change is coming

for some pastors, it is already here; archbishop thomas explains why

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miami — to parishioners who have lost their longtime pastors, it may seem as if priests are being shuffled around like dominoes these days in the archdiocese.

well, it’s true. they are.

but there is good reason for it, archbishop thomas wenski told the florida catholic in an interview. when a pastor retires or goes on sabbatical, it typically requires moving more than one priest to fill the opening.

“picking the best man for speakers to focus on tough modern-day issues

as culture of death mentality increases, catholics need to be well-informed

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special to the florida catholic

orlando — sanctity of life carries great weight. respect life, and all are safe. let abortion and euthanasia take hold, and no one is safe.

father alfred cioffi will show how high the stakes are in his keynote speech at the florida respect life conference. the event will take place friday, oct. 29, through saturday, oct. 30, at the fort lauderdale marriott north hotel. attendees will also get plenty of information to articulate the church’s positions on life issues.

from left, carolina prado, ana alvarez and nicholas callison, sixth-grade students at our lady of the lakes school in miami lakes, represent beads in a “living rosary” prayed by the entire school oct. 12. october is the month of the rosary, and our lady of the lakes school has marked it with a living rosary for more than a decade — first in the church and since 2004 in the rosary garden in the school’s courtyard. this year, the students reflected on the mysteries of light. (ana rodriguez-soto | fc)
A kiss for the ages

World War II’s ‘kissing sailor’ shares ‘his-story’ with St. Jerome students

GAIL BULFIN Florida Catholic correspondent

FORT LAUDERDALE — Times Square, V-J Day, 1945: A young sailor dressed in blue grabs a nurse in white, bends her back and embraces her in a kiss immortalized in a photo that appeared on the cover of Life magazine. The black-and-white photograph of the two became the iconic image of America’s victory over Japan and the celebration of the end of World War II.

On Oct. 13, the students at St. Jerome School in Fort Lauderdale got to hear firsthand the story behind the famous kiss.

Carl Muscarello, holding the photo that made him famous, is surrounded by students from St. Jerome School during his presentation on World War II and V-J, or Victory from Japan, Day. Behind him, from left, are Samantha Alejo, 11, Ginnia Martineau, 11, and Tiago Rodrigues, 12. (GAIL BULFIN | FC)

Carl Muscarello, now 84 and a retired New York City police detective, is the man most believe to be the sailor behind the smooch.

The woman in white, Edith Shain, recently passed away in California

Remembering ‘the innocents’

Service at St. Andrew Parish commends souls of unborn, stillborn children to Mary’s care

JONATHAN MARTINEZ Florida Catholic correspondent

CORAL SPRINGS — The death of a child is never easy — even if that child has yet to be born.

“My mom personally had two miscarriages before I was born, and in a way I suffered that pain because I missed the chance of having brothers; and I also saw the effect it had on my mom and dad and how it opened their hearts to love,” said Father Flavio Montes-Colon, parochial vicar at St. Andrew Parish in Coral Springs.

Father Montes-Colon led a solemn prayer service Oct. 9 at the parish to remember the lives of babies lost either through miscarriage, stillbirth or shortly after birth without having the opportunity of being baptized.

The Dedication and Blessing of the Book of the Innocents, attended by more than 40 people, was sponsored by the Respect Life Ministry for the first time in Broward County. It coincided with Respect Life Month, in which issues promoting the sanctity of life are promoted.

The names of the children were written in a book and placed by the statue of the Blessed Mother in the main sanctuary.

“This finally gives a chance to surrender your child to God and gives you a chance to heal that wound,” said Anna Rocco, a member of the Respect Life Ministry at St. Kevin Parish in Miami.

Michele Marano, representative of the Respect Life Ministry at St. Kevin Parish in Miami, carries the Book of the Innocents into the church at the beginning of the Oct. 9 blessing ceremony at St. Andrew Parish in Coral Springs. (JONATHAN MARTINEZ | FC)
‘Come and see’

Interested in a Catholic education for your children? Schools hosting ‘open houses’ in coming months

During the next few months, archdiocesan elementary and secondary schools will be hosting open houses and administering entrance exams to students wishing to attend a Catholic school during the 2011-2012 academic year. Following is a listing of these activities. For a more updated schedule, keep checking at www.miamichurch.org, by clicking on the “Events” calendar and selecting “Open Houses/Exams.”

HIGH SCHOOLS

Archbishop Coleman F. Car- roll, 8300 S.W. 167 Ave., Miami:
• Open house: Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. An opportunity to meet students, hear from staff members and talk with school parents about the college preparatory curriculum, extracurricular programs and community service that promote the academic, moral, social, artistic and spiritual development of students. 954-491-2900, www.cghsf.org.
• Christopher Columbus High School, 3000 S.W. 87 Ave., Miami:
  • Open house: Saturday, Dec. 8, 1 p.m. Columbus is a college preparatory high school for boys, providing Marist educational excellence. 305-223-5650, www.columbushs.com.
• Immaculata-LaSalle High School, 3601 S. Miami Ave., Miami:
  • Open house: Saturday, Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Immaculata-LaSalle provides the atmosphere and programs necessary to produce good Christians and productive, responsible citizens by embodying St. John Bosco’s Salesian system of education which emphasizes the holistic formation of the young person. Admission applications will be available. All tours depart from the gymnasium at noon. 305-854-2334, ext. 130; admissions@ilsroyals.com.
• Msgr. Edward Pace High School, 15600 N.W. 32 Ave., Miami:
  • Open house: Saturday, Nov. 20. Guided walking tours begin at 9 a.m., continuing every 15 minutes until 11:30 a.m. Meet administration, faculty and staff; find out about athletic and activities programs. 305-624-8334, ext. 212; erigosas@pacehs.com.
• Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, 5525 S.W. 84 St., Miami:
• St. Brendan High School, 2950 S.W. 87 Ave., Miami:
  • Open houses: Sunday, Nov. 21, 2-4:30 p.m. St. Brendan High School challenges students toward self-realization, and nurtures life-long learners who will contribute to a culturally diverse society with a commitment to the Catholic Christian vision. 305-223-5811.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

St. Agnes Academy, 122 Harbor Drive, Key Biscayne:

St. Brendan School, 8755 S.W. 32 St., Miami:
• Open houses: Tuesday, Dec. 7; and Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011, beginning at 9 a.m., for Pre-K to grade eight. School offers Felix Var- rela Program to serve students with learning differences from grades three to eight.

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Todos los católicos debemos ‘cultivar’ las vocaciones sacerdotales

Se habla mucho sobre la crisis en las vocaciones al sacerdocio. Aquí, en los Estados Unidos, tenemos motivos para preocuparnos, pues nuestros sacerdotes están envejeciendo y hay que admitir que las ordenaciones continúan siendo demasiado pocas. En 2011, nadie será ordenado para el sacerdocio de más de 70 años de edad. Eso significa una crisis de vocación porque, como observaron los primeros pregúntense a uno mismo: “¿Es porque no tenemos vocaciones?”

Valentín, arzobispo de Medellín, que aljazul a su presidencia de la Conferencia Episcopal Colombiana, reflexionó que “cumplimos nuestras funciones, pero no tenemos vocaciones”. Y es que el endurecimiento espiritual de muchas personas, devoción a Dios, conocimiento personal, religioso... todo esto ha afectado a las vocaciones.

En el mundo católico, desde hace varios años, se ha insistido en la importancia de la formación de los futuros sacerdotes. Se ha realizado un esfuerzo notable para mejorar la formación y el entrenamiento de los futuros sacerdotes. Se ha promovido la formación misional y pastoral, se han creado programas de formación vocacional y se ha buscado fomentar un estilo de vida que inspire a los jóvenes a querer ser sacerdotes.

Sin embargo, a pesar de estos esfuerzos, el número de vocaciones sigue siendo insuficiente. Esto es un problema crítico que necesita ser abordado con urgencia. Se debe buscar nuevas formas de inspirar a los jóvenes a considerar el sacerdocio como una opción viable y atractiva. Se debe promover el mensaje de que el sacerdocio es una vocación que puede ser una maravilla de la vida y una manera de servir a Dios y a la sociedad.

Se debe buscar un enfoque más integrado que combine la formación teológica y espiritual, con el apoyo emocional y práctico. Se debe fomentar la formación sacerdotal en el contexto de la vida diaria y en el servicio comunitario. Se debe proporcionar oportunidades para que los jóvenes experimenten el sacerdocio en la práctica.

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New missal: Church ministers will play crucial role

A guide to the new English translation of the Mass, which Catholics will begin using in November 2011

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Now that the U.S. bishops and the Vatican have approved new English translations of the Roman Missal, the book of prayers used at Mass, experts say the next step is educating Church ministers — from lectors to musicians — to better serve at liturgies.

Father Richard Hilgartner, associate director of the U.S. bishops’ conference Secretariat of Divine Worship, said the new adaptations of the missal will offer laypeople an opportunity to explore the great spiritual richness that can be found in these prayers.

“Just as priests who preside will have to prepare their proclamation of the prayers since the style is different from what is now prayed,” he said, “the laity will experience some immediate changes in the responses they say at Mass.”

For example, when the priest says, “The Lord be with you,” the old response was, “And also with you.” Now the people will respond, “And with your spirit.”

Since Church ministers serve at liturgies, Father Hilgartner said, they will be responsible in part for guiding the people in the pews to understand and adapt to these changes. To prepare for this, lay ministers should “reflect on the new translation for their own spiritual growth and development.”

Father Hilgartner suggests that Church ministers refer to the new texts during meetings at parishes and open meetings by reading parts of the Mass “puts us at the same tempo,” adding to the common experience of Massgoers.

McMahon cautions that, despite the fact that change is coming, “we don’t want to make too much or too little of it. We’re not changing the Mass; we’re changing the translation.”
WENSKI: ‘I’m very hopeful because I know this archdiocese and I know the talent that we have here’

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those needs (of that parish) requires some shuffling,” Archbishop Wenski said. “When you move one there’s always a domino effect, because you’re trying to match the priests’ gifts and talents with the needs of a particular parish.”

He explained that at least four of the recent changes were necessitated by the retirement of pastors who were well over the age of 75. Another two asked for permission to go on sabbatical or take a leave of absence.

“I accepted their resignation and I had to replace them,” Archbishop Wenski said, adding that he could not rule out more changes in the coming weeks. “We do still have a number of priests that are over the 75 age limit,” when they are canonically required to submit their resignation.

Losing a pastor who has served a parish for decades — such as Father James Fetscher at St. Louis, Father Michael Greer at Good Shepherd and Father Paul Vu- turo at St. Bartholomew — is difficult for people to accept, since those priests might have served as many as two or three generations of parish families.

Archbishop Wenski said he understands that, but “priests are ordained to serve the Church, not a particular parish. I was moved around from Orlando to Miami. I had to say yes. These priests said yes very gracefully.”

Some of their replacements, as well as those appointed to administrative roles in the archdiocese, are priests who have been ordained within the past 10 years. The archdiocese’s new chancellor for canonical affairs, Father Chanel Jeanty, was ordained in 2004; the new director of vocations, Father David Zirilli, was ordained in 2008, as was the archbishop’s new priest-secretary, Father Richard Vigoa.

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Archbishop Thomas Wenski

But “they’re not kids,” Archbishop Wenski said, pointing out that most of them are in their mid- to upper-30s and also pursued careers before entering the seminary. “They may be young in ordination, but they have life experience. They are people who can be entrusted with responsibility.”

Father Jeanty is the first Haitian priest to be appointed chancellor in the archdiocese. His title is chancellor of canonical affairs, which means he will deal with all issues involving priests, such as the granting of faculties, permissions and other matters governed by canon law. Father Jeanty has a degree in canon law. He’s the best prepared for that.

The fact that he is a Haitian was a real plus because he brings a third language to that office.”

The same applies with his appointment of Sister Elizabeth Worley, a Sister of St. Joseph of St. Augustine, as chancellor for administration and chief operating officer of the archdiocese — the first woman to hold the title of chancellor, although this is a newly created position in the archdiocese. Sister Worley served in the same capacity in the Diocese of Orlando for the past three years.

“She served me well in Orlan- do,” Archbishop Wenski said. “We have some serious administrative problems in the archdiocese. I need a strong administrator to come in and handle the day-to-day operations of the archdiocese.”

Something else Catholics in South Florida might look forward to is another synod, which he described as “a Church word meaning ‘strategic planning,’” during a luncheon with retired priests Oct. 12. He said the synod’s goal would be to identify the Church’s priorities and decide on the “best practices” for achieving them.

The archdiocese’s first and only synod, called for by the late Archbishop Edward McCarthy, was a three-year process which took place from 1985 to 1988.

Archbishop Wenski said the next synod will not take as long. The one he called in Orlando took about 16 months. But it does require a lot of preparatory work, so the call to synod probably will not come before the end of Lent next year.

“I’m very hopeful because I know this archdiocese and I know the talent that we have here,” the archbishop told the retired priests.

But, he added, change is coming. “We have some changes to make, changes that we will try to explain and make clear the rationale,” he said. “That doesn’t mean that you’ll agree with me. That doesn’t mean that you’re going to change my mind. But I will listen and I will explain why I do what I do.”
LIFE: Groeber to speak on truth of sexual morality and God’s plan

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THE search for respect life information takes on greater urgency with local, state, and federal elections only three days after the end of the conference.

“Know the issues. Right now, it’s not just the traditional issues of abortion or euthanasia,” said Father Cioffi, a senior fellow at the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia and priest at Immaculate Conception Parish in Hialeah. “The issues are more sophisticated, like stem-cell research, human cloning, and in vitro fertilization — also the end of life, nutrition and hydration issues, when to disconnect the ventilator. These are questions they heavily driven by technology.”

Miami Auxiliary Bishop Felipe Estevez will kick off the weekend with a welcome ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday. Archbishop Thomas Wenski will begin Saturday’s events with an 8 a.m. Mass at the hotel. Barbara Groeber, education coordinator for the Archdiocese of Miami’s Respect Life Office, said that all should attend Friday festivities to prepare spiritually for Saturday’s message.

Groeber will start Saturday’s main session by speaking about the truth of sexual morality and God’s plan for fertility. She will use the archdiocese’s six-hour workshops on respect life causes as examples. The workshops immerse attendees in what the Church believes, using Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body as a foundation.

“It’s interesting because the response of the people who come, they’re just so amazed,” Groeber said. “They’re hearing things they’ve probably never heard before.”

Augustinian Father Richard Mullen, parochial vicar at Little Flower Parish in Hollywood, will continue by sharing how Catholic social teaching addresses abortion.

Abortion isn’t the only pre-birth threat to human life. By executive order, President Barack Obama loosened restrictions on federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research in 2009. According to amednews.com, a news site of the American Medical Association, U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lambeth issued an injunction in August prohibiting federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research, using a strict interpretation of the Dickey-Wicker Amendment prohibiting creation of embryos for research or destroying embryos in research. However, the Obama administration appealed the injunction, permitting the executive order to stand for now.

This battle is ongoing, said Dr. Claire Thuning-Roberson, director of pharmaceutical development at Thallion Pharmaceuticals. Thuning-Roberson, also the chairwoman for the political action committee Citizens for Science and Ethics, said that it’s a misconception that previous bans on embryonic stem-cell research have put the United States behind other nations in overall stem-cell research.

“People don’t understand there is a difference, and that adult stem-cell research is more advanced in many areas,” Thuning-Roberson said.

She said that governments should put money into research that works, providing several examples of success in adult stem-cell research. She spoke of a patient in Boca Raton whose doctor used stem cells to restore joints. The University of Miami’s Interdisciplinary Stem Cell Institute is using adult stem cells to treat cardiovascular disease. The University of Florida is using stem cells from umbilical-cord blood to study treatments for Type I diabetes.

Though adult stem cells have success in treating illnesses, success isn’t the primary reason to go that route. “We can’t forget that the most important question is — ‘Is it ethical?’” she said. “The Lord always provides vehicles around things, and what he’s done is provided the very natural approach to treatment. Adult stem cells aren’t something created by science.”

Father Carmello Romanello, parochial vicar at St. Augustine Parish in Coral Gables, will return to the topic of abortion, speaking of post-abortion healing. Then the conference focuses on the end of life with talks by Dr. Joseph Mauceri and Dr. Michael McCarthy, executive director of the Florida Catholic Conference.

Father Cioffi, who also holds a doctorate in genetics from Purdue University and a doctorate in theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, will cap the weekend with his keynote speech on “Hope Amidst Adversity” at the closing banquet.

Euthanasia seems to be gaining steam, Father Cioffi said. Oregon, Washington state and Montana have legalized assisted suicide. He credits pro-life forces for defeating what is an annual euthanasia bill in the California legislature.

Blame falls on what Father Cioffi calls a pragmatic, utilitarian culture. He spoke of a slippery slope where no one is safe — unborn, those born with abnormalities or handicaps, or the elderly. He challenged those who embrace the culture of death to follow the example of Jesus, who also lived in adverse times.

“To think that these agents of death have at their disposal politics, millions of dollars — it’s the same as it was for the Lord Jesus as he lived in his own time. He survived on prayer, on trust in God’s will and that God’s will be done sooner or later.”

Father Alfred Cioffi

For more information on the Respect Life Conference, contact 954-981-2922 or visit www.miamiarch.org/respectlife.

INNOCENTS

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suffered the loss of a baby and attended the prayer service. “By having a ceremony like this, you’re in a way formally giving your child over to God and getting closure.”

Normally associated with Project Rachel, a post-abortion counseling and healing service offered through Respect Life, the Blessing of the Innocents was open to anyone who has suffered the loss of a baby, regardless of the circumstances.

“Our hope is to do this annually at St. Andrew and re-dedicate the book. We welcome anyone to come,” said Kathy Lapi, parish coordinator for Respect Life. “We hope to offer comfort to anyone who has gone through a loss of a baby, and this is open to anyone, not just women. Fathers are welcome as well.”

Father Flavio Montes-Colon blesses the Book of the Innocents during the Oct. 9 blessing ceremony at St. Andrew Parish in Coral Springs.

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at the age of 91, but the two made many appearances together in celebration of the Aug. 15, 1945, World War II milestone.

Today, Muscarello lives in Plantation, but 65 years ago he was a petty officer second class on the USS Orion docked in Staten Island before shipping off to the Pacific. “Our boat was being fitted with additional armor to help against the kamikaze attacks,” he recalled. While in port, the United States bombed Japan. The surrender came shortly thereafter. The ship’s captain gave the sailors 72 hours of leave and Muscarello headed to Broadway and 42nd Street. “Everybody was kissing everybody. I just joined in the celebration.”

Months later and stationed in Panama, he called his mother who told him he was on the cover of Life magazine. “She was annoyed because I was kissing a strange girl.” When he asked her how she knew it was him, she said she could see the distinctive birthmark on his hand. The photographer, Alfred Eisenstaedt, never got the names of the famously random couple and speculation around their identity raged for years. It wasn’t until Muscarello was in his late 60s that he finally came forward and met the nurse, Shain.

Since many had claimed to be the mystery sailor, she was skeptical. “She asked me all kinds of questions trying to trick me, but I guess I answered them right,” he said. The two then made the media circuit, appearing on the “Today Show,” “Good Morning America” and even an Italian television station.

At least one of the junior high students from St. Jerome was already familiar with the photo. “My grandparents in England have a copy,” said Jack Langford, 12. He thought the discussion about the role of the military was going to be good, saying, “He (Muscarello) helped save the United States and I liked hearing about his life.”

Muscarello, a parishioner of All Saints Parish in Sunrise, was invited by middle school teacher Pacheco, 13, to talk at the school to his class of 120 students, parents and teachers, all listening with rapt attention.

He shared many stories, but one seemed to resonate with the young crowd. He showed a small flag that families with loved ones in the war would hang from their windows. “If there was a blue star in the middle, the person was still alive. A flag with a gold star meant the person had been killed in action.”

As he walked along his street in Brooklyn after leaving Times Square, he saw a flag with a gold star flying from the home of a friend stationed in England whom he had just talked to months before. “When I asked my mother, she burst into tears.” His friend had just been killed.

“He made me cry when he told us about the flags,” said Cynthia Pacheco, 13.

“He was amazing,” said eighth-grader Andrea Ociepka, saying she learned a lot about the day of the surrender.

Sister Vivian Gomez, principal of St. Jerome, said Lockard, who has taught at the school for 22 years, does a wonderful job making history come alive for her students. “This is something real. It’s the real story of what he experienced.”

At the end of the unit on Pearl Harbor, Lockard partners with the local VFW and its auxiliary to bring students to their annual celebration. This year, St. Jerome’s middle school students and their families have been invited to the Saturday lunch honoring World War II Pearl Harbor survivors and their families.

After the hourlong presentation, each student received a copy of the famous picture. Muscarello said he does not accept money for his presentations. He has made thousands of copies over the years and is happy to donate them to worthy causes. “The picture has become part of American history. It means something. It’s unconditional surrender. The fight is over.”

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‘God calls. You answer’

Sister Elizabeth Worley brings business experience, ‘just-do-it’ attitude to her new job with archdiocese

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Florida Catholic staff

MIAMI — Doing one thing at a time does not seem to be part of God’s plan for Sister Elizabeth Worley.

A few years into her teaching career as a Sister of St. Joseph, the Jacksonville native went back to school to get a degree in chemistry. “I did sophomore, junior and senior chemistry courses in one year simultaneously,” recalled Sister Worley, who got her degree from Barry University in 1973.

A decade later, when she was asked to join the board of directors of Mercy Hospital in Miami, which is sponsored by her community, she decided to go back to school for a master’s degree in business administration. She began the two-and-a-half year program while teaching chemistry at Hollywood’s Madonna High School and completed it while serving as chairwoman of Mercy’s board — and still graduated as valedictorian of her class at the University of Miami. The salutatorian, she said, likes to tell people that he graduated “second to nun.”

Nearly 20 years later, Sister Worley was again doing two jobs at once: finishing up her 19-year stint as chairwoman of Mercy’s board and beginning a two-year stretch as chief executive officer of Catholic Hospice.

She was still with hospice when then-Bishop Thomas Wenski called from Orlando and asked her to serve as his chancellor for administration and chief operating officer. She started the job in February 2007, but remained with hospice until a new chief operating officer was appointed.

“I tended to do this in my lifetime,” she said. “God calls. You answer. Literally, it just keeps coming. There’s a need. You respond to the need. It’s service of Church. It’s obedience.”

NO REGRETS

At 64, Sister Worley said she has absolutely no regrets. She joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine at the age of 17 and never looked back.

“I can remember when I was 5. I knew then I was going to be a Sister of St. Joseph, with whatever certainty a 5-year-old could have. It’s all I’ve ever wanted to be,” she said.

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Plans made to rebuild Haiti’s Church

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‘I wanted to help the kids, basically,’ said Solares, a member of St. Hugh Parish in Coconut Grove. “I had heard of (Archbishop Kébreau) and that he has 50 kids that needed help. I needed to use an organization that she trusted.”

Solares reluctantly agreed to make her donation public in order to ensure that the money would be used to keep up with her donor intentions and to make sure that the reconstruction work is done “in a most efficient and transparent manner,” she said.

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‘I didn’t know about it. I’m sure that they have heard of (Archbishop Kébreau),’ said Solares, who recently presented her $300,000 donation to Archbishop Louis Kébreau of Cap Haitien on Sept. 24, during the meeting of the Haitian bishops’ conference in Miami.

Said Msgr. Jean Pierre, pastor of St. James Parish in North Miami, and director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the archdiocese, during Mass at Notre Dame d’Haiti Church in Miami Sept. 24: “The idea is to care for the orphans, for the women, for the injured with dignity and love. It’s part of the archdiocese’s response to the victims of the earthquake, in solidarity with the bishops of Port-au-Prince.”

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Fun, fireworks and faith

Thousands, young and old, venerate relics of St. John Bosco at Immaculata-La Salle High School and St. John Bosco Parish

ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO
Florida Catholic staff

MIAMI — More than 10,000 people venerated the relics of St. John Bosco overnight Sept. 25 at Immaculata-La Salle High School, and thousands more did so a day later at his namesake parish in Little Havana.

In keeping with Don Bosco’s educational philosophy, the reception of the relics at Immaculata-La Salle featured fun activities for children, teens and young adults, more than 600 of whom spent the night on the high school’s football field.

For most of the teenagers this was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that combined the pleasures of adolescent life with the rich faith of Catholicism.

“I saw faith in all these kids, faith redeemed, faith expressed, but mostly pure faith,” said J.C. Moya, a teacher at Immaculata-La Salle, who served as one of many chaperoons throughout the night.

During the welcoming rite for the relics, Auxiliary Bishop John Noonan noted that Saturday night is when most teenagers go to the movies. But that night they were gathered to witness “something that even Hollywood cannot recreate for us in an encounter with somebody special.”

“It is because of this man you have this school,” Bishop Noonan said. “We are in the midst of a saint ... a man who loved the young people and gave them hope.”

At a Mass celebrated early the next morning on the football field, Archbishop Thomas Wenski noted that Don Bosco dedicated his life to loving “those whom others considered unlovable ... the throwaway kids of his time.”

The archbishop exhorted the young people to notice “the poor youth, the homeless or runaway teen (who) often live next door to us,” as well as those who are being trafficked for sexual exploitation, and those who cannot continue their education because they lack immigration papers.

“The lives of the saints,” the archbishop said, “like the life of Don Bosco, should be for each of us not merely some pious stories that we recall just to make us feel good ... (but) a daily challenge to the easy compromises we make to the demands of Christian living, a challenge to the spiritual myopia that prevents us from seeing the Lazarus at our doorstep.”

A few hours after the archbishop’s homily at the Mass, the relics arrived at St. John Bosco Parish in Little Havana, where they were venerated into the morning of Sept. 27.

The relics were received with delight by parishioners donning Don Bosco T-shirts, singing and waving flags as the wax figure of the saint moved past them into the church. The procession was accompanied by the music of a Mexican mariachi band.

“This is an electric moment — especially for St. John Bosco,” said Salesian Bishop Mario Fiandri of Guatemala, who preached at all of that Sunday’s standing-room-only Masses at the parish.

Bishop Fiandri noted that St. John Bosco was never able to visit his missionaries in Latin America. But in a way, his wish was fulfilled when he came to Miami, which is home to many people of Latin American background.

Don Bosco is, “in a very real sense, at home in Miami,” Bishop Fiandri said.

He added that since the saint’s “raison d’être” was Jesus, the relics’ visit should remind Catholics “it’s worthwhile to be Christian.”

“This has been a fabulous marketing tool,” said Graciela Monroy, an international delegate for the Damas Salesianas (Salesian Ladies).

The group, with about 100 members in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties, dedicates itself to fundraising for Salesian schools, clinics and missions in Latin America. Members also raise funds to support programs at St. John Bosco Parish.

Monroy said she hoped the relics’ visit would “open (young people’s) hearts to be better Christians and to put their gifts at the service of others.”

Freelancers Blanca Morales and Danny Gonzalez contributed to this report. To read Archbishop Wenski’s homily at the Mass, go to www.miamiaarch.org and put in the keywords “St. John Bosco.”

From left, Andrea Piloto, Amanda Piloto and Carla Martinez hold hands in prayer during the welcoming ceremony for the relics of St. John Bosco.

Immaculata La Salle cheerleaders wave their pom-poms as fireworks go off, timed to coincide with the arrival of the relics of St. John Bosco onto the school’s football field. (PHOTOS BY ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

Salesian Cooperators help bring the relics of St. John Bosco onto the grounds of St. John Bosco Parish in Miami. (BLANCA MORALES | FC)

Damas Salesianas
Cathedral kicks off concert series

St. Mary Cathedral kicked off its annual concert series Oct. 17 with a benefit concert for earthquake relief in Haiti, performed by the Civic Chorale of Greater Miami and featuring exhibit and sale of Haitian artworks.

The concert series, which is free of charge, continues with:

“Lessons and Carols” performed by the cathedral choir, beginning at 11 p.m. on Dec. 24 and followed by Christmas Eve midnight Mass.

• “Jeff Zavac and Friends,” featuring “the blind musician extraordinaire” performing light classics and jazz on a variety of instruments, Sunday, March 6, 2011, at 4 p.m.

• Greater Miami Youth Symphony, composed of musicians ages 18 and younger, will perform Sunday, April 3, 2011, at 4 p.m.

Tenebrae concert, the drama of the Passion story as performed by the St. Mary Cathedral choir, on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.

The cathedral is located at 7325 N.W. Second Ave., Miami. For more information, or to help underwrite the concert series, call 305-759-4531, ext. 111.

Film festival seeks submissions

The John Paul II International Film Festival has extended its submission deadline to Nov. 7. The theme of the 2011 festival is “the mystery of love.”

“The high volume of responses to this year’s theme made us curious to see how filmmakers, especially film students, were interpreting the theme,” said festival co-founder Laura Alvarado Brennan.

The festival already has drawn in films from France, Russia, India, Poland, England, New Zealand and many states across the U.S. “When we chose last year’s theme, we found that the only way to express the state of our country and the world was to call for films that demonstrated ‘faith through the storm.’ This year, concurrent with our mission, we are hoping to find a film that exhibits how the mysterious power of love forges a common bond in the human condition,” Alvarado Brennan said.

The extended deadline will give filmmakers more time to post-production an opportunity to be the festival’s opening night film, which is a spot reserved for debuting films with potential for mainstream distribution.

The second annual John Paul II Film Festival is scheduled for Feb. 17-26, 2011, in selected venues around Miami. The festival is organized by 7evenDay Media, Inc., a nonprofit organization based in Miami, that seeks to nurture faith-inspired filmmakers to create high-quality productions that serve as witness to their faith.

Filmmakers are encouraged to visit www.jp2filmfestival.com for more information on how to submit their work.
Parish twinning projects part of Haiti recovery

Earthquake recovery will benefit from church-to-church relationships

TOM TRACY
Florida Catholic correspondent

MIAMI — Solidarity, increased communications and collaborative efforts between churches and parishes have emerged as an important theme that emerged from the international summit of Church leaders convened in Miami in September to discuss Haiti’s earthquake recovery and reconstruction.

Evidence of that connectivity and information sharing as a vital part of Haiti recovery planning was the presence of Theresa Patterson, the Nashville-based program director for the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas. Patterson and other agencies such as Catholic Relief Services (CRS) were among the themes that emerged from the international summit of Church leaders convened in Miami in September to discuss Haiti’s earthquake recovery and reconstruction.

Support from the Episcopal Church in Florida and Haiti.

“Twinning” is the program that links Catholic parishes in developed countries with those in developing nations. The idea is to strengthen churches in the poorer parts of the world and to build relationships with those in richer areas. The idea has been around since the mid-1980s. For more information see www.parishprogram.org.

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Opening a window into Haiti

St. Coleman School students will support, communicate with students at new school developed by Royal Caribbean

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POMPANO BEACH — Lori St. Thomas imagines a time in the near future when students at St. Coleman School, where she is principal, will talk via Internet with students in post-earthquake Haiti, the poorest nation in the Americas.

Along the way, she hopes students on both ends of a new sister-school relationship will learn foreign language skills, inspire each other academically and develop insights into each other’s world.

That will happen thanks to partnerships with Royal Caribbean International that was facilitated by a school parent.

The cruise line, which has long maintained a private resort destination in Labadee, on Haiti’s northern coast, has been putting the finishing touches on a new K-12 and vocational/technical school there. It will be called L’Ecole Nouvelle Royal Caribbean.

The cruise line said it recognizes that primary and secondary educational needs in Haiti are great in both the early childhood years and for adults transitioning into the workforce, and wanted to partner with Catholic school students in the Miami Archdiocese.

The sister-school relationship will not be one of financial support from St. Coleman, so much as cultural exchange.

But students here also will provide some symbolic material support, such as donations of books, backpacks, pencils, paper, pens, erasers and teacher supplies, according to John L. Weis, a parent of two students at St. Coleman, and Royal Caribbean’s vice president of Guest Port Experience.

Weis, who said he was reassigned to Haiti for approximately five months in the wake of the earthquake while on loan to the Clinton Foundation, said even before the Jan. 12 earthquake the cruise line had a vision of setting up a series of model schools in Haiti.

“There are not enough schools to go around and not everyone gets a fair shake in terms of education,” Weis said. “Our chairman said it was his vision to start helping Haiti. We were one of the first responders to Haiti after the earthquake and we have a 25-year history of working there.”

To give some perspective to the great need in the Labadee area, Royal Caribbean estimates there are 5,000 primary school-aged children in the greater region, but only 2,000 primary school slots.

Focusing on Labadee means the possibility of seeing real results in youngsters’ lives through nutritional and health support, fostering greater respect for the environment and raising the bar in education.

“That is what we hope the relationship with St. Coleman might facilitate: that the kids should strive for more than day-to-day existence,” Weis said.

The Jan. 12 earthquake brought urgent attention to the needs of Haiti, but St. Coleman’s students will be interacting with students affected not so much by the earthquake as by the grinding poverty and limited opportunities facing all Haitian youths.

“We talked with the students, sent a newsletter home to the parents, conducted a school supplies drive, and put up a huge bulletin board with pictures showing the school construction and details,” said St. Thomas, adding that the students are excited about the sister school project.

“The younger kids don’t totally understand the impact of the earthquake and situation in Haiti, but the older kids understand what is going on over there,” she said. “Our kids have been writing letters so when school starts in Haiti Oct. 18, they will have a letter waiting for them.”

One of St. Coleman’s staffers, Susan Jaen, director of admissions and a French-speaker, planned to fly down to Labadee Oct. 21 for the school’s dedication. She will tour the site, meet teachers and students, and take pictures of the project.

PLEASE SEE SCHOOL, A15
Archbishop Louis Kèbreau of Cap-Haitien, president of the Haitian bishops' conference, speaks as Archbishop Thomas Wenski listens during a press conference prior to Mass at Notre Dame d'Haiti Sept. 24. (PHOTOS BY ANA RODRIGUEZ-SOTO | FC)

HAITI
FROM A10

“We have to get people back to normal. This is one aspect of bringing Haiti back to normal,” added Balmadier, who described the meeting in Miami as “an expression of the level of support and genuine solidarity that exists throughout the global Church for the Church in Haiti.”

“I've never been at a meeting like this. It’s very exciting,” Balmadier said.

According to Oblate Missionary Father Andrew Small, who works in the U.S. bishops’ Office of National Collections, the American Church has set aside approximately $32 million for Church reconstruction projects in Haiti. That represents about 40 percent of the $82 million donated for Haiti during the special collections in all U.S. parishes the weekend after the earthquake. Another $68 million was donated directly to Catholic Relief Services, which means nearly half of the worldwide total collected for Haiti was raised by the Catholic Church worldwide.

Father Small said, “What we’re trying to figure out is how to spend it wisely, said he hoped the assurance of ‘efficiency and transparency’ in how the money is spent will “inspire more generosity.”

Archbishop Wenski, a member of the U.S. bishops’ Haiti advisory group who visited Haiti as recently as July, said he hoped the assurance of “efficiency and transparency” in how the money is spent will “inspire more generosity.”

“This is still just the beginning,” he said. “This effort will not be resolved by $30 million or $100 million and it’s not going to be resolved in one year or three years.”

“We are constantly edified by the hope of the Haitian people,” he added, who along with their bishops, priests and religious, continue to face “incredible difficulties.”

After the press conference, all of Haiti’s bishops and their international counterparts celebrated Mass at Notre Dame d’Haiti. The meeting concluded Sept. 26 with a Mass at St. John Vianney College Seminary.

During the offertory procession, Haitian young people bring up baskets of fruits while swaying to the music.

CLINIC: ‘It’s a dream, but it is based on faith’
FROM A11

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In the late 1960s the church in Haiti began talking about having a medical clinic in their capital city of Port-au-Prince. During the early years of these discussions the church believed its best option was to partner with outside organizations. Over the years the church began to realize the importance of Haitian priests and medical personnel working together.

As everyone involved in Haiti’s relief has said all along, the Haitian people will continue to need help to recover from the earthquake for a long time to come. “It’s a dream, but it is based on faith,” Msgr. Pierre said.

He will be visiting more parishes in the coming weeks in an effort to meet his goal, which is by no means final.

SCHOOL
FROM A14

L’Ecole Nouvelle has been constructed with special fiber composite earthquake- and hurricane-resistant panels used to build residential, commercial, government and military structures without the use of cement, steel or wood. The construction style offers significant savings in cost, construction time and energy costs.

Initially, the school will feature seven classrooms and other spaces and will accommodate 125-150 students. As it expands to maximum capacity, enrollment will be closer to 360. Later, during a second phase of development, the school will accommodate 700.

As the school develops, older Haitian students will have access to employment opportunities with Royal Caribbean, which will offer evening language courses, basic child care and other specialized tourism education.

Moreover, it is hoped the 670 students at St. Coleman will provide the Haitian students with a window into North American life and modern education.

“We may set up a Skype (Internet phone service) account so the kids can talk to each other,” said St. Thomas, who hopes to eventually travel to Haiti. “It will be interesting in watching the reaction of our children get lessons you can’t get from a textbook.”

To make sure the sister-school relationship doesn’t founder, Weis said he will encourage periodic field trips for the Florida students and faculty to Labadee. He is also hoping area high school students will join the partnership.

The new compound in Labadee also is expected to offer women’s health programs, including education in the care of newborn infants; micro-finance loans to encourage business opportunities; and meeting places for community functions that can also serve as shelter space during tropical storms, hurricanes or other natural disasters.

The operating costs for the school will be approximately $133,000 annually. Royal Caribbean intends to fund these costs through three sources, namely the Solano Foundation, Inter-American Development Bank and USAID.

“It is not that we are just putting up a building, a lot of thought has been put into this: Royal Caribbean wants those people to have a stable life,” St. Coleman's principal said.
Interfaith Weekend marked Nov. 12-14

“Facets of Faith: Windows Into the Sacred” will be the main event of Interfaith Weekend, celebrated Nov. 12-14 in Miami-Dade County. Sponsored by the Miami Coalition of Christians and Jews, it will take place Sunday, Nov. 14, 1 p.m., at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 464 N.E. 16 St., Miami. Historian Ann Rose will share her knowledge of the stained-glass window art form and lead tours of Trinity Cathedral’s windows.

Following the session, self-guided tours, with accompanying maps, will be available so that the public can spend the afternoon visiting Miami’s most beautiful and historic houses of worship.

Houses of worship across the county are encouraged to participate in Interfaith Weekend by scheduling pulpit exchanges and programs with neighboring faith groups.

Pastors who would like their churches to be part of the “Windows Into the Sacred” tour, or are hosting an Interfaith Weekend event, should contact Roberta Shevin at 305-755-6996 or roberta@miaemicj.org.

St. Vincent Parish marks 50th

St. Vincent Parish in Margate will celebrate its 50th anniversary by hosting an anniversary Mass and dinner for current and former parishioners on Sunday, Nov. 7. The dinner, at the Heron Bay Marriott on Coral Ridge Drive in Coral Springs, will follow the 4 p.m. anniversary Mass at the church, 6359 N.W. 18 St., Margate. Tickets are $25 per person. For more information call 954-972-0434.

Retreats help those coping with divorce

The archdiocese’s Family Life Office offers a retreat program aimed at helping people who are coping with the loss of divorce or separation. Registration is $35 and includes all meals. Call Helen at 305-725-7894; or Jean at 305-762-1142 in Miami-Dade or 954-797-9770 in Broward; or e-mail jvfduda@theadom.org.

Public invited to TV Mass tapings

The public is invited to attend the taping of TV Masses that will be celebrated by Miami’s bishops.

On Tuesday, Nov. 23, Auxiliary Bishop Felipe Estevez will tape the Spanish Masses for Dec. 12 and 19. The tapings begin at exactly 3:10 p.m. on Don Shula’s Hotel, 6842 Main St., Miami Lakes. The weekend will offer time for personal reflection and small-group sharing, and is open to all faiths. It will end with the celebration of Sunday Mass.

The cost of taping is $175 per person and the deadline to register is Nov. 2. Participants must speak one of the Spanish coordinators before registering. Call Helen at 305-725-7894; or Jean at 305-762-1142 in Miami-Dade or 954-797-9770 in Broward; or e-mail jvfduda@theadom.org.

Correction

An Around the Archdiocese notice on page A4 of the September edition listed the wrong venue for the Oct. 23, 6:30 p.m. concert marking the 20th anniversary of St. Catherine of Siena Parish. The concert will take place at St. Brendan Parish hall, 8725 S.W. 32 St., Miami. Tickets are $45 and will be available at the door.
Teach the faith?
Come to Catechetical Day

“Christ: At the Heart of Catechesis” is the topic of this year’s Catechetical Day, which will take place Saturday, Nov. 6, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish, 15801 N.W. 67 Ave., Miami Lakes.

The event is sponsored by the archdiocesan Department of Religious Education and is aimed at everyone involved in teaching the faith in South Florida — from the hundreds of volunteers who staff religious education programs in the parishes to the dozens of religion teachers in Catholic schools, as well as priests and pastors.

“The goal of Catechetical Day is to come together, to know that there are other people like us who are doing the same ministry, to continue learning more and encouraging each other to keep going and to keep teaching the faith,” said Maria José Mitsoulis, director of religious education in the archdiocese.

The event is bilingual, with keynote speakers and sessions in both English and Spanish. Speakers will:
- Diana Dudoit Raiche, executive director of the Department of Religious Education at the National Catholic Educational Association, and consultant to the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis.
- Hosffman Espino, assistant professor of Hispanic ministry and religious education, and director of graduate programs in Hispanic ministry at Boston College’s School of Theology and Ministry.
- Angelina Karpinski, who works as parish resource specialist in the Office of Stewardship and Development of the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

In addition, one of the sessions will focus on the coming revisions in the Mass. This will be led by Sal Rendina, Patricia Zeiler, Michael Sayers and María Perez-Rudisill, liturgical musicians in the archdiocese and the voices of Dell’Oro Voice (The Golden Voices), an a cappella group that will provide the musical accompaniment for the morning and closing prayers of the conference.

Registration is $15 per person. For more information, call 305-762-1090 or go to www.miamiarchreligious.org.

Classical pianist launches St. Martha–Yamaha concerts

The 2010-2011 season of the St. Martha Yamaha Concert Series will kick off Sunday, Nov. 14, at 3 p.m., with a performance by the world-famous Cuban-American pianist Santiago Rodriguez, silver medalist at the Van Cliburn International Competition and recipient of the Avery Fisher Lifetime Achievement Award. His program will include works by Chopin, Haydn, Lecuona and Rachmaninoff.

Future concerts will feature:
- Soprano Sara Wolfson and tenor Noah Stewart with pianist and series artistic director Paul Posnak, performing tunes, arias, duets and holiday classics, on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m.
- A Far Cry, a conductorless chamber orchestra from Boston, performing “An Andean Walkabout,” a work by Grammy-award winning Peruvian composer Gabriela Frank, as well as works by Mozart, Dvorak and Tchaikovsky, on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.
- The Italian Saxophone Quartet, led by superstar saxophonist Federico Mondelci, playing music from Bach to Piazzolla, ragtime, tango, blues, Greek dances and film scores, on March 12, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the concerts are $10 each general admission or $20 Blue Circle, including post-concert receptions with the artists. The concerts take place at St. Martha, 9201 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores. For tickets, call 1-800-595-4849 or go to www.saintmartha.tix.com.

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St. Lawrence annual fair, Oct. 28-31, 2200 N.E. 191 St., North Miami Beach. Rides, games, costume and pumpkin carving contests, candy for kids on Sundays. Limited booth available for vendors: $50 per day or $175 for four days. 305-932-4912.

Harvest festival, Mother of Christ, Oct. 28-31, 14141 S.W. 26 St., Miami. Prizes, talent shows, live entertainment, with Roberto Torres on Saturday. Vendors welcome. Four-day ride tickets: $50 presale at church office; not available at fair. 786-423-5636.

“Trunk ‘n’ Treat,” Sunday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Our Lady of Mexico, 2606 S.W. 84 St., Miami. Proceeds benefit tuition assistance fund. Admission: $5.

St. Vincent Parish 50th anniversary dinner, Sunday, Nov. 7, Heron Bay Marriott in Coral Springs, following the 4 p.m. anniversary Mass. For tickets: 954-972-0434.

St. Maurice country fair, Nov. 11-14, 2851 Stirling Road, Dania Beach. Rides, games, food, live entertainment. Proceeds benefit the parish and its Hurricane program. Tickets: $6 in advance, $7 at fair. 954-961-7777.

St. Timothy carnival, Nov. 11-14, 5400 S.W. 102 Ave., Miami. Celebration of the parish’s 46 years of community. For information, call (305) 274-8224. Follow on Facebook: St. Timothy Carnival 2010. 305-274-8224.

Visitation Parish international food festival, Nov. 13-14, 19100 N. Miami Ave., Miami Gardens. Features foods from countries of the West Indies, music and fellowship. 305-710-7472.

St. Paul the Apostle Christmas boutique, Nov. 13-14, 2700 N.E. 36 St., Lighthouse Point. Christmas items, gifts, home-baked goods, plants and religious items. 954-943-9154.


St. Jerome fall carnival, Saturday, Nov. 17-21, 2523 S.W. Ninth Ave., Fort Lauderdale. 954-525-4133.


Mary Help of Christians fall festival, Nov. 18-21, 6000 University Drive Park, Coral Springs. Chili cook-off, hot dog eating competition with high school football teams from Broward, Rides, games, live entertainment, food and beverage. 305-744-0422.

St. Maurice family fall festival, Nov. 4-7, 4020 Curtis Parkway, Miami Lakes. Carnival rides, games, plenty of food, lots of fun for entire family. 305-871-5780.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs fall carnival, Nov. 4-7, 2285 Happy Hoyer St. (Southwest 11 Court), Fort Lauderdale. Family night: Thursday, Nov. 6, 6 p.m. Affordable fun for the whole family. 954-883-8725.

St. Paul’s Bonaventure family festival, Nov. 4-7, 1301 S.W. 136 Ave., Davie. International food court, games for all ages, live music, nightly entertainment. Tickets: $45 unlimited four-day ride wristband; $25 single ride ticket. Free admission available pre-event. stbonaventure@aol.com.

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St. Brendan Elementary Family Festival, Sept. 7, 8755 S.W. 32 St., Miami. Rides, international food, games, prizes, music and a Hispanic fashion show with performances from students. 305-221-2722.

St. Stephen fall festival extravaganza, Nov. 4-7, 2000 S. State Road 7, Miramar. Discounted ride bracelets before opening day; unlimited ride coupon; $50, good all weekend. 954-296-0928.

Bobcat bottled Halloween, Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Our Lady of Fatima, 2600 S.W. 84 St., Miami. Proceeds benefit tuition assistance fund. Admission: $5.

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FAMILY EVENTS

MorningStar Renewal Center, 7705 S.W. 40th St., Miami. Registration required for all programs. 305-238-4867, ext. 102, or visit www.morningstarrenewal.org: “Raising Faith-filled Kids” parenting seminar, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 7-9 p.m. For optional spring semester, seminars are $25 per person. 305-226-5183.


Stand-up comedy, Vocations awareness weekend, Nov. 12-14, St. John Vianney, 2900 S.W. 87 Ave., Miami. For men ages 18-35 who are considering a vocation in the priesthood; an opportunity to experience seminary life. Space is limited. Register online: www steadfastpriesthood.com or call 305-962-0434.

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Florida Catholic October 2010
Father Marino is pictured here with his mother, Marie, and his brother Joseph, whom he calls “a great blessing in my life.”

What he did before becoming a priest:
“My parents owned a fish market in Pembroke Pines and both my brother Joseph and I worked there when we were younger.”

When he knew he wanted to be a priest:
“I would say, the age of reason, 7.”

Person or event that triggered his vocation:
“By the time I had my first Communion, I knew I wanted to do what the priest did. I wanted to stand at the altar and make Jesus present. My vocation stems from the liturgy of the Church.”

What he would be doing if he had not become a priest:
Probably work in the food industry, in some aspect of the seafood business. “Before I became pastor of Visitation Parish I was the fine dining food critic for the Miami Herald Broward edition for three years, from 2000 to 2003, and that was a lot of fun.”

The most difficult aspect of being a priest:
“Not living up to people’s expectations, even though sometimes their expectations are unreasonable.”

His description of the ideal priest:
“A man who is faithful to Christ, the Church and the liturgy.”

A priestly stereotype that he feels should be discarded:
“I don’t believe there are any, especially in this archdiocese, because we are all so diverse with such a variety of style.”

What he does on his day off:
“I like to cook, I like to fish (shallow water reef fishing), but mainly I like to relax at the parish.”

Favorite movie:
The “Godfather” trilogy: “Yes, even Godfather III!”

Favorite TV series:
“House” and “No Reservations” with Anthony Bourdain.

Last book read:
“I just re-read, The Leopard’ by Giuseppe di Lampedusa and the biography ‘John Adams’ written by David McCullough.”

Favorite type of music:
“I enjoy music; I like having either classical or opera playing in the background. I have an appreciation for the human voice.”

What he collects?
Liturgical vestments and vessels (chalices)

Person he most admires:
“Many people (and) no one person in particular. I have spiritual fathers that I model my life as a priest after: Pope John Paul II; Msgr. Luigi Giussani, founder of Communion and Liberation; Archbishop Fulton Sheen; and Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger before and after becoming Pope Benedict XVI. As a high school student, I received the book ‘Introduction to Christianity,’ written by Cardinal Ratzinger, and although I didn’t understand it I knew that it was important for my life. I have never put that book down since.”

His greatest disappointment:
“I would say to not communicate God’s love and truth as I should. My own human failure is my disappointment, my lack of charity and mercy.”

His greatest joy:
“I am only doing what I am supposed to do. … I may do it poorly, but I am still doing it.”

His harshest critic:
“Myself. However, my mom is my greatest champion.”

Thing he most fears:
“Allowing my human failures to overwhelm me, to disappoint people or let them down.”

Regrets:
“When I fail to show charity and mercy, sometimes on a daily basis.”

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‘Be witnesses’ to the Gospel

Archbishop asks faithful to donate to World Mission Sunday collection Oct. 24

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Our Lord, before returning to the Father, promised His followers the Holy Spirit and charged them with being His “witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

At Baptism, we too were called to be Christ’s witnesses. We are to share our faith with those around us, and to support, in prayer and sacrifice, the work of missionaries who bring the “Good News” of Jesus to faraway places — to Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America.

On World Mission Sunday, celebrated this year on Oct. 24, the Catholics of the world unite at Mass to recommit ourselves to this baptismal vocation to be missionaries. As we pray and respond here at home, we are replicating what is also taking place in every parish and chapel in every corner of the globe.

Your generosity through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will reach those who await the “Good News” of Jesus, who long to experience His hope and love.

More than 1,150 young churches in the Developing World count on your generous response to this World Mission Sunday. Please also continue to pray that all of us in the Archdiocese of Miami may be eager and effective witnesses of Jesus, as He asked us to be.

Sincerely in the Lord,
The Most Reverend Thomas Wenski
Archbishop of Miami

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