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## First Friends offers hope for the undocumented

By Melissa McNally  
Editor

“They wanted to kill me,” said Alex, whose real name is being withheld. Through a translator, he described fleeing his native Honduras after he and his family were threatened by notorious MS-13 gang members.

“In my country and other countries in Central America, there is a lot of kidnapping, recruiting, extortion,” Alex explained. “The gangs use people, many to sell drugs. If you resist and say you don’t want to, they look for you to kill you and your family. They force you to work.”

Traveling with no money, he crossed through Guatemala and Mexico. “There are many dangerous places in Mexico. Los Zetas (a drug cartel), the gangs, they are everywhere, even on the train,” he said. “All parts of Mexico are controlled by the gangs. I suffered. In some parts of Mexico it was very cold. It was snowing and I didn’t have a coat.”

U.S. Customs and Border Protection captured Alex crossing the border in Eagle Pass, Texas. He spent 20 days in a private detention center there before being transferred to the Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility where he stayed for five months. While at the detention center, he contacted First Friends of New Jersey and New York for help.

The Kearny-based non-profit organization has volunteers visit undocumented immigrants held in local facilities and offers non-legal assistance. “I didn’t have any money for an attorney. I had to go to court alone. I have no one in this country to help me. I represented myself,” Alex stated.

Through the organization, he was able to secure a lawyer and was granted a \$7,500 bond. His family in Honduras managed to raise the money and he was released over a month ago.

“My family is helping me get evidence for my case,” Alex said. “I have to work to pay my bond. My family got a mortgage on their home to get my bond money. My mother

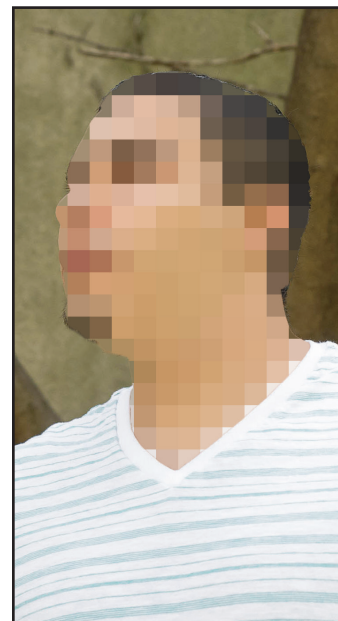
is sick. I have to figure out how I will pay for an attorney or find one who works for free. Right now, I am waiting for my next court date.”

First Friends managed to find temporary housing for Alex. Although he was released from detention, the work does not end. First Friends and many immigrant rights organizations have seen an increase in cases like Alex’s since President Donald Trump issued an executive order in January 2017.

The new “zero tolerance” immigration policy calls for the criminal prosecution of undocumented immigrants who have entered the country through the border. In November 2017, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) reported its total average daily population for fiscal year 2017 was 39,322 people. There were 3,189 arrests in fiscal year 2017 in ICE’s Newark region, which encompasses all of New Jersey, according to data released by the agency. That is a 42 percent increase compared to the previous year. This marks the second year in a row the U.S. government hit an unprecedented high in how many immigrants it incarcerates.

“Detaining immigrants is a lucrative business,” First Friends Program Director Sally Pillay said. According to the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, about 71 percent of the average daily population last November were held in privately operated jails. Local governments signed contracts with the federal government (known as Inter-Governmental Service Agreements or U.S. Marshal Service Intergovernmental Agreements) and then subcontracted facility operations to private, for-profit companies.

“It’s purely profit-driven. It



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“Alex” traveled from his native Honduras through Mexico and was eventually detained in Elizabeth.

costs about \$120 per day to house one immigrant in a detention center,” Pillay explained. “At Hudson County jail, there are about 600 detainees. The jail makes around \$72,000 every day; that is a lot of taxpayer dollars.”

Detention facilities have recently come under fire for inhumane conditions. In February, researchers for Human Rights First visited the three main facilities in New Jersey that ICE uses to detain non-citizens: Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility, the Essex County Correctional Facility and the Hudson County Correctional Facility. The report said inadequacies, when it comes to food,

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Sally Pillay, left, and Kimberly Krone of First Friends

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# Renaming retreat center



Advocate photos-Melissa McNally



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., celebrated the official renaming of the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny, which will now be known as the St. John Paul II Youth Retreat Center. The July 24 celebration included a statue blessing and ribbon cutting. Members of the annual Business and Labor Reception committee were present. Cardinal Tobin and the committee members got a tour of the facility, including the newly renovated Sacred Heart Chapel. They also greeted children from the CYO summer day camp. Pictured with Cardinal Tobin (top left photo) is, left to right: Business Honoree Aron Forem, John Sartor Jr., Thomas P. Giblin, Sister Doris De Lotto, Christopher DiMeo, Lino Santiago, William T. Mullen and Alphonse Rispoli Jr.

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# New delegate for religious appointed

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., has appointed Sister Patricia M. Wormann, O.P., of the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell as delegate for religious of the archdiocese. As delegate, Sister Patricia will serve as the liaison between the cardinal and the communities of religious men and women and those belonging to secular institutes within the archdiocese.

She succeeds Sister Theresia Maria Holschlag, C.S.J., of the Congregation of the Apostolic Sisters of St. John, who recently accepted new responsibilities within her community elsewhere in the United States.

In commenting on the appointment, Cardinal Tobin stated: "Today, some 75 religious communities of men and women and more than 900 religious priests, sisters and brothers minister within the archdiocese. Sister Patricia brings to this important role within the archdiocese strong leadership and collaborative qualities, as well as the unique charism of the Dominican Sisters, a community of dedicated and faith-filled women



Sister Patricia M. Wormann, O.P.

who have embraced the missions of education, health care and furthering justice. Her knowledge of the needs and challenges of religious communities in the 21st century will be most helpful in the archdiocese at this time."

Immediately prior to assum-

ing her new role as delegate for religious, Sister Patricia spent four years at Marian Manor Senior Housing, a Dominican Sisters-sponsored residence in Caldwell where she was responsible for securing appropriate social services for senior citizens residing in HUD Section 8 independent living apartments.

Originally a member of the Daughters of Divine Charity for 20 years, Sister Patricia joined the Dominican Sisters in 1985. Her life in ministry within those two communities have included service as: teacher in Catholic schools in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey; pastoral associate responsible for administering parish ministries at two parishes within the archdiocese; psychotherapist and family counselor for several community-based family service organizations; pastoral counselor and guidance counselor for two Dominican-sponsored high schools within the archdiocese; vocations director and retreat director for youth and adults for the Dominican Sisters; campus ministry chaplain at the Catholic Center at Rutgers

University and Stevens Institute of Technology; director of pastoral care for Broadway House for Continuing Care, Newark; and clinical pastoral education resident at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Sister Patricia holds a bachelor's degree from Fordham University, a master's in social work from Rutgers University Graduate School of Social Work and a master's in divinity from Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University.

A board-certified chaplain of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, Sister Patricia has served as a trustee of Caldwell University, Marian Manor and the corporate board and board of trustees of Dominican Volunteers USA. Her professional associations have included memberships in the National Sisters Vocation Conference, National Religious Formation Conference, National Religious Vocation Conference, National Association of Social Workers and National Association of Catholic Chaplains.

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# Pope revises catechism to say death penalty is 'inadmissible'

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Building on the development of Catholic Church teaching against capital punishment, Pope Francis has ordered a revision of the Catechism of the Catholic Church to assert “the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person” and to commit the Church to working toward its abolition worldwide.

The catechism’s paragraph on capital punishment, 2267, already had been updated by St. John Paul II in 1997 to strengthen its skepticism about the need to use the death

penalty in the modern world and, particularly, to affirm the importance of protecting all human life.

Announcing the change, Cardinal Luis Ladaria, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, said: “The new text, following in the footsteps of the teaching of John Paul II in *Evangelium Vitae*, affirms that ending the life of a criminal as punishment for a crime is inadmissible because it attacks the dignity of the person, a dignity that is not lost even after having committed the most serious crimes.”

The original version of the catechism still urged the use of “bloodless means” when possible to punish criminals and protect citizens.

The catechism now will read: “Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.

“Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption.”

The development of Church doctrine away from seeing the death penalty as a possibly legitimate punishment for the most serious crimes, Cardinal Ladaria said, “centers principally on the clearer awareness of the Church for the respect due to every human life. Along this line,

John Paul II affirmed: ‘Not even a murderer loses his personal dignity, and God Himself pledges to guarantee this.’”

Pope Francis specifically requested the change to the catechism in October during a speech at the Vatican commemorating the 25th anniversary of the text’s promulgation.

The death penalty, no matter how it is carried out, he had said, “is, in itself, contrary to the Gospel, because a decision is voluntarily made to suppress a human life, which is always sacred in the eyes of the Creator and of whom, in the last analysis, only God can be the true judge and guarantor.”

Cardinal Ladaria also noted the popes were not the only Catholics to become increasingly aware of how the modern use of the death penalty conflicted with Church teaching on the dignity of human life; the same position, he said, has been “expressed ever more widely in the teaching of pastors and in the sensibility of the people of God.”

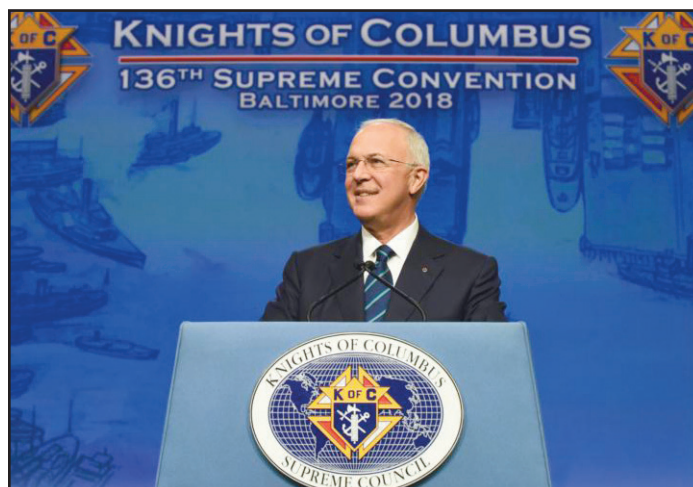
## Knights’ donations, volunteer hours and members keep growing, CEO says

BALTIMORE (CNS)—In an opening address at the 136th annual Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention, the organization’s CEO, Carl Anderson, spoke of the charitable works of the Knights, their ongoing pro-life commitment and pledge to support persecuted Christians in Iraq and Syria.

Anderson pointed out that the Aug. 7-9 convention in Baltimore was in the birthplace of the Catholic Church in the United States. “It was colonial America’s first diocese and the home of our first American bishop, John Carroll, whose family lived at the intersection of faith and liberty in the new nation.”

“The Catholicism first nourished here in Baltimore contributed to the American experience through other commitments as well—commitments that could be summarized in this simple, but powerful Gospel insight: The person in need that we encounter is not a stranger but a brother or a sister,” he said.

That same view is held by the



Carl Anderson, CEO of the Knights of Columbus

CNS photo

Knights today in their charitable giving and volunteering. And looking back at the past year, Anderson said it’s “safe to say that we’ve never had a fraternal year quite like this one.”

He told the Knights at the annual gathering that they gave more than

\$185 million to charity last year, an \$8 million increase from the previous year, and one of the largest yearly increases in the organization’s history.

The Knights also donated more than 75.6 million volunteer hours.

He said they particularly came to the aid of hurricane victims in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico raising \$4.2 million for disaster relief.

“We will continue to set new records for charity. But you know it is not about numbers, it’s about the lives that we change,” he said.

Anderson also stressed that the Knights continue to defend the culture of life from conception to natural death. One way they do this is through donating ultrasound machines, so parents can choose life over abortion when they recognize the life they created.

“I’m pleased to announce that we have already placed more than 950 ultrasound machines and that we will meet our goal of 1,000 later this year,” he said.

He added that the Knights will remain at the forefront of the annual March for Life in Washington along with supporting other pro-life marches across the country.

Anderson also urged every Knight and all Catholics to join the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life every Friday until Sept. 28.

“On this issue, we will not yield. We will never give in,” he said.





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# International student program offers a wealth of diversity

By Karen Mirro-Drew

**T**he Archdiocese of Newark is part of a network of certified schools throughout the United States able to accept international students. Through the Student and Exchange Visitor Program, we host more than 400 international students from around the globe. As a part of the network, the archdiocesan schools office works with Homeland Security to issue and monitor the paperwork needed for students to obtain their student visas. Once these students arrive in the U.S., they often live with a host family, who may also have students attending their particular school, or with relatives. The schools office, in conjunction with local school administrators, work to ensure the safety and security of our international students.

The U.S. currently has 1.2 million international students attending educational programs spanning K-12 to university studies. More locally, New Jersey hosts 24,000 international students, of which 1,400 at-



tend primary and secondary schools. The archdiocese accepts students as young as kindergarten, however, the bulk of our international student population is in our high schools. Principals have found having international students as a part of their school community generates a wealth of diversity and enriches the culture for the entire student base.

Joel Castillo, principal of the Academy of Our Lady of Peace in New Providence, feels international students "enhance the educational

journey not only of their peers, but of the academy faculty and staff as well. They help all students to see the lessons with fresh eyes."

Sister Jacquelyn Balasia, S.C., co-principal of Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark, has welcomed students from China, and says she believes this cultural exchange is valuable in education. "As these students learn about our American way of life, we learn from them about the culture and beauty of China. Meeting and making friends with each other joins communities across the globe; hopefully we can build a better world," she said.

## superintendent of schools EDUCATION OUTREACH

St. Joseph Regional High School in Montvale also hosts students from around the world. "Their presence has resulted in an increased cultural awareness for our students and impacted classroom experiences while providing opportunities for new friendships," said Michael Doherty, vice principal and director of ad-

missions. "They leave St. Joseph's enriched in numerous ways because of their time with us."

George Mihalik, director of admissions and public relations at Hudson Catholic Regional High School in Jersey City, feels that "in the classroom, these young men and women provide global perspectives, enrich discussions and develop creative solutions to assignments," he said. "Moreover, these students provide opportunities for dialogue about cultures, customs and languages. Ultimately, as part of our school's mission, we hope to create a culturally competent student body, which not only respects each other's cultures and customs, but also embraces those differences as a mark of that which makes each of us so special and unique."

In the schools office, we feel international students are a blessing to our community. To take a closer look at international student data, visit the Study in the States website at <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov>.

Karen Mirro-Drew is director of school services.

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# Union Catholic student selected as STEM Scholar

SCOTCH PLAINS—Many Trehan, a rising senior at Union Catholic High School, has been selected for the 2018-2019 class of the Governor's STEM Scholars, the Research and Development Council of New Jersey recently announced.

Trehan, the founder and president of the Girls Who Code Club at the high school, was one of just 80 students chosen among nearly 500 applicants using rigorous criteria, including character, leadership ability and STEM aptitude. Trehan joins a highly motivated class of students from across New Jersey who share her enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Over the course of the academic year, Trehan will receive a comprehensive introduction to what the state offers in STEM, participate in a research project and meet some of the state's finest minds, including executives and professionals.

The opening conference will be held Sept. 15 at Rutgers University on the Piscataway campus. The program offers internship opportunities, field trips and career advancement.

Trehan has already built an impressive resume at Union Catholic. This past school year, she was selected as a 2018 New Jersey Affiliate Honorable Mention award winner from the New Jersey Affiliate of the National Center for Women & Information Technology, and she instructed a coding class at the Scotch Plains Library as part of the fourth annual N.J. Makers Day.

She also played first singles for the Union Catholic tennis team last fall and will serve as a captain this season. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has done volunteer work for the communications department of the American Red Cross.



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## Official Appointments

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



### PASTOR

**Reverend John Docherty, O.A.R.**, has been appointed pastor of Holy Family Parish, Union City, effective immediately.

### PAROCHIAL VICARS

**Reverend Cristino Gutierrez Rubio, O.A.R.**, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Augustine Parish, Union City, effective immediately.

**Reverend John Michael Rafferty, O.A.R.**, has been appointed parochial vicar of Holy Family Parish, Union City, effective immediately.

### CHAPLAIN

**Reverend Sudash J. Kokeram**, serving as a contact priest at the Womack Army Medical Center in the Army Reserve, has had his service extended for six years.

### ITINERACY

**Reverend Paolo Tanzini** has been released for itineracy, effective immediately.

### RELEASED

**Reverend Tobias Rodriguez-Lasa**, released to the Archdiocese of Denver, has had his release extended for five years, ending Dec. 1, 2023.

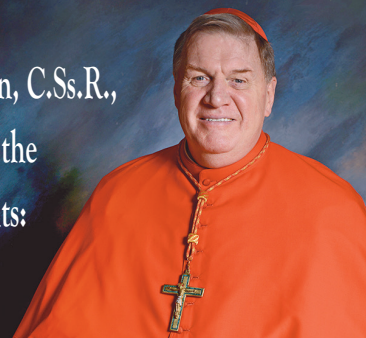
### IN RESIDENCE

**Reverend Matthew R. Dooley**, parochial vicar of Little Flower Parish, Berkeley Heights, has been appointed to residency at Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory, Mountainside, effective Aug. 1.

### RETIREMENT

**Monsignor Franklyn M. Casale** has been granted retirement, effective Aug. 1.

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



### Thursday, Aug. 23

World Meeting of Families  
Dublin, Ireland  
Moderator of "When Plates Fly:  
Pope Francis on the Reality of  
Love in Family Life"

### Saturday, Sept. 8

7:30 p.m.  
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### Friday, Sept. 28

1:30 p.m.  
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6:30 p.m.  
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Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., celebrated a Mass for the Salvadoran community July 28 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Statues of Mary and Jesus adorned with Cardinal Tobin's coat of arms and a portrait of Blessed Oscar Romero were brought into the cathedral and processed through the streets to St. Lucy Parish following Mass. The annual Mass is typically held the last weekend of July in honor of the feast of *El Salvador Del Mundo* (the Savior of the World), which is celebrated Aug. 6. Father Estermino Chica, one of three priests from El Salvador in the archdiocese, helped organize the Mass along with

the Salvadoran Consulate in Elizabeth. This year's Mass also acknowledged children being separated from their parents due to recent immigration policies. "We prayed for families who were separated and prayed for peace," Father Chica said. During the procession, Cardinal Tobin, Bishop Manuel Cruz, clergy and families sang in Spanish "Let the Children Sing." "It was really touching to see parents walking with their kids," Father Chica explained. "It made the issue more real."





Submitted photos

Father Minhyun Cho, pastor of St. Michael Parish in Palisades Park, recently celebrated Mass with soldiers at Fort Devens in Massachusetts. Prior to Mass, Father Cho and the officers participated in field training exercises. An Army Reserve chaplain captain for the 395th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion in Connecticut, Father Cho celebrates Mass one weekend a month for the Armed Forces.



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## First Friends

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hygiene and health, among other criteria, were found.

While at the Elizabeth detention center, Alex described feeling “depressed” not knowing when he would see his family again. He said he barely slept and did not have enough money to call home. “You are there without being able to go outside. You can’t see the sun; you can’t see the moon,” he explained. “Sometimes undercooked meat was served. I suffered nightmares. To be incarcerated is horrible. I missed family. I missed my bed. The conditions are not good.”

Pillay described that for such a small operation, First Friends has an “overwhelming” amount of work to do. To increase capacity due to such high demand, the board appointed Kimberly Krone as executive director. A former immigration lawyer with American Friends Service Committee, she spent years representing DACA recipients and working toward policy change.

“I came to First Friends because I wanted to engage in more social justice work and to build power in the immigrants’ rights movement,” Krone said.

Most immigrants come from Central American countries including Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador due to political unrest, extreme poverty and violence. “The number of border crossings are down overall, but since 2014, there has been a huge influx of kids at the border,” Krone stated. “Mexicans are actually the minority crossing the border; they are mostly people from Central America passing through Mexico. Almost 50 percent of people who are undocumented came to America with a visa and stayed here when the visa expired.”

“These families do not want to leave their homes but are forced to due to their circumstances,” Pillay said. “They are just seeking a better, safer place. There is a misconception that these undocumented immigrants should come the ‘legal’ way. Arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border seeking asylum is the legal way. The current administration is blocking legal pathways to citizenship. It is important for people to have background knowledge and open

dialogue about immigration.”

The organization is looking to expand to a new office space and is searching for more short-term housing facilities for immigrants they help get released. Last year, First Friends opened Lighthouse in partnership with the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Jersey City. In addition to providing a safe haven for up to six guests, Lighthouse also provides food, transportation, language tutoring, legal aid and financial support.

Many faith-based groups work with First Friends and visit detention centers to offer moral support. Office Manager Sister Regina Holtz, F.S.P., began working at the organization in 2007. After assuming a leadership role with the Franciscan Sisters of Peace, she returned to First Friends three years ago. She regularly visits detention facilities and spearheaded the “Stamp Out Despair” campaign where people donate office supplies and postage to help detainees correspond with their families.

“The work I do at First Friends is like the beatitudes and works of mercy all rolled into one,” Sister Regina explained. “We need to change our current immigration laws. Ten years ago, people without criminal records were not being deported. These jails are making a profit off the backs of hard-working immigrants who have been supporting our country, our churches and our economy for years.”

Sister Regina recalled her first visit to a detention center and was struck by how “dehumanizing” it was. “I met with a young Nigerian man who had two children and an expectant wife at home. The guards didn’t refer to him by name, just his bed number—Delta 5. What does that do to a person? It goes against the grain of what the Gospel teaches.”

Working at the organization is a place to live out her Franciscan charism, Sister Regina added. “It is a privilege to work at First Friends with good people doing good work. It is also very Franciscan. St. Francis was not just about working with the poor, but also about helping the disenfranchised,” she said.

First Friends strives to be “apolitical,” Sister Regina noted. “This issue is about understanding injustice and the humanity of immigrants. No one has a choice in where they were born.”



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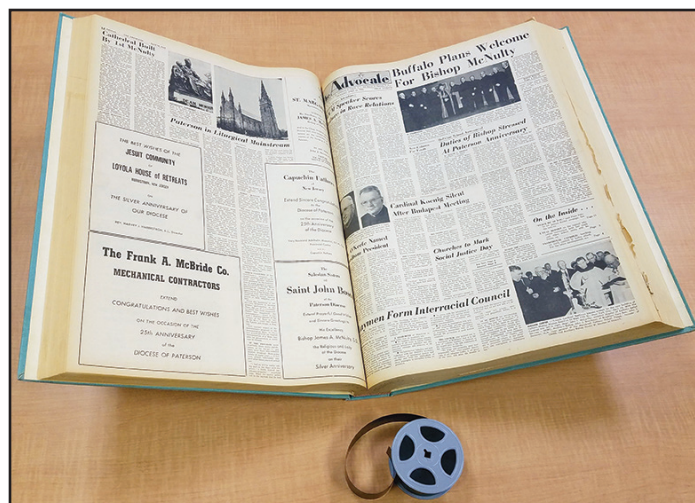
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**S**elections from *The Catholic Advocate* have been digitized in a cooperative project between Seton Hall University's Special Collections and the Catholic Research Resources Alliance (CRRA). The newspaper has been published regularly since 1951; however, the issues selected for this digitization project were limited to the years 1958-1964, the era of the Second Vatican Council, enabling researchers to examine this period and its impact on the Newark Catholic community. The project digitizes newspapers from across the country, enabling scholars to examine differences and similarities between regions during this period.

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The CRRA has digitized many more newspapers as part of its project, including the San Francisco Archdiocese's *Monitor*, *The Clarion Herald* of New Orleans and *The Catholic Telegraph* of Cincinnati, among others. The project and the construction of the Catholic News Archive website—[www.thecatholic-newsarchive.org](http://www.thecatholic-newsarchive.org)—was the recipient



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The digitized materials are currently being utilized in classes at Seton Hall University. Professor Alan Delozier, university archivist, has introduced students to this new resource in his class "New Jersey Catholic Experience," offered through the Department of Catholic

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### August 24

**Boy Scout Troop 139**, Bergenfield, open registration, through Aug. 27, 7-8:30 p.m., for boys ages 11-17, during St. John the Evangelist's carnival, \$50 registration fee, call Francis Argueta at 201-540-6399.

### August 26

**St. Patrick's Pro Cathedral**, Newark, "Quadratos: The Four Gospel Journey," featuring guest speaker Dr. Alexander Shaia, 4-7 p.m., 973-623-0497 or visit [www.stppcnewark.com](http://www.stppcnewark.com).

### August 28

**Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart**, Newark, Memorial Mass for Msgr. James M. Sheehan

in the Crypt Chapel, noon, 973-484-4600.

### September 7

**Respect Life Office**, Archdiocese of Newark, Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for post-abortion healing, through Sept. 9, call 973-497-4350, email [cheryl.riley@rcan.org](mailto:cheryl.riley@rcan.org) or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

### September 12

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish**, Wallington, "Wisdom: God's Wisdom for Life" Bible study, Wednesday evenings through Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., \$25 for registrations before Aug. 24 and \$30 after, call Eileen McGuire at 201-835-2516 or Ginny Topolski at 201-715-2087.

### September 23

**Queen of Peace Parish**, North Arlington, concert featuring classical favorites, Broadway hits and sacred selections, 2:30 p.m., 201-997-0700.



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Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., celebrated Mass at St. James the Apostle Parish on July 21 in honor of the parish's 95th anniversary and the 65th anniversary of St. James the Apostle School. In his homily, Cardinal Tobin commended St. James for being a "welcoming parish" and he reminded the congregation to be shepherds to one another. "It was a privilege to have Cardinal Tobin here with us to celebrate these milestones of our parish," said Father Joseph F. Barbone, pastor of St. James. Springfield Mayor Richard Huber, a parishioner at the church, presented a proclamation to Father Barbone honoring the parish and school for its presence in the township. Currently, 1,800 families are members of the parish and 170 students attend St. James School.

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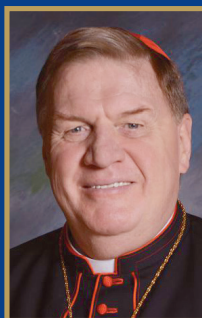
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## Obituaries

### Father John E. Basil

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 27 at St. Mary of the Pines Parish in Manahawkin for Father John E. Basil, 82, who died July 20.



Born in Ramsey, Father Basil was ordained to the priesthood May 26, 1962.

During his 56-year ministry as a priest, Father Basil served as a parochial vicar, chaplain and administrator at nearly a dozen parishes in the archdiocese, including St. Michael in Palisades Park; St. Anne in Jersey City; and St. Luke in Ho-Ho-Kus.

He was also a chaplain at St. Barnabas Hospital, Livingston, and Holy Name Medical Center, Teaneck. In the latter part of his ministry, Father Basil continued to regularly celebrate Mass at various parishes in Ocean County.

### Sister Patricia Meidhof, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 13 at Holy Family Chapel in Convent Station for Sister Patricia Meidhof, S.C., 85, who died July 27.



Sister Patricia entered the Sisters of Charity on April 2, 1950, and was a member for 68 years.

She served as a teacher at Epiphany School, Cliffside Park; St. Anastasia School, Teaneck; Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Maplewood; and St. Philip School, Saddle Brook.

She also served as principal at St. Francis School, Ridgefield Park.

In 2010, Sister Patricia was a volunteer at Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth and lived at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish.

### Sister Jacqueline Burns, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 13 at Holy Family Chapel in Convent Station for Sister Jacqueline Burns, S.C., who died on Aug. 6.



Born in Kearny, Sister Jacqueline entered the Sisters of Charity on March 25, 1946, and was a member for 72 years. She began her career as a teacher in Newark and Paterson where she educated students for almost 15 years.

After earning a doctorate in modern European History from Catholic University of America, she began her tenure at her alma mater, the College of Saint Elizabeth. Sister Jacqueline dedicated more than 30 years to the college—10 years as academic dean and 16 as president.

Sister Jacqueline was the founding chair of St. Joseph's Healthcare System, having spearheaded the integration of St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson; St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital; St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, Paterson; and St. Joseph's Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Cedar Grove.

She received citations for leadership and woman of the year awards, as well as a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Heart Association.

## Teens for Teens donates funds to Trinitas



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ELIZABETH—Members of Teens for Teens of Union County recently donated \$26,000 to provide new furnishings for patient rooms for the teenagers at New Point Specialty, the adolescent psychiatry program at Trinitas Regional Medical Center. The donation was presented at Trinitas' 12th annual Academic Awards Program in June. New Point Specialty is a 15-bed behavioral residential treatment program for adolescents ages 14 to 18.

The Teens for Teens volunteer organization was founded in 2013 by Mitchell Kelly, a high school sophomore at the time, who joined his friends to make a difference in their own community, specifically with teens who were less fortunate. Each year, they hold a gala to raise money for various causes.

This year, their fifth annual charity gala, which benefited New Point Specialty, was held in May at the Stonehouse at Stirling Ridge in Warren. Nearly 300 guests attended.

"It was a wonderful event

with live teen performers as well as speakers, including New Point Specialty students," said President Samira Morin, an 18-year-old Westfield resident. "Through donations, a raffle and silent auctions, we were able to raise \$26,000."

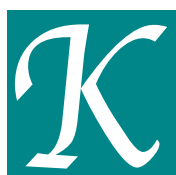
"It was lovely for them to choose Trinitas this year," said Nadine Brechner, chief development officer and vice president of the Trinitas Health Foundation. "They are a very ambitious and generous bunch."

Since its inception, the group has raised about \$125,000 for five different organizations.

"I am beyond impressed with how Teens for Teens has grown throughout the years," said Morin, who graduated from the Academy for Information Technology in Scotch Plains and is bound for UCLA this fall. "I am even more excited to see how the group of amazing underclassmen, who have just begun to get involved, will carry the group forward in the upcoming years."

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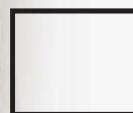
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