PALLIUM PILGRIMAGE: ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Wearing a stole that belonged to Pope John Paul II, Archbishop Thomas Wenski, center, is flanked by Msgr. Terence Hogan, left, and Msgr. Michael Souckar as he recites vespers in the Sistine Chapel.

Miami’s new archbishop receives pallium in Rome

Hundreds of pilgrims from Miami and Orlando travel with Archbishop Thomas Wenski to Italy

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‘All are welcome in this place’
St. Maurice, ‘family of the stable,’ marks 40th as a ‘Spirit-filled,’ welcoming parish

JONATHAN MARTINEZ
Florida Catholic correspondent

DANIA BEACH — “All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome,” chanted many in celebration as parish community of St. Maurice filled the church to celebrate a milestone in their parish’s history, its 40th anniversary.

“All are welcome” is our song when anyone wants to come and share with us as we build our family of the stable,” said Neil Kapp, a parishioner at St. Maurice for the past 10 years, as he quoted the parish’s welcome hymn at the beginning of Mass.

The celebration was filled with the same lively style that has characterized this parish since its foundation.

On June 14 the joy was palpable as the celebration took place. For almost an hour, the choir and parishioners chanted songs and hymns celebrating this illustrious moment in their history.

“We have a vibrant and Spirit-filled community. You can feel the love, the energy and the Spirit,” said Kapp as he reminisced about the history of his parish.

The parish, which is located in Dania Beach, had humble beginnings: It originated from a piece of property known as Smith’s Stables.

In 1969, the Archdiocese of Miami, under the guidance of Archbishop Coleman Carroll, bought the property, which included, at its center, a barn, a shop for machinery and a house. On June 12, 1970, the property was converted into St. Maurice property.

Under the leadership of its first pastor, Father David Russell, the stable was transformed; the barn became the church, the shop a chapel, and the house a rectory.

“We are dirt-floor parishioners,” said Joe Arena. He and his wife, Sheryl, have been attending St. Maurice since its inception 40 years ago.

“Dirt-floor parishioners” is a direct reference to the people who began the parish, because for the first few months the celebration of Mass was held on the hard-packed dirt floors of the original stable. “This is our home, our spiritual home. It is amazing how far we have come in the last 40 years,” Arena said.

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Father Russell elaborated on that sentiment during his opening remarks.

“We came to a stable and built a church,” he said. “People have been blessed, love has been shared for 40 years — my God, you are old!” he quipped, eliciting laughter from everyone.

“We continually renew our energies by celebrating around the table of the Lord and grow to be more effective ministers in the name of Jesus,” said Father Mulcahy in his homily.

The parish has a long history of helping those most in need.

Through the years, parishioners have instituted many programs that aim to improve the lives of people in the area and abroad. Some of the programs include the hunger program, created to feed hungry people throughout the world; and JustFaith, JustMatters andBoldJustice, which help to promote and defend justice and equality for many minority groups in south Florida.

The hunger program was begun by Father Mulcahy and a group of parishioners who were inspired by the Gospel of Matthew.

“It does so by establishing hunger projects that aim to help ease the plight of those who are not as fortunate as we are. Its work is not limited by boundaries, and projects are found in our own country and in a number of other countries, especially in the developing nations,” said Father Mulcahy.

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During the Mass, Father Roger Holoubek, current pastor, led the former pastors in giving a standing ovation to all the parishioners, thanking them for their unwavering support through the years.

“They are so alive. There is a special love when you walk through the doors of this parish. They are my inspiration. I’m so proud of them,” said an emotional Father Holoubek, as he proudly celebrated the virtues of his flock.

“Jesus and the Gospel inspire me, the spirit of the people inspires me. They make you want to live the Gospel, to do what is right and just,” he added.

During the past several years, St. Maurice has seen a surge of younger parishioners join the parish.

“You can see, you can feel the gentrification of our parish with all the young people coming in,” said Kapp. “We are proud to be Catholics, very proud in our own humble way.”

Parishioners of St. Maurice hold hands during the Our Father. The church, which originally was a barn, was filled to capacity June 14.
Making ends meet

Outreach mission in Stock Island helps Key West's working poor

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO
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STOCK ISLAND, Key West — Just before 10 a.m. on a hot Wednesday in June, about a half dozen people are gathered outside St. Mary Star of the Sea Outreach Mission, waiting for it to open.

That’s not unusual, said Laura Bercean, the mission’s managing director.

Typically, the mission serves about 60 people a day. In May, it distributed just over 51,000 pounds of food to nearly half of them families with children.

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“We’ve been growing by leaps and bounds,” said Roger Morse, the mission’s volunteer executive director.

That’s not really good news, in the sense that it means more people in Key West are experiencing economic hardship. But it’s good in the sense that the mission is able to keep up with their needs.

Three years ago, said Morse, “We didn’t know where the first penny was coming from. No, we have a lot more confidence.”

The outreach mission was founded four years ago by Father Francisco (Paco) Hernandez, then pastor of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish in Key West. For years, the parish has operated a daily feeding program for the homeless, but the mission was aimed at helping the working poor.

“It’s so hard for working families to make ends meet in the Keys,” said Morse. “It’s the most amount of food that we distributed since the mission is open.”

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The mission is now open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. five days a week. It is staffed by two paid employees and about 40 volunteers. Donations and volunteers come from other faith groups as well as the Key West community in general.

“This is a complete community effort,” said Morse. “The people who work here are not all from the church. … It says a lot for the city of Key West.”

Aside from food, the mission is able to provide bus tickets for local transportation, and clothing and furniture when available. The Florida Department of Children and Families has donated a computer so that those in need can apply for food stamps, cash assistance or Medicaid on-site.

Those without health insurance also may receive a limited number of prescription drugs through the mission.

“If we can’t help them, we try to refer them to someone else,” said Morse.

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It also shares a common trait with the people it serves, said Morse. “Once we had been completely dependent on God. We’re still dependent on him and he’s been very generous.”
No vacation from Sunday Mass

When I was a young seminarian, the rector, before dismissing us for our summer break, would admonish us: “Remember, guys, there’s no vacation from a voca- tion.” This was certainly wise advice — we were after all still seminarians even when away from the structured environment of the seminary with its fixed times for prayer and daily Mass. And I think this is wise counsel to all of us Catholics even as we plan for vacations that take us away from our homes and parishes. There can be no vacation from our fundamental Christian vocation to holiness. Fidelity to weekly Mass attendance is inextri- cably linked to that vocation.

When I was bishop in Central Florida, I was edified by those Catholics who came to the many attractions of that area and sought out Sunday Mass even though they were far from their homes. The Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe still wel- comes thousands of such visitors each week. The priests of the Shrine provide an important service to these vacationers in making the Sacrament of Penance readily available to them and providing them the opportunity of participation in Sunday Mass. (And, when I had the occasion to celebrate Mass there, I often met many of you from south Florida at Sunday Mass.) While there might not be a Shrine Church like Mary, Queen of the Universe at our particular vacation destination, we too must make every effort to make sure that we attend Mass on Sunday. Participa- tion in the Sunday Eucharist is an obligation for every practic- ing Catholic — and vacation does not dispense from us this weekly encounter with Christ in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass — for it is only through these sacramental en- counters with the Lord that we can grow in the grace necessary to be faithful to our baptismal vocation to holiness.

Finding a place to attend Mass while far from home may often not be easy — but with the help of some advance planning, we can usually find one wherever we may go. The website www.MassTimes.org has a listing of Mass schedules in parishes throughout the United States. Also, most tourist-friendly places readily offer information as to the location of the nearest Catholic Church.

As Catholics we belong to more than just our parish — we are members of a universal Church and therefore we are never strangers when we meet with other Catholics to celebrate the great Mystery of our Faith which is the Holy Mass. Vaca- tions are a time of rest — a time to recharge our batteries so to speak. But as we take advantage of our vacation days to spend time with our loved ones and to rest from the everyday demands and routines of work, let us do not neglect also “rest in the Lord” on the day in which we commemorate his love for us in the Sunday Eucharist.

If we are serious about our Chris- tian commitment, we cannot ne- glect to recharge our spiritual bat- teries in the central act of our wor- ship, the Sunday Mass and an annual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Our love and service to the Lord continue even as we plan for our annual vacation. Among the many reasons we go on vacation, I think one of the most important is to spend some time with others as we celebrate the Eucharist in a local church.

When we plan for our annual vacation, let us place first the Sunday Mass in our weekly schedule. A schedule that includes Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning can be a good start. This allows for a visit to the church near your vacation site. Only with the celebration of the Mass can we fulfill our obligation to remain faithful to our baptismal vocation. As we gather with others in the local community for the celebration of the Eucharist, we offer ourselves in the altar as a living sacrifice to the Lord.

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- St. Mary Star of the Sea, 1010 Windsor Lane, Key West, 33040; 305-294-1018
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More than a dream, ‘a miracle’
Archbishop Wenski’s gift to his ‘Haitian mom’: Communion from the pope

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO
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VATICAN CITY — Archbishop Thomas Wenski received his pallium June 29 from the hands of Pope Benedict XVI. In the process, he gave his “Haitian mom” a priceless gift.

Marie Lucien met the future Archbishop Wenski back in 1985. She was living in Miami and attending church at Notre Dame d’Haiti, where he was pastor.

Sometime later he traveled to her hometown of Les Cayes, where he had first studied Creole, and paid a visit to Marie’s mother, Resilia. Something clicked between them.

“I feel a connection with your mom,” Marie recalls then-Father Wenski telling her. “She’s his adopted mother.”

Eventually Resilia — who raised six children and never went to school — came to Miami to live with her daughter. The bond between Resilia and Father Wenski grew.

Marie remembers telling him that she was afraid her mother would fall because she had trouble walking but she insisted on going to church by herself. The bond between Resilia and Father Wenski grew.

“He took her to church every morning, helping her to her seat or taking her to dinner,” Marie said. “She follows the bishop everywhere,” her daughter said. “She says a rosary for him every day.”

The feeling is mutual, she added. He loves her. You can’t imagine how much he loves her.

Because of the pallium pilgrimage, Resilia, 78, saw Rome and Assisi for the first time in her life — something she never imagined she would do. Archbishop Wenski was often at her side, holding her hand, helping her to her seat or taking her to dinner.

On the morning of June 29, Resilia walked well enough alone to receive Communion from the hands of Pope Benedict, an honor bestowed on her by her “adopted son.”

Archbishop Wenski held back tears as he watched her go up for Communion. Resilia, who only speaks Creole, seemed pleased and totally at peace throughout the two-and-a-half-hour ceremony. (She also sat for nearly five hours in the blazing sun the next morning to attend the Wednesday general audience in St. Peter’s Square.)

She said later through her daughter that she was “happy.”

“I cannot say it’s a dream come true because we never dreamed about it,” Marie said. “I would say it’s a miracle.”

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Resilia Lucien, left, and her daughter, Marie, wait in the hot sun for the Wednesday papal audience to begin.

Pallium pins: A gift from a friend

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ROME — Attorney Tom Equels has known Archbishop Thomas Wenski for many years — since his days as a priest at Notre Dame d’Haiti Church in Miami. On occasion, the two have been known to take motorcycle rides together.

Equels was among those who joined Archbishop Wenski in Rome for the Mass where he received his pallium from Pope Benedict XVI. The day after the ceremony, Equels gave Archbishop Wenski a gift: three gold pins, each set with a ruby, to complete the ornamentation of the pallium. The pins are meant to be a reminder of the nails with which Christ was crucified.

Made of lamb’s wool, the pallium is the symbol of an archbishop’s office; in this case, Archbishop Wenski’s role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Florida. The archbishop must wear the pallium over the chasuble whenever he celebrates Mass in his province.

The pallium also symbolizes the union of all the archbishops with the pope. In his homily at the pallium Mass, Pope Benedict called it “a bond of love and an incentive for courage.”

Archbishop Wenski recalled those words during a Mass June 30 at the cathedral of the Diocese of Albano. “Pray for me,” he said, “that this pallium will truly be a bond of love uniting me with him and the other bishops, and also a bond of courage as I lead the Archdiocese of Miami.”
Pallium pilgrimage: Once in a lifetime journey

Six-day tour featured three close encounters with the pope, Masses at Rome’s most famous churches

father and his wife, Cathy, were among the 250 Florida pilgrims to a reception.

Archbishop Wenski’s words at the opening Mass on June 26: “We come to Rome on our own as tourists. We also have to remember that we come as ambassadors of the U.S. and that regular visitors to Rome could never do. You saw the result of this being a private reception at St. John Lateran and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which featured inside looks at the Colosseum and the Roman Forum.

Still, the most impressive — really incredible — was Assisi. "Assisi was my favorite place," he said. "The serenity and the solitude, the serenity is overwhelming. It took me over. I had this overwhelming urge to go to Assisi instead — which Sheehan and his wife did."

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The total number of Florida pilgrims to the papal audience on June 30 was 555.

Florida pillows had their own private reception with the ambassador. They were among the 250 Florida pilgrims to a reception.

Wrenski's words to the Holy Family: June 26 for the papal audience at St. Peter's Square. The next day, June 27, Archbishop Wenski celebrated the Mass at one of the chapels of the basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome.

"As soon as I opened it, I knew I was going," said Sheehan. "This is Msgr. Terence Hogan, spiritual director of the Patrons in North America."

"If that was not impressive enough, the next day, June 28, Archbishop Wenski celebrated Mass at the Altar of the Chair in St. Peter's Basilica — that's the altar behind the main altar, which featured a window depicting the Holy Spirit as a dove, and underneath an elaborate wooden choir, known as the "Transept of St. Peter.""

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'A present from God himself'

Miami, Orlando pilgrims experience private prayer in the Sistine Chapel

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VATICAN CITY — It was an incredible journey that ended incredibly: with 250 of Archbishop Thomas Wenski’s “closest friends” sitting in the Sistine Chapel, first to pray, then to listen as one of the world’s experts revealed its glories from the perspective of art and history.

“It was Michelangelo who taught me to love God in this room,” said art historian Elizabeth Lev, professor of art history at Duquesne University’s Italian campus.

Her passionate talk after evening prayer July 1, the last day of the pilgrimage, made Michelangelo’s masterwork come alive in a totally moving way.

And it moved her as well, she said, as she had visited the Sistine Chapel thousands of times over the years but had never had the opportunity to pray inside it.

“This just doesn’t happen,” she said. “Honestly, I’m quite moved.”

Our Roman tour guide had told us as much earlier in the day. “I have never heard of people going to the Sistine Chapel to pray. It’s the private chapel of the Holy Father. It’s really, really a gift,” she said, “something very special.”

Indeed, there was Archbishop Wenski wearing a stole that had once belonged to Pope John Paul II. There we were singing “Amazing Grace” and “Salve Regina” under the masterful frescoes of Michelangelo.

Normally, people “squish” through the Sistine Chapel, a wall-to-wall mass of bodies shuffling forward while trying to look up, as guards “shush” them to be quiet and warn them “no photos.”

We had the Sistine Chapel all to ourselves. We had plenty of room to sit on the floor, take pictures and stare up — or even lie down to get a better view — as Lev described each panel and how Michelangelo, “thinking like a sculptor,” had “rendered the invisible … visible” in his frescoes of the creation of the world and the Last Judgment.

“If you’re fortunate enough in a lifetime to experience it, it’s a present from God himself,” said Barbara Scerbo, a parishioner from St. Pius X Parish in Fort Lauderdale. “There are no words to really describe the feeling. I was reduced to tears in the Sistine Chapel. I thought, ‘Why me, Lord? Why have I been blessed to be here?’

“I guess he knows the answer,” she added. “All I can say is thank you.”

Ellie Lawrence of Nativity Parish in Longwood put it this way as she sat down on the bus that would take us back to the hotel for the final night of this pilgrimage: “I feel like I’ve died and gone to heaven.”

Photos of the pilgrimage are posted — and can be purchased — at www.dotphoto.com. Sign in as a guest, then put in the username “flcians” to go to the pilgrimage albums.

Archbishop Thomas Wenski bestows a blessing upon the 250 pilgrims from throughout Florida in the Sistine Chapel.
Memorial service for persons lost to AIDS

Families and friends of persons lost to AIDS are invited to attend a memorial service that will take place on Wednesday, July 28, 6:30 p.m., at the St. Raphael Chapel of St. John Vianney College Seminary, 2900 S.W. 87 Ave., Miami.

The memorial service is hosted by the Southeastern Conference of Catholic AIDS Ministers (SEC-CAM), and Volunteer Friendship AIDS Ministry of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami. The service is part of the third annual assembly of Catholics in AIDS ministry that will take place July 27-28 at the facilities of St. Brendan High School in Miami.

Almost three decades since the first case of AIDS was diagnosed in the United States, most survivors of persons who have died from AIDS-related complications still feel overwhelmed by the stigma that surrounds the disease. This memorial service offers relatives and friends a way to remember their loved ones in a prayerful and safe environment, free of fears and prejudice.

All are welcome to the memorial service, however RSVP is requested to help with the planning. Call 444-567-3855 or e-mail seccamfo@gmail.com before July 25. For more information about the annual assembly, visit www.seccam.org.

**Colectanía para la misa de los migrantes colombianos**

Durante el mes de julio, la comunidad colombiana celebrará una serie de misas en honor a la Virgen de Chiquinquirá, patrona de Colombia. Las misas se celebrarán en las siguientes fechas e iglesias:

- **Sábado, 27 de julio,** iglesia de St. Richard, 7500 S.W. 152 St., Miami, con el Padre Stephen Hilley (305-807-0580);
- **Domingo, 18 de julio, 12:30 p.m.,** iglesia de St. Francis of Sales, 621 Alton Rd., Miami Beach, con el Padre Gabriel Vigués (786-253-6839);
- **12:30 p.m., iglesia de St. Katharine Drexel, 2750 Glades Circle #200, Weston,** con el Padre Alfred Cioffi (305-632-2987); 1 p.m., iglesia de St. Agatha, 1111 S.W. 107 Ave., Miami, con el Padre Rolando Garcia (305-552-5443);
- **6 p.m., iglesia de St. Martha, 9301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Lakes,** con el Padre Federico Capdevila (786-273-0138);
- **Sábado, 24 de julio, 6:30 p.m.,** iglesia de St. Maurice, 2581 Stirling Road, Dania Beach, con el Padre Roger Holoubek (954-822-4927);
- **Domingo, 25 de julio, 11:30 a.m.,** iglesia de St. Jerome, 2533 S.W. Ninth St., Fort Lauderdale, con el Padre Michael Davis (954-549-5690); 12:30 p.m., iglesia de St. Mark, 3601 S. Flamingo Road, Southwest Ranches, con el Padre Edmund Whyte (305-302-3097); 1 p.m., iglesia de Our Lady of Lourdes, 11291 S.W. 142 Ave., Miami, con el Padre Kenneth Schwanger (305-386-4121); 1 p.m., iglesia de St. Matthew, 542 Blue Heron Dr., Hallandale Beach, con el Padre James Quin (954-457-3291);
- **Viernes, 30 de julio, 7 p.m.,** iglesia de St. Patrick, 3716 Garden Ave., Miami Beach, con Monseñor John Vaughan (786-348-7940);
- **Sábado, 31 de julio, 6 p.m.,** iglesia de St. Stephen, 6044 S.W. 19 St., Miramar, con el Padre Alejandro Roque (954-917-9359).

**Divorced? Find healing at Wellspring**

The Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Miami is sponsoring a two-night, three-day retreat for people dealing with significant loss, with primary focus given to those healing from divorce.

The Wellspring Experience will take place July 30-Aug. 1 at Shula’s Hotel, 6842 Main St. in Miami Lakes.

“The Wellspring Experience can be a catalyst to begin healing the hurt after a painful breakup,” said Jean Duda, coordinator of the archdiocese’s Divorce Recovery Ministry.

The weekend will provide time for personal reflection, small-group sharing and is open to people of all faiths. Celebration of Sunday Mass closes the experience. There is a $150 fee per person and the deadline to register is July 26.

Participants must speak with one of the Wellspring coordinators before registering for the weekend. In Miami-Dade and Monroe, call Helen, 305-823-7594, or Jean, 305-762-1142. In Broward, call Bob, 954-718-7241, or Jean, 954-797-9770.

For more information, contact jfduda@theadam.org.

**Conferencia mariana en agosto**

Florida Center for Peace invites a la comunidad a un conferencia mariana el sábado, 21 de agosto, de 9 a.m. a 4 p.m. en St. Michael the Archangel, 2907 W. Flagler St., Miami. El tema será “María, Madre de Dios, Madre de la Iglesia y Madre Nuestra.”

Los conferencistas serán: El Padre Inocencio Llamas, la Ma- dre Adela Galindo de las Siervas de los Corazones Traspasados de Jesús y María, y Manuel Capetillo.

La donación es de $20. Manuel Capetillo también hablará el viernes, 20 de agosto, a las 7:30 p.m. en el santuario principal de la iglesia de St. Louis, 7270 S.W. 120 St., Miami. El Padre Inocencio Llamas hablará el viernes también, a las 7:30 p.m.

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Catholic study, Wednesdays through July 28, 6:30-8:15 p.m., San Isidro Parish, 14187 S.W. 72 St., Miami. Celebrated by Father Charles Susai para Músicos Pastorales del Estado, 29 de julio de 1 de agosto en Tampa. Coro el Padre Juan Sosa, Mary Frances Reza, Damaris Thillet, Diego Correa, Pedro Rubalcaba y Jaime Cortejo, entre otros. La conferencia brindará la oportunidad de enriquecer y fortalecer los conocimientos musicales y litúrgicos. 856-583-8272, info@acnd.net.


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Matrimonios en Victoria, 31 de julio-1 de agosto, iglesia católica de Mother of Christ, 14114 S.W. 26 St., Miami. Una oportunidad para que las matrimonios pasen un tiempo alejados de la agitación diaria y reflexionen sobre su vida y su relación con Dios. 305-479-0408.

Ritro de mujeres de Emaus, 6-8 de agosto, iglesia católica de Mother of Christ, 14114 Coral Way, Miami. Información e inscripción: 305-613-9460, 786-972-1020.

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial, 21 y 22 de agosto, Inverrary Resort, 3501 Inverrary Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. Brinda a las parejas la oportunidad de examinar sus vidas privadamente, les ayuda a mejorar su comunicación y tener un reencuentro con Dios, con sí mismos y con su cónyuge. Información e inscripción: 954-437-8041, floridaemm@yahoo.com.

Kidventure, through Aug. 6, St. Thomas School, 5400 S.W. 102 Ave., Miami. English or Spanish; for PreK2 through grade eight. Fun activities, sports, field trips.

Maverick summer soccer camp, for girls ages 5 to 17, through July 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Joseph School, Fort Lauderdale. Full-day sessions at $135/week; half-day sessions at $75/week.

Kidventure, through March 2011, MorningStar Renewal Center, 7275 S.W. 124 St., Pinecrest. Registration required for all programs. 305-238-4367, ext. 102, or visit www.morningstarrenarev2.org.

Florida Catholic July 2010
FATHER ALVARO PINZÓN
Associate Judge, Metropolitan Tribunal,
Archdiocese of Miami

Born Dec. 13, 1965 in Rondón, Boyacá, Colombia,
Father Pinzón entered the seminary after high
school and was ordained for the Diocese of
Garagoa, Boyacá, Colombia, on Nov. 30, 1991.
He obtained a doctorate in canon law from the
Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and came
to the Archdiocese of Miami in August 2000. He
also serves as spiritual director of the Guild of
Our Lady of Chiquinquirá, patroness of Colombia.

What he did before becoming a priest:
“I was a student. I entered the seminary once
I finished high school.”

When he knew he wanted to be a priest:
At 17.

Person or event that triggered his vocation:
“Attending the ordination of a group of young
men in Rondón, my town. That event really
triggered in me the need to find out what a
priest is, and how I could become one.”

Persons most surprised by his vocation:
“My classmates, because I had never spoken
about that, and I never was an altar server or
involved in youth ministry. They could not
believe that I wanted to become a priest.”

What the seminary did not prepare him for:
“You get the theory, but the seminary doesn’t
prepare you for the diversity of people, the
complexity we face every day.”

What he would be doing if he had not become a priest:
“I love psychology and law.”

Favorite priestly assignment:
“What I’m doing now: to serve people through
my work and with the cases at the Metropolitan
Tribunal.”

The most difficult aspect of being a priest:
“Loneliness.”

His favorite movie:
“Molokai: The Story of Father Damien”

His favorite TV series:
“None, but I enjoy watching tennis matches.”

Last book read:
“Emotional Intelligence” by Daniel Goleman

Favorite type of music:
Vallenata (popular folk music in Colombia).

Person he most admires:
“Jesus of Nazareth because of all he is for me.
I also admire Pope John Paul II.”

His greatest disappointment:
“Learning that other priests have abused
children.”

His greatest joy:
“To serve and to guide people so they can
be better.”

His greatest accomplishment:
Obtaining a doctorate in canon law from the
Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

A priestly stereotype that he feels should be discarded:
“That a priest is always scolding, is authoritarian
and a tyrant.”

What he does on his day off:
“I listen to music, spend time with friends and
play sports.”

His description of the ideal priest:
“A man who is kind, happy, who studies and
serves.”

His harshest critic:
“Some priest friends who have been my
mentors.”

Thing he most fears:
“Losing my health.”

Regrets:
“That I’ve lost some friends due to their
lack of loyalty.”

Sports – especially
tennis – are very
important for Father
Pinzón: “I incorporate
prayer, reading, and
playing sports in my life.
Tennis helps me to
release stress.”

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Pepito’s way
Street is named after Father Jose “Pepito” Garcia in honor of his retirement and 58 years of priesthood

MIAMI — Parishioners at St. Kevin Parish gathered June 25 to honor their beloved priest with a roadway naming ceremony. Father Jose “Pepito” Garcia Way will span from 117th to 127th Avenues on Bird Road (Southwest 40th Street).

Father Garcia, who retired this year from active priesthood, also celebrated 58 years of his vocation on May 11. Of his 58 years as priest, Father Garcia has served in three parishes — two in Cuba and one in Miami. He has been at St. Kevin since his arrival in Miami more than 20 years ago.

Parishioner Francisco Briz, who organized the event, said he didn’t want to celebrate Father Garcia’s retirement because he would still be serving, though his load of work would be reduced. Instead, he said it would be better to celebrate Father Garcia’s vocation.

Father Garcia thanked the parishioners for enriching his life. “I lift my hands up to God (in thanksgiving),” he said. “You’ll be in my heart all my life.”

Father Jose “Pepito” Garcia poses with Miami-Dade County Commissioner Javier Souto and the street sign in his honor.

Father Jose “Pepito” Garcia waves to the crowd before the street renaming ceremony June 25 at St. Kevin Parish.