

## **Biographical Background**

### **Bishop Felipe J. Estévez, D.D., S.T.D.**



Bishop Estévez was born Feb. 5, 1946 in Havana, Cuba and arrived in the United States on a Pedro Pan flight as a teenager.

He was ordained in 1970 and has done extensive studies in Spiritual Theology, earning a doctorate from Gregorian University in Rome. He is fluent in English, Spanish, French and Italian.

From 2001 to 2003, Bishop Estévez served as spiritual director of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Fla. where he had served as rector from 1980 to 1986. He was pastor of St. Agatha Parish in Miami for 14 years, while also directing Campus Ministry at Florida International University.

Appointed Auxiliary Bishop Nov. 21, 2003, and ordained Jan. 7, 2004, he oversees the archdiocese's Ministry of Pastoral Services including family life, youth, campus, prison and respect life ministries, as well as all the apostolic movements.

In 2010, under the leadership of Archbishop Thomas Wenski, Bishop Estévez was appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Miami.

#### **Born**

February 5, 1946, Havana, Cuba. The Second of three children (two boys and a girl) of Adriano and Estrella Estévez; most of the family lives in St. Petersburg, Florida.

#### **Ordained**

- To the priesthood, May 30, 1970, Fort Wayne, Ind., for the Diocese of Matanzas, Cuba
- Incardinated into the Archdiocese of Miami, Feb. 9, 1979
- Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Miami, Nov. 21, 2003
- Consecrated to the episcopacy Jan. 7, 2004 in Miami, Fla.

#### **Education**

- Montreal University, Montreal, Canada (1970), Licentiate in Theology
- Barry University, Miami Shores, Fla. (1977), Master in Arts
- Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy (1980), Doctorate in Sacred Theology
- Additional courses at: The Warren H. Deem Institute for Theological Education Management (1982) University of Creighton (seminar for spiritual directors, 2001); Institute for the Study of Human Sexuality, Chicago (2001); St. Luke Institute (psycho-sexual integration workshop, 2002)
- Fluent in Spanish, English, French and Italian

#### **Priestly Ministry**

- Associate pastor, Guascoran Parish, Honduras (1970-71)
- Faculty member, St. Joseph Seminary, Honduras (1971-72)
- Faculty, Our Lady of Suyapa Seminary, Honduras (1972-75)
- Faculty, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Fla. (1975-77)
- Higher studies in sacred theology at Gregorian University, Rome (1977-80)
- President/Rector, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Fla. (1980-86)
- Pastor, St. Agatha Catholic Church, Miami, Fla. (1987-2001)
- Campus minister, Florida International University, Miami, Fla. (1987-2001)
- Dean of Spiritual Formation, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Fla. (2001-03)

#### **Memberships / Organizations**

- Federation of Spiritual Directors (2001-03)
- Catholic Theological Society of America (1980-1990)
- Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (1989-present)
- Operation Pedro Pan, Inc., founding member (1960-present)
- National Responsible for USA Jesus Caritas Fraternities (2002-05)