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Thousands of women share, grow in faith at conference

By **Melissa McNally**
Editor

More than 1,500 faithful women from around the Archdiocese of Newark gathered at Seton Hall University March 3 for the annual Women's Day of Reflection.

The event included several guest speakers, Spanish-language presentations and concluded with Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., celebrating Mass.

Sister Brittany Harrison, F.M.A., a Salesian Sister from Mary Help of Christians Academy in North Haledon, gave the first keynote address. She discussed how difficult it can be to understand suffering, especially in light of recent events.

"So many young people think that God is a vaccine against suffering, or that he is an insurance policy," Sister Brittany explained. "Kids are reeling after the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, and are asking themselves 'why is this happening?' Young people are growing up in a culture of death and fear."

Sister Brittany stressed that "God is present in suffering" and all hardships have the potential to be a blessing. "Suffering could make us bitter or better," she noted. "We choose our attitude when we face suffering; through our perspective, we can change our point of view."

As Christians, Sister Brittany explained we must embrace "both the cross and the tomb" and "death



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Sister Brittany Harrison,
F.M.A.



Hallie Lord

and resurrection."

"We know that Jesus' story does not end on the cross. We know that his suffering leads to Easter Sunday. Suffering is temporary, but joy is everlasting," she said.

Using her own life as an example, she explained how hardships can lead to greater depth and empathy when dealing with others.

"Sometimes God does not provide the healing that we ask for, but the healing we need," Sister Brittany said. "My suffering has made me more open to God. I grew up as a super independent person who thought it was humiliating to rely on others for help. You have to break down your ego in order to let people in."

Through God, Sister Brittany argued, all pain can be turned into something worthwhile. "If you don't have faith, suffering is useless," she said. "God is the ultimate recycler—he does not waste a thing. We can find purpose and meaning in suffering."

Author and radio host Hallie Lord also discussed surrendering to God and abandoning fear in her keynote address. After converting to Catholicism 17 years ago, she said she was "consumed by fear."

"I used to be completely reliant on my own power and then I placed all of my trust in God. It's scary to hand over that control," Lord explained. "We must ask God what path we must take and learn to fearlessly follow him."

A mother of eight children, she is the author of "On the Other Side of Fear: How I Found Peace" and hosts "Hallie Weekly" on SiriusXM.

For coverage of the Catholic Men's Conference, please view the online edition of this issue at www.rcan.org/advocate.

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Annual *St. Patrick's Day* Parade steps off March 16

NEWARK—The 83rd annual Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade will step off Friday, March 16, at 1 p.m. The parade's grand marshal is Joseph M. Taylor, the first non-Japanese to serve as chairman & CEO of Panasonic Corporation of North America. He was responsible for creating Panasonic's Smart City initiative, was instrumental in moving

the company's headquarters to Newark in 2013, served on the board of NJPAC, and was awarded an honorary doctorate degree in engineering from NJIT in 2010.

Deputy Grand Marshal Josie Logue Tully immigrated to Newark in 1957 from Kerrykeel in County Donegal, Ireland. She is an active member of St. Clare's Parish in Clif-



Joseph M. Taylor



Josie Logue Tully

ton and is a member of the Women of Irish Heritage, the Giblin Association and the Frank McGovern Association.

The parade will be dedicated to Essex County Sheriff Armando B. Fontoura, who is responsible for operating the largest and most active sheriff's department in the state. He was appointed sheriff in 1990 and is the longest tenured sheriff in county history.

Grandstand ceremonies will begin at noon followed by the start of the parade. The parade route begins in downtown Newark on Mulberry Street at the Prudential Center; makes its way passed the Gateway Complex to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center; passes Military Park to Central Avenue; to St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, located at



Sheriff Armando B. Fontoura

the corner of Washington Street and Central Avenue; and ends in front of the Newark Museum and Washington Park.

For more information, visit www.newarkparade.com.

Holy Week Schedule

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., will be the main celebrant and homilist for the Holy Week Liturgies at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

Sunday, March 25: Noon – Palm Sunday

Monday, March 26: 8:00 p.m. – Chrism Mass

Thursday, March 29: 7:30 p.m. – Holy Thursday Liturgy

Friday, March 30: 3 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, March 31: 8 p.m. – Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 1: Noon – Easter Sunday Mass

Bishop John W. Flesey will celebrate Holy Week Liturgies at Most Blessed Sacrament in Franklin Lakes as follows:

Friday, March 30: 9:15 a.m. – Good Friday morning prayer

Saturday, March 31: 7:30 p.m. – Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 1: Noon – Easter Sunday Mass

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Catholic Charities to host gala May 3

By Peter Ruccione

Catholic Charities Director of Development

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark (CCAN) will hold an All Are Welcome Gala on Thursday, May 3 at Nanina's in the Park in Belleville at 6 p.m.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., will be honored as the new archbishop. Community Service Awards will also be presented to several partners who have helped advance the mission of the organization, including Goya Foods, St. Rose

of Lima in Short Hills, St. Cassian in Upper Montclair, St. Anastasia in Teaneck, St. Teresa of Calcutta in Montclair, Sacred Heart in Bloomfield, St. Joseph in Maplewood and Our Lady of Sorrows in South Orange.

Proceeds from the gala will directly support the social service programs of Catholic Charities, which has been providing assistance to individuals and families in need throughout the archdiocese for more than 100 years.

"We are very excited to be honoring Cardinal Tobin, in addition to our other community honorees, while we raise critically important funds to support our mission of service that assisted over 76,000 people last year," stated CEO John Westervelt.

Catholic Charities programs offer a wide range of assistance, including homeless shelters for men, women and families, along with transitional and low-income housing units; an emergency food and nutrition network that provides food to more than 50 food pantries; counseling services; refugee resettlement

and immigration services; and early childhood education for children with special needs.

There are a variety of ways an individual or a company/organization can support this year's gala, such as purchasing individual tickets, choosing from a range of different table levels with various amenities, underwriting components of the event, and/or taking a page in the Commemorative Ad Journal. All attendees will enjoy a sumptuous cocktail hour with an open bar and a full-course dinner.

CCAN is proud to recognize the outstanding contributions of a number of community partners. Goya Foods has been a staunch supporter, providing a cash donation for several years in addition to contributing 10,000 pounds of food a month, for a total of 120,000 pounds for the year. St. Rose of Lima and St. Cassian have each contributed significantly to the agency's Emergency Food & Nutrition Network. The remaining five parishes have played a crucial role in supporting the Refugee Resettlement Program.

Since stepping into his role as the sixth archbishop of Newark, Cardinal Tobin has been a tireless advocate for advancing the work of Catholic Charities by articulating our obligation, as conveyed by Pope Francis and Scripture, to provide assistance to those most in need, and by leading the way through action to make this a reality.

For more information on the All Are Welcome Gala, contact Peter Ruccione, CCAN director of development, at 973-639-6531 or pruccione@ccannj.org.



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Cardinal Tobin recently visited Goya Foods (the Corporate Award Honoree at the upcoming Catholic Charities Gala) along with (from left) Catholic Charities Board of Trustees Chairman Rev. Msgr. Robert Fuhrman; Goya Vice President Peter Unanue; Goya President Robert Unanue; and Catholic Charities CEO John Westervelt.

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Vatican conference 'hacks' into social issues

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

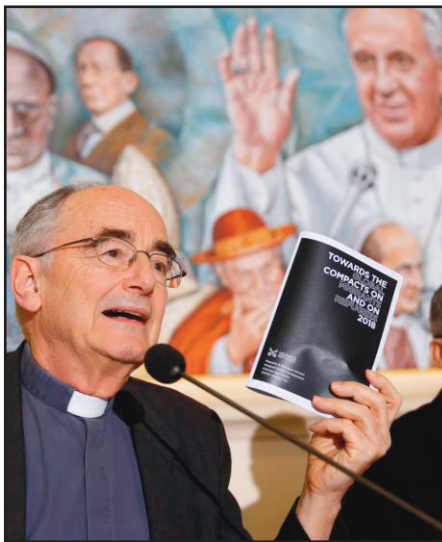
VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Vatican hosted a fast-paced gathering of students, developers and entrepreneurs from around the world to find high-tech solutions for complex global issues.

Issues addressed at the March 8-11 "VHacks: A hackathon at the Vatican" conference included the migrant and refugee crisis. But, the focus was on viewing the problem from a different perspective, said Jesuit Father Michael Czerny, undersecretary of the Migrants and Refugee Section of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

"When we talk about migrants and refugees, we tend to talk about it in vast terms as if it were a huge problem or a so-called global problem. But, in fact, it's a collection of very individual problems, particular problems of persons and of families," Father Czerny said.

Several tech giants, including Google and Microsoft, sponsored the 36-hour hackathon, which was "a sprint-like event in which multi-disciplinary teams (including computer programmers, graphic designers, project managers, etc.) collaborate to create solutions under a time constraint," a statement from VHacks said.

The 120 students who attended the conference used technology to address other issues such



CNS photo

Father Michael Czerny

as social inclusion and interfaith dialogue.

Speaking at a press briefing about the event, Rev. Msgr. Lucio Adrian Ruiz, secretary of the Vatican Secretariat for Communications, told journalists the idea of hosting a hackathon "was very important" for the Vatican and espe-

cially for Pope Francis.

"When I spoke to him about this idea, he was so happy and he said, 'We must do it,'" Msgr. Ruiz said. "We discussed it with him and he wanted this idea, this project, to be a reality."

Father Czerny explained that although the conference may not solve the migrant and refugee crisis on a global scale, he hoped it would use technology to come up with solutions for individuals, such as apps that can help migrants find lost documents or a place to stay.

"Now you may say putting up somebody for a night or getting a document is not going to solve the global migration crisis," Father Czerny said. "But, then I say that's partly because we are thinking wrongly. We're not understanding it from the viewpoint of the people who really need help and who can be helped if we identify the problems."

Aside from developing possible technological solutions to social issues, Father Czerny said the Vatican-sponsored hackathon helped young people become "more informed and especially more concerned about the migrant and refugee issue."

"These young people are future, you might say, activists and even leaders in the high-tech sector," Father Czerny said. "And I am counting on them to bring this sensitivity, this awareness to their future work and their future leadership and this will be an improvement and a contribution."

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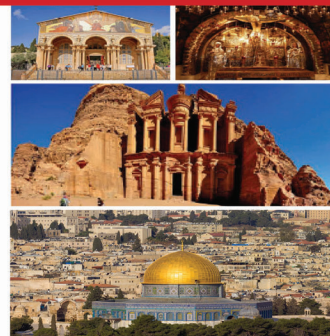
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Cardinal Tobin pens Pope Francis essay

In celebration of the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' election, Liturgical Press recently published "A Pope Francis Lexicon." Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin's essay "Careerism" is included in the collection that asked writers to choose a particular word that has become important in the pope's ministry. Cardinal Tobin's excerpt is reprinted below.

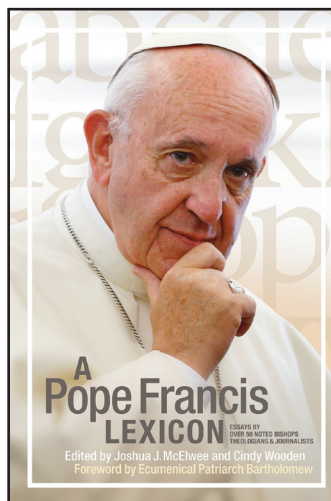
Careerism among ordained ministers in the church is both an attitude and a behavior that Pope Francis has denounced frequently, often with blunt language and colorful images. This public stance carries some degree of risk, since he often challenges his closest collaborators—cardinals, bishops, officials in the Roman Curia, and priests in the diplomatic service of the Holy See, as well as rank-and-file pastors across the globe. Some bishops complain that such rhetoric discourages them and their priests. In fact, a papal spokesman characterized Francis as an "anti-clerical pope," given his suspicion of the propensity to power and privilege that is often associated with the church's clerics.

How does Pope Francis understand careerism? What provokes his harsh condemnation? What sort of remedy does he suggest?

For Francis, careerism is an understanding of one's position in the church in terms of what one can obtain, rather than what one can give. It is an attitude as ancient as the question of the mother of James

and John (Mt 20:20-23) or the dispute among the apostles over who of them was the greatest. (Lk 22:24-30) In the view of Francis, clerical pursuit of advancement, power and prestige harms the church in a number of ways.

Careerism guts the reality of ordained ministry as a vocation—that is, a specific way of life to which God calls some to live their baptismal commitment. Instead of a life of discipleship—a life that is essentially a response to the invitation of the Master who "did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mk 10:45)—the ambitious cleric pursues his own venal designs. God has not chosen him; rather, he has chosen an ecclesiastical career for the privileges that it promises him. Careerism produces collateral damage among the cleric's peers and colleagues. Francis underscores the harm done by gossip, rivalries and polarizing divisions among priests and bishops. A shrewd cleric will view pastoral service and personal opinions according to their potential for advancing him in church struc-



ture, while remaining indifferent or cold to persons or situations that do not promise some return on his efforts. Such calculations are difficult to conjugate with the figure of the Good Shepherd, who "lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11)

It is helpful to recall that Pope Francis has been a member of the Society of Jesus for nearly six decades and one may assume that the spirituality of the Jesuits continues to influence him. That spirituality recommends attention to the deepest desires of one's heart, since desire is a primary way that God leads people to discover who they are and what they are meant to do. The search for fulfillment through the acquisition of titles, prestige or power can insulate a priest or bishop from confronting the real desires of his heart and lead him to the tragedy of "gain[ing] the whole world and forfeit[ing] his life." (Mk 8:36)

In fact, what may strike some listeners as simply a harsh screed against clerical ambition might offer another connection to Jesuit spirituality, an invitation to the practice of particular examen. Far from tarring all ordained ministers with the same brush, the Holy Father asks clerics to find the movement of God in all the people and events of daily life. An honest examination of one's real motivations against the example of the Master may be an invitation to conversion.

The force and frequency of his criticism manifests the high esteem of Francis for the pastoral service of priests and bishops. He is not calling for a sort of leveling move-

ment that would eliminate ordained ministry in the church. Episcopal office, for example, should not be sought, requested, bought or sold, but embraced in obedience. At the same time, there is great beauty in the office of bishop and communion with him is essential for the spiritual health of the people. The true glory of these ministries comes from the opportunities they offer to lay down one's life for others. Nevertheless, as Francis reminded students at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, the Roman faculty that prepares future diplomats for the Holy See, "all types of priestly ministry require great inner freedom," which calls for "vigilance in order to be free from ambition or personal aims, which can cause so much harm to the church" (June 6, 2013).

In that same address, he called careerism a form of "leprosy" among ordained ministers: "Careerism is a leprosy, a leprosy ... Please, no more careerism!" Leprosy is known as a disfiguring disease that traditionally has isolated its victims from the community. For Pope Francis, careerism distorts the beauty of the vocation of priests and bishops and will ruin their relation with the people they are called to serve. The people become instruments for the minister's self-aggrandizement (cf. Ez 34:2), and finally they will flee self-serving leaders. (Jn 10:8, 10)

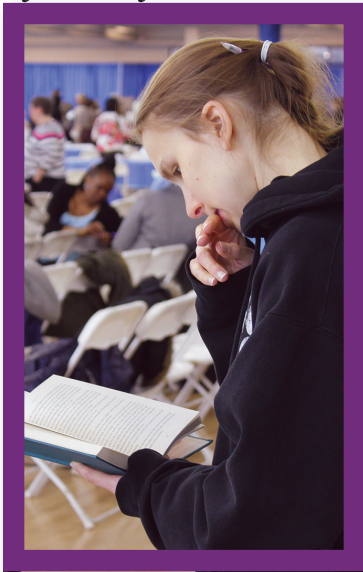
Pope Francis has taken some practical steps to reduce the temptations to careerism among the ordained. First, he insists that seminaries promote a model of ministry that adheres closely to the example of Christ, the poor, lowly and generous servant of humankind. He has restricted the bestowal of titles like "monsignor" and uncoupled the nomination of cardinals from traditional sees. By spurning pomp and privilege in favor of simplicity and generosity, Pope Francis provides personal witness to Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

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Members of the HOPE (Helping Other People Everywhere) Club at Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung collected more than 250 boxes of cereal, which will be distributed by volunteers at the Star Fish Food Pantry in Plainfield. The drive was held during January and February. Pictured, left to right, are Sheila Hulseman, Elliot Foley, Donna Venezia Toryak, director of admissions and HOPE Club advisor, Grace Hogan and Tara Schilke.



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Shrine to honor St. Joseph with three-day celebration

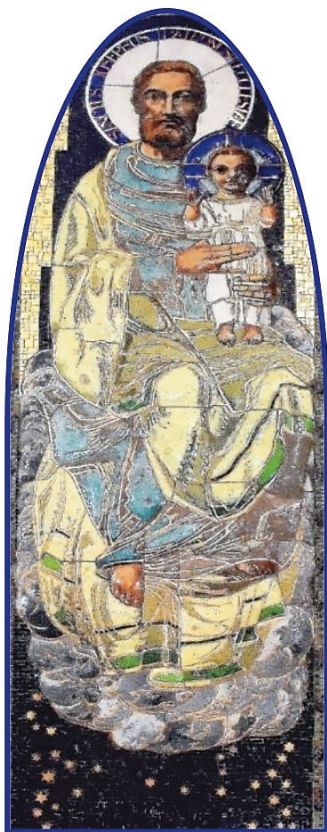
STIRLING—To honor St. Joseph on his feast day, the Shrine of St. Joseph will celebrate with multiple events over the course of three days.

On Saturday, March 17, a Mass will be dedicated to families of all ages, emphasizing “St. Joseph the Family Man” at 5:30 p.m. in the shrine chapel. Fellowship and light refreshments will follow.

Devotions will be dedicated to “St. Joseph, Patron of Healing and Hope” on Sunday, March 18 at 3 p.m. The service will include the sacrament of the anointing of the sick in the shrine chapel.

St. Joseph will be honored on March 19 with three Masses in the chapel at 8 a.m., noon and 7 p.m. The noon Mass will be dedicated to “St. Joseph, Man of Prayer,” the 7 p.m. Mass will be dedicated to “St. Joseph, Man of Hospitality.” A gathering in the auditorium will follow all Masses. Participants are invited to bring their favorite breads and desserts to be blessed and to share.

For more information, call 908-647-0208 or visit www.stshrine.org.



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Seaside shrine offers spring programs

SOUTH MANTOLOKING—Sponsored by the Religious Teachers Filippini, St. Joseph by the Sea retreat house will host a series of events this spring. Located near the Atlantic Ocean and Barnegat Bay, the retreat center offers programs to “enrich, renew and deepen one’s interior communication with the Lord in an atmosphere of prayer, quiet and solitude,” according to its website.

On March 19, the shrine will honor its patron St. Joseph with a liturgy and prayer for peace and healing. Refreshments and blessed bread will be offered afterwards.

On March 21, a retreat led by presenter Paulette Cicero entitled “Why are you Crying?” will focus on Jesus’ journey on the way to Calvary. Participants are asked to use their imaginations as they “walk the way of the cross” in the form of Christ speaking from his heart.

Embracing the gift of years is the focus of the program “Blessings or Burdens” held April 6-8. Attendees will be challenged to “live all of life to the fullest” with “wisdom, joy and humor.”

On May 18-20, “Loss, Change, Transformation, Fulfillment” will focus on the four stages of a woman’s life. Time will be offered for inspirational reflection, prayer and Scripture. This retreat invites participants to come to know and love themselves and to seek God within their journey.

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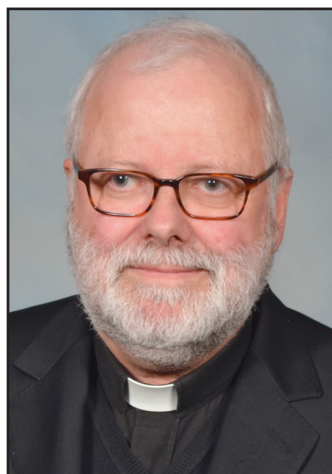
Here is the Lord's invitation to each of us to pursue time away with him. Those of us who do this with any regularity know this to be a blessing. It is most often called a "retreat."

For some, the word "retreat" sounds like a type of backing down, a type of failure, like a military retreat. I am sure this is not what is meant. St. Ignatius of Loyola referred to this time as an engagement in "spiritual exercises," that is a time to retreat from the usual demands of life to come away with the Lord.

This time away, set apart from the usual schedule and pace, to focus on the Lord is increasingly necessary in our very busy and noisy world. To spend more time

in prayer, to listen and reflect on what the Lord is saying and doing in one's life, to be encouraged with some spiritual input, perhaps a talk or prayer exercise that can stimulate this type of reflective listening is a very good use of our personal and spiritual resources. A good retreat almost always includes some resolution; what action will I take to put into practice what I hear from the Lord? A retreat director or one's own spiritual director can help with this.

There are many kinds of retreats. The most typical are weekend retreats at a retreat house or center with talks and various spiritual exercises that are directed by a retreat master or a team from the center. There are several opportunities for that here in northern New Jersey, many of which



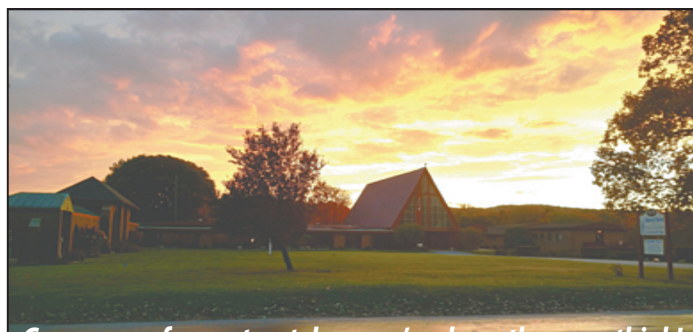
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are highlighted in this issue of *The Catholic Advocate*. Another type of retreat is one sponsored by a particular ecclesial movement or community, such as Cursillo or Life in the Spirit Seminar. These are usually more directed and focused on the particular charism and way of life of that movement. Still another is to go away some place for an extended period of silence. For myself, this

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is my retreat. I usually go away to a Trappist monastery for about a week. It takes a few days to get the noise out, and I need a few days to let his voice in. By the time I'm ready to leave, I am fired up to return with greater zeal for service and love for the Lord and his people.

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Pope adds feast of Mary, Mother of the Church to universal calendar

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis has decreed that Latin-rite Catholics around the world will mark the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church on the Monday after Pentecost each year.

The Gospel reading for the feast is John 19:25-31, which recounts how, from the cross, Jesus entrusted Mary to his disciples as their mother and entrusted his disciples to Mary as her children.

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments released the decree announcing the addition to the church calendar.

Pope Francis approved the decree after “having attentively considered how greatly the promotion of this devotion might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the church in the pastors, religious and

faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety,” the decree said.

Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the congregation, noted in a brief commentary that Blessed Paul VI in 1964 had formally bestowed the title of “mother of the church” on Mary, but that recognition of her maternal care for the church and for believers had already spanned centuries.

“The feeling of Christian people through two millennia of history has cultivated the filial bond which inseparably binds the disciples of Christ to his Blessed Mother in various ways,” the cardinal said.

The church calendars of Poland, Argentina, St. Peter’s Basilica and some religious orders already set aside the Monday after Pentecost as the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Honoring Mary as mother of the church on the day after Pentecost also highlights for Catholics that



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Pope Francis venerates a Marian image outside the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome.

Mary was present with the disciples on Pentecost, praying with them as the Holy Spirit descended. Cardinal Sarah said that Mary, “from the awaiting of the Spirit at Pentecost, has never ceased to take motherly care of the pilgrim church on Earth.”

Along with the decree and his comments, Cardinal Sarah also pub-

lished in Latin the specific liturgical texts for use on the feast day at Mass and in the Liturgy of the Hours.

Bishops’ conferences “will approve the translation of the texts they need and, after receiving their confirmation, will publish them in the liturgical books for their jurisdiction,” the cardinal said.

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Archdiocese participates in Call-in Day for Dreamers

NEWARK—Last September, President Donald Trump announced he was ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program but gave Congress six months to develop a legislative fix. Nearly 2 million young people, or Dreamers, across the country are affected by the potential ending of DACA. Those whose permits expired by March 5 had one month to apply for renewal.

On Feb. 26, the U.S. Supreme Court declined the government's request to hear its "appeal before judgment" on DACA cases. Accordingly, the lower court injunctions on cases in California and New York remain in effect nationally and DACA renewals remain available to those who currently have DACA status.

On the same day as the Supreme Court's decision, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., spearheaded the Archdiocese of Newark's participation in the National Catholic Call-In Day for Dreamers. Organized by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the effort urged members of Congress to secure legislative protection for Dreamers and try to find a comprehensive legislative solution.



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Daniel Neri (far left), a recipient of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), speaks during a "Catholic Day of Action for Dreamers" protest outside the U.S. Capitol Feb. 27.

The 215 parishes, 93 elementary and high schools, and agencies and ministries of the archdiocese distributed fliers and published announcements in English and Spanish during the week before the Call-In Day, and at all Masses during the weekend of Feb. 24-25. These resources explained the purpose of

the event, informed Catholics about the urgency of this initiative, and reaffirmed the teaching of the Catholic Church to uphold the dignity of every person and to work for the common good of our nation.

"There is an urgent, long-standing need to provide relief for Dreamers," Cardinal Tobin said.

"Congress must not delay or hinder this relief by adding unrelated and controversial provisions to any DACA legislation. We support these young people who contribute to our parish life and to our local, regional and national economies. We need to demonstrate to our lawmakers in Washington in this special way our support and solidarity for them."

Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Texas, chairman of the Committee on Migration for the Conference of Catholic Bishops, explained that the Supreme Court decision does not provide relief for the millions of young people who could potentially be deported.

"The anxiety and uncertainty that Dreamers and their families face remain unabated," Bishop Vásquez said. "These faithful (on National Call-in Day) took action because they recognize that protecting these young people from deportation is an issue of human life and dignity, and that a legislative solution is necessary to make that protection durable. My brother bishops and I continue to call upon Congress to work toward a bipartisan and humane solution as soon as possible."



Seton Hall Interim President Mary Meehan, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Governor Phil Murphy and AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka participated in a panel at Seton Hall University March 6 reflecting on Pope Francis' first five years. The discussion, titled "Solidarity is Our Word: Reflections on What Pope Francis Means to Working Men and Women," offered insight on the historic alliance of the Catholic Church and organized labor in American history.

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Archdiocesan schools hosting prayer services during 'walkout'

In response to the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., schools throughout the country are participating in a national "walkout" March 14. For 17 minutes, commemorating the 17 lives lost during the mass shooting, thousands of students are expected to protest and demand legislative action to prevent gun violence.

According to the event's website, the national school walkout is a call to "demand Congress pass legislation to keep us safe from gun violence at our schools, on our streets and in our homes and places of worship."

In an announcement to archdiocesan principals, teachers and administration, Superintendent for Catholic Schools Dr. Margaret Dames encouraged prayer services and Masses be held for victims of violence in schools.

"Cardinal Tobin and I both agree that it is important for the schools in the archdiocese to be part of the collective national voice on this day and to add our energies and sentiments in a prayerful, focused way to the call for greater school safety and in support of the dignity of every human," Dames explained.

"Let us also at these Masses or services ask the Holy Spirit to grant wisdom and strength to our legislators to enact true solutions to protect children and others from senseless violence," she added.



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In a video to students, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., encouraged students to stay part of the movement that is "decidedly pro-life."

"Through prayer and solidarity, the young men and women, and the faculty, staff and wider school communities, can add much to the national dialogue on the future of school safety," Dames noted. "In doing so, the Catholic schools of the archdiocese will publicly reaffirm our commit-

ment to educating and nurturing young people according to our Catholic teaching and tradition."

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has long supported appropriate solutions to the challenge of gun violence. They are urging national leaders to come together and address the crisis in a comprehensive way. The USCCB recently released a statement that said: "... this moment calls for an honest and practical dialogue around a series of concrete proposals—not partisanship and overheated rhetoric. The idea of arming teachers seems to raise more concerns than it addresses. Setting a more appropriate minimum age for gun ownership, requiring universal background checks, and banning 'bump stocks' are concepts that appear to offer more promise. We must explore ways to curb violent images and experiences with which we inundate our youth, and ensure that law enforcement have the necessary tools and incentives to identify troubled individuals and get them help."

The statement also said the advocacy by survivors of the Parkland shooting is "a stark reminder that guns pose an enormous danger to the innocent when they fall into the wrong hands. The voices of these advocates should ring in our ears as they describe the peaceful future to which they aspire. We must always remember what is at stake as we take actions to safeguard our communities and honor human life."

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Mary Szybist

CALDWELL—Poet Mary Szybist will headline the launch for this year's issue of "Presence: A Journal of Catholic Poetry," April 19 at Caldwell University. Szybist's collection "Incarnadine" won the 2013 National Book Award for Poetry. Szybist will read with her husband, poet Jerry Harp. The free event begins at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public. It will be held in the Jennings Library on campus.

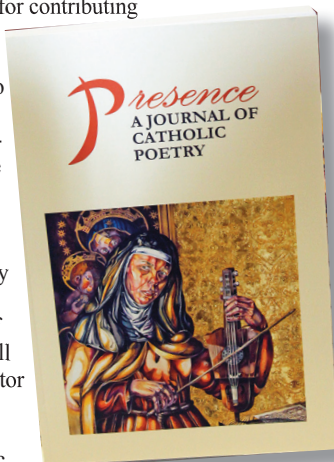
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"We are very grateful to Szybist for agreeing to be interviewed in the second annual issue of 'Presence' and to Harp for contributing two poems to the collection. We are happy to be able to provide a venue in which the community can hear more about their work and its connection to the work of the journal," said Mary Ann Miller, professor and chair of English at Caldwell University and editor of the journal.

"Presence: A Journal of Catholic Poetry" is a venue for publication of new poetry written by authors whose work is informed by the Catholic faith.

Szybist is the recipient of fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center, and the Witter Bynner Foundation in conjunction with the Library of Congress. Her first book "Granted" was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. She lives in Portland, Ore., where she teaches at Lewis & Clark College.

Harp's books of poems include "Creature" and "Spirit Under Construction." He is also the author of "For Us, What Music? The Life and Poetry of Don-



Jerry Harp

ald Justice." Harp is also a professor at Lewis & Clark College.

Miller is editor of "St. Peter's B-list: Contemporary Poems Inspired by the Saints," a collection of over 100 poems, written by 70 authors from across the country. She guest-edited the fall 2015 issue of the women's literary journal, "Adanna," which is a specially-themed issue devoted to women and spirituality.

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Rewards and challenges of early childhood education

By Gloria Castucci

We know that children can be sweet, precious darlings one minute and impish stubborn rascals the next. That is why young children are so challenging. Accepting and adjusting to school routines can be difficult. Typically, 3- and 4-year-olds find it hard to share. Taking turns is not easy, and clean up time may be totally out of the question.

As children grow, they begin to “mellow,” begin to value friendships and develop a more sensitive appreciation of others. However, this takes time. Remember, neither social awareness nor empathy are typically present in very young children. These skills need to be modeled and nurtured by caring adults.

So, how do we assist young children in acquiring a more acceptable style of behavior? Here are some suggestions:

- **ESTABLISH ROUTINES:** Teachers need to create a classroom environment that will help children succeed. Simple procedures, such as hanging up coats, learning how to handle toys and putting things away, need to be determined early on. The methods established should be uncomplicated and simple so that children can comply easily. It is important to teach and demonstrate these routines to children using methods they will understand. When children know what is expected of them and how to accomplish those goals, they are more likely to succeed.

Remember: Continue to explain and model.

- **ALLOW CHILDREN TIME TO MASTER SKILLS:** Just “explaining what to do” is not enough. We need to give children time to practice.



Gloria Castucci

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Some will grasp a procedure quickly; others will need several opportunities before they can master the task. We must give each child the time he or she needs to achieve the objective no matter how long it takes.

Remember: Learning new behaviors isn't easy.

- **DEMONSTRATE COMPASSION AND EMPATHY:** We know that readiness for learning is different for each child. Children come from diverse family backgrounds; they face an array of socioeconomic situations and experience a variety of educational levels in their homes. All of these are just a few of the factors that impact a child's readiness for learning. In addition, those with older brothers and sisters may have a better understanding of what is expected at school. A child who is a first-born in the family may not have a clue. There is no way to predict a child's readiness for learning. The best plan is to be patient and open-minded.

Remember: What it was like to be a child.

- **LOVE THEM INDIVIDUALLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY:**

Know that each child in our care is a gift from God. We should cherish this sacred opportunity given to us by letting each child know how special he or she is and that we love and believe in them. Our role is to help them grow, learn and succeed.

Remember: They're only “little” for a short time.

We see Jesus every day in the eyes and hearts of children. They reflect his essence in their love of life; his nature in their search for knowledge and truth; and his spirit in their purity. Children are indeed holy. How blessed we are to spend our days in the presence of God, as we share our lives with his greatest creation: a child.

Gloria Castucci serves as director of Early Childhood Education for the Archdiocese of Newark.

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Holy Angels robotics team gears up

DEMAREST—As they prepared for this year's FIRST Tech Challenge regional qualifier, members of the Academy of the Holy Angels Robotic Team made a bold move: The "Angelbots" forwent the official instruction book and kit, and designed, built and coded a robot of their own.

This year's competition, which was held at Dwight Morrow Academies in Englewood, required participating teams to design a robot that could balance on a board, pick up blocks and perform other functions.

"The team spent five months working on the robot by meeting after school twice a week," said Milena Correa, captain of the Angelbots. "Meetings typically lasted about two hours."

The Angelbots documented their work in an engineering notebook that included pictures, drawings and explanations of the work completed at each meeting. The day of the competition, which drew 31 other teams, the Angelbots submitted their engineering notebook to the panel of judges during the interview por-

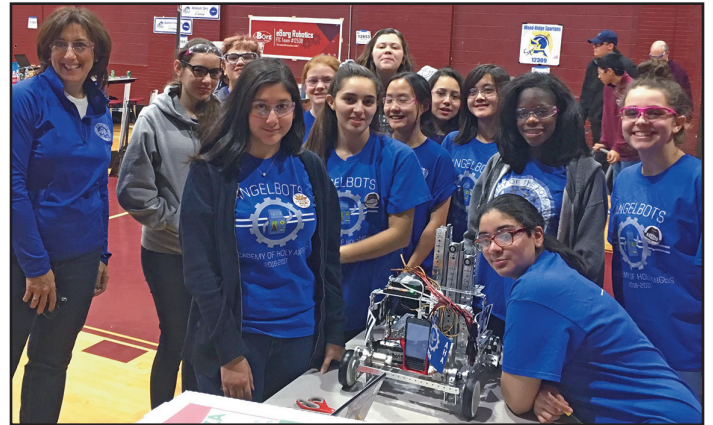
tion of the event. The students were required to explain what their robot can do, and how they promote science, technology, engineering and math at Holy Angels.

"Our robot passed both the hardware and software inspections, and was ready to compete," Correa noted.

The Angelbots then competed in six matches. Members of Anjoules, the rookie team, acted as the pit crew.

"Between each match, the robot would be rushed to the pit crew to make quick fixes to the robot and code. It was a fast-paced day full of energy and enjoyment from the entire team as we rushed back and forth between the playing field and the pit crew," Correa added. "While our robot was out competing, the rest of the team would be cheering us on from the bleachers. We also conversed with other teams to learn about their robots' capabilities and strategies."

The team was not selected to move on to the state competition, but this was only their second year competing. Correa proudly ex-



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Academy of the Holy Angels Principal Jean Mullooly (far left) with the crew from the school's robotics team, the "Angelbots."

plained that the team was able to solve almost all of its problems with minimal intervention and did extensive research to figure out solutions.

"The most important part of robotics in the end is always to have fun collaborating with your team and learning about the engineering process," she said. "Angelbots is

looking forward to possibly competing in other matches this year and setting a precedent for future team members. We are also looking forward to doing more outreach programs to help other schools that are looking into organizing a robotics team and other engineering related activities."

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Mother Seton students 'step up' in engineering class

CLARK—In the engineering design process class at Mother Seton Regional High School, students participated in a creative project to design a functional, wearable product.

Teacher Richard Jakubowski created the “designer footwear” activity and guided his class through a series of steps as they created shoes out of innovative materials. Students initially brainstormed several design possibilities under certain design constraints, researched several ideas and selected the best designs.

After selecting a student model to which the shoes would fit, the groups began gathering materials to build their prototype footwear. Some of the materials used included foam, cardboard, Velcro, paints, ribbons and sparkles. After the first build and some initial tests, modifications were made and the prototype was readied for the final test.

The class presented their prototypes to faculty and students. The final test involved a group presentation and a walk on a fashion show-like “catwalk.”



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March 20

Caldwell University, "Food, Animals and the Environment," presented by Dr. Yanoula Athanasakis, 4:30 p.m., 973-618-3931.

March 25

Voice of the Faithful NJ, "They Will Inherit the Earth: Peace and Nonviolence in a Time of Change," presentation by author Rev. John Dear, at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Morristown, 3:30 p.m., call 973-538-4063 or visit www.votfnj.org.

March 30

Justice for Immigrants, Archdiocese of Newark, Way of the Cross procession, from Federal Court Building on Broad Street, Newark, to steps of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 10 a.m., 973-497-4318.

April 7

NJ Pastoral Workers with the Deaf, 8th Annual Catholic DEAF-EST, Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, Kearny, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., free admission, call GinaMaria Correia at 973-522-2210 or email catholicdeafestnj@gmail.com.

April 14

Catechetical Office, Archdiocese of Newark, Catholic Bible

Conference, "God's Word Today," at Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 973-497-4249.

April 19

College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, St. Andrew's Hall, Seton Hall University, South Orange, "Notes of Distinction" benefit concert, 7 p.m., call 973-761-9420 or email collegeseminary@shu.edu.

RENEW International, Plainfield, 40th Anniversary Symposium on Parish Renewal, noon-7 p.m., at Seton Hall University, South Orange, \$45, visit www.renewintl.org/celebrate40 or call 908-769-5400.

April 25

Respect Life Office, Archdiocese of Newark, "Heal Their Wounds: Becoming a Minister of Mercy," pro-life youth rally, at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., \$10, call Cheryl Riley at 973-497-4350 or email cheryl.riley@rcan.org.

April 29

Family Life Ministries, Archdiocese of Newark, Christian marriage anniversary liturgy, for couples married 5 and 25 years, call 973-497-4324 or email deturaja@rcan.org.



Oak Knoll launches summer program for female entrepreneurs



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SUMMIT—Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child is now accepting applications for the inaugural class of its Young Entrepreneurs Academy for Women. The four-week summer program will guide middle and high school students through launching and running their own real businesses or social movements.

The Young Entrepreneurs Academy is open to female students in grades 7-12. The program offers students the opportunity to generate their own business ideas, conduct market research, write business plans, make a pitch to a panel of investors, get real funding and launch their own companies.

Founded in 2004 at the University of Rochester with support from the Kauffman Foundation, the Young Entrepreneurs Academy now serves thousands of students in 168 communities across the country. According to the academy's website, in 2011, the United States Chamber of Commerce and Campaign for Free Enterprise became a national sponsor and partner of the academy to help celebrate the spirit of enterprise among today's youth and tomorrow's future leaders.

The full-day summer program at Oak Knoll begins on July 16 and runs through Aug. 9. Applications are now being accepted through May 1. For more information, to apply or nominate a student, contact debi.tarowsky@oakknoll.org or call 908-522-8186.

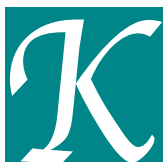
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Official Appointments



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

PASTORS

Reverend Richard E. Cabezas, pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee, has been granted an extension to his pastorate, ending July 1, 2019.

Reverend Jose Manuel De La Pena, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Union City, has been granted an extension to his pastorate, ending July 1, 2024.

Reverend John C. DeSousa, administrator of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, and St. Anthony Parish, East Newark, has been appointed pastor of both, ending July 1, 2024.

Reverend Aurelio Yanez Gomez, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Hillside, has been granted an extension to his pastorate, ending Feb. 1, 2021.

Reverend Robert G. McBride, pastor of St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, has been granted an extension to his pastorate, ending July 1, 2019.

Reverend Victor E. Paloma, pastor of Our Lady of Victories Parish, Jersey City, has been granted

an extension to his pastorate, ending July 1, 2019.

ADMINISTRATOR

Reverend George M. Reilly has been appointed temporary administrator of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield, effective Aug. 1-Dec. 1.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Danny Alexis Pabon, parochial vicar of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Hillside, has been appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and St. John the Baptist Parish, both in Jersey City, effective April 4.

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Very Reverend John J. Paladino, pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish, Scotch Plains, has also been appointed vicar for clergy to the Archdiocese of Newark, effective immediately.

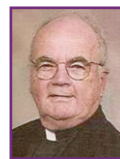
RETIREMENT

Reverend Dennis J. Cohan has been granted retirement, effective July 1.

Obituaries

Father Arthur T. Anderson

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 19 at St. Thomas More Parish, Cherry Hill, for Father Arthur T. Anderson, 86, who died Feb. 17.



Born in Elizabeth, Father Anderson was ordained a priest of the Camden Diocese in 1958 after graduating from St. Bonaventure and Christ the King Seminary in Ossining, N.Y.

He served in parishes across southern New Jersey as parochial vicar in Camden, Haddon Township and Pomona, and pastor in Pennsauken and Oaklyn. Father Anderson also served on the faculty at Gloucester Catholic, Camden Catholic and Paul VI high schools. He retired in 2001.

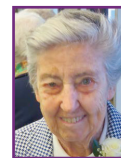


Sister Rosemary McGavin, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 21 at the Villa at Florham Park for Sister Rosemary

McGavin, S.C., 85, who died Feb. 17.

Formerly Sister Catherine Imelda, Sister Rosemary entered the Sisters of Charity on Oct. 1, 1950 and was a member for 67 years.



Born in Jersey City, Sister Rosemary graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station. She served as a teacher at St. Paul of the Cross School, Jersey City; St. Rose of Lima School, Short Hills; St. Mary School, Jersey City; St. Catharine School, Glen Rock; St. Francis School, Ridgefield Park; Holy Trinity School, Fort Lee (pastoral ministry); and St. Nicholas School, Palisades Park.

She transitioned from the classroom to parish ministry at Epiphany Parish in Cliffside Park. In her later years, Sister Rosemary served in the Senior Citizens Residence in Cliffside Park and visited the homebound while residing in St. Philip Convent in Saddle Brook. In 2015, she moved to the Villa where she resided until her death.

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Cemeteries collect food, funds for needy

NEWARK—Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark recently presented food and funds to two local Catholic charities that aid the area's poor, low income and homeless families.

Donations included 30 grocery bags packed with canned and boxed food products and \$2,000 in cash and checks contributed by visitors and guests at multiple Catholic Cemeteries locations during the Christmas season. The food and money supports the vital work of two Newark-based organizations: the Emergency Food & Nutrition Network of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark and the Missionary Sisters of Charity.

"Thanks to the generosity of our cemetery and mausoleum guests, those who go hungry within our communities can enjoy a meal and a sense of belonging," said Andrew Schafer, executive director of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark. "Feeding the hungry is one of the most basic acts of loving



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kindness and is one of the seven corporal works of mercy. Donating to our food bank ministry on behalf of a departed loved one is a charitable act and a loving gift that truly honors their memory in a tangible way."

The Emergency Food & Nu-

trition Network coordinates and supports a system of food pantries, donor churches, schools, community groups and volunteers by providing assistance and emergency food supplies to 50 food centers in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Antonio Cunha (left) and Patsy Competiello (center) of Catholic Cemeteries deliver 30 bags of donated food to Ray Garcia (right) and his team of volunteers at the Emergency Food & Action Network of Catholic Charities in Newark.

The Missionary Sisters of Charity, founded by St. Teresa of Calcutta, provides food and shelter primarily for women in the community. The center helps with daily meals, clothing and career and emotional counseling.

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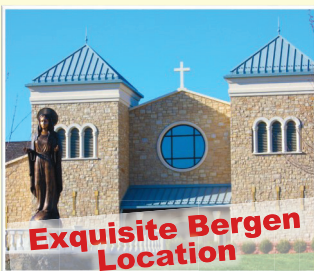
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