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'Even if you went to Rome you would not see this'

'Vatican Splendors' exhibit will have three-month stay at Fort Lauderdale's Museum of Art

TOM TRACY
Florida Catholic correspondent

FORT LAUDERDALE — For at least the third time in the last decade or so, South Floridians won't have to travel far to view one of the great Vatican-sponsored exhibitions of religious art.

The Archdiocese of Miami is the final U.S. destination for "Vatican Splendors: A Journey Through Faith and Art," which is being called one of the largest collections of Vatican art and historical items ever shown in the United States.

Set to open Jan. 29 and continue through April 24 at the Museum of Art in downtown Fort Lauderdale, Vatican Splendors comes on the heels of the two other successful Vatican programs: "St. Peter and the Vatican: The Legacy of the Popes," also shown in Fort Lauderdale in 2003, and 1998's "The Invisible Made Visible: Angels from the Vatican," which was displayed at the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach.

Vatican Splendors has already been seen in St. Louis and Pittsburgh. It offers spectacular paintings by Giotto and Il Guercino and sculpture by Baroque master Gian Lorenzo Bernini, along with unique objects illustrating the Catholic Church's impact on history and culture.

The exhibition's more than 200 objects, many of which have never been on public view, are presented in the museum's galleries and in specially created environments that enhance the understanding of the historical and artistic significance of each work.

NEVER SEEN

"Even if you went to Rome you would not see this," said Mark Greenberg, president of the Texas-based Beyergreen Exhibitions which is producing the Splendors three-city tour.

Greenberg noted that many of the items are not on public display in Rome, including a Giovanni Francesco Barbieri (Guercino) Renaissance painting just recently given to the Vatican and placed immediately into the tour.



Visitors to the "Vatican Splendors" exhibit will be able to see these art pieces: clockwise from top left, the Madonna del Sasso; a painting by Giovanni Battista Salvi seldom displayed outside the Vatican; a reliquary with fragments of the bones of Sts. Peter and Paul; "shake hands" with Pope John Paul II; and a chalice that belonged to Pope John Paul II. (COURTESY PHOTOS | VATICAN SPLENDORS EXHIBIT)

The 16th-century painting, "Portrait of Christ with Crown of Thorns (The Veronica of Guercino)" is, according to Greenberg, perhaps the first modern depiction of Christ as we generally see him depicted today.

contemporary works of the Church, including items used in the liturgy, such as a chalice, paten and ciborium that belonged to Pope John Paul II. Also on display is a missal that "I might have been the foundation for that imagery of how

WHERE TO GO

"Vatican Splendors: A Journey through Faith and Art" can be seen daily from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., with extended hours on Thursday evenings until 8 p.m. Special early pre-opening hours are available for group and school tours by prior arrangement by calling the Group Sales Office at 954-262-0202.

As part of the exhibit, there will be an official Vatican gift shop containing religious gift items and related books. The Museum of Art is located at One E. Las Olas Blvd. at Andrews Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

Tickets to "Vatican Splendors" can be purchased at the museum door, but organizers recommend reserving a timed ticket well in advance in order to avoid wait times. Parish groups can also save \$2 off the price of each adult admission. For more information, call 954-525-5500, 1-800-2VATICAN, or visit www.vaticansplendors.com or www.moafll.org.

Jesus is depicted," he said. "We also have a reliquary that contains the bones of St. Peter, St. Paul and other saints. That is another piece that has never been outside the Vatican and was in a private chapel, not in a public [one]."

Greenberg recommends that visitors spend between 90 minutes and three hours in the exhibit, and purchase the audio guides, available in English and Spanish, for a nominal fee.

"It is a wonderful opportunity for Catholics and non-Catholics alike to discover and learn more about the Vatican, the popes, and how art, culture and religion have had such a significant role not only in the development of the papacy, but also civilization itself," said Msgr. Terence Hogan, rector of St. Mary Cathedral and North American chaplain of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums.

He said the exhibit includes "a vast collection of art, documents and historically significant objects from the Vatican," including papal jewelry, liturgical papal vestments and even armor, swords and uniforms of the famous papal Swiss Guards.

Several galleries are devoted to more contemporary works of the Church, including items used in the liturgy, such as a chalice, paten and ciborium that belonged to Pope John Paul II. Also on display is a missal that

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Members of an Indian dance group perform at the reception that followed the Migration Mass at St. Mary Cathedral. (PHOTOS BY MARLENE QUARONI | FC)

Jesus: 'Migrant of migrants'

People of many cultures, languages gather at cathedral for annual Migration Mass

MARLENE QUARONI
 Florida Catholic correspondent

MIAMI — Fabienne Pierre, a native of Haiti, came to this country seeking a better life.

"Haiti has a lot of problems," said Pierre, 22, a Miami-Dade College nursing student who attended the Archdiocese of Miami's annual Migration Mass and reception at St. Mary Cathedral Jan. 9. "This event is very beautiful, seeing the people in their native costumes. I learned about multiple cultures."

Pierre, who has been here for four years, is applying for permanent residency. She said that she is hopeful that she will get her residency, by the grace of God.

"God wants everyone to come here and be united," she said. "That's why it's called the United States."

Archbishop Thomas Wenski welcomed many of the cultural groups present using their native languages.

"Welcome, *mabuhay, bennin-*
PLEASE SEE MIGRATION, A7



During a Nigerian masquerade dance at a reception after the Archdiocese of Miami's annual Migration Mass, Archbishop Thomas Wenski is honored as the highest dignitary in the room by the masked dancer. The one being honored touched the floor three times with the fan to acknowledge the honor.



Polish-Americans Danuta Walach, left, and Elzbieta Swain, center, and Indian-Americans Sophie Mathew, pray during the Migration Mass.

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ABCD 2011: Start 'afresh from Christ'

Archbishop urges people to 'give their very best effort' to support Church ministries

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Florida Catholic staff

MIAMI — With a new year and a new archbishop comes a new Archbishop's Charities and Development appeal, fittingly titled "Starting Afresh From Christ."

The ABCD 2011 campaign seeks to raise more than the \$8.3 million pledged last year, and to increase the number of donors from last year's 23,000 or so.

"The responsiveness of our parishioners despite two economically challenging years has been encouraging," said Emilio Alonso Mendoza, president of the Archdiocese Development Corporation and the Catholic Community Foundation. "This year, we hope to engage far more parishioners

'The ABCD is what allows us to do what we do here. We need it to be a resounding success.'

Archbishop Thomas Wenski

as ABCD donors as they become aware of the importance of supporting the programs and ministries of the archdiocesan Church."

ABCD is a once-a-year collection that goes directly to the archbishop — unlike the weekly collections whose proceeds remain in each parish. ABCD funds help support archdiocesewide ministries and works of mercy, including:

- Catholic Charities

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- the Schott Center for the Deaf and Disabled, the Marian Center for persons with developmental disabilities, and Morning Star Retreat Center
- the archdiocesan Tribunal, which considers petitions for marriage annulments
- formation programs for lay ministers, religious educators and future priests and deacons.

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

"The ABCD is what allows us to do what we do here," Archbishop Thomas Wenski told archdiocesan employees Jan. 10. "We need it to be a resounding success."

He noted that "for the past several years, it has fallen short and we've had to deal with the consequences here."

He asked archdiocesan employees to lead by example and consider making at least a \$365 pledge to ABCD, the equivalent of \$1 a day.

"I'm asking all the pastors, the people to give their very best efforts this year," he said, recalling how, when he was a child in a Catholic school in Lake Worth, the Sisters of St. Joseph taught him to place the initials "JM" and "AMDG" on the top of each class or homework assignment.

The JM stands for Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and it was a reminder that "everything we do should be a prayer." The AMDG stands for *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* — for the greater glory of God — a reminder that God deserves "our best ef-

forts."

Approach this year's ABCD with "renewed enthusiasm, renewed commitment," Archbishop Wenski said. "Make it a sacrificial gift. Not all the gifts will be the same, but hopefully each gift will represent an equal sacrifice on the part of all of us."

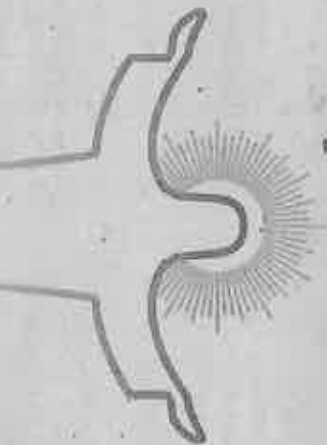
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ABCD PRAYER

The following prayer for the success of the 2011 ABCD campaign was written by Archbishop Thomas Wenski:

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so that we may think as you think,
and will as you will
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as it led the Apostles,
to love as you love,
with the heart of Christ Jesus, Your
Son.

Grant us, O God, a generous spirit,
that through the ABCD,
we may start afresh from Christ,
putting our faith into action,
revealing our charity towards our
brothers and sisters.
Aided by the intercession of the
Apostles,
who faithfully loved and served the
people
entrusted to their pastoral care,
may we too abound in good works
and merit
to share with them a place in Your
heavenly kingdom.
Amen.



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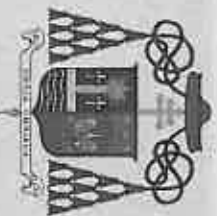
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Why we must not give up on Haiti

One year ago, perhaps the worst
single urban catastrophe in modern
history befell an already much too
beleaguered Haiti. *Goudou-goudou*,
the Creole word for the Jan. 12, 2010,
earthquake, took some 300,000
lives and cost billions in

destroyed property and
infrastructure. In the im-
mediate aftermath of the
region's biggest disaster in
200 years, the island na-
tion avoided the expected
outbreak of disease and
social disorder. Yet, by the
end of 2010, the Haitian
people ended with both —
a still uncontained cholera
epidemic that has claimed
more than 2,000 lives and
widespread civil disorder
due to flawed elections. It seems as
though, a year later, Haiti is getting
worse, not better.

But it would not be in the long-
term interests of the United States
to give up on Haiti, or to begin de-
creasing support out of frustration.
Such a policy would have long-term
adverse consequences throughout
the region.

What we need to do is reconsider
what needs to be accomplished to
make Haiti a functioning country
again. While the earthquake has
created new challenges, it has also
laid bare for all to see those that
have piled up over a very long time.
This explains why there is so little
evidence of Port-au-Prince rising
from the dust and ashes of the earth-
quake one year ago. The *goudou-
goudou* was more than just a natural
disaster — stronger quakes hit Chile
and New Zealand in the same year
with less destruction and loss of hu-
man life. What brought Haiti to its
knees was not so much the shifting
of its tectonic plates, but its grinding
poverty and its inability to easily re-
cover from an event of this devastat-
ing impact.

For this reason, one cannot sim-
ply rebuild Haiti to its pre-earth-
quake existence. At the time of the
earthquake, some 3 million people
(a third of the nation's population)
lived in a miserable existence in a
concentrated area whose public in-
frastructure — health care and utili-
ties — was built for about 100,000
people, mostly during the Ameri-
can military occupation from 1915
to 1935.



FROM THE
ARCHBISHOP
**Thomas
Wenski**

Critical to Haiti's recovery and
development is a clear, long-term
commitment from the United States
and other friends of the Haitian
people. The new Congress should
re-introduce legislation similar to
the Haiti Empowerment,
Assistance and Rebuilding
Act (HR 6021) in the previ-
ous Congress. Legislation
like that would provide a
framework to guide long-
term assistance to Haiti.
At the same time, it would
encourage both the Hai-
tian government and civil
society to look beyond im-
mediate needs and plan for
the future.

Beyond this, Haiti needs
an effective plan for U.S.
aid that provides a coherent frame-
work for such assistance and creates
some stability and direction for re-
construction and development pro-
grams.

This plan must be accompanied
by a new and strengthened U.S.
resolve to hold Haitians (and their
foreign partners) in both the public
and private sector accountable. U.S.
policy should be guided by a mix of
generosity and hard-nosed realism,
forcing the Haitian political class
to reduce corruption and govern
transparently.

Moreover, the United States could
take steps to stabilize Haiti which do
not cost money and would ensure a
continued flow of remittances to
the nation. As a start, the admin-
istration could use its humanitar-
ian parole policy to bring into the
United States the immediate fam-
ily members of Haitians medically
evacuated after the earthquake. In
addition, another 55,000 Haitians
who have already been approved to
enter the United States to join fam-
ily members could be allowed to en-
ter as they await their priority date.
Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
could be extended to Haitians who
arrived in the United States in the
aftermath of the earthquake.

What the United States should not
do is to cause more harm by resum-
ing deportations to Haiti, a move
being considered by administration
officials. The Haitian government at
this time does not have the capacity
to accept deportees, especially ones
with criminal records. The United
States should also pressure neigh-

APPOINTMENTS

Archbishop Thomas Wenski
has made the following ap-
pointments:

Effective Nov. 30, 2010:

**Members to the College of Con-
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- Father Thomas O'Dwyer
- Father George Puthusseryil
- Father Roberto Garza
- Father Chanel Jently
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- Father Juan Carlos Pajuga

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and Mary** — director of Religious Life for
the Archdiocese of Miami.

Effective Dec. 15, 2010:

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copal vicar for priests for the Archdiocese
of Miami.

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director of PAX Communications and
associate resident at Corpus Christi Parish,
Miami.

Father Michael Greer — archdioc-
esan moderator of the Miami Archdiocesan
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Msgr. Kenneth Schwager —

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District of the Miami Archdiocesan Council
of Catholic Women.

Effective Dec. 4, 2010:

Deacon Emilio Blanco — to St.
Benedict Parish, Hialeah, and chaplain to
the Archdiocesan Committee on Catholic
Scouting.

Deacon Jose Chirinos — to St.
Augustine Parish, Coral Gables.

Deacon Nelson Diaz — to St.
Timothy Parish, Miami.

Deacon Marco Fernandez — to St.
John Neumann, Miami.

Deacon Roberto Fielas — to Little
Flower Parish, Coral Gables.

Deacon Alpha Fleurmond — to
Sacred Heart Parish, Homestead, and to
Detention Ministry.

bordering countries, such as the Baha-
mas and the Dominican Republic,
to cease their deportations.

The United States can be tempted
to be impatient with the situation in
Haiti, but we must resist that temp-
tation. As we have learned the hard
way, recovery from natural disasters
has been slow even in the resource-
rich United States. It took years for
Florida to recover from Hurricane
Andrew and five years later New Or-
leans is still struggling to overcome
the impact of Katrina. It is no won-

Deacon Raul Flores — to Little
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vicar at St. John Bosco Parish, Miami.

der that a Third World country
our doorstep is still reeling from
own catastrophe.

We cannot walk away from
— a neighboring country of 5
million people only 800 miles
from the United States. We
work with the new Haitian gov-
ernment to not only rebuild the na-
tional infrastructure, but also to re-
a sense of national pride and
This will not be an easy road,
is the only path forward. ■
Please see Spanish column, Pa-

Por qué no debemos abandonar a Haití

Hace un año, la que tal vez haya sido la peor de las catástrofes urbanas de la historia moderna se abatió sobre el ya muy arribulado Haití. **Gondou-gondou**, el nombre en creole del terremoto del 12 de enero del 2010, cobró unas 300.000 vidas humanas y causó la pérdida de miles de millones de dólares con la destrucción masiva de propiedades e infraestructuras. En los días que siguieron al peor desastre de la región en 200 años, la nación caribeña evitó una posible secuela de enfermedades y desórdenes sociales. Pero a finales del 2010, el pueblo haitiano terminó por sufrir ambos males: una epidemia de cólera que aún no ha sido posible detener, y que ha costado las vidas de más de 2.000 personas, y amplios desórdenes públicos causados por unas elecciones amañadas. Tal parece que la situación en Haití, un año después del terremoto, empeora en vez de mejorar.



Pero iría contra los intereses a largo plazo de Estados Unidos el abandonar a Haití, o el empezar a disminuir el apoyo a causa de nuestra frustración. Tal política tendría consecuencias adversas a largo plazo para toda la región.

Lo que debemos hacer es reconsiderar lo que ha de lograrse para hacer de Haití un país nuevamente viable. A la vez que ha creado nuevos retos, el terremoto también ha puesto al descubierto ante los ojos de todos lo que se había estado acumulando en Haití durante largo tiempo. Esto explica por qué hay tan poca evidencia de que Port-au-Prince se esté levantando de entre el polvo y las cenizas del terremoto de hace un año.

El **Gondou-gondou** fue mucho más que un simple desastre natural -sismos más poderosos golpearon a Chile y Nueva Zelanda en el mismo año, con menos destrucción y menos pérdidas de vidas humanas. Lo que hizo caer de rodillas a Haití no fue el desplazamiento de sus capas tónicas, sino su laceraante pobreza y su incapacidad para recuperarse con facilidad de un suceso de proporciones tan devastadoras.

Por esta razón, no es posible reconstruir la existencia de Haití tal como ésta era antes del terremoto. En el momento del desastre, unos 3 millones de personas (la tercera parte de la población del país) atrataba una existencia miserable en un área concentrada cuya infraestructura social -atención médica y servicios públicos- fue construida originalmente, para unas 100.000 personas, casi todo ello durante la ocupación militar estadounidense de 1915 a 1935.

Para lograr la recuperación y el desarrollo de Haití, es crucial que Estados Unidos y otros amigos del pueblo haitiano establezcan el compromiso de apoyarlo a largo plazo. El nuevo Congreso debe adoptar una legislación similar a la Ley de Fortalecimiento, Asistencia y Reconstrucción de Haití (Haiti Empowerment, Assistance and Rebuilding Act, HR 6021) aprobada por el Congreso anterior. Una legislación como esa creará el marco para darle una ayuda a largo plazo a Haití.

Al mismo tiempo, estimularía al gobierno y a la sociedad civil de Haití a mirar más allá de las necesidades inmediatas y a hacer planes para el futuro.

Más allá de esto, Haití necesita de un plan efectivo por parte de Estados Unidos que proporcione un marco coherente para tal ayuda, y para crear alguna estabilidad y dirección para los programas de reconstrucción y desarrollo.

Este plan debe ir acompañado de una nueva y más fuerte decisión estadounidense de pedir responsabilidades a los haitianos (y a sus socios extranjeros), tanto en el sector

público como en el privado. La política de Estados Unidos debe guiarse por una mezcla de generosidad y de realismo exigente, con el fin de obligar a la clase política haitiana a reducir la corrupción y a gobernar con transparencia.

Y lo que es más: Estados Unidos podría dar pasos para estabilizar a Haití que no costarían dinero y que garantizarían un flujo continuo de remesas monetarias a esa nación. Para comenzar, la Administración podría aplicar su política de permisos humanitarios de entrada para los familiares inmediatos de los haitianos que fueron evacuados del país por razones médicas después del terremoto. Adicionalmente, otros 55.000 haitianos que ya han recibido la aprobación para entrar en Estados Unidos y reunirse con sus familias, podrían ser admitidos en este país antes de su fecha establecida para viajar. El Status de Protección Temporal (TPS) podría extenderse a los haitianos que llegaron a Estados Unidos como consecuencia del terremoto.

Lo que Estados Unidos no debe hacer es causar más daño reiniciando las deportaciones a Haití, una medida que está siendo considerada por funcionarios de la Administración. En estos momentos, el gobierno haitiano carece de la capacidad para recibir a los deportados, especialmente a aquellos que tienen antecedentes penales. Estados Unidos también debe presionar a los países vecinos, como las Bahamas y la República Dominicana, para que detengan sus deportaciones de haitianos.

Estados Unidos puede sentirse tentado por la impaciencia ante la situación de Haití, pero debemos resistir esa tentación. Tal como hemos aprendido de la manera más dura, la recuperación de desastres naturales ha sido lenta hasta en Estados Unidos, con toda su riqueza de recursos. La Florida necesitó años para recuperarse del huracán Andrew, y cinco años después del impacto de Katrina sobre Nueva Orleans, la ciudad todavía está luchando por superar las consecuencias del desastre. Nada de extraño tiene que un país del tercer mundo tan cercano a nosotros, todavía esté tratando de salir de su propia catástrofe.

No podemos dejar solo a Haití -un país vecino de nueve millones de habitantes a sólo 800 millas de Estados Unidos. Debemos trabajar con el nuevo gobierno haitiano no sólo para reconstruir la infraestructura nacional, sino también para reconstruir el orgullo y la unidad nacionales. El camino no será fácil, pero es el único para ir hacia adelante.



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VATICAN

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Pope John XXIII presented to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in 1959 to announce plans for convoking the Second Vatican Council, which began in 1962.

1,700 YEARS

One of the consultants to the Vatican exhibit, La Sallian Brother Charles Hilken of St. Mary's College of California, told the *Florida Catholic* that visitors should give themselves ample time to tour the show.

"There is much detail to what you are going to see," he said. "The exhibit tells the story of nearly 1,700 years of cooperation between artists and the Catholic Church in Rome. It is an interesting journey that mirrors the development of Western art itself."

Brother Hilken said he worked closely with Evergreen Exhibitions as a member of the design team and consultant in questions of how to interpret the objects and understand their historical and religious importance.

Unlike previous Vatican exhibits in Florida, this show puts a spotlight on artists such as Michelangelo and their faith-inspired process — at a time perhaps when modern art often seems highly secular and moving away from Judeo-Christian theology or religion.

Brother Hilken points out that Christianity is a religion that celebrates humanity as the "summit of the created world."

"Art, which depicts the beauty we perceive with our senses, becomes an aid to both public worship and private devotion. It is no wonder, then, that Christian artists have sought to use all their talents at shaping their various media to make, borrowing a phrase from Blessed Mother Teresa, something beautiful for God," he said.

MICHELANGELO

Michelangelo and a small circle of artists including Raphael and Da Vinci are often celebrated as the greatest artists of the Renaissance. Michelangelo stands out among his peers as a deeply spiritual man with a fine grasp of his faith, Brother Hilken said, noting that Splendors celebrates Michelangelo with both a full-sized replica of the Pietà and a scaled-down experience of the making of the Sistine Chapel.

Michelangelo also will be celebrated in the exhibit for his contribution to the design of the new St. Peter's Basilica, particularly of



This full-size replica of the Pietà is part of the "Vatican Splendors" exhibit which will open at the Museum of Art in Fort Lauderdale Jan. 29. (COURTESY PHOTO | VATICAN SPLENDORS EXHIBIT)

the dome over the tomb of the Apostle Peter, which has become so emblematic of the Vatican and the papacy.

"The exhibit highlights aspects of his work as master architect for the Vatican, a post that he held for the last 18 years of his life," Brother Hilken said. "I would want people to take away from the exhibit an impression of the personal faith that motivated individual artists throughout the centuries."

The Splendors exhibit will feature an array of special events, including a related speakers' series sponsored by the Museum of Art and Nova Southeastern University. WPLG-Channel 10 also will air an hour-long special on Splendors on Friday, Jan. 28, at 8 p.m. (See story below.)

An educator's activity guide is available, with activities relating to social studies, mathematics, geography, history and other

subject matter. A separate religious education guide designed for children in grades four to 12 and adults is also available. The lesson plans provided in this resource are for use in parish religious education programs and religion classes in Catholic schools.

There is also a lesson for adults, which can be used in parish sessions, teacher in-services, small faith communities and numerous other settings.

Intrafaith and ecumenical events are also anticipated, and a Vatican-sponsored gift shop concludes the experience.

MEANT FOR ALL

The museum's location is ideally situated to attract not only South Florida Catholics, but all lovers of art, history and culture.

"We are fortunate in Fort Lauderdale to be in the center of a population of 6 million

TV anchor travels to Rome in search of 'Vatican Splendors'

One-hour program on art exhibit to air Jan. 28 on WPLG-Channel 10

TOM TRACY

Florida Catholic correspondent

FORT LAUDERDALE — In November, Kristi Krueger, an anchor and reporter with WPLG-Channel 10, was escorted into the Sistine Chapel while gathering footage and interviews for an upcoming pro-

gram on Vatican art.

Then the lights were turned on. Suddenly, Krueger realized where she was.

"It was wonderful to be alone and see the amazing history and beauty — and wonder what in the world was going through Michelangelo's head: It is much more than pretty pictures," said Krueger, who was in Rome in advance of the Miami showing of "Vatican Splendors: A Journey Through Faith and Art."

Called one of the largest collections of Vatican art and historical items ever shown in the United States, the blockbuster exhibition will be shown Jan. 29 through April

24 at the Museum of Art in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

With permission and logistical support arranged by the Archdiocese of Miami and Vatican City, Krueger and two other Channel 10 staffers spent six days getting their footage and conversations in high-definition video.

Channel 10 news director and producer Bill Pohovey credited Miami Archbishop Thomas Wenski with helping make the production possible. "We took our TV cameras places that most people don't get to go," he said.

They spoke to Father Mark Haydu, the director of the Patrons of the

LECTURE SERIES

Following is the schedule of lectures and concerts associated with the "Vatican Splendors" exhibit at the Museum of Art in Fort Lauderdale.

Daytime events: 11 a.m.-noon, follow until 1 p.m. by a light lunch, fine wines and convivial conversation in the Marks Gallery.

- Wednesday, Feb. 9: Italian Renaissance architecture
- Wednesday, March 16: Italian arias with Dell'Orto Wood.
- Wednesday, April 13: Artists of the Renaissance.

Evening events: 6-7 p.m., followed on 8 p.m. by light fare, fine wines and convivial conversation in the Marks Gallery.

- Thursday, Feb. 17: Gregorian chant choir
- Thursday, March 10: Expressions of faith art.
- Thursday, April 7: Panel discussion on art spirituality.

Cost for lecture followed by event: \$30 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. R.S.V.P. to 954-262-0241 or education@mashling.

people event before the winter season, a supportive archdiocese," said Irvingman, director of the Museum of Art.

The facility, he said, is large and fit enough to handle the Splendors' display, provide security and allow ample parking. (There is a public parking garage across the street.)

"When we had the King Tut exhibit had 6,300 visitors a day," Lippman said. "This museum can attract a very exhibition."

"Splendors is one of those rare opportunities — even if one has gone to the Vatican to see the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica, here we are able to put great art (some never seen publicly or even of the Vatican) in another context and a theme that is important: understanding faith and the creation of art," he said. "We are artists inspired to create art that will be with religion."

Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale is one of the presenting sponsors for the Splendors. Patrick Taylor, president and chief executive officer of Holy Cross, said the vitality and strength of a community "can be judged by the richness of its art in education and the arts."

"We are honored to be able to sponsor those enriching efforts by bringing historic and valuable artifacts from the Vatican to South Florida," Taylor said. ■

Jan. 28, at 8 p.m.

"Splendors is a wonderful experience because, of course, not everyone goes to Rome," she said, adding the exhibit will appeal to people of all faiths. Krueger volunteered as a lecturer at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Weston.

After many years co-anchoring the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts, Krueger now co-anchors the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts.

"I think people will be able to appreciate a little taste of the incredible art in Vatican City. It doesn't matter who you are, your religious beliefs or background — you can't help but be awestruck," she said. ■

NEWS/briefs

Chinese Catholics mark new year

The archdiocese's Chinese Catholic community will mark its new year on Feb. 6, beginning at 1 p.m. with a Chinese-language Mass celebrated by Father Joseph Bai and Father Peter Lin. The Mass will be followed by traditional Chinese food and games as well as performances by the children. The celebration will take place at St. Jerome Parish, 2533 S.W. Ninth Ave., Fort Lauderdale.

Revival kicks off Black History Month

Holy Redeemer Parish in Liberty City will host a three-day revival Jan. 30-Feb. 2 to kick off the celebration of Black History Month in the archdiocese. A Day of Prayer for the African-American and African Family will follow the revival, and the month will conclude with a Mass and cultural program Feb. 28.

The revival is an annual tradition for Miami's black Catholic community, and it will be preached this year by Father Celsius Anguiste, vicar for evangelization for the Diocese of Roseau, Dominica. Father Anguiste is known as Dominica's "Catholic evangelical gift to the Caribbean."

He will speak Monday through Wednesday beginning at 7:30 p.m. and also at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Jan. 30. The theme this year is "Coming together as one in the Spirit of the Lord." The revival will begin at 5 p.m. each evening with a light supper in the M. Athalie Range Hall, followed by a program of Gospel hymns and personal testimony. There is no charge for the food, but donations will be appreciated.

The National Day of Prayer for the African-American and African Family will be marked Sunday, Feb. 6, with a "sweet hour of prayer" for families at 8 a.m., followed by Mass at 9 a.m. This national celebration was created by Franciscan Father James Gooden in 1989 to give special thanks to God for families and place every care in the arms of Jesus. The national theme this year is "Celebrating God's goodness and mercy."

The Black History Month Mass and cultural program will take place Sunday, Feb. 28, beginning with 9 a.m. Mass. The Mass will be followed by a program of music, dance and poetry celebrating black cultural values and spirituality.

"Black History Month has special significance for the members of Holy Redeemer Church, a historically African-American Catholic community," said Oblate Missionary Father John Cox, pastor of

the parish. "Our congregation is comprised of black Catholics from various United States, Caribbean island nations, and Africa."

He added that all Catholics are welcome to attend the Black History Month events. "Holy Redeemer Church opens its doors to all."

The church is located at 1301 N.W. 71 St., Miami. For more information, call 305-691-1701 or e-mail hredeemr@bellsouth.net.

Integration is topic of school's 'history day'

On Wednesday, Feb. 9, junior students in the Advanced Placement history class at Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School will host a "living history day" focusing on how the school became the first to be integrated in all of Florida. A symposium for students, teachers, alumni and the media, titled "Opening Doors to the Future by Remembering the Past," will include representatives of the class of 1960 and guest speaker Paul H. Wyrbe, a retired corporate communications executive and one of the first black students admitted to the school.

A living history day is an opportunity for students to turn into teachers and challenges them to think historically. Since November, the students have been researching and studying the period in South Florida history where school integration began to take place. They will design a series of questions for their guests, which will help all school students achieve a greater understanding of this process, which began in 1960.

The event will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude with an informal lunch at 12:15 p.m. Curley Notre Dame High School is located at 4949 N.E. Second Ave., Miami. For more information, call 305-751-8367 or go to www.acrd.net.

'Fun Day at Ranch' raises funds for life

Family Fun Day at the Ranch, a fundraiser for the archdiocese's Respect Life Ministry and Heartbeat of Miami, a pregnancy center funded by Catholic and Protestant churches, will take place Sunday, Feb. 20, beginning at noon at Hacienda Guadalupe, 6401 S.W. 125 Ave., Miami. The day will feature an exhibition of Paso Fino horses and a tour of the stables; a 3 p.m. concert by local Christian artists; and affordably priced picnic fare and kids' activities including face painting, hair braiding and pony rides. Admission is \$1 per person plus a baby item such as disposable diapers, wipes, onesies, baby towels and outfits. For information, call 305-281-9347.



Haitian youths prepare to lead the procession into the church for the Migration Mass Jan. 9 at St. Mary Cathedral. In attendance were members of all the cultural, language and ethnic groups represented in the Archdiocese of Miami. (MARLENE QUARONI | FC)

MIGRATION

FROM A2

do, byzanti, etc., etc.," said the archbishop. "Today, we honor all those who have come to these shores bringing many gifts and to find justice."

The Mass came at the end of the U.S. bishops' National Migration Week, Jan. 2-8, which is framed by the feasts of the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord. This year's theme was "Renewing Hope, Seeking Justice."

Among the nationalities represented at the Mass were Polish, Haitian, Jamaican, Brazilian, Korean, Filipino, Vietnamese, Nigerian, Chinese and Indian.

"Last Sunday's feast of the Epiphany brings home the universal significance of Jesus' birth," Archbishop Wenski said. "Today's feast, the Baptism of Jesus, is really another epiphany or revelation. ... God's

beloved son wishes to show his solidarity with the entire human race."

The good news of salvation is Catholic, a Greek word meaning "universal," he said.

"(Jesus) does not demand that we change our culture, our language or even our nationality; he only asks that we change our hearts," said Archbishop Wenski. "God shows no partiality, but sometimes we do. We like our own kind and we mistrust or are suspicious of the one whom we see as a stranger. Diversity, rather than being seen as a gift, is feared and often blamed for our divisions. But what divides us is not our diversity. What divides us is sin."

The annual Migration Mass, with participation by the many ethnic groups, shows that all find a home in the Catholic Church, he said. Diversity enriches the body of Christ, and Jesus can be referred to as the "migrant of migrants."

"In becoming a man like us, he migrated from heaven," he said.

"He became a citizen of our world so that we in turn might become citizens of the world to come."

The Catholic Church will continue to speak out on behalf of migrants everywhere, Archbishop Wenski added.

"We speak out in defense of those, especially the young, who are trafficked across borders to be exploited in the sex trade," he said. "We will continue to advocate for a just and equitable reform of a broken immigration system that continues to separate families for unacceptable periods of time, and that provides no path to citizenship for millions who work in jobs that otherwise would have gone unfilled. We will defend the rights of refugees and asylum-seekers for a safe haven from persecution and violence." ■

To read Archbishop Wenski's complete homily at this year's Migration Mass, go to www.miamiarch.org.

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The Roman Missal: The challenges of change

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

BETH DOTSON BROWN

Change is often accompanied by fear that challenges priests in the United States when preparing to use the new translation of the Roman Missal. Yet, amidst the new-

ness of the prayers there are also opportunities that Church leaders say can guide congregations to a richer liturgical and spiritual life.

"I think we've always had an opportunity for a deeper prayer, but I do think the translation is getting more nuance out of the text than

we've had before," said Father Paul Turner, an author, lecturer and a pastor in Missouri. "So we've got some deeper possibilities for catechesis and for spirituality with this translation."

That deeper appreciation of the liturgy begins with the priest who will lead the people in using the missal. Msgr. Anthony Sherman, executive director of the Secretariat of Divine Worship at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), sees this as an opportunity for priests to further develop their own

spiritual life so they can ignite the faith of the congregation.

"The basic context of the eucharistic prayers is the same, therefore it's an opportunity for priests ... to take a look at some of the background material," he said, noting the USCCB website has numerous resource materials posted.

He noted that in order for the missal to be successfully implemented, "The priest needs to be able to pray each prayer. And the only way one can approach this in a more prayerful manner is to educate oneself on the background of the prayers, theological concepts contained in the prayer, because then you can more intelligently and convincingly proclaim them for the people."

Father Turner agrees. "Our greatest challenge is to get inside those and make them sound like

WHY A NEW TRANSLATION?

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The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has approved a new English translation of the Roman Missal. Third Edition, the ritual text containing prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass. The first use of this new text in the United States will be on the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, 2011.

The implementation of this new English translation raises many ques-

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Father Paul Turner

our prayer and not just the missal's prayer," he said. "We need to spend time with the prayer ourselves, meditating on them and figuring out more deeply what they mean, imagining some context in our own lives that can make this prayer more authentic for us."

Although priests have always tried to do this, the new language in the translation presents them with possible stumbling blocks they will need to work through.

Because the new translation is truer to the Latin syntax, the sentences are sometimes long and grammatically complex. There are

tions for U.S. Catholics. Why do we need a new translation? What will be different? Who are the new saints included with the edition? Will this translation affect lay men and liturgical musicians?

None of these questions has a short, simple answer. This is the first in a series of articles produced by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that seeks to answer those questions.

Sample texts of the changes, and much more information, are available at the U.S. bishops' website, www.usccb.org/romanmissal.

It is not too early for priests begin preparing their congregations as well. Msgr. Sherman is printing some of the new text parish bulletin so people will be able to understand it. He also encourages parishes to explain why the translation was needed and what was created.

"The books we use to celebrate at the center of our liturgical life," Msgr. Sherman said, "what binds us all together in a single country in the world is the text as the basis for the translation. Therefore, every country will be creating a new translation."

The process of translation has been long and difficult and needed the participation of a number of people, something Father Sherman feels is important for those in the U.S. Church to know. Liturgical democracy, he said, "I think some natural resistance to something comes to us from the top down."

If priests can peacefully introduce the new texts to their congregations, it can have great benefits. The new edition of the Roman Missal also has special liturgical prayers that Catholics can look forward to. In one instance, one reason the new missal was needed was that Pope Paul II canonized a great number of saints. The new missal will include texts to celebrate these saints.

"These prayers will have a profound impact on us in our psyche and our lives for a number of years because they capture the whole meaning of the faith," Msgr. Sherman said. "I think we are going to be on the verge of a new era in the Church being able to celebrate these prayers in a way never did in the past." ■

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2011

St. Helen School: 'microcosm of the world'

Demographic changes mean staff, parishioners have to work harder to ensure students' success

GAIL BULFIN
Florida Catholic correspondent

LAUDERDALE LAKES — Walking into St. Helen School is a bit like walking the halls of the United Nations.

The faces of the children born of parents from dozens of different countries reflect the beauty of each nation's unique traits. It is both a strength and a challenge for the school community, as they continue to build the academic foundation of this growing Catholic elementary school in central Broward County.

Principal Terry Maus, a 20-year veteran of Catholic education, and St. Helen's pastor, Msgr. William Dever, are excited to be leading the charge.

"The demographics have all changed," said Msgr. Dever, who has spent 25 years at St. Helen. "Our students come from Haiti, Puerto Rico and all corners of the



Terry Maus

biggest issue is to educate children who might otherwise fall through the cracks and to provide scholarships for them."

Currently, 164 students receive some form of scholarship aid. It is expensive to participate in all the after-school activities in academics and sports.

"The children don't have the

West Indies."

The school also has a growing Vietnamese student body. Most of the students come from dual-language households.

St. Helen School first opened in 1973, and while there has been much change in the makeup of the community both inside and outside the school since its opening almost 40 years ago, St. Helen remains a beacon for families looking for a Catholic education.

"This is a Catholic school through and through, and we'd like to keep that Catholic identity," said Maus. "Our

money to do it, so we look for money," said Maus.

She estimates that it costs about \$2,500 per sport for the school to participate. Many of the parents have two or three jobs. Participation requires the school finding other sources of financial support.

The administration feels it is important for students to be involved in these competitions because "they need to know these experiences and to know what's out there."

Maus is in her second year as principal at the school and her impact is felt in every corner. Enrollment has increased 18 percent, test scores have improved and teacher retention has stabilized.

PLEASE SEE HELEN, A12

- ST. HELEN SCHOOL BY THE NUMBERS**
- Opened in 1973.
 - Current enrollment: 207 students.
 - 70 percent speak a second language at home.
 - 78 percent black, 14 percent Asian, 4 percent Hispanic, 2 percent white, 2 percent multicultural.
 - 90 percent teacher retention rate.
 - 40 percent teachers with master's or doctorate degrees.
 - 75 percent of eighth-graders were accepted into Catholic high schools (two others into International Baccalaureate programs).
- Registration/open houses for upcoming school year:
- Sunday, Jan. 30, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
 - Monday, Jan. 31, 6 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Feb. 2, 8-11 a.m.



Faces of St. Helen School: Showing off the cultural diversity of the school, three second-graders happily smile for the camera. From left are Zipporah (Zoe) Kisson, Monica Nguyen and Jaelle Neptune. (GAIL BULFIN | FC)



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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2011

Young people write about abortion

Winning essays in annual respect life contest reflect 'impressive' understanding of sacredness of life

Florida Catholic staff

MIAMI — Once again, the winners of the annual respect life essay contest reflect wisdom beyond their years.

The three essays chosen as winners of this year's competition, sponsored each October, Respect Life Month, by the archdiocesan Respect Life Office, were written by a seventh-grader, an eighth-grader and a sixth-grader from archdiocesan schools. Two wrote about adoption itself, a third wrote about adoption and the impact it had on her own life.

"The essays are all so impressive that it is truly a difficult task to select the finalists," said Joan Crown, archdiocesan director of respect life. "It becomes more evident each year that the teachers spend a great deal of time helping students un-



Jordan Trumbore



Alexandra Soto



Emily Rose Barreiro

derstand the sacredness of human life from the very moment of conception until natural death, as well as the importance of living a chase lifestyle."

This year's winners, chosen from among 42 entries from students in 13 schools and one religious educa-

tion program, were Jordan Trumbore, a seventh-grader at St. Anthony School, Fort Lauderdale, first place; Alexandra Soto, an eighth-grader at Blessed Trinity School, Miami Springs, second place; and Emily Rose Barreiro, a sixth-grader at Nativity School, Hollywood, third

place.

From Jan. 22-25, Crown was to lead a group of 124 students and their chaperones, representing seven archdiocesan high schools, on the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Look for those stories and photos Jan. 23-25 on the archdiocesan website, www.miam-iarcb.org.

Following are the award-winning essays:

FIRST PLACE Abortion: a horrific deed done by man

JORDAN TRUMBORE

Grade seven, St. Anthony School

Abortion, as defined from a Catholic perspective, has been taken from the Latin word "abortiri," which means "to perish" or "the loss of fetal life." Within standard dictionary terms, abortion is the induced permanent termination of pregnancy. To me, as a practicing Catholic boy, (and as) matched by our Catholic teachings at school and in church, (abortion) is the horrific killing of an innocent child — an innocent child who has been created in God's own image and likeness. In fact as our Holy Father the pope has most eloquently said, "All human beings from their mother's womb, belong to God who searches them and knows them, who forms them and knits them together with his own hands, who gazes on them when they are tiny shapeless embryos and already sees in them the adults of tomorrow" ("Gospel of Life," No. 61). These are children who will not be granted the ability to live, like you or me.

Human life is sacred and inviolable. It only makes sense, then, for our Church to reject all that violates this sacred gift, beginning with the direct destruction of innocent life which is abortion. We must respect

all life in that all life deserves to. It is only God who decides when it should end.

I was all set to do my paper another topic, which has been addressed by my teacher, Miss I Hoffman, when my mother upped me on our news-stories-of-the-day discussion. She told me about an incident that she read about the CBS News website. A woman who was eight months pregnant was allegedly detained, beaten forced to have an abortion by Chinese government because baby would have violated Chinese one-child limit. I found this to be the most horrific deed, which I want to change the topic of my paper to. China, for the past 30 years, limited most urban couples to one child in a bid to curb population growth and to conserve limited resources. More than 1.3 billion people live in China, which makes it the world's largest population. In fact, couples that do not comply with the one-child rule hefty fines, seizure of their property and loss of their jobs. But in extreme cases it has been found that some government officials have utilised abortion, which is murder, to force this policy.

This poor woman was taunting and screaming, and trying to save her baby's life, tied down a table, and given an injectio kill her baby. What is more horrible than this? I can only imagine fear, distress, and the mental torture that she will go through each day, missing her child. Hopel our own country will never return so far as to condone this atrocious practice. What is to say, with the Chinese or even use it as its state of our country today, it could possibly happen. This is why we must pray for God's protection remain steadfast in following God's teachings.

Abortion kills and in any form no matter the reasoning why, people try to support their decision allowing for abortion, it is still plain MURDER!

SECOND PLACE Life and love

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2011

From brick and mortar to 'brick and clicks'

St. Andrew's online school, serving students nationwide, gets accreditation

TOM TRACY
Florida Catholic correspondent

CORAL SPRINGS — On any given day, about 90 students at Archbishop Rummel High School in New Orleans tap into online coursework offered by a virtual school based at St. Andrew Parish.

The same is true for students in dioceses in 18 states, and even China, Venezuela and elsewhere, who take mainstream academic and religious education courses from Catholic Schools K12 Virtual at St. Andrew School in Coral Springs, called CSK12 for short.

CSK12, which just received accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, is the online counterpart of St. Andrew's brick-and-mortar, Pre-K-through-eighth-grade school. CSK12 can now offer high school diplomas in addition to an array of advanced and remedial classes not only for St. Andrew students, but to both Catholic schools and home-schooling families nationwide. The virtual school fills the needs in their own curriculums with content either too expensive or not available in their locations.

Several years ago, St. Andrew's pastor, Father George Patusseril,



The logo of the first virtual Catholic school, CSK12, operated by St. Andrew Parish in Coral Springs.

asked parishioner Caterina Trimm — a native of Northern Ireland with a background in Catholic and public education who was running the digital high school project at the University of Miami — to set up the virtual school at St. Andrew.

At a time when Catholic schools are closing around the country, it's a win-win situation, according to organizers. The virtual school offers an alternative to those students who were displaced when Catholic schools closed due to lack of enrollment, as well as those living in rural communities.

"It may not be practical to build Catholic schools everywhere, but with the technology available, we

PLEASE SEE VIRTUAL A13

ARCHBISHOP VISITS HIGH SCHOOL



Archbishop Thomas Wenski greets Palida Pongpluempitchai, known as Monica Pong, Jan. 11 during his first visit to Archbishop Edward McCarty High School to celebrate Mass. Monica is a senior who lost a leg as a result of a freak car accident at the school in October 2010. (MELODY REGALADO | FC)



St. Andrew sixth-graders Jonathan Neda, left, and Matthew Makula use CSK12's online resources during a science experiment at the Coral Springs school. (COURTESY PHOTOS)

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HELEN: ‘They are great kids, They are willing to learn’

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In a recent report from the Florida Catholic Conference Accreditation Program, the team called Maus an “energizing agent who has been able to turn the school in a positive direction, primed for rejuvenation and growth.”

She takes every opportunity to walk the halls, calling each student by name. Her first love is teaching and she enjoys stopping in classrooms unannounced. But slipping in quietly is not an option because as soon as the children see her, they immediately rise from their seats and greet her with a chorus of “Hello, Mrs. Maus.”

When you ask her what she is most proud of at the school, she says emphatically, “The children.”

“We have nothing but great things to say about Terry,” said philanthropist Joseph Amatore, who hired Maus to lead the Amatore Family Foundation’s advanced reading program, aimed at helping improve the reading skills of thousands of local children. “She did a phenomenal job.”

While Maus and her staff actively pursue scholarship opportunities for the students, 90 percent of whom receive subsidized tuition, the school’s academic accomplishments continue to grow.

This past year, students from St. Helen competed in the Cardinal Gibbons Brain Brawl, St. Thomas Aquinas Math Day and Archbishop

‘The Catholic community needs to be constantly reminded that we have a serious commitment to support Catholic education. Failure to support it is not an option.’

Msgr. Dever

McCarthy’s cheerleading competition. Eighth-grader Arshlyn Pierre received honorable mention at the 2010 Broward County Science Fair. And former student Christian Bazan was listed in both the National Merit Commended Student Award and National Hispanic Recognition Program at St. Thomas Aquinas High School.

“We have some brilliant students here who will be successful in life. They want a Catholic education. We have to be able to provide them with that choice,” said Msgr. Dever.

Maus believes that one of the keys to success is to keep the parents involved. Monthly school newsletters are posted on the website, and the Home and School Association is active in many school activities. Bottom line, said Maus, “these students and parents want to be here.”

Parishioners from St. Helen are ardent supporters of the school, and the school has come to rely on their participation. Parishioners are invited and attend all the school’s programs, graduations and Christmas events. Msgr. Dever said there is no question in his mind that the school exists because of the Catholic commitment of the parishioners.

The diversity of the parish itself also is seen in the variety of languages in which Masses are celebrated. On Saturdays, Mass is celebrated in Spanish. On Sundays, you can attend Mass in English, Creole or Vietnamese. The parish even offers a religious education program in Vietnamese, since St. Helen recently became the home base for the Vietnamese Apostolate in the archdiocese.

The parish is a “microcosm of the whole world,” said Msgr. Dever.

“The momentum the staff, students and parishioners have built is just the beginning, he said, adding that he believes in the students and their abilities.

“They are great kids. They are willing to learn,” Msgr. Dever said, but he cautioned that his students face more challenges than others.

“The Catholic community needs to be constantly reminded that we have a serious commitment to support Catholic education. Failure to support it,” he said, “is not an option.” ■

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FROM A11

can bring the academic excellence of Catholic education to every home," said Father Puthusseril.

"The distance learning can also help struggling Catholic schools continue operating in a different way than the traditional school concept, integrating the online learning with the brick-and-mortar schools," he said.

"Through this, we will reach out to the whole world, offering a faith-based online learning program for elementary, middle and high school children."

Any home school or Catholic or public school student around the world can conceivably take a course through St. Andrew, which also has a program for adults seeking catechist training opportunities through a relationship with the College of St. Thomas More in Texas and the Cardinal Newman Institute.

Though the virtual school idea started with home-schoolers in mind, it is Catholic schools around the nation that are St. Andrew's largest market thus far.

The "Virtual School in a Box" concept is offered in partnership with platform/curriculum provider VSCHOOLZ, Inc. This provides any Catholic school with a cost-effective way to bring Web-based courses to their classrooms, using their own teachers.

"The Catholic schools themselves are requesting our services at a faster rate, using us for their virtual school e-mailing system, digital drop box and all the online tools," Trimm said. "We hope that as the revenue grows it will go back into Catholic schools locally."

An example is St. Joseph School in Victoria, Texas, which cannot

afford to offer an Advanced Placement calculus course for just two students. So they are blended into the virtual course with kids from around the country, who take the course during the school day.

The 90 students at Archbishop Rummel High School in New Orleans utilize an array of advanced and credit recovery classes offered by St. Andrew.

The school's website offers a complete breakdown of areas where the virtual school can assist:

- Enrichment programs and advanced academics for gifted or talented students.
- Advanced courses when it is not cost effective to pay for staffing small groups/student requests.
- Summer programs, advanced or credit recovery.
- After-school or before-school programs.
- Hospital/homebound students.
- Courses for children with special needs.
- Families who cannot travel to a Catholic school, or who are home-schooling.

The goal is to provide a mentoring and collaborative forum for teachers and school administrators, building up Catholic educational resources online for a future generation of educators, and creating opportunities for teachers to teach in an online Catholic environment.

"This is the age of digital technology," Trimm said. "Children under 18 were born in a world where everything is digital; kids today come in with iPads."

Trimm added that the online school offers group classes for smaller private schools that want to offer more course offerings in AP and honors levels.

A new book, "Saving Our Urban Catholic Schools," published

by the Philanthropy Roundtable in Washington, D.C., included St. Andrew in its chapter on "10 great ideas in need of funding."

Authors Stephanie Saroki and Christopher Levenick wrote that many donors are looking for innovative programs that use new technology and listed CSK12 as a promising program for the future of urban Catholic Schools.

Inclusion in the book validates the school's success, according to

Father Puthusseril.

"While investors look at it in an investment point of view for money, we look at it as an investment point of view for the future of our children to pursue faith and values," he said.

"Many Catholic schools have non-Catholics attending because of the high quality of the Catholic education," Trimm said. "Most Christian families have the same moral standards. We want our

children to be successful not only academically, but also in life."

"I love the idea," said Mary Sturm, a member of the Catholic home-school group, the Arch Angels. "It meets a very important need and helps parents who can't afford Catholic school. It's a win-win. What a gift that will be for home-schooled families." ■

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St. Andrew students use their laptops to access digital content from CSK12 in their brick-and-mortar classrooms. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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Father David Zirilli is pictured here during an Amor en Action-sponsored missionary trip to the Diocese of Port-de-Paix, Miami's sister diocese in northwest Haiti. The group consisted of seminarians and parishioners from St. Mary Star of the Sea in Key West who supported the construction of a new school in the village of Dity.



FATHER DAVID ZIRILLI Archdiocesan Vocations Director

Father Zirilli was born in Melbourne, Fla., on April 26, 1971, the older of two boys. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in accounting and later obtained a master's in the field from the University of North Florida. For eight years, he worked as a certified public accountant in private practice in the Key Largo area. In 2002, he sold his farm and entered St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami, where he completed the pre-theology program before entering St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Miami on May 10, 2008. He was assigned to St. Louis Parish in Pincrest before being named vocations director in September 2010.



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When he knew he wanted to be a priest:

"When I was about 22 the thought came to me while sitting at Mass one day. I was looking at the priest celebrate Mass and knew in that moment God was calling me to it. It was a powerful, beautiful, frightening moment. Before that moment I had an inkling, so I began to find out more about my faith on my own. I read the Bible one chapter at a time, every night. . . . It took a few years to finish."

Person most surprised by his vocation:

"Me. I had always seen myself as a businessman with a wife and kids but the call (to priesthood) just couldn't be ignored."

Seminary life:

"From the first day in the seminary I knew I had made the right decision. I felt as if God was telling me, 'I want you to be happy and if you follow me you'll be more happy than doing anything else.'"

Favorite priestly assignment:

"I have only had two, so far, and both assignments have been very different. As a parish priest I liked being involved in the day-to-day life at the parish and with the parish community; you get to develop solid relationships. I was always very moved by the example of faith. As vocations director I get to talk about the priesthood and how much I love it. I get to meet lots of people and travel to different parishes every weekend. I get to know both the pastors and the parish community."

'(I) serve God, but I am not God.'

The most difficult aspect of being a priest:

"(I) serve God, but I am not God. I pray. I bring God's comfort and love to people, but wish I could help everyone. It is difficult to see human suffering. I pray I bring hope and Christ to people; I'm in the business of hope."

His description of the ideal priest:

"Must have a solid relationship with Christ, be happy, approachable, friendly, humorous and can articulate the faith to people yearning to hear it. Must have a beautiful heart and love God and have an incredible grasp of Scripture."

A priestly stereotype that he feels should be discarded:

"A lot of people think or view the priesthood as being a life without success or that it is a wasted or unhappy life. That tends to be a barrier to consider vocations. However, priesthood is filled

with great happiness, joy and is fulfilling. I am reminded of Mother Teresa when she said, 'God calls us not to be successful, but to be faithful.'"

Favorite movie:

Any "Star Wars" or "Star Trek" movie

Favorite TV series:

"MythBusters"

Last book read:

"Just finished reading the Sherlock Holmes mysteries on my e-reader and I'm now reading 'The Divine Comedy' by Dante, 'Spirit of the Living' by Pope Benedict XVI and 'Pride and Prejudice' by Jane Austen."

Favorite type of music:

"Love the '80s, but I can't pass on a good Gregorian chant. . . . That's the best."

Person he most admires:

"St. Joseph, because he was and is an ideal role model for Catholic men to be faithful husbands and fathers; he is also a good role model for priests because he was always open and willing to carry out the will of God."

His greatest disappointment:

"Not responding to the call (vocation) sooner, although that is hard to say. Sometimes things are for the best; no experience is wasted. We learn and grow both from our mistakes and successes."

His greatest joy:

"When God lets you see the fruit of your ministry. As priests our task is to sow the seeds not necessarily to see the fruits, but when God does allow it, it's a great joy to know that you have faithfully done your ministry."

His greatest accomplishment:

"If on my tombstone it reads: 'Here lies David Zirilli, a holy priest.'"

NEWS/briefs

Religious invited to mark jubilees

Men and women marking 25, 50 or 60 years of religious life will be honored during the celebration of the World Day of Consecrated Life to be held Sunday, Feb. 13, beginning at 3 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral, 7525 N.W. Second Ave., Miami.

All the religious working in the archdiocese are invited to attend the Mass, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Wenski. Those celebrating their 25th, 50th and 60th anniversaries should fill out a form and return it to the Office for Religious as soon as possible. The invitation and R.S.V.P. forms also can be obtained by e-mailing vicarrel@theadom.org or going to www.miamiarch.org/religious.

JPII Film Festival set for Feb. 17-26

The John Paul II International Film Festival, modeled after the artistic and humanitarian ideas of the late pope, returns to South Florida for its second edition Feb. 17-26. The 2011 festival, themed "The Mystery of Love," will screen its films in Florida International University, the Dave and Mary Alper ICC's Robert Russel Theater, and the brand new Coral Gables Art Cinema.

This year's lineup features 17 feature-length films and documentaries as well as 11 short films, selected from among a multitude of submissions from filmmakers in the U.S. and around the world.

The world premiere of "Out of Darkness" will kick off this year's festival. This documentary, directed by Sean Finnegan, is the true story of Shelly Lubben's rebirth from the pornography industry to a Christian life.

Other official selections include foreign submissions from Spain ("La Ultima Cena," Juan Manuel Coteló), France ("Lourdes," Jessica Hausner), Poland ("The Power of Friendship," Wanda Rozycka-Zborowska), England ("No Greater Love," Michael Whyte) and New Zealand ("The Holy Roller," Patrick Gillies), as well as films from local Miami artists and U.S. filmmakers. Director Kevin Knoblock's "Nine Days That Changed the World" will close the festival on Feb. 26.

The festival is organized by SeventhDay Media, Inc., a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization based in Miami, whose goal is to nurture faith-inspired filmmakers to create high-quality produc-

tions that serve as a witness to their faith.

For tickets and a complete schedule, visit www.jp2filmfestival.org or call 305-418-0939.

Celebrate your marriage

All couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, and each year over 50th wedding anniversary this year are invited to attend the annual celebration of marriage with Archbishop Thomas Wenski on Feb. 5, 10 a.m., at St. Mary Cathedral, 7525 N.W. Second Ave., Miami.

"Today's culture often not only challenges but defies the ideals we believe in, as well as our marriages and families. We are compelled to not just support but uphold this wonderful sacrament of marriage, and celebrate the lives of commitment and dedication of these couples as a community," said Father Eduardo Jimenez, archdiocesan director of the Office of Family Life. "As we affirm their lifetime commitment we can also draw from these couples the inspiration and hope they provide for us and the rest of society as they offer us a glimpse of God's unconditional love."

Couples marking these anniversaries should register with their local parish no later than Jan. 26.

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Restructuring at Radio Paz

Station partners with EWTN for programming, lays off 15 employees

Florida Catholic staff

MIAMI — Citing financial reasons, on Jan. 3 the Archdiocese of Miami laid off 15 employees of Radio Paz, the archdiocesan Spanish-language station, and entered into a partnership to carry more Spanish-language programming from Radio Católica Mundial, the Spanish radio of EWTN (Eternal Word Television Station).

"Building on a relationship that began 13 years ago today (Jan. 6, 1998), Radio Paz in Miami will expand its program carriage of EWTN's Spanish Network, Radio Católica Mundial, from three hours per day to up to 12 hours per day," said a press release issued by EWTN.

That programming will be provided free of charge — and the change necessitated a restructuring of Radio Paz's work force, from 34 to 19 employees. Among those laid off were on-air personalities Ismael Gonzalez and Maritè Alfonso, Gonzalez was also station manager.

According to Father Roberto Cid, who was named president and general director of Pax Catholic Communications in October, the station has a debt of close to \$7.5 million, and over the past five years amassed losses of more than \$1.7 million.

Both he and Archbishop Thomas Wenski said the restructuring and

layoffs, though difficult and painful, were necessary to keep the station on the air.

Following is a statement, in English and Spanish, issued Jan. 13 by Archbishop Wenski:

DIFFICULT DECISION KEEPS RADIO PAZ ON THE AIR

Corporations, media outlets, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and religious institutions in the United States have all been affected by the economic crisis of the past few years. The Archdiocese of Miami has been not immune and like other entities has had to make difficult but necessary decisions in order to continue its mission which is always to announce the good news of Jesus Christ.

Over the years, Pax Catholic Communications accumulated a considerable debt, and sought both direct and indirect subsidies from the Archdiocese of Miami in order to finance its operations. In the past few years, due to serious financial problems, Pax Catholic Communications had canceled its transmissions in English and Creole. The budgetary needs of Radio Paz were no secret to anyone, especially not to our faithful listeners.

In order to reverse this situation, and rather than allow Radio Paz to close, a plan was put in place that was both fiscally responsible to the

station's supporters and donors, and faithful to its mission. This plan included the expansion of an existing programming partnership with EWTN's Radio Católica Mundial and an administrative reorganization of Radio Paz. As a result of the agreement reached with EWTN, Radio Católica Mundial has made its Spanish language programming available to Radio Paz free of charge. The reorganization also resulted in the elimination of paid staff positions.

Reduction of staff was a very difficult but necessary decision. There is no easy way to communicate bad news. Each person whose position was eliminated was informed of that decision personally, thanked for his or her services and assured that the decision was made strictly for budgetary reasons. We are concerned about the well-being of our employees, and we are grateful to them, which is why each one was offered a competitive severance package that includes health benefits for several months.

Indeed, the implementation of such decisions is always stressful and emotional for all concerned, especially for those whose positions were eliminated. There can be a whole range of emotion and behaviors when one receives such unwelcome news — from passive acceptance and resignation to resistant, defensive and sometimes even threatening words and behaviors. That a few of the former employees have made disparaging comments about the archdiocese in the media is disappointing, but perhaps not surprising since learning that one's job has been eliminated can be un-

settling.

The decision, as difficult as it was, was made for the sake of the mission of Radio Paz, coherent with our vision and desire to continue to evangelize through the radio. The restructuring of Radio Paz will enable the Archdiocese of Miami to keep the station on the air. We continue to depend on the generosity of our listeners and sponsors to provide quality Catholic programming in the Spanish language. We are committed to the success of Radio Paz and ardently working to achieve it. That is why I ask for your help in realizing the bright future we envision.

LA DECISIÓN FUE DIFÍCIL PERO MANTENDRÁ A RADIO PAZ EN EL AIRE

La crisis económica de los últimos años ha afectado profundamente a las corporaciones, medios de comunicación, agencias gubernamentales, entidades sin fines de lucro, e instituciones religiosas de los Estados Unidos. La Arquidiócesis de Miami no ha sido inmune a este fenómeno y como otros ha tenido que tomar decisiones difíciles pero necesarias para continuar desarrollando su misión que siempre es anunciar la Buena Noticia de Cristo Jesús.

Através de los años, Pax Catholic Communications acumuló una pesada deuda y recurrió a subsidios directos e indirectos de la Arquidiócesis de Miami para financiar sus operaciones. En los últimos años, debido a los serios problemas financieros, Pax Catholic Communications había cancelado sus transmisiones en inglés y creole.

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A child is truly a blessing. When a man and woman conceive a baby, they should be filled with joy and happiness! Unfortunately, today's society has completely twisted the meaning and importance of the conception of a child. Men and women today are disrespecting the beauty of love. Abortion is not something that should be taken lightly. It is the destruction of life and a breeding ground for evil. We, as a whole, need to put an end to this horrible tragedy. We need to save God's greatest gifts: life and love.

THIRD PLACE
Happy birthday to me!

EMILY ROSE BARREIRO
Grade six, Nativity School

I love birthdays, especially mine. In my family, my August birthday is celebrated the whole week long. My mom and dad always tell me how special my birth was to our whole family. You see, I am adopted. I have always known that I was adopted, but never really understood what it meant to have been born to another mother, called a birth mother.

This past summer, I learned all about how babies are made and how they are born. I started to really understand what a birth mother is but I still thought that all babies that God made were eventually born to a family. That's why it's been said to learn that some people actually decide not to let their babies be born. It's scary to think that, if my birth mother had not loved me and had not respected my life, I might never have been born. Can you imagine what our world would be like if the parents of Einstein, Mozart and Michelangelo had de-

ecided not to let them be born? My parents always tell me that they cannot imagine their lives without me and, honestly, I cannot imagine my life without them. Thank goodness, my birth story has a happy ending!

My family and I thank my birth mother for respecting life and honoring God by doing the right thing and making an adoption plan for me. We know her decision was hard to make.

October is Respect Life Month. During this month, I will remember to say an extra prayer asking that people having babies will understand that not every family can have a baby and that every baby is a gift from God. I will pray that they understand that even though they may not be able to take care of a baby, there are other options... like adoption. Because my birth mother thought of this option, every year I can look forward to singing "Happy birthday to me." ■

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St. Francis de Sales funfest 2011. Sunday, Jan. 23, 621 Alton Road, Miami Beach. Enjoy a day in community with great food, music, entertainment. Free admission and parking. 305-672-0093.

Catholic middle school art festival. Tuesday, Jan. 25, 7 p.m., Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School Gallery of Art, 4949 N.E. Second Ave., Miami. Featuring works of students from area schools. 305-751-8367, ext. 22.

St. Andrew carnival. Jan. 27, 30, 9950 N.W. 29 St., Coral Springs. Rides, games, entertainment, food and beverages. Discounted pre-sale tickets: 954-501-4985.

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St. Martin de Porres festival. Feb. 3-6, 14881 S.W. 288 St., Leisure City. Rides for kids and grownups, games, international food, live entertainment. 305-248-5355.

St. Bartholomew carnival. Feb. 3-6, 8005 Miramar Parkway, Miramar. Rides, karaoke, family games, international cuisine. 954-

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"Barbecue Nite." Saturday, Feb. 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m., MorningStar Renewal Center, 7275 S.W. 124 St., Pinecrest. Fun and good food for the whole family. Tickets: \$20/adult; \$10/child; \$50/family of four (\$5 each additional child). 305-238-4367.

High tea. Saturday, Feb. 5, 1-4 p.m., St. Andrew, 9950 N.W. 29 St., Coral Springs. Hosted by Council of Catholic Women. Tickets: \$25, 954-295-1141.

Mother of Our Redeemer festival. Feb. 10-13, 8445 N.W. 186 St., Miami. Rides, music, entertainment, international foods, prizes, fun for the whole family. 305-829-6141.

Our Lady of Lourdes carnival. Feb. 10-13, 11291 S.W. 142 Ave., Miami. Family fun, fantastic food, great rides. Discount ride tickets now on sale. pallatto@bellsouth.net or 305-386-4121.

St. Stephen flea market. Saturday, Feb. 12, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Stephen, 2000 S. State Road 7, Miramar. Spaces: \$25, 954-987-1100.

St. Maximilian Kolbe carnival. Feb. 24-27, 701 N. Hiatus Road, Pembroke Pines. Pre-ride vouchers available. One-day pass: \$20; four-day pass: \$55. 954-432-0206.

Nativity jamboree. Feb. 24-27, Nativity Church, 5220 Johnson St., Hollywood. Rides, games, food, family fun. 954-987-3300, ext. 205.

St. Raymond festival. Feb. 25-27, 3475 S.W. 17 St., Miami. Fine foods, all-day entertainment, bazaar, nightly shows, games. 305-446-2427.

Scholarship luncheon. Saturday, Feb. 26, 11:30 a.m., Rusty Pelican Restaurant, 3201 Rickenbacker Causeway, Key Biscayne. Sponsored by Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. Benefits girls wanting to continue their high school education in Catholic schools. Tickets: \$35 per person. Contributions for items to be auctioned gladly accepted. galagirlb@aol.com.

FAITH EDUCATION

Life issues workshops: Saturday, Jan. 29, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Joachim Parish, 11710 S.W. 192 St., Miami. Learn how to defend the sanctity of human life at all stages, what and why the Catholic Church teaches on critical life issues. Sponsored by Respect Life Office. 954-981-2922.

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Catholic Biblical Scholar Series, through May 2, 7.9 p.m., St. Thomas University, 16401 N.W. 37 Ave., Miami Gardens. Certificate program and guest lecturers. jreisinger@stu.edu or 954-434-7676.

• "The Gnostic Gospels: What They Can and Cannot Tell Us." Friday, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m., St. Thomas University, 16401 N.W. 37 Ave., Miami Gardens. Free lecture by Pheme Perkins of Boston College. Continues Saturday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$20 registration fee.

"Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come." Bible study and video seminar, Tuesdays through March 15, 7-8:30 p.m., St. Ambrose Parish hall, 380 S. Federal Highway, Deerfield Beach. 561-368-6531.

MASSES/PRAYER SESSIONS

St. Anthony Parish mission. Jan. 24-28, 901 N.E. Second St., Fort Lauderdale. Become more aware of your Christian heritage and the human condition in which this heritage is to be lived. New topic each night. 954-463-4614.

Noche de alabanza y sanacion, 28 de enero, 7:30 p.m., St. John the Apostle, 475 E. Fourth St., Hialeah. 305-888-9769.

Black Catholic revival.

"Coming Together as One in the Spirit of the Lord." Sunday, Jan. 30-Wednesday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m., preceded by light supper 5 p.m., Holy Redeemer, 1301 N.W. 71 St., Miami. Three evenings of engaging prayer, unity in Christ, generous hospitality, and inspiring, Spirit-filled sermons. Preacher: Father Celsus Auguste. Free, but love offerings will be appreciated. 305-691-1701.

Key Biscayne consecration. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m., St. Agnes, 100 Harbor Drive, Key Biscayne. Presided by Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Augustin Roman and Father José Hernandez, pastor, to consecrate the community into the hands of our loving Father. All families, community groups, and members of other parishes and dioceses welcome. 786-355-4891.

National Day of Prayer for the African-American and African family. Sunday, Feb. 6, Holy Redeemer, 1301 N.W. 71 St., Miami. Begins with a "sweet hour of prayer" for families at 8 a.m., followed by Mass at 9 a.m. 305-691-1701.

World Day of Consecrated

Life and jubilee celebration. Sunday, Feb. 13, 3 p.m., St. Mary Cathedral, 7525 N.W. Second Ave., Miami. All the religious of the archdiocese are cordially invited to this eucharistic celebration presided by Archbishop Thomas Wenski that will also honor those celebrating 25th, 50th and 60th anniversaries of religious life. vicarrel@theadom.org.

Songs and prayer in the spirit of Taizé. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m., Barry University, Cor Jesu Chapel, 11300 N.E. Second Ave., Miami Shores. Join us for "Christian Prayer by Candlelight" and enter more deeply into the presence of God through meditative singing, scripture, and reflective silence as we pray together for peace, healing and reconciliation in our world. 305-899-3650 or 305-458-9919.

Monthly healing service. third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Annunciation Parish, 3781 S.W. 39 St., West Hollywood. Led by Father Bob Richardson. 954-989-0606.

RETREATS/DAYS OF REFLECTION

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

• "Breakfast With the Saints." Tuesday, Jan. 25, 7:30 a.m., focusing on St. Paul and St. John Neumann. Donation: \$7.

• Day of retreat for caregivers. Saturday, Feb. 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$30/person, includes lunch.

Youth Ministry ESCOGE. Jan. 29-30, Mother of Christ, 14141 S.W. 26 St., Miami. Bilingual retreat to help young adults ages 15-25 find their faith and love for Jesus. 786-246-7134.

"Nuestra Vida Conyugal: Creciendo Juntos," domingo, 30 de enero, SEPI, 7700 SW 56 St., Miami. 786-556-6915.

Marriage covenant retreat. Feb. 4-6, Little Flower, 2711 Indian Mound Trail, Coral Gables. Weekend retreat where married couples can pause from daily life and reflect upon the importance of marriage and the role God plays in their lives. 305-772-5508.

Libros Para Amar. Feb. 4-6, Casa de Retiro Emaus, 16250 S.W. 112 Ave., Miami, como vivir las relaciones interpersonales según el Evangelio y las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. Auspicada por Castos Por Amor, con la participación de teólogos, psicólogos, doctores y sacerdotes. Costo \$120 por persona, \$200 por pareja. 305-599-2996 o 786-488-4072

Experiencia de Emaus para damas. 18-20 de febrero, iglesia de St. John the Apostle, 475 E. Fourth St., Hialeah, basada en Lc 24:13-35, lleva a las participantes a descubrir a Jesús en sus vidas. 305-934-0549, 305-588-3746

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• Saturday, Feb. 5, 9 a.m., Our Lady of Mercy, Pompano Beach.

• Thursday, Feb. 17, 8 a.m., 5 Mark School, Southwest Ranches

• Saturday, Feb. 19, 9 a.m., 5 Joachim Parish, Miami (in Spanish and St. Louis Parish, Pinecrest.

• Wednesday, Feb. 23, 6 p.m. Archbishop McCarthy High School Southwest Ranches.

SCHOOLS

Open house/entrance exam

- Our Lady of the Lakes open house, Saturday, Jan. 22, 1 a.m.-2 p.m., 6600 Miami Lakese N., Miami Lakes; mcipuan@oll.com.
- St. Andrew open house, Monday, Jan. 24, 7-8 p.m., 9990 N.W. 29 St., Coral Springs. 954-71280.

- Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School entrance exam, Saturday, Jan. 29, 7:45 a.m.-8:30 p.m., 4949 N.E. Second Ave., Miami.
- Mandatory exam for incoming ninth-grade students only. 305-8367, ext. 29; dgerhardt@acd.edu
- St. Michael the Archangel open house, Sunday, Jan. 30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 300 N.W. 28 Ave., Miami. 305-642-6732.
- Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory entrance exam, Saturday, Feb. 5, 9 a.m., 5 E. Chaminade Drive, Hollywood

Pre-registration required: www.millions.org under "Admissions 954-989-5150, ext. 136.

Chaminade-Madonna Founders' dinner dance. Saturday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m., Signal Grand, 6900 State Road 84, Dav \$125 per person; reservations required. Online at www.millionsdenr.org/founders, call 954-989-5150, ext. 140; or e-mail gvarese@cmllions.org.

St. Theresa School family picnic. Saturday, Jan. 30, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 2701 Indian Mound Trail, Coral Gables, to kick off Catholic Schools' Week. Games, rock climbing, bounce houses. Join together a picnic lunch and end the day. 305-446-1738.

Living history day. Wedne Feb. 9, 8:15 a.m.-1 p.m., Archdiocese of Miami. Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School, 4949 N.E. Second Ave., Miami. A symposium on integration. "Opening Doors to the Future by Remembering the Past," will members of Class of 1960. Guest speaker: Paul H. Wythe, one of first black students admitted to school. 305-751-8367, www.adm.net.

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Feb. 14, 16, 17, Archbishop Edv A. McCarthy High School, 5451 S. Flamingo Road, Southwest Ranches, 954-424-0048 or rgonzalez@mcicarthyhigh.org.

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Above, Jennifer Lamy, 14, a student at Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School who lived in Haiti during the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake, cries during a memorial prayer service on the one-year anniversary of the quake. At right, a woman who lost her husband in the earthquake cries out after a memorial Mass celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Wenski. The archbishop celebrated the Mass for all the earthquake victims and for the future recovery of Haiti. St. Mary Cathedral was packed to standing room only for the Mass. Many of those in attendance had loved ones who died in the quake. (PHOTOS BY MARLENE QUARONI | FC)



Remembering those lost

On anniversary of Haitian earthquake, Archbishop Wenski celebrates memorial Mass at St. Mary Cathedral

Florida Catholic staff

MIAMI — A Haitian proverb says behind every mountain is another mountain — and Archbishop Thomas Wenski used it to highlight the plight of the Haitian people on the one-year anniversary of the devastating earthquake that killed more than 230,000 people and practically destroyed Port-au-Prince.

After the mountain of the earthquake came the mountain of a cholera epidemic, and then the mountain of a disputed election, the archbishop said in Creole to a standing-room-only

congregation gathered Jan. 12 at St. Mary Cathedral for a memorial Mass for the victims of the earthquake.

It was one of several events that took place in South Florida to mark the tragic anniversary. On this page is a photo essay with images from some of those events.

Archbishop Wenski also wrote a column on "Why we must not give up on Haiti," outlining steps that the U.S. government can take to alleviate the suffering of the Haitian people. The abbreviated version of that column is found on page A4; the entire column can be read online at www.miamiarcb.org. ■



Beverly Petit-Frere takes up a globe of the world to Archbishop Thomas Wenski during the offertory procession at the Mass.



Melissa Etienne, 5, lights one of 10 candles representing the 10 dioceses of Haiti during a memorial Mass on the first anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti. Her candle represented Port-au-Prince. Nine other St. Mary Cathedral School students lit the other candles. Melissa is one of eight cathedral school students who came to the United States after the earthquake.



Junie Fontus prays during the memorial Mass.



Brenda Delbrun, 15, and Antenise Desamour, 15, Haitian-American students at Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School, look at a poster announcing a photographic exhibit by *Miami Herald* photographer Carl Juste which depicts the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake.

St. Joseph Haitian Mission reopens

Archbishop Wenski marks the occasion by celebrating Mass at the Pompano Beach church

JONATHAN MARTINEZ
Florida Catholic correspondent

POMPAÑO BEACH—It has been 15 months since the lights were turned off and the doors closed at St. Joseph Haitian Mission, but all that changed Jan. 7.

Accompanied by music and the jubilation of those in attendance, Archbishop Thomas Wenski celebrated Mass to officially rededicate the mission where he once celebrated Mass as a young priest.

St. Joseph Mission was one of eight parishes and five missions closed Oct. 1, 2009, for financial reasons. Its parishioners were asked to merge with the parish community of St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Pompano Beach.

St. Joseph will now operate as a mission of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, with daily Mass celebrated in Creole every Monday at 7 p.m. by Father Frizner Bellonca, parochial vicar at St. Elizabeth. Funerals and weddings also will take place at the mission.

This is the second of the merged churches to be reopened by Archbishop Wenski. St. Robert Bellarmine in Miami reopened as a mission



Gene Guillaume sings with jubilation and praise during the Jan. 7 rededication of St. Joseph Haitian Mission.

of Corpus Christi Church in September 2010.

The first Mass at St. Joseph Mission actually was celebrated Dec. 19, 2010, the fourth Sunday of Advent.

"It is a joy to be back here, I am so happy! We are all so blessed," said Frantz Guillaume, who had attended St. Joseph Mission for 29 years.

The church was filled to capacity and brimming with cheer as the



Archbishop Thomas Wenski blesses those in attendance with holy water during the rededication of St. Joseph Haitian Mission as a mission of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish. (PHOTOS BY JONATHAN MARTINEZ | FC)

archbishop presided, mainly speaking in Creole, joking occasionally and seeming happy to be at one of the missions he administered in the 1980s when he was a circuit-riding priest, traveling from Miami to West Palm Beach to celebrate Sunday Masses with emerging Haitian communities.

"This is a very happy day for the Haitian community to find themselves once again at their home," said the archbishop as those in attendance applauded.

"This can also be seen as a gift given to this Haitian community by the three kings," he said, making reference to the feast of the Epiphany

which was celebrated Jan. 2. The Mass concluded with Archbishop Wenski cueing the band and leading the congregation in a rendition of "Silent Night." ■

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