Scalabrinis Fathers. The new school year schedule is set to end on July 6.

A larger piece of land is being considered for a permanent new seminary complex and multiuse housing and educational campus, but nothing has been finalized, according to the nuncio. Funding for the land itself is being sought from new sources rather than the special collection monies.

Bishop Lafontant said all of the seminarians have participated in psychological evaluation and therapy programs following the earthquake.

Church leaders in Haiti have also been communicating to people the importance of participating in the elections and holding the government accountable for providing assistance in a time of crisis.

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GONE WHERE PEOPLE ARE

As Haiti’s government has relocated people from some of the tent cities in public squares to larger areas outside of town, there is a new need for clergy and religious to serve as open air churches and places of worship. Many of the clergy and religious are living in the rough and are in dire need themselves.

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Blanca Morales | FC

Archbishop Thomas Wenski blesses brothers Juan and Josh, and their mother Tere Rubio of Comunidad La Nueva Jerusalem in Miami after the Spanish-language welcome Mass June 4. Archbishop Wenski celebrated the Mass with members of the archdiocese’s Hispanic apostolic movements at St. Michael the Archangel Parish.

Marlene Quaroni | FC

Archbishop Wenski laughs at the gifts of fruit, including a watermelon, taken up during the offertory procession at the welcome Mass June 5 at Notre Dame d’Haiti in Miami, his former parish.

Knights of Malta await the beginning of a welcome Mass June 10 at Epiphany Parish in Miami for members of chivalric orders, papal and archdiocesan medal recipients, and members of Legatus.

Gail Bulfin | FC

Archbishop Wenski catches up with St. Thomas More Society board member and Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler after the Red Mass celebration June 2 at St. Anthony Parish.

Ana Rodriguez-Soto | FC

Archbishop Wenski addresses Catholics in the Keys June 8 during his homily at St. Mary Star of the Sea. He asked them to “join with me and be those witnesses to hope. Let us show the world that God does matter.”