



65TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

The Archdiocese of Miami will be celebrating its 65th anniversary next year, and in celebration of this milestone anniversary, I will be hosting a Gala, *Feeding Minds & Healing Hearts as Missionary Disciples*, on Saturday, November 11, 2023. Since our Galas are held every five years to celebrate our milestone anniversaries, this very special event brings a lot of excitement and anticipation for many, including myself. This next one is no exception as it will be our first-ever Destination Gala in Casa de Campo, Dominican Republic during the weekend of November 9-12, 2023, and will include missionary work with schools in La Romana.

Thanks to your generosity, our last two Galas raised significant funds to help the poor in our community and support our seminaries and seminarians. I witnessed so many incredible acts of mercy and love as a direct result of your generous support. Now, as we look to the future of our Church here in South Florida, there is a significant need to support Catholic education through our schools and religious education programs. Education in the faith remains the primary reason the Archdiocese of Miami operates its schools. The emphasis on faith accounts for the success Catholic schools have in providing a quality education. An atmosphere of Catholic values and traditions permeates our schools and religious education programs; prayer experiences, an emphasis on community service; liturgy and retreat experiences offer students an opportunity to establish their own personal relationship with God. The funds raised through the upcoming Gala will support Catholic education and help brighten the future of generations to come.

Putting the needs of others before your own can be challenging, and society continues to alienate people and push them to the margins, Jesus calls us to embrace them. Hope is not always easy especially in a broken world, yet our faith calls us to become agents of hope to unite, heal and transform our world. The upcoming Gala is not only an event to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the Archdiocese, but also an opportunity, through missionary work, to bring hope and love to the most marginalized people in La Romana by assisting children and families escape poverty through education.

I pray that you will join me by sponsoring the 65th Anniversary Destination Gala, November 9-12, 2023, in Casa de Campo, Dominican Republic. Your generosity will directly support the future of our Church through Catholic education—a future forged in faith, hope, service and love. Enclosed is the sponsorship package for your prayerful consideration. For more information, please contact Katie Blanco Bourdeau (305) 762-1053 or kblanco@theadom.org.

Thank you for all that you do and the spirit in which you do it. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

With gratitude and hope,

Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski
Archbishop of Miami