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# Haiti in the aftermath of Matthew

by Dawn Colapietro

Special to The Catholic Advocate

I never realized it was possible to have less than nothing until Hurricane Matthew ripped through Haiti on Oct. 3, 2016.

In its wake, the category 4 storm left the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere even poorer. It destroyed homes, crops, farm animals, lives and entire communities.

It left everyone bracing for the aftermath—conditions feared more than the storm itself: shortages of food and water, escalating costs for housing material, and outbreaks of life threatening diseases like malaria and cholera.

What could Matthew leave behind besides devastation—further social, political and economic instability in an already unstable and fragile country?

I am a volunteer living and working in Haiti with a ministry supported by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, based in Convent Station. In the days following the hurricane, I was able to visit some of the hardest hit areas; not ones seen on the news along the coast, but ones more isolated up in the mountains close to where I live.

Having visited Haiti on six different occasions, and now calling it home, I thought I had seen the worst of the slums, walked in the poorest of neighborhoods and seen the gravest depths of despair that only exists on the faces of the most destitute. I thought it impossible that a people who had nothing, could



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Sister Sherry Barrett, D.C., Sister Dianne Moore S.C., and Sister Mary Headley, O.P., with a carload of donations on its way to victims of the hurricane.

possibly ever have even less. But I was wrong.

I didn't think anyone who just had a chair to sit on could have less but they do when that one chair is splintered into a thousand pieces. I didn't think that you could have anything less if all you had was a stained mattress to sleep on but you can when that mattress is under six inches of mud. I didn't think you could have anything less when you only had enough food to give your child a meal every other day but you can when what little you had is now moldy.

I didn't think you could have anything less than a grass hut to call home but you can if it is missing its walls. And, I didn't think you could have anything less than a dirt floor to stand on but you can when you

are now standing in a foot of mud in what used to be a single-room home that housed your entire family.

I, like you, have heard the stories about how little of the billions of dollars donated to Haiti after the earthquake ever got into the hands of its victims but instead lined the pockets of Haitian governmental officials or was wasted by large foundations and NGOs. But I, maybe unlike you, have seen first-hand how, in some instances, that it is actually true.

There are what we call "monopoly houses" in Haiti, some 20 miles outside of Port-au-Prince, which cost millions of dollars to build and in an area originally intended for housing for families displaced by the earthquake. Six years later you can drive by and see a few squatters

but no community; it's a ghost town. And, I can assure you, the village in which I have my ministry has never seen a dime of that money.

There is a saying in my part of the world: "If you want your money to go into the hands it is intended to help, give it to a Catholic nun." I currently live in Haiti with Catholic missionaries and can vouch that this is true. I have also been fortunate to live in several religious communities and can attest that these women only care about two things: social justice and serving the poor.

I have been blessed to work side-by-side with Sister Dianne Moore, S.C., for some time now. Sr. Dianne had her hand in so many things: medical clinic, goat project, English classes, women's groups, water project, hurricane relief. But her greatest contribution and gift to people is her love and compassion. It is her gentle touch or hug for a sick patient, a balloon for a crying child, or her encouraging words to a person who is discouraged, that has the greatest impact. Sr. Dianne has learned how truly to be present to someone and that is her true ministry—a Ministry of Presence which is the greatest salve to heal whatever is broken or wounded.

If your compassion and generosity move you to help the hurricane victims in Haiti and you want to make sure your donation gets into the right hands, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth have set up a GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/HaitiSoc>.

*Dawn Colapietro, a social worker and chaplain, currently lives in Haiti as a volunteer with the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth.*

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# Thousands welcome Cardinal Tobin at Installation Mass

By Al Frank

**A**s sixth Archbishop of Newark, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin hopes his ministry will help bridge “the chasm between faith and life” and encourage the 1.2 million Catholics in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties to be “a people whose kindness is known to all.”

“Jesus Christ lives today in His body, the Church, which is neither an elite club nor a static container of truth,” Cardinal Tobin said during his installation on Jan. 6 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

“The Church is the place where believers speak and listen to each other, and it is the community of faith that speaks with and listens to the world. The Church senses a responsibility for the world, not simply as yet another institutional presence or a benevolent NGO (non-governmental organization), but as a movement of salt, light and heaven for the world’s transformation. For this reason, our kindness must be known to all.”

The cardinal delivered his homily before a packed assembly of more than 2,000 during a 2 1/2 -hour Mass of Installation held on the traditional feast date of the

‘pie-in-the-sky,’ but the abundant, joyful life that God intends for us even now?”

The cardinal spoke from the gothic cathedral’s marble pulpit in a sanctuary awash with ruby poinsettias during a Mass when fervent renditions of Christmas carols and liturgical hymns were led by the 30-member cathedral choir.

Hierarchy flanked the main altar. Included were six of the 18 U.S. cardinals, including Newark’s fourth archbishop, Theodore McCarrick, who was named a cardinal after he became Archbishop of Washington, D.C. Among the 70 bishops was St. Paul-Minneapolis Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda. In 2013, Pope Francis named the Gaylord, MI bishop to succeed Archbishop Myers. But after serving almost three years as Newark’s coadjutor, he was transferred last March to the Midwest diocese, which was immersed in legal troubles that led to the resignation of his predecessor.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis, which Cardinal Tobin led since 2012, experienced a similar switch. A month after Pope Francis named him a cardinal—but before the Nov. 13 consistory—the pontiff appointed him Archbishop of Newark to succeed Archbishop Myers, who submitted his mandatory retirement letter in July, when he turned 75.

The ceremonial transfer of the



Advocate photo—Al Frank

**PHOTOS FROM THE MASS OF INSTALLATION  
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Epiphany, which celebrates Christ’s manifestation to the nations. It is Christ who must remain at the center of all endeavors, a conviction the 64-year-old cardinal said was reinforced by his unexpected transfer to Newark.

“The appointment reminds me that stakes are incredibly high, for if we permit the chasm between faith and life to continue to expand, we risk losing Christ, reducing Him simply to an interesting idea or a comforting, nostalgic memory. And, if we lose Christ, then the world has lost the salt, light and heaven that could have transformed it. If we lose Christ, how will anyone find eternal life that is not simply an empty wish that can be dismissed as

archdiocese came at the start of the liturgy, just after Cardinal Tobin knocked three times on the wooden narthex doors. He was greeted in the sanctuary by Archbishop Myers, who then asked Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the U.S. papal nuncio, to read the Vatican’s appointment document.

After the archdiocesan College of Consultors reviewed the parchment and wax papal seal, Cardinal Tobin walked down and up the main aisle holding it aloft to applause.

Returning to the sanctuary, Archbishop Pierre escorted him to the marble cathedra, which now displays the coat of arms of New Jersey’s first cardinal. After embrac-

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## Pope names first Filipino to lead U.S. diocese

WASHINGTON—Pope Francis has named Auxiliary Bishop Oscar A. Solis of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as bishop of Salt Lake City, Utah.

The appointment was announced on January 10 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Born in San Jose City, Nueva Ecija, Philippines, Bishop Oscar Solis, 63, attended Divine Word Seminary in Tagaytay City and Theology University of Santo Tomas in Manila. He was ordained a priest on April 28, 1979.

After ordination, he served in the Archdiocese of Manila and the Diocese of Cabanatuan. Upon coming to the United States, he served in the Archdiocese of Newark as associate pastor of Saint Rocco Parish in Union City from 1984-1988. He then served in parishes in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana for 15 years.

On Dec. 11, 2003, Saint John Paul II appointed him auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He was installed on Feb. 10, 2004. From 2004-2009, Bishop Solis served as the Vicar for Ethnic Ministry. In 2009, he was named auxiliary bishop of the San Pedro Pastoral Region, which includes Long Beach and southern Los Angeles County.

The Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City is 84,990 square miles, with a population of 2.9 million people, of which 10 percent are Catholic.

At a news conference at diocesan offices where he was introduced, Bishop Solis said the visit was only his second in Utah, but he pledged to quickly learn the Catholic community.

"I humbly submit myself to you as the new servant leader of the Diocese of Salt Lake City and a shepherd for the people of the state of Utah," he said.

Bishop Solis' installation is March 7 at the Cathedral of the Madeleine in Salt Lake City.



Bishop Oscar A. Solis

## World Day for Consecrated Life next weekend

WASHINGTON—The World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, Feb. 2 and in parishes the weekend of Feb. 4-5.

Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, is chair of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations.

"Our Holy Father Francis has given the Church this special opportunity to pray for all those women and men in consecrated life who have given their lives in love to God," Cardinal Tobin said. "This prayer may prompt each of us to ask, 'How is God calling me to give of myself this day, that I might know the deeper joy of service to God and others?'"

A Mass in celebration of Consecrated Life will be held Feb. 2 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark at 7:30 p.m.

Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life in 1997. The celebration is connected with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.



# Considering Cremation?

While most Catholics still prefer full-body burial, today some families and individuals may consider cremation as an alternative to traditional burial. Cremation is another way of preparing you or your loved one for remembrance and memorialization, which is an integral part of the grieving process. Like a traditional burial, choosing a permanent and dignified resting place for the human cremated remains of a departed loved one is equally important, especially for loved ones who will visit, pray, and remember.

## **Burial Guidelines from the Vatican**

New instruction from the Vatican restates the doctrinal and pastoral reasons for the Church's burial preference for the remains of the faithful. The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased because this shows a greater esteem towards the departed. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian faith.



When cremation of the body has been chosen, the human cremated remains of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place (i.e., a Catholic cemetery). This helps to ensure that due respect is shown to the faithful departed and that they are included in the prayers and remembrance of their family and the Catholic community.

Human cremated remains of the faithful departed should not be scattered, or kept in one's home, nor should they be divided among family members.

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## **Keeping An Urn at Home?**

If you are holding the human cremated remains of a loved one at home, whether they departed recently or many years ago, consider bringing them to a Catholic cemetery. The dignified and permanent interment of human cremated remains in a holy place properly recognizes the Order of Christian Funerals. Accommodations are available to place a loved one in a grave or niche or in an existing resting place.

Additionally, there are ways to honor at a Catholic cemetery those whose human cremated remains have been scattered or otherwise are unavailable and to ensure that they will be prayed for as we do for all the faithful departed. We will work with your family to make accommodations to place a plaque "In Memory Of" an individual to a niche, grave or existing headstone so your loved one will be prayed for and remembered.

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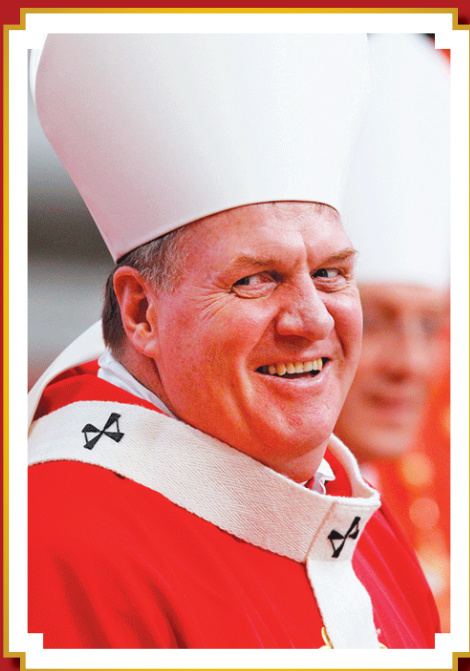


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Hoboken Catholic Academy eighth grade student Nicole Vij was recently selected the winner of the 2016 Hoboken Veterans Day Essay Contest. Nicole is pictured with, left to right, Principal Matthew McGrath; Mayor of Hoboken Dawn Zimmer; language arts teacher Peggy Girovasi; and eighth grade teacher Maria Fusiak. Nicole is holding the proclamation she received from Mayor Zimmer. In her essay, Nicole described her father's role in the U.S. Air Force. "He was dedicated, committed and honored to serve his country. For my dad, serving in the United States Armed Forces is extra special as he is a naturalized citizen. He came to the United States at the age of eight and to be able to serve the country that so welcomed him gives him much pride," she wrote.

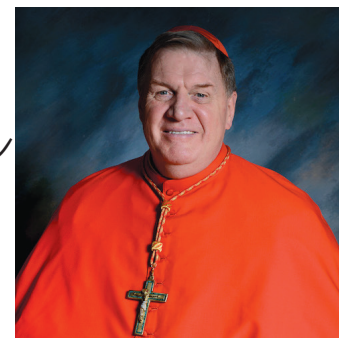
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unity and humility and, in the  
process, discover joy and peace  
in our life together."**

*~Joseph William Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R  
Mass of Installation Homily*



## Cardinal Tobin at Installation Mass

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ing Archbishop Myers, Cardinal Tobin sat on the episcopal throne for the first time, holding a silver shepherd's staff, or crosier, the chief priest's symbol of authority.

He was then welcomed by community representatives, including a family, a rabbi and Gov. Chris Christie, who was among a number of public officials attending the ceremony.

Just below, in the first dozen pews, were the Detroit-born cardinal's 12 siblings, their families, relatives and friends—about 100 in all. On the aisle in the first row was Marie Tobin, his 93-year-old mother.

"It's pretty hard to wrap your mind around," the retired public school teacher said before Mass. "I know the Lord has used Joe and I'm so grateful and I know it's the result of all the people praying for him."

Later, Cardinal Tobin thanked his family for teaching him how to love and how to share. "When you grow up in one house with eight

sisters and one bathroom you learn how to share," he said to laughter. He then added: "and thank you for teaching me how to pray."

Making those remarks before the blessing, he also thanked all for warmly welcoming "the new kid on the block" and Archbishop Myers "for the care you've given to this archdiocese for 15 years."

Friends who came to witness the installation said the archdiocese would enjoy Cardinal Tobin's personal touch. "He's just so special," said Annie Atanian, who has known Cardinal Tobin for 45 years from his days as a pastor at Holy Redeemer Parish in Detroit.

Archdiocesan faithful, meanwhile, talked of a new era. "He brings fresh air to the life of the church, especially as a cardinal," Father Peter Palmisano, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish in Garfield told the *New York Times*.

"He has a world vision and he's a people person," added Father Clement Krug, C.Ss.R. Parochial Vicar, Saint James Parish in Newark.

Cardinal Tobin was self-effacing. "Sometimes I think Pope Francis sees a lot more in me than I see in myself."



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Left to right, John Uriarte, Sister Jacquelyn Balasia, S.C., Corinne Wnek, Laura Flammia and Christine Danelson.

## Mother Seton honors faculty

CONVENT STATION—Three Mother Seton Regional High School faculty members are now Seton Associates of the Sisters of Charity. The recognition was given during a liturgy honoring Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton at Holy Family Chapel in Convent Station on Jan. 7.

Christine Danelson, Laura Flammia, and Corinne Wnek received the honor.

Seton Associates are women and men who, following their own particular vocation in life, seek to deepen their relationship with God and share in the mission and ministry of the sisters. They live out the charism of the sisters by praying for the mission; being active in ministry, especially toward the poor; and sharing in congregational celebrations, liturgies, and retreats.

Principal Sister Jacquelyn Balasia, S.C., sponsored each of the women, who are all alumnae of the school. "They will each add so

much to this program and in turn will benefit so much from this program bringing this richness back to the Mother Seton school community," she said.

Danelson, who is a music teacher, also serves as the annual musical director, Seton Ensemble director, forensics coach and school social worker.

Flammia is the director of development and alumnae relations. She works to secure financial aid, donations and assistance for a variety of projects.

Wnek serves as the director of guidance. With her assistance, seniors are able to maintain college scholarship money. More than 81 percent of graduating students receive college scholarships and 100 percent of seniors achieve college placement.

Fellow Seton Associate John Uriarte, who is a religious studies chairperson at Mother Seton, gave the homily during the Mass.





Cardinal Tobin sits in the episcopal chair after embracing his predecessor Archbishop John J. Myers. At left, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio.



Cardinal Tobin embraces his sister, Kathleen Van Delinder before the mass.



Cardinal Tobin shares a moment with his mother Marie before Mass.



Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, fourth Archbishop of Newark, applauds with Cardinal Tobin.



Cardinal Tobin knocks on the narthex doors of the cathedral before entering.





More than 100 of Cardinal Tobin's family and friends took up nearly a dozen pews.



Cardinal Tobin displays the parchment from Pope Francis appointing him Archbishop of Newark.



Cardinal Tobin preaches his first homily from the cathedral pulpit.



More than 2,000 people filled the Cathedral Basilica for the Mass of Installation.



Cardinal Tobin gives a high-five to a young onlooker during the closing procession.



Cardinal Tobin was surrounded by a crowd of well-wishers after Mass.



# Trinitas and Saint Joseph's form behavioral health network

ELIZABETH—In response to the growing need for more coordinated mental health care services in the state, Trinitas Regional Medical Center and Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center have launched the largest and most comprehensive integrated behavioral health network in northern New Jersey. The new partnership will enhance access and continuity of care by ensuring patients receive services in the most appropriate setting for their complex behavioral health needs.

"One of the greatest challenges facing patients with mental health and substance health needs is getting into the right program—that can offer them the greatest benefit," explained Dr. Carlos Rueda, regional chairman of Psychiatry/Behavioral Health of the new Trinitas-Saint Joseph's Behavioral Health Network. "Both Trinitas and Saint Joseph offer a

comprehensive array of behavioral health treatment centers, programs and services at dozens of outpatient and satellite facilities throughout the region. Now together, our newly combined network dramatically expands those access points and the opportunities for enhanced outcomes."

According to a report released in October 2016 by the New Jersey Hospital Association, patients with mental health and substance use disorders account for nearly half of the growth in hospital emergency room cases in New Jersey and are far outpacing the overall growth in emergency department use. The report goes on to note that treating individuals suffering from a mental health crisis in the emergency department can place stress on the patient and is not the best setting to handle their complex needs. At the same time, it places increased

strain within the emergency department, adding to overcrowding, long waits and increased healthcare costs.

The Trinitas-Saint Joseph's Network includes primary medical care in behavioral health to engage patients at the onset of mental health and substance use issues, allowing for earlier diagnosis and referral to the best possible treatment options.

A report from the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention contends that life expectancy for psychiatric patients is 25 years less than it is for non-psychiatric patients. "Mental health care has always been delivered in silos, with little regard to primary care," explained James McCreath, Vice President of Behavioral Health at Trinitas and Executive Director of the Network. "This dilemma is now being addressed by our two

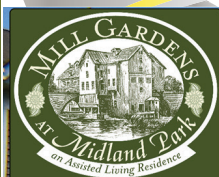
full-service hospitals, each with a broad range of medical specialties and behavioral health expertise."

The lack of primary care among the mental health population has been recognized by the federal government, which recently awarded Trinitas a four-year, \$1.6 million grant to operate a primary care clinic in its mental health center. "Saint Joe's has also shown leadership in this arena, as evidenced by their new relationship with a major area primary care physicians' practice," he added.

"By joining our two behavioral health programs, we now offer expanded access and treatment for patients that will move care away from emergency departments and into more appropriate settings," said Gary Horan, President & CEO, Trinitas Regional Medical Center. "The size and scope of the new behavioral health network will bring multiple benefits, including improved care coordination to ensure patients and their families are connected to the right programs for their unique needs."

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## Holy Name's critical care team receives Beacon Awards

TEANECK—Holy Name Medical Center's intensive care unit and intermediate care unit received Silver Beacon Awards for Excellence from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses. The award recognizes achievements of critical care teams in areas including professional practice, patient outcomes and work environments.

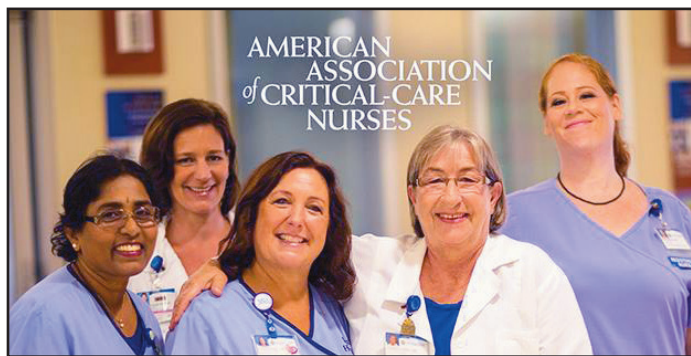
The Beacon Award for Excellence honors unit caregivers who successfully improve patient outcomes and align practices with the association's six healthy work environment standards. Units that achieve this three-year award meet national criteria consistent with Magnet Recognition, the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and the National Quality Healthcare Award.

American Association of Criti-

cal-Care Nurses President Clareen Wiencek applauded the commitment of the caregivers at Holy Name Medical Center for working together to meet and exceed the high standards set forth by the Beacon Award. These dedicated healthcare professionals join other members of the community of nurses who set the standard for optimal patient care.

"Being a national Beacon Award winner for outstanding critical care and a Magnet-recognized institution reflects Holy Name's commitment to maintaining excellence and continually improving the care we provide our patients," said Michael Maron, president and CEO, Holy Name Medical Center.

"Both units have an amazing team of professionals, working in collaboration to achieve the best



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possible outcomes for the hospital's most critically ill patients," said Sheryl Slonim, executive vice president, Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer. "That strong, inter-professional partnership between our physicians and nurses leads to outstanding care."

"The Beacon Award for Excellence recognizes caregivers in stellar units whose consistent and systematic approach to evidence-based care optimizes patient outcomes. Units that receive this national recognition serve as role models to others on their journey to excellent patient and family care," she explained.

Established in 2003, the Beacon Award offers a road map to help guide exceptional care through improved outcomes and greater overall patient satisfaction. U.S. or Canadian units where patients receive their principal nursing care after hospital admission qualify for the excellence award. Units that receive the award meet criteria in six categories: leadership structures and systems; appropriate staffing and staff engagement; effective communication, knowledge management, learning and development; evidence-based practice and processes; and outcome measurement.

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## February 4

**Don Bosco Prep**, Ramsey, collegiate A Capella Sing-Off concert, 7:30 p.m., \$15, contact Toni Bilotti Cecere at [tcecere@donboscoprep.com](mailto:tcecere@donboscoprep.com) or call (201) 327-6457.

**Jesuit Retreat Center**, Morristown, Day of Prayer, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., presenter Anna Graziano to discuss the path to forgiveness, e-mail [annagraziano08@gmail.com](mailto:annagraziano08@gmail.com) or call (973) 539-0740.

## February 6

**Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child**, Summit, "Raising Resilient Girls," hosted by founder and executive director of Girls Leadership Simone Marean, 7 p.m., call (908) 522-8109 or visit [www.oakknoll.org](http://www.oakknoll.org).

## February 10

**The Community of God's Love**, Rutherford, presentation of the series "An Introduction to a Feminist Interpretation of the Bible" by Sister Barbara Reid, O.P.,

also on March 10, begins with light supper at 7 p.m., call (201) 935- 0344 or e-mail [secretary@thecgl.org](mailto:secretary@thecgl.org).

## February 11

**Dominican Nuns of Summit**, Valentine's Day dance to benefit the Dominican Nuns of Summit Centennial Campaign, 7-11 p.m., \$100 for reservations, visit [www.501auctions.com/valentinesdance](http://www.501auctions.com/valentinesdance), e-mail [development@summitdominicans.org](mailto:development@summitdominicans.org) or call (201) 452-4996.

## March 10

**Queen of Peace High School**, Rutherford, tricky tray, 6 p.m., \$15, call Cheryl Riley at (201) 650-2961 or e-mail [cheriley@verizon.net](mailto:cheriley@verizon.net).

## March 25

**New Jersey Pastoral Workers with the Deaf**, 7th Annual Catholic DeaFest, at Our Lady of Peace Parish, North Brunswick. Guest presenter is Fr. Ray Fleming, a deaf priest from

the Diocese of Rochester. RSVP by March 12, doors open at 9 a.m. with closing Mass at 5:30 p.m. To register, e-mail [catholicdeafestnj@gmail.com](mailto:catholicdeafestnj@gmail.com).

## Other

**Office of Family Life Ministries**, Archdiocese of Newark, will offer a bereavement ministry training course. The two-hour sessions are Thursday and Saturday mornings at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark, and will begin in February and continues into April. Tuition is \$175 per participant. Contact Lauren Egan at (973) 497-4327 or [eganlaur@rcan.org](mailto:eganlaur@rcan.org).

**Office of Family Life Ministries** sponsors support groups for parents grieving the death of a child. Groups meet at St. Thomas the Apostle, Bloomfield, on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and at St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge, on the third Monday of each month at 7:30pm. Contact Lauren Egan at (973) 497-4327 or [eganlaur@rcan.org](mailto:eganlaur@rcan.org).



## Official Appointments

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

## ADMINISTRATOR

**Reverend Frederick A. Pfeifer** has been appointed Administrator of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, East Orange, effective Feb. 1.

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

**Reverend Monsignor Paul D. Schetelick** has been appointed Spiritual Director of the Bukas Loob Sa Diyos Catholic Charismatic Covenant, effective immediately.

## RETIREMENT

**Reverend William G. Cook** has been granted retirement, effective Feb. 1, 2017.

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## Sister Rose Thering Fund elects new board member

SOUTH ORANGE —The Sister Rose Thering Fund for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University welcomed South Orange resident Robert D. Woog to its board of trustees.

Woog brings more than 45 years of business operating management experience to the board. He is currently managing director of Transcom Int'l, which he founded in 2002.

"The Sister Rose Thering Fund is delighted to welcome Robert Woog to our board of trustees," said Deborah Lerner Duane, chairman of the Sister Rose Thering Fund. "His professional experience, combined with his interest in and enthusiasm for the Fund's mission, will enable him to make important contributions to our work. We look forward to serving together with Bob."

"My first effort will be to listen and gain insight into the present successes of the Fund. I can then offer suggestions and dialogue and work with the other members," Woog said.

Woog was introduced to the Sister Rose Thering Fund by its executive director and Seton Hall professor of Jewish-Christian Studies, Dr. David Bossman, who sponsored Woog as board trustee. "One of Bob's great strengths as a business professional is his ability to identify and analyze opportunities," Bossman said. "He also has personal involvement in interreligious understanding. Adding this expertise to our already strong board enables us to continue moving forward in eliminating religious discrimination."

In his position with Transcom Int'l, Woog is involved with a variety of communication initiatives in the Middle East, Latin America and Asia. He graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1968 with a degree in electrical engineering.

Woog previously worked for AT&T and left in 1983 to become vice president of engineering and operations at a startup company focused on using microwave systems for local bypass. He joined another



Submitted photo

Trustees Marilyn Rosenbaum, Robert Woog and Chairman Deborah Lerner Duane.

technology startup in 1995, where he was responsible for international operations and corporate engineering.

The Sister Rose Thering Fund for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies was created and named in honor of Sister Rose Thering, O.P., Ph.D., in recognition of her dedication to improve Jewish-Christian relations through teacher education,

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**Sister Maureen Matthews, S.C.**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 23 at The Villa at Florham Park for Sister Maureen Matthews, S.C., 81, who died Dec. 17.



Formerly Sister James Agnes, Sr. Maureen was born in Paterson. She entered the Sisters of Charity on Aug. 20, 1959 and was a member for 57 years.

Sr. Maureen graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, and earned a master's in secondary education from Seton Hall University. She also earned a doctorate in curriculum/teaching-youth education from Columbia University, New York.

Sr. Maureen served as a teacher at Sisters of Charity Prep School and the Academy of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, and was Instructor of Education at Columbia University.

From 1974 -1992, she held several positions in the education department at the College of Saint Elizabeth where she also served four years as assistant dean. In 1992, Sr. Maureen became a family caregiver in Hawthorne. She retired to the Villa in 2013 where she resided until her death.

**Sister Anne McDonald, S.C.**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 21 at The Villa at Florham Park for Sister Anne McDonald, S.C., 83, who died Dec. 17.



Formerly Sister Cordis Marie, Sr. Anne was born in Orange. She entered the Sisters of Charity on Oct. 1, 1951 and was a member for 65 years.

Sr. Anne graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, and earned a master's in counseling psychology from Boston College.

Sr. Anne served as a teacher at Saint Bridget School, Jersey City; Saint Agnes School, Paterson; Corpus Christi School, Hasbrouck Heights; and Our Lady of Mount

Carmel, Ridgewood. She was principal at Holy Trinity School, Hackensack.

She also served as assistant director of the food/nutrition department at the College of Saint Elizabeth; coordinator at Catholic Community Services, Cranford; and was a volunteer at Northwest Covenant Medical Center in Denville.

Sr. Agnes was the secretary/treasurer of the Sister Miriam Teresa League for the Sisters of Charity. She retired to the Villa in 2014 where she resided until her death.

**Sister Agnes Vincent Rueshoff, S.C.**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec.

27 at Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, for Sister Agnes Vincent Rueshoff, S.C., 85, who died Dec. 19.



A Brooklyn native, Sr. Agnes Vincent entered the Sisters of Charity on June 24, 1949, and was a member for 67 years. She graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth, earned a master's in philosophy from the University of Dayton, OH, and a doctorate in philosophy from the American University, Washington, D.C.

Sr. Agnes Vincent served as a teacher at All Saints School and at the Academy of Saint Aloysius, Jersey City. She was an associate professor of philosophy at the College of Saint Elizabeth.

A gardener known for her many tours and lectures in the local area, Sister Agnes Vincent oversaw the care of the Shakespeare Garden with volunteers from the college and the community. She moved to Saint Vincent Nursing Home, Cedar Grove, in 2016, where she resided until her death.

**Deacon Edward Joseph Maron**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 23 at Saint Joseph Parish, Oradell, for Deacon Edward Joseph Maron, 90, who died Dec. 19.

A Union City native, Deacon

Maron was drafted into the Army in 1943 later attended New York University where he studied civil engineering. He had a long career with Lummus /Combustion Engineering, in the U.S., Canada and Europe. He retired in 1986.

Ordained a deacon in 1975, he served Saint Joseph Parish and Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Sparta.

**Sister Maureen Killough, S.C.**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec.

28 at The Villa at Florham Park for Sister Maureen Killough, S.C., 82, who died Dec. 21.



Formerly Sister Rose Michael, Sr. Maureen was born in Jersey City. She entered the Sisters of Charity on September 24, 1952 and was a member for 64 years.

Sr. Maureen graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, and received a master's degree in elementary education from Seton Hall University. She served as a teacher at Saint Margaret of Scotland School, Morristown; Saint Cecilia Elementary School, Englewood; and Saint Patrick School, Jersey City.

Sr. Maureen served as principal at Sacred Heart Elementary School, Jersey City, for 26 years (1972 - 1998). She continued her ministry to students and families until 2009. She retired to the Villa in 2009 where she resided until her death.

**Father Evan J. Greco, O.F.M.**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec.

31 at Saint Anthony Parish, Butler, for Father Evan J. Greco, O.F.M., 86, who died Dec. 27.

A native of West Orange, Fr. Greco was a professed Franciscan Friar for 63 years.



Fr. Greco studied philosophy at Seton Hall University from 1949 to 1951. He entered the Franciscans in 1952, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1958. Father Evan served as a U.S. Navy chaplain from 1962 to 1986 attaining the rank of commander.

Fr. Greco was chaplain of Saint Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa from 2005 -2013 when he retired to Saint Anthony's Friary, Butler.

**Sister Monica Vinges, S.C.**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan.

18 at Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, for Sister Monica Vinges, S.C., 74, who died Jan. 12.



Formerly Sister Peter Joanne, Sr. Monica was born in Newark. She graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station. She earned her master's in counseling and human services from Montclair State University and a master's in social work from Yeshiva University in New York City.

Sr. Monica taught at Saint Lucy and Saint Anne Schools, Jersey City, and Sacred Heart School, Vailsburg. She was a guidance counselor at Saint Teresa School, Summit and Saint Vincent Academy, Newark.

Sr. Monica was a clinician and family therapist at Catholic Community Services, Cranford; clinical counselor at Mount Carmel Guild, Jersey City; and outpatient clinician at Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth.

In addition to her clinical work, Sr. Monica was an instructor in the residency program in the psychiatry department at Trinitas, as well as clinical instructor in the psychiatric department at Seton Hall University.

She was a staff member at Counseling Care Center in Bloomfield. In 2016, Sr. Monica moved to the Convent of Saint Elizabeth where she resided until her death.



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY



## Archdiocese of Newark 2016-2015

January 25, 2017

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

These first few weeks since my installation as archbishop have been enjoyable and chock-full of meetings with individuals and groups. I am getting to know the people and ministries of this great archdiocese, but I can tell you at this point that I am only scratching the surface. I see very clearly how much the people of this local Church are doing to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and I am grateful to all of you—clergy, religious and laity—who make it possible for us to bring the love of Christ to those in need here in northern New Jersey.

As is traditional in the archdiocese, I am happy to share with you the summary of the financial condition of the Archdiocese of Newark Chancery Office for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016 and 2015. This financial information for the two years was audited according to generally accepted accounting principles by Grant Thornton, L.L.P., one of the major accounting firms in the nation. Grant Thornton issued an unqualified, or “clean,” opinion that states that the financial information presents “fairly, in all material respects, the financial position” of the archdiocese’s chancery office.

As you can see readily from this information, the financial needs of undertaking the many outreach programs, and of maintaining the parishes, schools and other institutions of the archdiocese, are great. This year’s information also shows very plainly your generosity and commitment, which enables us to meet the ever-growing spiritual and physical needs of people.

I ask you to take special note of the increases of some \$13.8 million in permanently or temporarily restricted assets between 2016 and 2015, the vast majority of which is supporting both the We Are Living Stones and Sharing God’s Blessings appeals. Your confidence and commitment to our stewardship of these initiatives are bringing to reality long-term projects in our parishes, as well as current projects in parishes, schools and other ministries. Over several years, more than 86 percent of the funds the archdiocese has received has gone directly to supporting the pastoral, health care, social service, priestly ministry and formation, and education ministries that are central to the work of the Church.

As I said in my homily during the Mass of Installation on January 6, I thank God for summoning me to the Archdiocese of Newark. I am grateful to all of you for your warm welcome. And I pray that “your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.” (Phil.1:9-11).

Sincerely in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.  
Archbishop of Newark



Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark Chancery Office  
**CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
 Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015.

### Assets

	2016	2015
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19,790,728	\$ 18,567,783
Accounts and loans receivable, net (Notes 3 and 8)	15,158,624	15,549,053
Contributions receivable, net	16,671,316	4,584,078
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2,024,237	1,447,481
Mortgage receivable	3,007,885	2,250,000
Note Receivable	4,000,000	4,000,000
Investments:	432,489,961	432,337,303
Property held for sale	-	-
Property and equipment, net	32,320,835	32,066,675
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 525,463,586</b>	<b>\$ 510,802,373</b>

### Statement of Activity and Changes in Net Assets

	2016	2015
<b>CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS:</b>		
Operating support and revenue	\$ 49,221,761	\$ 45,584,108
Operating expenses	52,667,173	50,729,378
Environmental remediation	582,103	2,860,083
Increase (Decrease) in unrestricted net assets from operation	(4,027,515)	(8,005,353)
Non operating revenue	(2,360,910)	1,908,493
Gain on Sale of Properties	2,081,348	-
Increase (Decrease) unrestricted net assets	(4,307,077)	(6,096,860)
Increase (Decrease) in temporary restricted net assets	3,427,135	998,953
Increase (Decrease) in permanently restricted net assets	10,491,372	2,404,467
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	9,611,430	(2,693,440)
Net assets, beginning of the year	231,208,963	233,902,403
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 240,820,393</b>	<b>\$ 231,208,963</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

	2016	2015
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 6,410,479	\$ 7,707,897
Accrued subsidies to affiliates and other obligations	7,710,261	8,933,473
Amounts due to affiliates (Parish Share)	1,067,794	450,700
Obligation due under split-interest agreements	1,028,269	837,325
Custodial funds	266,380,977	259,697,975
Conditional asset retirement obligations	2,045,413	1,966,040
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 284,643,193</b>	<b>\$ 279,593,410</b>
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>		
Unrestricted net assets	71,867,378	76,174,455
Temporarily restricted net assets	60,646,016	57,218,881
Permanently restricted net assets	108,306,999	97,815,627
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 240,820,393</b>	<b>\$ 231,208,963</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 525,463,586</b>	<b>\$ 510,802,373</b>

### Statement of Cash Flows

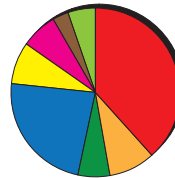
	2016	2015
Net cash provided (used) in operating activities	\$ (397,631)	\$ (6,602,568)
Net cash provided (used) in investing activities	1,509,808	4,578,780
Cash flow provided by financing activities	110,768	356,323
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,222,945	(1,667,465)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	18,567,783	20,235,248
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	<b>\$ 19,790,728</b>	<b>\$ 18,567,783</b>
<b>Supplemental Data:</b>		
Mortgage receivable received from sale of property	<b>\$ 775,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>



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**CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
 Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015.

### Support and Revenue

2016



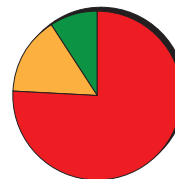
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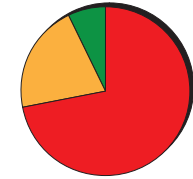
Assessments	38%	\$ 18,603,722	36%	\$ 16,595,381
Sharing God's Blessings Appeal	9%	4,543,712	16%	7,325,882
Interest and Investment Income	6%	3,126,518	6%	2,562,844
Miscellaneous Revenues	23%	11,363,182	26%	11,869,353
Cemeteries Assessment	8%	3,914,254	7%	3,412,629
Campaign Contributions	7%	3,641,287	4%	2,047,752
Campaign - Work of Mercy	3%	1,622,545	-	-
Endowment Fund Revenue	5%	2,406,541	4%	1,770,267
<b>100%</b>		<b>\$ 49,221,761</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 45,584,108</b>

### Operating Services

2016



2015



Program Services	76%	\$ 39,962,628	72%	\$ 36,569,079
Management and General	15%	7,779,752	21%	10,464,013
Fundraising	9%	4,924,793	7%	3,696,286
<b>100%</b>		<b>\$ 52,667,173</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 50,729,378</b>

### Program Services Detail

2016



2015



Pastoral	34%	\$ 13,656,982	32%	\$ 11,621,257
Healthcare and Social Services	14%	5,647,634	17%	6,278,903
Priestly Ministry and Formation	9%	3,449,313	11%	3,873,741
Education	29%	11,753,475	27%	9,978,041
Other	12%	4,925,188	12%	4,216,671
Public Affairs and Information Services	1%	530,036	2%	600,466
<b>100%</b>		<b>\$ 39,962,628</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 36,569,079</b>







# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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# Union Catholic students travel to Haiti

SCOTCH PLAINS—Union Catholic High School students Tori Hayes and Alex Parillo, life-long friends who share a passion for compassion, recently traveled to Haiti for a special celebration with Project Haiti.

Hayes, who has followed in the footsteps of her older sister Julia as member of Project Haiti at Union Catholic, has been to Haiti 12 times during the past six years. This was Parillo's first trip.

The two juniors, who returned home Jan. 18, brought items including, shoes, clothes, granola bars, soccer balls and several toys on a trip that culminated in a belated Christmas for 32 children.

The children, including many orphans, are under the care of Hayes's aunt, Diddi Washington, who started Mission Haiti Helping Kids after the devastating earthquake of 2010.

"My aunt went to Haiti about a week after the earthquake and rented a house and bought a car that was like a pickup truck," Hayes said. "When she came out of a store one day there were four boys in the back. They all lost their parents. She asked them if they wanted to come



Tori Hayes and Alex Parillo

live with her. They said yes. That's how it all started. Now she has 32 children that she takes care of and three houses."

Hayes and Parillo live in Union and have known each other since kindergarten. Their families are very close.

"I've always wanted to go to Haiti," Parillo said. "My family and the Hayes family did a lot of fund-raisers together. The Hayes

family always offered to have me go with them to Haiti, but I never had the time. This year I really got serious about it and figured why not go now."

Parillo, a center back on the Union Catholic soccer team, was excited to play his favorite sport with the children. Hayes, who can speak Creole, and most of her family have been going to Haiti twice a year for the last six years.

"This is like a family vacation for us," Hayes said, who swims and plays lacrosse at Union Catholic. "The kids have become like a second family, so when I'm there it feels like home to me, I just love going and helping and having fun with all the kids."

Hayes said that giving the children a Christmas was especially satisfying, and made her appreciate what we have in this country. "This is Christmas for them, and it's really rewarding to see how happy they are," said Hayes. "I realize that we take things for granted in America, so to see them so happy over something so little is really touching."

Kamila Ciringione, moderator of both Project Haiti and the French club at Union Catholic, is inspired by Hayes, Parillo and the work Project Haiti does to support Mission Haiti.

"I'm extremely proud of Tori and Alex," said Ciringione, who went to Haiti in 2014 when she taught French to the children. "All my students have good hearts, so I'm really proud of their efforts with Project Haiti. Tori and Alex are so selfless and this really shows their character."

## Oak Knoll alumna urges students to pursue passions

SUMMIT—An Oak Knoll School alumna recently returned to campus to speak with current students about her career in mechanical engineering.

Laura Zito, who graduated from Oak Knoll in 2011 and attended Lafayette College, spoke to an honors engineering class at the all-girls middle and high school. She described her studies, her time at Oak Knoll and her role at Colgate-Palmolive, where she works as a process development and innovation engineer.

In this role, Zito helps to design, develop, test and implement new and existing processes for Colgate's oral care products.

"My job is super cool," she told the class. "I get to make toothpaste every day," Zito explained.

Zito earned a degree in mechanical engineering at the Easton, PA college, with a minor in architectural studies while also playing on Lafayette's soccer team. She highlighted the value of interdisciplinary study and internships.

While at her alma mater, Zito described her

prior role in Colgate-Palmolive's global supply chain rotational program, where she experienced three areas of the company for four months. Zito also urged students to embrace networking as much as possible.

She encouraged the students to pursue their goals, regardless of whether they pertained to engineering or another field.

"Anyone can be an engineer. It's all about the mindset, as long as you're constantly thinking about how to get things to work," Zito said. "Go with whatever you're passionate about. If you like it enough you'll figure it out."

Zito's visit came after Computer Science Week, when students were encouraged to embrace the studies of computer science and engineering through the demonstration of 3-D printers, robotics and coding.



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## Christ the King seniors awarded millions in scholarships

NEWARK—Christ the King Prep is beginning the second semester with promising news of the future: 75 percent of its seniors have already been accepted into college, and have accumulated over \$4 million in college awards and scholarships.

Last year, every senior at the school was accepted into college, with one student opting to join the United States Marine Corps. Collectively, the Class of 2016 amassed over \$9.2 million in college scholarships and awards, more than double any prior class.

Christ the King opened its doors in 2007, and graduated just six classes of seniors. Although not a diocesan school, Christ the King has deep roots in the Catholic tradition.

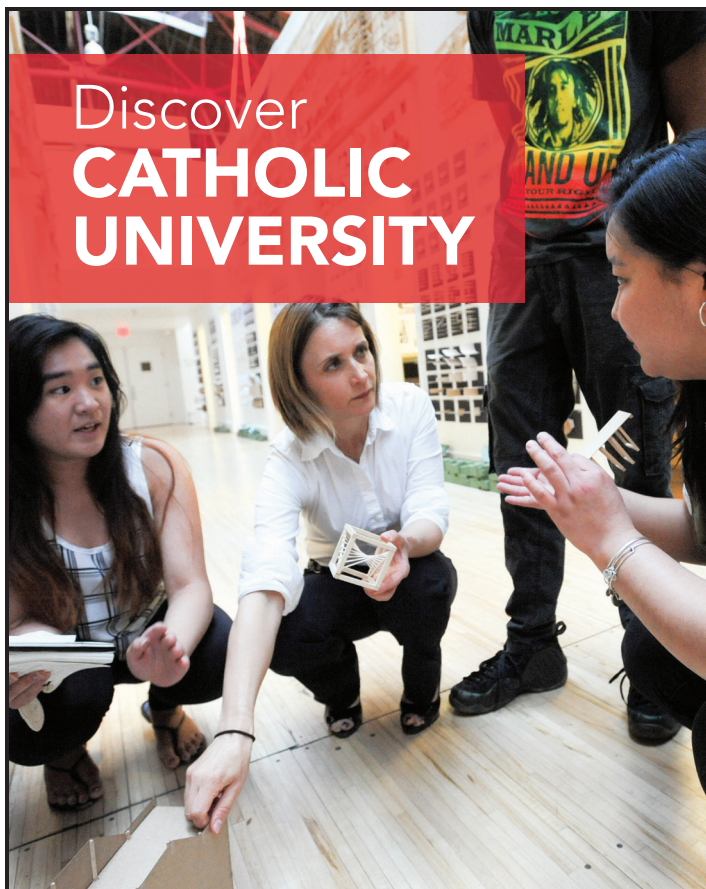
Christ the King Prep is Newark's Cristo Rey school. The Cristo Rey Network opened its first school in 1996, and now enrolls students at 32 schools nationwide. It is the largest network of high schools in the United States to exclusively serve low-income students. All Cristo Rey students must participate in a corporate work study program and generally accumulate 1,400 hours of professional experience by graduation.

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Saint Dominic Academy senior Aolanie Vargas has received a \$1,000 scholarship from The Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program. The scholarship recognizes high school seniors from Comcast communities for their commitment to community service, academics and demonstrated leadership. Vargas is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, student council, student ambassadors, Spirit Committee, and the academy's National and State Champion Dance Team. Additionally, Vargas has spent the last two summers as a scholarship student in the Summer STEM

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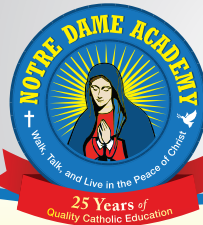
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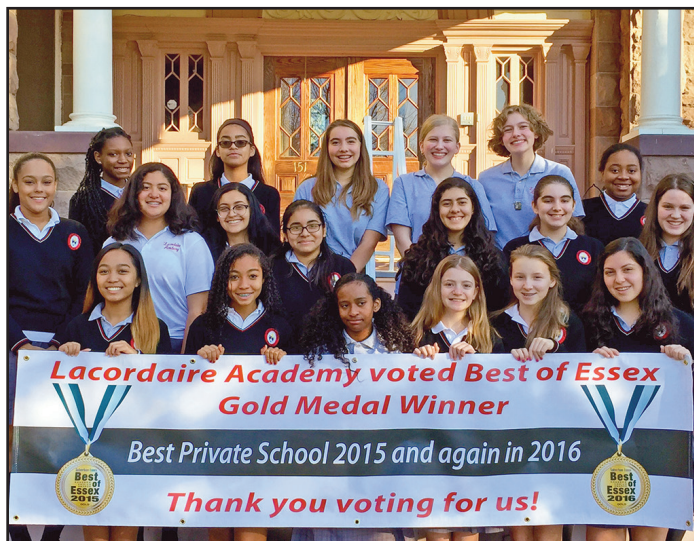
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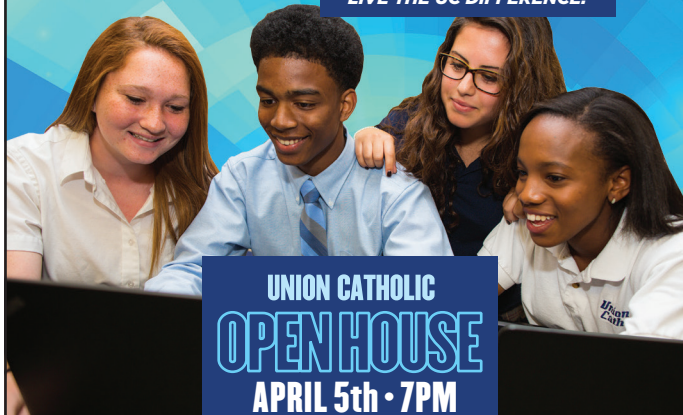
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## Mount Saint Mary Academy offers enrichment programs

WATCHUNG— Mount Saint Mary Academy has planned a series of enrichment programs for young women through the winter and spring.

Fifth, sixth and seventh grade girls are invited to explore the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) on Feb. 4. Teachers will lend their expertise to students as they design their own Valentine's Day cards using Paper Circuits. They will also learn the basics of TinkerCad and design their own snowman. Students may choose to attend the morning or afternoon session at 9 am to noon or 1 - 4 p.m.

Engineering students from Mount Saint Mary will serve as facilitators of the groups, which will each include four students. The cost is \$20 per student. Pre-registration is required and available by visiting the school Web site, [www.mountsaintmary.org](http://www.mountsaintmary.org) and clicking on "STEAM Day" under the admissions tab.

During "Fun with Faith," on March 11, sixth, seventh and eighth graders are invited to meet friends, learn new ways to pray, meditate and



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Last fall, nearly 64 members of the Respect Life Club at Mount Saint Mary Academy raised nearly \$2,000 through their annual Life Choices Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Pictured left to right; Vanessa Sousa, Catherine Glackin, Cathryn Martinez, Erica Uszacki, Mary Ruane and Silvana Truppi.

be of service to others. The morning activities will include ice-breakers, prayer, art meditation, journaling, yoga and a service project.

On April 29, the arts, music and English departments will present a schedule of creative activities during "Arts Alive." Photos of the finished art pieces will be displayed during

the academy's art show in late spring. A poetry workshop will offer students the opportunity to write and share their work, and a variety of music offerings will be presented that day as well.

Seventh graders are invited to the academy's "Freshman for a Day" program. Each prospective student

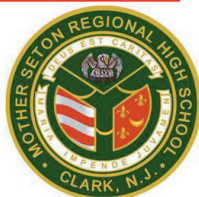
is paired with a current student, who will serve as her hostess for the day, walking her through the class schedule, and sharing insights about life at Mount Saint Mary Academy.

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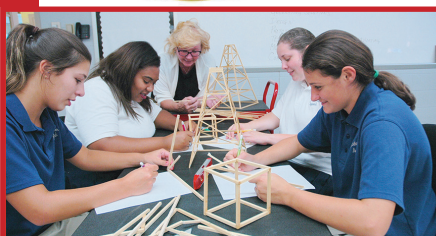


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# Holy Angels students get a glimpse of college life

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The tour included visits to three university laboratories led by Rai-mondo Betti, Shiho Kawashima and Steve Sun.

Betti, a civil engineer, guided the students in the Carlton Lab, where he discussed structural dynamics and earthquake engineering.

"Students were able to analyze a large piece of the Manhattan Bridge... (which incorporates) the largest cables ever built in a laboratory," Holy Angels student Antonia Thompson said. "We learned about the new materials and technology being developed at Columbia University for infrastructure testing."

Betti explained how scientists

use magnets, sensors, and "smart devices" to simulate atmospheric conditions and examine deterioration. The results of these studies are used by engineers, manufacturers and the Federal Highway Administration.

Kawashima, a civil engineer who works in engineering mechanics, shared her knowledge of infra-structural materials. Kawashima focuses on cement research and is currently studying 3D concrete printing. She showed students some of the materials used to produce cement and cement additives, and presented the visitors with "Star Wars" figures fashioned from cement.

Sun covered his work in theoretical and computational solid mechanics and multi-physical systems. He spoke about the observation of earthquakes, landslides, strong winds and corrosion and the



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Three women who attend Columbia University provided the

Holy Angels students with an insider's view of the college experience. The panelists touched on student life, the course load and some of their extracurricular activities.



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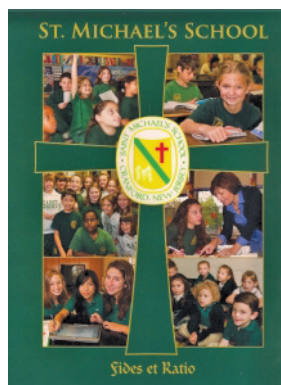


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## Saint Nicholas School promotes 'book buddies'

JERSEY CITY—Students at Saint Nicholas School are being encouraged to put down the game controls and pick up a book by participating in a new pilot reading program called “Buddy Up with a Book.”

The program uses students to increase their reading times with a wide selection of hand-picked

stories suited to their grade level. Students choose a book and take it home to read it during non-school hours.


Students can choose to have a fellow classmate read the same book in the “Buddy Up with a Buddy” small book group, or get involved in a larger group. After the books are read, students discuss their insights

with the part-time library specialist Carol Whelihan. The children keep track of their reading time and the number of pages they read, with older classes striving for 500 pages, and lower classes aiming for 200.

The Saint Nicholas students also need to comply with a list of guidelines, including taking good care of the borrowed books.

“Buddy Up with a Book” is a voluntary supplemental program and Whelihan is selecting books that can further enhance the curriculum.

The reading program also organizes small reading clubs that read the same books, and sponsors round table discussions, and grade appropriate projects for teachers to assess student proficiency.



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## Queen of Peace High School receives grant

NORTH ARLINGTON—The Investors Foundation, which provides grants to not-for-profit organizations that enrich the communities served by Investors Bank, recently awarded \$50,000 to Queen of Peace High School.

The grant will be used to provide financial aid to qualified students attending the school. Investors Bank's Kearny Branch Manager Maria Hernandez coordinated the grant request and advocated for its approval.

"We are delighted that the Investors Foundation has chosen to generously support our

students in this way," said Father Mike Donovan, president of Queen of Peace High School. "Thanks to this grant, many deserving young men and women will be able to afford the excellent education offered at Queen of Peace High School now and for years to come."

Queen of Peace High School was slated to close last summer due to declining enrollment and sagging finances, but remained open after a massive fund-raising effort.

"We are proud to support Queen of Peace High School," said Investors Bank President

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