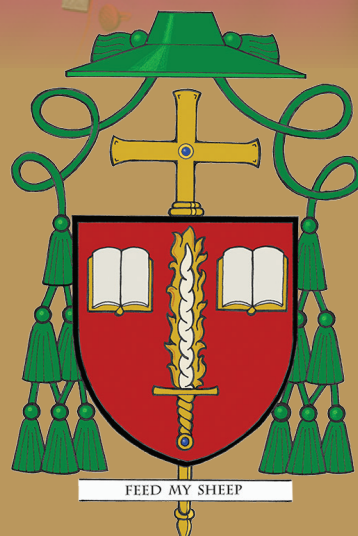


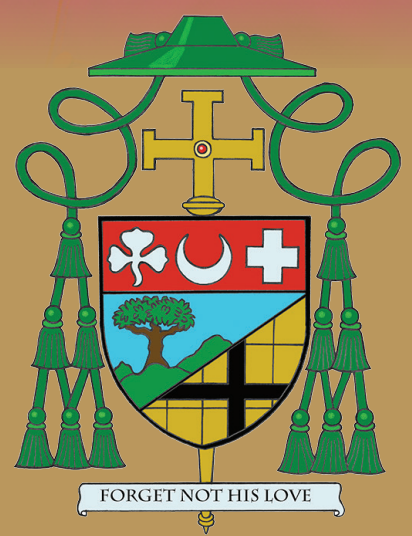
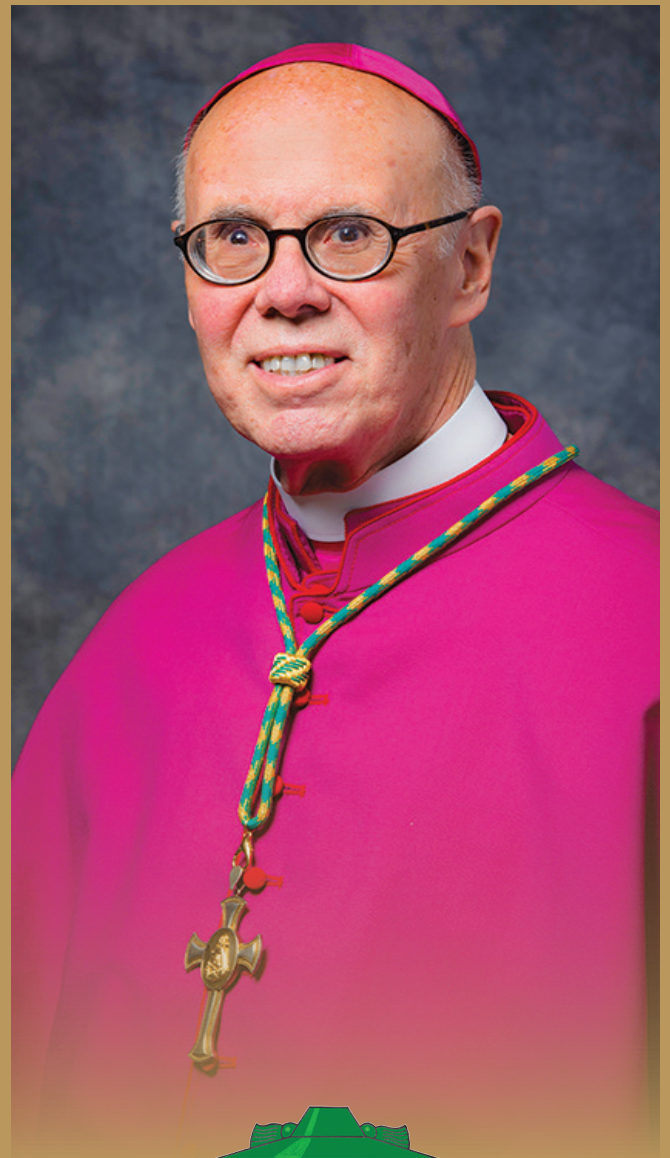
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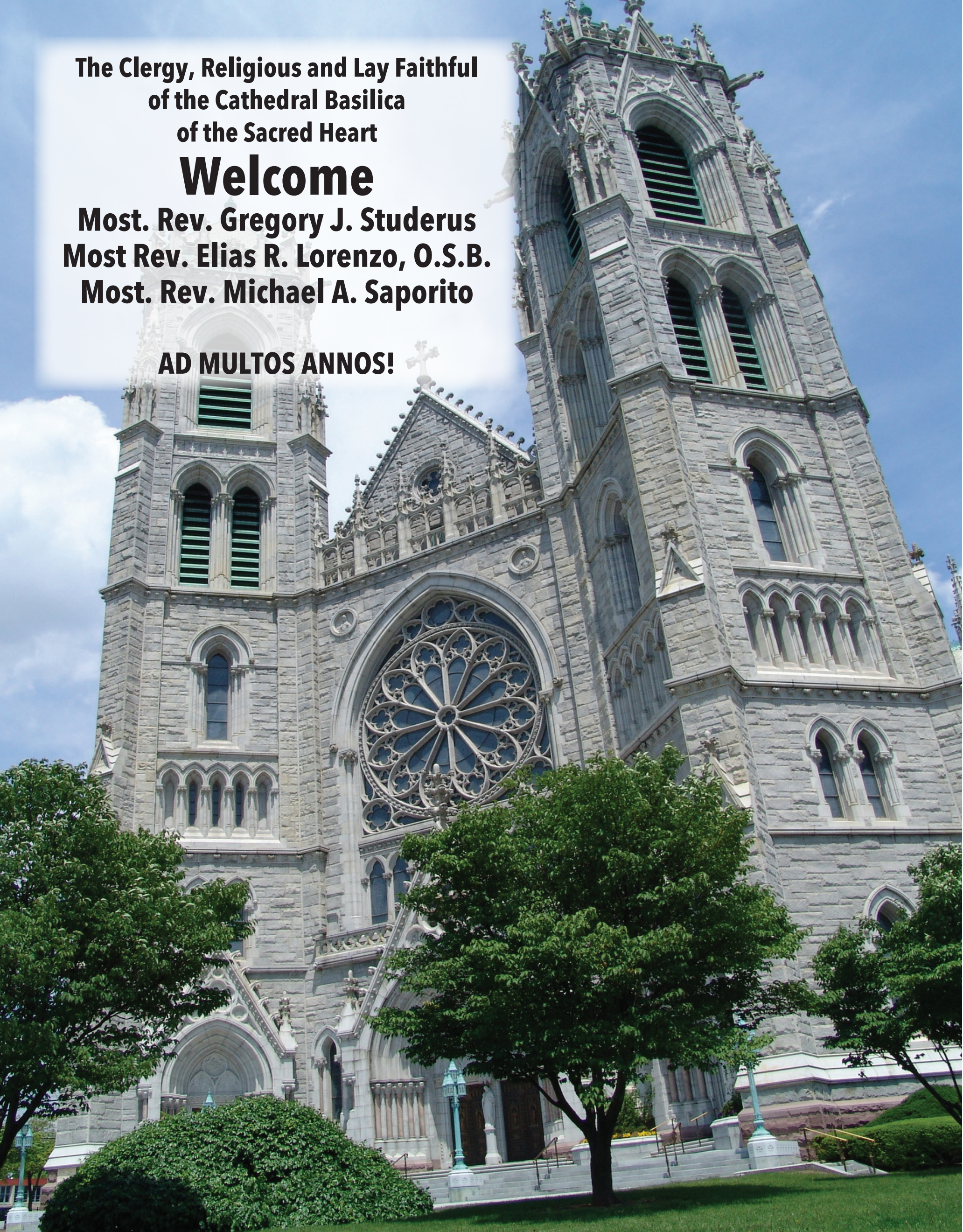
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Welcome

**Most. Rev. Gregory J. Studerus
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Most. Rev. Michael A. Saporito**

AD MULTOS ANNOS!



New Jersey bishops offer congratulations

Father Kevin Sweeney Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Paterson

It is with great joy that I offer my prayerful support and congratulations to the Archdiocese of Newark's three new Bishops-elect: Abbot Elias Lorenzo, O.S.B., Msgr. Gregory Studerus and Father Michael Saporito.

As you are ordained to the episcopacy as auxiliary bishops to shepherd the 1.3 million Catholics who live in the 511 square miles of the Archdiocese of Newark, know that I share in your happiness and eagerness to begin to serve the people of God in the state of New Jersey. I look forward to sharing with you as neighbors and brothers in the episcopal ministry in the Garden State.

May God bless you all in your new ministry!

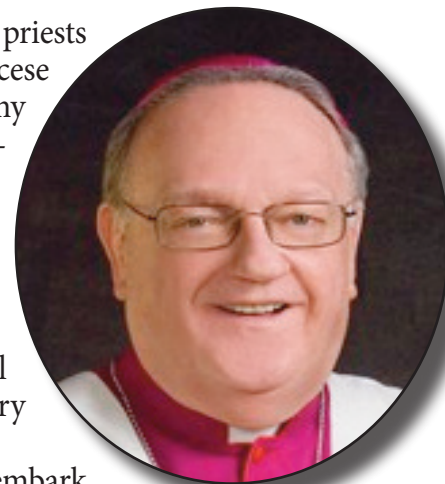


Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, J.C.D., D.D. Bishop of Camden



On behalf of the priests and laity of the Diocese of Camden, I offer my heartfelt congratulations and extend my warmest welcome to the three new auxiliary bishops of the Archdiocese of Newark: Bishop-elect Elias R. Lorenzo, O.S.B.; Bishop-elect Michael A. Saporito; and Bishop-elect Gregory J. Studerus.

As my new brother bishops embark on the challenges and joys that come with their elevation to the episcopacy, I pray that God continues to provide them with wisdom, patience and a joyful spirit as they work to nurture our Catholic faith among the great people of the Archdiocese of Newark.

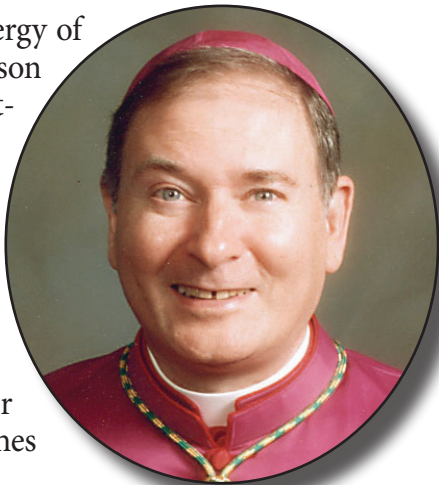


Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L. Bishop of Paterson



The faithful and clergy of the Diocese of Paterson welcome the appointment of Msgr. Gregory Studerus, Abbot Elias Lorenzo, O.S.B., and Father

Michael Saporito as bishops to serve in the Archdiocese of Newark. They bring to their new ministry many different gifts and a great love and zeal for all God's people. Prayers and best wishes to each of them.

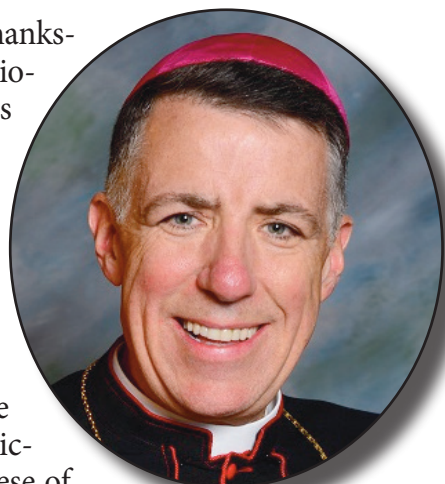


Most Reverend James F. Checchio, J.C.D., M.B.A., D.D. Bishop of Metuchen

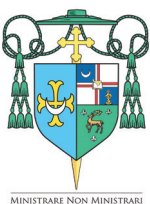


With praise and thanksgiving to God, the Diocese of Metuchen joins our neighbors in the Archdiocese of Newark in celebrating the episcopal ordinations of Auxiliary Bishops Gregory Studerus, Elias Lorenzo, O.S.B., and Michael Saporito. In a particular way, we remember with gratitude the service of Bishop Lorenzo as a past vicar for Consecrated Life in the Diocese of Metuchen.

During these challenging days, our priests, deacons, those in consecrated life and all the faithful assure them and all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Newark of our prayers and support as they begin their new ministries of leadership and service in the Church of northern New Jersey. May Our Lord grant them the grace, virtues and wisdom needed to shepherd His people faithfully on their journey toward their heavenly home while building His kingdom in our midst.

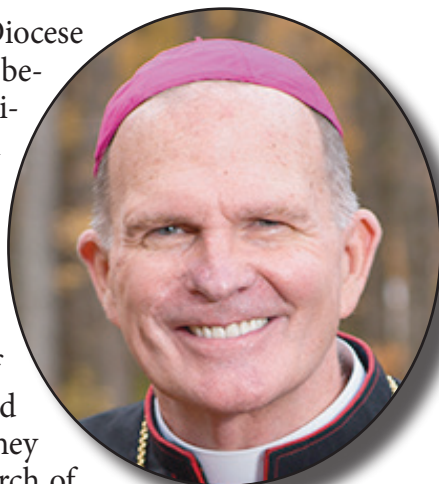


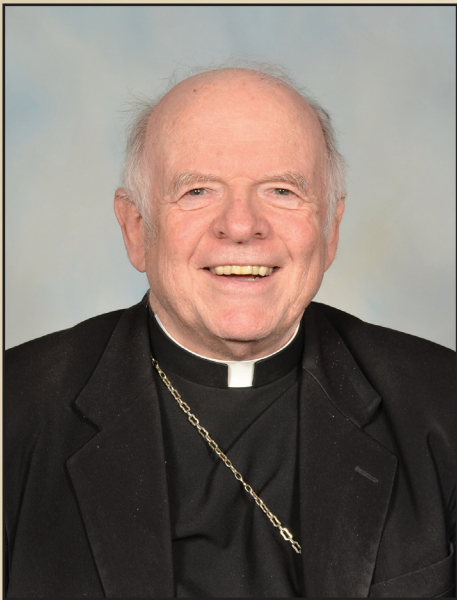
Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M., J.C.D., D.D. Bishop of Trenton



As bishop of the Diocese of Trenton and on behalf of the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the diocese, I offer prayerful congratulations and best wishes

to Bishops Lorenzo, Saporito and Studerus as they are ordained auxiliary bishops of the Archdiocese of Newark. With Cardinal Tobin and their brother bishops there, may they faithfully and joyfully serve the Church of Newark!





Dear Bishops Elias, Michael and Gregory,

For the last 16 years, it has been my privilege to serve as an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Newark. It has not been easy, but it has been wonderful. Day after day, I have interacted with the priests and people of this large and diverse archdiocese. I have been deeply touched by the action of God in our midst influencing the lives of all believers.

Now, together with Bishop Manuel Cruz, I am honored to share that ministry with you. I am deeply grateful for this wonderful opportunity. I know and admire each of you. I respect your commitment to the service of Christ and His Church. Clearly, you have been called by the Lord for this ministry and I rejoice with you.

At the same time, I must admit you will be facing the greatest challenges I have seen so far. The coronavirus has changed all our lives in a radical way and perhaps forever. It's hard to imagine all the implications this health crisis will have for our pastoral ministry. This is the greatest turmoil I have yet seen enter the lives of our people.

Your leadership will be needed more than ever. Christ must be proclaimed as the reason for our hope. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, let us pledge ourselves to work together as a community of friends determined to proclaim God's love in all circumstances.

As you engage the future, your greatest asset will be that you have been called by Cardinal Tobin, who has a vision for the future and a strategic plan to carry it out: **Forward in Faith Together: Our Road Ahead**. He has asked your wholehearted collaboration, and you have said yes.

Following my own ordination, inspired by devotion to the Blessed Mother, I wrote a poem in which I tried to capture the meaning of the moment. I happily share it with you now.



Ordination

Go lie upon the marble floor
And hear the Spirit's song
A Litany of Saints proclaimed
Through ages all along
Go kneel beneath the Bishop's hands
Imposed with silent blush.
An intimate expression
Of the Spirit's loving touch.
Go forth with joy
And give your life
Upon the altar of your days.
Go live the Eucharistic Mystery
And set the world ablaze.

Bishop John W. Flesey, S.T.D., D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark

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Bishop Flesey at his episcopal ordination on Aug. 4, 2004.

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Coat of Arms of the Most Reverend Elias Lorenzo, O.S.B.

The armorial bearings of Bishop Elias reflect his family name, the community of his profession, his most recent ministry and his monastic patron.

The shield is divided by a line shaped like a chevron. This alludes to a mountain, in this case Mount Carmel, which is associated with the prophet Elijah from whose name the name Elias is derived. The large tongue of fire in the center combined with the mountain allude to St. Elias.

The crescent is associated with Our Lady, in particular under her title of the Immaculate Conception, the one by which Mary is the patroness of the United States. In addition, crescents appear in the coat of arms of St. Mary's Abbey and of Delbarton School, the Abbey's principal apostolate, both with which Bishop Elias is closely associated.

The red rounded cross at the center of the flame is taken from the coat of arms of Sant'Anselmo in Rome, where, for seven years before Bishop Elias' election as abbot president of the American-Cassinense Congregation, he served as prior of the monastic community.

The green galero, or ecclesiastical hat, with six green tassels arranged in a pyramid shape on both sides of the shield traditionally frame a bishop's coat of arms.

The gold (yellow) episcopal cross is placed vertically behind and extending above and below the shield. In former times, archbishops, and later all bishops, had a cross mounted on a staff carried immediately in front of them while in procession or on solemn occasions. This cross was a symbol of their rank as bishop.

The blue and silver (white) checked pattern has a multi-layered meaning. The American-Cassinense Congregation was founded by Benedictines from St. Michael's Abbey in Bavaria. The motherhouse of the Congregation, St. Vincent Archabbey in Pennsylvania, makes use of the blue and silver fusils (a kind of elongated diamond pattern) from the coat of arms of Bavaria in its own coat of arms. Several other monasteries in the Congregation also make use of this pattern. One such abbey is St. Mary's in Morristown, N.J., where Bishop Elias entered monastic life, made his profession of vows and was ordained. In his coat of arms, the blue and silver (white) fusils have been turned sideways, forming a grid pattern that suggests the gridiron on which St. Lawrence was roasted alive as the means of his martyrdom. This is an allusion to the abbot's surname, Lorenzo, which in Italian means Lawrence.

NIHIL IMPOSSIBILE APUD DEUM

Bishop Elias' motto in Latin is translated, "Nothing is impossible with God." (Lk 1:37)

Most Rev. ELIAS R. LORENZO, O.S.B. TITULAR BISHOP OF TABUDA AND AUXILIARY BISHOP OF NEWARK EPISCOPAL VICAR FOR UNION COUNTY

‘My monastic community made me the man I am today’

By Melissa McNally
Editor

“It’s all new to me, so every day is a surprise,” Bishop Elias R. Lorenzo, O.S.B., said. “I’m now living in a house all by myself, which I’ve never done in my 35 years as a monk.”

Bishop Elias has served the last four years as the abbot president of the American-Cassinese Congregation, an association of international and national Benedictine monasteries.

After he was appointed auxiliary bishop, he resigned, packed up his monastery room and office in Morristown and moved 15 miles away to Summit. Although geographically close to the Archdiocese of Newark, as episcopal vicar of Union County, he had to familiarize himself with the local community.

Bishop Elias met with Union County deans and pastors, both virtually and in person, and celebrated livestreamed Masses at local parishes. He had to learn “who’s who” in the area.

“Some of the priests I did know. I didn’t live on Mars, I lived in Morristown,” he said. He also contacted the religious superiors in the area, including Missionaries of Charity in Plainfield, the Dominican Sisters in Summit and the Christian Brothers in Elizabeth.

“I’ve been warmly welcomed by anyone and everyone who I’ve spoken to. I think we have some very good and dedicated priests working in our parishes, and the religious have been very open to taking my calls. I am inspired by the warmth and the openness of the priests and the religious,” Bishop Elias explained.

The coronavirus pandemic has reignited a spark for priestly ministry, he noted. “This lockdown has brought out the good zeal in the heart of our priests to engage

more in pastoral and priestly work. I’ve been inspired by that. I think they rediscovered that in themselves,” he said.

Making connections and reaching out to fellow priests and religious are skills Bishop Elias honed as a leader for his religious community. He admitted that being appointed auxiliary bishop in a nearby archdiocese was not on his radar.

“This was definitely a surprise. I think all of my fellow bishops would say that. Nobody ever thinks you’re going to get the call and then you get the call,” he explained.

He happened to be at a meeting of North American abbots when he received the call from the apostolic nuncio. “How do you say no to the vicar Christ? We are people of faith. This must be God’s will because it’s certainly not mine. I was happy in my monastery,” Bishop Elias said.

Following “God’s will” has been at the cornerstone of his ministry. Although he always wanted to be a priest, the bishop was not sure where his life would take him.

“I grew up in a foreign country called Brooklyn. I’m a foreigner,” Bishop Elias joked. “When I moved across the river to New Jersey, I might as well have gone to China as far as my family was concerned.”

He had “saints” for parents, who are both deceased. He grew up in a very Catholic area in Brooklyn. “Every five blocks there was a church, rectory, convent and school.”

His parents were presidents and leaders of several organizations in their home parish of St. Agatha in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. “We had priests and nuns in and out of our home all the time,” he recalled. “I always knew I wanted to be a priest, but I didn’t know what that meant. I didn’t know the difference between religious life and the priesthood.”

He attended the parish grammar

school before landing at Cathedral Preparatory School in Fort Green, an all-boys school with a focus on vocations.

“It was a prep seminary, per se. Cathedral Prep provided an atmosphere where you could explore vocations but there was not an expectation that everyone graduating was going to race to a seminary. It was a very positive environment for me,” Bishop Elias explained.

He described that school finally “clicked” for him at Cathedral Prep. “I think it was the environment of teachers who were priests and other young men who were aspiring to be priests, or at least thinking about it. I met some of the best people in my life there.”

During his junior and senior year, Cathedral Prep sent students to retreats at the Salesians of Don Bosco in West Haverstraw, N.Y.

“I really felt then the call to religious life, meaning community life, community prayer, community work. Although I had diocesan priests as real models and wonderful pastors and teachers, I saw the family model of religious life was something I should pursue more,” he said.

After graduation, Bishop Elias attended Don Bosco College Seminary in Newton. While there, he read the works of Thomas Merton, an American Trappist monk, writer and theologian. The Trappist order is part of the Benedictine family. Trappists, like the Benedictines and Cistercians from whom they originate, follow the Rule of St. Benedict.

“The Benedictine monks at St. Paul’s Abbey in Newton were teachers and counselors at the college seminary, so I started to visit the monastery,” he explained. “I think I read everything that Thomas Merton had ever written.”

One of the first monasteries Bishop Elias visited was St. Mary’s Abbey in Morristown, which operates Delbarton School. “I liked the connection and the separation,” he explained. “I could live the monastic life there and pray four times a day, celebrate Mass with the monastic community and still teach.”

Bishop Elias spent more than 30 years in secondary school education and administration at Delbarton School, serving as director of campus ministry, teacher and chairman of the religious studies department. He said he hopes to utilize his expertise and passion for Catholic education as bishop.

“The key in any Catholic school is faith formation. Our students can learn math and physics in any school. Our schools hopefully are developing good Christians, Catholics and hopefully saints,” he said. “The Catholic ethos and mission of the school is critical for their success. That is why parents choose, among other



Bishop Elias with Pope Francis at Sant’Anselmo all’Aventino in Rome.

things, to send their children to a Catholic school—their faith can be nourished, supported, strengthened and developed.”

He stressed that faith formation of faculty and trustees is vital to the success of Catholic schools. “For example, how do we get our lay teachers to be just as Benedictine as the Benedictines? They also have to be just as imbued with the charism. Yes, we need good administrators and boards and finance councils, but we also need teachers passionate about the mission of Catholic education and our particular charism.”

Although Bishop Elias has not been able to physically tour the schools and parishes in Union County, he looks forward to being available as bishop.

“I hope to be known for my availability—my door is open. Available for Mass, available for a one on one conversations, available for teachers. To be available is a key,” he said. “I hope to bring a Benedictine flavor to what I do. The lens at how I look at things is through the lens of a monk.”

He credits the Benedictine community in Morristown with changing the trajectory of his life. “I am very grateful to my monastic community,” Bishop Elias stated. “I came as a boy from Brooklyn with little or nothing and my monastic community made me the man I am today. They made me the monk and priest I am today.”

The motto on Bishop Elias’ coat of arms—“Nothing is impossible with God”—is a nod to the impact the Order had on his life. “I don’t think there is a more positive verse in sacred Scripture,” he said. “(The Benedictines) have formed me well and gave me opportunities, none of which I sought. Everything I was asked to do, everything that was placed on my shoulders, I was able to do it by God’s grace. Not by my accomplishments, my gifts, nor by my talents, but God’s grace.”



Photos courtesy of Bishop Elias R. Lorenzo, O.S.B.

Bishop Elias on an Operation Smile mission in China.

Bishop Elias,



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A young Bishop Elias, urban cowboy.



Bishop Elias with his father, William Elias Lorenzo Sr., at his First Holy Communion in 1968.

a life in pictures



Bishop Elias at his First Profession of Monastic vows in 1985. He is pictured with, left to right, his sister, Angela; brother, William Elias Jr.; mother, Mae; sister-in-law, Mary Ann; and his father, William Elias Sr.



Bishop Elias at his priesthood ordination in 1989.



Then Father Elias celebrates his first Mass at his home parish, St. Agatha in Brooklyn, N.Y.



Bishop Elias, third from left, at the Benedictine Youth Congress at St. Benedict's College in Atchison, Kansas.



Bishop Elias celebrates Mass in 2008 for children at St. Benedict's School in Jinjja, Uganda, as part of the International Commission for Benedictine Education.



The young bishop, far left, strumming away on the guitar in college seminary.

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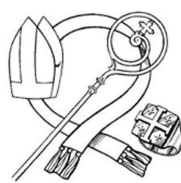
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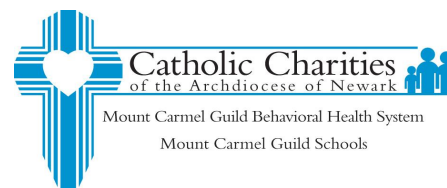
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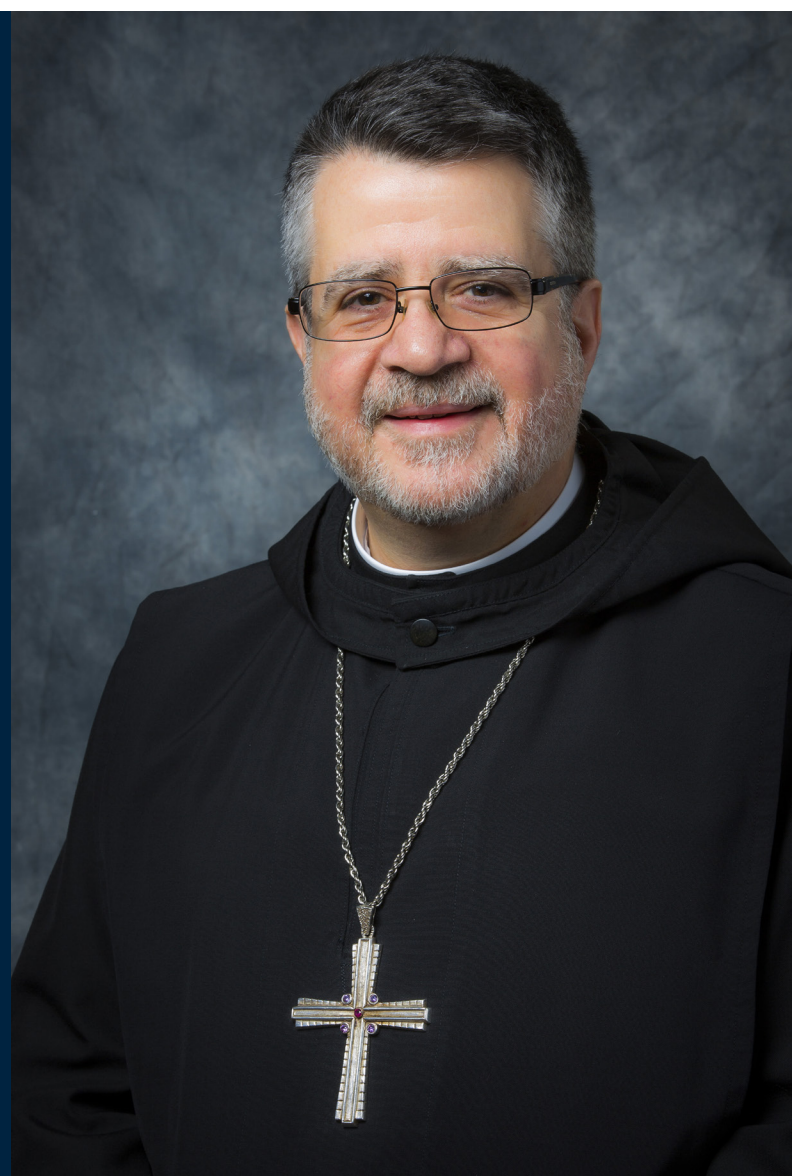
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*Bishop Lorenzo
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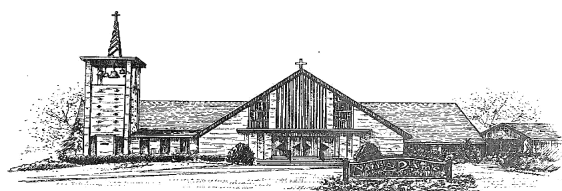


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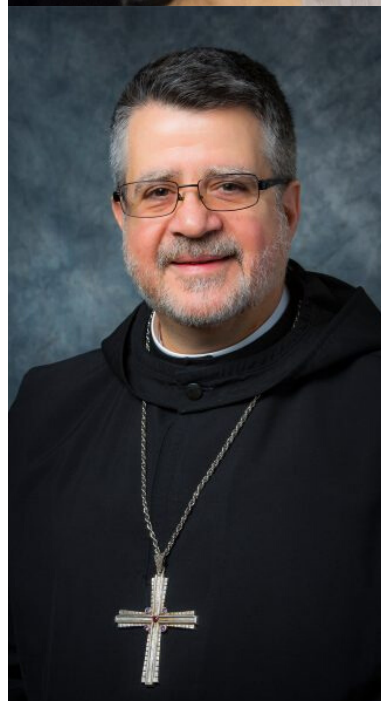
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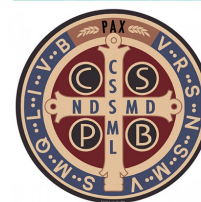
*Tend the flock of God in your midst, overseeing not by
constraint but willingly, as God would have it,
not for shameful profit but eagerly. 1 Peter 5:2*



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President from 2013-2020,
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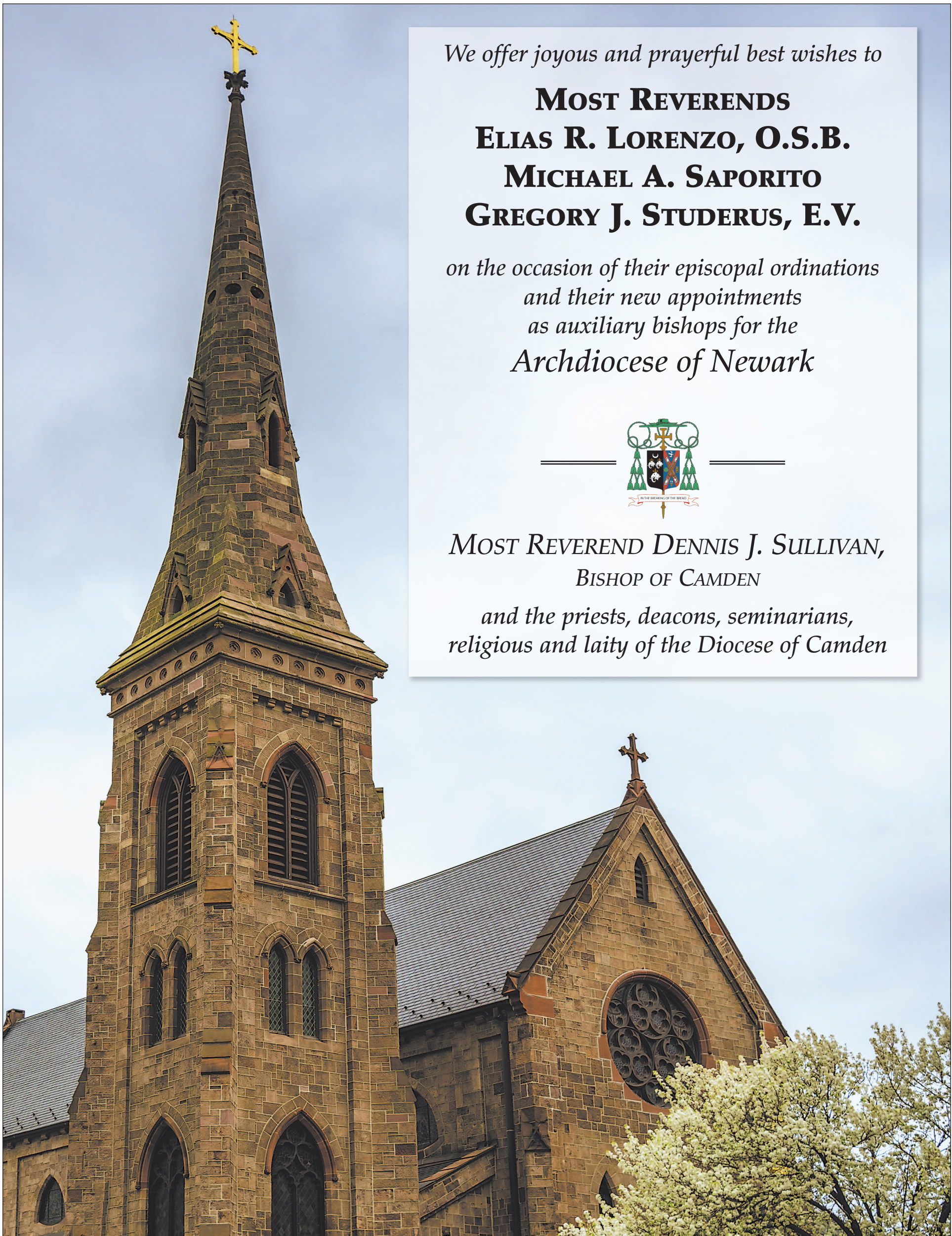
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Bishop Michael Saporito and
Bishop Gregory Studerus!
Our prayers are with you.**



**Congratulations and prayers
for our dear friend
Bishop Elias Lorenzo, O.S.B.
On your episcopal ordination**



With best wishes from
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We offer joyous and prayerful best wishes to

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as
Auxiliary Bishops of the
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*The mission of the servants of the Word is that of promoting
and favoring an encounter, which inspires faith and transforms
life; therefore I pray, in the name of all the Church, that you
may fulfill your mandate: ensuring 'that the message of the Lord
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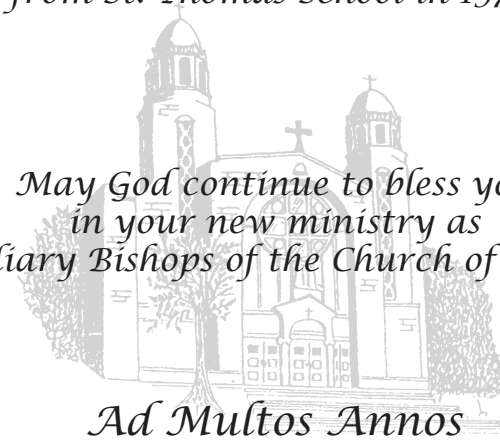


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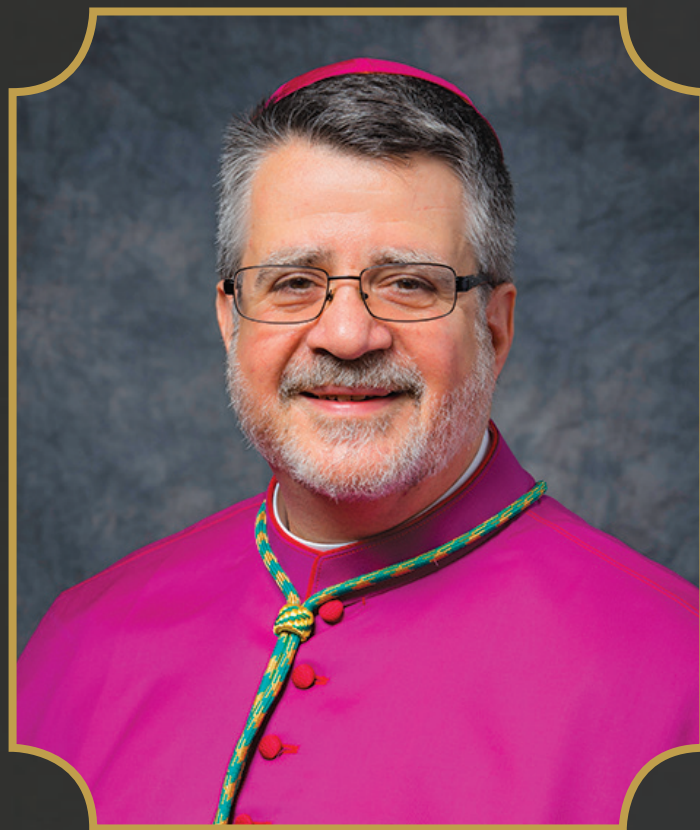
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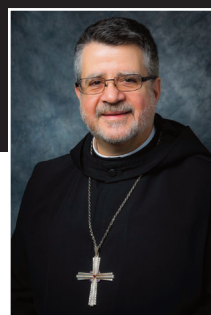
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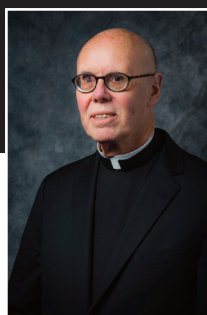
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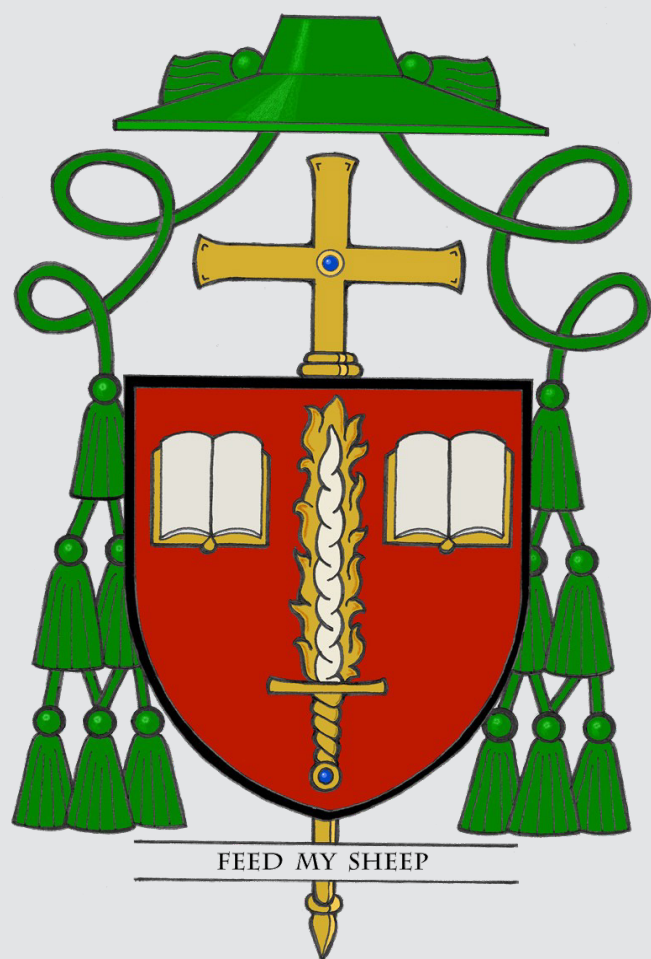
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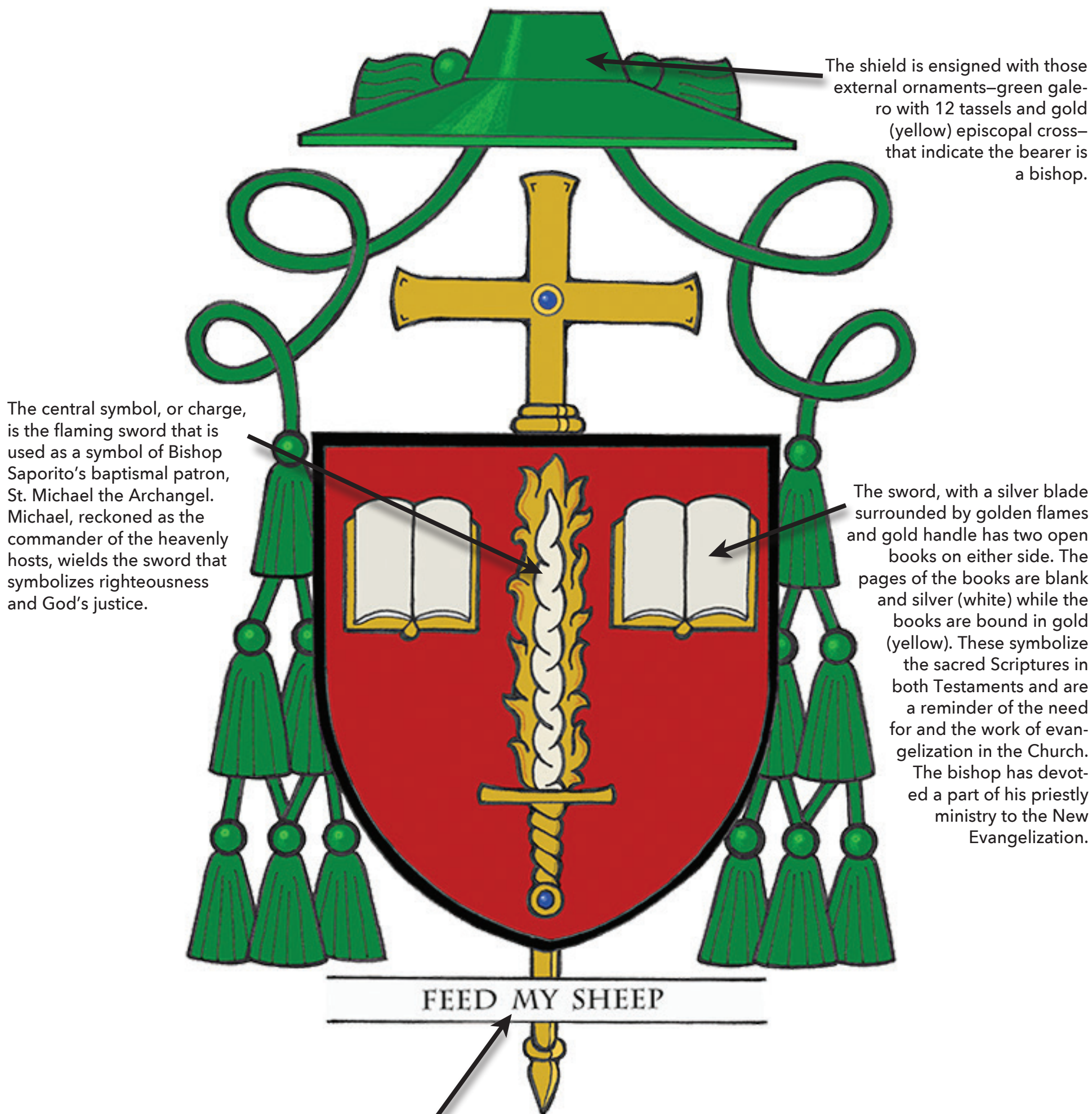
*You have chosen your servant,
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*Give him a spirit of courage
and right judgment,
a spirit of knowledge and love.*

*By governing with fidelity
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Coat of Arms of the Most Reverend Michael A. Saporito

Bishop Saporito has chosen a coat of arms reflecting his priestly life and ministry. The red background is borrowed from the coat of arms of the Archdiocese of Newark, where the upper third of that shield (called a chief) is colored red. The bishop's whole life, priesthood and, now, episcopate has been spent in the service of the archdiocese.



Bishop Saporito's motto is "Feed My Sheep." (Jn 21:17)

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‘This archdiocese is my life’

By Melissa McNally
Editor

As a former accountant, Bishop Michael A. Saporito describes himself as a planner. “I’ll look ahead and try to anticipate things down the road,” he explained.

One thing he did not foresee was Pope Francis selecting him as an auxiliary bishop of his home archdiocese. He was “absolutely stunned” when the apostolic nuncio called on Presidents Day with the news of his appointment. “I was speechless. The nuncio had asked if I was still on the line,” Bishop Saporito recalled.

Born in Newark and raised in Bloomfield, he grew up in a “very faithful family” with three siblings: Joanne, Robert and Richard. His mother, Anna, and his siblings were parishioners at St. Thomas the Apostle in Bloomfield, while his father, Arsenio, regularly attended St. Lucy in Newark.

“My father was very devoted to the St. Lucy’s community in Newark and my mother was devoted to her Bloomfield community,” Bishop Saporito said. After he was ordained a priest on May 30, 1992, he celebrated his first Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle. “The next week, I celebrated at St. Lucy’s,” he noted.

When he was 17 years old, after attending a retreat hosted by St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, he became more active there. “I started participating in the life of

the church. I was involved in small faith communities and became a lector,” he said.

After graduating from Rutgers University Newark in 1984, he worked at a full-service accounting firm. It was during his years as a young professional that he seriously started to consider the priesthood.

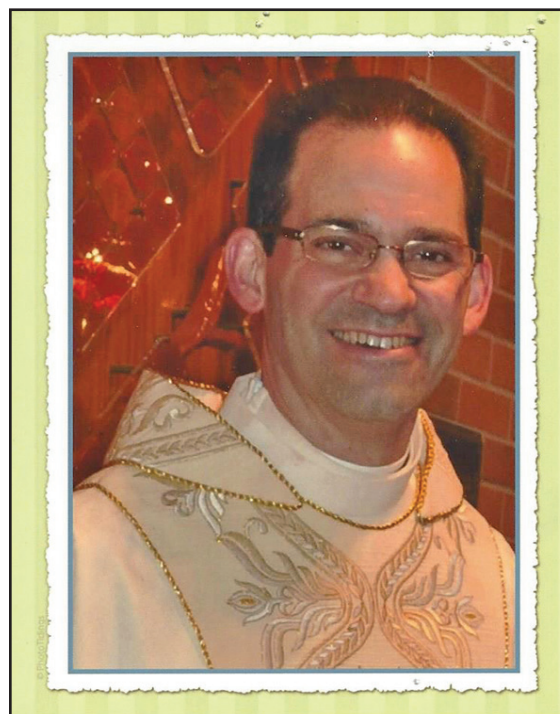
His professional skills came in handy as he trained for his vocation. “I audited municipalities’ financial records. I understand budgeting and know the different systems. Some of my priest friends would say that they don’t understand how to put together a budget. Numbers were always pretty clear to me,” Bishop Saporito explained.

Since ordination, he has ministered throughout his beloved archdiocese. He has served as parochial vicar at St. Joseph in West Orange, St. Peter the Apostle in River Edge, Our Lady of the Visitation in Paramus and St. Elizabeth in Wyckoff.

In May 2004, he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Maplewood, where he served for almost seven years. He was named pastor of St. Helen in Westfield in February 2011.

“At the parish level, you go through ups and downs, joys and sorrows with a group of people. It touches your heart. It took me to places I’ve never dreamed of. At every assignment, you learn and grow,” he said.

Recently at St. Helen, Bishop Saporito was overseeing major parish renova-



Bishop Saporito as pastor of St. Joseph, Maplewood, in 2011.

tions—a project that he expected to be in for the long haul. He described parishioners’ reactions to his new assignment as “bittersweet.”

“The parishioners are glad for me personally, but one person asked, ‘Does this mean that you’re leaving us?’ St. Helen’s has been a great assignment for me. I’m going to miss it here. We are going to miss each other very much,” he reflected.

Over the course of his ministry, Bishop Saporito has served the Archdiocese of Newark as an assistant vocation director and a member of both the priest personnel board and the presbyteral council. He was also assigned as dean of South Essex Deanery 18, which covers Maplewood, South Orange and Irvington.

In his new role as bishop, he intends to continue to serve “with the heart of a pastor,” forming close relationships with the local priests and parishioners. “Being bishop is, of course, a wider responsibility. Being present, supporting, encouraging and inspiring—I think that’s what I will bring to my role as bishop. That’s what I know,” he said.

In recent years, Bishop Saporito has served on the archdiocesan evangelization commission and the board for ChristLife, an evangelization apostolate of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

“I’ve ministered in other states, but when you have different communities in front of you, the experience is not the same,” he said.

As episcopal vicar for Bergen County, Bishop Saporito will be able to use his connections and experience in a community that he knows well. “I have spent 10 years in Bergen County itself. I know New Jersey. New Jersey has been my life. This archdiocese is my life,” he stated.

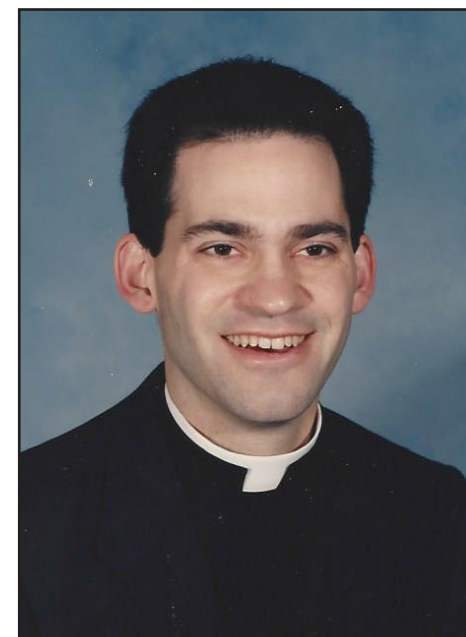
Leading up to his episcopal ordination, Bishop Saporito had to prepare for his new role during uncertain times. Like his fellow brother bishops, he met with Cardinal Tobin both in person and virtually. He has continued to connect with parish communities and priests, striving to become more familiar with the people he will serve.

“The coronavirus has interrupted everyone’s life,” he said. “What do we have to do coming out of this pandemic? What is parish life going to look like after this? This pandemic has shown us how much we really need to be together. We need to be a family of faith together.”

In his new role, he hopes to inspire people to “be a witness” of Christ’s love. “There’s going to be times that I have to seek knowledge and continue to learn. My role is to support the

cardinal’s initiative,” he explained.

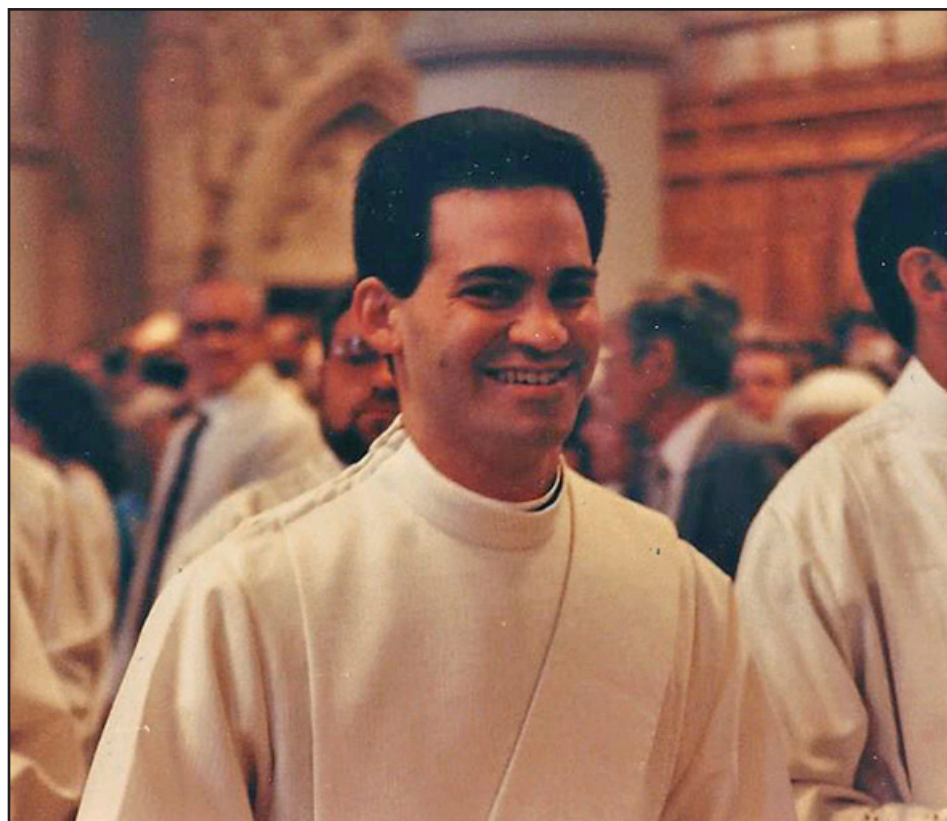
Bishop Saporito said he also hopes to foster better communication among clergy. “We need to open lines of communication, to listen and offer feedback,” he said. “I think we are a great archdiocese. We have a lot of talented priests and laypeople,



A seminary yearbook photo of Bishop Saporito.

ple, but we have to give ourselves a spark again. Sometimes, priests can feel very isolated.”

As he looks to the future, Bishop Saporito hopes the local faithful will continue to inspire him. “This seems canned, but I really want to be the best bishop I can be,” he explained. “In my 28 years as a priest, parishioners and my family have drawn out the best in me. I hope the people of the archdiocese continue drawing out the best of me as bishop.”



Photos courtesy of Bishop Michael A. Saporito

Bishop Saporito at his diaconate ordination in 1991.

Bishop Saporito,



Photos courtesy of Bishop Michael A. Saporito and St. Helen Parish
Serving at Mass in 1989.

a life in pictures



Bishop Saporito as godfather to one of his nieces
in the late 1990s.



The bishop hugs his parents as they present the
gifts at his first Mass in 1992.



Bishop Saporito at the annual
blessing of the animals at St.
Helen Parish, Westfield, in 2016.



Bishop Saporito with his parents, Anna and
Arsenio, celebrating their 50th wedding anni-
versary at St. Lucy Parish, Newark, in 2000.



Celebrating his niece's First Communion.



The bishop at St. Helen's Easter Vigil in 2018.



Then Father Saporito celebrating his first Mass at St. Thomas the
Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, in 1992.



Officiating his niece's wedding as pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Maplewood, in June 2010.



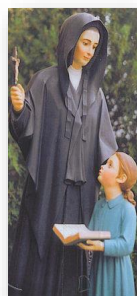
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Bishop Saporito serves people of God with ‘overwhelming joy’

By Julie V. Burkey

The “E word” wasn’t a particularly common one in 1990s Catholic circles. However, to Bishop Michael Saporito, then parochial vicar at St. Peter the Apostle Parish in River Edge, evangelization was not new or trendy; it was part of his very being. His personal and relentless commitment to bringing souls to Christ and His Church was as evident then as it is now.

I will be forever grateful to have been a part of St. Peter’s first evangelization committee initiated by Father Michael. Through his witness and inspiration, we came to realize that God’s unwavering and unconditional love must be shared. Father Michael captured our hearts and set them on fire, so much so that this small band of evangelists couldn’t wait to visit parishioners’ homes during the Jubilee Year.

When Father Michael was pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Maplewood, I served as his pastoral associate for stewardship and evangelization. It was here that I witnessed his extraordinary leadership—leadership that always begins with listening and observing. He is a very thoughtful man who thinks deeply about a matter, especially before making tough decisions. He asks pointed questions to obtain a variety of opinions, and doesn’t hesitate if corrective

action is required. Prayer is central for Father Michael—no steps, large or small, are taken without engaging in prayer. His incredibly inspiring homilies are a testament to time spent in prayer, as much as to his speaking ability. Under his spiritual leadership, the parish literally came alive with opportunities for exploring the meaning of discipleship and evangelization. Most importantly, learning was always coupled with discussion of ways to apply those meanings in practical everyday life.

There is a characteristic of Father Michael that, for many years, I could not put into words. It’s a kind of knowing, not in the sense of knowing all the answers but a faithful and resolute trust. This is the gift of faith, so valued by Father Michael that his immense enthusiasm to share that faith is demonstrated by overwhelming joy that is attractive and contagious, visible and concrete. I recall my reaction to what I could not then explain being simply “whatever he’s got, I want some!” That was a turning point for me, not only for my faith journey but in my life work as well.

Pope Francis has said that a priest makes the Gospel message joyful “with his entire person.” Father Michael’s homily messages are not simply a “telling” of the story. In sharing the Gospel message, Father Michael gives of himself: his intellect, his passion and often his own expe-



Submitted photo

Burkey with Bishop Saporito

rience. He is a real person, who believes, who is a priest. And how he loves being a priest! Father Michael’s life and ministry serve as a lens into the awesomeness of God at work through the vocation of the priesthood.

When it comes to Bishop Saporito, the cup overflows with his love for God and the people of God. He puts no limits on his

self-giving to build up the body of Christ in his time and place. May the Lord bless him and keep him safe, and may the Holy Spirit continue to be the wind beneath his wings.

Julie V. Burkey, D.Min., is an adjunct professor for pastoral theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University.

St. Helen Parish community bids farewell to beloved pastor

Our pastor, Auxiliary Bishop Michael A. Saporito, the shepherd of our parish for the past 10 years, has touched our lives and deeply influenced our faith through his vision and inspiration. Celebrating with us during the happiest times of our lives (baptisms, First Communions, confirmations and weddings) and compassionately supporting us during the most difficult times (illness, death and most recently COVID-19), he has been a constant in our lives.

Bishop Saporito shares his vision with all, encouraging us to step up and step forward and challenging us to lead, to learn and to love. Even before arriving at the parish community of St. Helen, Bishop Saporito embraced the need for change to advance the mission of our Church, always teaching others to echo the life of Christ. He continues to motivate and inspire us to follow his example, calling us to focus on growing the Church through lay evangelization.



Photos courtesy of St. Helen Parish



Our beloved pastor modeled how to live the mission of our parish: worship God, serve others and make disciples. He has helped us grow in our faith, always meeting us where we are on our journey and bringing us to the next level.

A true visionary, Bishop Saporito invited us to try new things and share our faith through music, outreach, religious education, youth ministry, adult discipleship and even building a new church. Now it is time for us to support his broader role where he will continue to spread the Word of God in the same tender way a shepherd cares for his sheep. The influence and compassion of our shepherd will continue

to guide us. His appointment as auxiliary bishop is truly bittersweet; we will love and cherish him forever.

May God watch over our beloved Bishop Saporito. May he always feel the love of God, the Father; the brotherhood of Jesus Christ; and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as he embarks on his new ecclesiastical journey. He has opened his heart to us and taught us to open our hearts to the Lord. Our teacher, our friend, our leader, our pastor, our brother in Christ; we will miss him and commit to hold his lessons dear to us. We will always be grateful!

With love from the staff at the parish community of St. Helen, Westfield.

Bishop Saporito shares love of the 'Master, mission and message'

By Msgr. Thomas Nydegger

I have known Michael Saporito for 32 years. We met when I entered Immaculate Conception Seminary in September 1988. In the span of those years, he has been a fellow priest, a confidant and a friend. This poses a problem for me: How does one truly capture a relationship that has grown and evolved to what it is today? I know my words will not be able to do justice to all that we've shared and strived for in the priesthood and in life. So, I hope Michael will forgive me if I fall short of capturing the essence of our new bishop.

I could speak of so many things. I could speak of the primary and central relationship he shares with his family. His love for his mother, Anna, his father, Arsenio, and his sister, Joanne, who have gone home to the Lord; his brothers, Robert and Richard, and his extended family knows no parallel and has been one constant in his life from its very beginning. I could speak of his innumerable "field trips" to "the Big Shea" and CitiField to see his Mets play whoever. I could speak of his shivering in the cold at Giants and MetLife Stadiums cheering his Giants against whoever. I could speak of the "West Wing," which he watches over and over again, emblematic of his interest in the American presidency and the leadership concepts and challenges it presents. I could speak of his frustrations with the computer and the golf club when they don't behave the way they're supposed to. I



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Msgr. Nydegger, left, visited Bishop Saporito and the children's "Kid's Corner" at St. Helen in Westfield.

could speak of his loyalty in friendship, as he has always been there for me as a priest, a spiritual director and a dear friend.

But, if you'd allow me to put them aside for another time, I would like to speak of the three loves that capture Michael's life and priesthood, as I would imagine those would be of most interest to those reading this. I am speaking of his love of the "Master," the "mission" and the "message."

I'm sorry to say that Michael's love of the Master cannot be characterized well with words. His love of the Lord is some-

thing that I've been able to witness over 32 years in many, varied and profound ways. It is a love that doesn't blow a trumpet but abides in the depth of his heart and reveals itself to those he serves. In his prayer, Scripture and ministry, he has experienced the Lord's love himself and wants all whom he serves to experience that same love so that, together, he and the Christian community can express their love of the Lord in service.

Michael's love of the mission is readily apparent to all who know him and all

who have ministered with him. The heart of the mission is evangelization, and that has always been the fire that blazes in Michael's heart. From the very early days of his priesthood, his attention to evangelization has born itself out in his parochial ministry. He has used many and creative means to bring the Gospel and the Church to those desperately seeking the Lord and His love, even if they do not know it. His love of the mission, expressed in evangelization, has been the hallmark of his ministry.

Finally, Michael's love of the message is most evident. One only needs to hear him preach to know that the message, the Scripture and the Gospel, is of utmost importance to him. What comes out in a homily is the end product, always superb, but you should also know the time, the reflection and the preparation that goes into that end product. The Lord says in John 21:17, "Feed my sheep," and Michael has been doing so, and will continue to do so, as he begins his episcopal ministry.

Might I add one more love: his love of the "members," that is, his love of the Church and his love of the people of God. I promise, not only the people of God in Bergen County but all the people of the archdiocese, you will experience that love and I know it will make all the difference here and wherever the Lord leads him and us.

Msgr. Thomas Nydegger is vicar general and moderator of the curia.

Bishop Studerus supported school with 'strength and guidance'

By Eileen Ferrando

As Bishop Gregory Studerus begins his ministry as an auxiliary bishop of Newark, I would like to share with the people of the archdiocese some of the many wonderful things I know about the bishop.

I had the fortunate opportunity to work with him for 43 years at the Academy of St. Joseph of the Palisades in West New York as a teacher, assistant principal and, for the last 23 years, as principal until my retirement in 2016.

In 2005, "Father Greg," as we referred to him, came to St. Joseph Parish. I had heard so many wonderful things from the Catholic school principals who he had previously worked with throughout Hudson County. I looked forward to working with him and I was not disappointed.

We were instantly taken by this man of great faith in Jesus Christ. His compassion, energy, enthusiasm and devotion to the people of the parish as well as a deep commitment to care for all people remind you why God called him to be a priest. He came to visit the school the first day he arrived at the parish. We spoke about the school and his commitment to Catholic education.

For the next 11 years he supported that mission with strength and guidance. As a pastor of a school community, he celebrated the weekly school Mass, reconciliation, feast days, Ash Wednesdays, Christmas concerts and so much more.

Father Greg especially took time to talk with the class preparing for sacraments. On the date of first penance, a student in the class who is not Catholic wanted to speak to Father Greg about why she wasn't able to receive the sacrament with the other children. Father stood at the foot of the altar with this child looking up at him. They spoke for a few minutes and, as she returned to her seat, you could not help but notice her smile and glow. The vision of that child standing before this compassionate man is a memory that I carry with me to this day.

When students saw Father Greg in the halls of the school, lunch room, schoolyard or special events, they were excited to greet him. There was always a big smile in return and encouraging words. He spent endless hours sharing the responsibility of financial support for the school, and enthusiastically encouraged our growth. He sat through numerous pre-K and kindergarten graduations. I was reminded every year as I stood with

him in the church on the night of the eighth-grade graduation, feeling so much pride and gratitude, that this was possible because of him.

Bishop Studerus' love and respect for the people of Hudson County will continue as he does the great works of Jesus Christ.



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Ferrando with Bishop Manuel Cruz, left, and Bishop Studerus at a school Christmas concert at St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish in West New York.

Bishop Elias, a friend and mentor

By Robert McBride

The Delbarton community and Father Elias, as I refer to him, have always been a part of my life. Both my father and older brother attended the school, so on many occasions prior to enrolling, I had met with him. However, it wasn't until my first year as a student at Delbarton that I experienced Father Elias' passion for education and service.

Father Elias was the director of campus ministry at the time and responsible for facilitating the many service programs available at Delbarton. One of those programs was Operation Smile. The nonprofit provides cleft lip and palate repair surgeries to children worldwide. After hearing Father Elias and some of the current student members describe their experiences with Operation Smile and its mission, I knew this was a program in which I wanted to get involved.

Over the next four years, I worked closely with Father Elias, other Delbarton students and their families on various fundraising initiatives and educational activities to support Operation Smile. One of the things I observed was how great of a relationship Father Elias had built with the program's community, and it always



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Robert McBride with Bishop Elias during an Operation Smile mission in Nicaragua.

impressed upon me the value you can create through service.

During this time, he was also my guide and mentor in becoming a volunteer for a medical mission to one of the 30 countries in which Operation Smile ran. He took on the role of chaperone for mission training in Salt Lake City, Utah, and was a true leader both spiritually and educationally on our mission to Managua, Nicaragua. Whether it was the Catholic/Mormon service he jointly hosted in Utah or the educational classes we held at schools in Nicaragua, Father Elias always had a kind word

or helping hand to offer.

In addition to Operation Smile, Father Elias was also the patron priest of the Delbarton squash team, ran the student retreat program and was a frequent host of lunch Masses that I attended. These many moments and experiences I shared with Father Elias were instrumental in my growth as a young man, and the lessons I took away from them are still guiding me today.

After I graduated from Delbarton, I continued to stay connected with Father Elias through my family and the school

network. Whether it was a small Mass Father Elias celebrated or a large alumni event, I always enjoyed reconnecting and sharing updates on my life. Even when Father Elias was selected as the prior of Sant'Anselmo in 2009 and our in-person visits became less frequent, I still made sure to follow his progress through friends and family.

When I made the decision to get married, I couldn't think of anyone else who I would want to officiate my wedding. Over a few months of emails, phone calls and a brief meeting at the Morristown Diner to introduce my fiancée, Father Elias graciously accepted my request and organized one of his stateside visits from Italy to be there on my wedding day. It really made it special to have someone who has been such a big part of my educational and spiritual development still connected and committed to sharing major life moments.

I was even able to visit Father Elias a few years later in Rome, where he again proved to be both guide and educator, showing us the impressive view of the Aventine Keyhole and sharing a great meal with my wife and me at a favorite local restaurant.

Father Elias has been a hugely positive influence on my life to date and I look forward to many more shared experiences in the years ahead.



Bishop Elias, Bishop Saporito and Bishop Studerus helped celebrate the annual Chrism Mass with Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on June 8.

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The armorial bearings assumed by Bishop Studerus reflect those things he values most in his life as well as his family background.



Bishop Studerus' motto is "Forget Not His Love." (Ps 103)

MOST REV. GREGORY J. STUDERUS TITULAR BISHOP OF TARASA IN BYZACENA AND AUXILIARY BISHOP OF NEWARK EPISCOPAL VICAR FOR HUDSON COUNTY

‘Community and connection are possible’

By Melissa McNally
Editor

“I had never even been to Hudson County before I became a priest,” Bishop Gregory J. Studerus confessed.

Raised in West Orange, he recalled only passing through the area on his way to New York City. Ordained on May 31, 1980, he has served Hudson County for his four decades of priestly ministry.

ment,” the bishop always wanted to minister in a diverse area. “When I was ordained, I wanted to be in a city parish. I had studied art and I wanted to be in a dynamic, exciting assignment. Being in a city was attractive to me,” he explained.

Bishop Studerus was raised in the Orange Valley area by his faithful parents, John and Ann, who were parishioners of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Orange. “My parents were practicing Catholics

Maryknoll missionary priest like two of his friends.

“I was getting older, so I knew I had to make a decision,” Bishop Studerus said. In his mid-20s, he confided in a priest friend, Msgr. Thomas O’Leary, formerly from his home parish, who was then dean of students at Immaculate Conception Seminary. “After one year of prayerful thought, I went to class on Saturday mornings at Darlington. I was then accepted into the seminary.”

During his first assignment at St. Aloysius Parish, he studied Spanish in Mexico, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. This was the beginning of a lifelong ministry in the archdiocese to the Spanish-speaking population that continues to this day.

In 1997, he was the founding pastor of Parish of the Resurrection in Jersey City, which included the former parishes of St. Boniface, St. Bridget, St. Mary, St. Michael and St. Peter. Facilitating the merger would prove to be an invaluable experience for him.

“The parishes needed something—they needed a change. It was interesting to see the dynamic between all the churches that were so close to each other. We had to find ways they could complement each other so we could all work together. We still need a lot of that collaboration today,” Bishop Studerus said.

Since 2005, he has served as pastor of St. Joseph of the Palisades in West New York, said to be the largest Hispanic parish in the archdiocese and among the largest overall.

“I still don’t understand how we kept this all going. We have about 3,500 parishioners attend Mass every weekend. It’s a big operation with a lot of wonderful people helping out,” Bishop Studerus said. “About 80 percent of the parishioners who attend the weekend Masses are Hispanic. All of the many nationalities represented have different traditions and devotions.”

Running such a bustling and diverse urban parish is a testament to the hard-work-

ing staff and laypeople, he said. In his address to the archdiocese after he was appointed bishop, he described the lay men and women in the parishes he served as “my inspiration and my consolation in faith.”

“The attitude that I’ve had is to welcome people as they are—with their devotions, ideas and cultures. Each day, there was another event. It is a tremendous credit to the faith life of the people in Latin America,” he explained. “What wonderful people I’ve had to work with. They have been so supportive. Someone once described the parish on a Sunday morning like a village with people coming and going and children all around. It’s wonderful.”

The parish also supports Academy of St. Joseph of the Palisades Elementary School. “The school is a thriving place,” he explained.

In preparing for his new role, one of his priorities was finalizing the transition for the new pastor of St. Joseph of the Palisades. “I have been there for 15 years. I love the parish and I love the people there. It was not easy to pick up and move,” he said.

However, the new bishop will remain in familiar territory. He has relocated to St. Aloysius in Jersey City, the site of his first assignment. He will also have offices at nearby Hudson Catholic High School.

“I have been an episcopal vicar for Hudson County for the past three years. I have a better understanding of the county,” Bishop Studerus said. “There is a need for improved communication in the diocese and Cardinal Tobin understands that and I hope to help in that.”

He said he hopes to build “connectedness” between priests, parishes and the chancery. “There needs to be collaboration in the community—auxiliary bishops facilitate that,” he said. “I saw while working in Jersey City that community and connection are possible. I saw firsthand the vitality of a community working together. I would like to be one to foster that. I am extremely honored that I was asked to be an auxiliary bishop. I hope I can fulfill what is asked of me.”



Photos courtesy of Bishop Gregory J. Studerus

Bishop Studerus was named Chaplain to His Holiness by Pope Benedict XVI in 2005. He is pictured celebrating becoming a monsignor with his family in front of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

“Since my first assignment as parochial vicar at St. Aloysius Parish in Jersey City, I’ve never left Hudson County,” Bishop Studerus said. From 1990 to 1997, he served as pastor of St. Bridget Parish, also in Jersey City. He was named dean of the Jersey City Downtown Deanery, a position he would hold again from 2002 to 2005. From 2013 to 2016, he served as dean of North Hudson Deanery 8 and he was appointed episcopal vicar of Hudson County in 2015.

Growing up in a “semi-urban environ-

who were involved in Rosary Society, Holy Name Society and the parish community,” he said. “I am a product of my mother and father.”

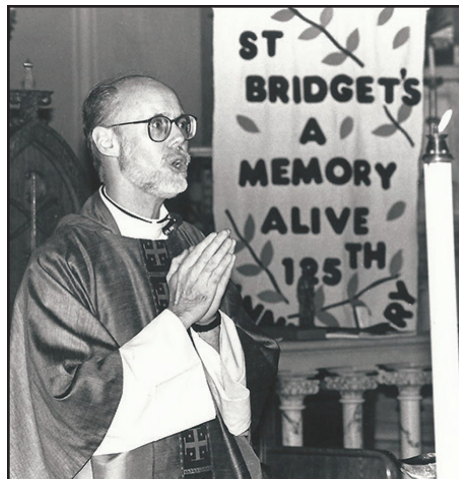
Along with his older brother and sister, he attended Our Lady of the Valley Elementary School and High School, sponsored by the “wonderful Sisters of St. Joseph, Chestnut Hill.”

At age 10, Bishop Studerus described “hearing the call” to priesthood. “I kept putting it off. I couldn’t decide if I wanted to be a priest or an artist,” he said.

After earning a degree in art education from Montclair State University, he worked as an elementary school art teacher in West Orange for five years. He also served in the National Guard while teaching. Before entering the seminary, he and his college friend opened an art gallery and workshop.

“This was three or four years before I entered seminary. We thought we were being very sophisticated,” Bishop Studerus explained. “We hosted art classes and we critiqued each other’s work. We didn’t really make any money.”

Although he had a passion for art, he still felt called to minister. “I was always interested in architecture. I even thought about going into urban design,” he admitted. He also contemplated becoming a

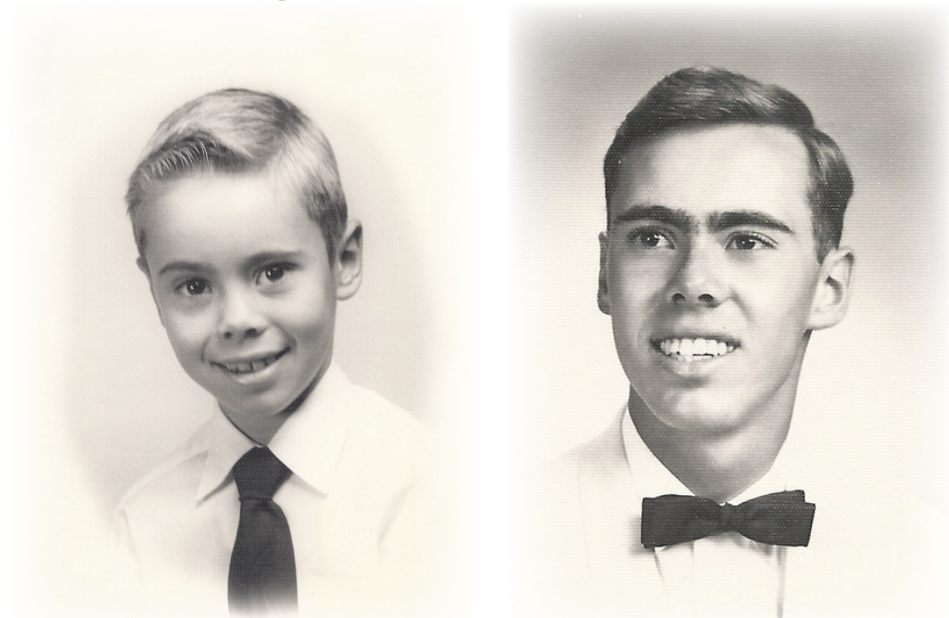


Bishop Studerus celebrated the 125th anniversary Mass at St. Bridget Parish, Jersey City.



Bishop Studerus celebrated his first Mass at Our Lady of the Valley, Orange.

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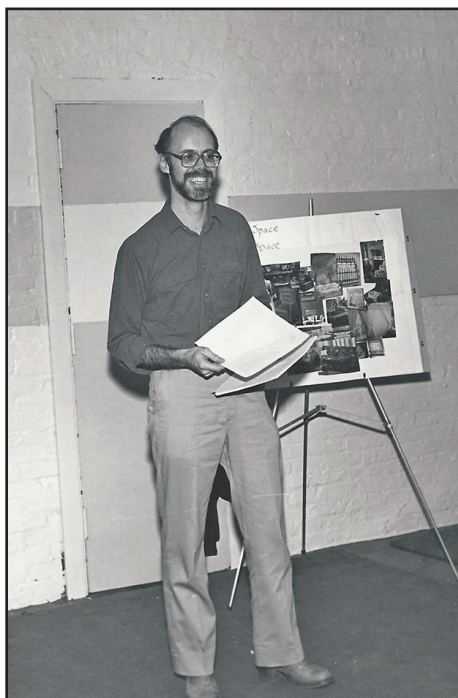
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A young Bishop Studerus.

A portrait of Bishop Studerus at Our Lady of the Valley High School in Orange in 1966.

a life in pictures



With his mother, Ann Rita, and father, Hans A. Studerus, at his ordination on May 31, 1980.



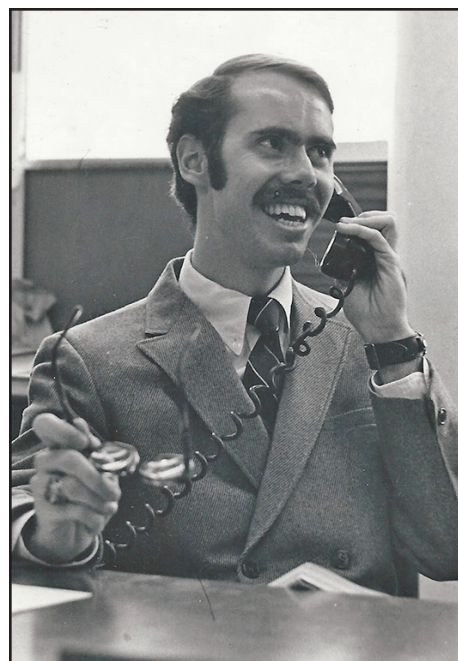
Before entering Immaculate Conception Seminary, he was an art teacher at St. Aloysius High School in Jersey City.



Celebrating his 25th priesthood anniversary with classmate Bishop Manuel Cruz on May 31, 2005, at a Carmelite Monastery in Flemington.



Pentecost Mass at St. Bridget's Church/Resurrection Parish 2001.



While attending Montclair State University, Bishop Studerus was editor of the college yearbook.



Dancing with his mother in 2004.



Bishop Studerus with friends in Camuy, Puerto Rico. He traveled to the island to learn Spanish in 1985.



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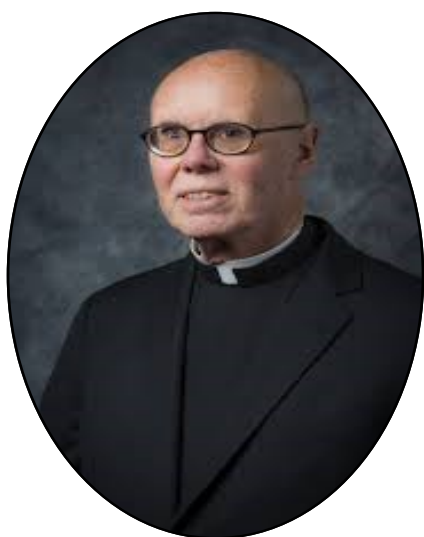
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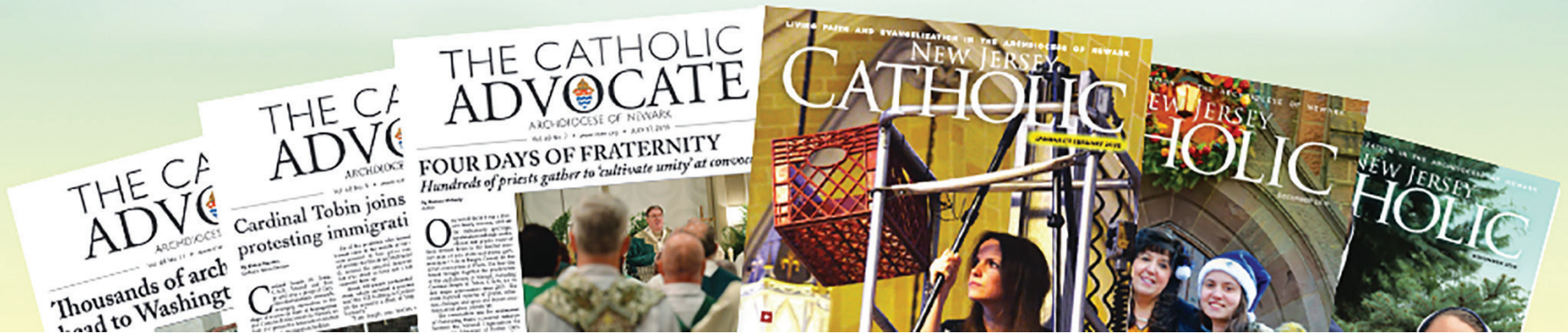
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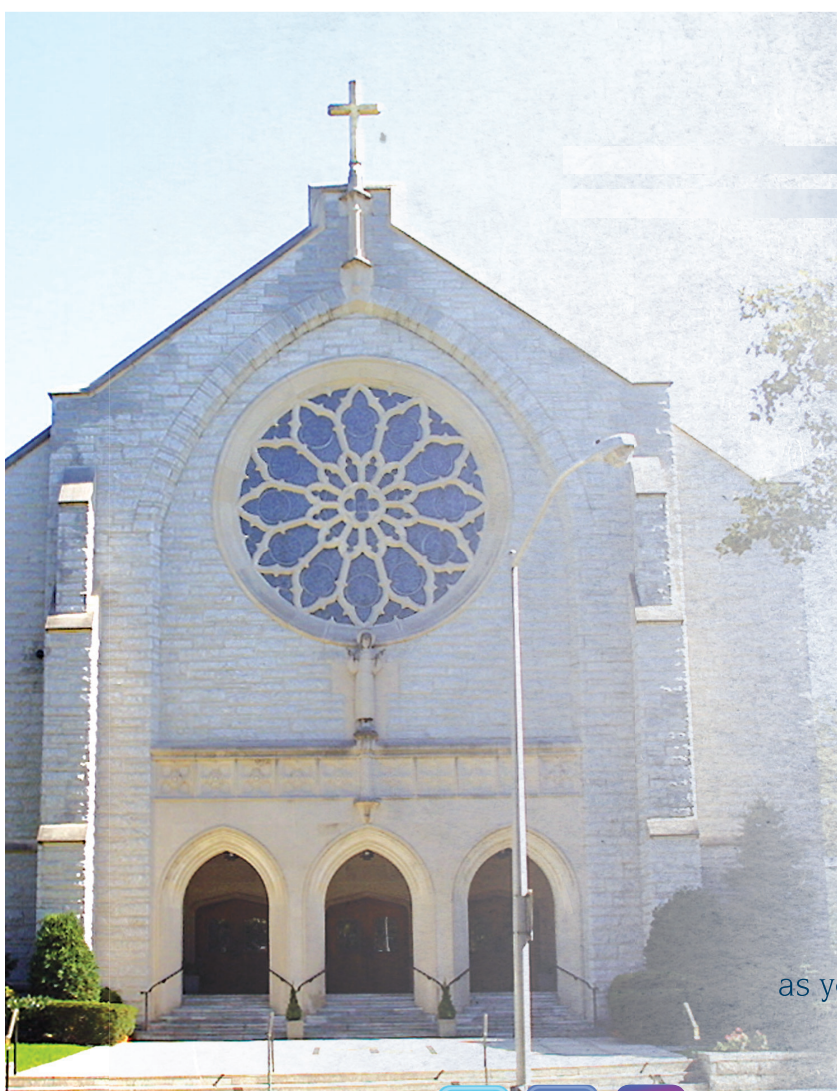
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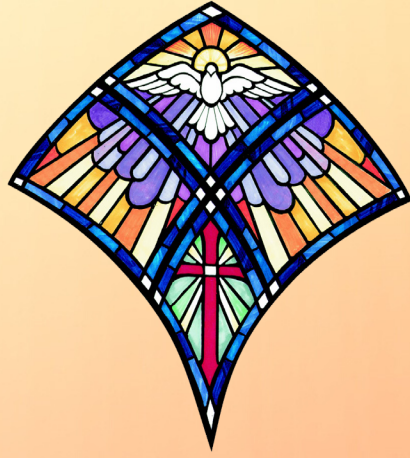
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