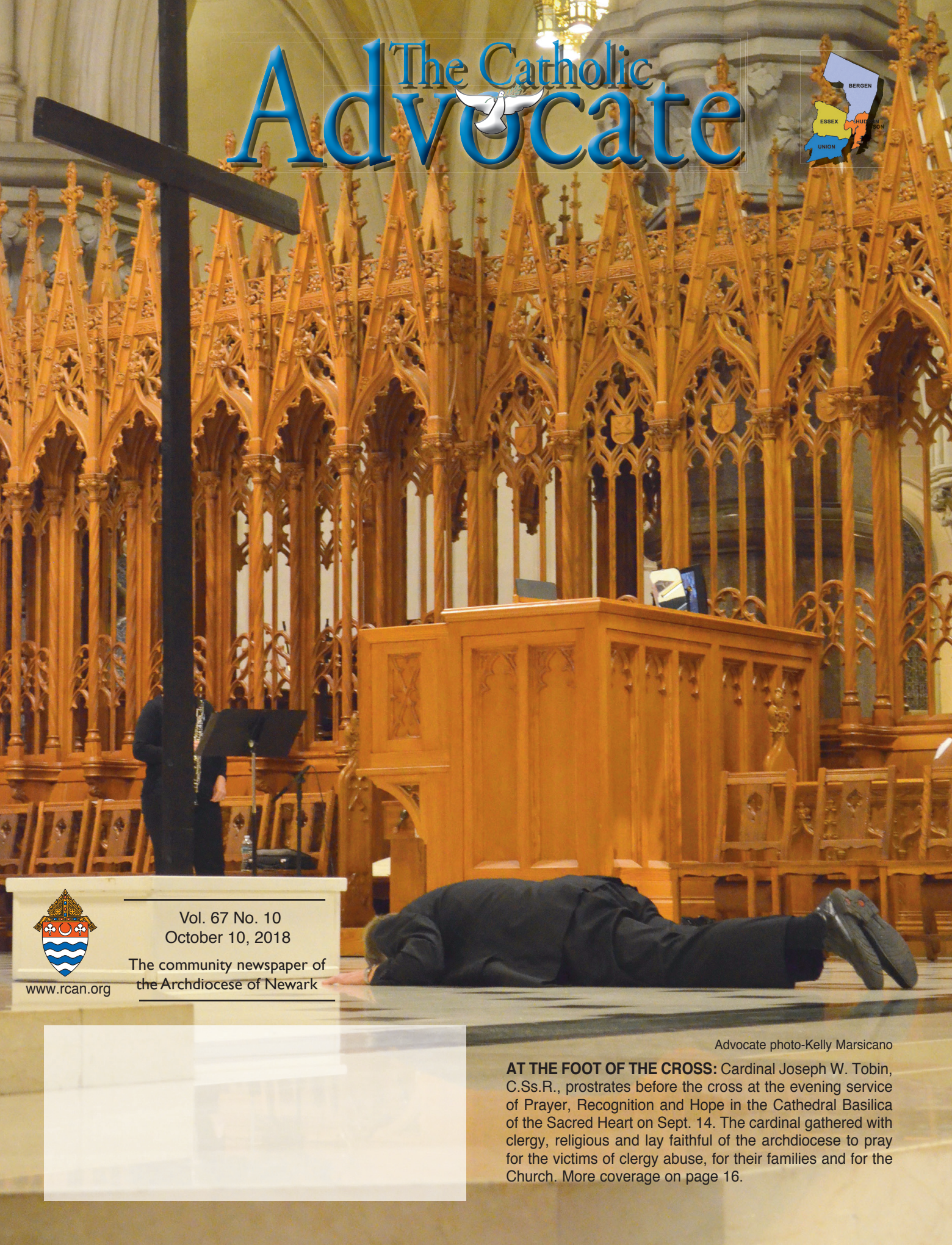


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AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS: Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., prostrates before the cross at the evening service of Prayer, Recognition and Hope in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sept. 14. The cardinal gathered with clergy, religious and lay faithful of the archdiocese to pray for the victims of clergy abuse, for their families and for the Church. More coverage on page 16.



Advocate photos-Kelly Marsicano



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., joined teachers, faculty and staff of the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Newark for a special Mass on Sept. 28 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Cardinal Tobin prayed for a successful school year. He encouraged those in attendance to use the gifts the Lord gave them and to help their students develop their own gifts. In his homily, Cardinal Tobin referenced John 13, where Jesus says, "You call me 'teacher'" after washing the disciples' feet. Addressing the crowd, the cardinal noted that "Jesus would feel right at home with you." The St. Dominic Academy Chamber Choir performed throughout the Mass. Following the celebration, those teachers marking milestone anniversaries were honored. The teacher of the year was also named. For more information on that, turn to the Fall Open House section starting on page 22.

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Three archdiocesan Catholic schools named Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos recently announced 349 National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2018. Among those schools, three from the Archdiocese of Newark were recognized as Exemplary High Performing Schools: Christ the Teacher School in Fort Lee, Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Park Ridge and Transfiguration Academy in Bergenfield. The award is based on overall academic excellence.

"I'm pleased to celebrate with you as your school is named a National Blue Ribbon School," said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos in a video message to the honorees. "We recognize and honor your important work in preparing students for successful careers and meaningful lives. Congratulations on your students' accomplishments and for your extraordinary commitment to meeting their unique needs."

Christ the Teacher School, Our Lady of Mercy Academy and Transfiguration Academy join 22



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Student council officers and class representatives from Christ the Teacher School in Fort Lee.

other schools in the Archdiocese of Newark that have received such a distinction since 2011. Thus far, 38.7 percent of archdiocesan Catholic elementary schools have been recognized. This is the second time Our Lady of Mercy Academy has received the prestigious distinction.

"This honor is a testament to the dedication of the faculty, staff and administrators at each of these schools," said Dr. Margaret Dames, secretary for Catholic education/superintendent of schools. "It is an honor to have so many schools in the archdiocese recognized as Blue

Ribbon Schools of Excellence."

The National Blue Ribbon Schools program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. The award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. The National Blue Ribbon Schools flag gracing a school's building is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning.

On Nov. 7-8, DeVos and the Department of Education will celebrate with the 300 public and 49 private school honorees at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools program has recognized more than 8,800 schools during its 36 years.

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Cardinal Tobin not attending Synod of Bishops

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., recently advised the people of the Archdiocese of Newark that he would not attend the XV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which began in Rome on Oct. 2 and concludes at the end of the month. Earlier this year, Pope Francis had requested the cardinal's attendance.

In a letter to the people of Newark, the cardinal stated: "This synod is a uniquely important moment in the life of the Church, and I was honored to have been named by the Holy Father as a member of this special gathering whose topic, Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment, is of vital concern to the Church today and in the future."

"However, as you are aware," he continued, "the Archdiocese of Newark suffers greatly as a result of the crisis that continues to unfold. After the revelations of the past summer, I could not see myself absent for a month from our archdiocese and from you, the people entrusted to my care. After prayer



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and consultation, I wrote to Pope Francis, asking that he dispense me from attending, but assuring him that I strongly support the objectives of the synod and that I would obey whatever he decided."

He further stated: "The Holy Father responded the next day with a beautiful pastoral and compassionate message. He told me that he understands why I need to stay

close to home, and he released me from the obligation to attend the synod."

In a report from Catholic News Service, Pope Francis asked bishops to be bold, honest and open-minded during the three-week meeting. "Clericalism is a perversion and is the root of many evils in the Church," Pope Francis said Oct. 3 at the synod's first work-

ing session. "We must humbly ask forgiveness for this and, above all, create the conditions so that it is not repeated."

The pope formally welcomed 267 bishops and priests as voting members of the synod, eight fraternal delegates from other Christian churches and another 72 young adults, members of religious orders and lay men and women observers and experts at the synod, which will meet through Oct. 28.

He also thanked the thousands of young people who responded to a Vatican questionnaire, participated in a pre-synod meeting in March or spoke to their bishops about their concerns.

"Our responsibility here at the synod," the pope said, "is not to undermine them, but rather to show that they are right to wager: It truly is worth the effort, it is not a waste of time!"

Pope Francis began the synod with an invitation that every participant "speak with courage and frankness" because "only dialogue can help us grow."



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Historic Encuentro brings hope

By Deacon Asterio Velasco

More than 3,000 delegates from 165 dioceses gathered Sept. 20-23 in Grapevine, Texas, for the Fifth National Hispanic Encuentro (*V Encuentro*). There were 36 delegates from the Archdiocese of Newark at the convention, including lay people, deacons and priests. The local group was also accompanied by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Bishop Manuel A. Cruz and Bishop David Arias, O.A.R., who has participated in the previous four *Encuentros*.

In 2013, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on Hispanic Affairs convened pastoral leaders of the Hispanic/Latino community to engage in *V Encuentro*. A four-year effort, the process emphasized the importance of involving young second and third generation Hispanics/Latinos in the Church.

Fifty archdiocesan parishes participated in *V Encuentro*.

Cardinal Tobin was the first to address the general audience and challenged attendees to see where



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the Holy Spirit wants to lead us as a Church. Because "our failures may be the way the Holy Spirit is telling us that we must go in another direction. Sometimes He is like a gentle breeze, but sometimes He is like a hurricane that knocks down everything that must be brought down. Where is the Lord opening the door for us? What prevents us from crossing it?"

In a special dinner with the bish-

ops, 700 young adults had the opportunity to express the challenges they face at this time. "A new reality is born in the life of the Church because of the qualities that you bring to us," said Cardinal Blase Cupich of Chicago.

V Encuentro is not over, but was a step in the process. "The most important thing is the mission," said Bishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, archbishop of San Antonio, Texas.

"Today, the Lord sends us to the mission. He does not promise us that everything will be rosy. But don't let anybody steal our hope, joy, apostolic zeal, what has arisen in our hearts in these days. Life has awakened in us for the good of the Catholic Church in the United States these days."

Deacon Asterio Velasco is the coordinator for the Hispanic Apostolate.

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Holy Spirit Parish, Union, bereavement ministry, eight-week session every Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m., call 908-687-3327.

October 11

Corpus Christi Parish, Chatham, pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima on display, from the Sanctuary of Fatima in Portugal, through Oct. 15, visit www.corpuschristi.org for schedule of events, call Father Lemmuel Camacho at 973-635-0070 or email lcamacho@corpuschristi.org.

October 13

Community of God's Love, Rutherford, *Visio Divina* (Sacred Seeing) prayer workshop, led by spiritual directors Pam and Chuck Orlowicz, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., call 201-935-0344 or email secretary@thecgl.org.

October 14

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood, career ministry workshop, 1 p.m., call Carol Shea at 201-252-8807 or Tom Lewis at 201-445-1864.

October 16

Community of God's Love, Rutherford, prayer series for women rooted in Ignatian spirituality, "Lord, Teach Me to Pray," 12-week small group experience with trained facilitators and structured around the Christian virtues, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 16-Nov. 27; Jan. 15-Feb. 12, \$20, call 201-952-7951 or email rroller81@hotmail.com.

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "Pope Francis: His Vision for the 21st Century," presented by Father Anthony Ciorra, 5:30 p.m. supper, 6:15-7:45 p.m. presentation, \$25-35, email lumencenter@caldwellop.org or call 973-403-3331 ext. 25.

October 19

Community of God's Love, Rutherford, "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players," DVD screening, features St. Catherine of Siena, light supper at 7 p.m. and screening at 8 p.m., dessert and discussion to follow, call 201-935-0344 or email secretary@thecgl.org.

October 20

Community of God's Love, Rutherford, Photography as a Contemplative Practice, three-session series using "The Little Book of Contemplative Photography" by Howard Zehr, continues Nov. 3 and 17, bring camera/phone and the book, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$20, 201-647-1187 or email charles.orlowicz@gmail.com.

October 27

Our Lady of Peace Parish, North Brunswick, First New Jersey Marian Conference, "Eucharistic Healing and Deliverance," 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$25 before Oct. 20, \$30 at the door, call Deacon Francis Dmello at 732-718-4959, email fdmellomd@hotmail.com, or contact Rafael Villongco at 732-523-5834, email rafilo@yahoo.com.

Office of Family Life, Archdiocese of Newark, three-day retreat for the separated and divorced, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland, also on Nov. 17 and Dec. 1, \$20, visit www.smores.com/4b0g3 to register, call Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or email lauren.egan@rcan.org.

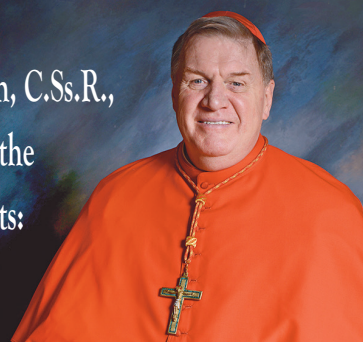
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Knights of Columbus Council #3240, Roselle Park, Trunk or Treat, in the parking lot of Assumption Parish, 1:30-4 p.m., call Joe Signorello 908-591-1418.

October 29

Lumen Center, Caldwell, Meeting God in Thin Places, presented by Carmel Boyle, 9:15 a.m. breakfast, 9:45 a.m.-3 p.m. presentations, lunch at 12:15 p.m., \$45-55, email lumencenter@caldwellop.org or call 973-403-3331 ext. 25.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., is scheduled to appear at the following upcoming events:

**Saturday, Oct. 20**

8:45 a.m.
Catechetical Convocation
Paramus Catholic High School

Sunday, Oct. 21

10 a.m.
150th Anniversary Mass
St. Paul of the Cross, Jersey City

2:30 p.m.
Confirmation
St. James, Newark

Sunday, Oct. 28

10:30 a.m.
162nd Anniversary Mass
St. Joseph, Jersey City

4 p.m.
Solemn Vespers
50th Anniversary of the Newark Abbey/150th Anniversary of St. Benedict's Prep, Newark Abbey

6:30 p.m.
Dinner and prayer for 28th Anniversary
Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Kearny

Tuesday, Nov. 6

10 a.m.
150th Anniversary Mass
St. Vincent Academy, Newark

3 p.m.
Mass for deceased bishops and priests
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark

Thursday, Nov. 8

10 a.m.
Annual "Blue Mass" for law enforcement
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark

Friday, Nov. 9

11:30 a.m.
Luncheon for retired priests
Archdiocesan Center, Newark

Catholic Charities to host concert

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark will host a benefit concert by The Midtown Men, stars from the original cast of the Broadway musical "Jersey Boys." The concert will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway at 8 p.m. All proceeds from the sale of tickets will support the agency's social service programs throughout Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties. Tickets are on sale at www.ucpac.org or call 732-499-8226. For more information, contact Peter Ruccione at 973-639-6531 or pruccione@ccannj.org.

November 3

Felician University, Lodi, "A Night at St. Mark's Square" benefit, featuring wine sommelier, educator and author Kevin Zraly,

5:30 p.m. cocktail reception, 6:30 p.m. wine pairing dinner, 8:30 p.m. live auction, silent auction and wine pull, contact Daniela Gonzalez at 201-355-1424 or gonzalezd@felician.edu.

Local priest celebrating milestone birthday

By **Melissa McNally**
Editor

“We go when God calls us,” explained Father Joseph F. Coda, who’s less than a month away from his 100th birthday. “Nobody picks their own time.”

Born in Lodi on Nov. 3, 1918, the second of seven children, Father Coda graduated from St. Peter’s Prep in Jersey City and was a parishioner at

Ss. Peter and Paul in Hoboken as a child. He attended Seton Hall University and served three years in the U.S. Army during WWII, earning a Bronze Star. While overseas, he was in the Third Army commanded by General George S. Patton. He also served as the assistant to the Army chaplains.

“Someone once said that there are no atheists in fox-holes,” Father Coda said. “You see so many people wounded or killed. The fact that you survived makes you feel like you have a



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After the war, Father Coda considered a career in music. "I've sung in the choir since I was about 8 years old. I would sing solos at weddings and funerals," he said. But, he eventually heard the call to the priesthood and was ordained in 1963 at the age of 44.

"Many of the seminarians used to say that the seminary was too regimented; I was used to it because I was in the Army," he explained.

Following ordination, Father Coda served as parochial vicar at St. Joseph Parish in New Milford for 10 years. He was then assigned as parochial vicar at St. Theresa in Kenilworth, where he served until he retired in 1988.

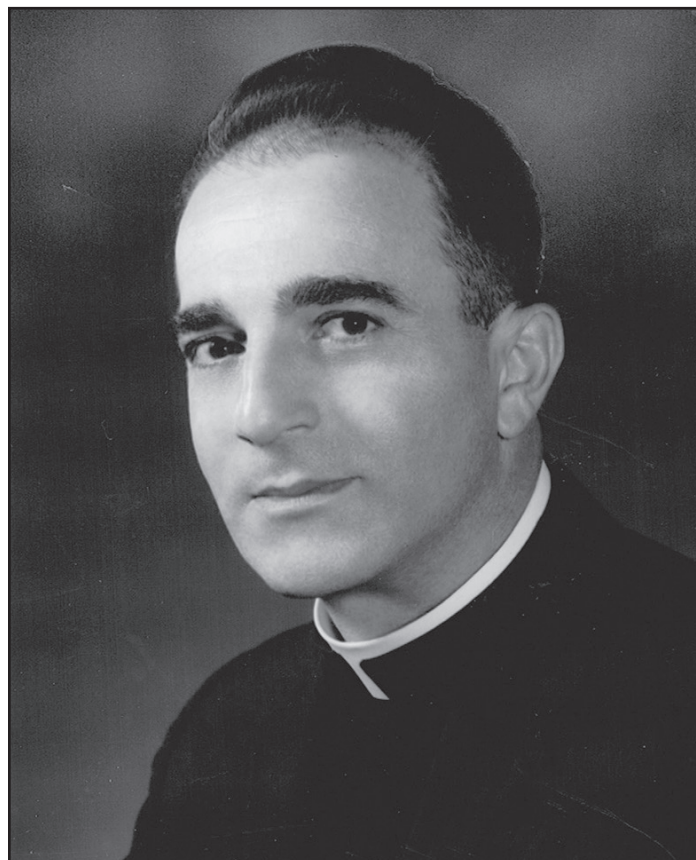
"I always wanted to be a parish priest," Father Coda stated. "I enjoyed being among the parishioners and the community. They were always so helpful

and supportive when you did anything for them." He even got to show off his singing skills at parish events.

Currently living at St. John Vianney Residence in Rutherford, Father Coda advises young priests to "depend on the Lord" and follow in His footsteps "just like the apostles did." He said he believes young men have more distractions and influences from secular society that might divert them from hearing the call.

"The priesthood is a great calling from our Lord. If we have the courage to follow Him, it is most rewarding," he explained. "We are either going to live with God or live away from Him—it is up to us to decide."

Nearing his milestone birthday, Father Coda is low-key about marking a century. "I think there'll be a party here at the residence," he noted. He remarked that getting older is "all right," aside from the aches and pains. "When I get up there with the angels, I'll fly around easy."



Father Joseph F. Coda

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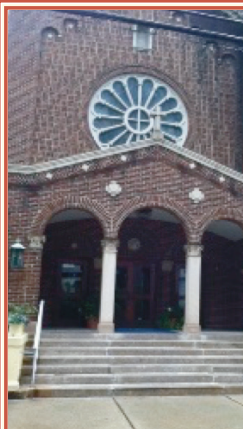
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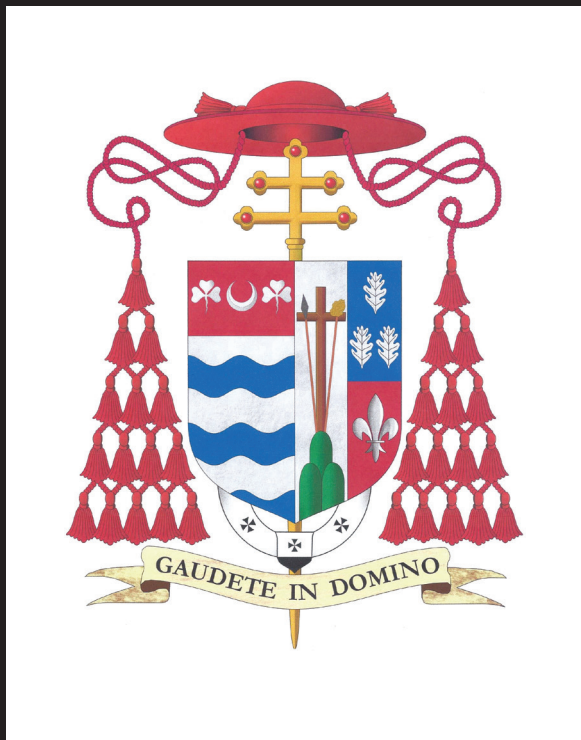
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but only when called by God, just as
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Cardinal Tobin,

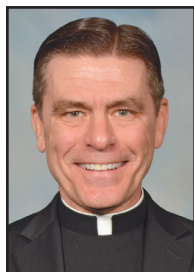
As we celebrate Priesthood Sunday, we are grateful for the gift of your love and commitment to Christ the Redeemer, His Church, and Us the people of this great Archdiocese.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you in your ministry as our Shepherd.

The missions are in our nature

By Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman

“The sisters are the most important missionaries here,” said an archbishop to me many years ago in Central America. “The sisters are the ‘mothers’ of the faithful. They do not leave them. They love and serve them.” Surely, priests are also essential, as are lay missionary groups. But in the real lived experience of the people, it is the sisters who count for so much.



I have never forgotten his words.

One of the responsibilities of the archdiocesan director of the Pontifical Mission Societies is

to receive and read hundreds of letters that arrive from sisters, priests, bishops and laity in every corner of the earth. The letters, without exception, are requests for assistance, appeals for the resources needed for the work of the Church far away from here. I feel privileged to read them and to learn about the universal Church.

As I write these words, I am staring at a box on my desk filled to the top with such letters. This time of year, they come in waves because World Mission Sunday (Oct. 21) is here, and a new year soon approaches—a new opportunity to participate in the Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP). This plan originated in the Diocese of Newark in 1931. Devised

by then-Monsignor William Griffin (later the bishop of Trenton), the MCP was first known as the “Newark Plan.” In the 87 years since it was created, the MCP, now active in dioceses everywhere, has provided the countless dollars to those in need. It is the program by which missionaries are invited into the parishes to present their case. They describe the needs they face and request the prayers of the local Church, and give an opportunity for Catholics here to assist the Church in the missions. Thus, the people of the Archdiocese of Newark are united in a spiritual solidarity with Catholics throughout the world.

I am able to hear firsthand from bishops, priests and religious sisters and lay leaders. They face challenges of every sort: social conditions, persecution of the faith, issues of health care, peace, justice and more. This has, I suppose, always been the way the Church serves. The Way of the Cross is central to mission life.

This is important for you to know. Only the Church helps the

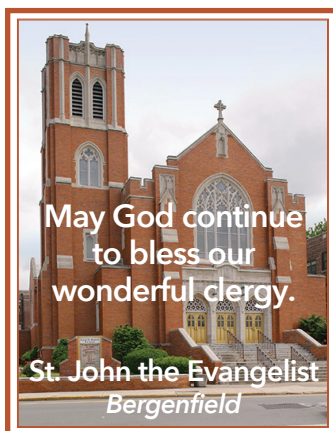
Church. That is, the people of God, so blessed in America, can be the catalyst of such goodness, such improvement where it is so needed. We are part of the solution for the progress of peoples. It is about money, yes. But more than that, it is about standing with our brothers and sisters in faith. There is a spiritual bond that must be protected.

On World Mission Sunday and throughout the year, make your parish a mission-oriented parish. When one understands the missionary nature of the Catholic Church, the question is not, ‘Why should I give?’ but, rather, ‘How can I not give?’ If you find that you would not wish to give money, perhaps that

very idea is a call for you to go to the missions, literally. Talk

with your pastor about the proper celebration of this World Mission Sunday in your parish. If it is not even mentioned but simply reduced to a second collection, you are being deprived of a truly Catholic experience.

Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman is the archdiocesan director of the Pontifical Mission Societies and pastor of St. Philomena in Livingston.

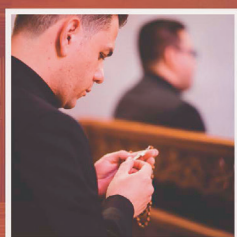


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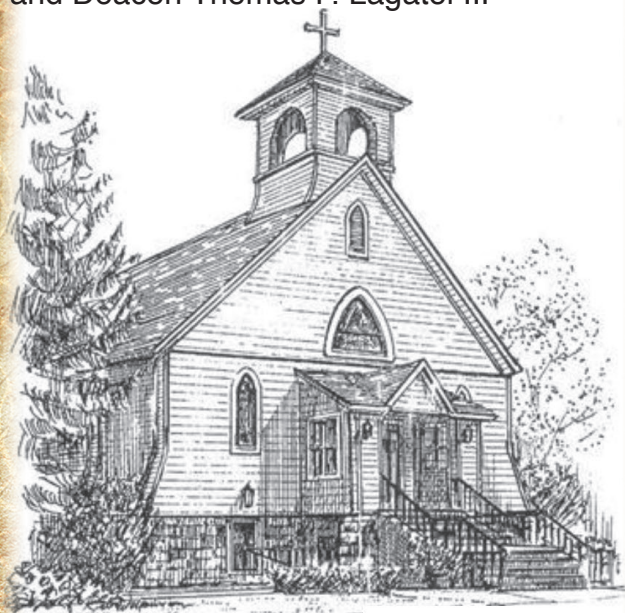
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Deacons from around the archdiocese gathered with their families at an Oct. 7 Mass celebrated by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the permanent diaconate in the United States. During Mass, the deacons renewed their commitment to diaconal service. "Most of you live your vocation and are also married—a sacrament within a sacrament," Cardinal Tobin said to the deacons in attendance. Deacons are a living reminder that "the Gospel is made for everyone," as they serve as disciples, Cardinal Tobin explained. According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Second Vatican Council decreed that the diaconate, when it was restored as a permanent order in the hierarchy, could be opened to "mature married men," later clarified to mean men over the age of 35. This is in keeping with the ancient tradition of the Church, in which married men were ordained into ministry. Also in keeping with ancient practice is the expectation that while a married man may be ordained, an ordained man, if his wife should die, may not remarry.

Thousands attend prayer service for

By Melissa McNally
Editor

Following a day of prayer, fasting and abstinence in recognition of the sins and crimes of sexual abuse against children and adults by members of the Catholic Church, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., led some 2,000 clergy, consecrated religious and laity in a prayer service Sept. 14 for the survivors of clergy abuse, for their families, for the accused and for the Church.

Titled "Behold the Wood of the Cross," the somber service opened with Cardinal Tobin carrying a large cross into the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, accompanied by the tolling of bells. Faithful from across the archdiocese brought 100 candles before the altar, symbolizing the many thousands of abuse victims. Chilling words of survivors describing their abuse were enlarged and placed before each Station of the Cross along the walls of the cathedral. Attendees were encouraged to contemplate the Passion of Christ while recognizing the wounds of the victims. Some 2,500 people viewed the service either on Sept. 14 or afterward on Facebook Live and the Archdiocese of Newark website. In addition, a number of religious communities within the archdiocese joined in the service at their own locations.

"I'm here to support the archdiocese and the Church in their quest to honor victims and their families," said Robyn Barrington, a parishioner at Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo in Newark. "We have to pray for the men who have answered the call. We are not to judge all priests as one."

Barrington attended the prayer service with fellow parishioner Merilyn Smith. "I pray for the archdiocese to do the right thing and strengthen policies to protect our children. I hope the prayer service makes that statement that there are people in the pews who still support the Church," she said. There are also "good, honest, caring priests," Smith assured. "I stand by the priests who are doing the right thing. We are here supporting the Church as a whole as they right the wrongs."



In front of the large congregation and various news outlets, survivor Fred Marigliano recounted his story of abuse by Father Contardo Omarini, a religious priest who regularly would visit St. Bernard of Clairvaux in Plainfield. Marigliano was first molested by the cleric at 11 years old. Omarini, who died in 1995, was never charged in any abuse case.

"My family were strict Catholics," Marigliano recalled. "We said the rosary, we went to Mass. My father belonged to an Italian Holy Name Society. My grandmother walked to Mass and said the rosary every day. We were taught that the priest was next to God. So when he was raping me, I used to pray to God because I thought I did something. I thought it was my fault."

Omarini also sexually assaulted Marigliano's two younger brothers. "When I hid, I knew he was raping my two brothers," he said through tears. "I still feel the guilt and the shame today. In an Italian family, the oldest boy is supposed to protect the family and I couldn't do it."

In harrowing detail, Marigliano described how the priest would take advantage of him, including incidents at his father's home, in an abbey on Staten Island and at a Times

Square movie theater.

"It took me over 50 years before I could find the courage and come out," he explained. "Thank God for good priests and nuns. They saved me. They helped me get through some really tough times."

Marigliano noted that the "good priests and nuns" would be black-listed by bishops for speaking out against abusers in the Church. He recalled that one of his friends believed he was "crazy" for still being Catholic.

"I said, 'No, I am not crazy. I love my Church and I am not leaving my Church. These pedophiles have to leave and the people who protect these pedophiles have to leave,'" he said, eliciting a roaring applause from the crowd.

After 50 years, he is emboldened to tell his story. "When I was a child, I was terrified that someone would find out that I was raped. And then when I became a man, I was afraid because I didn't want people to look at me and think of me as less than a man," Marigliano explained. "Now I don't care. I want justice and justice for all the people who were raped and abused."

He received a standing ovation from those gathered at the cathedral.

Following the remarks, Cardinal Tobin commended his "brother Fred" for sharing his pain. "Tonight the Word of God invites us not to look away. We must look at what has been raised up," the cardinal said during his reflection.

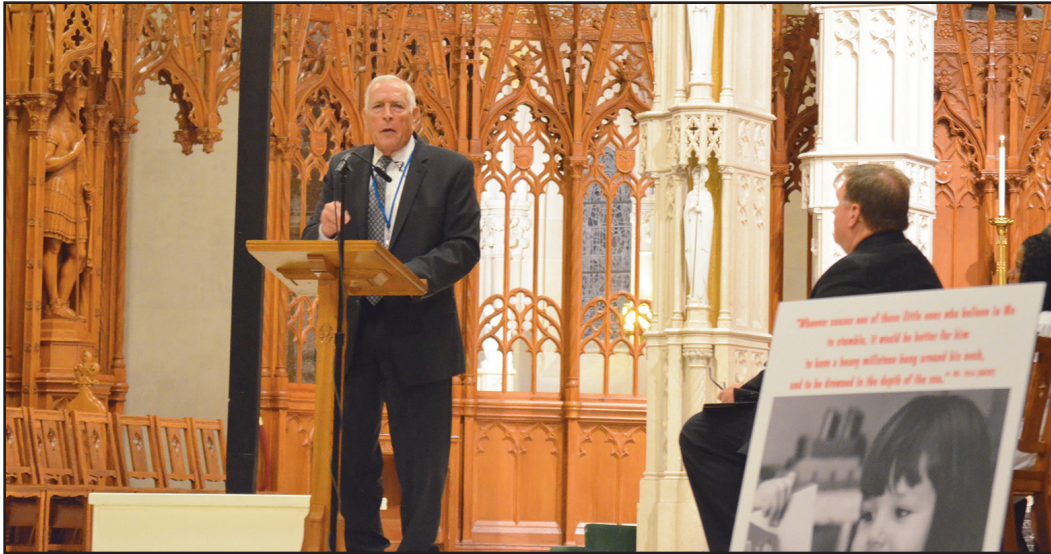
Cardinal Tobin addressed the "unspeakable horror" of the grand jury testimony from Pennsylvania about sexual abuse perpetrated by clergy.

"Innocence was destroyed by hands that were anointed to forgive sins and offer the Bread of Life. Lives were shattered, plunged into darkness and snuffed out by addiction or suicide," the cardinal said. He also referred to bishops who did not take appropriate action in abuse claims as "blind shepherds."

"This archdiocese has recoiled in disgust and rage at reports of sexual abuse by an archbishop who, for 15 years, sat on the cathedra, the chair that symbolizes the shepherd's authority to teach in the name of Jesus Christ. No one will remember what Archbishop McCarrick taught at this cathedral. All has been taken away by tales from the beach house," Cardinal Tobin said.

The recent charges of abuse in places including West Virginia and

clergy sexual abuse victims



Germany “corrodes the credibility” of bishops. “The people of this archdiocese are not looking away. They rightfully ask whether bishops can ever be trusted again,” the cardinal noted.

He described how the Church and victims of abuse can begin the long process of healing. “The cross we have raised is our only hope,” he said. “Brothers and sisters, wickedness aided and abetted by hypocrisy conspired to hide the cross as well as the love and hope it offers.”

The cardinal stressed that prayer, heartfelt contrition and sincere apologies will not bring justice for survivors. “Admitting responsibility and begging for forgiveness are essential but, alone, insufficient. We will act to recognize the evil that has been visited upon the most vulnerable members among us and ensure that victims receive justice,” he said.

Cardinal Tobin encouraged “authentic and measurable change in the paschal leadership and the management culture at the parish, archdiocesan and national Catholic organizational levels.”

Independent lay experts, he added, must be included in investigations, review boards, other leadership and management positions. “We must never return our Church to business as usual. If we do not act, then our words are empty and our contrition a sham,” Cardinal Tobin explained.

Catherine Surdovel, a parishioner at St. John the Baptist in Jersey City, described the prayer service as

hard to process. “I was taken away emotionally,” she said.

Her fellow parishioner Edith Duane was equally moved. “Cardinal Tobin said what everyone was thinking—we need God’s help. The Lord’s Prayer asks for us to ‘forgive those who trespass against us.’ That is surely difficult for these victims to do,” Duane said.

Father John J. Paladino, archdiocesan vicar for clergy and pastor of St. Bartholomew the Apostle in Scotch Plains, traveled to the prayer service on a bus filled with his parishioners. “The entire evening was poignant, reflective and prayerful,” Father Paladino said. “The victim’s reflection, though very difficult to hear, brought to light the reality of the horror of sexual abuse by a religious person and the shame that a victim has to endure for a lifetime.”

Sister Maryanne Campeotto, S.C., a member of the Sisters of Charity for 44 years, was also in attendance. She is a clinical therapist with post-graduate training and is certified as a traumatic stress specialist. “I have heard many stories of lives impacted by trauma injury. Trauma of all kinds affects people long term. Assault, both sexual and harassment, has far-reaching effects that last a lifetime,” she explained.

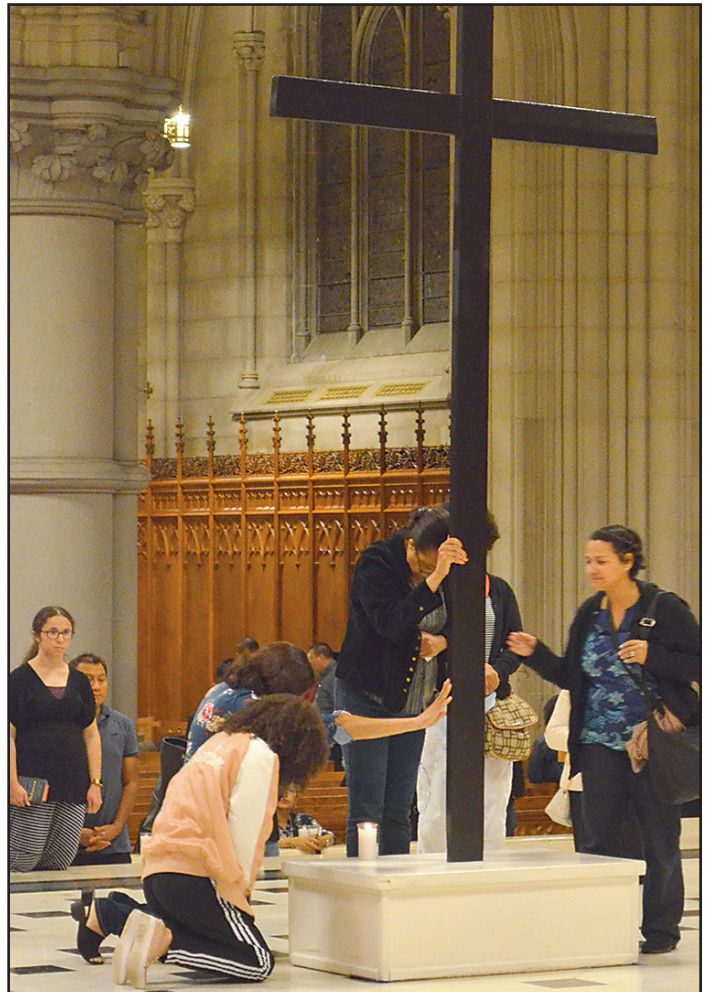
“I was moved to tears by the genuine faces of these dear men, priests who I have known and loved for years, not vested and sitting among us feeling the same pain of this current reality,” Sister Maryanne added.

She also expressed deep sympathy for the victims. “I ache as I acknowledge those who have been

assaulted by those we have come to love and trust,” she said. “This kind of sexual assault has so many residual dimensions. The betrayal, the injury of body and spirit, the loss of trust, the grieving of the loss of faith to name a few.”

She believed Cardinal Tobin spoke with “humility and authenticity” and believes his “poignant and necessary” message would help move toward real forgiveness and future trust in the Church.

“We must listen and speak out. People who have been assaulted by priests who they love and trust require a caring that will gently bring about some peace of spirit,” Sister Maryanne explained. “We, as a Church, must hear these voices, as painful as it may be. We must listen and speak out—that we will no longer tolerate a silence, a withholding of truth or a lack of response. Action is required of us. We must be available to those who have been severely injured to help restore trust and faith in our Church.”



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Keeping our children safe

By Melissa McNally
Editor

Since 2002, the Archdiocese of Newark has trained tens of thousands of people on child sex abuse awareness and prevention. In light of the Church sex abuse scandal, some policies and procedures within the archdiocese have changed to better ensure the safety of children. Karen Clark, the director of Safe Environment, explains.

Q: What does the Archdiocese of Newark do now to protect our children?

A: In 2002, the bishops came up with the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.” They outlined protocols for every diocese in the United States to follow. The charter requires that dioceses background check everyone who has contact with minors. Every diocese needs to provide training to let people know about child sexual abuse and how to prevent it. Each diocese needs to have a diocesan or archdiocesan code of conduct so that people understand two things: how to act in line with the Catholic faith as they are working with minors in order to be good mentors and which behaviors you can and can’t exhibit with minors.

All dioceses needed to choose a training program and a background check vendor. Also required was an independent archdiocesan review board, which we already had in place, to look at allegations of sexual abuse against priests and other clergy. We started training in 2002 in the prevention of child sex abuse through a program called Protecting

God’s Children. We have trained about 62,000 people since then in child sex abuse awareness and how to prevent it, recognizing the signs of a predator and recognizing the signs that a child is being abused. Because so much of the abuse takes place in the child’s home, one of our responsibilities is to identify if that’s happening, and to know how to get the child some help.

We submit all our employees, all our clergy and any volunteer who works with minors to a criminal background check, as well as the training and the archdiocesan code of conduct. Every usher, and everyone who goes on a field trip of any duration, must also meet these requirements. In 2013, I reflected on the thousands of people we had trained. Training taken a long time ago is often not well retained. Plus, predators had started to exploit the children’s internet and smartphone usage as a way to get them to do things—for example, to send naked pictures of themselves. So, sexual exploitation of minors was becoming as important as the sexual abuse of minors. In 2013, we changed the policy, and I believe we were the first diocese to do so in the state of New Jersey, to ask that everyone repeat the training in some way.

I sought to develop a curriculum so that people wouldn’t have to go to the same class over and over again. We successfully did that by starting another Virtus program in 2016 called Keeping the Promise Alive. In 2018, we piloted another class for vulnerable adults. Some of the same principles apply to the emotional, physical and financial abuse, as well as neglect, done to this population. Minors are often taken advantage of by people who are known and trusted by them. For vulnerable adults, that could include caregivers, family members or anyone they come in contact with who can not only sexually abuse or exploit them, but financially or emotionally abuse or neglect them. I’ve piloted that program a number of times with a very specific audience, such as permanent deacons and those who minister to the homebound. I think that people should be able to take a variety of courses that will still meet the charter but also expand upon their knowledge.

Q: Since the recent allegations, have there been any changes or new developments within the archdiocese?

A: The Protecting God’s Children class certification used to be good for three years, but I’ve expanded it to five. Some people were more resistant to listening if it had been only three years. The predators’ strategies are very similar to what they were three years ago. The apps the kids use might be different, but the strategies to get close to a child using the internet or smartphones are similar. Right now, the certificates for the in-person classes are acceptable for five years. But we do have nearly 4,000 people who are recertifying online, which means they read an article every month about what’s going on in child sexual abuse prevention. We try to have different ways for people to recertify, knowing that this is a very diverse archdiocese. Some people would rather go online once a month, read a quick article and

then they’re done, and other people would rather come to an in-person class and they learn better in that situation.

I’ve also hired two auditors on my team—AnnMarie Caliguire and Elizabeth DeMott—to work directly with parishes and schools if they have questions on complying with the charter and the archdiocesan requirements. They also look at the paperwork parishes have on file to make sure they have the most current versions, and that everyone is getting recertified and has updated background checks.

The auditing used to be done by the Office of Parish Business Services. They would come to a parish and school to complete financial audits, as well as safe environment audits. Sometimes it was difficult for me when there was a slight change to a policy or the state came out with a different fingerprinting document to make sure that all the auditors in that department knew about those changes. I think it is very helpful to have auditors right on my team who are up to date on the safe environment policies and paperwork, and that is their sole responsibility. It seems like a better way to approach parishes and schools and be able to answer their questions.

Q: Please describe the auditing process.

A: Parishes and schools each have a local safe environment coordinator (LSEC) who is responsible for the compliance of that parish or school with the policies. The coordinators keep the paperwork on file that proves that every person is compliant. The auditing team will go in and make sure that the paperwork for each person is up to date.

Q: For you, what are some of the biggest misconceptions when reporting clergy assault allegations?

A: In general, whether they are reporting on a clergy member or

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—KAREN CLARK

a layperson, a family member or coach, people are reluctant to call the archdiocese, law enforcement or an agency such as the Division of Child Protection and Permanency. They are afraid they might be wrong; they are afraid that there might be retribution from their circle of friends or their parish. They don't want to be identified as a whistleblower or to lose the friendship of someone they value. And if they are wrong, they damage that person's reputation. I think in any child abuse situation, there is a lot of reticence to report. Hopefully, through the use of the class, where we talk about mandated reporters in New Jersey and learn whom to call and that you can call anonymously, people feel more confident. The bottom line is that if you don't call and something happens to a child, you are loaded with guilt. I think it's better to err on the side of caution. That's what we try to emphasize in our classes.

Q: In your classes, there is often sensitive, disturbing material discussed. What may surprise people?

A: It seems to depend on their knowledge. Recently, a man said that he was surprised that the majority of sexual offenders were people known and trusted by both the victim and the family. He was still in the mindset of "it's a stranger."

A lot of the people I see are very surprised that the average age a kid sees pornography is 11. There is danger that can be brought by predators using pornography to groom children to lower their defenses and answer their sex questions. I think adults in the lives of children have very little knowledge about the apps the kids are using and the way their kids are using the internet because they don't ask any questions or monitor the phone usage.

Twenty-three percent of the sexual abuse done to kids under 18 is done by kids under 18. Parents feel safe when they have their kids with other kids and all the grownups are in a different room, not realizing that there might be something sexual happening between two kids that they need to be aware of as well.

Q: What's the process for reporting a clergy member of sexual assault?

A: The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff of the archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action and provide support to the victim.

Although the archdiocese immediately reports all abuse allegations to the appropriate county prosecutor, it also encourages victims to independently report such matters to the prosecutor.

Individuals who want to report an allegation of sexual misconduct to the archdiocese may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

The phone numbers for the county prosecutors within the archdiocese are:

Bergen: 201-226-5689

Essex: 973-753-1121

Hudson: 201-795-6400

Union: 908-965-3879

Q: What do you say to Catholic parents who are on edge due to the recent clergy sex abuse allegations?

A: I was a biology major in college and I wanted to help save the environment for my children. Even now, when I read about the polar ice caps melting and species going extinct, it's a big problem that we all need to be concerned about, but we're not going to do anything to solve that big problem. But we can do little things that, in the aggregate, will help the bigger problem. So when you think about what's going on in our Church, that's our global ice cap issue. So how can we act locally when there is such a big global problem in our Church?

We can act locally by making sure that we are informed about child sexual abuse, that we talk to our children about trust and that it's



Karen Clark

OK not to be polite to adults all the time. Our kids should learn that no one has the right to do anything to them that makes them uncomfortable. Parents also need to ensure that their kids have the language to be able to talk to them about what's going on, even when they are very young. I encourage them to have the child make up a word for that feeling of "I'm going to get in trouble" or "I don't like what's happening." With child sexual abuse or exploitation, even if it's a friend, there will come a point where they are crossing a line and the kid feels a little uncomfortable with what they are seeing on the internet or

on the phone or what is being done to them physically or emotionally. They need to be able to identify that point and name it, so they can go to their parents and say I got an "uh oh" feeling from cousin Bruce or a coach or whomever.

I think if we empower children with the language that they devise, we, as parents, can feel better about our ability to protect the children in our little world. Because if everyone does that, we will help the bigger problem. We are protecting the children of our Church, one child at a time, by ensuring all the adults around them meet the safe environment requirements.

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Caldwell receives art therapy grant

CALDWELL—Fieldwork for art therapy students at Caldwell University will be expanded and a new best-practice supervisory model will be piloted thanks to a grant from the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey. The foundation awarded the university \$42,260, which will be used to broaden the hands-on experiences at community nonprofits in Essex County for art therapy graduate students and for graduates who are learning how to be supervisors. This is the fourth major grant received through the foundation.



"It's a win-win-win-win," said Annette Vaccaro, art therapy faculty member and coordinator of Caldwell's mental health counseling with art therapy specialization program. "There will be more internship sites, recent graduates can train to become credentialed supervisors, our most highly credentialed

graduates will oversee the clinical aspects of the intern's work, and the community-based organizations are able to provide more services to their clients."

Last semester, art therapy graduate student Kendall Keller worked at the Montclair Child Development Center in Orange, a Head Start kindergarten readiness program for children ages 3 to 5. "I learned so much about the benefits that art therapy has for children in this critical stage of development," she said. Keller added it was rewarding to provide art therapy services to children who otherwise would not have access to a creative arts program. She claims it helped her prepare for the transition from a student to a professional.

Also last spring, art therapy graduate student Samantha Castellano worked at Youth Consultation Service Malcolm House in Orange, which provides supervised residential housing for females ages 17 to 21 with behavioral, emotional and developmental challenges. Most rewarding for Castellano was seeing client progress, no matter how



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small. "Witnessing their journeys throughout their treatments, and seeing how proud of themselves they become when they are ready to transition, is truly a humbling experience," she said.

Art therapy alumna Alexis Boyle works at the Youth Consultation Service and oversaw the day-to-day administrative supervision for Castellano. Boyle was trained by an art

therapy faculty member to become a supervisor and has now earned the credentials to supervise an intern independently next year.

Vaccaro said the grant has enabled them to expand partners for internships. In 2018-19 they will add at least two more internship sites, including the Hetrick Martin Institute in Newark and the East Orange Child Development Center.



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Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., accepted the Saint Katharine Drexel Award at the SOAR! New York Awards Dinner with, from left, Michael Castellano, chair of the SOAR! board, and Sister Kathleen Lunsman, I.H.M., the president of SOAR! The award recognizes servant leadership and those who have made an impact on consecrated religious throughout the country. The Sept. 27 reception at the New York Athletic Club in Manhattan raised funds for SOAR! (Support Our Aging Religious), which provides grants to congregations of sisters, brothers and priests to meet the immediate needs of their retired and infirm members.

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Notre Dame Academy instructor named Teacher of the Year

PALISADES PARK—Julia Guthrie, a fourth-grade teacher at Notre Dame Academy, has been named the 2018 Nonpublic School Teacher of the Year for the archdiocese, as well as for the entire state of New Jersey.

If the name sounds familiar, Guthrie was featured in the cover story of the September issue of *New Jersey Catholic*. She has served the Notre Dame community for six years, and attended the school herself as a child. She received a bachelor's degree in history from William Paterson University and earned a master's in education from Felician University. Guthrie teaches reading, religion and social studies, and

serves as the English and Language Arts curriculum chair.

"Julia is a valued colleague and someone the entire faculty relies on when struggling with lesson planning, curriculum mapping and, especially, increasing student motivation and interest in learning," said Notre Dame Principal Mark Valvano. "Her wealth of knowledge in the area of integrating technology into the classroom has made her an incredible asset to our staff and school community."

Guthrie said she views education as a process capable of changing both individuals and society for the better. She noted that "students need to be grappling with problems that



Julia Guthrie

them. Guthrie has also developed projects that promote academic excellence in students and professional growth in teachers, including local history projects that identify places that tell the story of the town where their school is located.

The Nonpublic School Teacher of the Year Award is conducted with the help and support of the NJ Council for American Private Education (NJ CAPE). The competition is open to all nonpublic school teachers throughout the state. The award is significant because almost one out of every eight students in New Jersey is educated in a nonpublic school, a significantly higher percentage than the nation as a whole.

are personally meaningful to them." She explained she receives personal satisfaction from the opportunity to help avowed nonreaders find the one book that changes everything for



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Mary Help collecting 'boxes of joy'

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in dioceses around the world.

Team Joy, the volunteers of the Box of Joy campaign, is spearheaded locally by Sister Brittany Harrison, F.M.A., who is serving as the drop-off center coordinator at the high school. Sister Brittany, who serves as campus minister at Mary Help, decided to join the campaign because she wanted a way for students to enter into the true spirit of Christmas—sharing joy, being generous and thinking of others.

Gift boxes will be collected at



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the school located at 659 Belmont Ave. in North Haledon during the first two weeks of November, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. A suggested gift list can be found at www.crosscatholic.org/boxofjoy. Toys, hygiene items and school supplies are acceptable. Items should be new or like new, and should not include liquids, food or anything war/gun-related. All items should be small enough to fit

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Mount St. Dominic appoints new dean

CALDWELL—Mount St. Dominic Academy recently named Marissa Muoio, a 2008 graduate of the school, as the new Dean of Academics. She will be responsible for the high school's day-to-day operations with special focus on the academic progress of the students, as well as curriculum review and innovation. As dean, Muoio will have oversight of the nearly 40 educators who make up the school's faculty.

The Cedar Grove resident received her bachelor's degree in elementary/special education and master's as a school library media specialist, both from Seton Hall University. She is currently a doctoral candidate at Seton Hall studying toward a degree in education leadership, management and policy.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to lead the Mount's longstanding reputation of excellence in education into the future," Muoio said. "An all-girls education remains relevant in a society where gender equity is not yet a given. The Mount community fosters an atmosphere of inquiry, self-advocacy and critical thinking, and we are committed to preparing young women for a future where they will excel as culturally competent, social justice minded, empowered learners and leaders."

Prior to taking on the new leadership role, Muoio served as curriculum coordinator for the academy, a role she was promoted to in June 2016. She first

joined the staff at the Mount in July 2013 as the school's media library specialist, a role she continued until taking on the responsibilities of dean.

Muoio has assisted in developing and launching several new curriculum programs for students in recent years. She taught the senior capstone elective course in directed research, which was added to the curriculum for the 2017-18 school year. A year-long exploration of a topic, possibly tied to a future major or career path, the new course partners the young women of the Mount with alumnae mentors to help them more deeply investigate their chosen topic while becoming comfortable with professional communications skills. She was also a member of the team responsible for integrating the online learning initiative in 2016-17, which enables students to pursue additional complementary studies beyond the borders of the brick and mortar classroom.

"Since she joined the staff and faculty at the Mount, I have watched Marissa blossom into an extraordinary educator, a skilled administrator and a passionate advocate for our young women," said Head of School Sister Frances Sullivan, O.P. "She embodies the values that form the strong foundation of our school, but she also possesses a powerful blend of passion, expertise, enthusiasm and joy to successfully usher the formidable legacy of Mount St. Dominic Academy into our next 125 years."



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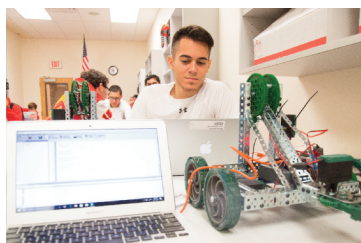
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Student researcher has findings published

DEMAREST—When it comes to helping others through scientific research, Academy of the Holy Angels senior Julia Malnak can testify that age is not an obstacle. Malnak recently participated in the Waksman Student Scholars Program at Rutgers University, and had her bioinformatics findings published in the

National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) database. Bioinformatics is the science of collecting and analyzing complex biological data, such as genetic codes.

The three-week Waksman program allowed Malnak to hear lectures by Rutgers professors and scientists from the Center for Integrative Proteomics Research before conducting her own DNA sequence analyses of duckweed. This quick-growing, high-starch aquatic plant is a potential aid in bioremediation situations, since duckweed is known to extract and degrade contaminants found in water.

“The *Landoltia punctata* plant (a form of duckweed) has possible medical uses and is a possible biofuel because of its high starch content,” the Montvale resident said. “I used the laboratories in the Waksman Institute to isolate and estimate the base pairs in the *Landoltia punctata*. After the DNA was purified, it was sent to be sequenced. When the data returned, I used bioinformatics to determine that the DNA sequence coded for a lipid transport protein in

the *Landoltia punctata* plant.”

Waksman scientists reviewed her findings and determined that the DNA sequence and Malnak’s bioinformatics work could be published in the NCBI database.

While she was working at Rutgers, Malnak purified multiple DNA sequences and had four that were sequenced.

“I was not able to use two because the purified pieces sometimes become fragmented and it is not possible to determine which protein the DNA codes for,” she explained. Malnak is currently working on another DNA sequence.

In addition to her in-depth study of duckweed DNA, she is also part of an ongoing Alzheimer’s research project with a biochemistry professor at Montclair State University. Malnak explained that she contacted several science professors who work locally so she could further explore her interest in chemistry, and found a mentor at Montclair.

“His project is to study the protein alpha-synuclein, which is linked to Alzheimer’s disease,” she noted.

“His project studies the aggregation of the protein because that leads to Alzheimer’s.”

Malnak said her work involves growing and isolating protein so its aggregation can be studied.

“I have learned many techniques in the field of biology and chemistry with his help. So far, no major discoveries have been made, but I will continue to work for him during the year,” she added.

Malnak developed a love for science as a middle school student at Lacordaire Academy in Montclair. As an eighth grader, she created a science fair project concerning hereditary patterns in fingerprints. When it came time to choose a high school, Malnak selected Holy Angels due to the strength of the academy’s science program.

“I like research because I think this is my way of helping people,” she explained. “Aiding the professor in Alzheimer’s research, I am making a contribution to people with Alzheimer’s. I hope I can continue research as my career because the rewards of helping others are truly satisfying.”



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Students participated in some of the activities in multi-grade “family” groups in order to foster a sense of community, with older students direct-

ing and guiding the younger ones.

The events concluded with a prayer service on Sept. 21. The children sang songs of peace and signed to each other “take peace with you wherever you go.” Westfield Mayor Shelly Brindle joined parents, teachers, students and administrators for the service. She addressed the students and stressed the importance of sharing peace with someone you disagree with, a task she said she deals with regularly as mayor. The student body then walked to the playground where they tied their ribbons of peace to the fence—a symbolic gesture to show that simply learning about peace is not enough, but going out and sharing what they learned about peace is how they create a change in the world.



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Father George G. Cotter, M.M.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 12 at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Chapel in Maryknoll, N.Y., for Father George G. Cotter, M.M., 88, who died Sept. 6.



Born in Orange, Father Cotter attended Our Lady of Lourdes School and West Orange High School. He entered Maryknoll in 1950 and was ordained on June 11, 1960. Father Cotter served in Africa, working in the Diocese of Shinyanga in Tanzania.

In 1974, he was assigned to Maryknoll's Mission Research and Planning Department, and, in 1977, he established the Mission Project Service, which gives names and addresses of groups that assist missionaries.

Sister M. Charlene Taeschler, F.M.S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 11 at St. Francis Parish in Peekskill, N.Y., for Sister M. Charlene



Taeschler, F.M.S.C., 96, who died Sept. 8.

Born in the Bronx, Sister M. Charlene was raised in Union City, and entered the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart on April 19, 1952. She made her final profession July 7, 1959.

After profession, Sister M. Charlene was assigned to work in the sisters' infirmary until 1969 when she attended Ladycliff College in Highland Falls, N.Y. She worked in the library and chapel and was the dorm mother for some of the college residents. In 1980, Sister M. Charlene returned to Mount St. Francis Convent in Peekskill and continued her work in the infirmary.

Deacon Keith McKnight

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 22 at Christ the King Parish in Jersey City for Deacon Keith McKnight, 72, who died Sept. 10.



Born in Kingstree, South Carolina, he moved to Jersey City at the age of 6. A Vietnam War veteran, he attended Jersey City State College and climbed the corporate ladder as an executive with

AT&T. After retirement, he was ordained to the permanent diaconate on June 6, 1999. He served as a deacon at Christ the King Parish in Jersey City.

Sister Anna Iantorno, M.P.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 21 at St. Lucy Chapel, Villa Walsh in Morristown for Sister Anna Iantorno, M.P.F., 92, who died Sept. 18.



Born and raised in Dunmore, Pa., Sister Anna entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1942, received her habit a year later and made her religious profession in 1946. She was a member of the community for 75 years. She attended St. John University in Cleveland, Ohio, and earned a master's degree from Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y.

Sister Anna served in elementary education as a teacher and later as a principal. She taught in the following archdiocesan schools: St. Anthony, Bellville; St. Anthony, Union City; and St. Bartholomew, Scotch Plains. She also taught in the Diocese of Metuchen, as well as in Ohio, Colorado and New York.

Sister Anne Sullivan, O.P.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 29 at St. Catherine of Siena Convent Chapel in Caldwell for Sister Anne Sullivan, O.P., 83, who died Sept. 25.



Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Sister Anne entered the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell on Sept. 8, 1957. She received the Dominican habit on June 7, 1958, made first profession on June 13, 1959, and final profession on June 13, 1965.

Sister Anne attended Caldwell University, earned a master's in theology from Providence College in Rhode Island and a doctorate in Sacred Scripture and Theology from Immaculate Conception Seminary in Washington, D.C.

Sister Anne taught at St. Aloysius (Trinity Academy) in Caldwell for 15 years; Lacordaire Academy, Upper Montclair; and Mount Saint Dominic Academy, Caldwell, before becoming a professor of religion and theology at Caldwell University.

She also taught at Seton Hall University for 14 years then spent 12 years presenting on Sacred Scripture as part of an adult education series.



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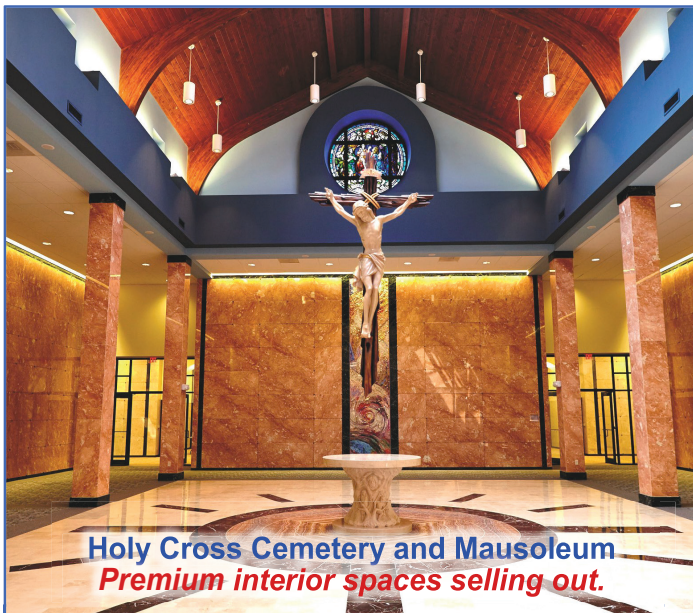
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