

ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER



Statement from the Archbishop pertaining to an organization called **America Needs Fatima**:

The Archdiocese of Miami fully supports the message of the Blessed Virgin Mary from Fatima and strongly promotes devotion to the Holy Rosary, especially during this month of October. Please follow Archbishop Wenski's visits to three elementary schools to encourage praying Rosary.

However, the Archdiocese of Miami does not endorse nor allows the group called *America Needs Fatima* to solicit within the Archdiocese of Miami. This decision was made based on their apparently very aggressive fundraising and marketing strategies. Moreover, this group never requested the Archbishop's permission to exercise this "prayer ministry" within the Archdiocese of Miami. Finally, there are many complaints against the group posted online.

We encourage the parishioners to follow the message of Fatima and to pray Rosary daily. If so desired, please consider other Marian organizations like the Legion of Mary (<https://www.legionofmary.ie>), the Blue Army (<https://www.bluearmy.com>), or others approved by the Archdiocese.



Congratulations to St. Coleman Catholic School on becoming an Apple Distinguished School!

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Principals,

It was wonderful to see you at the recent "Bridging the Gap" gathering. I hope this was a valuable experience for you and any staff members who attending with you. Please do not hesitate to follow up with any presenter (including OCS staff) if you have any questions. As always, we are here to be of support to you!

Please remember that the new Administrative Assistant in the Office of Catholic Schools, Mrs. Rosa Alvarez-Dorado, will begin her duties on Monday, Oct. 24. Should you wish to reach her, you can contact her at 305-762-1070 or rmalvarez@theadom.org. Please note the important "m" after the "r" in her email prefix...this is due to another ADOM employee (not in the OCS) who is already using the email prefix of ralvarez. I hope you will join me in welcoming Mrs. Alvarez to our team!

Yours in Christ

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

ACT Workshop: The **Annual ACT Workshop for Counselors and Administrators** will take place on Thursday of next week, October 27, 2022 from 9:00 until 1:00 at Monsignor Pace High School. The agenda for the meeting will include local and national testing protocols for 2022-2023 and a general overview of data analysis strategies. The ACT and PreACT will be administered at Archdiocesan Secondary Schools on March 28, 2023.

AON Facility Self-Inspection: ALL schools should have completed the **AON Facility Self-Inspection**. If you need a Facility Self-Inspection Risk Survey form, please contact Dr. Edwards.

Apple Education: Apple Education is now an approved vendor for Florida EANS II on ClassWallet! Eligible schools are now able to purchase Apple hardware using EANS II funding via ClassWallet. The EANS II Apple/ClassWallet procedure is unique to Apple and differs from that of other ClassWallet vendors. As such, I would encourage you to review the steps below.

Prerequisite: Fill out and return a new Apple Direct Contract Agreement (ADCA - attached) and send this back to me. This is a one time step with no cost or obligation to purchase by signing/returning.

EANS II funding for Apple/ClassWallet Procedure

1: Once your new EANS II Apple/ClassWallet Account is set up (allow 5 working days), request a quote from your Apple Team specifying it is for EANS II.

2: Submit the Apple quote for approval via ClassWallet (Please note that this approval could take up to 6-8 weeks)

3: **Once approved**, Apple and the school will be notified. Place your order via ****ecommerce.apple.com specifying the order is 'pre-paid'**. Your Apple/ClassWallet quote will be available to convert to an actual order in the eCommerce EDU store once we are notified of the ClassWallet approval

4: Payment will be sent directly to Apple via ClassWallet, and your order will be released by Apple for shipment to your school

Your Apple Team stands by to support you through this process, so please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. In addition, Rock Daigle can be available for a quick call to review this process with you. Feel free to reach out to Rock via email (rdaigle@apple.com) to schedule a time to discuss.

AP Meeting (Elementary APs only) : As previously announced, the elementary Assistant Principals will be meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at the Archdiocese of Miami Pastoral Center in the cafeteria from 9am-12pm. Coffee and light refreshments will be available. Please have your AP register in RML.

ARK (Assessment of Religious Knowledge): ***Returning schools who piloted the assessment last school year:*** You should have received an email last month regarding two action items requiring you to login to the system using the same credentials you used last school year. ARK is asking that you provide an estimate of your student test count compared to last year's test. They are also asking that you release those students (currently in grades 3 through 8) and teachers who did not return for the 2022-2023 academic year

As a multi-year user of ARK, your 2023 results will include growth measures! This exciting and unique metric will be possible as we track individual users year-to-year. The process of releasing students helps make that happen. You do NOT need to do this for students who were promoted to a grade level out of your school as the system handles that for you.

To release a user:

1. Login to your ARK dashboard at test.arktest.org. (Use 'Forgot Password' if you do not remember your password from last year)
Update your user demographics if prompted
2. Select the related user list (Students or Teachers)
3. Find the user's name
4. Using the ellipses at the far right of their name, click and select "RELEASE"
5. Repeat for any additional users.

Please complete this step by 10/21/22. By releasing a user, you are allowing the student/teacher's new school to know their history in ARK. This will allow the system to continue to show growth metrics and historical records for all users - even those that transfer schools.

Please do NOT roster your new students yet. ARK will begin rostering new students in late-November, and if the student took ARK last year in a different school, you will be able to see their history! ARK will also send the most up-to-date User Guides and instructions at that time.

New schools who did not pilot the assessment last school year: Please be on the lookout for your login credentials which will be sent by the test publisher in mid-November. Trainings will be held after that to walk you through the onboarding process.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions by emailing them at help@arktest.org and copying Gabriel Cambert (gcambert@theadom.org).

Athletic Director Meetings (Elementary ONLY): All meetings will be held at Pace High School.

- December 2, 2022 @ 1PM
- March 17, 2023 @ 9AM
- May 5, 2023 @ 1 PM

Black History Month: Tuesday, July 24, 1990, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops designated November as Black Catholic History Month. November marks a time when the Church prays for all saints and souls in loving remembrance, as well as a time to recall the saints and souls of Africa and the African Diaspora.

The decision to designate November as Black Catholic History Month, also depended on the fact that a number of important dates to Catholics of African descent fell within this month.

- **Nov. 1: All Saints Day:** an opportunity to review the lives of the hundreds of Saints of African descent in the first 300 years of the Church.
- **Nov. 2: All Souls Day:** a time to remember all those African lost to cruel treatment in the Middle Passage crossing of the Atlantic Ocean.
- **Nov. 3: Martin de Porres** became the first black American saint. He was canonized by Pope John XXIII on May 16, 1962. Throughout his life, St. Martin de Porres exemplified God's love for all people, regardless of their level in society.
- **Nov. 13: The birth of St. Augustine** in 354 A.D., the first Doctor of the Church from North Africa.
- **Nov. 20: The death of Zumbi of Palmares** in Brazil, South American founder of a free state for Blacks.

The local Office of Black Catholic Ministry of the Archdiocese of Miami will celebrate the annual Black Catholic History Month in honor of St. Martin DePorres on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at Saint Stephen Protomartyr Catholic Church. Archbishop Wenski will be the celebrant.

On Saturday, November 19, 2022, the OBCM will sponsor the Annual Black Catholic History Month Luncheon at St. Thomas University. The featured speaker will be Principal Flordenis Brown of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary-St. Richard Catholic School.

Catechetical Conference 2022: “This is my body which is given for you.” Lk 22:19

To register: <https://forms.office.com/r/kd1NepqZQx>

Location: St. Brendan High School

Date: October 29, 2022

Time: Doors open at 7:30am, Mass begins at 9am. Conference ends at 4pm. Please see attached description of talks.

Conference Fee: \$45, can be paid by school via invoice after the conference.

Catholic Negro and Indian Mission Fund: If your school applied for funding through the **Catholic Negro and Indian Mission Fund**, notify Dr. Edwards.

Cognia Impact Conference: Location: The Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North | 2974 International Parkway Lake Mary, FL 32746 on December 05, 2022 - December 07, 2022. Register here: [Events - Cognia](#)

Open Houses: Upcoming Secondary School **Open House:** Archbishop McCarthy HS is October 29, Monsignor Pace HS is October 29, and Archbishop Coleman Carroll HS is November 15.

Safety Plans: School Safety Plans (EOP) are due on October 28, 2022. Submit the plan electronically. Be sure to include the Policies and Emergency Procedures signature form. Ensure that the **School Name and Principal's Name** are on these items when they are submitted to the Office of Catholic Schools.

Virtus Teaching Boundary Safety Lessons: Virtus Teaching Boundary Safety lessons for students in our parochial schools and CCD classes are to be completed prior to the Thanksgiving Break. This year we are on lessons 3 & 4. The lesson plans are accessible under the Educator tab of Virtus accounts. If you have anyone needing the Educator tab email me at virtusts@theadom.org their name and the email address on their Virtus account. Also, we can provide a Lesson Leader Orientation module designed to give a comfort level for teaching these lessons. It is not required but may be helpful. Let me know if you want anyone assigned this module. Again, I need the name and email address on their Virtus account to assign it. Please email jrayburn@theadom.org if you need any Teaching Boundary Safety Guidebooks and if so, how many you need in English and/or Spanish. They come 200 to a box. Remember to provide time for shipping.