

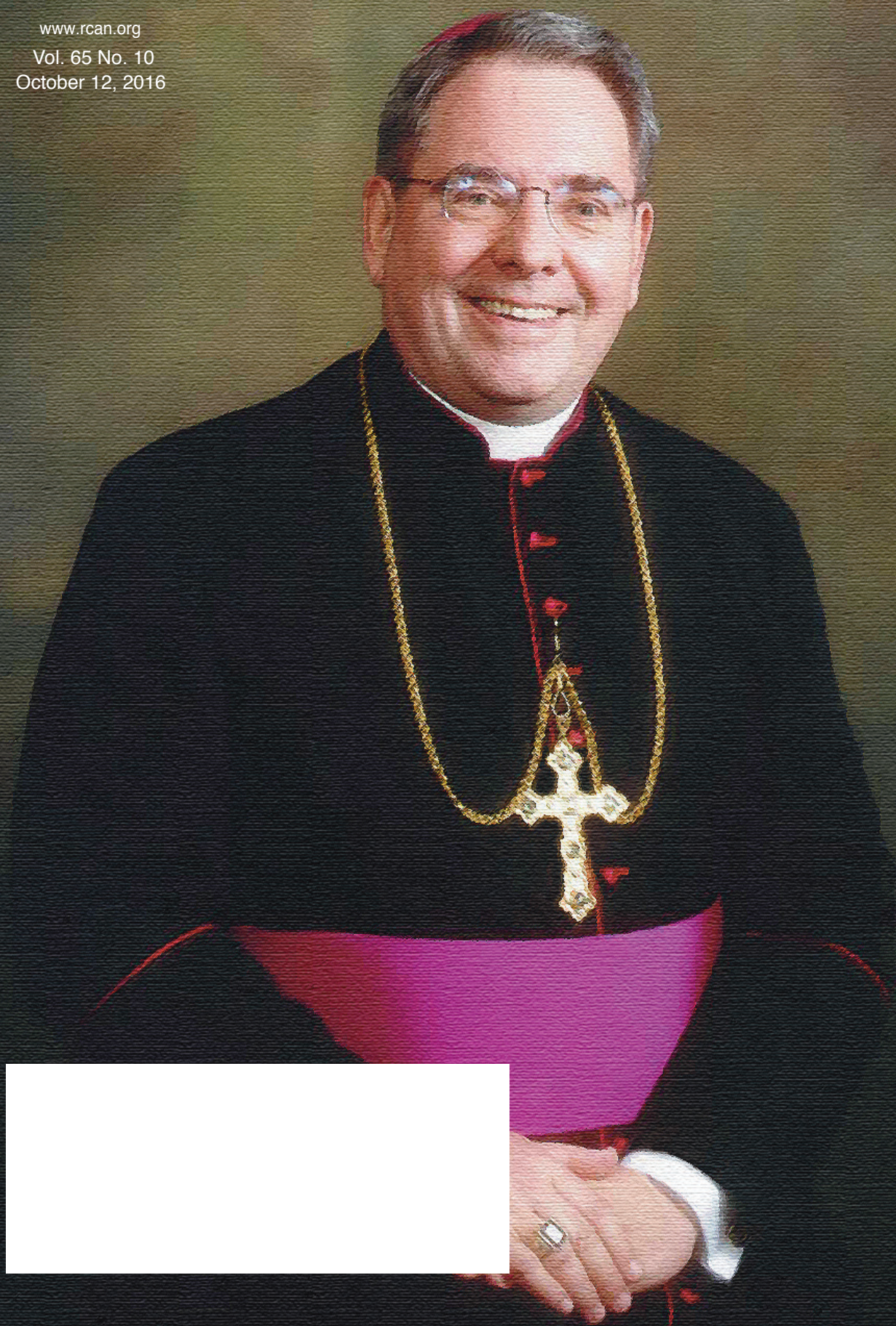


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Archbishop John J. Myers

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Archbishop Myers, a 'caring and open' shepherd

By James Goodness
Director of Communications

When you are asked to write about someone you've known over a period of 15 years, you never can tell a complete story, even when you write about someone you respect and admire.

Problem is, much of what's been reported elsewhere has been wrong, slanted or politically-driven (by political, I include perceptions about "liberal" or "conservative" Catholicism, a topic about which neither Jesus nor the Apostles spoke). That surely can make it difficult to paint a true and accurate picture of someone whom others have tried to define for their own self-interests.

But here goes.

I met Archbishop Myers on the

day before the announcement of his appointment as shepherd of this local Church of Newark. He was soft-spoken and friendly, but quiet, like many people from the Midwest I've worked with or come to know over the years. Those of us from New York and New Jersey sometimes misread "quiet" as "aloof." Quiet is not generally part of the tri-state DNA.

But in the days after Sept. 11, people quickly began to find out just how caring and open Archbishop Myers can be. Even though travel restrictions kept him away from Newark, he was on the phone continually with then-Auxiliary Bishop Paul Bootkoski and staff here to learn about how the people of the archdiocese were faring following the terrorist attack, and what we were doing to help those in need.

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James Goodness, far left, with Archbishop Myers in 2004 at a Mass held at Seton Hall University. The Mass celebrated the Catholic Schools Leadership Program.

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Requiescat in Pace—Archbishop Peter Leo Gerety

By Al Frank
Associate Publisher

After being remembered as a profoundly spiritual pastor, Peter Leo Gerety was entombed in the cathedral basilica he called home for the 12 years he was Archbishop of Newark, following a funeral Mass that drew hundreds of the faithful consecrated religious and clergy who came to honor his 77 years of ordained ministry.

Archbishop Gerety's death Sept. 20 at 104 brought to an end a retirement his former priest secretary said constituted a third period of priestly service that lasted twice

as long as his tenure as chief shepherd of Newark.

"As assistant and support to his two successors and to fellow Christians on the pilgrimage, freed from administration, Archbishop Gerety remained pastorally present to us more actively than before," Rev. Msgr. John E. Doran said in his homily.

"Priest funerals and visits to the sick remained a priority (as did) accepting all invitations to parishes, diocesan events and the national and global church as the calendar would accept."

At his death, Archbishop Gerety was the oldest archbishop in the world, having lived through 10 papal elections and championing

the teachings of Vatican Council II, which ended in 1965, the year before he was ordained a bishop.

At the Sept. 26 Mass, the first reading from Genesis 5 told of patriarchs before the Flood who each lived for centuries, including Enoch, who "walked with God." Msgr. Doran said such longevity was considered a divine reward for righteousness that enabled the men to share their wisdom across generations.

"Archbishop Gerety's longevity of 104 years spanned the 20th and 21st centuries, walking with God and walking with us and shepherding us in righteousness and wisdom."

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The Most Reverend John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark and President, New Jersey Catholic Conference, On the Current Ad Campaign by Catholics for Choice

Catholics have the same freedom as other citizens in making choices. They also have the duty to follow a well-formed conscience, a conscience formed not by fad or personal convenience, but by Catholic teaching.

Catholic faith and teaching have condemned abortion since the earliest days of the Church. Every unique human life begins at conception. Every unborn human being shares with every other member of the human family a basic moral right to life.

Through pregnancy help centers and other programs, the Catholic Church brings love and mercy and caring to mothers and children according to the call of the Gospel. And with equal love and mercy and caring, the Church works to heal the wounds of every woman or man who has struggled with

the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion.

Sadly, there are those who purport to be Catholic who believe that they can condone abortion. But abortion is radically inconsistent with the Catholic faith. Anyone who helps to make abortion more widely available commits a grave injustice against the most vulnerable members of the human family. Those who openly commit such instances while purporting to espouse Catholic faith not only undermine the teaching of the Church, but also seriously weaken their own relationship with the Church, the Body of Christ.

To make sure everyone understands how misguided the Catholics for Choice effort is, read these few words from Pope Francis: “Abortion is without a doubt one of the greatest moral evils within modernity.”

► *The teaching of the Catholic Church on the sanctity of all human life – especially life in the womb – has been clearly and unequivocally expressed by Pope Francis, both during his papacy and as Cardinal Bergoglio:*

“Life must be protected with utmost care from the first moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes.”

“Abortion is without a doubt one of the greatest moral evils within modernity.”

“The right to life is the first human right. Abortion is killing someone that cannot defend himself or herself.”



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This message has been sponsored by the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey in response to a recent nationwide ad campaign by Catholics for Choice that misrepresents the Catholic Church’s teaching on abortion.

To learn more about the Church’s efforts to protect all human life – from conception to natural death – visit uscbb.org/about/pro-life-activities/

October 13

Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, Father Jim Martin presents "Encountering Jesus: Meeting the Jesus of History and the Christ of Faith," 7:30-9 p.m., \$30, to register e-mail retreathouse@loyola.org, call (973) 539-0740 or visit www.loyola.org.

October 14

St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Cresskill, "Becoming the Church of Mercy" concert featuring composer Dan Schutte, 7:30 p.m., Schutte will also lead a workshop for liturgical ministers Oct. 15 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., \$20 person, contact Adrian Soltys at asoltys@sttherescresskill.org or (201) 567-2528 ext. 313.

Maryknoll Sisters, fund-raising gala "United Through Mission," at the United Nations in New York City, 6 p.m., call (914) 941-7575 ext. 5639 or visit www.maryknollsisters.org/gala16.

October 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Parish, Ridgewood, career ministry fall/winter workshop, 1 p.m., call Carol Shea at (201) 447-4215 or Tom Lewis at (201) 445-1864.

Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, blessing and dedication of the Shrine of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich by Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, at Holy Family Chapel, 3 p.m., (973) 290-5313.

Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township, open house, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., call (201) 445-6800 or visit www.ihanj.com.

October 20

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington, 15 percent of meals purchased at Stingers Classic Grill will be donated to Mary's Meals, 11:30 a.m. until close, (973) 778-7405.

Saint Mary Parish, Rutherford, bereavement support group, 7:30-9 p.m., continues Thursday evenings through Nov. 10, call (201) 438-2200 or e-mail rcansmr@aol.com.

October 23

Mount Saint Mary Academy, Watchung, open house, 1-4:30 p.m., call (908) 757-0108 ext. 4506 or visit www.mountsaintmary.org.

October 27

Community of God's Love, Rutherford, presentation on the apparitions of Lourdes and Fatima, Mass at 7 p.m. followed by presentation at 7:30 p.m., call (201) 935-0344 or e-mail secretary@thecgl.org.

October 28

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children, Newark, Fall Benefit Concert at Enlow Hall on the campus of Kean University in Union, visit www.KeanStage.com/SFIC or call (908) 737-7469.

October 29

Don Bosco Prep, Ramsey, open house, 6:30 -8:30 p.m., call (201) 327-8003 or e-mail admissions@donboscoprep.org.

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Newark, 10th Annual Men's Day, "Merciful Like the Father," 9:30 a.m., at Most Blessed Sacrament Friary, (973) 622-6622 or visit www.NewarkFriary.org.

October 30

Don Bosco Prep, Ramsey, open house, 1-3 p.m., call (201) 327-8003 or e-mail admissions@donboscoprep.org.

November 2

Holy Spirit Parish, Union, Holy Hour for Life, 7:30-8:30 p.m., (908) 687-3327.

November 3

St. Mary High School, Rutherford, fall fashion show/tricky tray, at The Fiesta in Wood-Ridge, 6 p.m., \$50, (201) 933-5220 or e-mail Lillian Dahl at lkgdahl@gmail.com.

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November 11

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life, Marriage and Liberty, 7:30 p.m., call Lauren Egan at (973) 497-4327 or e-mail evangelization@rcan.org.

November 12

Annunciation Parish, Paramus, Life in the Spirit Seminar,

a parish and personal renewal weekend experience, begins at 8 a.m., through Nov. 13, call Ninette Petruzzello at (201) 401-2580 or e-mail npet@verizon.net.

November 15

Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Hillside, 6th Annual Teen Hunger Summit, at Seton Hall Prep in West Orange, 9-11:15 a.m., call Laura S. Sodano

at (908) 355-3663 ext.279 or e-mail lsodano@cfnj.org.

December 2

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington, Christmas excursion to the Westchester Broadway Theatre, \$120 includes transportation, dinner and show, RSVP by Oct. 24, call Ginny Topolski at (201) 715-2087.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

**PASTORS**

Reverend Anthony J. Randazzo, Parochial Vicar of Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield, has been appointed pastor there, effective Oct. 1.

Reverend Dermot Roache, S.M.A., has been appointed Temporary Administrator of Christ the King Parish, Jersey City, effective Oct. 23.

Reverend Joseph A. Mancini, Pastor of Saint Stephen Parish, Kearny, has been granted a second six-year term to his Pastorate ending Feb. 1, 2023.

Reverend Thomas Thottungal, Pastor of Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, Jersey City, has been granted a second six-year term to his Pastorate ending Feb. 1, 2023.

DEAN

Reverend Michael J. Kreder, Pastor of Saint Mary Parish, Rutherford, has been appointed Dean of Deanery 7 South Bergen for a five-year term, effective Sept. 29.

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Reverend Thomas F. Blind has been appointed Parochial Vicar at Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, effective Oct. 1.

Reverend Anastacio Villaluz, C.R.M., has been appointed Parochial Vicar at Saint Joseph Parish, Lodi, effective Sept. 8.

RETIREMENTS

(All effective Oct. 1)

Reverend Gregory J. D'Emma has been granted retirement.

Reverend Monsignor John E. Doran has been granted retirement.

Reverend Monsignor Joseph P. Masiello has been granted retirement.

***CORRECTION**

Reverend Jacek Marchewka, Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Mahwah, has been appointed Temporary Administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish, Mahwah, effective Aug. 17.

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Caldwell University professor founds new Catholic poetry journal

CALDWELL—English professor Mary Ann B. Miller is the editor of a new professional, Catholic poetry journal that is affiliated with the English Department at Caldwell University.

Presence: A Journal of Catholic Poetry is an independent journal planned for annual publication each spring. It is a venue for poetry written by authors whose work is informed by the Catholic faith.

"I am starting this journal because currently there are Catholic periodicals that print both fiction and poetry as well as those that publish articles on Catholic culture, but none that are devoted exclusively to poetry," Miller said.

To debut next spring, the journal will publish poems, "informed by the Catholic faith on the basis of their artistic excellence, rather than on the basis of the author's professed creed or because the subject

matter is explicitly Catholic," Miller said.

"On the other hand," she added, "poems that do contain overt references to Catholic concepts, such as the saints, priests, nuns, the mysteries of the rosary, just to name a few, are welcome. Many poets have told me over the years that they don't believe their poems that contain these kinds of references have been taken seriously by most journals. My hope is that *Presence* will provide a venue for these poems because artistic merit and references to Catholic images are not mutually exclusive."

What makes a poem Catholic is that it contains underlying theological assumptions, "the chief of which is the operation of God's grace in the world." As *Presence's* mission statement further explains: "The poems in this journal convey God's presence in any num-

ber of ways—by exploring the intersection of matter and spirit, by depicting the struggle between belief and doubt, by questioning the faith, being surprised by it, taking joy in it, even finding humor in it."

Miller added that "despite some important differences among the various Christian denominations, there is a great deal of common ground that exists among them, and so the journal will necessarily take on an ecumenical flavor. For example, we welcome poems that contain a kind of dialogue between Jewish and Christian or even atheist and Christian voices."

Miller has created a journal editing course in which students read poems submitted for possible publication and write reviews of individual collections of poetry by contemporary authors. The class is running for the first time this fall.



Mary Ann B. Miller

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Two Catholic elementary schools awarded Blue Ribbon

U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King Jr. recently announced the 329 National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2016. Among those schools are Saint Cassian School in Upper Montclair and Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Franklin Lakes. The award is based on overall academic excellence. The schools in the Archdiocese of Newark have been recognized as "Exemplary High Performing Schools."

The schools join the other 17 schools in the archdiocese which have received the distinction since 2011. To date, 27 percent of archdiocesan Catholic elementary schools have been recognized.

"National Blue Ribbon Schools are proof that we can prepare every child for college and meaningful careers," King

said. "Your schools are on the cutting edge, pioneering innovative educational practices—professional learning communities, project-based learning, social and emotional learning, positive behavior systems—making you shining examples for your communities, your state and the nation."

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. The award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. The National

Blue Ribbon Schools flag gracing a school's building is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning.

Now in its 34th year, the program has given the award to about 8,500 schools. On Nov. 7 and 8, the Department of Education will formally recognize the 279 public and 50 private schools at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.



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Father Charles M. Kelly visited Saint Cassian School in Upper Montclair.



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Timothy J. Saburn, Head of School at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit, has been awarded a fully-funded fellowship to the Klingenstein Center for Independent School Leadership's 2017 Heads of Schools Program at Teachers College, Columbia University. Established in 1991, the honor is granted to just 20 Heads of Schools annually. Saburn was selected along with administrators from across the continental United States in addition to participants from China, South Africa, Brazil, Germany, Sweden, Cote D'Ivoire and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



Submitted photo

Mother Seton launches engineering programs

CLARK—Mother Seton High School hopes to inspire future engineers by initiating two new programs. In the courses, students will enjoy hands-on exposure in the soon-to-be dedicated Sister Regina Martin Engineering Center.

“Engineering Design Process,” students will encourage students to develop 21st century skills necessary to create, design, and innovate real-world challenges and solutions. Mother Seton is one of 11 schools in the archdiocese to offer this new course as part of its curriculum. At Mother Seton, a group of 20 juniors and seniors will be the first participants.

The school did not have to look far to find the right teacher to begin its engineering program. Katherine Sullivan has taught physics at the school since 1994. Prior to that, she spent eight years as an engineer for New Jersey Bell. Sullivan, who has an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering and a master’s in engineering management from NJIT, brings real experience to the classroom.

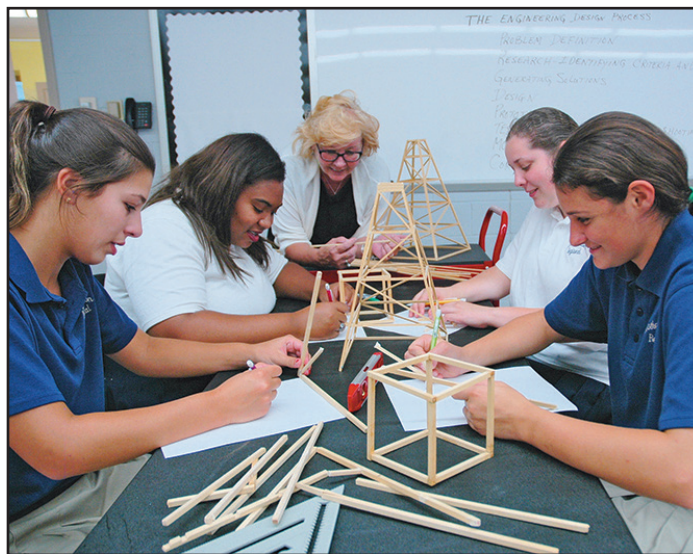
“I am excited about this pro-

gram,” said Sullivan. “The girls will be learning to think outside the box. They will study the science behind things and use their creativity. They will be exposed to what real engineers do on a daily basis.” She believes combining their existing science and mathematics skills with their imagination, students will create the future.

In the first quarter, students will design new modes of air, sea, and land transportation. In cooperative learning groups, students will brainstorm, build prototypes, and test-run their creations.

In the second course, “Exploring Engineering,” students will focus on computer programming and electronics. The class will be taught by Louella Estillero, a 2010 graduate of Mother Seton High School. Estillero earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Northeastern University and is currently a math teacher at the high school.

Her love for programming started in college and was fueled this summer when she participated in an intensive training program



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Left to right, students Sofia Coelho, Sophia Duncan, Madeline Motyczka and Catie Koenig with engineering instructor Katherine Sullivan.

for teachers. Estillero wrote programs in a variety of computer languages, built and tested circuits, and programmed electronics to perform different tasks.

“Exploring Engineering” is a

two-year program. The first is dedicated to coding, and the second is spent working with electronics. Mother Seton is one of four schools in the Archdiocese of Newark offering the course.



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teacher celebrates 50th jubilee**

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP— Sister Margaret Gaffikin, F.S.P., a religious studies teacher at Immaculate Heart Academy, recently celebrated her 50th jubilee.

Sr. Margaret entered the Franciscan Sisters of Peace on Sept. 8, 1966. Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland she was raised in Queens, NY.

As part of her ministry with the Franciscan Sisters of Peace, Sr. Margaret has worked as a childcare worker, an elementary school and high school teacher, and a Formation Director, for young women who entered her community. She has served as a pastoral associate in parishes throughout New Jersey and New York, and was the Congregation Minister (president) for eight years.

Sr. Margaret, a Lincoln Park resident, is in her 12th year of teaching at Immaculate Heart Academy.

“My vocation is a gift that has given me many opportunities to develop into the person I am today through God’s graces,” she reflected. “It has been a privilege to serve the people of God in the variety of ministries over the years. So many people have touched my life—especially the students I have had the pleasure to teach.”

Sr. Margaret said the young women she encounters each day at the academy continue to energize and inspire her with their generosity. She feels they mirror a future of great possibilities for both the church and the world. “We need women of faith and commitment who will stand up for their values, especially when they are counter-cultural,” she shared. “How fortunate I am to be among the administration, faculty, and staff who are committed to passing Gospel values to those young women entrusted to our care.”

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At the start of the 2016-17 school year, Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains welcomed 10 new faculty and staff members. Joining the Union Catholic family are, left to right: Richard LaBelle; Anastasia Patrignani; Kristy Rose; Debra Pachucki; Lisa Bechtold; Maura McGovern; Chiara Duane; Pamela Sawicki; and Rosalie Intartaglia.

Laurel Doyle, a senior at Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung, is one of 16,000 students to be named by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a semifinalist in the 62nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Laurel will have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth approximately \$33 million that will be offered next spring. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to become finalist and about half will receive a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title. "Laurel is a dedicated scholar who possesses tremendous drive and talent," said Sofia Santos, director of Student Services at Mount Saint Mary. "Her innate intelligence and her genuine interest in the world has led her to earn prestigious accolades such as this one. The academy is very proud of Laurel and her many achievements."



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Rahway parish celebrates 'Morning of Mercy'

By Kelly Marsicano

RAHWAY—Hundreds of people packed the pews and stood along the back and side aisles of Divine Mercy Parish to receive the graces of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

A Morning of Mercy, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark Evangelization Commission, was held September 24 at the Union County parish. It is one of eight pilgrimage churches in the archdiocese designated by Archbishop John J. Myers during this Jubilee Year.

Pilgrims were invited to pray, go to confession, partake in adoration,

walk through the Holy Door, and celebrate Mass. Performing these actions allow the faithful to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence, which is a remission of the punishment for sin. The Jubilee Year ends Nov. 20.

The morning began with music and welcoming remarks from Father John Gordon, Coordinator of the Office for Evangelization, who spearheaded the event and served as the main celebrant.

"We really wanted to highlight the grace of the Jubilee Year, the grace of the indulgence that Pope Francis made available in a generous way," Fr. Gordon said.

Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Reilly, who Pope Francis appointed as a Missionary of Mercy within the archdiocese, was the keynote speaker. The Holy Father's intention for this extraordinary year is to "re-discover and render fruitful God's mercy," Msgr. Reilly emphasized that theme.

"Mercy is the foundation of the life of the Church," he said. "We can see the face of the Father in the way we extend mercy to others."

Msgr. Reilly is rector of the Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall University in South Orange.

After his presentation, the congregation was invited for a quiet, reflective holy hour, confession, and the opportunity to pass through the Holy Door.

"For a place that was packed and required a lot of movement, to have the right focus on the Blessed Sacrament, it was a surprisingly prayerful

time," Fr. Gordon said.

Celebration of Mass rounded out the Morning of Mercy, which lasted more than three hours.

"I wasn't expecting it to be this powerful," said Maria Trovini, a pilgrim from Our Lady Queen of Peace, Maywood. "The world needs forgiveness and mercy. I'm grateful to the Pope for reminding us that we need this. You forget how freeing forgiveness is," she added.

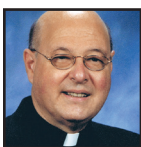
"It has been beautiful," said Liliana Valencia, a pilgrim from Saint John the Evangelist, Bergenfield. "I came late, but got a seat up front and was the first to confession. I was meant to be here."

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington will be held October 22. The day consists of Confession, music, praying the rosary, and Mass. For more information, visit www.rcan.org/pilgrimage.

Obituaries

Father Floyd J. Rotunno

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 8 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Mahwah, for Father Floyd J. Rotunno, 75, who died Sept. 3.



Fr. Rotunno was ordained March 21, 1970 in Columbus, OH. In 1970 he was assigned to Don Bosco Preparatory High School, Ramsey, as director of religious education and guidance. On October 12, 1979, Fr. Rotunno was incardinated into the Archdiocese of Newark.

He was a teacher at Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains and director of Oratory Preparatory School in Summit. He was pastor at Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Summit, and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Mahwah.

served the nursery school children, poor, and the parish community until 2003.

In 2003, Sr. Antonietta was called to work at Saint Nicholas Parish, Palisades Park, as superior of her religious community.

Sister Helen Gregory Cotter, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 30 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Helen Gregory Cotter, S.C., 92, who died Sept. 27.



Born in Orange, Sr. Helen Gregory entered the Sisters of Charity on Sept. 8, 1944 and was a member for 72 years.

Sr. Helen Gregory was an educator throughout New Jersey and Florida. She was a teacher at Saint Joseph School and Saint Philip Neri School, Newark; Saint Michael School, Union City; Saint Bridget School, Jersey City; Saint Mary Elementary School, Dumont; Saint Cecilia Elementary School, Englewood; and the Academy of Saint Aloysius, Jersey City.

She served as librarian at Hudson Catholic Regional High School, Jersey City. Sr. Helen Gregory was also an assistant coordinator and then coordinator at Visiting Homemakers, Jersey City. She retired to Saint Anne Villa in 1998 where she resided until her death.

Sister Antonietta Cioce, S.D.V.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 17 at Saint Michael Parish, Newark, for Sister Antonietta Cioce, S.D.V., who died Sept. 8.



Sr. Antonietta was born in Naples, Italy, and traveled to Brazil in 1968 for missionary work with the Vocationist Sisters. In 1982 she came to the United States and settled in Newark at Perpetual Help Day Nursery School. While there, she



Advocate photo - Kelly Marsicano

Fort Lee parish offers icon-making retreat

FORT LEE—Madonna Parish will sponsor an Icon Making Workshop and Retreat from Nov. 14-18 at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House in Jamaica, NY. The five-day retreat will be led by Brother Michael Moran, C.P., a member of the Passionist Order. Participants will learn about and create an icon over the period of the retreat. No prior experience is necessary.

Last year Br. Michael was commissioned to paint an icon of the Raising of Lazarus for a memorial shrine for Madonna Parish. A number of parishioners expressed an interest in learning more about the process. Father Bruce Janiga, pastor of Madonna Parish, shared with parishioners that he had met Br. Michael on a retreat where he created an icon of Saint John the Baptist.

"Art makes visible the world of the Spirit, it attempts to make meaningful that which is essentially ineffable," Br. Michael explained.

Retreat goes will create an icon of Mother of God of Peace. The image features the Madonna holding the child Jesus with an olive branch as a symbol of peace.

Participants will be provided with all the necessary materials and will be guided step by step through the process. "Br. Michael is a very patient teacher, taking time with each participant to guide them through the process," said Fr. Janiga, Madonna's pastor.

Room and board and daily Mass will be provided as part of the program. For more information, call Madonna Parish office (201) 944-2727.

The 'Culture of Life' begins in our hearts and our hands

By Sister Constance Veit, L.S.P.

Each October we observe Respect Life Month in dioceses throughout the United States. Although ending abortion remains a priority of the utmost importance, threats to the disabled and those at the end of life deserve our attention as well. The legalization of medically assisted suicide in Canada in June should serve as a wake-up call compelling us to reach out in solidarity to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

Like abortion, the operative words in the campaign for physician assisted suicide are "personal choice," "autonomy" and "control." Compassion and Choices, the leading pro-assisted suicide organization in our country, cites a 2015 Gallup survey claiming that seven in 10 Americans believe that doctors should be able to help terminally ill individuals end their lives "on their own terms... by some painless

means." The organization's Web site talks about ensuring that "you get what you want—and avoid enduring anything you don't" in relation to end-of-life care.

These sentiments strike me as particularly sad. I believe that they are based on two troubling attitudes in society: a loss of the sense of God—which leads to the mistaken idea that we are the masters of our own lives—and a corrupt idea of compassion. Our culture has taken this beautiful word—compassion—and turned it upside down. Compassion literally means "to suffer with." Compassion happens when you are confronted with another's suffering and feel motivated to relieve it. It is not pity; nor does it entail ending suffering by eliminating the person who suffers.

In a speech to Latin American medical associations this past summer, Pope Francis discussed the profound meaning of this virtue. "True compassion is undertaking to

bear the burden... This would mean the triumph over selfishness, of that 'throw-away culture' which rejects and scorns people who do not fulfill certain criteria of health, beauty and usefulness ... Compassion, this suffering-with, is the appropriate response to the immense value of the sick person, a response made out of respect, understanding and tenderness, because the sacred value of the life of the sick does not disappear nor is it ever darkened, but rather it shines brighter precisely in their suffering and vulnerability."

Pope Francis summed up his message to health professionals by quoting the counsel of Saint Camillus de Lellis, the patron of nurses and the sick: "Put more heart in those hands!" This is excellent advice for all of us. If we wish to see a society that appreciates the inviolable dignity of human life and knows how to practice true compassion, we could have no better prayer than to ask God to "put more heart in our hands."



Sister Constance Veit, L.S.P.

With more heart in our hands, may we bring a home-cooked meal to a shut-in, take a long walk with a grandfather suffering from Alzheimer's or offer an elderly neighbor a ride to church.

With more heart in our hands, may we have the compassion and courage to stand with a dying loved one to the very end, embracing them in a way that lets them know they are still worthy of our attention and care, and that they are awaited by a God who loves them even more than they can imagine.

Sister Constance Veit is director of communications for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

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"The new lung screening program provides an extra step in patient care that helps guide them through the pro-

cess with the assistance of a patient navigator," explained Gary S. Horan, President & CEO. "This screening could potentially save lives and we encourage qualifying patients to take advantage of this program."

According to Horan, more people die of lung cancer than breast, colon and prostate cancers together, making early detection critical. Major research centers show survival rates improving from 15 percent to 80 percent with new scan protocols offered by programs such as the one at Trinitas. With the scan, small tumors, which are not visible on conventional chest x-rays, can be seen at an earlier, more curable stage.

Although the new screening process requires the use of radiation to take images of the



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lungs, the amount used during the CT screening is low, about a quarter of the dose of a regular scan of the chest.

The program is recommended for those between the ages of 55-77 who have a smoking history of 30 "pack years" or more and are current smokers, or have quit in the

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Oh, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition (make request). In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glorias. St. Jude, pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena must be said for 9 consecutive days. Thank you for answering my prayer. **M.C.**

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M.C.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore of you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be. Novena is Published in Gratitude. Thank you St. Anthony. **M.C.**

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By Rev. Msgr. Edward G. Bradley

Avocation is a call and a vocation to the priesthood is a call to follow Jesus in a special way. It is a call, as the motto of Immaculate Conception Seminary shows, to be a faithful "steward of the mysteries of God".

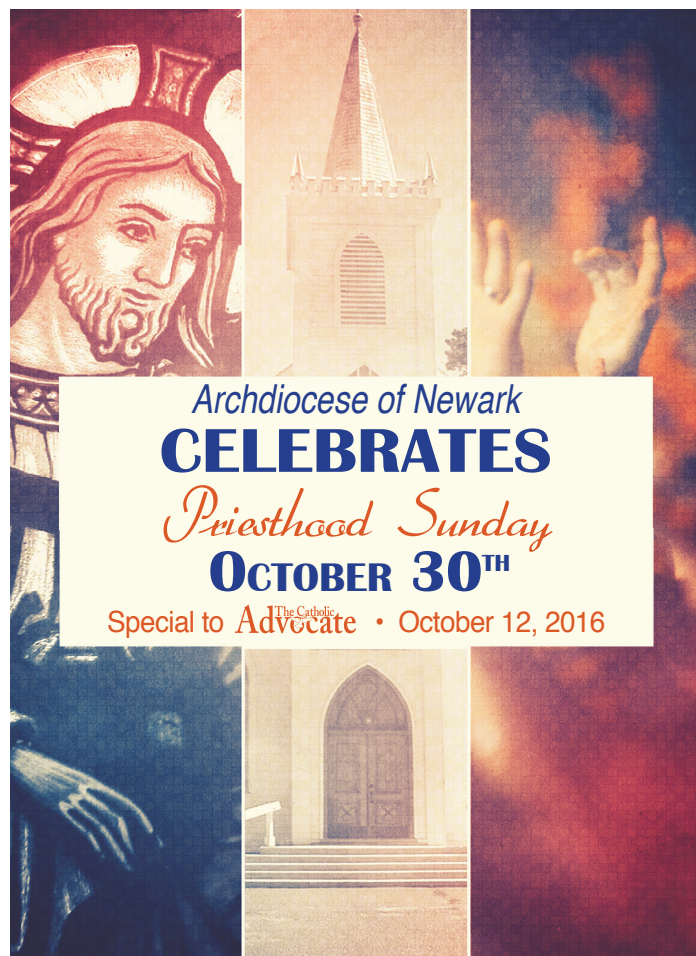
When a priest is ordained for service to the people of the Archdiocese of Newark, his assignments may include serving as a parish priest, a teacher, a chaplain, or in a role of administration or of pastoral leadership. No matter the assignment, a priest is always a man of the sacraments. As Blessed Charles de Foucauld wrote in a letter to a young friend preparing for ordination:

"Priesthood is a most precious gift. The priest... is something transcendent. Through baptism he brings souls to birth, through the sacrament of penance he purifies them, through communion he gives them our Lord's body as he himself did at the last supper, and at their deaths he helps them to appear before the Beloved by giving them their final forgiveness and their supreme strength. Every single day of his life, he does what Jesus did during his three years of ministry—he teaches people to know, love and serve their good Master. What a vocation!"

As the disciples followed Jesus 2,000 years ago, He gave them what seem to be contradictory instructions: "Put out into the deep" (Luke 5:4) and "Come aside and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). These two instructions are actually complementary. As the disciples of Jesus' time, so are the priests of today called to always further their commitment of service to God's people. They are reminded that the source of strength to serve God's people is always found in taking time aside with the Lord to truly be men of prayer.

Truly, what a vocation!

Rev. Msgr. Edward G. Bradley is director of Ministry to Retired Priests.



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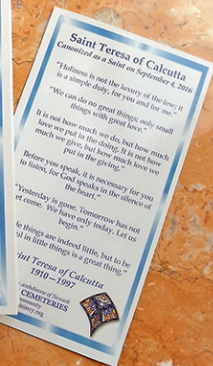
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Help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go.
Flood my soul with Thy spirit and love.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly
that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine.
Shine through me and be so in me that every soul
I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my
soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only
Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine
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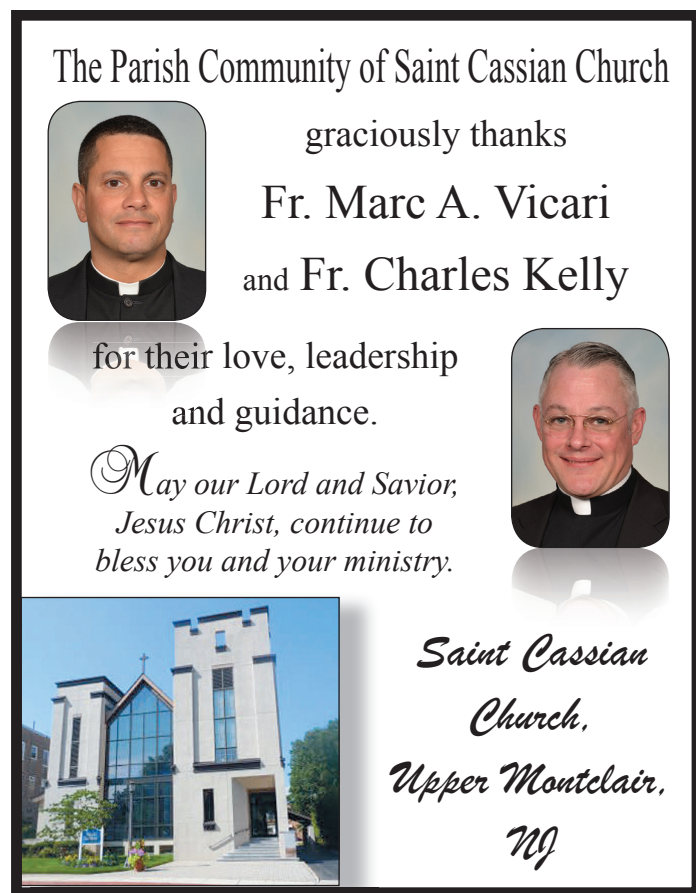
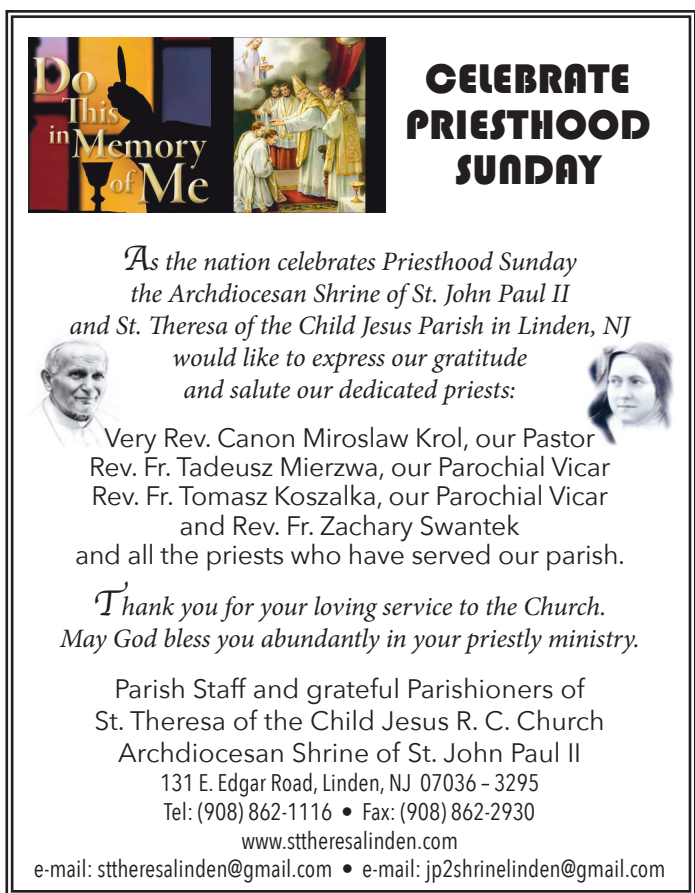
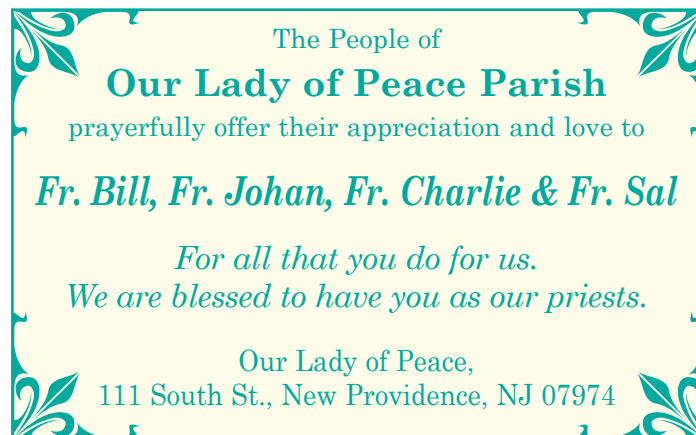
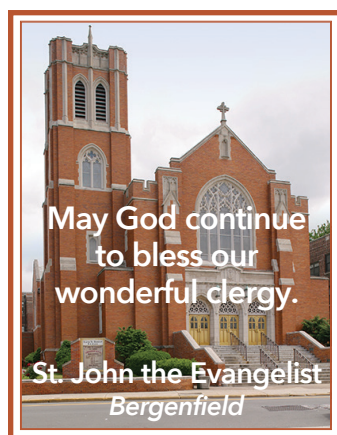
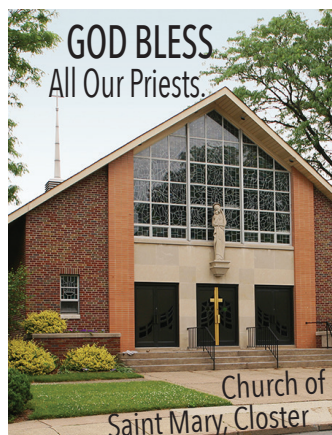
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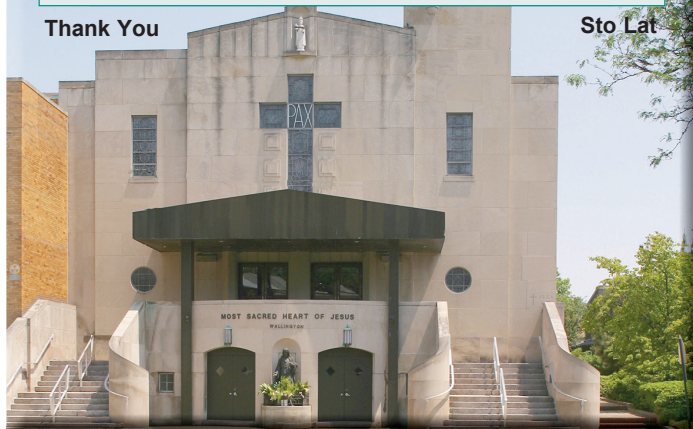


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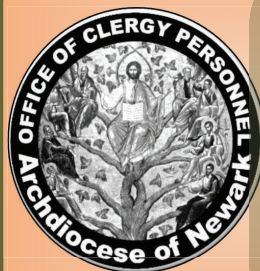
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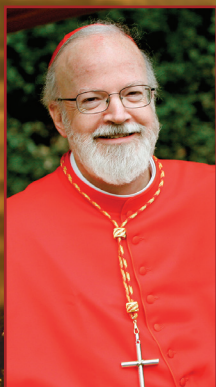
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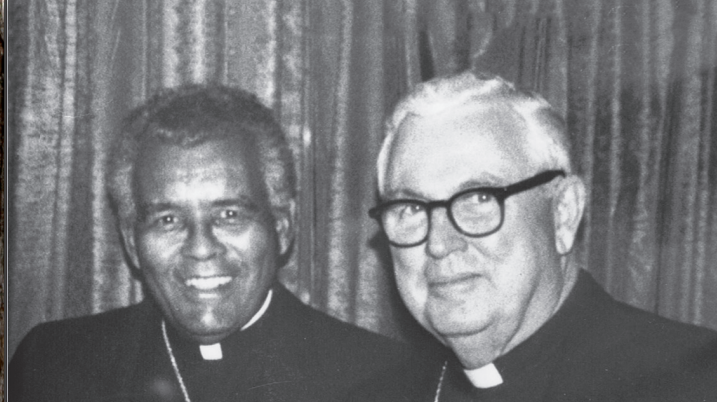
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“A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE WANT TO GIVE THEMSELVES TO A CAUSE, THERE IS NO GREATER CAUSE THAN JESUS CHRIST AND HIS PEOPLE. IF A PRIEST STRIVES TO BE A GOOD PRIEST HE WILL BE A HAPPY PRIEST. JUST IMAGINE BEING A SPECIAL FRIEND OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD AND HIS BLESSED MOTHER.”

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“WE ARE LIVING IN A WONDERFUL ERA IN THE HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. I WAS THRILLED BY THE CALLING OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL BY POPE JOHN XXIII. TO HAVE JOINED WITH SO MANY OTHERS IN CARRYING FORWARD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL’S DECISION HAS BEEN ONE OF THE GREATEST SATISFACTIONS IN MY LIFE. THE SPIRITUAL RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH IS GOING FORWARD AND IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN IT.”

Requiescat in Pace

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Archbishop John J. Myers presided at the liturgy flanked in the sanctuary by his predecessor Cardinal Theodore McCarrick and some 20 bishops while about 800 priests, deacons, consecrated religious and laity prayed and sang in the nave of the great gothic cathedral.

Places of honor with the archbishop’s nieces, nephews and their children were reserved for Missionaries of Charity and Little Sisters of the Poor. The archbishop personally requested now-Saint Teresa of Kolkata to establish a house in Newark in 1981 and the Little Sisters cared for him during his final years at their Saint Joseph Home for the Elderly in Totowa. Also singled out for their long-time service to the prelate were his administrative assistant Paula Flynn and Rev. Msgr. Francis Seymour.

Msgr. Doran recalled that the archbishop would frequently be found praying before the tabernacle in the cathedral for which he had a special fondness because it reminded him of Notre Dame in Paris where the Shelton, CT native was ordained a priest in 1939.

His wood casket was entombed in the crypt across from four of his predecessors: Archbishops Thomas A. Boland and Thomas J. Walsh and Bishops John J. O’Connor and Winand M. Wigger.

Archbishop Gerety was appointed to succeed Archbishop Boland in 1974 by Blessed Paul VI, who had named him coadjutor bishop of Portland, ME in 1966. He succeeded to the see in 1969.

Before that, he served for 27 years as a priest in the Archdiocese of Hartford, CT, for which he was ordained. Most of his ministry was spent in New Haven, where Father Gerety devoted much time to the social and spiritual needs of the black Catholic community.

He founded an interracial social and religious center, the Saint Martin de Porres Center, which became Saint Martin de Porres Parish in 1956 with Father Gerety as its first pastor. A champion of the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s, he founded the New Haven chapter of the Urban League and was a member of the Connecticut State Committee on Race and Religion and the National Catholic Conference on Interracial Justice.



Bishop Gerety was active in pro-life and social justice causes, led campaigns to protest state legislative efforts to legalize abortion, and defended the rights of conscientious objectors during the Vietnam War.

In Newark, Archbishop Gerety continued to build and strengthen outreach to Latin American and black Catholic communities in northern New Jersey. He also sought to strengthen adult faith formation in parishes. Included was the establishment of Renew International, a resource for parish-based programs aimed at invigorating Catholic women and men to act on their faith through works of charity and justice.

During the 1970s, Archbishop Gerety addressed a grim financial picture through collaboration and cooperation with a group of business leaders who succeeded in eliminating millions of dollars in debt and bringing the archdiocese back to a sound financial footing. During this time the seminary property at Darlington in Mahwah was sold and the school moved to the campus of Seton Hall University.

Under his stewardship, the archdiocese also instituted a formal parish-based, annual appeal to provide long-term support of vital parish, social service and school ministries.

Yet, as busy as Archbishop Gerety was, he maintained a routine of visiting hospitals and nursing homes and bringing Holy Communion on Christmas to homebound cathedral parishioners, Msgr. Doran said. It was all in keeping with the archbishop’s favorite saying from Saint Augustine of Hippo: “I am a bishop for you; I am a Christian like you.”

Fellow priests celebrate legacy of Archbishop Gerety

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Nydegger

Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia



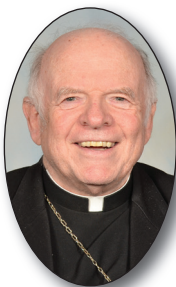
Of his over 104 years in this world, Archbishop Gerety spent 42 of them here in the Archdiocese of Newark: 12 as our archbishop and 30 in retirement, which could be well argued was hardly a retirement. While the longevity of his time with us would seal a life and legacy, in and of itself, his impact goes well beyond the mere measurement of time, as significant as that is.

While Archbishop Gerety was extremely conscious of his call to shepherd all the people of the Archdiocese of Newark, which he did so well, as evidenced in his administration and leadership here; he had a special care and concern for, and action on behalf of so many who had been historically disenfranchised which was so very consistent throughout his 77 years of priesthood. Even those who did not have the privilege of knowing or working with him closely knew of his acumen in matters intellectual and theological, mostly through his reading, reflection and prayer.

All of these realities contribute immeasurably to the legacy that Archbishop Gerety leaves for us, all of which were imbued with the vision of the Second Vatican Council. As with most lives and legacies, it can sometimes be hard to isolate the realities that are here today that would not or might not have been had someone not been here. But it would be most safe to say that he has left an immeasurable legacy in the archdiocese, moving us in a direction that will last well beyond the years of his life here.

Bishop John W. Flesey

Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and Regional Bishop for Bergen County



The last time I saw Archbishop Gerety, I was sitting next to him at a reception. The waiter brought a bottle of wine and placed it on the table. I asked the archbishop if he would like some. He nodded "yes." I poured a third of a glass, and he looked at me quite disappointed, so I poured half a glass. He continued to frown in my direction, so this time I filled his glass to the top and he gave me a big smile. That evening when I was driving home, I realized that I had discovered the secret to Archbishop Gerety's 104 years: he filled the cup of life to the brim and he drank it to the end.

Rev. Monsignor Michael A. Andreano

Vicar General and Chancellor



When someone lives on this earth as long as Archbishop Gerety—104 years—he undoubtedly would have an impact on the various worlds in which he lived; in the archbishop's case, some of those worlds were: humanity, family, faith, priesthood, and hierarchy of the Church. And, so, Archbishop Gerety did.

Equally as certain, the blessings of those worlds would have an impact on him. The archbishop was blessed with a long life among us, with a rare opportunity to see things more clearly and in a broader context than most. This undoubtedly added to his quality, enjoyment and peacefulness of life.

The outpouring of priests and people at his funeral rites was a testament to his impact and time among us, for which we give thanks to God and him.

There is no reason to believe that he did not set out each day of his life to do, as his episcopal motto says, "All things in Christ." And, so, there is no reason to believe that the Lord Jesus would not welcome the archbishop home on the last day, as one who strove to bring 'all things and people' to Him. *Requiescat in Pace*, archbishop.

Bishop Manuel A. Cruz

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Archbishop Peter Leo Gerety ordained me to the priesthood. He assigned me as parochial vicar to Sacred Heart Cathedral. So, I had the privilege of living with him in the cathedral rectory and getting to know him as a great leader and a caring shepherd.

He was bigger than life. There was always something new and exciting going on in the Archdiocese of Newark during his time here as archbishop. Yet, through it all, he was a man of deep faith and prayer. He was always close to the Lord and devoted to the Blessed Mother.

While he was not of the world, he knew the importance of being in the world. So, he was always reading a new book and keeping up with the news and the times. I think he saw this as a way to be better able to serve the people, especially the poor and the suffering.

Although he was an archbishop, he always had a priestly heart. He anointed my mother when she was ill, and for this, I will always be so grateful to him. May he rest in peace!

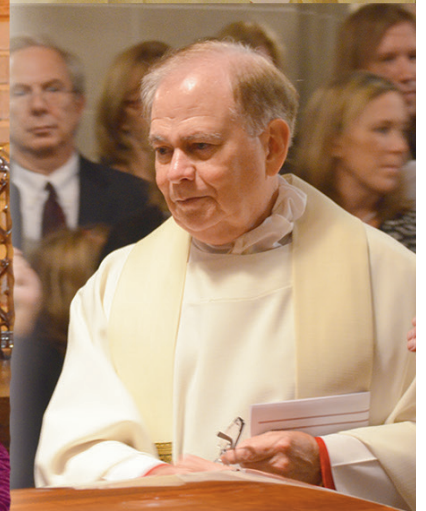
Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Emery

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Although I was only a seminarian when Archbishop Gerety retired in 1986, his legacy has impacted our archdiocese in so many ways. He was a true visionary who brought the realities of the Second Vatican Council to our archdiocese through the many ministries and programs he initiated.

Archbishop Gerety was never afraid to make tough choices and always did what he believed in his heart was best for the people of this archdiocese. When I served as vicar general several years ago, I saw the beautiful ministry he undertook reaching out to my brother priests who were struggling in a variety of ways. He will be remembered for generations to come.



Archbishop Myers, a 'caring and open' shepherd

Continued from page 3

Once he could arrive in Newark, he visited Ground Zero and met with the men and women working in the temporary crisis operations center of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. A woman there asked him for help—she said she had lost the ability to pray. Archbishop Myers gave her his rosary and told her not to worry, that even the idea that she was seeking a way to pray was itself a prayer.

In the weeks and months that followed he visited many Catholic Charities facilities—homeless shelters, homes for AIDS patients, work training centers—schools, parishes and Catholic hospitals. Mostly, he visited to meet the people who represent the Church and to learn from those whom they serve.

From those early visits has come a solid commitment by the archbishop that continues today to fund the critical work of the Church's network of social outreach agencies, as well as a similar commitment to ensure that there will be Catholic schools for every child wishing to attend. I generally accompany him on school visits—sometimes we go physically, and sometimes through Skype. He encourages the young people in our Catholic schools to ask honest and direct questions about faith, and he answers every question.

In my more than 40 years in the communications field, I have worked with many decision-makers. I can say definitively that Archbishop Myers eagerly seeks input and participation on the important issues affecting the Church and her people. He says he is able to exercise his ministry as chief teacher of faith and shepherd of this local Church because of the collaboration and cooperation of the priests, consecrated religious and lay people who work for and volunteer in the archdiocese. The decisions are his, but he actively seeks all views before making the necessary and sometimes difficult choices he must for the good of the archdiocese and her people.

There have been countless moments when Archbishop Myers reaches out personally to help someone in need, to be the face of Jesus when He is most needed. He prefers not to speak about this generally—something about not letting “the left hand know what your right hand is doing.” However, let me share with you three specific moments of which you have probably never heard.

A young Newark girl, who desperately needed eye surgery to avoid becoming blind, was able to travel across the country for essential medical attention.

A young man from a very large family who couldn't afford to travel to Poland for World Youth Day was able to make the trip and experience a deepening of faith—both for him and for his family. That strengthening of faith has been especially helpful recently, after the young man suffered severe injuries following a car accident.

In cooperation with a local hospital's social service staff, a very needy area family was able to have a Christmas celebration at a time when the mother was suffering from an incurable disease. Shortly after that Christmas, the mother died and Archbishop Myers again stepped in, with the help of a local funeral director, to arrange for her funeral and burial.

As I said, I can never tell a complete story of the past 15 years with Archbishop Myers. This is only a small part of what I have witnessed. What I will say, however, is that it has been, and continues to be, a privilege to help him in his ministry as Archbishop of Newark.



Advocate photo

Archbishop Myers with a young student at Saint John's Academy, Hillsdale, in 2005.

John Westervelt

Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark

From the very beginning of Archbishop Myers' leadership of the Archdiocese of Newark, he has demonstrated his strong and personal support of Catholic Charities. During major transitional moments when Catholic Charities was in need of assistance, both his leadership and his encouragement were evident.

Archbishop Myers has inspired Catholic Charities to clarify and bolster its specific mission and Catholic identity. Catholic Charities is grateful to Archbishop Myers for the substantial and ongoing financial support the archdiocese has provided through challenging times. This support assures that Catholic Charities is able to continue its mission of mercy to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

The archbishop has stood behind our efforts to develop affordable housing and shelter for those who may otherwise be homeless. For all this and more, Catholic Charities remains profoundly grateful for Archbishop Myers' ministry and prays that the Lord's blessings be his in abundance.



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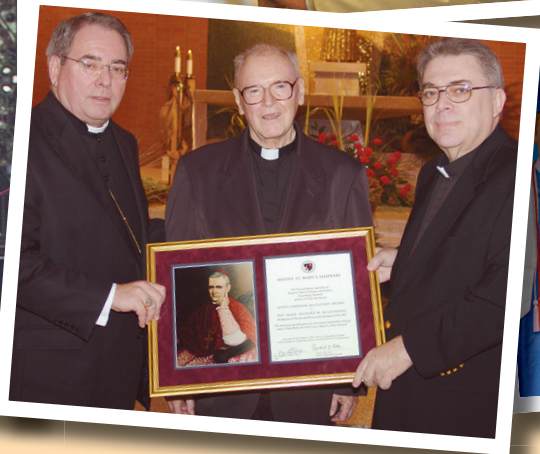
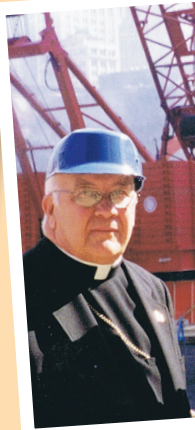
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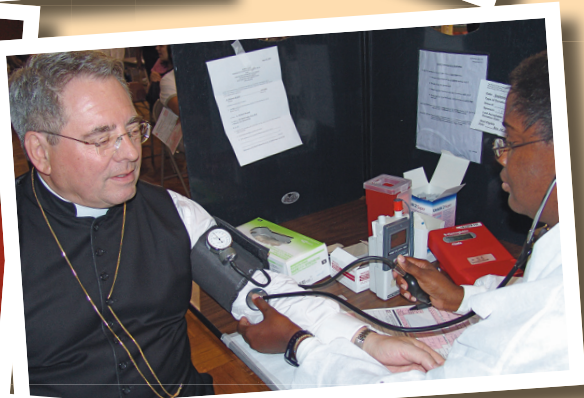
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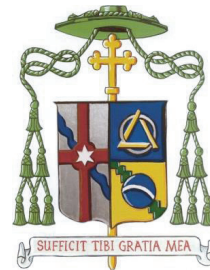
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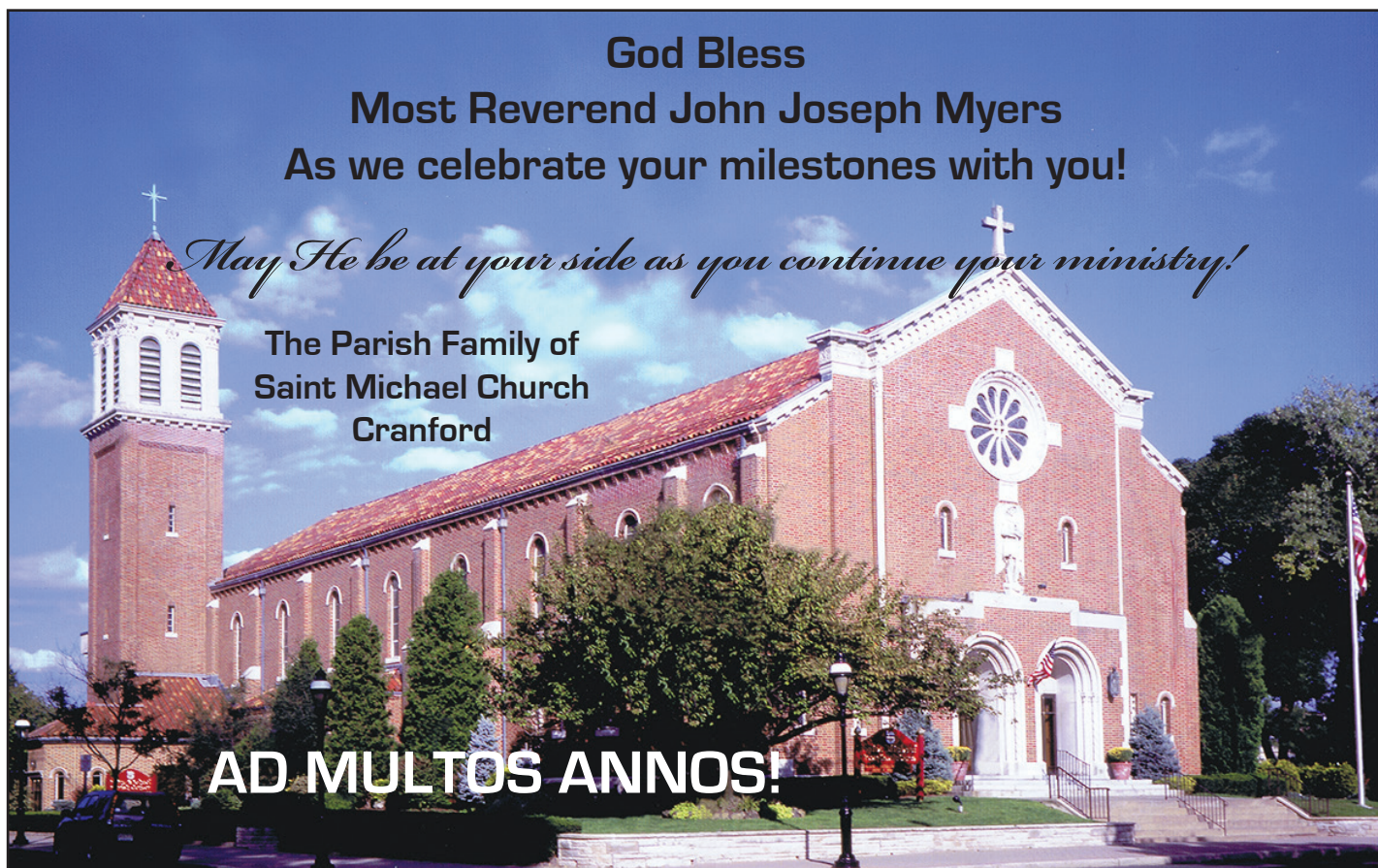
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on his many significant milestones.



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Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.,
and the Catholic faithful of the
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express heartfelt and prayerful
congratulations to
Archbishop John J. Myers
In this joyful milestone year.



We thank you for your service and leadership within the
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And we ask God to bless you with abundant
grace in the years to come.

Archbishop John J. Myers and Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., are pictured during the Closing Mass of the Diocese of Trenton's Eucharistic Congress in October, 2012. Also shown is the Papal Chair, on loan from the Archdiocese of Newark to be used throughout the Congress. The chair was originally built and used for the 1995 Mass celebrated in Giants Stadium by Pope John Paul II.



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Archbishop Myers puts on a protective lab coat before touring the Elie Katz Umbilical Cord Blood Program facility in Allendale in 2007.

The program formed an alliance with state Catholic hospitals to donate stem cells collected from placenta blood and the umbilical cords of newborns. Although the Catholic Church is against embryonic stem cell research, which results in the destruction of a human embryo, stem cells collected from the umbilical cord of a newborn do no harm to the child. Archbishop Myers deemed the initiative “a model in the state and throughout the country” for adult stem cell research. “Efforts like this partnership among the Catholic hospitals in New Jersey...will truly advance the goal of finding cures for diseases without sacrificing human life,” Archbishop Myers said.



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Archbishop Myers: 'A clear voice and leader'

By Deacon Pat Brannigan

I first met Archbishop Myers about 13 years ago during a meeting of the New Jersey Catholic Bishops and Governor Jim McGreevey at Drumthwacket, the Governor's residence in Princeton. At the time, I worked on the Governor's staff. During that meeting, I was struck by the archbishop's cordial ease of talking with the Governor and his collegial approach with the other bishops.

That morning, I had no idea that a few years later, I would be the Executive Director of the Catholic Conference and would be working with the archbishop regularly. In this special report celebrating milestone anniversaries of Archbishop John J. Myers, many will write about Archbishop Myers as a priest, bishop, scholar and leader of the archdiocese. I thought I would write about the man with whom I have had the opportunity to become a friend.



Deacon Pat Brannigan

friendly pastoral warmth.

During my tenure, the conference has addressed a number of important issues including protecting children in the womb, protecting marriage, supporting Catholic schools, reducing poverty and working for immigration reform. As the leader of the New Jersey Catholic Conference, the archbishop has been a clear voice and leader in defense of Church teaching.

I remember the year that Archbishop Myers was selected as the Grand Marshall of the Newark Saint Patrick's Parade. While his recovery from surgery prevented him from

On a personal note, the archbishop has always been kind and gracious to me. He always asks about family, and especially my granddaughter Katie who has Spina Bifida. He reminds me that she is in his prayers. In 2010, he traveled to Saint Mary's Cathedral in Trenton to participate in my ordination to the permanent diaconate—a generous gesture that my family, my classmates and I appreciated.

I have seen this generous side of the archbishop many times when Archbishop Myers and I discussed issues and people. I

GOD BLESS ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. MYERS — AD MULTOS ANNOS.

Because Archbishop Myers is the president of the New Jersey Catholic Conference, I work with him regularly on one issue or another. I especially look forward to having breakfast with him on days that the Board of Bishops meet. Our conversations cover serious topics but always with a

marching in the parade, he invited all the parade aides to his residence prior to the parade for coffee, Irish soda bread and Irish stories. It was a grand time that showed a side of the archbishop that people do not see enough—a good and decent fellow with a warm smile and a twinkle in his eye.

have observed his sensitivity for the feelings of others—a sensitivity and concern that influences not only the way he talks with or about people, but also the way that he deals with people.

Deacon Pat Brannigan is the Executive Director of the New Jersey Catholic Conference.

Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D. Archbishop of Newark

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Presenter: Nancy Erts, OP

**Schedule: Saturday, October 22,
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Fee: \$55 (includes lunch)

Julian of Norwich: A Woman of Hope for our Contemporary Journey

An introduction to the life, writing, and world of this 14th Century English mystic. Some of Julian's themes were considered revolutionary for her time and still are today.

Presenter: Jo-Ann Iannotti, OP

**Schedule: Saturday, October 29,
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New and experienced poets are welcome to join this workshop, with Ann van Buren, a Hudson-based poet, writer and educator who integrates nature, science and sensorial perception with language.

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Our Gospels are filled with unnamed people who lead us to God. Spend a morning reflecting on some hidden women in these Gospels: Peter's mother-in-law, the prodigal son's mother, the mother of the man born blind, etc. These reflections invite us to participate more deeply in Jesus' life and teachings.

Facilitator: Judy Schiavo

**Schedule: Saturday, November 19,
9:30 am to 12:30 pm**

Fee: \$25

Advent: Incarnation, Animals, and Creation

Advent is a season of creches being prepared with cows, sheep and camels, straw and stables. This workshop will focus on God becoming creature among creatures and how animals help us become more human. Join us and prepare for the miracle of Christmas.

Presenter: Don Bisson, FMS

**Schedule: Saturday, December 10,
9:30 am to 3:30 pm**

Fee: \$55

Mary: Doorway to Advent - A Morning Prayer & Reflection

Advent challenges us to be alert for the unfolding of the Spirit's movement in our lives. Mary's acceptance and embrace of her humanity can help us to know and enter our own doorway journey more fully and joyfully.

Presenters: Gaynell Cronin, Jack Rathschmidt

**Schedule: Saturday, December 17,
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with lasting good health and peace.**

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Coat of arms offers insight into life, traditions of Archbishop Myers

The motto on Archbishop John J. Myers' coat of arms reads: *Mysterium Ecclesiae Luceat* ("Let the mystery of the Church shine forth"). The motto offers a summary of the central theme of the Second Vatican Council's (1962-66) Dogmatic Constitution of the Church, known as *Lumen Gentium* ("Light of the Nations").

The first chapter of *Lumen Gentium* is entitled: "The Mystery of the Church" and begins with the proclamation that Jesus Christ is the light of humanity.

The first encyclical of Pope Paul VI, *Ecclesiam Suam* ("His Church"), which was promulgated Aug. 6, 1964, states the Church "is a storehouse of God's hidden counsels, which the Church must bring to light." Pope John Paul II, in his first encyclical *Redemptor Hominis* ("The Redeemer of Man"), promulgated March 4, 1979, declared "the Church's fundamental function in every age and particularly ours is to direct man's gaze, to point the awareness and experience of the whole humanity towards the mystery of God." These papal encyclicals inspired Archbishop Myers' choice of a motto.

The personal coat of arms, represented by the right side of the shield, consists of a green background on which there is an eagle's head enhaled and tintured in gold. In the upper portion of the shield are two silver crescents and in the base is a silver roundel or circle.

The eagle's head is the traditional symbol of Saint John the Evangelist, honoring the baptismal patron of the archbishop's late father, Melvin Wayne (Jack) Myers as well as Archbishop Myers. The eagle represents the higher vision that faith brings to life and the hope that Christians should have in the face of difficulty.

The silver roundel in the base is a symbol of the Gospels, the "pearl of great price," and the striving for the Kingdom of Heaven as recorded in the

Gospel of Saint Matthew (12:45-46). As the eagle's head honors the archbishop's father, the pearl honors the archbishop's late mother, Margaret, whose name means "pearl."

The two silver crescents in the chief, or upper section of the shield, honors the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception. She is the patroness of the North American College of Rome, where Archbishop Myers prepared for his ordination, and the Catholic University of America in Washington DC, where he earned his doctorate in Canon Law.

These crescents, which honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, memorialize the archbishop's devotion to Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. This ancient symbol of Mary is derived from the Book of Revelations 12:1: "And a great sign appeared in the heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of 12 stars."

The green surface of the shield recalls the verdant fields of the archbishop's birthplace and his Irish heritage. The external ornaments of the coat of arms are composed of the green pontifical hat, with its 10 tassels on each side, disposed in four rows and a gold processional cross.

The left side of the shield displays the jurisdictional arms of the Archdiocese of Newark, based on the coat of arms of Newark, Nottinghamshire, England, to reflect the origins of the name of the See city. The upper portion

of the coat of arms of the archdiocese includes a silver crescent between two silver trefoils (heraldic shamrocks).

The two shamrocks are a tribute to Saint Patrick, titular patron of Newark's Pro-Cathedral. The red background of the chief is to signify the blood coming forth from Christ's Sacred Heart, which reflects the title of the Cathedral Basilica of Newark.



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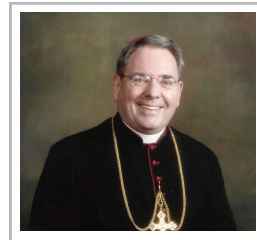


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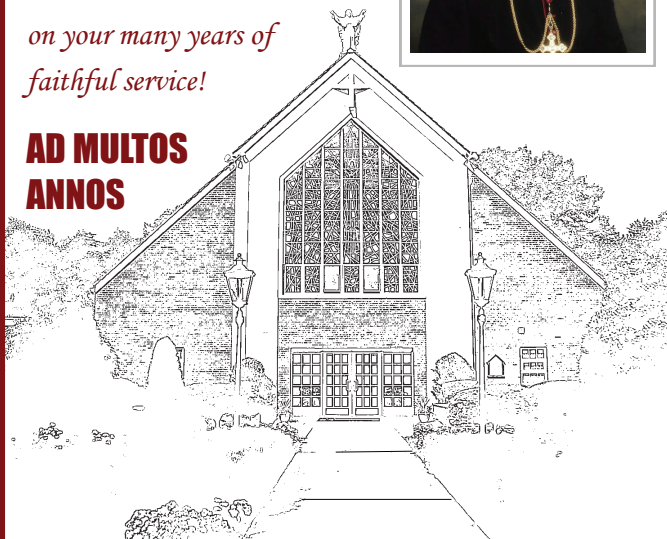
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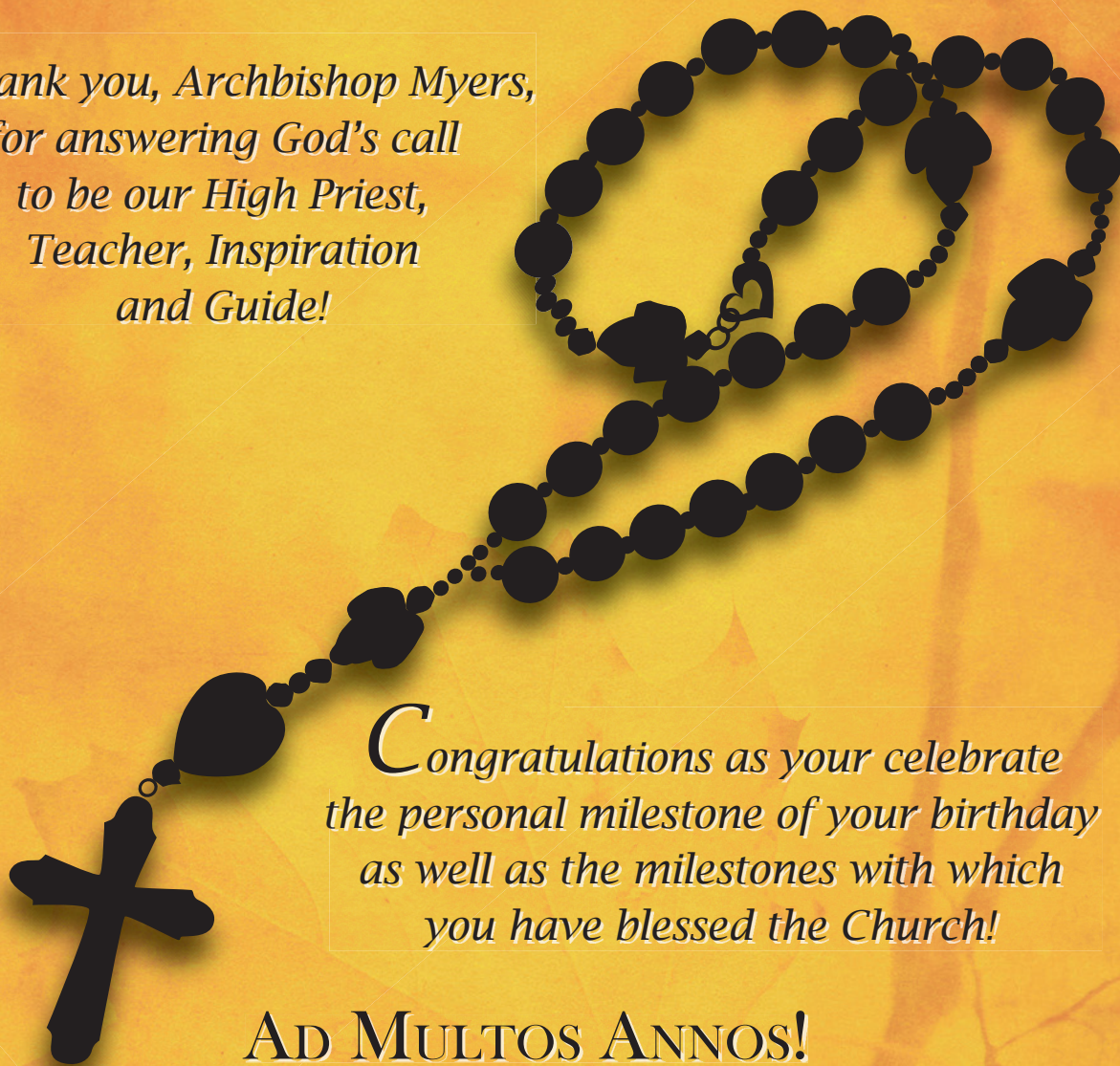
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—Rule of St. Benedict Chapter 72

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—Hebrew 5: 1, 3

***T**hank you, Archbishop Myers,
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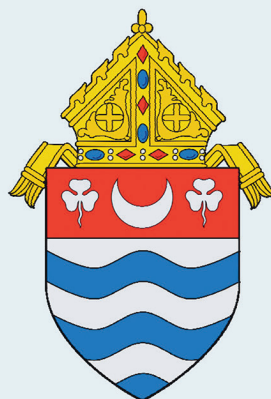
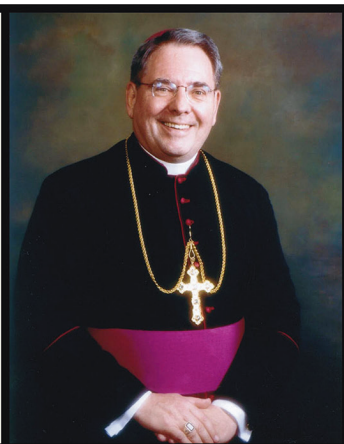
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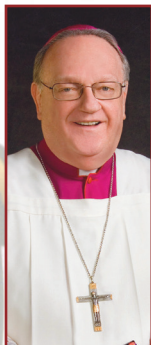
MOST REV. DENNIS J. SULLIVAN, J.C.D., D.D.
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

I offer heartfelt congratulations to my fellow bishop, John Joseph Myers, as he celebrates three notable milestones this year: his 75th birthday, his golden jubilee as a priest and his 15th year serving the people of Newark as their archbishop. Such longevity in service to the Church and her people is a true blessing.

Personally, I am grateful for Archbishop Myers' warm welcome upon my installation as the eighth Bishop of Camden in 2013. His willingness to collaborate on the important issues that face the Church in New Jersey has been of great help to me and my own ministry.

It was with great joy that I was able to stand alongside Archbishop Myers as co-consecrator at the ordination of Bishop James F. Checchio, a priest of Camden, as the fifth Bishop of Metuchen. I will forever remember that moment when together we welcomed a priest into the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders.

May Almighty God grant Archbishop Myers many happy and glorious years.



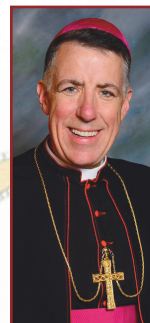
MOST REV. JAMES F. CHECCHIO, D.D.
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Dear Archbishop Myers,

This year, as you celebrate your 15th anniversary as Archbishop of Newark, your 75th birthday and 50th anniversary of your priestly ordination, I am happy to offer my prayers and thanks to the many others that are being offered!

As a priest of the Diocese of Camden, I had the good fortune of working with you as I served as vice rector and subsequently as rector of the Pontifical North American College, the American Seminary in the Vatican, for 12 ½ years. I know that you continue to serve as chairman of the board of governors there. Your unfailing support for seminary formation and ongoing priestly formation was certainly evident to me, as was your ever present availability to me and our staff. The wonderful growth that the College experienced in those years was due in large part to your commitment to our ministry. I know the priests and seminarians of your Alma Mater join me in prayer for you at this time too.

Likewise, I am grateful for the many kindnesses you have shown me since I arrived back in my home state of New Jersey earlier this year and learned of my appointment by Pope Francis to serve as the fifth Bishop of Metuchen. Indeed, we are blessed to serve the generous, faithful people of this state, and I know the faithful of this diocese join me in prayer for you too. May Christ, to whose service you have dedicated your life, continue to bless your priestly ministry always.



MOST REV. ARTHUR J. SERRATELLI, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
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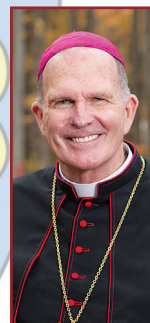
Archbishop Myers is a man of deep faith and steadfast commitment to the Church. In every assignment from his first days of priesthood to the present, he has been an outstanding teacher of the faith. With great courage and clarity, he has enunciated the Catholic faith in a way accessible to those open to the truth.

As a successor to the apostles, he, nonetheless, has been a faithful disciple of the Lord, always sitting at the feet of the Master, ever intent on doing what is right and good for the people whom he has had the privilege to serve. Hidden from the eyes of most, his innate talent at administration has enabled the Church of Newark to continue her many works of charity. His love of the priesthood has increased vocations both in Peoria and Newark. From our days together in seminary, I have been blessed to have such a good friend and advisor in him. May God bless him always.



MOST REV. DAVID M. O'CONNELL, C.M., J.C.D.
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Archbishop Myers has made an enduring contribution to our Church. His strong and reliable commitment to Catholic teaching as bishop has brought clarity of purpose and direction to the community of faith entrusted to his care. It has been an honor and privilege to minister with him here in New Jersey.



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*29 years
as
Bishop*

*50 years
of
priesthood*



*15 years
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*Happy
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Birthday*



"Lord, help me to want to be what you want me to be."

~ Most Reverend John J. Myers

Congratulations

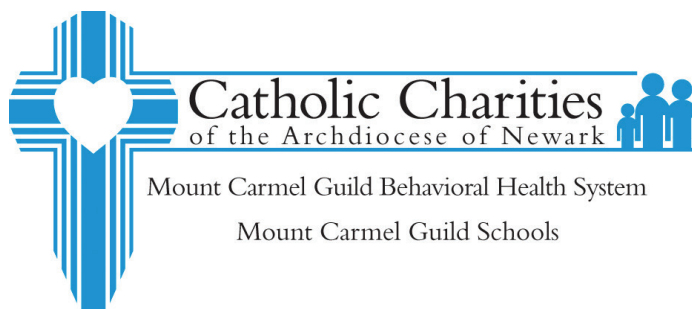
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*The Most Reverend John J. Myers
Archbishop of Newark
And In Celebration of:*

*15th Anniversary of Appointment as Archbishop of Newark
75th Birthday*

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50th Anniversary of Ordination as a Priest
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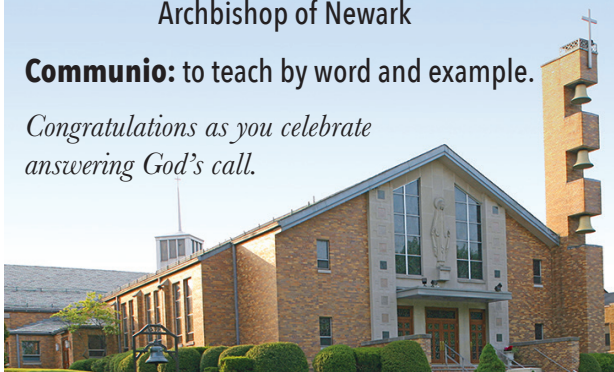
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To The Most Reverend John J. Myers, D. D.
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*Congratulations as you celebrate
answering God's call.*



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Congratulations
Archbishop Myers

*Thank you
for all you have done
to advance the
New Evangelization!*



In 2006, Archbishop Myers chats with Dr. Mary Shivanandan (left) and Pam Swartzberg, chair of the archdiocesan Women's Commission, at the annual Women's Day of Reflection at Saint Philomena Parish, Livingston.

*Sincere congratulations
to Archbishop Myers
in this most special
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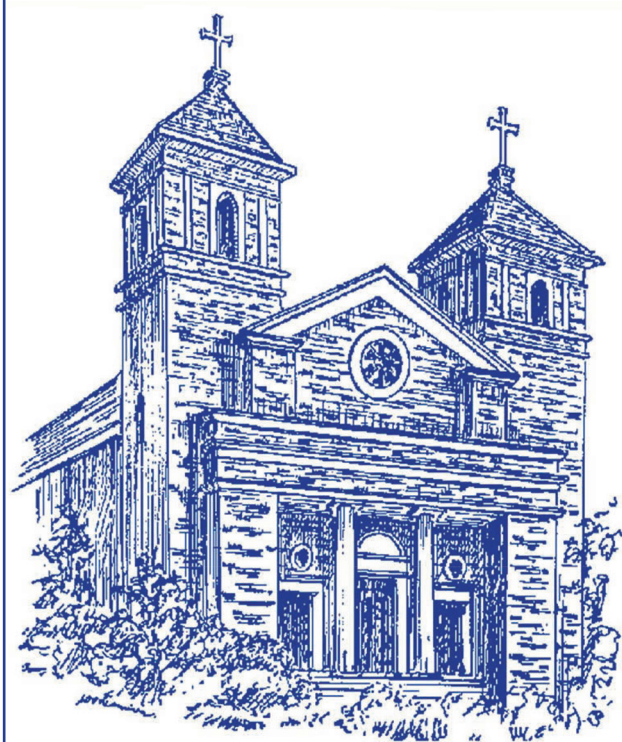


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MOST REVEREND
JOHN J. MYERS, J.C.D., D.D.

AS YOU CELEBRATE
50 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD
15 YEARS AS ARCHBISHOP OF NEWARK
AND YOUR 75TH BIRTHDAY

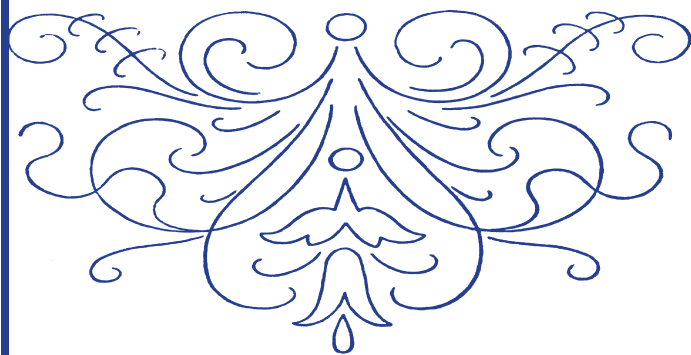
*Many blessings to you on
these great milestones in your life*

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*WE, PRIESTS and PEOPLE,
SALUTE YOU,
CONGRATULATE YOU,
and
PRAY GOD'S EVERY
BLESSING
UPON YOU!*



May God pour out
His rich blessings and may
Our Lady of Czestochowa
intercede for Your Grace,
dear Archbishop John J. Myers
on your joyous occasions:

75th Birthday
50th anniversary of priestly ordination
29th anniversary of episcopal ordination
15th anniversary of becoming our Shepherd

We also take this opportunity to
Thank you, Your Grace,
for establishing our church of
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
as the Archdiocesan Shrine
of St. John Paul the Great.



CONGRATULATIONS & STO LAT !



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this special anniversary year of 2016.



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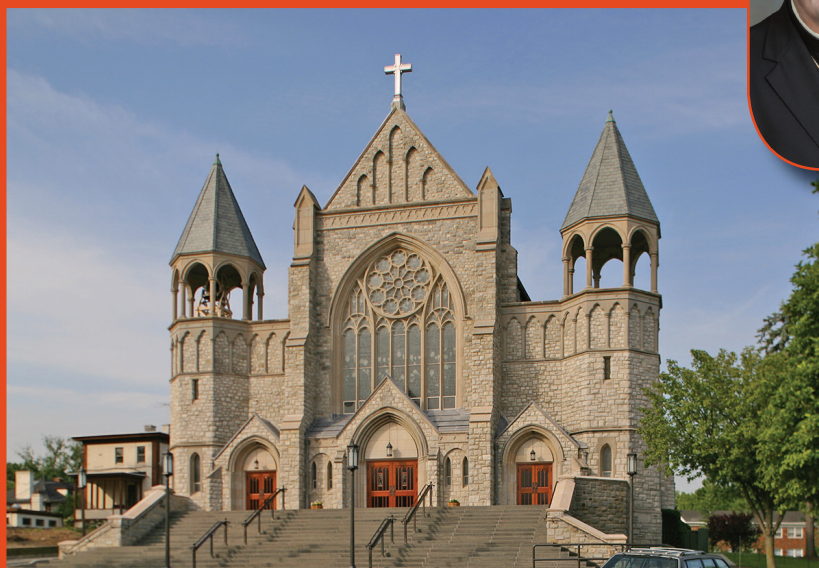


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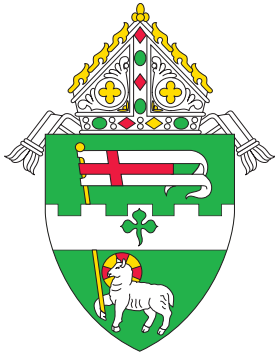
**To His Excellency,
Archbishop John J. Myers
Archbishop of Newark**

*May the Lord
Bless you in
Faith and
Devotion this
year and
always.*



*We thank our
God every
time we
remember
you.
Philippians 1:3*

**Very Reverend Brian Plate
and the Parish Family of Saint Teresa of Avila
Summit**



Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli
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as you celebrate these
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May God be with you and
may He bless you abundantly.



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JOHN J. MYERS

ARCHBISHOP OF NEWARK

on the occasion of his

75TH BIRTHDAY,

50TH YEAR SERVING GOD

AS A PRIEST

AND 15TH ANNIVERSARY

AS HEAD OF THE

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NEWARK

*We are grateful for his years of service
to God and the Catholic Church*



MOST REVEREND DENNIS J. SULLIVAN,
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*and the priests, deacons, seminarians,
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Your Grace,

*As one called by
God to do His work,
Congratulations. May
you be Blessed as you
continue serving Him.*

*Prayers & Blessings
on
Priesthood Sunday!*

*The Clergy, Religious and
Lay Staff of the Cathedral
Basílica of the Sacred Heart*

*It is with JOY and PRAYERS
that we offer Congratulations to
His Grace, Most Reverend
John J. Myers,
Archbishop of Newark.*

Mysterium Ecclesiae Luceat!
**"Let the Mystery of the
Church Shine Forth!"**

GOD BLESS YOU!
**FROM THE CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND
LAY STAFF OF THE ARCHDIOCESAN CENTER**