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Pope names Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., as new Archbishop of Newark

By Melissa McNally
Editor

At a Nov. 7 press conference at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., who was appointed the sixth Archbishop of Newark by Pope Francis, referred to himself as “the new kid on the block.” A sense of humor, he noted, is “an essential quality in spirituality” that prevents us from “falling into arrogance or despair.”

The past few weeks have been a whirlwind for Cardinal Tobin. Prior to the announcement of his appointment here, he had been the sixth Archbishop of Indianapolis. On Oct. 9, The Holy Father named him to the College of Cardinals. “I am not sure my central nervous system can take much more news,” Cardinal Tobin quipped.

Cardinal Tobin is to receive his red biretta from Pope Francis at ceremonies in Rome on Saturday. The appointment of a cardinal was a first for Indianapolis and now a first for Newark. Traditionally U.S. cardinals are archbishops of sees like Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., where Theodore McCarrick, fourth archbishop of Newark, was named a cardinal by Saint John Paul II in 2001.

Cardinal Tobin succeeds Archbishop John J. Myers, who offered his retirement to the Holy Father in July after reaching his 75th birthday. A former bishop of Peoria, IL., he became Newark’s archbishop in 2001.

Bernard A. Hebda, bishop of Gaylord, Mich., was named in 2013 as coadjutor with right to succeed Archbishop Myers but Pope Francis in March named him archbishop of St. Paul-Minneapolis, where he had also been serving as apostolic administrator since 2015.

Archbishop Myers congratulated his successor at the press conference. “I am very happy to welcome him in the name of all of us in this great archdiocese,” he said. “I know that he will find that the 1.2 million Catholics within the four counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union are rich in faith, have a great love for the Church, and are committed to living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Archbishop Myers said he has known and worked with the cardinal on a number of occasions over the years both within the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and through the Congregation for Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life in Rome, where Cardinal Tobin had served as Archbishop Secretary from 2010 until his appointment as Archbishop of Indianapolis in 2012.

Archbishop Myers also noted that he and Cardinal Tobin share a regional

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Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

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Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.



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kinship. “The Archdiocese of Indianapolis, from which he will join us, and the Diocese of Peoria, from which I originate, share a boundary—a friendly boundary, I might add. The Midwest experience might have some influences, as I am sure you soon will learn.”

Born in Detroit, and the eldest of 13 children, Cardinal Tobin is a son of the heartland. However, his call to ministry has taken him around the world. “I have understood that God has called me to live my baptism as a missionary disciple: one who is called by Jesus to be with Him and be sent forth to preach and to heal,” he explained.

In 1973, the cardinal professed vows as a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, the Redemptorists, and in 1978, he was ordained to both the diaconate and the priesthood. For several years, Cardinal Tobin spread the Gospel overseas and speaks English, Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese, and reads several other languages.

His experience in dealing with people from varied backgrounds will be an important skill in ministering to the diverse communities within the Archdiocese of Newark.

“My service of the Church obliged me to live many years in cultures different from the Irish-American ambient of my family. So I am excited to lead an archdiocese where the Eucharist is celebrated each Sunday in 20 languages,” Cardinal Tobin said.

“God has graced me with good health and energy; I will try to use this in service of faith,” he continued. “I have learned to respect other cultures and to welcome the witness of other people. I am comfortable in that environment.”

After a contentious election, Cardinal Tobin said he will aim to bring people together in faith. “Some values of wider society have penetrated people of faith. There is a growing polarization of the United States. We have incorporated this ‘Red State’ versus ‘Blue State’ mentality into our beliefs. (The Church)

can help bring the country together. Whatever different ideologies, we can still listen to each other and work for a common good.”

Although he stated that he had no immediate vision for the future of the archdiocese, Cardinal Tobin shared that there were three principles that will guide his ministry as he discerns with the people of the Church of Newark the way forward. “The criterion by which I can be judged is whether, by word and actions, I led people to a deeper love for Jesus, who is the merciful face of God. My first conviction is that I am called to watch over the unity of this archdiocese and to encourage in charity the journey of all toward an ever-greater knowledge, faith and love of Christ. My second conviction is that the love of Christ is made manifest through His Body, the Church.”

Cardinal Tobin added that he believes “that the Church in every age is challenged to reproduce the double miracle that accompanied her birth” at Pentecost.

The cardinal then expressed his gratitude to “the power of the Gospel, which has brought about remarkable growth of Christ’s Church in this archdiocese and enabled its generous contribution, past and present, to American society and to the world; to Pope Francis, for his leadership of the Church and the example of his life—which teaches me how to be a bishop—to Archbishop Myers, for the 15 years he has spent laboring for the good of the Church, and; to my beloved Archdiocese of Indianapolis—her clergy, religious and faithful—in thanksgiving for all we have been able to do together, for the love and respect we share, for the unity that we will continue to enjoy in the communion of saints and the Breaking of the Bread.”

Cardinal Tobin attended Mount Saint Alphonsus Seminary in New York (1977-1979) and holds mas-

ters degrees in religious education (1977) and divinity (1979), as well as a bachelor’s degree in philosophy (1975).

After ordination he served as: associate pastor, Holy Redeemer Parish (1979-1984) in Detroit with a principal responsibility of pastoral service to the Hispanic community. He also served as retreat preacher for Cursillos de Cristiandad and in youth ministry. Other responsibilities in the Archdiocese of Detroit included episcopal vicar (1980-86), member of the presbyteral council (1985-90), and in the metropolitan tribunal (1980-90). From 1984 to 1990, he served as pastor at Holy Redeemer Parish, and pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish, in Chicago (1990 to 1991).

On Aug. 2, 2010, he was named by Pope Benedict XVI as secretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. On Oct. 18, 2012, Pope Benedict appointed him Archbishop of Indianapolis.



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Thousands of archdiocesan pilgrims travel to Washington

By Al Frank
Associate Publisher

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Some 75 buses converged at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and disgorged a record 4,000 faithful from parishes in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties on Oct. 22 for the Jubilee of Mercy Pilgrimage.

Defying brisk winds under sunny skies, the pilgrims passed through the Holy Door and spent the day praying, celebrating confession and Eucharist and touring the largest Catholic church in North America.

"The experience was fabulous," said Bob Miller of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Park Ridge. "The decades of the Rosary (prayed) in different languages, the energy of the spirit of the people. It was wonderful."

Miller boarded a bus with pilgrims from Saint Joseph Parish in Oradell and Annunciation Parish in Paramus and joked that the nearly nine hours on the road "was my penance for the rest of the year."



Advocate photo by Al Frank

But the day at the shrine was something else, the career counselor at Fordham University said, remarking on the camaraderie and fervor of the standing-room crowd that packed side chapels and basilica

aisles and nearly engulfed the procession of some 80 priests and deacons at the start of Mass.

"The entire Archdiocese of Newark is blessed for this effort," Archbishop John J. Myers said after he

finally reached the cathedral.

Early morning drizzle gave way to the first favorable weekend weather in weeks, cathedral officials said, adding that the Newark

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Bishops encourage faithful citizens to come together

WASHINGTON—Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, KY, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, issued this statement regarding the election of Donald Trump as President:

The American people have made their decision on the next President of the United States, members of Congress as well as state and local officials. I congratulate Mr. Trump and everyone elected. Now is the moment to move toward the responsibility of governing for the common good of all citizens. Let us not see each other in the divisive light of Democrat or Republican or any other political party, but rather, let us see the face of Christ in our neighbors, especially the suffering or those with whom we may disagree.

We, as citizens and our elected representatives, would do well to remember the words of Pope Francis when he addressed the United States Congress last year, "all political activity must serve and promote the good of the human person and be based on respect for his or her dignity." Millions of Americans who are struggling to find economic opportunity for their families voted to be heard. Our response should be simple: we hear you. The respon-

sibility to help strengthen families belongs to each of us.

The Bishops Conference looks forward to working with President Trump to protect human life from its most vulnerable beginning to its natural end. We will advocate for policies that offer opportunity to all people, of all faiths, in all walks of life. We are firm in our resolve that our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees can be humanely welcomed without sacrificing our security. We will call attention to the violent persecution threatening our fellow Christians and people of other faiths around the world, especially in the Middle East. And we will look for the new administration's commitment to domestic religious liberty, ensuring people of faith remain free to proclaim and shape our lives around the truth about man and woman, and the unique bond of marriage that they can form.

Every election brings a new beginning. Some may wonder whether the country can reconcile, work

together and fulfill the promise of a more perfect union. Through the hope Christ offers, I believe God will give us the strength to heal and unite.

Let us pray for leaders in public life that they may rise to the respon-

sibilities entrusted to them with grace and courage. And may all of us as Catholics help each other be faithful and joyful witnesses to the healing love of Jesus.

Bishops' committee lauds environmental plan

WASHINGTON—Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, lauded the spirit of the updated environmental justice plan from the Environmental Protection Agency, published last month.

The agency's plan, entitled Environmental Justice 2020 Action Agenda, builds on the 2014 plan. The updated version seeks to "integrate environmental justice considerations in all of the agency's programs, strengthen EPA's collaboration with partners, and demonstrate progress on significant national challenges facing minority and low-income communities."

"The concern for the good of people, especially the poor and vulnerable communities, is one of the central messages in Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment," Archbishop Wenski said. "We welcome efforts by the EPA that recognize what the Pope calls 'integral ecology,' where respect for human life and wellbeing go hand in hand with environmental protection."

Published in 2015, Pope Francis' ecological encyclical *Laudato si'* has garnered worldwide attention and made an important impact on environmental action across the globe. The encyclical touches on environmental justice issues, such as respect for tribal communities, the principles of subsidiarity and solidarity, the emphasis on caring for the poor and the invitation to dialogue within a culture of encounter.



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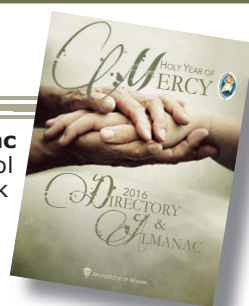
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Obituaries

Sister Mary Capozzelli, M.P.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 14 at Villa Walsh, Morristown, for Sister Mary Capozzelli, M.P.F., 100, who died Oct. 11.

Sr. Mary entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1925, received her habit in 1932, and made her final religious profession in 1935.

Following assignments in Pennsylvania and Ohio, Sister Mary spent 50 years at Saint Rocco, Union City, where she was director of the preschool, and also responsible for the religious education program, and served as musician and sacristan.

Sr. Mary spent her last five years in active ministry at Saint Francis Xavier School, Newark, as a teacher aide and then retired at Villa Walsh. She was also a local superior for 31 years.



la at Florham Park for Sister Mary Agnes Hanley, S.C., 94, who died Nov. 3.

Born in Jersey City, Sr. Mary Agnes (Josephine) entered the Sisters of Charity Sept. 8, 1940 and was a member for 76 years.

Sr. Mary Agnes graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, with a bachelor's degree in education. She served as a teacher at Saint Mary Elementary School, Nutley; Sacred Heart School, Bloomfield; Saint Mary School, Jersey City; Saint Patrick School, Jersey City; Immaculate Conception School, Montclair; Sacred Heart School, Newark; and at Saint Rose of Lima School, Newark.

Sr. Mary Agnes was also admitting clerk at Saint Joseph Hospital & Medical Center, Paterson. She worked in the treasurer's office at Saint Elizabeth Convent and was first Dean of Students at the Academy of Saint Elizabeth. In 2015, she retired to the Villa.



Sister Eileen Dolan, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 9 at The Villa at Florham Park for Sister Eileen Dolan, S.C., 91, who died Nov. 5.

Born in Jersey City, Sr. Eileen entered the Sisters of Charity on March 25, 1943 and was a member for 73 years. She graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, with a bachelor's degree in music and from the Catholic Uni-



versity of America, Washington, DC with a master's degree in music.

Sr. Eileen was a teacher at Saint Anastasia School, Teaneck; Sacred Heart School, Newark; Saint Cecilia High School, Englewood; and Mother Seton Regional High, Clark. She taught music and was chair of the music department at the College of Saint Elizabeth. She was also music minister at Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Scotch Plains and was music consultant at the Byzantine Catholic Diocesan Center, Woodland Park.



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Closter's chapter of the Knights of Columbus, Queen of Peace Council 3679 recently donated \$3,000 to Several Sources Shelters, which was raised during the annual Baby Bottle Campaign. For the past 35 years, Several Sources has offered housing for mothers and their babies. Pictured left to right, Dr. Kevin Reilly of the Knights of Columbus, David Cordero of Several Sources Shelters, and Grand Knight John Hernandez.

Sister Mary Agnes Hanley, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 7 at The Villa

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November 19

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November 29

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "The Coming of the Lord is at Hand: The Sunday Readings of Advent (Year A)," also on Dec. 6 and 11, super at 5:30 p.m. and presentation from 6:15-7:45 p.m., \$25-\$35 per session, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25 or e-mail Lumencenter@caldwellop.org.

November 30

Caldwell University, "Shut Your Face: The Value of Silence in a Culture of Noise and Opinion" lecture by Dr. Kyle D. Bennett, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Alumni theatre, call Colette M. Liddy at (973) 618-3209.

December 8

Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, National Night of Prayer for Life, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m., Benediction at 10 p.m., (201) 997-0700.

December 11

St. Margaret of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry, Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, 2 p.m., (201) 641-2988.

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.

December 18

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington, calendar raffle, through Feb. 28, \$10, tickets will be on sale from now until Dec. 12, call MaryJane at (201) 939-8576.

Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell, Christmas concert featuring former Broadway musical director and conductor Rev. Alphonse Stevenson, 7:30 p.m., pre-sale ticket \$35; tickets on concert night \$40; call Joseph at (973) 226-4935.

Sacred Heart Parish, Lyndhurst, Inclusive Family Mass, 3:30 p.m., (201) 438-1147.



Close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Archbishop John J. Myers is to formally close the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy at the noon Mass on Nov. 20 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

That same day—the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—Pope Francis will preside at the closing rites at Saint Peter's Basilica. The Holy Father declared the jubilee as an opportunity to "rediscover and render fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time."

Holy Doors were opened in churches throughout the world to encourage a spirit of pilgrimage and prayer. The door at the Cathedral Basilica will be closed following an acclamation of praise and honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The parishes and shrines that have served as pilgrim churches in the archdiocese closed their Holy Doors of Mercy last Sunday.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:



PASTORS

Reverend Marc-Arthur Francois, Administrator of Saint Patrick and Assumption/All Saints Parish, Jersey City, has been appointed pastor there, effective Oct. 17.

Reverend Paul Kyung Lee, Parochial Vicar at Madonna Parish, Fort Lee, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Andrew Kim Parish, Maplewood, effective Feb. 1, 2017.

Reverend Manolo A. Punzalan, Parochial Vicar at Saint Joseph Parish, Maplewood, has been appointed Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Mahwah, as well as Chaplain of Ramapo College, effective Nov. 15.

Reverend Michael S.P. Trainor, Administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish, Hackensack, has been appointed Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Hackensack, effective Oct. 17.

Reverend Richard E. Cabezas, Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee, has been granted an extension of his Pastorate ending July 1, 2018.

Reverend Steven Conner, Pastor of Saint Matthew Parish, Ridgefield, has been granted an extension to his Pastorate ending Feb. 1, 2023.

Reverend Antonio F. Da Silva, Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Newark, has been granted an extension to his Pastorate ending Feb. 1, 2023.

Reverend Larry Evans II, Pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Ridgefield Park, has been granted an extension to his Pastorate ending Feb. 1, 2023.

Reverend Thomas P. Lipnicki, Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Oakland, has been granted an extension to his Pastorate ending Feb. 1, 2023.

Reverend Frank Rose, Pastor of Saint Bernard and Saint Stanislaus Parish, Plainfield, has been granted an extension to his Pastorate ending Feb. 1, 2023.

Reverend Michael A. Saporito, Pastor of Helen Parish, Westfield, has been granted an

extension to his Pastorate ending July 1, 2023.

Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Shugrue, Pastor of Saint Michael Parish, Cranford, has been granted an extension to his Pastorate ending Feb. 1, 2023.

Reverend Monsignor Gregory J. Studerus, Pastor of Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, has been granted an extension to his Pastorate ending Feb. 1, 2023.

Reverend Marc A. Vicari, Pastor of Saint Cassian Parish, Upper Montclair, has been granted an extension of his Pastorate ending Feb. 1, 2023.

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Reverend James Hooyeon Cho, Pastor of Saint Andrew Kim Parish, Maplewood, has been appointed Parochial Vicar at Madonna Parish, Fort Lee, effective Feb. 1, 2017.

Reverend Jose R. Valencia, Parochial Vicar at Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Lodi, has been appointed Parochial Vicar at Holy Spirit Parish, Union, effective Nov. 1.

CENSOR LIBRORUM

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Reverend John Chadwick, S.T.D., has been appointed as Censor Librorum of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Reverend Hong-Ray Cho, S.T.L., Ph.D. has been appointed as Censor Librorum of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Reverend Stephen Fichter, Ph.D., S.T.B., has been appointed as Censor Librorum of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Reverend Pablo Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D., has been appointed as Censor Librorum of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Reverend Krzysztof K. Maslowski, S.T.D., has been appointed as Censor Librorum of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Reverend Zachary Swantek, S.T.L., has been appointed as Censor Librorum of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Renowned orchestra to perform Christmas concerts

The Orchestra of Saint Peter by the Sea will make two stops in the Archdiocese of Newark this Christmas season.

The full 42-piece orchestra, featuring conductor Father Alphonse Stevenson, will perform at Our Lady of Peace Parish in New Providence Nov. 27 at 3 p.m. Proceeds from this concert will benefit the Dominican Nuns of Summit Centennial Campaign. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are \$50 for general admission and \$75 for limited premier seating. To purchase, visit www.501auctions.com/christmas-concert, e-mail development@summitdominicans.org or call (201) 452-4996.

The orchestra will also perform at Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the parish office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for a pre-sale price of \$35. Tickets will be available the night of the concert for \$40. For more information, call (973) 226-0979.



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Celebrating its 30th year of music-making, the Orchestra of Saint Peter by the Sea's program will include traditional music, popular favorites and holiday classics featuring soprano Victoria Cannizzo and additional guest soloists.

"The Orchestra is entirely comprised of professional, card-carrying union musicians," said Fr. Stevenson, a Catholic priest who is the orchestra's founder, music director and conductor. "Every concert we've ever done since the very

beginning in 1986 has been performed with the excitement of great musicians coming together to make music, and the joy of knowing our efforts help churches, schools, hospitals and social service organizations in their wonderful missions."



Submitted photos

The Kindergarten class from Sacred Heart School in Lyndhurst recently took a trip to Green Meadow Farms in Hazlet. The youngsters spent the day learning about animals and held baby chicks and ducklings, chased roosters and even milked a cow. The class then picked their own pumpkins to bring home.

Holy Angels community unites to assist Haiti

DEMAREST—The Academy of the Holy Angels has joined the School Sisters of Notre Dame and Beyond Borders in assisting Haitian families devastated by Hurricane Matthew.

“The School Sisters of Notre Dame respond to the needs of the times, and were already working in Haiti before the hurricane,” explained Director of Campus Ministry Kathleen Sylvester. Although the sisters sent funding to Haiti through Catholic Relief Services immediately after the storm, additional aid is still needed, Sylvester said.

Beyond Borders will spend the next 18 months helping 100 Haitian families rebuild their houses and gain access to safe drinking water and proper sanitation. The organization will also help families obtain livestock and other necessities, and any training they need to earn an income. Beyond Borders estimates that the cost of assisting one family will be \$1,800 for the 18-month project.

To raise money the academy, will hold multiple fundraisers for Haiti. Events through next Febru-



Submitted photo

Sister Sharon Slear, S.S.N.D. visits the school at Ti Palmas in Haiti.

ary include a Thanksgiving Drive from November 14-16; Hoops for Haiti, where students will make donations to play games during

lunch; a faculty bake sale in January; and a Flapjack Fund-raiser at Applebee's on Feb. 5.

“We hope that these efforts will

enable many in the Holy Angels community to become involved in helping our brothers and sisters in Haiti,” Sylvester added.



Submitted photo

The weather may not have cooperated, but the cold, rainy fall morning did not deter Paramus Catholic's Cheer Team from enthusiastically participating in the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's in Pomona, Rockland County, last month. The event is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research programs. This is the second year the cheerleaders participated due to the efforts of teammate Sydney Teabout, whose grandmother suffers from the disease. Each cheerleader held a large, brightly-colored pinwheel flower that symbolized a different aspect of the Alzheimer's' experience: yellow for caregiver, purple for the passing of a loved one and orange for advocate.

Retirement Fund for Religious held Dec. 3-4

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held Dec. 3-4 in the Archdiocese of Newark. Coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office, the parish-based appeal benefits nearly 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests whose communities lack retirement savings.

The Archdiocese of Newark contributed \$525,607.59 to the last collection. In 2016, the Augustinian Recollects, Dominican Nuns, Marist Brothers, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, Sisters of Saint Dominic and the Society of African Missions received financial assistance made possible by the fund. Women and men religious who serve or have served in the archdiocese but whose communities are based elsewhere may also benefit from the annual appeal.

Catholic bishops of the United States initiated the collection in 1988 to address the significant lack of retirement funding among U.S. religious communities. Proceeds help underwrite retirement and health-care expenses. Nearly 95 percent of donations directly support senior religious and their communities.

The appeal raised \$30.7 million in 2015, the sixth highest total in its history. As a result 401 religious congregations received \$25 Million. These funds supplement the day-to-day care of elderly religious and help the congregations implement long-range retirement strategies. Throughout the year, additional funding is allocated to congregations with the greatest needs. For more information, visit www.retiredreligious.org.



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Clergy, consecrated religious, seminarians and laity remembered the deceased bishops and priests of the archdiocese at a memorial Mass on Nov. 2 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Archbishop John J. Myers presided at the Mass and the homilist was Father Michael A. Saporito, pastor of Saint Helen Parish in Westfield. The Mass was sponsored by the Office of Catholic Cemeteries. Photo above left, Bishop Manuel A. Cruz; above photo, Fr. Saporito.



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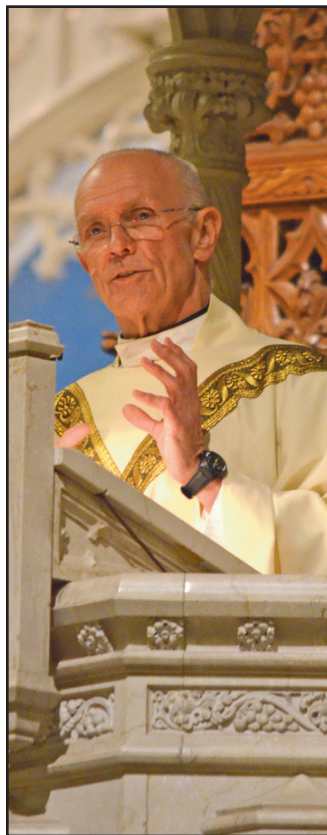
Mass of Thanksgiving

Archbishop John J. Myers celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving on Oct. 12, marking his 75th birthday, the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, his 29th anniversary of his ordination as bishop and the 15th anniversary of his appointment as Archbishop of Newark.

“My heart is filled with gratitude for all of the blessings God has granted me, from a wonderful family, the opportunity to serve in the Church in which all of us together are the Body of Christ,” Archbishop Myers said. “For the times I failed, I apologize. For the times we were successful, I thank the Lord.



Good Shepherd Academy students and faculty make a presentation.



Rev. Msgr. Ronald Rozniak was homilist at the Mass.



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From left, Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia, and Msgrs. Michael Andreano and Thomas Guarino share a laugh as they arrive at the archbishop's reception.



After Mass, guests line up at the reception in the Archdiocesan Center.



Some 1,500 representatives from federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement departments attended the 24th annual Mass for Law Enforcement Officers Nov. 10 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Archbishop John J. Myers served as the principal celebrant and Rev. Msgr. Christopher J. Hynes was the homilist. The Mass remembers men and women who serve in the often-dangerous profession of protecting society, and particularly honors those who lost their lives in the line of duty in the past year.



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Saint Anne Villa transfers ownership

FLORHAM PARK—For more than 86 years, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth have maintained a retirement ministry for their members at Saint Anne Villa. After an in-depth study of the future retirement needs and the ongoing demands of their mission and works, the congregation decided it was no longer feasible to continue this retirement ministry on their own.

As of Oct. 1, the facility changed its name from Saint Anne Villa to The Villa at Florham Park and opened applications for men and women residents.

With the help of consultants, the Sisters of Charity explored possible purchasers to help them maintain the best quality of long-term and assisted living care of all of the sisters. It was decided the best option was a transfer of ownership to Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, an organization with a similar mission.

"Lutheran Social Ministries met the sisters' criteria on every level and has a reputation as a very capable provider. (The organization) offers the congregation a deep respect for the spiritual needs of the sisters in addition to being able to provide a continuum of quality of health care," said Sister Rosemary Moynihan, General Superior of the Sisters of Charity.

The Sisters of Charity were founded by Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, in the spirit of Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Louise de Marillac, in Emmitsburg, MD, in 1809. In 1859, Mother Mary Xavier Mehegan founded the New Jersey community known as the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. Today the sisters are engaged in education, health care, pastoral and social service ministries in 19 dioceses within the United States, El Salvador and Haiti.

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contingent was almost seven-times greater than the 600 from the Archdiocese of New York that came the week before.

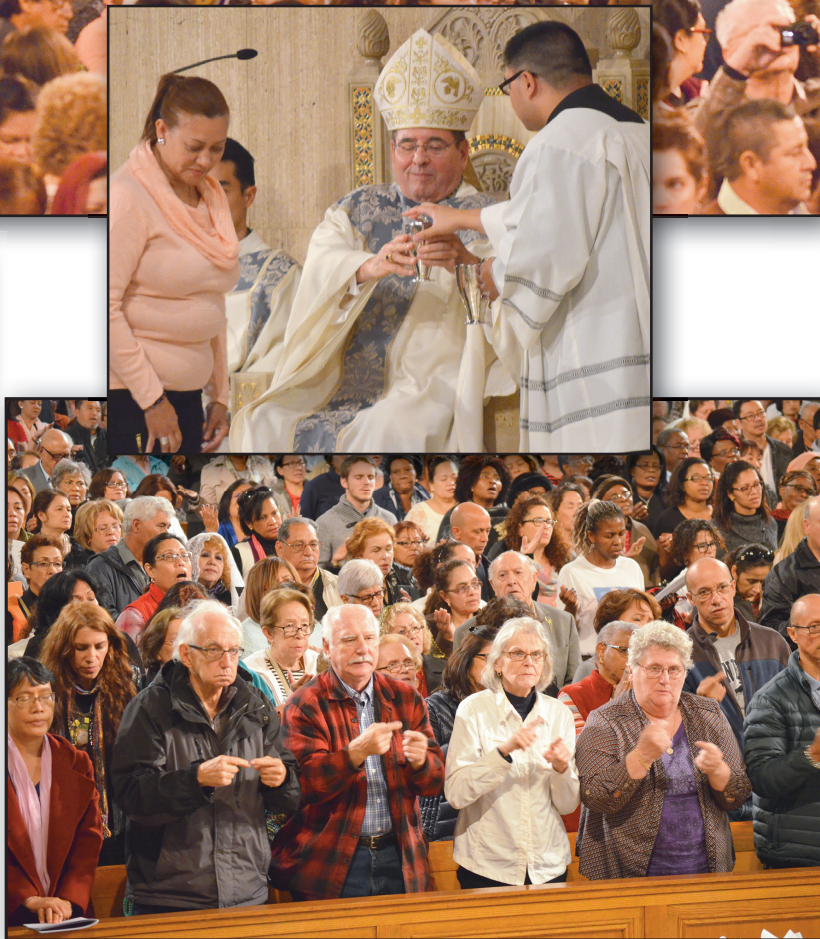
Usually Newark musters about 3,000 faithful on the triennial pilgrimages. This year's added participation was due to the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, said Rev. Msgr. Richard Groncki, who has been a member of the preparation committee since the inception of the archdiocesan pilgrimages in 1972.

Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Reilly, the archdiocesan Missionary of Mercy

appointed by Pope Francis, interwove images of Mary and pilgrimage in his homily.

He said a quotation by Saint Therese of Lisieux—that the treasure of a mother belongs to her child—was especially apt of Mary.

"Everything she receives from God she gives to us," he said, noting her great gift to us was Christ, who shows us the Father's mercy. We, in turn, are "personally drawn into God's love" and the pilgrimage is a demonstration of how we are "convinced we are to receive God's mercy."



Oak Knoll students participate in service day

SUMMIT— The entire Oak Knoll School student body, along with faculty and staff, recently stocked shelves of local homeless shelters, tended the fields of farms that feed the hungry and set up a winter coat drive during the annual service day.

More than 325 Upper School students helped a dozen local organizations during the annual service day Oct. 27, including the nonprofit America's Grow-A-Row.

At the Pittstown-based farm, in cold, rainy weather, students helped clear the fields for next year's harvest, which will help feed individuals and families throughout New Jersey.

Jacqui Witte, development and programming associate at the farm, praised the students for helping the organization, which relies on more than 6,000 volunteers to harvest and distribute approximately 1.2 million pounds of produce each year.

"You're such a big part of this," Witte told the students minutes before they braved the elements.

Closer to Oak Knoll's Summit

campus, students sorted donated clothing and toiletries that will be distributed to members of the local homeless community by Bridges Outreach Inc.

Brian Topping, theology teacher and campus ministry team member, said the effort at Bridges, like others during the day, offered students, faculty and staff the opportunity to see the needs of the community firsthand.

"We put ourselves in the place of the other person," Topping said. "What is it that other people need that we can provide? What is it that other people are experiencing that we're not experiencing? Logistically, it's impossible to do this more often, but when we do it, it really hits home."

Less than two miles away, students split their time working indoors and out at the Reeves Reed Arboretum.

"In class, we talk about giving back, and I think it's really amazing that we're part of a school that practices what it preaches," senior Charlotte Smith said. "It gives us a



Submitted photo
Isabella Henry, left, and Greta Criqui help with cleanup at the Pittstown-based America's Grow-A-Row farm.

good foundation, and I think it's just a really amazing opportunity that not a lot of schools offer."

Among the other organizations served were Lyons Veterans Hospital, Summit Helping Its People, New

Eyes for the Needy, the Dominican Nuns, the Market Street Mission, the Environmental Education Center, Atlantic Homecare and Hospice, the Raptor Trust and the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless.

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