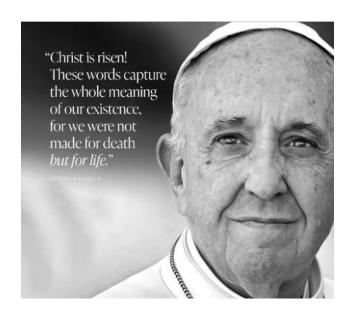
# ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

# PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER MAY 1, 2025



# A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

May 2: Early Dismissal (Local PD) May 19: Deadline for Signed Principal Appraisals (Year 2+ principals)

May 26: Memorial Day (no school)
June 4: Last Day of Classes
June 5-6: Math Standards PD

**June 6:** Last Day for Teachers

Dear Principals,

We have entered the final stretch of the school year, with only five weeks remaining before Summer Break. In spite of this, it is important to remember that five weeks is a long time for positive learning to still take place. We believe in making the most of every minute of instructional time in Catholic education. Please encourage your students, teachers, and staff to remain energetic and productive as we enter these remaining weeks. The best is always yet to come!

On a more somber note, I'm sure you join me in praying for the soul of the Holy Father. The Papal Conclave will begin on May 7, and we will trust that the Holy Spirit will work through this gathering. I encourage you to review the email sent earlier this week containing resources and ideas for instruction on this topic. This is a rare and important moment for our Church, and it reflects a great educational moment for our students.

I look forward to seeing you at today's Principals' Meeting!

Jim Rigg, Ph.D.
Secretary of Education
Superintendent of Catholic Schools

# 25th Anniversary Scholarship Fund:

We received a high level of interest in the inaugural year of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Committee will be reviewing scholarship applications next week and will respond to applicants shortly after. It is our hope that this fund will reflect strong support for our Catholic educators.

# **CERTIFICATION FINGERPRINTING:**

Current teachers needing fingerprints for certification purposes will also need to follow the Clearinghouse process.

# **IREADY SPRING BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT**

See the important iReady dates below. Please reach out to any of our iReady team if you have questions or need assistance with the Spring Diagnostic. Coral Martincavage (CMartincavage@cainc.com), Daniella Martinez (dmartinez@cainc.com), Maribel Ariano (mariano@cainc.com), Pilar Baldwin (PBaldwin@cainc.com). Encourage students to give their best and to "make it count" on the final spring diagnostic.



#### **OBSERVATION DOCUMENTATION LOG:**

Schools should be concluding formal observations for all teachers. The ADOM Documentation Observation Log for the second semester should be emailed to Dr. LaTonya White (lwhite@theadom.org) by May 9. Summative evaluations are completed in Rediker Teacher Evaluator and are reviewed by the Leadership Team. Evaluations are discussed with the teacher during a scheduled conference with the Principal and appropriate signatures are acquired. Final evaluations should be uploaded to the AdminPlus EPortfolio and a copy is given to the teacher and copy is placed in the teacher's personnel file.

## **PMP DOCUMENTATION:**

Completed PMP packets are due **Monday, May 5**<sup>th</sup>. Please email pgs. 9-27 and CEAPs evidence to <u>teacher.certification@theadom.org</u>. Please create separate PDFs for each packet that you are submitting and title the file with the teacher's name.

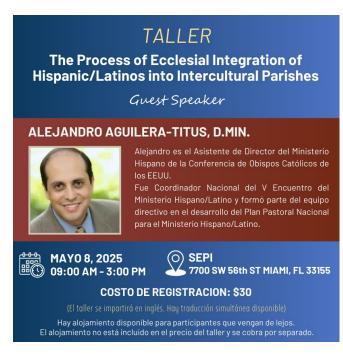
# PROFESSIONAL LEARNING UPDATES:

Save the dates below for the upcoming professional learning sessions on implementing the FL BEST Mathematics Standards. Schools are asked to send 2-3 individuals per school, including a lead math teacher (lower elementary and or middle school), a school administrator (principal or assistant principal) and a curriculum specialist or other administrator designee. **Training for PK will also be included.** Only one session is required to attend. Registration will be available in RML next week!

June 5 - 8:30am-11:30am - St. Timothy Catholic School (Miami-Dade)

June 6 – 8:30am-11:30am – All Saints Catholic School (Broward)

There will be a Lunch and Learn session facilitated by IT for Education for all IT Directors (elementary and secondary) on June 5 – 1:00pm-3:00pm (lunch at 12:30pm) at St. Timothy Catholic School. Registration for these professional learning sessions will be available in RML next week!



**WORKSHOP**: The Process of Ecclesial Integration of Hispanic/Latinos into Intercultural Parishes.

**SPEAKER**: Alejandro Aguilera-Titus, D.Min.

Alejandro is the Assistant Director of the Ministry Hispanic Conference of Catholic Bishops in the USA. He was National Coordinator of the V Meeting of the Hispanic/Latino Ministry and was part of the in the development of the National Pastoral Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry.

**DATE**: May 8, 2025.

**TIME**: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Southeast Pastoral Institute (SEPI), 7700 SW 56th ST MIAMI, FL 33155

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30 REGISTRATION LINK:

https://secure.lglforms.com/form\_engine/s/Gwo8spjM9tdmi6YJl2ejIA?t=17425723

(The workshop will be held in English. Simultaneous translation is available) Accommodation is available for participants who come from afar. Accommodation is not included in the price of the workshop and is charged separately.

# STEP UP:

May 1, 2025 – Office Hours, Topics include:

- Review communications
- Discuss EMA updates

- Answer your general questions
- Discuss updates/breaking news you need to know!

Resources:

www.sufs.org

#### **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK 2025**

National Teacher Appreciation Week begins May 5 through May 9. We are blessed with amazing teachers in our Catholic schools!



#### TERRA NOVA POST TEST DATA TRAINING

If you were unable to join the Terra Nova Post Test Data training on 04/29/25 and would like to review the material with your school's data team, you can access the recording using the link below. The attached score interpretation presentation that was shared during the training is an excellent resource to gain a deeper understanding of TN scores.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Christine Kirk (<a href="ckirk@datarecognitioncorp.com">ckirk@datarecognitioncorp.com</a>) if you have any questions or need additional support as you review and evaluate student data.

#### Watch Me:

FCC\_TerraNova Next Post Test Data Training-20250429\_130052-Meeting Recording https://www.brainshark.com/drc/vu?pi=zHUzop1thzJEClz0

