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After retirement, Bishop Flesey continues life of service, ministry

By Melissa McNally Editor

ince he was a young man, Bishop John W. Flesey, S.T.D., has always felt at home in the church. As a student at Saint Aedan's Grammar School in Jersey City, he would often spontaneously stop into church to pray.

"It was a bit unusual for a child," he admitted. "I would just walk into the church and sit quietly. I guess you could say I was meditating, even though I didn't know what that was at the time."

After 48 years of priestly ministry and 13 years serving as auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese and Regional Bishop of Bergen County, Bishop Flesey officially retired last month. At 75, he still has the same enthusiasm for the church that he did as young boy.

"That's the secret—being a priest has to be something that you're passionate about," he said.

Although he has officially retired as regional bishop, Bishop Flesey will continue serving as pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Franklin Lakes and fulfilling episcopal responsibilities. He calls this transitional phase of his ministry a "hyper-active existence."

"I do about 70 confirmations every year. I love doing it—I enjoy speaking to young people. If you don't talk for too long and you are nice to people, they keep asking you back," Bishop Flesey said with a laugh.

While presiding over a confirmation at his home parish a few years ago, he was reminded of a fond memory from his youth. "At Saint Aedan's, there is a marble seat reserved for the bishop," he recalled. "We were told not to sit in the bishop's chair. When I was in fourth grade, I was asked to run an errand in the church. There was no one there so I sat in the marble chair for about five seconds and then quickly ran away. And then, 60 years later, here I was, sitting in the seat as a bishop."

Bishop Flesey and his family were active in parish life; he was an altar server, his older sisters were members of the choir, and his father was a lector. In his senior year at Saint Peter's University, he decided to pursue the priesthood.

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Bishop John W. Flesey, S.T.D.

Coalition of religious leaders endorses Dream Act

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin was among 33 religious leaders who called for congressional support of the Dream Act of 2017 (S 1615/HR 3440).

In a Nov. 2 statement, the Coalition of Religious Leaders of New Jersey endorsed the bill that would protect almost 800,000 youth who entered the United States as children and know America as their only home. Tens of thousands "dreamers" reside in the Garden State.

The group expressed concern and opposition to President Donald Trump's plan to phase out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program. In September, the President rescinded the program and asked Congress to find a legislative fix.

The Trump administration released a 70-point immigration policy on Oct. 8, which includes 27 different suggestions on border security; 39 improvements to enforcement on immigration laws in the U.S.; and four major changes to the legal immigration system.

"We believe that this action is

a clear violation of our faith principles of hospitality, compassion and justice," the group stated. "We believe the President's decision to end DACA threatens the emotional, social, and economic stability for millions of individuals and tears at the fabric of our country."

The young people who have been protected from deportation by DACA, the coalition noted, make significant contributions to the economy "attend our schools, serve in our military, are members of our faith communities."

The religious leaders condemned the idea that undocumented immigrants are to "blame for the economic and social problems" in America.

"It is for us a moral imperative that we call upon our representatives in Congress to support the Dream Act of 2017," the statement read. "We call upon our member congregations to pray and advocate for the 'dreamer' and to uphold the dignity of every person and work for the common good. Let us exemplify our best ideals and beliefs."



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Bishop Flesey

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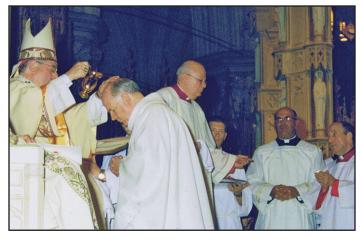
"I remember telling my parents that I wanted to 'apply to the seminary.' I wanted to take it one step at a time," he explained. Bishop Flesey's parents thought he would make a great priest but wanted to make sure his choice to become one was his own and carefully thought out.

He attended Immaculate Conception Seminary, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1969. While at his first assignment as parochial vicar at Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish in Plainfield, Bishop Flesey made the "single most important decision" of his ministry—to earn a post-graduate degree in pastoral counseling.

"In my second year at the parish, people would come up to me after Mass because they liked my homilies," he recalled. "They would tell me their problems and their life stories and I thought, 'what do I do now?' I saw an ad for counseling courses at Iona College and took Friday classes." While in the program, he interned for Catholic Charities in Jersey City. "Now I understood the dynamics of what I was facing," he explained.

His training as a counselor was invaluable while serving as a member of the faculty, rector and dean, and spiritual director of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall University.

"I learned what challenges the seminarians were facing and tried to mold them into the best persons



Advocate file photos

Archbishop John J. Myers anoints Bishop Flesey at his episcopal ordination Mass on Aug. 4, 2004.

they could be," Bishop Flesey said. "Their enthusiasm was encouraging

As a mentor to fellow priests, Bishop Flesey uses "One sows and another reaps" (John 4:37) as a guiding principle.

"We are a very goal-oriented society," he said. "Faith, hope and love is a long-term investment, not a short-term profit. Our job is to sow: we should not just focus on the results, the results are not our accomplishment, but the work of the Holy Spirit."

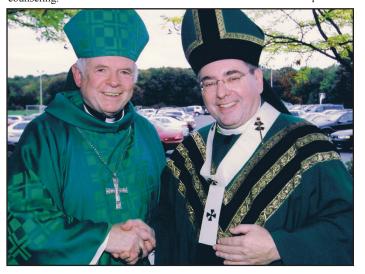
Bishop Flesey was named Titular Bishop of Allegheny and Auxiliary Bishop of Newark in May 2004.

Priests, Bishop Flesey noted, must seize the opportunities presented to them in order to spread the Gospel. He recalled that 30 years ago, he invited a mail carrier into

his home on a hot day for a glass of water. The two struck up a conversation and developed a friendship. Bishop Flesey even officiated at the young man's wedding.

"I saw him last year and he told me that when I invited him in for a chat many years ago, he was depressed and my positive encouragement helped change his life," the bishop said. "All people are present when you just care about one person."

Forming connections with the people he serves is an important part of Bishop Flesey's ministry. "People learn to trust you when you show that you care about them." After a bout with cancer five years ago, he has "learned to be grateful and not take anything for granted. I am grateful to anyone who has said that I enabled them to see life differently."



Archbishop Myers joined Bishop Flesey at a Mass celebrating his installation as pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes, in October 2004.

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Cardinal Tobin gives keynote address at fund-raiser

By Al Frank

ardinal Joseph W.
Tobin, C.Ss.R. says
Christians should not
deprive themselves "of
the serenity for which
God created us and intended for us,"
even as a relentless, 24-hour-news
cycle provides a barrage of reasons
for people to be afraid.

Combatting the ambient noise of fear requires alleviating "a sort of deafness" by permitting the Holy Spirit to infiltrate our inner ear with the comforting assurance that we can trust in God's love "whenever we are afraid."

Cardinal Tobin made the remarks as keynote speaker at the annual Nourishing Your Faith dinner, which raised \$203,000 - \$33,000 more than last year's dinner - for archdiocesan schools and evangelization programs, including the Office for Evangelization, the Hispanic Apostolate and the men's and women's commissions. The latter sponsor annual days of reflection that attract thousands to the athletic center at Seton Hall University in South Orange.

"I've seen all these programs in action and they're fabulous," Cardinal Tobin said, adding how grateful he was to the 450 guests at the Oct. 18 event for their commitment to life-long faith formation.

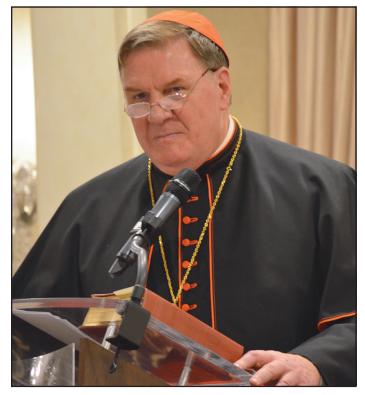
Reading the account of Jesus' cure of the hearing- and speech-impaired man (Mark 7:31), Cardinal Tobin noted how Christ's putting his fingers in the man's ears recalled verses in the ancient *Veni Creator Spiritus hymn*, where the Holy Spirit is termed the divine finger.

"Without that finger, we remain deaf and our speech remains garbled," he said. When empowered through reading and understanding God's word, the faithful are led to trust, because God is constant and dependable.

That does not mean that we are ever free of fear, or that God will give us everything we ask for, Cardinal Tobin continued. Sometimes 'no' is the answer to prayers. But reassurance comes in the truth that we can trust in God's goodness no matter what he chooses to do, because God loves us, knows what is going on in our lives and can do something about whatever difficult situation confronts us.

It was the first Nourishing Your Faith dinner of Cardinal Tobin's tenure and in the last 10 months since coming to Newark from Indianapolis, he said he has visited with clergy and laity in 21 of the archdiocese's 27 deaneries. The sessions include dinner with clergy, a concelebrated Mass and an open-mic.

Al Frank is acting editor of New Jersey Catholic.



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Pope, global leaders discuss concern for climate change, migration

By Carol Glatz

Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis met with Kofi Annan, the former U.N. secretary-general, and former Irish President Mary Robinson to discuss shared concerns about peace, human rights and climate change.

"Pope Francis has shown great moral leadership on the crucial issues of our time. His assertion of the values of peace and human dignity resonates with people of all faiths and those of none," Annan said in a written statement released after the Nov. 6 meeting in the pope's residence.

Annan and Robinson made the private visit Nov. 6 together with Lakhdar Brahimi and Ricardo Lagos as members of "The Elders," an independent group of global leaders who use their experience and influence to support peace and human rights.

The four representatives met with the pope "to express their appreciation and support for his work on global peace, refugees and migration, and climate change," according to The Elders' website.

The organization is "proud to stand in solidarity with him today and in the future as we work for justice and universal human rights," Annan, chair of The Elders, said in his statement.

Annan told Vatican Radio it was important for them to visit the pope because they hold a number of interests and values in common, and they wanted to "discuss how we can work together, how we can pool our efforts on some of these issues."

Robinson, who is also a former U.N. high commissioner for human rights and a U.N. envoy on climate change, told Vatican Radio that they spoke about climate change and other issues where "the pope has given



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leadership. We felt there was a great deal of common ground between us."

Other issues they discussed, Annan told the radio, were migration, nuclear weapons, the mediation of conflicts and "the importance of giving women a voice and respecting their role."

"I hope this will be the first of many meetings," he said.

They expressed their appreciation for what the pope has been doing, Robinson said, and how he, like The Elders, is "trying to be a voice for the voiceless" and the

marginalized.

"I think he could be a future 'Elder," Annan told the radio, to which Robinson remarked, "I think he's a Super Elder."

Former South African President Nelson Mandela formally launched The Elders 10 years ago after British entrepreneur Richard Branson and musician Peter Gabriel presented their idea of taking the traditional practice of looking to one's village elders for guidance and conflict resolution and applying it to today's "global village."





Pro-life procession prays for end of abortion

MONTCLAIR—More than 100 pro-life advocates participated in a eucharistic procession to close the 40 Days for Life campaign on Nov. 4

Led by Father Samuel Monaco, parochial vicar at Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish, and Father Juniper Adams, C.F.R., who carried the monstrance, the group walked from Immaculate Conception on North Fullerton Street to the Pilgrim Medical Center, an abortion clinic on Bloomfield Avenue.

Led by the Capuchin Friars of the Renewal from Most Blessed Sacrament Friary in Newark and Saint Michael's Friary in Paterson, participants prayed three decades of the rosary. Police stopped traffic on the busy avenue as the group crossed intersections. A Knights of Columbus Color Corps stood vigil as passing drivers honked horns in support.

In calling for an end to abortion, the 40 Days for Life campaign included prayer and fasting, vigils and outreach. It began Sept. 27 and was organized by LIFENET, the anti-abortion organization.



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Prior to the Saturday procession, Fr. Juniper celebrated a Mass for Life at Immaculate Conception. "Jesus always tells us to go to the lowest place, where the most broken, the least loved, the most disdained live, and you will find Him there," he said. "Jesus Himself, always went there." Returning to the church, the group finished the rosary and sang *Tantum Ergo* before the benediction

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Sister Mary Cherubim Lubin, C.S.S.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 6 at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel,

Lodi, for Sister Mary Cherubim Lubin, C.S.S. F., 94, who died Oct. 2.

Sr. Mary Cherubim entered the Felician Sisters July 15, 1040. She atter

ters July 15, 1940. She attended Seton Hall University, South Orange, earning a master's degree in general professional education.

She served throughout New Jersey, Maryland, Oklahoma, Delaware and Pennsylvania. In the Archdiocese of Newark, she served in pastoral care at Saint Mary Hospital, Orange, and was a professor at Felician College in Lodi.

Sr. Mary Cherubim was a teacher at Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi; Saint Theresa School, Linden; Saint Anthony School, Jersey City; Sacred Heart School, Irvington; and Saint Adalbert School, Elizabeth.



A Mass of Christian Burial was Celebrated Oct. 9 Saint Lucy Chapel, Villa Walsh, Morristown, for Sister Margaret Mangieri, M.P.F., 90, who died Oct. 4.

Sr. Margaret entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1939, received her habit in 1943, and made her religious profession in 1946.

She served as an elementary school teacher throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut and Ohio. In the archdiocese, Sr. Margaret served as a teacher at Assumption, Bayonne; Saint Francis Xavier, Newark, Saint Joseph, East Orange; Saint Anthony, Union City; and Saint Rocco, Newark.

Father Donald J. Di Pasquale

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 31 at Saint Valentine Parish, Bloomfield, for Father Donald

J. Di Pasquale, 81, who died Oct. 26.

Born in Newark, he attended Seton Hall University, South Orange, and Immaculate Conception Seminary. He was ordained May 26, 1962.

Fr. Di Pasquale served Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish,

Newark; Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange; Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Bayonne, and Epiphany Parish, Cliffside Park. After his retirement in 2011, he ministered at Saint Valentine Parish.

Father Daniel A. Danik

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 4 at Saint John the Apostle Parish, Clark, for Father Daniel

A. Danik, 96, who died Oct. 28.

Born in Elizabeth, Fr. Danik attended Seton Hall University and Immacu-

late Conception Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood May 22, 1948.

He was first assigned to Saint Brigid's Parish in North Bergen and then served as a parochial vicar at Saint Patrick Parish, Jersey City; Saint Thomas the Apostle, Bloomfield; and Our Lady of Sorrows, South Orange.

Fr. Danik was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield, in April 1975 and retired in 1996. He served on the archdiocesan Priests' Senate and was the archdiocesan director of Essex County for the

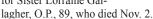
Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Father Danik was the moderator of Serra International, and moderator of the National Council of Catholic Women. He was involved in civic and community affairs.

He served as president of the Civil Rights Commission of Bloomfield and President of the Bloomfield/Glen Ridge Ministerial Association

Sister Lorraine Gallagher, O.P.

▲ Mass of Christian Burial was

Acelebrated Nov. 6 at the Chapel of the Most Holy Rosary at Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY, for Sister Lorraine Gal-



Sr. Lorraine entered the novitiate of the Dominican Sisters of Newburgh on Sept. 8, 1945, made her First Profession two years later, and Final Profession in 1950. She attended Seton Hall University, South Orange, and Fordham University, NY.

She served as a teacher throughout New York and New Jersey and taught at Saint Joseph School, Bayonne.



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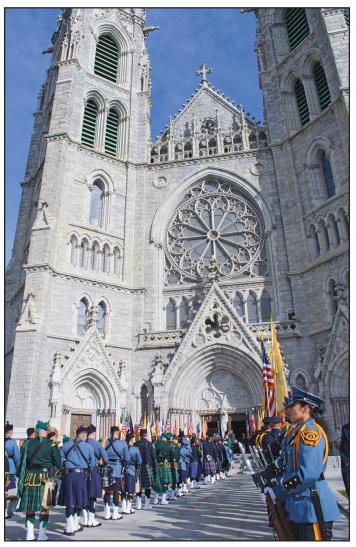
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Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., served as the principal celebrant and homilist at the 25th Annual Mass for Law Enforcement Officers Nov. 9 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. The Mass remembers the men and women who serve and honors those who lost their lives in the line of duty this past year. About 1,500 representatives from federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement departments attended.



Advocate photos- Melissa McNally

Retirement Fund for Religious Dec. 2

Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark will have the opportunity to participate in the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, to be held in parishes Dec. 2-3.

Coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office in Washington, D.C., the annual appeal benefits 32,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests whose religious congregations lack adequate retirement funding.

Last year, the archdiocese contributed \$575,714.53. In 2017, the Augustinian Recollects, Dominican Nuns, Marist Brothers, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, Sisters of Saint Dominic and Society of African Missions received financial assistance made possible by the retirement fund.

In all, the 2016 collection raised almost \$30.7 million. About 94 cents of every dollar aids senior religious. In June, the retirement office distributed \$25 million to 390 religious communities nationwide. Communities use the funds to bolster retirement savings and subsidize expenses, such as prescription medications and nursing care.

Throughout the year, additional funds are allocated to assist religious communities with the greatest needs and to promote ongoing education in retirement planning and eldercare delivery.

For more information, visit www.retiredreligious.org.

Official Appointments

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., has announced the following appointments:

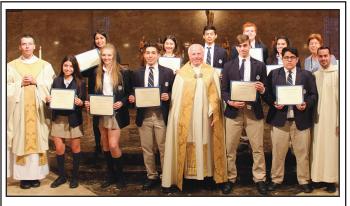
PASTOR

Reverend Hongshik Don Bosco Park, Pastor of Church of the Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Demarest, effective January 1, 2018.

ADMINISTRATORS

Reverend Esterminio Chica, Associate Director of CYO Youth and Adult Ministries, has been appointed Administrator of Christ the King Parish, Jersey City, and Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Jersey City, effective

Nov. 15.



Saint Mary High School, Rutherford, commissioned 10 seniors as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on All Saints' Day. This is the first such induction of students in the 88-year history of the high school. The students were commissioned by the Very Rev. Michael J. Kreder, pastor of Saint Mary Parish.

Reverend Andrew J. Park,

Parochial Vicar of Saint Joseph Parish, Oradell/New Milford, has been appointed Administrator of Church of the Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook, effective January 1, 2018.

DEANS

Reverend Larry Evans II, Pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Ridgefield Park, has been appointed Dean of Deanery 5 South Central Bergen, effective Oct. 20.

Reverend James Spera, Pastor of Assumption Parish, Roselle Park, has been appointed Dean of Deanery 23, Union County North, effective Sept. 26.

IN RESIDENCE

Reverend Jaroslaw Zaniewski

has been appointed to residence at Saint Casimir Parish, Newark, effective Oct. 16.

Reverend Peter Smutelovic

has been appointed to residence at Saint Gabriel Parish, Saddle River, effective Oct. 9.



Reverend Eugene Bettinger, O.Carm., has been appointed to residence at Assumption Parish, Emerson, effective Oct. 20.

Reverend Robert A. Tooman

has been appointed to residence at Christ the King Parish, Jersey City, effective Oct. 25.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend Ireneusz Pierzchala,

Pastor of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Linden, has been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Council No, 15808, Linden, effective Oct. 20.









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Immaculate Heart partners with the Memory Project

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP—Students and teachers in Immaculate Heart Academy's art department are again contributing their talents to the Memory Project, a charitable nonprofit that enlists art teachers and their students to create and donate portraits to youth around the world.

The Memory Project provides photos of children and teens it receives from global charities that operate residential homes, schools and care centers. Team members provide participating art teachers with color prints and digital copies of the photos. Art teachers then work with their students to create several portraits for each child in different poses.

Since its inception in 2004, the Memory Project has created more than 100,000 portraits for children in 43 countries. Immaculate Heart Academy artists have completed portraits for students in Cambodia, Haiti, Thailand, Paraguay, Madagascar and Peru since 2013. This past semester, Immaculate Heart students created portraits of Syrian refugees.



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The objective is "to help the children feel valued and important and to give our art students an opportunity to practice kindness, selflessness, and global awareness through art," said Lisa Encke, director of the arts. Students in the first semester advanced painting and

drawing students created paintings for children in the Ukraine; second semester students for those in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Representatives from the Memory Project deliver the portraits to the children. Art students and teachers can later view a video of the delivery. Letters said the children and teens who received the portraits were surprised and touched by the gifts.

Immaculate Heart Academy also donated \$9,000 to the Memory Project to support art, therapy, and youth development programs for the children in both countries.





Local pastor honors beloved Italian saint at canonization Mass

By Maria Margiotta

ather Joseph Ferraro, pastor of Holy Family Parish in Nutley, concelebrated Mass in Saint Peter's Square with Pope Francis as 35 saints were canonized before 35,000 pilgrims.

One of them, Saint Angelo d'Acri, was an Italian Capuchin priest known for his preaching. Fr. Ferraro traveled to Rome for the canonization because of their shared roots in Acri in the Calabria region of Italy and where many of Fr. Ferraro's family members still live.

"There were many tears of joy, as the people of Acri have waited so long for this moment," Fr. Ferraro said. "From a very early age, I remember my parents and grandparents speaking of Blessed Angelo of Acri."

The pilgrims who attended the Mass especially for Saint Angelo distinguished themselves by wearing yellow caps depicting the saint and the Acri basilica. When the saint's name was announced, they waved banners printed with a greeting to Pope Francis: "Calabria loves you." They also chanted, "Evivva Sant'Angelo d'Acri."

The fervor was not new. For years they displayed pictures, calendars and various religious articles and discussed his life while praying for his canonization, Fr. Ferraro said

Many in Acri, as well as in Fr. Ferraro's family, use "Angelo" or "Angela" as a first or middle name.

Another local custom is for children to wear a Franciscan habit and come to the St. Angelo Chapel for a blessing on the saint's birthday.

"All of my male cousins and I were dedicated to the protection of Blessed Angelo," he said, adding his family was especially proud of a cousin, Stefania Chimento, a Choir member of Saint Angelo Basilica, who sang a solo before the Oct. 15 Mass

Saint Angelo, born Luca Antonio Falcone on Oct. 19, 1669, became a Capuchin Franciscan at 18 in 1690 after two earlier attempts to join the community were unsuccessful. He took the name Angelo when he professed his first vows in 1691 and dedicated himself to preaching.

It took time, but he achieved

success during Lent in Naples in 1711 and subsequently converted thousands during missions he preached in Calabria and Naples before his death in in the friary in Acri on Oct. 30, 1739, He was beatified by Pope Leo XII in 1825. His feast day is Oct. 30.

During the Mass, tapestries bearing images of the canonized hung from the facade of Saint Peter's as a festive atmosphere prevailed.

"All present treated each other as family and friends, even if we didn't know each other," Fr. Ferraro said. "People hugged and bonded. I was introduced to people whose parents were friends of my grandparents and started sharing stories that I had heard originally from my grandparents. This made it even more worthwhile—memories so wonderfully important to be shared from the heart."

Maria Margiotta is Marketing Manager for the Office of Catholic Cemeteries.



Catholic Charities receives \$20,000 toy donation

NEWARK—No empty stockings this Christmas for disadvantaged kids who will benefit from a \$20,000 toy donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark.

The gift came from the Kefalas-Pinto Foundation and Discovery Toys. Founded by Dr. Peter Pinto in memory of his wife, Olga Doris Pinto (nee Kefalas), the foundation provides support to charities and organizations that aid children in need. California-based Discovery Toys specializes in multifaceted, hands-on children's educational learning toys.

"We have many children involved with the services we provide," said John Westervelt, chief executive of Catholic Charities. "This donation will certainly help to enhance their Christmas celebration. We are most appreciative to the Kefalas-Pinto Foundation and Discovery Toys and for their generosity."

"I am thrilled that the shared values of these organizations were able to come together to help make Christmas a little brighter this year for the children who will be receiving these gifts." said Jerry R Salerno, chief executive of Discovery Toys.

Catholic Charities, one of New Jersey's oldest and largest social service agencies, provides a range of assistance to more than 61,000 individuals and families in need each year. Its network of programs focus on emergency and transitional housing for the homeless, food for the hungry, counseling for families in crisis, education and training for those with special needs, early childhood education and services to displaced veterans and seniors.

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November 15

St. Paul Parish, Ramsey, "Made for More," live music, art, and presentation based John Paul II's Theology of the Body, with Christopher West and Mike Mangione, 7-9 p.m., \$20, (201) 327-0976 or e-mail phoulis@stpaulrcchurch.org.

November 19

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish,

Bloomfield, afternoon reflection for those who have lost a loved one, 12-1:30 p.m., presented by Anna Graziano, (973) 338-9538.

November 25

Knights of Columbus Council #3240, Roselle Park, community blood drive, at Assumption Parish, 10 a.m. -2 p.m., call (908) 245-1107.

November 28

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "Living in the Image, Grace and Likeness of Mercy: Beholding the Merciful Face," presented by Valerie D.

Lewis-Mosley, 5:30 p.m. supper followed by presentation at 6:15-7:45p.m., \$25-\$35, call (973) 403-3331 ext. 25 or e-mail lumencenter@caldwellop.org.

November 29

St. Luke Parish, Ho-Ho-Kus, "Love Among Us" Christmas concert performed by The Daughters of St. Paul, \$25, call (201) 444- 0272 or visit www.pauline.org/concerts.

December 1

St. Joseph by the Sea Retreat House, South Mantoloking, Advent silent retreat weekend. through Dec. 3, includes reflection, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass, \$215, (732) 892-8494.

December 2

Office of Family Life Ministries,

Archdiocese of Newark, training day for the divorced and separated ministry, 12-week program at the Archdiocesan Center, 9 a.m. -4 p.m., call Lauren Egan at (973)

497-4327 or e-mail Lauren. Egan@rcan.org.

December 5

Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, "The Joyful Mystery of God-with-Us: Women's Advent Retreat." presented by Sr. Anita Constance, S.C., 10 a.m., call Sister Maryanne Tracey, S.C. at (973) 290-5325 or e-mail lpechello@scnj.org.

December 8

Respect Life Office, Archdiocese of Newark, celebrating National Night of Prayer for Life, 9 p.m. at the following parishes: St. Teresa of Avila, Summit; St. Francis De Sales, Lodi; St. Theresa, Kenilworth; Holy Name of Jesus, East Orange; and St. Patrick Pro-Cathedral, Newark; call Cheryl A. Riley at (973) 497-4350 or e-mail Cheryl.Riley@rcan.org.

December 9

Assumption Parish, Roselle Park, outdoor Kris Kringle Christmas Night Market, featuring crafts, food and tree lighting, 4-10 p.m., (908) 245-1107.

December 12

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "Rejoicing Heartily in the Lord: An Advent Reflection, presented by Paul Sansone, 5:30 p.m. supper followed by presentation at 6:15-7:15 p.m., \$25 - \$35, call (973) 403-3331 ext. 25 or e-mail lumencenter@caldwellop.org.

December 13

St. Joseph by the Sea Retreat House, South Mantoloking, "Quiet by the Fireside," reflection, prayer and Christmas sing-along after program, 5 p.m., (732) 892-8494.

December 17

St. Margaret of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry, Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, 3 p.m., (201) 641-2988.

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