



Felician University professor to co-chair U.N. dialogue



Dr. Mary Norton

By **Melissa McNally**
Editor

Dr. Mary Norton, a professor and executive director of the Center for Global Academic Initiatives at Felician University, has devoted her life's work to social justice and ethical health care. With a Fulbright Senior Scholar Award, she worked in the Muslim world and developed a Master of Science in Nursing Program at the University of Jordan. Additionally, she has developed educational programs in China, Iran and Pakistan and worked with the International Rescue Committee in Cambodian Refugee Camps. She has also taught many courses on nursing and ethics at Felician University.

Also on Norton's extensive resume is her role as a civil society leader at the United Nations. She has served several times as an officer on the Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Executive Committee.

On Aug. 1, Norton will co-chair "Intergenerational Dialogues on the Sustainable Development Goals" at U.N. headquarters in New York City. The development goals were adopted by the United Nations member states in September 2015 to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure human rights for all. These goals are to be achieved by 2030. The dialogue's aim is to raise awareness of the value youth and older persons can bring to help implement these goals.

"We have to shift the perspective

that young people and older individuals are only the beneficiaries of social policy, but in actuality, they can be agents of social change," Norton explained.

The developmental goals seem large in scale, but Norton suggests each citizen can help on a local level.

"Each goal has targets. For example, ending world hunger. You can do your part by volunteering at a local soup kitchen or by having a food pantry," she said.

In her role as a professor at Felician, she stresses that a key component of achieving these goals is civic involvement: "I teach students that you have to make sure the government implements these goals and shows that it cares about the poor. We should all participate in govern-

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Fire-damaged Union City church to be rebuilt

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., has announced to the people of Ss. Joseph and Michael Parish in Union City that their church building, which was severely damaged by fire on March 4, will be rebuilt. The fire also caused the death of a 2-year-old boy, injured many others and ravaged homes surrounding Central and Summit Avenues.

In a letter written in English and Spanish and distributed to parishioners at weekend Masses, the cardinal stated: "I know that the Union City community continues to feel pain from the events of March 4. I met many of you the night of the tragedy and we shared our fears, asking Christ the Redeemer for guidance and support. Today, I am happy to report that we will rebuild Ss. Joseph and Michael."

The project, estimated to cost some \$5 million and take about 16 months to complete, will restore the interior and exterior of the church and replace the liturgical vessels, vestments, statuary and other items that were lost in the fire. Funds for the project will come from insurance coverage.

In his letter, Cardinal Tobin also referenced the contributions of many individuals in the government and administration of Union City and thanked them for their support on the night of the fire and in the months since the tragedy.

"I wish to take this opportunity to express my personal gratitude to Mayor Brian Stack and Martin Martinetti of the city government, as well as Police Chief Richard Molinari and all of the members of Union City's Emergency Management and Public Safety staffs, for their caring, professionalism and dedication to the people of the community," he wrote. "We could not announce this new start for Ss. Joseph and Michael without their energy, cooperation and steady support."

Cardinal Tobin concluded: "We have all prayed strongly and fervently during the past four months for this day. Our prayers have been answered."



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ment by endorsing the person or party that treats people equitably.”

In the U.N. Fellows Program at Felician University, students receive academic credits while sitting in on meetings and budgets at the United

Nations. Students are expected to complete a signature assignment for the course, focusing on humanitarian issues such as human trafficking or the refugee crisis.

“The program is at the heart of the Franciscan values of the univer-

sity. Felician sees global involvement as a very important part of education,” Norton said.

A devout Catholic, Norton is a Dame of Malta and parishioner at Queen of Peace in North Arlington. Her faith informs the work she does.

“We have to have a set of values, take them out into the real world and see how we can implement them,” she expressed.

Norton became involved with the United Nations “quite by accident” 10 years ago through a fellow alumna of Columbia University. According to Norton, the refugee crisis and ethical health care are the most pressing global issues.

“Women are still dying in childbirth because there are not enough people educated to help them. That is astounding in this day and age. Most of the Sustainable Develop-

ment Goals involves health and general health care,” she explained.

Whether the issue is quality education or clean water, Norton encourages the average citizen to research one topic and work at it. The most challenging part of achieving the goals, she argues, is working with people with differing opinions.

“I attended a conference in South Korea last year and we were tasked with writing a document that would be accepted by thousands of people,” Norton recalled. After the document was finished and she ventured back to her hotel at 3:30 a.m., a colleague who often opposed her point of view commended her. “He said, ‘We didn’t always agree, but you listened to me and respected my opinion.’ I think that if we all could do the same, we would be better off.”



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The Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River recently received the 2017 New Wineskins Award at the 81st annual National Conference for Catechetical Leadership in Dallas. Margaret Matijasevic of the national conference, far left, presented the award to Marilou Tenazas, Catzel Bumpus and Therese Gagliardotto. The award recognizes parishes that develop and promote successful evangelization initiatives. In order to be eligible, the initiative must exist in the parish for at least three years, demonstrate a record of effectiveness and have a strong catechetical and/or evangelization dimension with fidelity to Scripture and Church teaching. The Family Faith Formation team at Presentation, led by Bumpus and supported by Pastor Father Bob Stagg, earned the recognition.



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Norton speaking at U.N. headquarters in New York City.

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Caldwell students' service in Belize leaves lasting impression

When Caldwell University presented an honorary degree to Belizean educator Olive Woodye during commencement, it had special significance for students and graduates from the institution.

Belize has become a place where life-changing experiences happen for many Caldwell students. The mention of the country calls to mind their annual mission trip. Each January for the past four years, a group of students, faculty and staff have served in some of the most underdeveloped villages in Toledo—an area of Belize known as the forgotten district that the Jesuits have served since 1895. Some students continue to help those less fortunate long after the mission trip has ended.

Sean Puzzo volunteered on three mission trips. Beginning in August, the recent graphic arts graduate will dedicate a year of service to the Dominican Youth Movement USA, bringing the charism of preaching to high school and college students and young adults.

Crista Cattano, an art and psychology major, who also volunteered for three years, is considering applying for a long-term service commitment like the Peace Corps when she completes her studies in the fall.

"Going to a place like that opens your eyes to all we have and how one has the ability to serve," Cattano said.

Their activities in Belize have included building a church, repairing a school, painting and creating a mold for concrete steps.

"I saw things that broke my heart a little and things that were so beautiful," said Marisa Juliano, a recent graduate. "As soon as I met them I wanted to do 10 times more. I wanted to paint the whole town for them."

On mission trips, Caldwell students are removed from technology. They eat meals in shared community. They volunteer in villages where water from a river is used for everything from bathing to washing clothes, where people sleep in hammocks and travel on roads with little infrastructure. But, as the students

have learned, the search for what is most important in life is the same everywhere.

"No matter the geography or the language barrier, some things are universal, your common human experience," said alumnus Javier Lewis, an accounting professional.

Caldwell's relationship with the people of Belize comes through the Missouri Jesuits. The Jesuit priest assigned to the Saint Peter Claver Parish area in Punta Gorda in southern Belize provides the faithful with the sacraments and pastoral ministry and oversees 30 schools that educate 5,000 students.

Caldwell University President Nancy Blattner knew Father Dick Perl, who was stationed at Saint Peter Claver, from her days at Fontbonne University where she and her husband ran a book drive for children in Belize. Through the help of a shipping company, they were able to have 30,000 books sent for distribution throughout 30 villages in Punta Gorda. When she began her role as president of Caldwell, Blattner was determined to start a service trip to Belize. The first year of the mission trip, the Blattners traveled with the students and spent a week building a church.

While in Punta Gorda, the Caldwell group stays at the Jesuit retreat house across the street from Saint Peter Claver. Today, Father Derek Vo, S.J. serves the area and helps coordinate their activities. Woodye is their Belize "mom," looking out for them and making home-cooked meals. She is a role model in advocating for the young and for education for those who might not otherwise have opportunities.

Woodye founded Saint Benedict's Roman Catholic primary school and was employed by the government of Belize as a women's officer in the Department of Human Resources. She worked as a home economics teacher at Toledo Community College and as a community health and safety promoter with the International Rescue Committee contracted by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees



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Crista Cattano with schoolchildren in Belize.

and served on boards of a number of nonprofit organizations.

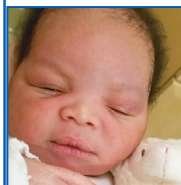
Caldwell Dominican Sister Lena Picillo, O.P. chaperoned the 2017 trip to Belize. She said Scripture is alive in the community service work.

"In the Gospel we find these words of Jesus—'I've come to serve ... not to be served.' Their service is also a way of living out Saint Dominic's mission in today's world. As an itinerant preacher, Dominic

went about meeting the needs of the people, no matter how difficult," Sr. Lena said. "It is Dr. Blattner and her connection to Belize who made this work happen."

Woodye brought that message of hope to the 2017 graduates as she accepted her honorary degree urging them to believe in themselves, remain positive and "continue to make a difference in the world as you journey toward the next phase of your life."

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Pope Francis creates new path to sainthood

VATICAN CITY—Pope Francis has declared a new category as a possible path to sainthood—sacrificing one's life in a heroic act of loving service to others.

The change was published in a July 11 apostolic letter titled *Maiorem hac dilectionem*, which comes from the Gospel of John (15:13): “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.”

Up until now, there have been three roads to sainthood: living a life of Christian virtues, martyrdom and the less common “exceptional cases.”

According to the apostolic letter, any causes for beatification according to this fourth path would require the following:

- The free and voluntary offering of one's life, and heroic acceptance of certain death
- A close relation between the heroic act of charity and the premature death of the one who offers it
- Living Christian virtues before the subject's offering of his or her life and until death

- A reputation for holiness, at least after death
- A miracle attributed to the candidate's intercession is needed for beatification

The change in norms was made with the support of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, which studied the matter during a plenary session last September.

In the apostolic letter, Pope Francis wrote: “They are worthy of special consideration and honor, those Christians who, following in the footsteps and teachings of the Lord Jesus, have voluntarily and freely offered their lives for others and have persevered until death in this regard.”

“It is certain that the heroic offering of life, suggested and supported by charity, expresses a true, full and exemplary imitation of Christ, and therefore deserves the admiration that the community of the faithful usually reserves to those who have voluntarily accepted the martyrdom of blood or have exercised in a heroic degree the Christian virtues,” the pope continued.



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Convocation of Catholic Leaders held in Orlando

ORLANDO, Fla.—The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops convened July 1-4 for the “Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America.”

Some 3,500 diverse leaders from dioceses and Catholic organizations from across the country gathered at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Orlando to set a new course for the U.S. Catholic Church.

Men and women religious, bishops and laypeople attended the convocation for a strategic conversation, under the leadership of the bishops, on forming missionary disciples to animate the Church and engage the culture.

The event was also an opportunity to examine today's concerns, challenges and opportunities in the light of the Church's mission of evangelization. Inspired by *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), the convocation aimed to re-energize the Church to share the Gospel as missionary disciples, while offering fresh insights informed by new research, communications strategies and successful models.

Following a retreat format, each day started and ended with group prayer. Mass was celebrated every day in the hotel ballroom, and there were allotted times for the sacrament of reconciliation and private prayer.

More than 155 cardinals and bishops attended the gathering, including Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin. Keynote speakers stressed the urgency to bring God's message of love to a divided world.

At the final Mass, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, encouraged the delegates to receive God's grace.

“Sisters and brothers, we are in a very, very significant time in our Church in this country,” Cardinal DiNardo said. He urged the delegates to unite people together and share the good news of Jesus through action rooted in faith.

Relevant Radio and Immaculate Heart Radio complete merger

Up to 60 percent of Catholics in the U.S. will now be able to hear inspirational Catholic radio programs following the merger of Relevant Radio and Immaculate Heart Radio. The stations announced the completion of their merger on July 5, allowing listeners to tune in on 120 AM and FM radio stations and translators in 39 states, reaching 133 million people.

The merger, which was officially announced in October 2016, received final approval by the Federal Communications Commission on May 24. The organization's legal name is now Immaculate Heart Media, Inc. broadcasting as Relevant Radio. All station licenses have been transferred to Immaculate Heart Media, Inc., which is a non-stock, non-profit corporation based in Wisconsin.

“We give thanks to God, Our Lady, Saint Joseph, our extraordinarily generous and faithful supporters and our very hard-working employees who have made this merger possible,” said Executive Director/CEO Father Francis J. Hoffman.

“We are honored to unite and join

forces to continue to serve the Catholic Church and her bishops,” said Tom Vorpahl, chairman of the board of directors.

The two listener-supported radio networks combine 36 years of broadcast experience. The merger strengthens the presence of Catholic radio throughout the United States to provide a compelling voice for the Catholic Church over mass media platforms.

“Catholic radio has been an oasis of encouragement for all of our listeners,” said President Doug Sherman. “It's a place they can come and be reminded that there's hope and good news. We look forward to the fruit that will come from this merger and the strengthening of Catholic radio in our country.”

The new network operates 24/7 in 20 of the top 50 media markets, including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and San Francisco. Listeners in the Archdiocese of Newark can tune into 1430 AM. Additionally, programs are live-streamed and available on podcast through websites, mobile apps and social media.

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Love and Responsibility: Young adults building healthy relationships

By Kelly Marsicano
Associate Publisher

During the summer months, there tends to be a lull in evangelical outreach to young adults, particularly students who are home from college. Seeing a need, the Love & Responsibility [L&R] series was created to change that. The Office for Evangelization, the Office of Family Life and the Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark planned and supported the event, which was held over the course of four Wednesdays at the youth retreat center in Kearny in the newly refurbished Sacred Heart Hall.

The Archdiocese of Newark based its series on the book “Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love: Practical Insights from John Paul II’s *Love and Responsibility*” by Dr. Edward Sri. Each week focused on a different theme:

1. **Trust, Intimacy and Love**—Addressing various types of friendships and maturity (June 21)
2. **Attractions and Distractions**—Addressing the very apparent realities that help or hinder us in our quest for friendship and deeper intimacy (June 28)
3. **The Gift**—The ‘Law of the Gift’; I receive in proportion to what I give (July 5)
4. **Hope**—That we may go forth in hope; the Lord has a plan for each of our lives (July 12)

“We wanted to provide something for young adults, to give them an opportunity to come together, meet each other, hang out and learn more about John Paul II’s *Love and Responsibility* and *Theology of the Body*,” said 21-year-old Brandon Ocampo, who was part of the planning team.

Each evening lasted about two hours and consisted of speakers, music, mingling, food and wine.

“I thought it was a great way to bring together young people of the archdiocese to discuss something that is relevant to today,” said Monica Srinivasa, 27, who attended all four sessions. “We learned how to help our relationships, how to give and love instead of being selfish. It was a great way to network and meet other people who share the same values.”

Cardinal Joseph Tobin celebrated Mass during the final session and spoke on the theme of hope. He then met with the more than 150 people who attended.

Ocampo said the young adults he spoke with during the series expressed a thirst for more and stressed this is just the beginning of the revival of the young adult ministry in the archdiocese.

A post-Love & Responsibility Young Adult BBQ is planned for July 30 at 1 p.m. at the youth retreat center in Kearny. All are welcome, even those who didn’t attend the series. For more information, visit www.rcan.org/evangelization or www.facebook.com/LRNewJersey.



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Official Appointments

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

PASTORS

Reverend Stephen Fichter, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Haworth, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, effective July 1.

Reverend John J. Galeano, Pastor of Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Lodi, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Bogota, effective Sept. 1.

Reverend Christogonus Iwunze, S.D.V., Parochial Vicar of Saint Nicholas Parish, Palisades Park, has been appointed Pastor there, effective July 6.

Reverend Anastacio Villaluz, C.R.M., Parochial Vicar of Saint Joseph Parish, Lodi, has been appointed Pastor there, effective July 1.

Reverend Robert Wolfee, Pastor of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Union, has been appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Haworth, effective July 1.

ADMINISTRATOR

Reverend Francisco J. Rodriguez, Parochial Vicar of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, has been appointed Administrator of Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Lodi, effective Sept. 1.

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Reverend Vincent A. D'Agostino, Parochial Vicar of Saint Theresa Parish, Kenilworth, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, effective Aug. 1.

Reverend Pawel Dolinski, S.D.S., Parochial Vicar of Saint John Paul II Parish, Bayonne, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Stanislaus Parish, Garfield, effective July 3.

Reverend Arman Haboc Hagos, C.R.M., has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Joseph Parish, Lodi, effective July 6.

Reverend Piotr S. Haldás, S.D.S., Parochial Vicar of Saint Stanislaus Parish, Garfield, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint John Paul II Parish, Bayonne, effective July 3.

Reverend Andrew Chung Yeol Jung, Parochial Vicar of Saint Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Peter the Apostle Parish, River Edge, effective Aug. 1.

Reverend Roberto da Silva, S.D.V., has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Nicholas Parish, Palisades Park, effective July 1.

Reverend Rafal Tomasz Smola has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Hedwig Parish, Elizabeth, effective immediately.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend Monsignor Ronald J. Marczewski has been appointed Chaplain of the Liberty House Co. #1 Fire Department, Garwood, effective immediately.



SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Very Reverend John F. Gordon has been appointed Spiritual Director of the Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life, effective immediately.

RETIREMENT

Reverend Raymond M. Holmes has been granted retirement, effective July 1.

RECTOR

Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly has been reappointed as Rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, South Orange, for a five-year term, effective July 1.

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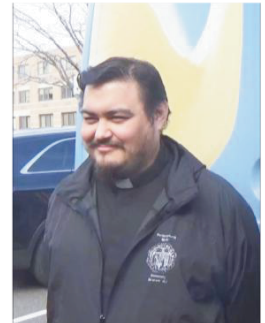
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Blood drive in honor of local children with cancer

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP—New Jersey Blood Services, a division of New York Blood Center, will host a blood drive this month in honor of Grace Skuches, a 2-year-old with a brain tumor, and Alex Hammer, a 4-year-old with lymphoma.

At six months old, Grace was diagnosed with atypical teratoid/rhabdoid tumor, an extremely rare, very difficult to treat pediatric brain tumor. In the United States, around 30 new cases are diagnosed each year, or three children per 1 million. Pediatric brain cancer is the second leading cause of childhood death after leukemia.

Grace has suffered many setbacks. Although her tumor was removed, it recurred in January 2016 causing facial paralysis. She is currently receiving maintenance chemotherapy. During Grace's multiple surgeries and chemotherapies, she has received more than 20 blood transfusions and 20 platelet transfusions. Her family and friends are hopeful for a positive outcome.

Alex was diagnosed with T-cell lymphoblastic lymphoma the day



Grace Skuches

before Thanksgiving last year. He is currently being treated at Hackensack Children's Hospital and has been through multiple rounds of chemotherapy with several platelet



Alex Hammer

and red cell transfusions. Alex is in remission, although his treatment will last another two years as T-cell lymphoma is a very aggressive cancer.

According to New Jersey Blood Services, approximately every two seconds someone needs blood, and one out of three people will need a life-saving blood transfusion in their lifetime. If all eligible blood donors gave at least twice a year, it would greatly help in maintaining an adequate blood supply.

The blood drive for Grace and Alex will be held July 20 from 2-8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 79 Pasca-ck Road in Washington Township. Eligible donors should be 17 years old, or 16 with parental consent. A photo ID must be presented prior to donating. Visit www.nybc.org and use group code 68937 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Jubilarian Bishop Arias and his 'adventure of faith'

By Rev. Msgr. Gregory J. Studerus, V.E.

In May 1952, a truly historic event took place in a large stadium in Barcelona Spain—the XXXV International Eucharistic Congress. Among an incredible group of 820 young men seeking to follow Christ with the gift of their lives, the young David Arias was ordained a priest of the Augustinian Recollect order. Thus began a remarkable journey of 65 years of creative and dedicated service to the Church.

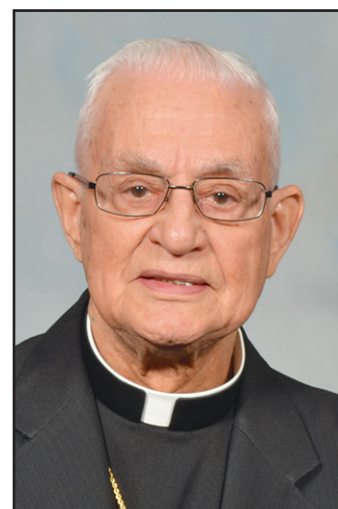
Dedicated to the will of God, Father Arias willingly followed the dictates of his order as student, then teacher, then carrier of the mission of Christ in assignments throughout Spain, Mexico City, Kansas City, New York City and ultimately Hudson County in the Archdiocese of Newark. To hear the now Bishop David Arias

tell the story of his long journey to arrive at his assignment in Mexico in the late 1950s, clearly he knows his priestly career to have been an adventure in faith and trust in the Lord. And in the course of that journey he has been enriched by experiences throughout the world.

But always his story centers on faith and devotion to the Lord and the Church, with creative service to the people of God. When he tells the story of his career, foremost in his recollections he relates an appropriate pride in the role he played in bringing to the life of the Church here in the United States, especially in the Hispanic community, the important movements of Cursillo and Marriage Encounter. Likewise, that same spirit of concern and love for the people of the Church

led him to respond positively and constructively to the rapidly emerging Hispanic presence in the Church here in Newark and throughout the country. By bringing the community and the ministries of the Church together, he developed and implemented with them a wide ranging pastoral plan for this "new presence" in the Church, "Presencia Nueva."

On June 11 of this year, in the midst of the annual International Foods Festival of his former pastorate at Saint Joseph of the Palisades in West New York, Bishop Arias donned not the Episcopal miter he officially received in 1983 as auxiliary of Newark, but a fluorescent green broad brimmed sun hat. Yes, wearing his pectoral cross, he gathered with and socialized with the people. As he does proudly proclaim, his heritage as a "successor of the apostles" has always led him and brings him still into the warm em-



Bishop David Arias

brace of the people he has loved and served so well.

Rev. Msgr. Gregory J. Studerus is pastor of Saint Joseph of the Palisades in West New York.

Saint James says goodbye to beloved priest heading back to Nigeria

The parish community of Saint James the Apostle Church in Springfield said farewell to its priest-in-residence, Father Everest Peter Baniyet, with a special Mass followed by a barbeque.

Speaking from the pulpit, Fr. Baniyet recalled the warmth and friendship he experienced from the entire parish, and thanked Pastor Father Joseph F. Barbone for caring for him like a son. He also



Photos courtesy of John McDevitt

Father Everest Baniyet celebrated his final Mass at Saint James the Apostle Church in Springfield on June 25.



Fr. Baniyet with Pastor Father Joseph F. Barbone.

expressed gratitude to members of the Nigerian community who were present at the June 25 Mass for welcoming him and looking after him while he was living in New Jersey.

Fr. Baniyet, who has been living at Saint James while studying for a master's degree in moral theology at Seton Hall University, returned to his native diocese in the state of Kaduna in northern Nigeria on July 1. He says Christians in Kaduna are persecuted on a daily basis.

Upon returning to Nigeria, Fr. Baniyet will begin his new position as chaplain at the Federal Polytechnic College. The Catholic Church associated with the college was destroyed in recent years by Jihadists and is in the process of being rebuilt. Currently, there is a lack of electricity in the area. At the conclusion of the Mass, Fr. Barbone announced the parish was giving Fr. Baniyet a check for \$5,000 to help install solar energy panels in the Nigerian rectory.

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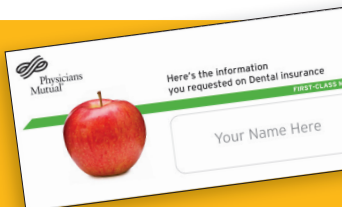
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New testing vehicle for high school entrance exam

This fall, eighth grade students in Catholic elementary schools and public school students seeking admission to an archdiocesan Catholic high school will take a new testing vehicle under the Cooperative Admissions Examination Program (COOP) to assist school staff in evaluating freshmen candidates.

The High School Placement Test, produced by Scholastic Testing Services, Inc., replaces a previous test designed by CTB McGraw-Hill. The new version of the COOP exam is a comprehensive high school admissions guide that has been used extensively throughout the nation for more than 50 years. The test, which is updated each year, provides each participating school with score reports highlighting details of performance of individual students.

The COOP exam measures scholastic aptitude in verbal and non-verbal abilities and achievement in reading, language arts and mathematics. However, it is only

one criterion for admission to participating Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Newark. When used in conjunction with effort and performance ratings from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, as well as previous standardized test results, secondary schools are able to gauge the readiness of applicants seeking admission to college preparatory educational programs. Most high schools also consider other factors such as attendance and disciplinary records when making admissions decisions, and some may choose to consider essays and interviews as part of their admissions process.

Each year, some 5,000 eighth grade students seeking to enter a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Newark and Diocese of Paterson take the COOP exam.

Specific information about the dates and procedures for registering for the 2017 COOP exam are available at www.njcoopexam.org.



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The Saint Theresa Women's Club of Saint Adalbert's Parish in Elizabeth celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Knitting & Crocheting Ministry. The group makes small afghans and shawls for people in the parish and community. The group's offerings have been shared with patients at Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth, Saint Joseph Social Service Center, the Center for Hope and even with people around the globe. More than a thousand items, as well as hundreds of baby hats, have been distributed by the group since its inception. Each item is tagged with a card that reads, "It was made just for you! It has been blessed by loving hearts and passed through praying hands. May it keep you warm and bring you comfort. May you be cradled in hope and blessed with peace. You will always remain in our prayers."

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Sister Patricia Mary McMullen, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Family Chapel in The Villa at Florham Park for Sister Patricia Mary McMullen, S.C., 91, who died May 27.



Born in East Orange, Sr. Patricia Mary entered the Sisters of Charity on Sept. 8, 1947 and was a member for almost 70 years.

Sr. Patricia Mary taught Latin and English at the Academy of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, and at Bayley-Ellard High School in Madison for 14 years.

She was principal at Saint Cecilia High School, Englewood; Immaculate Conception High School, Montclair; and returned as principal to the Academy of Saint Elizabeth. She also served as vice principal at Marylawn of the Oranges in South Orange.

Sr. Patricia Mary retired to Saint Anne Villa in 2004 where she volunteered, particularly as the receptionist.

Sister Bernice Marie Haduch, C.S.S.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 12 at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Lodi, for Sister Bernice Marie Haduch, C.S.S.F., 100, who died June 8.



Formerly Sister Mary Humilia, Sr. Bernice Marie entered the Felician Sisters in 1935 and was a member for 81 years. She was a pastoral associate at Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Lodi, from 1997-2004.

Sister Jean Marie Odachowska, C.S.S.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 15 at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Lodi, for Sister Jean Marie Odachowska, C.S.S.F., 102, who died June 11.



Formerly Sister Mary Fulginette, Sr. Jean Marie entered the Felician Sisters in 1932 and was a member for 85 years. She was a teacher at Saint Casimir School, Newark;

Saint Stanislaus School, Garfield; Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Bayonne; Saint Joseph School, Demarest; and Saint Francis de Sales School, Lodi.

Sr. Jean Marie was also involved in prayer ministry at Immaculate Conception Convent in Lodi. She was a resident of Our Lady of Lourdes Care Center since 2009.

Sister Ellen Mary Desmond, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 20 at Holy Family Chapel, Morristown, for Sister Ellen Mary Desmond, S.C., 88, who died June 15.



Sr. Ellen Mary entered the Sisters of Charity on Oct. 10, 1950 and was a member for 66 years. After graduating from the College of Saint Elizabeth, she earned a master's and a doctorate in sociology from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

In 1955, Sr. Ellen Mary began as a sociology instructor at the College of Saint Elizabeth and over the next 50 years became assistant professor, associate professor and professor and chairperson of the sociology department and director of the gerontology program.

During her time at the college, she served as Dean of Women (1964-67). After Sr. Ellen Mary retired, she volunteered at the college's Office of Institutional Advancement.

Sister Josephine Ciccarello, M.P.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 22 at Saint Lucy Chapel, Villa Walsh, Morristown, for Sister Josephine Ciccarello, M.P.F., 89, who died June 18.



Born and raised in Middletown, CT, Sr. Josephine entered the Religious Teachers Filippini on March 12, 1945. She received the religious habit a year later and made her final religious profession on Sept. 11, 1949.

Sr. Josephine began her ministry serving in mission parishes and then spent many years teaching primary grades. She served as a teacher at

Holy Family School, Nutley; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Newark; Saint Anthony, Belleville; Saint Bartholomew, Scotch Plains; Saint Nicholas, Palisades Park; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Orange; and Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Garfield.

Sister also taught in Connecticut and Rhode Island. Retiring to Villa Walsh in 2008, Sr. Josephine served as a telephone operator and sacristan of Holy Family Chapel.

Father Stephen M. Kilcarr

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 28 at Saint Joseph Parish, West Orange, for Father Stephen M. Kilcarr, 86, who died June 22.



For more than 55 years, Fr. Kilcarr served as a spiritual counselor, athletic director and baseball coach at Seton Hall Prep in West Orange. He led the school to numerous state titles and championships.

Fr. Kilcarr graduated from Seton Hall University, attended Immaculate Conception Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood May 26, 1956.

He served Saint Joseph's Parish from 1956-1968. In his first year at the parish, he began his ministry to the students at Seton Hall Prep, where he received an honorary diploma in 1993. Fr. Kilcarr taught theology for more than 30 years. He was also chaplain to the football and hockey team.

Fr. Kilcarr was inducted into the Seton Hall Prep Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986. He was also active in Essex County CYO basketball, baseball and track.

Rev. Msgr. James F. Bouffard

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 30 at Saint Bernard of Clairvaux and Saint Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Plainfield, for Rev. Msgr. James F. Bouffard, 73, who died June 22.



Raised in Glen Rock, Msgr. Bouffard received a bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University, and after studying for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington, was ordained a priest in 1970.

Msgr. Bouffard served in parochial ministry at Immaculate Conception Parish, Elizabeth, and Our Lady of Mercy in Park Ridge. In 1993, he became administrator and later pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Haworth. He also served at Saint Helen Parish, Westfield, and Saint Peter the Apostle Parish in River Edge until retiring in 2013.

Msgr. Bouffard was executive director of priest personnel for the Archdiocese of Newark. He was a coordinator of the Emmaus Program for Priestly Spirituality, and as a member of the presbyteral council, he worked on the Catholic RENEW program in Australia.

Rev. Msgr. G. Thomas Burns

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 29 at Saint Raphael Parish, Livingston, for Rev. Msgr. G. Thomas Burns, who died June 23.



Msgr. Burns graduated from Seton Hall Preparatory School, Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington. He was ordained a priest May 25, 1957. During his entire priesthood ministry, he was assigned to only two parishes.

After ordination, Msgr. Burns served Saint Cecilia Parish in Kearny, where he remained until 1979. Msgr. Burns was then appointed pastor of Saint Raphael where he remained until his retirement in 2002. He later moved to Sarasota, FL.

Sister M. Fidelis Flannery, I.H.M.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 6 at Our Lady of Peace Residence, Scranton, PA, for Sister M. Fidelis Flannery, I.H.M., 93, who died June 30.



Sr. M. Fidelis entered the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Feb. 1, 1945 and made her final profession of vows on Aug. 2, 1950.

She served as a teacher throughout Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York. Sr. M. Fidelis served as principal at Our Lady of the Lake Elementary School in Verona from 1988 to 1989.



Advocate photos-Jonathan Azzara
RENEW International, a Catholic non-profit organization based in Plainfield, held its 18th annual fundraising gala June 8 at the Pleasantdale Chateau in West Orange. RENEW's President and Executive Director Sister Terry Rickard, O.P. presented awards to notable Catholics who have played a significant role in fostering RENEW's mission of spreading Gospel values in daily life. Top left photo: Tony Coelho, former member of the House of Representatives from California and recipient of the Spirit of RENEW Award, is pictured with Sr. Terry. Sue and Dave Janazzo (photo above), active members of Our Lady of Peace Parish in New Providence, were presented with this year's President's Award. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Ciuba, former professor and rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary, received the Msgr. Thomas A. Kleissler Award. The award is named in honor of RENEW's president emeritus and co-founder.

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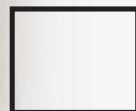
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