



# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REGIONAL SEMINARY

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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REGIONAL SEMINARY ANNOUNCES 45<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT

### ARCHBISHOP WILTON GREGORY OF ATLANTA TO SPEAK

Boynton Beach, Florida – (April 30, 2008) – Monsignor Keith R. Brennan, Rector-President of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, has announced that the seminary will hold its 45<sup>th</sup> Commencement May 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Vincent's Chapel on the seminary campus here.

Monsignor Brennan also announced Most Rev. Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Atlanta, will be the commencement speaker. Appointed to his current post by Pope John Paul II in December of 2004, Archbishop Gregory was president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops when the crisis of sex abuse by Catholic clergy escalated. It was under his leadership the bishops implemented the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People."

Archbishop Gregory has written extensively on church issues, including pastoral statements on the death penalty and euthanasia/physician-assisted suicide and has published numerous articles on the subject of liturgy, particularly in the African-American community.

The degree of Master of Divinity is to be conferred upon the following:

Reverend Mr. Dac Clement, Diocese of St. Petersburg; Reverend Mr. Timothy Cummings, Diocese of St. Petersburg; Reverend Mr. Craig Malzacher, Archdiocese of Miami; Reverend Mr. Cesar Pena, Archdiocese of Miami; Reverend Mr. Alejandro Rodriguez, Archdiocese of Miami; Reverend Mr. Hector Vazquez Saad, Diocese of Orlando; Reverend Mr. Elifete St. Fort, Diocese of Palm Beach; Reverend Mr. Richard Vigoa, Archdiocese of Miami; Reverend Mr. Mark Wajda, Diocese of Orlando and Reverend Mr. David Zirilli, Archdiocese of Miami.

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"Please join with me and all of the members of our seminary family in offering our congratulations to the men of our Class of 2008," said Monsignor Brennan. "Let us pray that they may each enjoy longevity in their service to the people of God."

Owned by the seven Roman Catholic dioceses of the Province of Florida, St. Vincent has educated nearly 500 priests since its founding in 1963. For more information, visit [www.svdp.edu](http://www.svdp.edu).

**(Editor's Note: A photo of the Class of 2008 is available by contacting Jim Frankowiak via email: jim@cprg-web.com.)**