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# March for Life 'humbling' for high school student

By Melissa McNally  
Editor

**T**he annual March for Life, held Jan. 18 in Washington, D.C., drew tens of thousands of people to the National Mall to protest abortion. Among those gathered in the brisk winter weather was a group of young men from St. Joseph Regional High School in Montvale. This is the second year Joseph LoGiudice, director of campus ministry at the school, has brought students to the rally.

"Often, it is tough for the high school crowd to attend the March for Life because of the timing of midterms during the week or after it, so it interferes either with studying or test taking," LoGiudice explained. The first year he partnered with a local high school to bring 45 students to the march. This year, he was only able to get six seats on a parish bus. "We wouldn't be able to fill a bus on our own at full price. There are so many variables that go into the cost of the trip and that's a variable for getting people to sign up," he said.

Senior Connor Tsikitas was determined to make the trip for the first time. "Since my sophomore year, I have been the president of our Respect Life Club. We host various pro-life fundraisers, such as clothing and supply drives, as well as dress down days that go toward certain organizations that benefit those in need, including and



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The group from St. Joseph's pictured at the March for Life included, from left to right, Gavin Hughes, Connor Tsikitas, Campus Minister Joseph LoGiudice, Ryan Collins, Victor Tomaszewski and Alexander Maleski.

beyond the unborn," the Bloomfield resident explained. "With this being such a large part of my high school career, among many other activities and projects, I have wanted to attend the March for Life for years. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend until this year."

Tsikitas described the atmosphere of the March for Life as "not like anything" he had ever experienced. "This was the first political rally I have ever attended, and the feeling of witnessing political and

social leaders speak on this issue in person is humbling. The people we marched with were from many different backgrounds, which showed how this is an issue for everyone, not just one group of people," he said.

While at the rally, Tsikitas also encountered a few pro-choice protesters defending legal abortion. "The one thing that surprises me about this is how people refuse to consider the other side of an issue, and how many don't understand

that being 'pro-life' is not just about protecting unborn children; it is about protecting all human beings, no matter who they are," Tsikitas stated.

LoGiudice said he believes it's important for young men to honor the dignity of human life in all stages. "These young men and women can benefit from the overall message of human dignity in a world that is often so dark and bleak, in a country that is so divided with a culture that aims at dividing us further," he said. "We need healing of all kinds in our society and that will only be possible by seeing others as worthy of love and protection, no matter what."

Tsikitas agrees that even though he can never truly understand the struggle women face during crisis pregnancies, he believes human life should be protected.

"There are many understandable circumstances in which one might consider having an abortion, but there are also many alternatives to this choice, and with these truly considered, it just does not make sense to believe that killing your child is the best option," he explained. "Each person's life matters equally, whether born or unborn, babies in the womb are people and do not deserve to be killed without a say. The reason we participate in the march is to speak the voice of these unborn children and protect them and their mothers from the physical, psychological and moral dangers of abortion."

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Don Bosco Preparatory High School in Ramsey celebrated the feast of its patron, St. John Bosco, Jan. 31 with a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. In his homily, the cardinal reflected on Don Bosco's life. "He befriended the boys who needed help, and he won them over with his patience and gentleness," Cardinal Tobin said. After the intercessions, students and faculty who are going on mission trips to Haiti and Puerto Rico this month were commissioned by Cardinal Tobin and given missionary crosses. Following the Communion Prayer, the cardinal, along with concelebrating priests, blessed the newly completed 4,500-square-foot Kelly Family Wellness Center, a training facility for student athletes.

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# Supreme Court blocks Louisiana law that would restrict abortion providers

By Carol Zimmermann  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U.S. Supreme Court blocked a Louisiana law requiring abortion providers to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals.

In the court's 5-4 vote Feb. 7, Chief Justice John Roberts sided with four justices in favor of blocking this regulation for now. Since the decision was a brief order, it did not contain an explanation. The court is likely to hear a challenge to the law's constitutionality during its next term.

Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh sided with the state law, but Kavanaugh also

wrote a dissent from the order, noting he would have preferred more information on the specific impact of the state's restrictions.

In his four-page dissent, he wrote that the main issue is whether the admitting-privileges requirement puts an "undue burden" on a woman's ability to have an abortion. He pointed out that the lower courts have reached different conclusions about the admitting privileges for the three doctors who perform abortions at the state's clinics.

The court's order was issued near 9:30 p.m., just hours before the law was to go into effect, after being placed temporarily on hold by the Supreme Court Feb. 1.

Pro-life advocacy groups were

displeased with the court's order, as was the chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

"The fact that abortionists and their facilities cannot or will not meet basic health standards exposes the lie of their clever slogan that abortion is health care," said Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas. "The abortion industry's objection to such a reasonable law, and this court's decision to temporarily prevent it from going into effect, is further evidence of how abortion extremism actively works against the welfare of women."

"Regardless of this disappointing ruling," he added, "the pro-life movement will continue to work

and pray for the day when every legislature and court recognizes the brutal injustice of abortion—to women and their children alike—and our society sees abortion as unthinkable."

The Louisiana law may sound familiar because three years ago the Supreme Court struck down similar legislation in Texas, saying the admitting-privileges requirement and other required standards put on abortion clinics "provides few, if any, health benefits for women, poses a substantial obstacle to women seeking abortions and constitutes an 'undue burden' on their constitutional right to do so."

After the Supreme Court's 2016 ruling that struck down required hospital admitting privileges, similar policies have been struck down or unenforced in Alabama, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Wisconsin. Currently, Missouri, North Dakota and Utah have such a law.

## Rice Bowl focuses on the multifaceted issues surrounding migration

BALTIMORE, Md.—A young South Sudanese refugee raising her siblings in Uganda's Bidi Bidi refugee settlement. A father returning home after decades of civil war in Sri Lanka to find his farm overgrown. A young woman unable to find work in Gaza and forbidden from seeking opportunity abroad. These are just some of the stories participants can explore through Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl, a Lenten faith-in-action program.

Following the lead of Pope Francis, Catholic Relief Services invites Catholics across the country to take part in the second year of Share the Journey, a global campaign launched by the pope to raise awareness and inspire action on behalf of migrants and refugees worldwide.

"We hear about migration and refugees in the news every day," said Beth Martin, director of U.S.

programs for Catholic Relief Services. "We encounter so many families around the world forced to migrate, either because of conflict and violence or the inability to make a living, and their stories lead us to a more human understanding of this complex issue."

For nearly 45 years, CRS Rice Bowl has been sharing the stories of women, men and children with whom CRS works. Built around the Lenten spiritual pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the program has been a tradition for thousands of Catholic families in every diocese in the U.S.

The fundraiser began in 1975 by Msgr. Robert J. Coll of Allentown, Pa., as a way for people to raise awareness and fight global hunger. Operation Rice Bowl, as it was then known, asked for participants to eat a "sacrificial meal" and put the money they saved by eating inexpensively in



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Norma Candelaria Pu Perpuac, 23, with her son Victor Adelson, 5, after cutting oranges from trees planted near her house in Chuizacasiguan village in Santa Lucía La Reforma, Guatemala. A single mother, she is a beneficiary of Catholic Relief Services' food security program.

cardboard rice bowls. As their sacrifice led them to understand hunger, their donations helped feed the hungry.

Every year, people in more than 14,000 faith communities across the country are using nearly four million "rice bowls" for almsgiving, resulting in nearly

\$12 million annually—\$9 million of which supports CRS programs around the world. The remaining \$3 million, or 25 percent of total collected, stays in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

For more information, visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org).



**March 1**

**Christ the King Parish**, Jersey City, family social at Cinelli Center, 7 p.m.-midnight, \$20 for adults/\$10 for children under 12, call 201-333-4862.

**March 2**

**Hispanic Family Life Office**, Archdiocese of Newark, “*Un Corazón Sano, Una Familia Sana*” family retreat at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Newark, through March 3, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., call Yamilka Genao at 973-497-4326 or email [genaoyam@rcan.org](mailto:genaoyam@rcan.org).

**March 3**

**Trinity Academy**, Caldwell, open house, 12:30-3 p.m., register at [www.trinityk8.com/open-house](http://www.trinityk8.com/open-house) or call 973-226-3386.

**March 5**

**Lumen Center**, Caldwell, centering prayer and *lectio divina*, facilitated by Kathy Detlet, also on March 19, 4-4:45 p.m., email [lumencenter@caldwelllo.org](mailto:lumencenter@caldwelllo.org) or call 973-403-3331 ext. 25

**March 6**

**Loyola Jesuit Center**, Morristown, Ash Wednesday, led by Father Tom Marciniak, S.J., 9 a.m.-3 p.m., includes meals, reconciliation, Mass and distribution of ashes, \$40, register at [www.loyola.org](http://www.loyola.org) or call 973-539-0740.

**March 7**

**Community of God's Love**, Rutherford, six weekly Lenten discussions based on the book “Pilgrim Road” by Father Albert Holtz, O.S.B., evening sessions 7:30-9 p.m., morning sessions begin on March 11, 10:30 a.m.-noon, call 201-935-0344 or email [lampstand@thecgl.org](mailto:lampstand@thecgl.org).

**St. Peter Parish**, Belleville, two-night Parish Lenten Mission, through March 8, 7:30 p.m., presented by Dianne M. Traflet, call 973-751-2002.

**March 9**

**Women's Commission**, Archdiocese of Newark, Women's Day of Reflection, Seton Hall University, South Orange, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$25, register at [www.rcan.org/womenscommission](http://www.rcan.org/womenscommission) or call 973-497-4545.

**Assumption Parish**, Roselle Park, annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Party, to honor Roselle Park's policeman and fireman of the year, 6:30-10:30 p.m., adults \$25/\$5 for children under 10, tickets can be purchased after Mass through March 3, call the parish office at 908-245-1107 or John Kennedy at 908-245-0440.

**March 16**

**Catholic Men's Commission**, Archdiocese of Newark, Catholic Men's Conference, Seton Hall University, South Orange, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$25, register at [www.rcanmenscommission.org](http://www.rcanmenscommission.org).

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

**Tuesday, March 5**

6 p.m.  
Business and Labor Reception  
Mayfair Farms, West Orange

**Saturday, March 9**

11 a.m.  
Call to Continuing Conversion  
(Essex and Union counties)  
  
1:30 p.m.  
Call to Continuing Conversion  
(Bergen and Hudson counties)  
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark

4 p.m.  
Women's Day of Reflection  
Mass  
Seton Hall University, South Orange

**Sunday, March 10**

2:30 p.m.  
Rite of Election (Essex and Union counties)

4:30 p.m.  
Rite of Election (Bergen and Hudson counties)  
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark

**Saturday, March 16**

9 a.m.  
St. Patrick's Day Mass  
Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Patrick Parish, Elizabeth

4 p.m.  
Catholic Men's Conference  
Mass  
Seton Hall University, South Orange

## Holy Angels student honored for service

Czarina Alfonso, a junior at the Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest, was recently named New Jersey's top high school youth volunteer in the 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. She was selected for her outstanding work with Give it a Shot, the nonprofit pneumonia vaccination program she established for children in the Philippines.

As a state honoree, Alfonso will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an

all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in May, where she will be recognized for her achievement. While in Washington, she will be considered for one of 10 national awards. Due to the number of volunteer hours Alfonso has invested in her program, she has also qualified for the President's Volunteer Service Award.

“Czarina exemplifies a spirit of commitment to others in the global community that demonstrates a maturity and selfless-

ness beyond her years,” Holy Angels Principal Jean Miller said.

“I'm incredibly grateful for the ability to provide a simple practice that can save lives and the ability to meet the children we helped. Holy Angels has helped me to grow and realize a need for me to be more proactive,” Alfonso said. “This program helps me to do something meaningful for the country where the majority of my family lives, and for my heritage.”



**Czarina Alfonso**

# Join us on the journey through Lent

By Sister Constance Veit, L.S.P.

**L**ent reminds us that we are pilgrims on the path of discipleship, living out the paschal mystery in our lives, each according to our own vocation.

I think it is helpful to have a resolution or personal intention to help focus our spiritual efforts during this period of prayer and penance.

This year, I've chosen to travel through Lent in the company of Mary, the mother of Jesus and His first and most faithful disciple. I invite you to do the same, and to join me, as well, in offering prayers and sacrifices for young people during this holy season.

Last year's Synod of Bishops on Young People, together with January's celebration of World Youth Day in Panama, has drawn our attention to the situation of young adults in society and the Church. These events challenged us to accompany young adults in their faith journey and vocational discernment.

"Being present, supporting and accompanying the journey toward

authentic choices is one way for the Church to exercise her maternal function," the Synod Fathers wrote. "Service of this kind is simply the continuation of the way in which the God of Jesus Christ acts toward His people: through constant and heart-felt presence, dedicated and loving closeness and tenderness without limits."

Our Lady embodies these qualities, for she knew how to ponder events in her heart and she proved herself attentive to others' needs. Generations have called her Our Lady of Tenderness, Mother of Mercy and Virgin Most Faithful. A number of traditional Catholic devotions, such as the rosary and the Stations of the Cross, lead us to ponder Mary's experiences and her role in her Son's saving mission.

The Seven Sorrows Rosary is a very old but little known devotion focused on seven particularly challenging events in Mary's life. These events include Simeon's prophecy in the Temple, the flight into Egypt, the loss of Jesus in the Temple, the encounter with Jesus on the way of the Cross, Mary standing at the

foot of the Cross, the reception of her Son's body after His death and His placement in the tomb.

Trusting in the power of her intercession, this Lent I've decided to offer the Seven Sorrows Rosary for the needs and intentions of young people.

It's not that I want to give young people the impression that following Jesus is nothing but a long road of suffering. However, prayerfully reflecting on Mary's sorrows helps us to understand what it means to persevere through life's inevitable difficulties.

In Panama, Pope Francis encouraged young people to look to Mary as a model of great strength and faithfulness.

During the celebration of the Stations of the Cross, the pope said: "From her let us learn how to stand beneath the cross with her same determination and courage, without evasions or illusions. She accompanied the suffering of her Son ... yet



was not overwhelmed by it. She was the woman of strength who uttered her 'yes,' who supports and accompanies, protects and embraces. She is the great guardian of hope."

The next evening, during the prayer vigil, Pope Francis proposed Mary's "yes" to God in

the Annunciation as a model worth following. "She knew what was at stake and said 'yes' ... It was the 'yes' of someone prepared to be committed, someone willing to take a risk, ready to stake everything she had, with no more security than the certainty of knowing that she was the bearer of a promise ... The 'yes' and the desire to serve were stronger than any doubts and difficulties."

During this Lenten season, I'd like to invite readers, especially young people, to join me and our elderly residents in pondering Mary as our Lord's first and most courageous, most faithful disciple. Please join us on the journey.

*Sister Constance Veit is director of communications for the Little Sisters of the Poor.*

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Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., celebrated the World Day for Consecrated Life Feb. 2 with a Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Held in conjunction with the Feast of the Presentation, also known as Candlemas Day, candles were blessed symbolizing Christ, the "light of the world." In his homily, Cardinal Tobin explained that the feast day is a time of transition between "the wood of the manger to the wood of the cross." The cardinal explained that the light "placed in the hands of each one of us is to be carried in the darkest corners of this archdiocese and in our world—corners made dark by injustice and poverty, by violence and abuse, by racism, prejudice and arrogance, by oppression and hate." He noted that Pope Francis often refers to those in consecrated life as the Church's "perennial dawn." The Mass also honored jubilarians celebrating anniversaries. Men and women religious in attendance renewed their commitment to consecrated life. "I ask you this day to renew your encounter with Jesus to walk together toward Him," Cardinal Tobin said. "This will give light to your eyes, strength to your steps and new vigor to your hope."



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## CatholicTV Network focusing on healing and restoration of the Church

WATERTOWN, Mass.—In response to the sexual abuse crisis in the Church, The CatholicTV Network launched a six-month initiative called Together We Rebuild. It focuses on penance and prayer for the healing and restoration of the Church. Each month of the campaign, which began in November and ends on Easter Sunday, is guided by a theme related to rebuilding and includes corresponding programming and resources, such as video series, blogs, magazine articles and social media initiatives.

The goal of the campaign with

its dedicated programming and prayer services is to support those suffering and to rebuild the Catholic Church. Additionally, every Mass celebrated at CatholicTV's Chapel of the Holy Cross is being

offered in reparation for sins of abuse, for the healing of all victims and for the purification and renewal of the Church.

"These challenging times require tremendous faith and hu-



mility. We have embarked on this campaign to provide support and prayers to those who need healing and to help rebuild the Church we love," stated Bishop Robert Reed, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston and president of The CatholicTV Network.

CatholicTV is a national cable television network also streaming a live feed 24/7 at [www.CatholicTVLIVE.com](http://www.CatholicTVLIVE.com). The network represents a cable TV station available in more than 16 million homes, an interactive website with HD live and video-on-demand, apps and a monthly printed and digital magazine.

For more information and resources on the Together We Rebuild initiative, visit [www.catholicstv.org/together-we-rebuild](http://www.catholicstv.org/together-we-rebuild).

## Seton Hall University appoints new president

The Seton Hall University board of regents has appointed Joseph E. Nyre, Ph.D., as the university's 21st president, effective Aug. 1. Dr. Nyre has served as the president of Iona College, a Catholic institution in New Rochelle, N.Y., since 2011.

"The board is overwhelmingly enthusiastic in its selection of Dr. Nyre as Seton Hall's next president. He is an experienced leader, a bold visionary and possesses an unwavering commitment to our Catholic mission," said Patrick Murray, chair of the university's board of regents. "As a highly regarded educator, psychologist and health care innovator, Dr. Nyre is the perfect choice to lead Seton Hall into the highest echelon of American Catholic universities."

"It is a great honor and my distinct privilege to be selected to serve as Seton Hall's 21st president," Nyre said. "I look forward to working with the entire Seton Hall community to build on its distinguished legacy of academic excellence in Catholic higher education."

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., chair of the Seton Hall board of trustees and president of the board of regents said, "Dr. Nyre is an excellent choice to guide Seton Hall as it continues

its important role as one of our nation's leading Catholic institutions of higher education."

A native of Beloit, Wis., Nyre is a first-generation college graduate who attained three advanced degrees and completed pre- and post-doctoral studies at the University of Missouri, University of Kansas and Harvard Medical School. He is widely respected for his program of research, state and national policy work, and leadership.

During his eight years as president of Iona College, the institution launched new academic programs, established The Hynes Institute for Entrepreneurship & Innovation, developed a new core curriculum, funded new endowed professorships and created faculty distinction and innovation programs. In addition, Iona reduced its tuition dependency and expanded its campus with the creation of two new residence halls and the recent groundbreaking for the LaPenta School of Business. The college also experienced record levels of fundraising and student scholarships.

Nyre has practiced as a psychologist in academic, clinical and private practice settings while serving at several institutions, including Baylor University, the Uni-



Joseph E. Nyre, Ph.D.

versity of Illinois-Chicago College of Medicine and Harvard Medical School. He has served on numerous boards, including the New York Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities, International University of Catalonia and Lower Hudson Valley Consortium of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

A devout Catholic, Nyre and his wife have four children and currently live in New Rochelle.

The university will host a welcoming event for Dr. Nyre on

Seton Hall's South Orange campus Feb. 22.

Mary J. Meehan, Ph.D., a former Seton Hall senior administrator and three-time alumna, has served as the university's interim president since March 2017. During her tenure, Meehan oversaw the opening of the new Interprofessional Health Sciences campus. She will continue to serve as interim president until July 31 and then will join Seton Hall's College of Education and Human Services as a faculty member.

February 13, 2019



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## Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all credible allegations of victimization of minors by members of the clergy, religious, lay staff or volunteers of the archdiocese. Anyone with knowledge of abuse against any individual is urged to notify law enforcement, and then the archdiocese as follows:

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**T**he revelations of clergy sexual abuse of minors throughout this past year have provoked feelings of shock, anger, shame and deep sorrow throughout our Catholic community. Victims, their families and the faithful are rightfully outraged over the abuses perpetrated against minors. Additionally, the failure of Church leadership to immediately remove suspected abusers from ministry is particularly reprehensible.

In an effort to do what is right and just, we are publishing the names of diocesan clergy credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors in the Archdiocese of Newark. This list of names is the result of an extensive review of archdiocesan records dating back to 1940.

All names were previously reported to law enforcement agencies.

The Archdiocese of Newark has a zero-tolerance policy for any type of mistreatment or misconduct involving children and young adults. No member of the clergy with a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor remains in ministry.

It is our sincerest hope that this disclosure will help bring healing to those whose lives have been so deeply violated. We also pray that this can serve as an initial step in our efforts to help restore your trust in the leadership of the Catholic Church.

I wish to express my genuine sorrow to the victims and their families who were so profoundly betrayed. On behalf of our Church, I beg your forgiveness. You have my solemn promise of prayers and support as you continue on your healing journey.

As a sign of our commitment and support, a new Independent Victim Compensation Program has been established. This program will allow those sexually abused as minors by clergy to seek compensation in a compassionate, expeditious and transparent manner. While no degree of financial compensation can adequately address the suffering endured, we want this to be a genuine expression of our remorse and our desire to comfort and compensate those victimized by this abuse.

The disclosure of this list of names is not an endpoint in our process. Rather, it is an expression of our commitment to protecting our children, and a new level of transparency in the way we report and respond to allegations of abuse. We must protect our children, first, foremost and always.

Significant progress has been made to ensure that children are safe in today's Church.

Since 2002, we have implemented Safe Environment programs and measures that have positively impacted how we create and support safe environments throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

Moving forward, vigilance must be maintained. We all must be committed to protecting our children, the most vulnerable members of our community.

As such, I urge anyone aware of suspected sexual misconduct by any cleric, employee or volunteer of the archdiocese to report it immediately to law enforcement and to the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 201-407-3256.

While these are difficult times for all of us, prayer is critical to maintaining our faith. Let us place our anger, shame, sorrow and disappointment at the feet of Our Lord, asking for the healing that only His grace can provide. We pray that we may be a source of strength and compassion for the victims of abuse and their families. We also pray for all members of the Catholic community who suffer from these tragic wounds in the Body of Christ. And we offer encouragement and fraternal support to the many faithful priests who are so deeply hurt by the failings of their brothers.

I pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Sorrowful Mother, but also the Mother of Holy Hope, may heal our hearts and light our way so that we will see the Church rise again renewed.

Thank you and may God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

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



The list of names can be found at <https://healing.rcan.org>



# Frequently Asked Questions

## How was this list developed?

The list of names is the result of an extensive review of the archdiocese's records by an archdiocesan review team and outside legal counsel to identify allegations of sexual abuse of minors by clergy in the archdiocese dating back to 1940. The disclosure of this list of names is not an endpoint in our process. Rather, it is an expression of our commitment to protecting our children, and a new level of transparency in the way we report and respond to allegations of abuse. We are committed to the ongoing reporting of names of clergy with a credible allegation(s) of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement and to the people of our Church.

## Who is on the list?

The list of names disclosed on Feb. 13 includes clergy of the Archdiocese of Newark against whom there are one or more substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of a minor. This list does not include clergy ordained for service within a religious order, as those allegations are handled and reported directly by the order to which they belong.

## Does inclusion on this list indicate that a cleric is guilty of a crime?

Since 2002, it has been our policy to report every allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. Inclusion on this list does not indicate admission to an allegation or guilt of the accused. These allegations are serious and only a court of law can state definitively whether or not an allegation(s) is true.

## Will the archdiocese continue to disclose the names of clergy with a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor?

The Archdiocese of Newark is committed to the ongoing reporting of names of clergy with a credible allegation(s) of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement, to removing from ministry any such clergy, and to keep the public informed. We continue to encourage all victims of abuse to report that abuse to law enforcement, and then to contact our Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 201-407-3256 to access pastoral and therapeutic resources, if so desired.

## What is the status of the ongoing investigation by the New Jersey Attorney General's office?

The Archdiocese of Newark is in the process of releasing to the New Jersey Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Task Force the files of all diocesan clergy who have been credibly accused of abusing a minor. The investigation is ongoing and the archdiocese is cooperating fully.

## Are measures in place for overseeing bishops and cardinals?

Bishops and cardinals are under the jurisdiction of the Holy See or Vatican. Currently, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is working with the Vatican to develop new reporting processes for reporting complaints, as well as for more effective resolution of future complaints.

## Are funds contributed to the Archdiocese of Newark used to pay settlements?

The archdiocese has insurance or self-funded insurance reserves to address monetary claims for victims. Donations to fundraising initiatives, such as the Annual Appeal or Capital Campaign, are not contributed to the archdiocesan insurance fund.

For more frequently asked questions, visit <https://healing.rcan.org/faqs>

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## Are any clergy in our archdiocese with a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor serving in ministry?

No. Any clergy in the Archdiocese of Newark with a credible allegation(s) of sexual abuse of a minor has been removed from ministry and is required to live a life of prayer and penance. The Archdiocese of Newark has a zero-tolerance policy for any type of mistreatment or misconduct involving children and young adults.

## What happens to a member of the clergy following a credible accusation?

Since 2002, it has been our policy to report every allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. The clergy or employee is then removed from their position while civil authorities investigate the case to determine if any evidence warrants criminal charges. Decisions regarding criminal prosecution are made by law enforcement. Concurrently, the Church conducts an investigation to determine if evidence reveals the clergy or employee violated the Church's conduct policies.

# What is the Church doing to keep children safe?

We must protect our children, first, foremost and always.

No clergy in the Archdiocese of Newark with a credible allegation(s) of sexual abuse of a minor is allowed to remain in ministry.

Significant progress has been made to ensure that children are safe in today's Church. Since 2002, we have fully implemented comprehensive Safe Environment programs and measures through training, reporting and awareness that have positively impacted how we create and support safe environments throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs are regularly reviewed and verified by an external audit and have resulted in increased awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse. The majority of sexual abuse cases, including the clergy identified on the list disclosed Feb. 13, dates back decades.

The New Jersey Catholic dioceses have trained more than 2.3 million adults, children, employees, clergy and volunteers, and have conducted more than 380,000 background checks on all diocesan and parish personnel with regular contact with children.

Audits dating back to 2003 confirm that the Archdiocese of Newark is fully compliant with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The charter addresses allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy and includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability and prevention.

We will continue to report to civil authorities all situations where there is reason to believe a child has been abused, cooperating fully with criminal investigations and prosecutions.

We will continue to rely on an independent review board to make recommendations concerning abuse cases and policies.

We will remove from ministry all priests and others credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor and disclose their names to the faithful of our Church.

We will continue to provide for treatment and counseling for all victims of clergy sexual abuse who come forward.

## New Jersey dioceses announce compensation program for victims of clergy abuse

All five of New Jersey's Roman Catholic dioceses have come together to create and launch the Independent Victim Compensation Program.

The program will pay eligible victims who were sexually abused by clergy while minors. It provides victims with an alternative to litigation and a speedy, transparent process to resolve their claims with a significantly lower level of proof and corroboration than required in a court of law.

The statewide program is endorsed by the dioceses of Newark, Trenton, Camden, Paterson and Metuchen, and all dioceses have agreed on a common protocol. This is unlike other compensation programs, like in New York and Pennsylvania where individual dioceses must decide whether to create such a program and, if so, what terms and conditions should govern.

In a statement, Cardinal Joseph

W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., called the Independent Victim Compensation Program "a sign of our commitment" to the healing of victims who were sexually abused as a minor by clergy. "The program will allow victims to seek financial compensation in a compassionate, expeditious, independent and transparent manner. While we recognize that no degree of financial compensation can adequately address the suffering endured, this program is a genuine expression of our remorse and our desire to make amends for past transgressions. It is my sincere hope that this program will meaningfully assist victims in their healing and will bring them a measure of peace," the cardinal stated.

"I continue to express my deep regret and sorrow to the victims, their families and the faithful of our Church for the abuses that took place, and for those in our minis-

try who failed to protect the most vulnerable members of our Church community. We continue the essential work to ensure abuse is prevented in all environments of the Archdiocese of Newark," Cardinal Tobin continued.

The program's administrators, Kenneth Feinberg and Camille Biros, are noted victims' compensation experts who have operated similar programs for Catholic dioceses in other states, as well as the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund and the BP Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill Fund. They noted that all compensation paid pursuant to this new program will come from Church funds. No public money will be used to pay eligible claims. The two administrators will act independently in evaluating and compensating individual claims. Church officials will have no authority to challenge the decisions reached by the administrators.

"Cardinal Tobin and the bishops of the five New Jersey dioceses have delegated to us this independent responsibility," Biros said. "They have assured us that we have complete discretion in deciding who is eligible to receive compensation and the amount to be paid to the individual victim."

The Independent Victim Compensation Program is completely voluntary and no individual claimant is required to participate. Only if the victim accepts the amount offered by the administrators will a signed release be required in which the victim agrees not to engage in any further litigation against the particular diocese.

The program will first give a priority to claimants who previously complained to Church officials about the sexual abuse. Phase II of the program will permit new claimants, who did not previously file a complaint with the diocese, to register for consideration for eligibility to participate in the program. Their claims will similarly be reviewed and subsequently processed by Feinberg and Biros.

Beginning March 1, a draft protocol detailing all the terms and conditions of the program will be made available at [www.NJdiocesesIVCP.com](http://www.NJdiocesesIVCP.com). After a 30-day comment period where the public can review the protocol and offer recommendations for improvement, victims will have until Dec. 31, 2019, to submit their claims for the Independent Victim Compensation Program.

## Cardinal Tobin attends national summit on abuse crisis

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., continues to take leadership at the national level on the crisis in the Church. He co-hosted the Leadership Roundtable's Catholic Partnership Summit Feb. 1-2 in Washington, D.C. with Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, papal nuncio and archbishop of Chicago, and Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., archbishop of Boston.

As part of the event, Cardinal Tobin participated in a panel discussion focused on the twin crises facing the Church: a crisis of sexual abuse and a crisis of leadership and management failures that covered up the abuse, leading to distrust of the Church.

The panel focused on identifying the root causes of the crises and looked at what culture change could address them. Cardinal Tobin spoke of the dangers of clericalism and the isolation of bishops. "It's a toxic condition because bishops can become individually isolated, and isolated first and foremost from each other ... it's difficult to call each other to accountability," he said.



Submitted photo  
Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., and Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., at the Catholic Partnership Summit.

Cardinal Tobin addressed the need for all baptized to be part of the solution to the crises, encouraging clergy and laity to work together. He said co-responsibility "is the redefinition of relationships" and there is need for "establishing new connections among us all." The car-

dinal stressed that the chancery and the people working in it should be "less implementers of programs and more brokers of relationships."

More than 200 Catholics from 43 dioceses across the United States attended the summit, including cardinals and bishops, diocesan staff,

college presidents, canon lawyers, abuse survivors and experts in abuse prevention.

The summit was designed to foster collaboration between clergy and laity, to identify best practices and to create actionable recommendations that can be shared with Church leaders nationwide to address the current crises.

Leadership Roundtable was founded in the wake of the 2002 sexual abuse allegations and aims to promote accountability in the management, finances, communications and human resources development of the Catholic Church in America.

"Leadership Roundtable believes that any solution to the crises must include a plan to build a new culture of leadership and management," said Kim Smolik, Leadership Roundtable CEO. "Catholics are looking for authentic, lasting change and are eager for increased co-responsibility. As lay, religious and ordained Catholics, we recognize that these crises affect us all, and thus each of us needs to be part of the solution."



# Theodore McCarrick removed from the priesthood

Theodore McCarrick has been dismissed from the clerical state by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

The first judgment of dismissal occurred Jan. 11, when the congregation found McCarrick guilty of soliciting sex in the sacrament of confession, sins against the sixth commandment with both minors and adults, with an aggravating factor of the abuse of power. McCarrick appealed this verdict, and his appeal was denied on Feb. 13. The 88-year-old was informed of the decision Feb. 15. Pope Francis has recognized the dismissal, and the sentence cannot be appealed.

The sentence dismissing him from the clerical state means that he cannot celebrate the Mass nor confer any sacraments, with the exception of hearing the confession of someone who is at the point of death with no other priest available. He is no longer to be addressed by any honorifics, such as bishop, cardinal or father. He has also lost the right to request burial in the crypt of a cathedral where he served as archbishop.

McCarrick is the highest-ranking clergyman in modern times to be laicized.

"The decree impacts not only the Archdiocese of Newark, but the entire Catholic community across the world," Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., said in a statement. "It especially affects those who have experienced the trauma of sexual abuse by clergy who violated a sacred trust and caused incalculable harm to the lives and well-being of young and adult victims. It is profoundly disheartening and disturbing to know that a Church leader, who served and led our Archdiocese of Newark for 14 years, acted in a way that is contrary to the Christian way of life, as well as his vocation as a priest of Jesus Christ."

McCarrick was removed from the College of Cardinals in July 2018 after multiple reports of sexual abuse of seminarians and mi-

nors emerged. He was ordered to a life of prayer and penance pending the result of a canonical trial, and has been living in a friary in the Diocese of Salina, Kansas. As a layperson, McCarrick is free to choose where he would like to live. He will not be supported by the Church.


Cardinal Tobin expressed sadness and heartfelt apologies

to McCarrick's victims and to all those abused by clergy. He also thanked Pope Francis for his leadership during this difficult investigation and decision: "His determination reflects his resolve to protect the weak and vulnerable, respect human dignity, accept

responsibility and reinforce the Church's commitment to healing, reconciliation and solidarity with victims. We unite in prayer, support and service with our Holy Father as he leads the Church to console our brothers and sisters in their suffering."

To read Cardinal Tobin's full statement on the dismissal of Theodore McCarrick, visit [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org).

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## Bishop Emeritus John M. Smith (1935-2019)

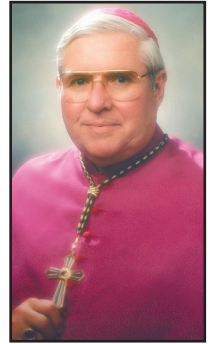
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 26 at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral in Trenton for Most Rev. John Mortimer Smith, who died Jan. 22 following complications of a long illness. He was 83.

Bishop Smith's body was received in St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral Friday, Jan. 25, and laid in repose until that evening. Following Saturday's Mass of Christian Burial, Bishop Smith was entombed in the cathedral's mausoleum.

Prior to being named bishop emeritus (2010-2019) and ninth bishop of the Diocese of Trenton (1997-2010), Bishop Smith was the former coadjutor bishop of Trenton (1995-1997) and former bishop of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee in Florida (1991-1995).

Born and raised in Orange, N.J., he was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Newark by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland in 1961. Pope John Paul II named him an auxiliary bishop of Newark in December 1987, and he was ordained a bishop in Sacred Heart Cathedral on Jan. 25, 1988.

Bishop Smith held several positions in the archdiocese, including assistant chancellor, tribunal official, parish priest, director of the Cursillo movement, dean of Bergen County and vicar general and moderator of the curia.



## Deacon Robert C. Millea

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Feb. 1 at St. Stephen Parish in Kearny for Deacon Robert C. Millea, 63, who died Jan. 26.

Born in Orange, Millea was raised in Harrison and was a longtime resident before moving to Kearny in 1994. He graduated from Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange and The College of William and Mary in Virginia. After graduating, he entered the family business, R.B. Millea, Inc., in Newark. He was involved in the electrical construction industry for more than 40 years in estimating and project management.

Millea served as chairman for the construction board of appeals for the town of Harrison, was a member of the Harrison Board of Education and belonged to the Harrison Lions Club for more than 35 years.

After being ordained in 2011, he served as a deacon at St. Stephen Parish. Millea is survived by his wife, Pat, and his three sons, Ryan, Timothy and Matthew.



## Sister Mary George Senderak, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 1 at Holy Family Chapel in Convent Station for Sister Mary George Senderak, S.C., 94, who died Jan. 29.

Sister Mary George entered the Sisters of Charity on April 2, 1949, and was a member for 69 years. After the completion of her postulancy and novitiate, she worked as an elementary schoolteacher at St. Rose of Lima School in Newark and St. Stephen School in Kearny while attending the College of Saint Elizabeth.

In 1961, Sister Mary George returned to her alma mater to work as an administrative assistant to the dean of studies, a position she held for six years. She received a master's degree in business administration from the University of Notre Dame and a doctorate in higher education from Teachers College, Columbia University.

From 1970-1982, Sister Mary George served as the College of Saint Elizabeth registrar. She then served as director of institutional research there and was a member of the president's council. She was also a member of several Sisters of Charity Northern Province committees and assemblies.





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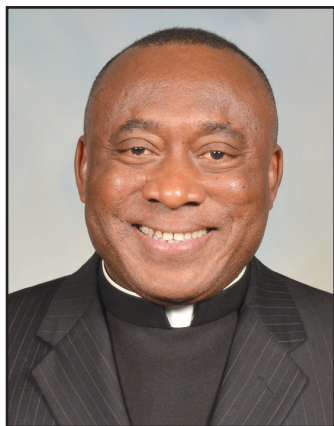
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# Church and the call to 'racial holiness'

By Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu

**H**istorically, African-American History Month grew out of the Negro History Week, conceived by Carter Woodson (1875-1950) in February 1926, to provide an opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of African-Americans in the different areas of human endeavor. With our society so racially charged, fanned into flame by the 2016 election campaign that pushed all kinds of racial buttons, it beholds us to broaden our perspective of this celebration in the service of our need to heal a divided nation.

Central to the celebration of Black History Month needs to be the appreciation of the creative brilliance of our God, who "from one man made the whole human race." (Acts 17:16) There is no ground at the foot of the cross that is higher than any other—a great challenge to our present tenden-



Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu

cies toward ethnocentrism and nationalism. Whenever we notice, appreciate and love this ethnic diversity in God's creative will, our hearts unite in carrying out God's intention for the world—the salvation of us all—be you Jew, gentile, male, female, black, white, slave or free. This appreciation should be at the bedrock of Black

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Secondly, this celebration should serve as an annual reminder to our national consciousness that, for generations, our country was built on and profited from an ungodly and callous system that dehumanized individuals, dishonoring the dignity of what is created in the image and likeness of God. It is therefore a call upon our nation to eliminate this kind of atrocity in all its overt and covert natures, and to continually deal with the psycho-social damage caused by this systemic evil. Black History Month is an annual reminder of our constitutional challenge to live up to the vision of our Founding Fathers—the establishment of a nation, under God, where the rule of law is liberty and justice for all.

The Church, as an institution of God's rectitude, needs to lead

this effort in word and example by effectively and visibly challenging Her own institutions, with zero tolerance, to live up to this call to racial holiness. It is far more effective to preach by witness and to use words only when necessary.

While the celebration of Black History Month is the recognition of the goodness of God in the remarkable achievements of many African-Americans, despite the horrific history that is their precedence, it teaches us a beautiful lesson: that in our human endeavors, it is important to hold onto faith, to believe in hope that there is a spirit within us that is greater than our opposition. Adversity should never frustrate us into non-achievers.

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# In praise of Catholic schools

By Dr. Patrick Martin

Last June, I retired from the New Jersey public school system where I had worked as a principal and superintendent for 25 years. I have had a lifelong calling to be a principal of a Catholic elementary school, and I was fortunate to obtain that position for the current academic year.

During a faculty retreat held away from the school, the parish priest directing the event had us take turns (we each drew names from a hat) speaking about the positive points of one of the other staff members present. One can imagine the effectiveness of this. Each one of us in turn was appreciated and affirmed by the whole, and it was easy to feel the love and the support in the room. There was a lot of laughter and smiles, a few tears

and a great deal of blood pumping through the capillaries of our faces, warming and brightening them. It was not difficult to understand how on the following school day each one of us would recommit ourselves to giving our best to the children.

There was no fancy video streamed into this event. No high-priced guru was flown in from the Midwest. Nobody asked for extra pay when the workshop ran overtime. But when I was pulling out of the parking lot following the event,

*superintendent of schools*  
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I saw in my rearview mirror our second-grade teacher patting our kindergarten teacher on the back and they both had a renewed sense of mission on those same brightened faces. It seemed to say, "Let's go!"

There have been a lot of bad

things said about the Catholic Church lately, and it breaks my heart to see so many empty pews in Mass on Sunday mornings. My voice may be a small one but I will use it to tell of the power and selflessness that continues to exist in that corner Catholic school you might drive by on your way to work.

As I get older, I think there is more and more to be said for instructing children the way Catholic schools have always done so: in quiet and orderly classrooms teach them their letters, words and number facts in a straight forward manner, and then, over the years, steadily build upon that base with increasingly challenging lessons. Nothing slick, few bells and whistles, just tried and true methods of preparing pupils to compete in higher education and the world beyond. And while this pedagogical



Dr. Patrick Martin

growth is occurring, it is not such a bad thing for the students to look to heaven each day to thank God.

When I was working in public schools, people used to laugh and say one could never become rich working in a Catholic school. And I would laugh along with them. But now I am not so sure.

*Dr. Patrick Martin is the principal of Academy of Our Lady in Glen Rock.*



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Christ the Teacher School received a proclamation from the town of Fort Lee for its National Blue Ribbon status. A ceremony was held Jan. 17 at City Hall during a council meeting. Faculty, parents and a student representative from each grade attended. Mayor Mark Sokolich invited the students to address the crowd. While the mayor provided a bit of assistance to the youngsters, the older students thanked the teachers and their parents for their dedication. Councilman Joseph Cervieri Jr., an alumnus of Christ the Teacher, spoke about the school's accomplishments and shared his pride in attending the grammar school.





Transfiguration Academy in Bergenfield commemorated being named a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence with a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., on Jan. 27. The Mass at the school's parish, St. John the Evangelist, was standing room only. Students in pre-K through eighth grade performed songs before and during the celebration. The student council president also presented the cardinal with a gift—a Transfiguration blanket. A reception followed in the school's gymnasium with the town's mayor recognizing the school's accomplishment and Cardinal Tobin meeting with parents and students.



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## Oratory Prep celebrates Catholic Schools Week with slate of guest speakers

Oratory Preparatory School in Summit held a weeklong celebration filled with guest speakers and activities to engage and educate the school community during Catholic Schools Week Jan. 26-Feb. 1.

The week kicked off with a Mass for middle school students and families, where two awards of distinction were presented. Dean of Academic Studies Father Scott Pontes presented medals to seventh-grader Nicholas DeRosa and eighth-grader Blaine Chestnut for their contributions to the school and community.

Various speakers visited the all-boys school throughout the week including representatives from the Interfaith Food Pantry in Morris Plains. Students held a food drive to support the pantry and were challenged to create a display of the donated food items.

The displays included towers, messages of peace and even the school mascot.

Alumni John Sullivan '73, Mark Scirocco '06 and Jeffrey Beer '06 spoke to the students. They discussed how they have attained their goals while keeping their faith and how Oratory helped form them into the men they are today.

Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Newark Father Eugenio P. de la Rama invited seminarian Thomas Piro to visit the school to share his journey of discernment.

Peter Barcellona of Catholic Relief Services informed students of how they could help tackle global issues, including human trafficking, poverty and lack of educational resources. Students from the school's St. Philip Neri Service Club presented Bar-



Submitted photo  
St. Philip Neri Service Club members present a donation to Peter Barcellona of Catholic Relief Services on behalf of the school community.

cellona with a donation after a school-wide fundraiser. Students also collected art supplies and notebooks to donate to Rabo de Peixe, an impoverished community in the Azores, Portugal.

"This is my first year at Oratory Prep and the young men's

faith and their willingness to help others is very impressive," Father Pontes said. "Throughout the week, the students' openness to God's message and their collaboration with God was a great affirmation of what Catholic education is all about."

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JOB DESCRIPTION**



**Job Title:** Financial Analyst – School Support  
**Department:** Finance  
**Reports To:** Director of Finance (support to Office of Catholic Schools)

**SUMMARY**

The primary purpose of this position is to provide timely, accurate and insightful financial analysis for elementary and secondary schools. Periodic review of financial statements and annual budgets as well as analysis of other initiatives under consideration will be required. Specifically, the goal is to offer sufficient, concise information to the Director of Financial Services and the Superintendent of Schools in order to be properly vested in the financial components, which will arise in both private/public meetings, and in the decision-making process.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES** include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

- Coordination of elementary and secondary school budget processes, to include preparation of budget packages, review of, comment on and acceptance of completed budgets.
- To review actual operational results of elementary and high schools on a monthly basis.
- To provide oversight and ensure elementary and high schools are adequately prepared for operational reviews.
- Offer financial analyses related to school's financial status and provide input into decisions regarding elementary school planning related to closings, mergers and regionalizations. Types of analysis to be performed could include:
  - ❖ General solvency of the operations of an entity
  - ❖ Feasibility of capital projects
  - ❖ Feasibility of new initiatives
  - ❖ Projections and forecasting
  - ❖ Compilation of trends comparisons on financials and enrollment
- Provide assistance with the ConnectNow Accounting system to school staff.
- Assist school staff with accounting issues.
- Follow up on recommendations from operational reviews of the schools.
- Meet with Pastors, Business Managers, Superintendent of Schools, Board members and others to review financial results, challenges and opportunities for improvement in the schools as needed.
- Assist Offices of Catechesis and Catholic Schools
  - ❖ Department Finances past/current
  - ❖ Annual operating budgets
  - ❖ Monthly Budget to Actual issues
  - ❖ Attend Staff and Diocesan Meetings

**QUALIFICATIONS**

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

**EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE**

- Bachelor's Degree in Accounting
- Minimum five-year's experience in financial analysis or accounting preferred
- School Accounting experience a plus
- Strong writing and interpersonal skills
- Ability to function independently and professionally with internal and school staff

**COMPUTER SKILLS**

- Computer literacy with strong proficiency in ConnectNow Accounting, Microsoft Excel and Word software
- Knowledge of Microsoft PowerPoint and Access a plus

**MATHEMATICAL SKILLS**

Ability to apply advanced mathematical concepts such as exponents, logarithms, quadratic equations and permutations. Ability to apply mathematical operations to such tasks as frequency distribution, determination of test reliability and validity, analysis of variance, correlation techniques, sampling theory, and factor analysis.

**REASONING ABILITY**

Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions. Ability to interpret an extensive variety of technical instruction in mathematical or diagram form and deal with several abstract and concrete variables.

**CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS**

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

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**Location:** Hamilton, New Jersey – St Mary's Cemetery & Mausoleum

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A.S.

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E.N.

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## Ceremony celebrates the healing work of Caldwell nursing students

For Caldwell University nursing student Evelyn Eugene, the blessing of the hands ceremony was a special way to connect her faith with her work as a future nurse. Eugene and the other third-year Caldwell nursing students gathered on Feb. 6 for the blessing, a milestone event for those embarking on their clinical work in hospitals and health care facilities. "It was the best way to go into practicing in my field," she said. During the ceremony, students were reminded that nurses are God's instruments and that their hands are sacred in the work of serving the sick and the dying.

Dr. Brenda Petersen, assistant professor and associate dean of the School of Nursing and Public Health, gave the opening remarks to the crowd of students, family members, faculty, staff and administration.

Sister Kathleen Tuite, O.P., vice president of student life, expressed it was a time to celebrate the work of healers and to bless the healing work of their hands. "Each of us brings unique gifts and a unique self to our various tasks. Today, we come to celebrate our call and gifts, and to remember how much we need one another. No one person has all the gifts. We rely on one another and work together in this community to bring healing to people who come to us," she said.

Caldwell University President Dr. Nancy Blattner quoted Isaiah 49:16 saying, "I can never forget you. I have written your name on the palm of my hand." The

Scripture verse, she said, "calls to mind how close each of us is to our Creator because He fashioned us in His image and remembers us by name. Dear nursing students, you are known and remembered by God. You are created in His divine image and carry His divine spark." She asked them to remember that, even when they may encounter patients who are in pain, frustrated or angry, the patients are also created in God's divine image. "Then you will see God in each one of them as you minister to their needs, and you will be bringing the care and healing that is more than physical but also reaches to each person's inner being," Dr. Blattner added.

Student Michelle Citron, who went up to receive her blessing with her 16-month-old son, said it was special for the students to receive the blessings from their professors. "They are the ones we look up to," she stated.

Jasmine Bejar said the blessing was empowering and gave her more confidence as she goes to her clinical site, reaffirming why she wants to be a nurse.

Dr. Kathleen Kelley, associate professor and assistant director of the School of Nursing and Public Health, told the audience the blessing of hands is done at weddings, as well as in nursing, because it "celebrates the symbolism of hands as extensions of our love and passion to embrace our patients, their families and our community."



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Caldwell University nursing students Evelyn Eugene, left, and Jasmine Bejar.

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Meals with a Mission recently provided its one-millionth meal to the hungry in northern New Jersey. Founded in December 2010, the nonprofit reached this milestone after just eight years of being in service. The organization, which was featured in the November 2017 issue of *New Jersey Catholic*, prepares home-style meals for shelters, pantries, residences and soup kitchens throughout Bergen, Hudson, Essex and Passaic counties. A team of 375 volunteers cooks about 20,000 meals a month from its Garfield-based kitchen. With a motto of 'Catering to the Needs of Others,' the group is committed to serving the hungry with dignity and concern by preparing nutritious and flavorful meals. To learn more about the organization, visit [www.mealswithamissionnj.org](http://www.mealswithamissionnj.org).

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The Class of 2019 of the Academy of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Tenafly recently conducted interviews with the Missionary Franciscan Sisters as part of their social studies class. The students recorded and edited the interview video and presented the project to the Franciscan Sisters during Catholic Schools Week.



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