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CARDINAL TOBIN SHARES VISION TO MOVE ARCHDIOCESE FORWARD

By Melissa McNally
Editor

“You’ve got to have a foundation to continue to heal as Christ heals,” Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., said

as he presented *Forward in Faith Together: Our Road Ahead*, his vision for the Archdiocese of Newark, at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Bloomfield Oct. 1.

Attended by members of the parish community and clergy, the town hall meeting was the first of four evening presentations unveiling *Forward in Faith Together*.

During the meeting, the cardinal shared his broad pastoral vision that maps out the future of the archdiocese in six pillars: *Protection of the Faithful*; *Accountability, Transparency and Communication*; *Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning*; *Lifelong Faith Formation and Education*; *Ongoing Formation/Support of Clergy*; and *Active Engagement of the Laity*. The plan highlights a positive path forward while simultaneously addressing past and present challenges.

Forward in Faith Together is the culmination of many months of planning and is a foundation for healing that addresses a lack of confidence in the Church. “Great damage has been done. Not only have people lost their innocence, they have lost God,” Cardinal Tobin said. “I believe (this plan) is a positive way forward to regain trust and confidence of people.”

The first two pillars, the cardinal explained, are an immediate concern. “Without the first two pillars, it would be very difficult to do the others,” he said. “If we do not protect the faithful and if we are not transparent, it will be less likely that people will want to engage with us.”



Advocate photo-Melissa McNally

Protection of the Faithful includes reinforcing protections already in place and creating new training and reporting programs. The archdiocese will continue to apply a just Independent Victims Compensation Program and support survivors of clergy sexual abuse of minors.

Accountability, Transparency and Communication includes widening communi-

cations channels to and from parishes and the chancery. “How well do we listen to and communicate with parishes?” Cardinal Tobin asked. He also encouraged stewardship and a feeling of co-responsibility. “I am responsible for my brothers and sisters in faith, and we have to develop ways so that we are all accountable in our various ministries,” he said.

In *Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning*, the cardinal aims to empower and guide each parish to adopt the archdiocesan plan according to the needs of their own parish communities. “We are trying to understand what is working in parishes,” Cardinal Tobin stated, “and continue to form

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Reflection—A nourishing mother

This letter is an excerpt from Rejoice in the Lord, a new biweekly newsletter the cardinal describes as a way to “strengthen relationships with the people of the archdiocese.” In its first issue, Cardinal Tobin shared that he hopes the newsletter will serve as “an important means” of keeping people informed about “important matters of concern to this archdiocese and, when appropriate, to the Church in the U.S. and throughout the world.”

For the complete newsletter and past issues, including Spanish versions, visit www.rcan.org/rejoiceinthelord.

Pope Francis has said that his favorite image of the Church is “mother.” This is “the face of the Church,” the pope says. It is an image he would like the Church to display more often.

What do we mean when we say that the Church is our mother? Pope Francis answers this question by describing what mothers do for their children. “A mother teaches how to walk in life,” the pope says. “She teaches how to do well in life; she knows how to direct her children; she seeks always to indicate the right way in life to grow and become adults.” She is an alma mater (a nourishing mother) as opposed to a harsh or cruel teacher who seeks to impose her ideas on us.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is our Church’s model for all things, but most especially in her motherhood.

From the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has called attention to the Blessed Virgin Mary’s role as “a gate that exactly follows the form of Jesus: the gate of the heart of Jesus, demanding, but open to all.” As a gateway, Mary not only shows us the way to her son, Jesus, but she also intercedes for us, making it easier for us to seek and find Him.

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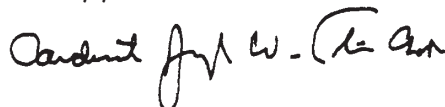
According to the Holy Father, Mary “welcomed (Jesus) with all her heart and followed Him every day of her life, even when she did not understand, even when a sword pierced her soul.” In her role as mother of God, and our mother, Mary nurtures and protects us. She argues on our behalf even, or especially, when we have sinned and lost our way. “Mary is the moth-

er,” Pope Francis says, “and a mother’s main concern is the health of her children ... Our Lady guards our health ... helps us grow, face life and be free.”

What took place most singularly in our Mother Mary also takes place within us, spiritually, when we receive the Word of God with a good and sincere heart and put it into practice. It is as if God takes flesh within us; He comes to dwell in us, for He dwells in all who love Him and keep His word. Pope Francis says it is not always easy to understand this, but, really, it is easy to feel it in our heart.

Especially during the month of October, we honor the Blessed Virgin and ask her to intercede for our Church that she may be a nurturing mother like Mary.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,



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



Advocate file photo
Cardinal Tobin with his mother, Marie.

My prayer for you

My prayer for this local Church is that we will take Jesus’ words to heart and act on them. Let’s set aside our hesitation and fear. Let’s work together, trusting that if we do what our Lord asks us to do, the results will be truly amazing! Amen. ✠



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Archdiocese joins program that helps form leaders of the Church

By Kelly Marsicano
Associate Publisher

Two parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark have welcomed two University of Notre Dame students into their community. It's part of a new partnership between the archdiocese and the university's McGrath Institute for Church Life.

The students, or apprentices, are taking part in the college's Echo program. The two-year graduate service and leadership program allows students to earn a master's degree in theology while serving in a parish or school in a partnering diocese in the United States. Students work full-time during the academic year while taking courses online. They also study for two summers on Notre Dame's campus. The program integrates intellectual, professional, human and spiritual formation. Echo was established in 2004 to prepare a new generation of pastorally formed and theologically informed parish catechetical leaders.

Francesca Patti is one of the students serving in the archdiocese. She is working at St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Summit. "Graduating from Notre Dame, I had such a desire to go out and serve, but I also understood that I'm not yet quite formed enough," Patti explained. "So I really value these two years as an opportunity to just kind of steeping in the theology and being formed and having these experiences so that I can actually go out and really be much better equipped to make some sort of a difference for people."



Briana Quigley and Francesca Patti

Patti, who arrived in August, has been involved in the parish's youth and children's ministry programs teaching First Communion preparation. She is also leading a project on social ministry outreach. "Human development is something that's very important to me and to my long-term goals. I'm helping to develop a sustained charitable service outreach program for the parishioners at St. Teresa of Avila," she said.

As part of the Echo program, students also receive mentorship. David Carvalho, the director of youth ministry at St. Teresa's, serves as Patti's mentor and speaks highly of the opportunities for collaboration that the program provides. "Being able to have that laboratory of learning, where we're creatively thinking together—looking at new initia-

tives, looking at new possibilities, looking at the needs of our parishioners, but also looking at what is the new and effective means of being able to bring Christ to every individual—it presents a platform to do that," Carvalho explained. "We're very grateful because it becomes, for me, an opportunity to learn just as well to impart."

Briana Quigley is the second student serving in the archdiocese. She has been working in liturgy, liturgy preparation and funeral ministry at St. Bartholomew Parish in Scotch Plains. "After studying at Franciscan University for my undergraduate, I was really formed well spiritually and intellectually, but I did find that I still needed more formation in how to serve the Church, how to teach theology, how to catechize, how to share that information in a way that changes lives," Quigley admitted. "The Echo program is equipping me to serve in that way, to share with the Church and with parishes the joy of the Christian life."

Quigley said she welcomes the opportunity to grow through the hands-on experience in parish ministry and getting to see what it's actually like to serve in a parish. "It's just so important to me, and it's really helping me discover where God is calling me. He put that dream on my heart, but exactly in what capacity He's calling me to serve the Church is not 100 percent clear yet. This program is helping me discern that," she stated.

"What a privilege it is to be able to have any part of working with young people who want to go into parish ministry at this age," said Pat Krema, Quigley's mentor and pastoral associate for divine liturgy and adult faith formation at St. Bartholomew's. "I went into it in my 40s. I wasn't headed in that direction in my 20s. It has been so much more than we ever thought it was going to be. It's incredible what one person can bring to the table and what one person can do for a parish staff."

The archdiocesan Catechetical Office was instrumental in creating this partnership and bringing the Echo program here. "To bring young, highly motivated, faith-filled and professionally prepared people into this ministry is a critical need and we are very happy that Notre Dame was so quick to bring the program to the Archdiocese of Newark once the resources became available," said Ron Pihokker, the director of the Catechetical Office. "I know that the wonderful parishes and their staffs who have taken on our apprentices will have much to share with them and provide them with a rich experience of parish catechetical ministry."

Patti and Quigley will remain with their parish assignments until May 2021. Pihokker said they hope to continue placing more students in other parish settings within the archdiocese in the coming years.

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Newman and other saints canonized

John Henry Newman, one of the leading Roman Catholic and Anglican theologians of the 19th century, was canonized by Pope Francis on Oct. 13. Cardinal Newman is the first English citizen to become a saint in the Roman Catholic Church since the 17th century.

His search for truth and writings on his beliefs were instrumental in changing the definition of religion in his time and beyond.

In his 40 books and more than 20,000 letters, St. John Henry Newman expressed a strong belief in the importance of a personal relationship with God. His writings inspired hundreds of Anglican clergymen to join the Roman Catholic Church in the 19th century and influenced the work of the Second Vatican Council in the 20th century.

Born in London on Feb. 21, 1801, John Henry Newman experienced “an inward conversion” at age 15 that he described as “more certain than that he had hands or feet.” Following graduation from Trinity College of Oxford, he was ordained an Anglican priest in 1821. As the vicar of the university church, St. Mary the Virgin, for 17 years, Newman became a popular pastor, poet and preacher and a high-

ly regarded theologian.

Newman led the Oxford Movement in an effort to reconnect the Church of England with its origins by studying the writings of the first Church Fathers. His research convinced him that the Roman Church was the original Church established by Christ. In 1841, the bishop of Oxford suspended him from publishing his work.

He left Oxford in 1842 and was formally received into the Catholic Church on Oct. 9, 1845. Ordained a priest in October 1846 in Rome, he returned to England, where his lectures against anti-Catholic rhetoric led to charges of libel. When found guilty, his many supporters raised funds that exceeded the cost of the fine and his legal expenses.

In 1854, Newman became rector of the new Catholic university in Dublin, where he completed some of his most effective writing. Named a cardinal in 1879 after refusing to be named a bishop, he chose *Cor ad cor loquitur* (Heart speaks to heart) as his motto. Cardinal Newman died of pneumonia in Birmingham, England, on Aug. 11, 1890.

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St. John Henry Newman

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dents at non-Catholic universities in 1888. They continue serving students around the world today, including on more than 2,000 U.S. campuses. He considered universities and the Church dedicated to the same goal: the pursuit of truth.

Also canonized on Oct. 13 were Sister Mariam Theresia of India, who founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the

Holy Family; Sister Giuseppina Vannini of Italy, who founded of the Daughters of St. Camillus; Sister Dulce Lopes Pontes of the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God, who is remembered as the “Good Angel of Brazil”; and Marguerite Bays of Switzerland, a member of the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi.



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Catechist Convocation to offer formation for Church leaders

The Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark will host its annual Catechist Convocation Nov. 16 at Paramus Catholic High School.

Titled "Stay with Us," the convocation is designed to serve the needs of parish catechetical leaders, directors of religious education, Catholic school teachers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, social justice teams and adult spirituality teams, adult faith formation teams and youth ministers.

Following check-in, the day will begin with a morning prayer service presided by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. The convocation will feature English and Spanish language workshops throughout the day. Attendees can choose from four of more than 30 workshops.

Sessions include a broad range of topics, including supporting family life in parish ministry, creating space for God and ministering to middle schoolers. All workshops at the Catechist Convocation are part of the catechist formation process for the Archdiocese of Newark. The convocation provides an opportunity for attendees to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to be effective witnesses and teachers.

Participants will also be able to visit exhibits during the day that include an extensive group of publishers and vendors with resources for all who work in catechetical ministry. Books, resources and gifts will be available for purchase.



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For more information, contact Patricia Rodriguez at 973-497-4297 or patricia.rodriguez@rcan.org. To register, visit <https://archdioceseofnewark.regfox.com/convocation-2019>. Please RSVP by Oct. 30.

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CARDINAL JOSEPH W. TOBIN, C.S.S.R., HAS ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

– ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY –

Reverend Charles Pinyan, pastor of Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale, has been appointed vicar for clergy of the Archdiocese of Newark, with residency at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, effective Oct. 1

– CHAPLAINS –

Reverend Bryan F.J. Adamcik, administrator of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Leonia, has been appointed chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Carmel Council 8982 at St. John the Evangelist.

Reverend John M. McCrone, director of Ongoing Formation and Priest Sabbatical Program, has also been appointed chaplain of Newark Liberty International Airport, effective Oct 18.

Reverend Philip A. Sanders, administrator of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish, Bayonne, has been appointed chaplain of the Hudson County Serra Society.

– COUNCIL OF PRIESTS –

Reverend Yuvan A. Alvarez has been reappointed as a member of the Council of Priests, representing Deanery 8, for a three-year term.

Reverend Pedro Bismarck Chau has been appointed as a member of the Council of Priests, representing Deanery 20, for a three-year term.

Reverend Esterminio Chica has been reappointed as a member of the Council of Priests, representing Deanery 12, for a three-year term.

Reverend Minhyun Cho has been selected as the runner-up elected member of the Council of Priests, representing Deanery 6, replacing Reverend Richard Kwiatkowski for the remaining year of his term.

Reverend James P. Ferry has been selected as the runner-up elected member of the Council of Priests, representing Deanery 15, replacing Reverend Joseph D'Amico for the remaining two years of his term.

Reverend George D. Gillen has been re-elected as a member of

the Council of Priests, representing Deanery 25, for a three-year term.

Reverend Monsignor Renato Grasselli has been re-elected as a member of the Council of Priests, representing Deanery 14, for a three-year term.

Reverend Michael Hanly has been reappointed as a member of the Council of Priests, representing Deanery 15, for a three-year term.

Reverend John R. Job has been re-elected as a member of the Council of Priests, representing Deanery 1, for a three-year term.

Reverend Edgardo P. Jocson has been selected as the runner-up elected member of the Council of Priests, representing Deanery 24, replacing Reverend Denis Surban for the remaining two years of his term.

Reverend Josephat K. Kalema has been re-elected as a member of the Council of Priests, representing Deanery 20, for a three-year term.

Reverend Pedro Repollet has been selected as the runner-up elected member of the Council of Priests, representing Deanery 10, replacing Reverend James Pagnotta for the remaining year of his term.

Reverend Philip A. Sanders has been elected as a member of the Council of Priests, representing Deanery 13, for a three-year term.

Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Shugrue has been re-elected as a member of the Council of Priests, representing Deanery 23, for a three-year term.

Reverend Michael Sean Patrick Trainor has been elected as a member of the Council of Priests, representing Deanery 5, for a three-year term.

– PRIEST PERSONNEL POLICY BOARD –

(All three-year terms, effective Sept. 1)

Reverend Joseph A. D'Amico has been elected to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board.

Reverend John Job has been elected to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board.

Reverend Monsignor Ronald J. Rozniak has been elected to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board.

– DEAN –

Reverend Raul R. Gaviola, pastor of St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, has been appointed dean of Deanery 13, effective Sept. 15.

Reverend George Joseph, pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City, has been appointed dean of Deanery 10, effective Sept. 15.

– MILITARY –

Reverend Piotr Koziolkiewicz, parochial vicar at St. Mary Parish, Rutherford, has been granted permission to serve as chaplain of the Archdiocese of Military Services U.S.A, effective Feb. 11, 2019.

– PASTOR –

Reverend Monsignor Robert E. Harahan, headmaster of Seton Hall Prep, West Orange, has been appointed pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, effective Oct. 18.

– RESIDENCE –

Reverend Raphael Joonyoung Lee, Tribunal staff judge, has been assigned to residency at Church of the Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook, effective Oct. 1.

Reverend John M. McCrone, director of Ongoing Formation and Priest Sabbatical Program, has been assigned to residency at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, effective Oct. 18.

– CORRECTION –

Reverend Henry Ramirez Soler, C.M.F., has been assigned to residency at St. Joseph Parish, Jersey City, effective Aug. 1. He was not assigned as parochial vicar, as was previously announced.

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Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., participated in a discussion with Father Matthew Malone, S.J., the editor-in-chief of *America* magazine, entitled "Pope Francis and the Future of the American Church" on Sept. 24 at the New York Athletic Club. The event was live streamed and is available to watch on the Archdiocese of Newark's Facebook page.



Advocate photos-Melissa McNally

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Elizabeth marked its 175th anniversary with a Sept. 15 Mass celebrated by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. Established in 1844, St. Mary's predates the founding of the Archdiocese of Newark and the formation of Union County. It originally served the Irish immigrant population, many of them laborers working on the nearby Morris Canal. Today, the church continues to serve the needs of immigrants, more recently, from Latin America.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TO HOST BENEFIT CONCERT

The Midtown Men, the original cast of Broadway's smash hit "Jersey Boys," will perform a benefit concert hosted by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark on Nov. 9 at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway.

One hundred percent of ticket sales will go directly to homeless programs operated by Catholic Charities.

More than 1,000 people attended last year's concert, which raised \$64,000 for the organization's eight facilities. The agency operates two emergency shelters for single people, two emergency shelters for homeless families, two transitional residences for individuals with HIV/AIDS and two permanent supportive housing programs for people who are chronically homeless. Last year, these programs provided nearly 93,000 nights of shelter. Catholic Charities provides more than just a warm, safe place to sleep. Services include food, clothing, counseling and connections to medical care and housing resources.

"Funds raised from the concert allow us to provide operational and program support, as well as the very basics we often take for granted, such as new bed linens, pillows, blankets, kitchen and household items and more," explained John Westervelt, chief executive officer of Catholic Charities.

Tickets are available starting at \$30. A \$150 VIP ticket includes a meet and greet with the performers before the show and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are on sale at www.ucpac.org.

For more information about Catholic Charities, visit www.ccannj.org or contact Peter Ruccione at 973-639-6531 or pruccione@ccannj.org.



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Catholic Charities CEO John Westervelt (center) with Midtown Men Daniel Reichard, J. Robert Spencer, Michael Longoria and Christian Hoff.

Pastoral Council represents archdiocesan laity at meeting

By Jai Agnish
Communications Manager

When it comes to leadership, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., said he looks for integrity of life, love for the Church and a love for the people. The comments were part of a wide-ranging feedback session with a dozen lay parish representatives at the September Archdiocesan Pastoral Council meeting.

"Basically, holiness of life," he went on to say.

Cardinal Tobin also emphasized the importance of promoting solidarity among parishes during the Saturday morning chancery session led by Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia Msgr. Thomas P. Nydegger and Chancellor Sister Donna L. Ciangio, O.P.

"One thing that 27 deanery visits taught me is that there are some parishes that are flourishing, absolutely flourishing in the archdiocese," Cardinal Tobin said. "And it's not simply the places where you might think there are greater economic resources available."

He pointed to a parish in Hudson County that he said has 13 Sunday Mass-

es. "The people are energized, and they are staffing different ministries," he said of St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish in West New York. "Well, if the next parish is struggling, shouldn't that parish at least say, 'This is what we're doing. This is how we got it right?'"

This brokering of relationships between parishes is something that will be promoted over time within the archdiocese, the cardinal noted. "Here at the archdiocesan center, we want to see ourselves as working together and being in relationship with parishes, sharing ideas and ways to build up our Church again," Cardinal Tobin said.

The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council is comprised of laity from around the archdiocese and includes representatives from the Korean, Hispanic and black communities. It was formed in the spring after a nearly 20-year hiatus. A pastor, religious sister and deacon also serve on the council.

The focus of the group is on mission and planning and it serves in an advisory role for the cardinal. The council determines priorities and proposes practical solutions to pastoral matters. This is accomplished in the spirit of prayer, study, reflection, consultation, collaboration and discernment.

"It was important to have a council that

represents laity," Sister Donna said. "The whole purpose is for the cardinal to be able to learn about what is happening at the parish level."

One of the council members in attendance was Philip DeRosa, a 30-year parishioner at St. Joseph Parish in Oradell and New Milford. "I'm very happy to be a part of the council," DeRosa said, adding that the involvement of Cardinal Tobin at every meeting has made the experience even more special and also demonstrates a strong commitment from the archdiocesan level.

"The open community and sharing are always what encourages me," DeRosa continued. "We're from different walks of life, different ages, different perspectives. We have a common goal. I think you hear that. Maybe it's the Holy Spirit working through all of us."

During the meeting, Sister Donna led a presentation about how the archdiocese functions. She broke down its structure, from Cardinal Tobin through the parish level and everything in between.

Cardinal Tobin spoke about the role of a number of consultative bodies, such as the college of deans. He also gave a glimpse into the process of appointing priests to new positions. As an example,

he described the numerous layers of approvals required to appoint a new auxiliary bishop. These include 20 to 25 personal references per nominee.

"It's not simply one cardinal or one bishop making the decision or even just Americans," Cardinal Tobin said. "There are going to be other bishops from around the world making the approvals."

Lay members of the council said they found the presentation very helpful in understanding some of the key functions of the archdiocese.

Something that Cardinal Tobin stressed throughout the meeting was the importance of decisions being made as close to the people affected as possible. This is known as the principal of subsidiarity, he said. "I think over time we're going to be promoting that," the cardinal stated. "Of course, it depends on what the decision is, and how widely we need to consult beforehand."

Another key principal is solidarity, he added.

"We are interested in the community where we worship, where we identify," Cardinal Tobin said. "But we're also interested in the other communities. That's the value of solidarity. We are all in this together as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ."

CARDINAL TOBIN SHARES VISION

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partnerships with parishes that are flourishing."

Creating and supporting initiatives for the faithful to flourish in the spiritual, intellectual and pastoral aspects of their lives is highlighted in *Lifelong Faith Formation and Education*. "Most people believe in Catholic education for children. And then what?" Cardinal Tobin asked. "Our formation doesn't stop with our confirmation. Formation in the faith and encounter with Christ is a lifelong beautiful journey."

Strengthening the bonds of unity among bishops, priests and deacons is key in *Ongoing Formation/Support of Clergy*. Cardinal Tobin highlighted this summer's Convocation of Priests as a step in the right direction.

"A bishop without his priests is nothing," the cardinal explained. "Some of our clergy live stressful, lonely lives. We need to increase fraternity among our priests. How can we enhance priests' self-understanding? We will continue to gather priests together for mutual support."

The final pillar, *Active Engagement of the Laity*, encourages greater input from and participation by everyday parishioners. The recently launched Archdiocesan Pastoral Council is one of the ways to engage laity to address challenges and reshape the future of the archdiocese. The cardinal also stressed the importance of

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parish councils. "We need a place where lay people are heard," Cardinal Tobin declared. "We need to ask ourselves, 'Who isn't here? Who aren't we reaching?'" He encouraged faithful to welcome everyone to encounter Christ in parishes.

The archbishop believes that through the recent challenges facing the Church, the community has an opportunity to grow stronger. "What we've been through is an invitation to renew our faith in Jesus Christ. In believing in Jesus, we believe in His body, which is the Church. The Church is a living, mysterious encounter with the living God," he explained.

Following an explanation of his vision, Cardinal Tobin fielded questions from the audience. He noted that one of his biggest challenges as bishop is to address the separation between faith and life, and he encouraged Catholics to see

"faith as a lifestyle."

He once again cited the need for transparency. "To restore faith in the Church, we must try to be as transparent as we can," Cardinal Tobin said. "We have to allow people to express their anger and rage. We need to allow people to talk and contribute ways to build up our Church and parishes."

The cardinal's call for openness was on display Oct. 2 as a few demonstrators picketed outside prior to the second presentation held at St. Peter the Apostle Parish in River Edge. He invited the protesters inside to have a private discussion. They put away their signs and joined him.

The cardinal said he believes "God will show us the way." "When I was assigned to be the archbishop of Newark, I simply said 'yes.' There's great freedom in that—I go where God wants me to go," he ex-

plained. "And it is a joy to go with you. I have great hope that we will be going forward in faith together."

Attendees at the meetings responded well to the cardinal's honesty.

"Cardinal Tobin covered a whole wide range of things," said Delores McGreevy of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Nutley. "There will be follow-ups with the goals and objectives being developed by people within the parishes. This is sort of laying a foundation."

"He's trying to think of ways the Church can be more open for everyone," added Gerry Neville, a parishioner at St. Thomas the Apostle. She particularly responded to the cardinal's plan to support parish priests. "I think it can be quite lonely for priests; they live a solitary life. Maybe (Cardinal Tobin) can help priests, and through that, help us."

The cardinal will hold two more presentations on his vision at Holy Spirit Parish in Union on Oct. 23 and Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Jersey City on Oct. 29. All are invited to attend.

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THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK AND IMMIGRATION

The 'Pause' (1920-1965)

Msgr. Robert J. Wister recently published a series of essays about the history of immigration in the Archdiocese of Newark on Seton Hall University's blog. The Catholic Advocate will be reprinting excerpts of his work in upcoming issues. For the complete text, visit <http://blogs.shu.edu/archdiocese-immigration>.

By Msgr. Robert J. Wister

After the end of World War I, President Warren G. Harding promised a return to "normalcy." In the United States as a whole and in the Church in Newark, things did not return to the pre-war world. Congress passed anti-immigration laws, and the constant flow of new Catholic immigrants disappeared. Many Catholics thought the era of the immigrant Church was over; and it was, for a while. Catholic pastoral activity shifted from helping newcomers adapt and preserve the faith to providing the necessary structures for supporting an active Catholic life for an increasingly native-born population.

The general population was changing as well. The Great Migration of African-Americans from the south to industrialized parts of the nation where there were jobs changed the composition of the population in northern New Jersey. In response, Bishop Thomas J. Walsh established three personal parishes for African-American Catholics: Queen of Angels (1930) in Newark, Christ the King (1930) in Jersey City and St. Peter Claver (1932) in Montclair. The main impetus for these parishes came from groups of African-American Catholic women who continually petitioned for better pastoral care.

The great increase in immigration in the late 19th and early 20th centuries produced an anti-immigration and anti-foreigner backlash in the United States. A desire to keep the U.S. a majority white, Anglo-Saxon or at least northern European, Protestant country brought about extremely bigoted, racist, anti-Catholic and anti-Jewish legislation.

The gradual development of mid-20th century American Catholicism partly was a result of a decrease in immigration following these restrictive immigration laws. The 1921 Emergency Quota Act limited immigration from any European country annually to three percent of the number of people from that country residing in the United States as of the 1910 census. The 1924 Johnson-Reed Act further reduced the number to two percent of a specific nationality's population as recorded in 1890.

In addition to the restrictive laws, the Great Depression of the 1930s, followed by the massive dislocations of World War II (1939-1945), drastically reduced the number of immigrants. Despite these restrictions, under the quotas, limited numbers of Europeans, chiefly Spanish, Portu-



guese, Italians and Polish, immigrated to the United States before and after World War II.

Before these 20th century restrictions and international crises, hundreds of thousands of Catholics annually entered the United States. They sparked an unprecedented and rapid growth in Church membership. The American Catholic Church met this challenge with a proliferation of institutions, parishes, parochial schools, seminaries, convents and colleges, and the development of religious communities to serve them. These waves of immigrants and their children filled the seminaries and convents.

MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

With the immigration restrictions in place, the Church was given time to consolidate its gains and improve its parochial and educational structures without the challenge of providing for sudden waves of new arrivals every year. Coincidentally, this was a period of unprecedented growth in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, providing personnel to care for the Catholic populations. As generations passed, Catholics assimilated into the political, social and economic structure of the nation, some achieving great success and affluence.

From 1910 to 1920, the decade immediately before the enactment of quota restrictions, Bishop John J. O'Connor created 40 new parishes within the four counties that now constitute the Archdiocese of Newark. Most of them were in Bergen County and in the western areas of Essex and Union counties. When new



Archdiocesan religious sisters in 1952.

parishes did appear in the older cities, they generally were either national parishes or territorial parishes set up in expanding areas of the cities.

In the following decade, 1920-1930, only 19 new parishes opened, all but five of these before 1925 when the new laws had begun seriously to affect immigration. Only ten new parishes opened in the next decade. This tells only part of the story. By the 1920s and 1930s, many immigrant groups had moved into the second, third and even fourth generations. Some, especially the Germans, lost much of their ethnic identity. The small "first churches" of the national parishes, often wood-frame, were replaced by majestic stone and brick edifices. Many national parishes opened parochial elementary and high schools. The "temporary" national parishes now were firmly established, often with elaborate parish buildings that sometimes were grander than the territorial parishes.

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES FLOURISH

The diocese faced the challenge of ministering to the first- and second-generation immigrants and providing priests and religious for this ministry. The immigrant communities, except for the Irish and eventually the Polish, did not provide enough priests from their populations.

Bishop Thomas J. Walsh addressed the challenge of serving the ethnic communities in several ways. He encouraged the Religious Teachers Filippini to open schools and convents in the Italian parishes and he supported the establishment of their motherhouse in Morristown. Their

first mission in the Diocese of Newark began in 1929 at Mount Carmel Italian Parish in Newark. Bishop Walsh equally supported other communities, such as the Polish Felician Sisters, who had come to the Newark diocese in 1895 to work in the Polish parishes, and the Sisters of Christian Charity who had worked in the German parishes since 1875.

In addition to the religious communities coming from overseas, several religious communities of women were founded in New Jersey to teach in the parochial schools and to work in hospitals and other apostolates. The two largest were the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth (Convent Station), an offshoot of the Sisters of Charity founded by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell.

SUBURBANIZATION AND A NEW ARCHDIOCESE

A major change in New Jersey during this "pause" was increasing suburbanization. Suburban growth and concurrent urban decline began in the 1920s, slowed during the Depression of the 1930s, but escalated after World War II. The G.I. Bill provided low-rate home loans and education loans to returning veterans, many of whom eschewed the crowded urban lifestyle of their parents and chose to reside in the suburbs.

In doing so, they left the urban ethnic enclaves for the lawns of suburbia. This meant leaving the self-contained world of the Catholic parish for a religiously, educationally and ethnically diverse suburban world. This required many adjustments that raised issues of Catholic identity.

Newark was established as an archdiocese in 1937, along with the creation of the dioceses of Paterson and Camden. The small area of the Archdiocese of Newark, about 500 square miles, and its location at a major port of entry have made it subject to rapid demographic changes.

The suburban expansion of the Archdiocese of Newark was not without a price—the decline of the urban parishes. In the name of progress and urban renewal, numerous city parishes were decimated. The New Jersey Turnpike, completed in 1952, and the Garden State Parkway, completed in 1957, further accelerated suburbanization and urban decline.

Tens of thousands of parishioners left the cities, especially Newark, Jersey City, Orange, East Orange, Irvington and Elizabeth. While many relocated in Bergen County and in other suburban areas, large numbers relocated outside the territorially small archdiocese. As they left the cities, a rich heritage of urban life and ethnic communities disappeared.

THE FIRST SPANISH-SPEAKING ARRIVALS

The first clearly discernable Spanish presence in northern New Jersey is manifest in the 1920s. These immigrants came from northern Spain and settled in the port area of Newark and Elizabeth. By 1923, they gathered for Mass in the lower church of St. Patrick's Church in Elizabeth. More Spanish came in the 1930s to



Portuguese Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Newark in 2000.

escape the chaos of the Spanish Civil War. At the same time, immigrants from Portugal began to arrive and settle in the Iron-bound section of Newark. As Europeans, the Spanish and Portuguese were able to enter as legitimate immigrants under the quota system.

In 1926, St. Joseph's Spanish-Portuguese parish was established in the Iron-bound section of Newark. Third Order Regular Franciscans (T.O.R.) from the

Spanish island of Mallorca served the parish. Portuguese immigration grew after World War II and, in the late 1950s, a separate Portuguese parish, Our Lady of Fatima, was formed. Its name was changed to Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1965.

The first phase of Iberian migration had followed the established pattern. The immigrants from Spain and Portugal came to a particular section of a city. A national parish was established, served by priests from the "old country." This practice of creating national parishes preserved much of their cultural heritage as the immigrant entered American society.

Simultaneously, in Newark and elsewhere in the archdiocese, individual parishes were becoming multicultural.

REFUGEES AND MIGRATION FROM PUERTO RICO, CUBA

Most of the Catholics coming to northern New Jersey after World War II were Spanish-speaking Catholics from Puerto Rico. As citizens since 1917, they were not subject to the restrictive immigration laws enacted in the 1920s. Inexpensive air travel made this migration possible.

When it celebrated its centennial in 1950, St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral in Newark exemplified the gradually shifting ethnic patterns of the times. Many still regarded St. Patrick's as an "Irish" parish, but that had not been an accurate designation for decades. In the 1930s, half the parish was Italian; in the 1940s, the school enrollment, normally about 300, included students born in America, Ireland, Italy, England, Scotland, Germany, Greece, Portugal, Poland and Spain. In the 1950s, St. Patrick's sponsored the first Hispanic Girl Scout Patrol in the city of Newark.

By the 1960s, Puerto Ricans constituted one-third of the parish. St. Patrick's was the first parish, other than those established for the Spanish and Portuguese, in the Archdiocese of Newark to have an

organized Hispanic Apostolate. The parish began its first Spanish Mass in 1954, when Father Gennadius Diaz, O.S.B., of Newark Abbey, came to preach in Spanish and developed congregational singing in Spanish.

The last large wave of immigrants during the "pause" was from Cuba. After the Communist revolution, refugees flocked to New Jersey. Accompanied by Cuban priests in many cases, they settled mostly in Hudson County. Prior to the Cuban Revolution, there was a small community of about 2,000 Cuban immigrants living in Union City who had originally arrived in the 1950s.

Hudson County was the preferred destination for many Cuban refugees and soon became the main center for Cuban American culture. As they moved into the area, they were able to purchase homes and business from those inclined to leave for the suburbs. Their rapid increase was astounding. By 1965, Catholic Charities had assisted about 5,000 Cuban refugees in the archdiocese. Five years later, 59,000 Cubans lived in New Jersey. By 1980, the number had grown to 68,000.

The first post-World War II wave of Puerto Rican migration had set the pattern for the pastoral care of the newly arrived Spanish-speaking Catholics. The migrants arrived and soon became a recognizable group in the community. The local parish responds to serve them just as previous new groups in the past. The children enter the parochial school. Eventually, the parish offers religious services in Spanish, celebrated either by a resident priest who had studied and learned Spanish or by a priest from nearby, often a member of a religious community. Soon priests from Latin America come to the archdiocese as well. Parish societies are established, and cultural events and festivals follow soon after.

In the next decade, the wave of immigration became a flood. Some parishes seemed to become entirely Spanish-speaking almost overnight. The archdiocese gradually created new offices and ministries to meet new needs. However, the basic post-World War II pattern of parochial absorption of new immigrants remained to serve the Hispanics.

On Oct. 3, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, also known as the Hart-Celler Act. The law abolished the National Origins Formula, which had been the basis of U.S. immigration policy since the 1920s. The act removed de facto discrimination against southern and eastern Europeans, Asians and other non-northwestern European ethnic groups from American immigration policy. The effects of this law would transform the United States, the Catholic Church and the Archdiocese of Newark in unimaginable ways.

Coming up in the Nov. 13 issue of *The Catholic Advocate*, Msgr. Wister will focus on the second wave of immigration and the increasing diversity of the Archdiocese of Newark, a microcosm of the universal Church.

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A statue of Our Lady of Charity of Cobre, patroness of Cuba, was enthroned in Roosevelt Stadium in Union City, where 10,000 people celebrated Mass in 1980.

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

Thursday, Oct. 17

7 p.m.
St. Joseph Social Service Center
fundraising dinner
The Westwood, Garwood

Sunday, Oct. 20

10 a.m.
Children's Mass
Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish,
Jersey City

12:30 p.m.
150th Anniversary Mass
St. Patrick and Assumption/
All Saints Parish, Jersey City

Wednesday, Oct. 23

7 p.m.
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Holy Spirit Parish, Union

Saturday, Oct. 26

10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
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National Shrine of the Immaculate
Conception, Washington, D.C.

Sunday, Oct. 27

10:30 a.m.
Installation Mass of Father James
Raphel, C.M.F.
St. Joseph Parish, Jersey City



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Tuesday, Oct. 29

7 p.m.
**Forward in Faith Together:
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Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City

Sunday, Nov. 3

10 a.m.
Mass
Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles
Borromeo Parish, Newark

6 p.m.

Mass
St. Raphael Parish, Livingston

Wednesday, Nov. 6

3 p.m.
Mass for Deceased Archbishops,
Bishops and Priests
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred
Heart, Newark

Thursday, Nov. 7

10 a.m.
Annual Mass for Law Enforcement
Officers, Cathedral Basilica of the
Sacred Heart, Newark



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Serra International District 22 recently commissioned a plaque that now greets visitors at Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange. A special Mass and installation ceremony took place Sept. 23 and was attended by Serra Club members, Rector and Dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary Msgr. Joseph Reilly and Deacon Gilbert Starcher (far right). The lay organization fosters and promotes vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. The plaque was presented at last year's annual Archbishop's Vocation Fund Dinner. It was given in appreciation of the "faithful and devoted priests" who serve the archdiocese.



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October 17

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October 19

Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling, "The Catholic Church: A Power for Good" seminar, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., includes talks, group discussions, personal reflection and workshops, register at www.shrineofsaintjoseph.com/powerforgood or email religious@stshrine.org or call 908-647-0208.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington, Mass of Anointing, 10:30 a.m., call MaryJane at 201-939-8576 or Kate at 201-991-5582.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, "Renewing Hearts on Fire," 2nd annual New Jersey Marian Conference, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$35 in advance/\$40 at door, contact Max Gutierrez at 732-925-7788 or email maxfler@yahoo.com.

October 20

Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township, fall open house, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., also on Oct. 24 6:30-8:30 p.m., call 201-445-6800 or visit www.ihanj.com.

October 21

St. Joseph Parish, Oradell/New Milford, Catholic-based, Christ-centered program for those struggling with separation or divorce, Mondays from 7:30-9:30 p.m., through Dec. 2, \$30, contact Annette Ziegler at 201-663-0794, sjhealingsepdv@gmail.com or aziggy314@gmail.com.

October 22

St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, bereavement support group, 7 p.m., call 201-843-1888 or email bereavement@stphilipsb.org.

October 23

Array of Hope, Old Tappan, annual gala, at Valley Regency in Clifton, \$150, 6 p.m., call Melanie Whitney at 201-261-3372 or email melanie@arrayofhope.net.

Office for Evangelization, Archdiocese of Newark, "School of Evangelization," at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, 7-9 p.m., \$10, register at www.rcan.org/evangelization or call 973-497-4137 or email evangelization@rcan.org.

October 25

Diocese of Trenton, New Jersey Catholic Charismatic Conference "Arise!," at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Middletown, through Oct. 26,

\$40, register at www.dotccr.org or call 732-671-0071 ext. 221.

October 27

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October 29

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "The Spirituality of Aging," 5:30 p.m. supper, presentation 6:15-7:45 p.m., \$25-\$35, email lumencenter@caldwellop.org or call 973-403-3331 ext. 25.

November 7

Office for Evangelization, Archdiocese of Newark, Mass for Our Country, at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, 7 p.m., call 973-497-4137 or email evangelization@rcan.org.

Immaculate Conception Parish, Mahwah, "No Turning Back: A Witness to Mercy and Mary," presented by Father Donald Calloway, M.I.C., 7 p.m., register at www.iccmahwah.org or call 201-327-1276.

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Community of God's Love, Rutherford, movie and pizza night, screening of "Green Book," 7 p.m., call 201-935-0344 or email lampstand@thecgl.org.

The Felician School for Exceptional Children, Lodi, tricky tray fundraiser, call JoAnne Potenzzone at 973-777-5355 ext. 11 or email jpotenzzone@fec.org.

Felician University, Lodi, "Vianney" live theatrical production, at Breslin Hall, 7 p.m., also on Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., \$25 for general admission/\$15 for ages 8-14, coordinated by John Leaps Evangelization, call Lisa Meany at 360-487-9979 or email pr@stlukeproductions.com.

November 9

Assumption Parish, Emerson, Life in the Spirit Seminar, 8 a.m., also on Nov. 10, call 201-262-1122 or visit www.assumptionemerson.org.

November 10

Caldwell University, "Illuminations: A Concert of Music Inspired by The St. John's Bible," 3 p.m., \$15/ students are free, call Nan Childress Orchard at 973-618-3587 or email nchildress@caldwell.edu.

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Give thanks for 'gift of the ministry'

By Father Charles Pinyan

"My vocation, at last I have found it ... my vocation is love!" - St. Therese of Lisieux

These words written by St. Therese could indeed be a guiding thought for all Christians, for as Scripture teaches "God is love." (1 Jn 4:8) For the man called by God to the priesthood, these words of St. Therese are also especially meaningful as the priest seeks to illuminate the love of God in all he says and does.

Living Our Faith

Priesthood Sunday is an opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift of the ministry of ordained priesthood in the life and mission of the Church. In doing so, we may also call to mind those priests we have known in our own lives—those who have guided, encouraged and challenged us in a life of faith through their vocation of love.

I have served as a priest for 27 years and have had the deep joy of serving the people of God primarily in parish life, first as a parochial vicar at Annunciation in Para-



mus and Little Flower in Berkeley Heights and then as pastor at Guardian Angel in Allendale. Each assignment brought me new experiences—such a variety of ways to witness to the love of God and to witness it in the lives of parishioners and through various activities throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. I have been aided by the generous spirit of so many and am grateful to all those who collaborate with priests and offer them prayers and encouragement.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., has asked me to take on a new full-time role—vicar for clergy and executive director of Clergy Personnel. While it is difficult to

leave daily parish life, I see this as an opportunity to be of service to all the priests and deacons, and therefore to all the parishes and chaplaincies of our archdiocese.

As we celebrate Priesthood Sunday, and indeed all year long, I call to mind words from the Rite of Ordination of Priests that have had a lasting impact on

me: "Meditating on the law of the Lord, see that you believe what you read, that you teach what you believe and that you practice what you teach."

St. Therese also wrote that she was committed to praying for priests "whose mission at times is as difficult to carry out as that of apostles preaching to the infidels." Let us always pray for one another!

Father Charles Pinyan is vicar for clergy and executive director of Clergy Personnel.

Seminary launches online graduate courses

SOUTH ORANGE—Students can enroll in two new online graduate program offerings at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall University. Ministry of Justice and Charity and Christian Anthropology begin Oct. 21.

Taught by Father W. Jerome Bracken, Ministry of Justice and Charity explores the ways in which the Church today continues to fulfill the Gospel call to care for those in need and to address issues of social justice. It takes a particularly close look at the collaborative work of the parish community and its leaders, including priests, deacons and lay leaders, considering Catholic social teaching and the new evangelization.

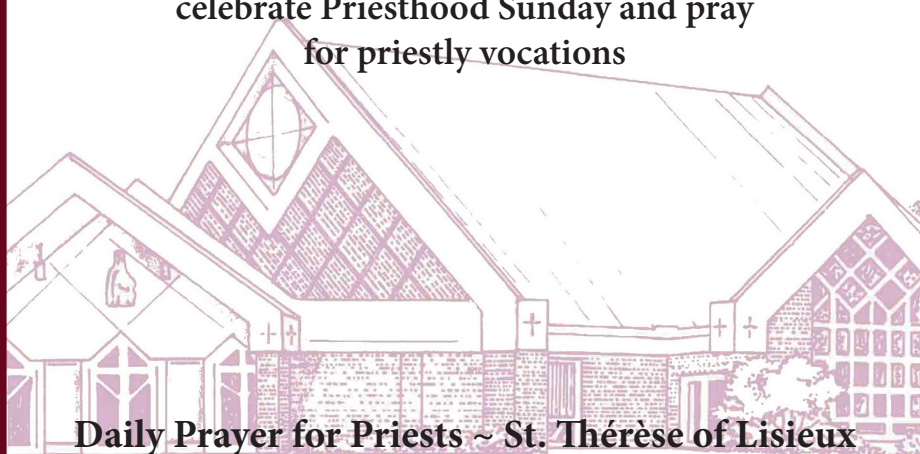
The course is open to all laity, priests, seminarians, religious sisters, brothers and ordained deacons who have at least a bachelor's degree.

Patrick Manning, assistant professor of pastoral theology, will teach Christian Anthropology. "We will take revelation—specifically, the Bible and the Christian Tradition—as our starting point in this course for attempting to understand the human condition," Manning explained.

Topics will include humanity's relationship with God; sin and redemption; the significance of grace, brokenness and healing; and the meaning of death and resurrection, exploring both the Church's teaching and the pastoral relevance of these teachings.

For more information, email theology@shu.edu or call Elizabeth Vacchiano at 973-761-9633.

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Daily Prayer for Priests ~ St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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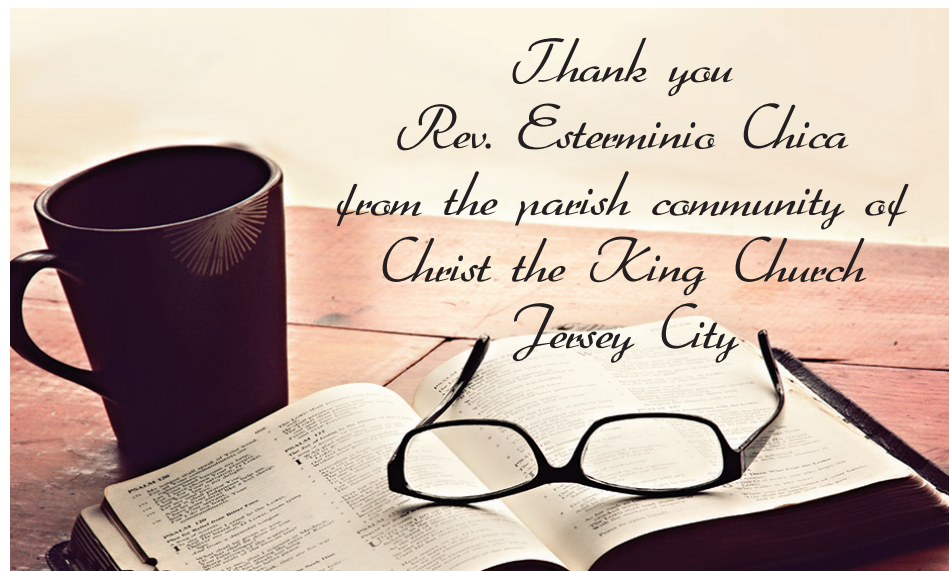
But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me:
the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins;
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and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
the priests who taught and instructed me;
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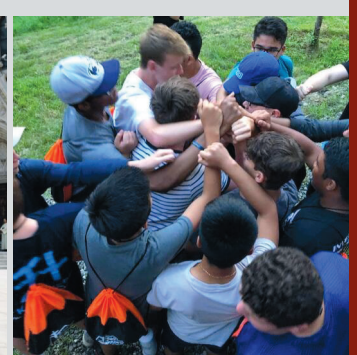
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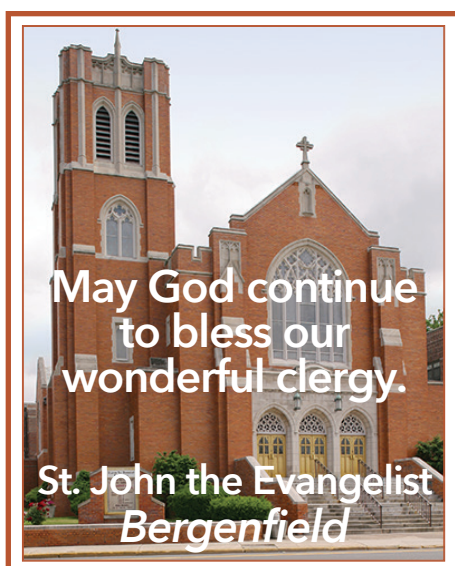
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A senior at the Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest helped provide free vaccines to 250 children in the Philippines. Czarina Alfonso, founder of Give It a Shot, which was featured in the June issue of *New Jersey Catholic*, held the program's third mission trip in August. The organization raised \$15,000, providing pneumococcal vaccines (Prevna 13) to the daycare-aged children. Pneumonia is the leading cause of death in the Philippines, and the price of the vaccine is often too expensive for many families. The vaccination day was held in the province of Antipolo Rizal, and consisted of six physician volunteers, two Department of Health nurses, numerous medical assistants and local government volunteers to facilitate patient registration, obtain parental consent, maintain the vaccine cold chain and administer the vaccine. "Similar to the vaccination days of the past two years, it is humbling to see the impact of Give It a Shot," Alfonso said. "There were numerous thank yous and hugs." To learn more about the program, visit www.giveitashotvaccines.org.

"Everyone here wants me to succeed, and I have grown as a leader and a person because of it."

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Caldwell University dedicates new chapel

CALDWELL—In a historic occasion for Caldwell University, alumni, benefactors, faculty, staff, students and other guests gathered for the dedication and blessing Mass for the new Sister Mary Dominic Tweedus Chapel on Sept. 20.

Located at the heart of the campus, President Nancy Blattner said the chapel “provides more access to sacred space in a heavily traveled area of the campus” and serves as a daily reminder of Caldwell’s Catholic and Dominican heritage. Blattner pointed out that the site overlooks the cemetery of the Sisters of St. Dominic, the founders of Caldwell University, and the burial place of Sister Mary Dominic Tweedus, O.P.

Msgr. Robert Emery, pastor of St. Aloysius Parish in Caldwell and episcopal vicar for Essex County, served as the celebrant for the Mass. “This chapel leads us to God,” Msgr. Emery said. “It opens our minds to His truth and our hearts to His goodness. Above all, it speaks of His longing to dwell in our souls—if only we would come here and put ourselves in His presence.”

Concelebrating were Father Albert Berner and Father Thomas Orians, S.A., who had served as chaplains at the university, and Father Thomas

Dente, pastor of Notre Dame Parish in North Caldwell.

Jennifer Montejo, a junior and member of the chorale, said she was excited for the new chapel and to have a “loving space to be able to worship God freely.” Pointing out that in the homily Msgr. Emery said many people will come to Christ through these doors, Montejo said, “I believe that.”

The old chapel was decommissioned in 2018. The new chapel was made possible by a gift from alumna Elaine Tweedus and her late husband, Ed Lonyai, in honor of their beloved “Aunt Mary,” who taught in Catholic grammar schools in New Jersey and cared for the elderly sisters. In designing the new chapel, careful consideration was given to preserve many of the distinctive features of the old chapel. “There remains an unbroken bond between Caldwell’s past and its present, between its founding and its future,” said Blattner.

Sister Mary John Kearney, O.P., professor emerita of education, said the dedication was inspiring and poignant and she is grateful to be a part of a wonderful center of learning. “As I prayed with so many who work and minister here—our current students and



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Dr. Nancy Blattner, president of Caldwell University, speaking at the dedication and blessing Mass of the new chapel on campus.

all who call Caldwell University their alma mater—I was made aware of how blessed we are to come together in this new chapel in the center of the campus,” she said. “Dr. Blattner’s reflection touched me deeply as she spoke to the past, the present and the future of this chapel in the lives of all who have and will find this sacred place a respite.”

Alumna Meg Poltorak Keyes was the

liturgical designer and project manager. She was the first student to receive a Bachelor of Fine Arts from what was then Caldwell College for Women. She has been renovating and restoring churches for more than two decades. Blattner said Keyes’ artistic and design expertise “helped turn our vision into a reality far more beautiful than we could have imagined.”



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Felician University hosts public art exhibit

RUTHERFORD—Felician University's second free public art exhibition titled "Thisness and Whatness" is now on display.

The exhibition features pieces by 13 New York and New Jersey artists, and includes painting, printmaking, photography and sculpture. The show was curated by Felician's artist-in-residence professor Scott Reeds, who teaches printmaking and a course in color concepts. Reeds got the idea for the show while listening to Felician President Dr. Anne Prisco at the 2017 reception for the university's first art show "Outside In." "She started talking about a regard for all objects inanimate and animate subjects having a special quality of 'thisness,'" he explained.

The idea of "thisness," or the uniqueness of all creatures, was developed by John Duns Scotus, a Franciscan friar philosopher and theologian who influenced both Catholic and secular thinking. In addition to exploring the theological concept of "thisness," the exhibition also considers things from the secular perspective of "whatness," or the essence of a thing.

The show includes a mixed media

piece by Felician art professor Melissa MacAlpin that addresses the history and legacy of American Colonialism. "I am interested in the way we document this time period in our history and the way it is used in contemporary politics," she said.

Another piece is an outdoor sculpture by Abe McNally, who was raised on a Christmas tree farm in Vermont. McNally's father cut down 200 invasive birch trees on the property—trees that the artist used to create his thought-provoking piece.

Reeds said he hopes the art exhibition will call attention to the fact that Felician University doesn't only offer courses in nursing, education and business. "I hope that if students see the show, it will inspire them to think about taking art classes," he said.

Reeds added that the state's art scene is "somewhat autonomous, but a lot of artists live in New Jersey and show in New York and vice versa, and we want to take advantage of all that talent that is nearby."

Most of the artwork will be on display at the Education Commons building. The exhibit will run through Dec. 12.



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The Paramus Catholic High School community has collected more than \$2,200 to aid Hurricane Dorian relief efforts in the Bahamas. The hurricane, which made landfall on Sept. 1, was the most powerful tropical cyclone on record to strike the Bahamas. As the funds were collected, bricks that were color-coded for each grade level and striped for faculty and staff were added to a paper house on the outside wall of the school's media center. As they symbolically rebuilt a house in the Bahamas, the donations were sent to Catholic Relief Services to assist in the actual rebuilding effort.



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Union Catholic student competes for top scholarship

SCOTCH PLAINS—When the names of 16,000 semifinalists for the National Merit Scholarship Program were released last month, Union Catholic High School senior Jacquelyn Coyne was on the prestigious list. Coyne qualified for semifinalist status due to her outstanding performance on the Preliminary SAT (PSAT).

"I am very excited to have received

this honor, and I feel very blessed and thankful," said Coyne. "My teachers at Union Catholic have made a huge contribution to my academic journey, helping me prepare not just for these tests but for the next step: college."

Sister Donna Jo Repetti, O.S.F., Coyne's school counselor, praised her intellectual ability and work ethic. "Jackie is a true scholar, talented ath-

lete and faith-filled active leader with a go-getter attitude and spirit," Sister Donna Jo said. "Jackie is also a self-directed and assertive young woman. Her transcript clearly shows her hard work ethic, resulting in becoming a Merit Scholarship Semifinalist."

Sister Donna Jo also said Coyne is a student of excellent character. "Always ready with a smile, Jackie has a

friendly and upbeat way about her. She is energetic, motivated and filled with compassion and sensitivity for others," she added.

Coyne will continue in the competition and compete for a share of 7,500 National Merit Scholarships. Semifinalists will be notified in February if they have advanced to finalist.



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Left to right: School Counselor Sister Donna Jo Repetti, Jacquelyn Coyne, Principal Sister Percylee Hart, R.S.M., and Director of School Counseling Jennifer Dixon.

Seton Hall Prep headmaster named pastor

The Archdiocese of Newark recently announced the appointment of Msgr. Robert E. Harahan, S.T.D., as the new pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Short Hills, effective Oct. 18. Msgr. Harahan has been the headmaster at Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange for the past five years. He has served the archdiocese for many years and has experience in adult education, religious formation, parish schools and youth group ministries.

At the recommendation of Msgr. Michael E. Kelly, president of Seton Hall Prep, and the board of trustees, Cardinal

Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., appointed former assistant headmaster Michael Gallo to replace Msgr. Harahan.

Father John McCrone, the current pastor at St. Rose of Lima, will assume increased responsibilities within the Archdiocese of Newark and a new chaplaincy, also effective Oct. 18. Father McCrone will support the vicar for clergy in the Office of Clergy Personnel and will focus on the continuing formation and support of clergy, which is a significant initiative of *Forward in Faith Together: Our Road Ahead*.

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Don Bosco Prep launches new academic program

RAMSEY—Don Bosco Preparatory School has established a new academic program that aims to better prepare students for their future careers.

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“Don Bosco’s Academic Pathways Program allows our curriculum to rise to the next level as we continue to build upon the intense rigor, relevancy and relationships for which the school is known,” said Principal Ermanno Morelli.

“These elective pathways share a common foundation of skills identified by universities and potential employers as necessary for success in today’s times,” alumnus and benefactor Enrico Gaglioti explained.

The dimensions of the Academic Pathways Program, the “5 Cs,” include communication, collaboration, community, critical thinking and creativity. The initial pathways include business (entrepreneurship, marketing, accounting and financial literacy); engineering (robotics

and design); communication arts (media, broadcasting and journalism); and visual and performing arts (studio art, theater and music).

“This innovation allows us to continue the 105-year tradition of academic excellence into the 21st century as we devel-

op these and other pathways of education moving forward,” said Robert Fazio, president of Don Bosco Prep.

The recent construction of Savio Hall, with its state-of-the-art boardroom and robotics lab, provides new space for the expansion of these academic pathways on

the 35-acre, four-building campus.

“St. John Bosco devised an education that prepared for life and that helped the young integrate well into the society of his day,” said Director Father James Heuser, S.D.B. “These elective pathways do just that for our students today.”



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Holy Angels choir invited to perform in New York City

DEMAREST—Vocalists from the Academy of the Holy Angels Concert Choir have been invited to the inaugural Choirs of America 2020 Master Works Series: The Music of Dan Forrest. This three-day celebration will be held March 19-21, 2020, at New York City's Lincoln Center. Members of the public will

be able to purchase tickets for the March 21 performance.

Top choirs from Tennessee, Kansas, Georgia, California, Colorado, Ohio and Wisconsin have also been invited.

"We will be performing the *Jubilate Deo*, which is a much larger work in several different languages," choral

director Lisa Marciano announced. This work for sopranos, altos, tenors and basses will be performed with a full professional orchestra under the baton of Dr. Sandra Snow. Invitees will enjoy collaborative, massed choir rehearsals with composer-in-residence Dan Forrest and Snow.

Vocalists from the academy are highly

regarded throughout the region. For several years, Holy Angels has been the only Catholic school to have its students accepted to the Bergen County Chorus.

The academy's singers have also successfully auditioned for the Honors Performance Series held at Carnegie Hall. A recent alumna was invited to sing with this prestigious international choir for three consecutive years.

The concert choir and a cappella vocal ensemble entertain audiences at Christmas and again in the spring.

Marciano credits her group's continued success to the commitment and enthusiasm of the students. "We lost 20 seniors, the most in the 10 years I've been here, but gained another 18 members at the beginning of the year," Marciano explained when asked about this year's choir.

"Holy Angels Concert Choir and Orchestra are like family," she explained, adding that she and instrumental music director Mariann Anecchino try to create a "warm, nurturing environment free from the stress of academics; a place to be creative and emotional and wrap it all up into our music."

Marciano is a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music, where she received a bachelor's degree in piano performance and a master's in music education. In addition to her work at Holy Angels, Marciano is director of music ministries at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Bergenfield.



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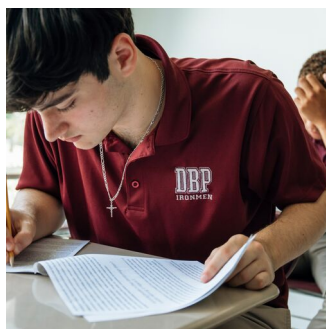


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Students, educators and parents from Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark celebrated the gift of Catholic education during a special Mass on Oct. 4 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia Msgr. Thomas P. Nydegger celebrated the Mass.



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St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Jersey City celebrated its 135th anniversary on Sept. 8 with a special Mass celebrated by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. St. Anthony's is the oldest Polish-speaking parish in New Jersey. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2004. "This is the mother church for all of the Polish communities in the state of New Jersey," Cardinal Tobin explained during his homily.

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OBITUARIES

Paul G. Licameli

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 17 at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen for Paul G. Licameli, 91, who died Sept. 12.

A retired deacon for the Diocese of Metuchen and a retired journalist, he worked in the circulation department of *The Catholic Advocate* from 1953 to 1955.

Licameli was born in West New York and resided in Rochelle Park before moving to Metuchen in 1970. He was a 1946 graduate of Seton Hall Preparatory School and a 1950 graduate of Seton Hall University. He also served as a teacher at St. Joseph of the Palisades High School in West New York.

His journalism career spanned 40 years and included stints at *The Bergen Record*, the *News Tribune* and the *Hudson Dispatch*.

In 1996, Licameli was ordained a deacon by Bishop Edward Hughes and was assigned to St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral until retiring a decade later. He is survived by his wife, three children and a granddaughter.



Deacon Louis Acocella

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 3 at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Belleville for Deacon Louis Acocella, 81, who died Sept. 27.

Born and raised in Newark, he worked in various school districts throughout the state and served as superintendent of Hudson County Schools.

For over 40 years, Acocella resided in Bloomfield with his family and settled in Roseland. He was ordained to the permanent diaconate on Dec. 17, 1978. He served as a deacon at St. Anthony of Padua and St. Lucy Parish in Newark.

Acocella was an active member of his community. He served as president and a trustee at Bloomfield Public Library, was a member of the New Jersey Library Association, served as vice president of the Roseland Green Condominium Association and was a member of the West Essex Board of Education.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Salvatina "Sally" Acocella (nee Battista), three children and two grandchildren.



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Around 300 people gathered to learn more about the total consecration to Jesus through Mary during a Marian Congress held at St. Thomas More Parish in Fairfield on Sept. 28. The event included Mass, recitation of the rosary, learning sessions, adoration and veneration of a first-class relic of St. Louis-Marie de Montfort, who wrote extensively on true devotion to Mary. The event was sponsored by the Legion of Mary Newark Comitium. The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who serve the Church on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries.

There is still time to join the archdiocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. This special event attracts thousands of parishioners and is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 26. Archdiocesan pilgrims are set to arrive at the Shrine from 10 a.m.-noon. For more information, visit www.rcan.org/pilgrimage2019/abouttheshrine or call the Office of Divine Worship at 973-497-4345.



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Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Kearny hosted its 6th annual Open House/5K Run on Sept. 29. About 500 people attended the organized tours of the house held both in English and Spanish and more than 150 participated in the run. The event concluded with evening prayer on the seminary grounds. Established in 1990, Redemptoris Mater Seminary has had 107 priests ordained for the archdiocese. Around 40 of those priests serve in missions, both internationally and in the United States. There are currently 38 seminarians in formation at Redemptoris Mater from 15 different countries.

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The Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth marked its 160th anniversary with a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., on Sept. 28 at Holy Family Chapel in Convent Station. "We thank God for the gift that the sisters are to the Church today," the cardinal said in his homily. The religious order, which was established in Newark in 1859, follows the example of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's community founded in Maryland 50 years prior. Today, the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth are engaged in education, health care, pastoral and social service ministries in 13 dioceses within the United States, El Salvador and Haiti. During the anniversary celebration, Cardinal Tobin also praised Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, the Bayonne-born member of the order who was beatified five years ago. "May her example teach us to welcome the stranger and to love them with the love of Jesus," he said.

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