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Seton Hall exhibit highlights connection between Church and labor rights movement

By Melissa McNally
Editor

Cesar Chavez, iconic labor rights activist and co-founder of the United Farm Workers of America (UFW), once visited St. Ann Parish in Newark during the 1970s. This discovery, along with the link between Seton Hall University, the Catholic Church and the movement for migrant workers' rights, was explored March 27 in an exhibit sponsored by the university's Joseph A. Unanue Latino Institute.

Entitled "The Catholic Symbolism of Cesar Chavez and the Labor Rights Movement," the event was held during Charter Week, the annual celebration of Seton Hall's founding.

Chavez, a devout Catholic, founded the UFW in 1962 with Dolores Huerta. It became the first and largest union for farmworkers in America. The organization fought for better working conditions on farms and rallied against the inhumane treatment of workers, including subpar wages, lack of sanitation and workplace protections and unsafe working conditions. Most of the workers were predominantly of Hispanic, Latino and Filipino background—a large number of whom were Catholic. The UFW led boycotts and strikes to call attention



Advocate photo-Melissa McNally

to unfair practices. The organization grew a base of support from Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Dorothy Day and Martin Luther King Jr.

Research revealed that a symposium was held at Seton Hall's campus in 1974 for migrant workers with Huerta as its guest. In 1975, a 15-mile walk-a-thon to the university was held in honor of Farm Workers Week and was co-sponsored by the National Farm Worker Ministry and the UFW. There were multiple starting points for the march, most originating from local Catholic parishes.

"With the help of our student staff, namely Adam Varoqua, we

pursued leads, pulled together a massive array of news stories, and found the hidden narrative of our holy alliance with the labor rights movement," said Stephanie Macias-Arlington, executive director of the Latino Institute.

The exhibit featured archived articles, including clips from *The Catholic Advocate*, highlighting the Catholic partnership in activism.

"We were driven to showcase this exceptional history and inspire the Seton Hall community by illuminating our university's commitment to Catholic social teaching, nonviolence and serving our community

through the teachings of the Gospel," Macias-Arlington explained.

Father Jack Martin, who served in many inner-city parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark and worked closely with the Hispanic apostolate, was part of the event's panel discussion and spoke about his experiences in social activism. He had met Chavez when the activist visited Newark.

"The women in the parish prepared him this huge breakfast—pancakes, eggs, fruit, bacon. Chavez ate an apple," Father Martin recalled with a laugh. "He apologized, but he explained that it was all he ate in the morning." Chavez reportedly ate limited animal products both as a supporter of animal rights and for his health.

In the 1970s, Father Martin organized Catholic young people to "observe, judge and act" against injustice. Along with the young adults, he only bought and ate produce from companies that employed unionized farmworkers, just as the UFW suggested.

"As Catholics, we believe in the dignity of all people," Father Martin explained. "Farmworkers deserve to be treated with dignity. We can't change the whole world, but small steps can lead to something greater."

The exhibit, which is open to the public, will remain on display at the Latino Institute until next month.

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Union Catholic student wins prestigious NCEA award

Audrey Davis, a senior at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, was presented with a Medal of Honor and Certificate by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) as one of just 10 recipients of the 2019 NCEA Youth Virtues, Valor and Vision Award.

Davis was chosen from nearly two million Catholic school students across the country, and she is the first student ever from the Archdiocese of Newark to receive the award.

The award is given for selfless service, determination, innovation and ideals that are changing the world. It's made possible, in part, through the generosity and support of Cross Catholic Outreach, a Catholic ministry organization.

Davis created the A.W.A.R.E. Club (Active Walking and Respite Exercise Club) for those with special needs. She launched the project because she found that many teens and young adults with special needs are less physically active than their typical peers. The club held six suc-

cessful events at Oak Ridge Park in Clark and Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. She also helped organize a Special Needs Sports Day at Union Catholic.

Davis serves as the president of Union Catholic's C.R.A.Y.O.N. Club (Community Raising Autism Yielding Opportunity Now), is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, a student ambassador and captain of the forensics team. Earlier this school year, Davis received the Youth Discipleship Award, which is presented to young people who respond to the call to discipleship through service or ministry to their parish or school community.

"I've been so incredibly supported by every teacher and administrator here at Union Catholic, every club moderator. They've given so many opportunities to succeed, and I've really felt like I'm the luckiest person alive to have such an amazing high school experience," Davis said. "It all



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comes down to a Catholic school, where you are not just able to learn through an academic sense, but also you are able to learn through God and your commitment to God. I'm really so honored and excited to be recognized, because it's not only me, it's everyone who has helped me out with everything I'm involved with. I feel so blessed."

"Audrey has exhibited compassion, incorporated others into her community, treated all with respect and honesty, and owned her project with complete responsibility," said Union Catholic Principal Sister Percylee Hart, R.S.M. "Truly, Audrey has become all God calls her to be in this initiative. For that, we are thankful and proud."

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Bishops say apostolic exhortation a call to invest in young people

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Christus Vivit* (Christ Lives) is a "wonderful summons to the Church to more vigorously invest in youth and young adults, especially those on the peripheries and those disconnected from the Church," said a trio of leaders within the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

"We encourage all Catholic leaders to read and study this exhortation and the pertinent documents of the synod. They provide for us the framework from which we can build upon in our dioceses, parishes and communities," the leaders said in a statement April 2 following the release of the exhortation at the Vatican.

The leaders included Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galves-

ton-Houston, USCCB president; Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., chairman of the bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations; and Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth.

The apostolic exhortation emerged from the 2018 Synod of Bishops on young people, the faith and vocational discernment.

The exhortation is a combination letter to young people about their place in the Church and a plea to older members of the Church not to stifle the enthusiasm of the young, but to offer gentle guidance when needed.

The USCCB leaders recognized the Church "must turn our attention to our young people and engage them as 'protagonists' of the



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Church's mission."

"Their insights can help us grow as a Church and guide us as we all learn to become better missionary disciples in an intercultural and intergenerational context," the prelates' statement continued.

The leaders added that they are looking forward to the next steps as the Church seeks to integrate the apostolic exhortation into various Church ministries, especially those involving young people.

They also noted that the docu-

ment's release coincides with the 14th anniversary of the death of St. John Paul II.

"We look forward to the journey ahead, and pray with St. John Paul II, a patron of young people whose passing we remember today, for the Church's ongoing mission to all generations," the prelates said.

"Now the work of the Holy Spirit, manifest in the sessions of the synod, will bear fruit in the dioceses of the United States," their statement concluded.

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This weekend, the Archdiocese of Newark will welcome 1,050 new Catholics. During the Easter Vigil, these candidates and catechumens will receive full sacramental initiation into the Church. Back on March 9 and 10, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., celebrated the Call to Continuing Conversion and the Rite of Election at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. During the ceremonies, the 639 candidates and the 411 catechumens, alongside their sponsors, publicly declared their desire to receive the sacraments. During his homily, Cardinal Tobin told those in attendance, "You come to ratify your 'yes' to Jesus. ... The whole Church walks with you." The Call to Continuing Conversion candidates include both baptized Catholics and other Christians who will complete the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation. The Rite of Election catechumens will receive those sacraments in addition to baptism.

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Easter: Risen with the Lord

By Msgr. Thomas Nydegger

At the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday, and perhaps even at every Sunday Eucharist during the Easter season, we will renew our baptismal promises. Many of us may think this is just something we do during Easter and the Easter season, those 50 days that invite us to enter more deeply the paschal mystery: the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. Maybe we just see it as a replacement for or different way of making the profession of faith, which we make every Sunday. Maybe we just follow the script and give a lukewarm “I do” in response to each question. This Easter, let us not be too quick to let this renewal of baptismal promises be a rote practice of Easter and the Easter season.

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When the apostles first left that upper room and went into Jerusalem proclaiming the resurrection of the Lord; when they first started themselves preaching the Good News; when they told all the people how “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power” and how “He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed with the devil, for God was with Him” (Acts 10:38); the people were “cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, ‘What are we to do?’” They were told, “Repent and be baptized.” (Acts 2:38) Well, is that not what we are in the midst of doing? Our journey of repentance through Lent prepares us to enter more fully the paschal mystery and gives way to the baptism that enables us to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Lenten repentance leads us to the paschal mystery. Easter faith flows from the paschal mystery and leads us to baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Lent, a spiritual and liturgical season in its own right, is the time of immanent or proximate preparation for the catechumens and candidates preparing for full initiation into Christ and the Church. As they prepare to be fully initiated, the whole community accompanies them—a theme often spoken of by Pope Francis—on their journey to full initiation. And so, the whole community prepares to renew the baptismal



promises they made before or were made for them by their parents and godparents.

The Lord’s passion, death and resurrection demands a response. Really, how can we not respond? God became one of us, preached the Good News, did good, healed and then died for us, saving us from sin and death. All the trials, tribulations, crosses, sins and failures of our lives are a share in the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. Let us not fail to make that connection and explore in our prayer how that connection bears itself out in our life. It is then, and only then, that we can truly experience more fully the incredible and extraordinary mystery of the resurrec-

tion and what it means. With that experience, we, too, ask the question, “What are we to do?” Repent, which we have done during Lent, and be baptized, which we do in Easter, and receive the Holy Spirit.

So, when we renew our baptismal promises during the Easter season, let us not do so lightly. Let it be our heartfelt response to a God who loves us so much that He died for us, rose and gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Happy Easter!

Msgr. Thomas Nydegger is vicar general and moderator of the curia.

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

Thursday, April 18

7:30 p.m.
Holy Thursday Liturgy
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred
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Friday, April 19

3 p.m.
Good Friday Liturgy
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred
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Saturday, April 20

8:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil Mass (Holy Saturday)
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred
Heart, Newark

Sunday, April 21

12:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday Mass
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred
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Tuesday, April 23

6 p.m.
Annual Vocations Dinner
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Thursday, April 25

7 p.m.
Notes of Distinction Concert
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Benefit for The College
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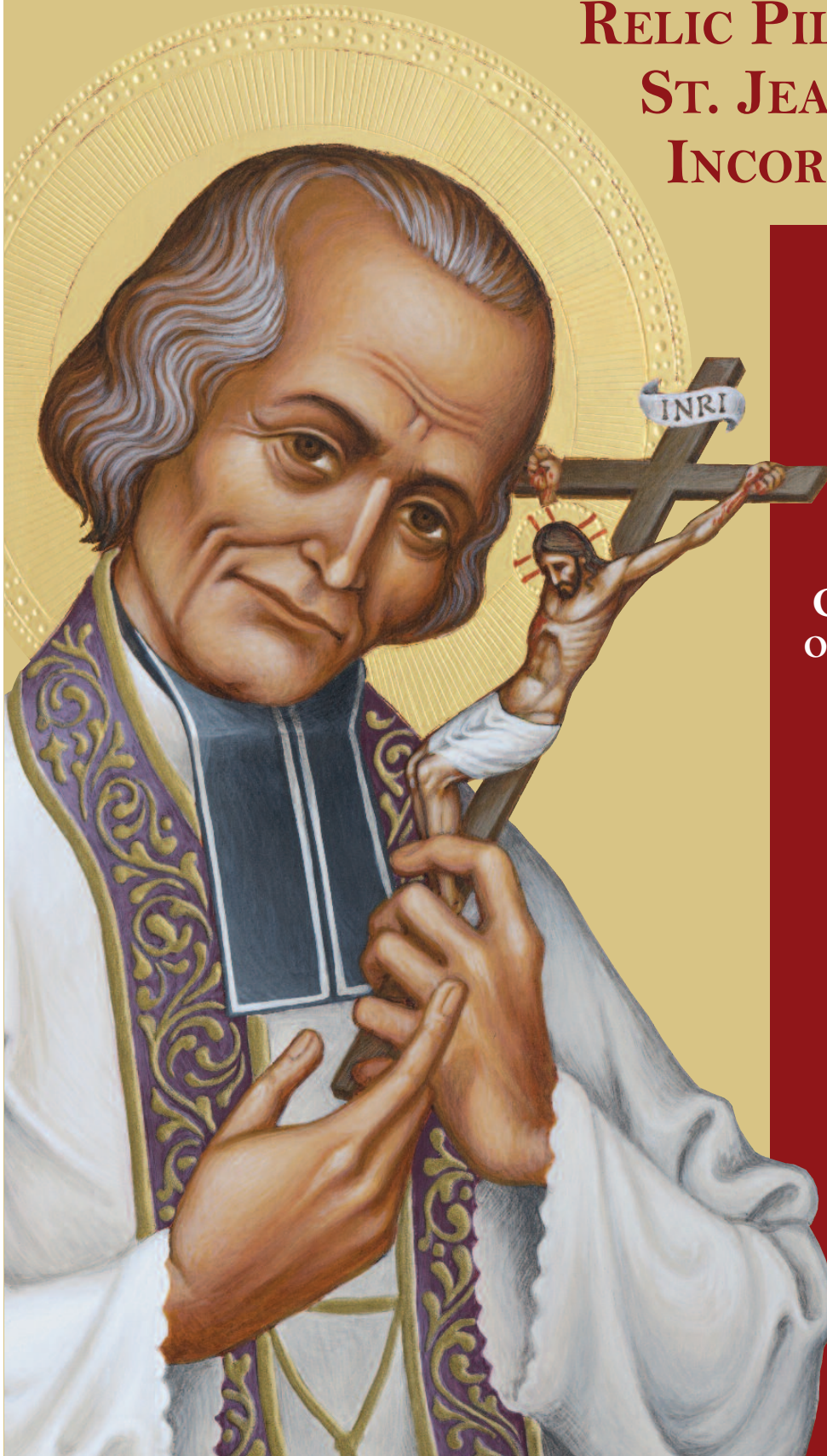


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In the spirit of the Lenten season, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., paid a visit to Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville on March 14 to offer prayers and blessings to hospital employees, patients and families. Assisted by the chaplain, Father Peter Iwuala, the cardinal also offered a special blessing of the hospital and its staff and thanked them for their dedication to providing care to the community.

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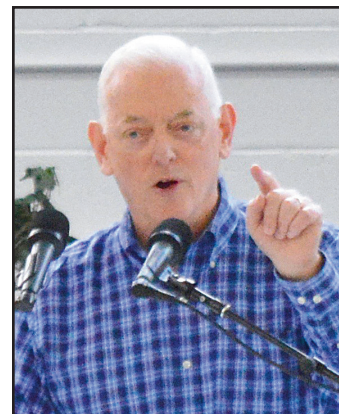
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The Catholic Men's Commission celebrated its 11th annual Men's Conference March 16 at Seton Hall University under the theme "For a Time Such as This ... Holiness and Hope." The daylong prayerful event gathered more than 1,200 attendees who sought to strengthen their spiritual faith and engage in fellowship. This year's conference included two guest speakers: Father Larry Richards and Gregory Floyd, who shared their stories of faith and evangelization. Father Richards serves as the pastor of St. Joseph Church/Bread of Life Community in Erie, Pa., and is the founder of The Reason for Our Hope Foundation. Floyd is the executive vice president for mission at Eva's Village, a faith-based nonprofit in Paterson that feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless, treats the addicted and offers medical and dental care to the poor. He is also a leader in the People of Hope, a lay Catholic community dedicated to prayer, family life and evangelization. The day's events also included a Spanish track featuring Father Rafael Capó and Father Robinson Gonzalez Herrera, as well as reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration and exhibitors. Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., celebrated Mass to conclude the conference.



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Some 1,900 faithful women from around the Archdiocese of Newark gathered at Seton Hall University March 9 for the annual Women's Day of Reflection. Sponsored by the archdiocesan Women's Commission, the event included guest speakers, Spanish-language presentations, reconciliation, Holy Hour and Mass celebrated by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. Mary Rice Hasson gave the first keynote address. Hasson is the Kate O'Beirne Fellow in Catholic Studies at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington D.C. She also directs the Catholic Women's Forum, an initiative of the Public Policy Center that seeks to amplify the voice of Catholic women—within the culture and the Church—in support of Catholic teachings. Her discussion highlighted several examples of Catholic women who serve as inspiration in modern society. "The culture teaches us that (women) earn our dignity," Hasson explained. "But the fundamental truth is that we have dignity that no one can take away because we are created by God." Gloria Purvis spoke to attendees about what it means to be "alive in Christ." She is the creator of "Authentically Free at Last" and host of "Morning Glory" radio show, both on EWTN, and editor of "The African American Catholic Youth Bible." She shared her personal testimony of converting to Catholicism as a young girl. "God is truly present everywhere and is always with you," Purvis said. "If you are trying to turn away from sin, ask for His help; He won't always give you what you want, but He will give you what you need."

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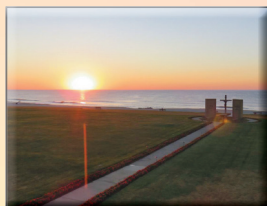
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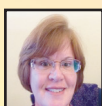
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Kathy Galleher, Ph.D: *And I Will Give You Rest: Self-care and Renewal for Ministry*

People in ministry are often so busy meeting the needs of those around them that they fail to care for themselves. This workshop is an opportunity to renew and deepen our self-care skills so that our ministry can be fruitful and life-giving to ourselves as well as others. We will discuss signs and sources of depletion in ministry and its impact on our physical and emotional health. Participants will be invited to examine the current challenges in self-care. And will be offered a series of practical tools for healthy stress management, deepening self care, healthy boundary setting, and increasing joy in everyday life.

Kathy Galleher, Ph.D is a licensed psychologist who specializes in working with Catholic priests, religious and deacons.



Kenneth Himes, OFM, Ph.D: *Catholic Social Teaching in Contemporary American Life*

In these lectures and discussions we will examine what Catholic social teaching has to say to the political and economic challenges we face in the U.S. Following upon Bishop Robert McElroy's (San Diego) call for a revitalized Catholic Political Imagination, the sessions will explore topics like economic inequality, political polarization, and civic virtues as we consider how Catholic social teaching can shape our perceptions of what is going on and what our social agenda might be.

Kenneth R. Himes, OFM, is professor of theological ethics and a former chairperson of the Theology Department at Boston College. He is a member of the Order of Friars Minor, the Franciscans.



Ciarán O'Callaghan, C.Ss.R., Ph.D.: *Proclaiming Christ in a Confused and Uncertain World: St. Paul's Early Preaching*

This series of lectures will focus primarily on Paul's Letter to the Galatians, which takes the Christian movement out of the orbit of Judaism into a radically new context. The lecture series will explore the religious, social and political influences that shaped Paul's proclamation of Jesus as God's Messiah. Keeping in mind the wider context of the Pauline Letters, the lecture series will pay particular attention to issues that have current resonance in the Church.

Ciarán O'Callaghan CSsR is a member of the Dublin Province of the Redemptorists. He lives at Clonard Monastery, Belfast on the interface between the two communities in Northern Ireland. Ciarán earned his Licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontificio Istituto Biblico in Rome.



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Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., celebrated Mass on the second day of the 14th annual Child and Youth Protection Catholic Leadership Conference, which was held March 24-27 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill. In attendance were 210 representatives from archdioceses and dioceses throughout the United States. The Diocese of Camden hosted the event in association with the archdioceses of Philadelphia and Newark, the New Jersey dioceses of Metuchen, Paterson and Trenton, and the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic. Rod J. Herrera, director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection in the Diocese of Camden, and one of the principal organizers of the event, noted that attendance for this conference was higher than any of the previous 13 conferences.

Cardinal Tobin also served as a keynote speaker at the Diocese of Camden's Convocation of Catholic Leaders: Joy of the Gospel in South Jersey on March 26 in Atlantic City. The event gathered an estimated 650 lay leaders and their pastors for four days of engaging speakers, inspiring witness, prayer, worship and dialogue on creating a culture of missionary discipleship.





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Dream Weddings in the Park



April 24

Office of Family Life Ministries, Archdiocese of Newark, "Learn How to Avoid Frustrated Parenting," a special event for single parents, 6:45-8:30 p.m., at Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell, babysitting and dinner provided, register at <https://conta.cc/2EhSRFx> or contact Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or lauren.egan@rcan.org.

Office for Evangelization, Archdiocese of Newark, learn how to start a Bible study, "E-tools that Work" seminar, with presenter Laurie Manhardt, 7-9 p.m. at St. John Paul II Retreat Center, Kearny, register at www.rcan.org/evangelization or contact the Office for Evangelization at 973-497-4137 or evangelization@rcan.org.

April 25

St. Mary Parish, Rutherford, bereavement support group, Thursday evenings through May 23, 7:30-9 p.m., registration is required by April 22, call 201-438-2200.

April 26

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, Saint-Saëns Organ Symphony with the NJ Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m., \$30 and \$40, advance ticket purchase recommended at www.cathedralbasilica.org.

Array of Hope, Old Tappan, concert at Dr. Lena Edwards Academic Charter School in Jersey City, sponsored by several local Catholic parishes, 7:30 p.m., contact Carolina Soares at carolina@arrayofhope.net or 201-261-3372.

April 27

St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, annual garage sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., call 973-992-0994.

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Roseland, concert featuring Dan Schutte, 7-9 p.m., \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door, call 973-226-7288.

Office of Family Life Ministries, Archdiocese of Newark, 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, 3 p.m., contact Deacon James Detura at detura@rcan.org or 973-497-4324.

April 30

St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, pilgrimage to Northern Europe, Baltic and Russia, July 1-12, register by April 30, featuring visits to the original image of the Divine Mercy painting, Shrine of Gate Dawn, various cathedrals and other holy sites, \$3,590 (based on double occupancy rooms and includes airfare), contact Father Juancho De Leon at 973-743-8615 or Ingrid Alfred at 201-424-7760 or ingrid.alfred14@gmail.com.

May 2

Mary's Place by the Sea, Ocean Grove, "Nourish You" retreat for women, includes nutrition education, yoga and meditation, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$50 per person, space limited to 30 women, plant-based lunch provided, register at www.campidental.com/nourish-you.

Our Lady of Peace Parish, New Providence, annual country fair, featuring rides, food, beer garden and raffles, May 2-3, 6-10 p.m., May 4, 6-11 p.m. and May 5, 1-11 p.m., contact Richard Gentles at 908-938-2990 or richardg53@gmail.com, or visit www.olpnp.com.

Office for Evangelization, Archdiocese of Newark, Mass for Our Country at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, 7:30 p.m., contact the Office for Evangelization at 973-497-4137 or evangelization@rcan.org.

May 3

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, veneration of the incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, veneration from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., with Mass celebrated by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.R., at 7 p.m., also at Immaculate Conception Seminary Chapel, South Orange, May 4 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., visit www.kofc.org/vianney.

May 4

World Apostolate of Fatima (Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine), Asbury, First Saturday of Reparation, for five consecutive months, day includes 10:30 a.m. confessions, 11:30 a.m. recitation of the Rosary, 12:15 p.m. Mass and 3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, call 908-689-1700 ext. 224 or visit www.bluearmy.com.

May 5

Concerned Persons for Adoption, 37th Annual NJ Adoption Conference, at Busch Campus Center, Rutgers University, Piscataway, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., \$60/person; \$100/couple; \$30/full-time students, register online at www.cpfan.org, email info@cpfan.org or call 973-986-5702.

May 10

Community of God's Love, Rutherford, movie and pizza night, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?," biographical documentary about Fred Rogers, the creator of "Mister Roger's Neighborhood," 7 p.m., call 201-935-0344 or email lampstand@thecgl.org.

May 19

Transfiguration Academy, Bergenfield, Alumni Mass & Brunch, 12 p.m., \$25, register by May 13 at www.transfigurationacademy.org/tfa/alumni.



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The Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Newark in collaboration with ProjectEngin hosted the third annual STEM Expo on April 6 at the St. John Paul II Retreat Center in Kearny. Projects from hundreds of students from 37 Catholic elementary schools in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties were on display. These projects are the result of a yearlong initiative between the archdiocese and ProjectEngin that tasks students with using science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to tackle real-world issues based on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. The annual expo is a culmination of students' work that showcases the best STEM fair projects from each school and provides students the opportunity to share their research and ideas with a wider audience.

Official Appointments

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

PASTORS

Reverend Jorge Pena Acosta, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel/Immaculate Conception, Newark, has been granted a renewal of term to his pastorate, ending July 1, 2025.

Very Reverend Yuvan Alvarez, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, North Bergen, has been granted a renewal of term to his pastorate, ending July 1, 2025.

Reverend Richard Joseph Barbary, pastor of St. Mary Parish, Nutley, has been granted a renewal of term to his pastorate, ending July 1, 2025.

Reverend Richard J. Carrington, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, has been granted an extension to his pastorate, ending June 30, 2021.

Reverend George Joseph, pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City, has been granted

a renewal of term to his pastorate, ending July 1, 2025.

Reverend William A. Mahon, pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish, New Providence, has been granted an extension to his pastorate, ending June 30, 2021.

Very Reverend Robert G. McBride, pastor of St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, has been granted an extension to his pastorate, ending July 1, 2020.

Reverend Manuel D. Rios, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth, has been granted a renewal of term to his pastorate, ending July 1, 2025.

CHAPLAINS

Reverend Paul Cannariato, pastor of the Church of the Assumption Parish, Emerson, has been appointed friar of the Knights of Columbus Assembly 1289, effective immediately.

Reverend John Opara, part-time chaplain at New Bridge Medical Center, Paramus, has been appointed part-time chaplain at Overlook Medical Center, Summit, and part-time chaplain at Runnells Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare, Berkeley Heights, effective March 1, 2019, with residency at St. Joseph Parish, East Orange.

Reverend John Michael Rafferty, parochial vicar of Holy Family Parish, Union City, has been appointed chaplain of the Knights of Columbus of Santa Rosa de Lima Council 6209, effective immediately.

IN RESIDENCE

Reverend Stephen Aribé, chaplain at Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, has been assigned to residency at St. Anthony of Padua Rectory, Elizabeth, effective immediately.



Archdiocese donates choir scholarships

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., has donated four \$250 scholarships for young choristers in the Archdiocese of Newark to attend the National Catholic Youth Choir camp and concert tour.

The nine-day camp is held July 6-14 at St. John's Abbey and University in central Minnesota. It's open to young people in grades 8-12. During the camp, choir members sing sacred music, study the Bible and Catholic faith, learn some music history and form new friendships. After the intense music rehearsal on campus, the choir goes on tour to sing at parish liturgies and offer concerts of sacred music.

Membership in the selective choir is by audition, and the application process is conducted online. All young singers with note-reading ability and choir experience are invited to apply. For more information, visit www.catholicyouthchoir.org.



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April 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Easter Blessings!

As we gather on this Easter Sunday in the churches, chapels and communities of the four counties of our beloved Archdiocese of Newark, we proclaim, “He is risen!” The announcement of Christ’s resurrection — His victory over sin and death—is the most powerful message in human history. It proclaims the Good News of our salvation and it is the source of all our hope and joy!

Our Church has experienced its share of dark days over its 2,000-year history. The recent revelations of clergy abuse have certainly challenged us all to find the light of Christ in our present darkness while looking to the future with hope. As Archbishop of Newark, it is my particular obligation to proclaim the Good News of Easter joy while inviting all to work together to help our community acknowledge the sin, heal the wounds and rebuild and flourish. I believe that the experience of Easter joy calls us to reconcile, rise from the hurt and anger and renew our hope for the future. Our best efforts will only produce good fruit if we cooperate with the grace of God.

I would like to share with you a work already in progress; a new initiative called **FORWARD IN FAITH TOGETHER: Our Road Ahead**. It is a broad pastoral program that seeks to establish a foundation for healing to help alleviate the hurt and mistrust within our community, to reinforce the changes we have begun to implement, and provide a firm foundation for our missionary lives. **FORWARD IN FAITH TOGETHER** will ensure that we thrive as a community of missionary disciples, companions of our Risen Lord.

As Pope Francis stated, we are resolved to “*follow the path of truth wherever it may lead*” and create a road forward towards healing for all who have been harmed by abuse. We know we cannot proceed with healing until we have acknowledged the suffering and injury and cleansed the deep wounds from the past.

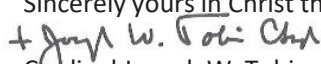
Yet, the path forward must involve far more than simply measures to address past transgressions. It must include an agenda for and commitment to the future. **FORWARD IN FAITH TOGETHER** calls for a more incisive engagement of the laity in the mission of their parish and the Archdiocese, as well as more direct and open communication with the clergy, religious, faithful and all people of good will. As a local Church, we are embarking on a process of pastoral conversion that makes the necessary changes in structures and strategies in greater service of our Mission.

The work of **FORWARD IN FAITH TOGETHER** is supported by six key pillars, each representing an area of action that calls for our continuing commitment. They are: **1) Protection of Minors and Seminarians; 2) Accountability, Transparency and Communication; 3) Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning; 4) Lifelong Faith Formation and Education; 5) Ongoing Formation/Support of Clergy; and 6) Active Engagement of the Laity**. In the coming weeks, detailed steps for each of these pillars will be posted at www.rcan.org.

I recognize this is an ambitious program and that we still face challenges ahead. It also is clear that much of this will take time to realize fully. Many of these initiatives already have been put into motion, while others will begin immediately.

Now, more than ever, we need to depend on God’s gracious care. Please join me in praying for our parishioners, clergy, lay ministers, religious women and men, parishes, schools and all the wonderful works of our Archdiocese. Please pray for me as well. I am deeply grateful for your patience and understanding as we begin to implement these important initiatives.

May the knowledge that our risen Lord leads us fill your hearts with hope as we move Forward in Faith Together.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

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



FORWARD in FAITH TOGETHER

Our Road Ahead



Protection of Minors and Seminarians

- Reinforce protections already in place and create new training and reporting programs.
- Continue to acknowledge clergy abuse and hurt; support and comfort victims.
- Finalize and apply a just Independent Victims Compensation Program.
- Maintain a proactive policy of transparency and accountability.
- Continue compliance and full cooperation with law enforcement and state/local officials.
- Enhance the Archdiocesan Review Board.



Accountability, Transparency and Communication

- Apply outcomes of communications audit to enhance internal and external connections.
- Widen communications channels to and from parishes and chancery.
- Improve reporting structures and set annual performance reviews for all.
- Spread a culture that embraces spirituality of stewardship.
- Broaden transparency of operations and finance.
- Complete technology evaluations and make improvements.



Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning

- Complete assessments to reorganize the Chancery in greater service of the Archdiocesan mission.
- Finalize clear priorities for implementation at all levels of the Archdiocese.
- Fortify structures that more effectively support and drive our mission.
- Empower and guide each parish to adopt and realize the Archdiocesan plan according to the needs of their own parish communities.



Lifelong Faith Formation and Education

- Continue to evaluate and reorganize the stages of lifelong faith formation.
- Create and support initiatives for the faithful to flourish in the human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral aspects of their lives.
- Reinforce the role of the family.
- Enrich schools of the Archdiocese to sustain continuous religious education.
- Develop opportunities for stronger, continuous engagement of adults and young adults in the faith.



Ongoing Formation/Support of Clergy

- Strengthen the bonds of unity among bishops, priests and deacons in carrying out our mission.
- Continue to invite and address concerns of morale among our clergy.
- Fortify the image of the priestly vocation to re-emphasize a life of spiritual and service leadership to others.
- Bring together bishops, priests and deacons to reflect, strengthen and seek recommendations to improve the vocation.



Active Engagement of the Laity

- Add more incisive, leading roles for laity in the Archdiocese.
- Engage laity to address challenges and reshape the future of the Archdiocese.
- Encourage greater input from and participation by laity.
- Ensure that financial and pastoral councils exist and function effectively in every parish.
- Invest in ongoing training and development.

Abril, 2019

Mis hermanas y hermanos en Cristo,

¡Felices Pascuas! 

Al reunirnos este Domingo de Pascua en las iglesias, capillas y comunidades de los cuatro condados de nuestra querida Arquidiócesis de Newark, proclamamos: “¡Resucitó!” El anuncio de la resurrección de Cristo –su victoria sobre el pecado y la muerte– es el mensaje más importante de la historia. ¡Proclamar la Buena Nueva de nuestra salvación es la fuente de toda nuestra esperanza y alegría!

A lo largo de sus 2,000 años de historia, nuestra Iglesia ha experimentado sin duda días oscuros. Las recientes revelaciones del abuso del clero han sido ciertamente un desafío a todos nosotros para encontrar la luz de Cristo en esta oscuridad presente, mientras miramos con esperanza hacia el futuro. Como Arzobispo de Newark, es un deber esencial proclamar la Buena Noticia de alegría pascual, y a la vez invitarles a trabajar juntos para ayudar a nuestra comunidad reconocer el pecado y sanar las heridas para así poder reconstruir y revivir. La alegría pascual nos anima a reconciliarnos, a superar el dolor y la ira y a renovar nuestra esperanza. Nuestros mejores esfuerzos producirán buenos frutos sólo si cooperamos con la gracia de Dios.

Me gustaría compartir con ustedes un trabajo que ya está en marcha; una nueva iniciativa llamada **ADELANTE UNIDOS EN LA FE: Nuestro Camino hacia el Futuro**. Es un amplio programa pastoral que quiere establecer las bases para ayudar a aliviar el dolor y la desconfianza existente en nuestra comunidad, reforzar los cambios que hemos comenzado al implementar y poner cimientos firmes a nuestra vida misionera. **ADELANTE UNIDOS EN LA FE** nos ayudará a prosperar como comunidad de discípulos misioneros, compañeros de nuestro Señor resucitado.

Como declaró el Papa Francisco, estamos decididos a “seguir el camino de la verdad dondequiera que nos pueda llevar” y crear un proceso de sanación para todos los que han sido perjudicados por el abuso. Sabemos que no podemos continuar con la sanación hasta que hayamos reconocido el sufrimiento y las heridas, y hayamos limpiado las llagas profundas del pasado.

Pero el camino a seguir debe incluir mucho más que simples medidas para abordar transgresiones pasadas. Debe incluir una agenda y un compromiso con el futuro. **ADELANTE UNIDOS EN LA FE** exige un compromiso mucho mayor de los laicos en la misión de su parroquia y de la Arquidiócesis, así como una comunicación más directa y abierta con el clero, los religiosos, los fieles y todas las personas de buena voluntad. Como Iglesia local, nos estamos embarcando en un proceso de conversión pastoral que lleva a cabo los cambios necesarios tanto en las estructuras como en las estrategias al servicio de nuestra misión.

El trabajo de **ADELANTE UNIDOS EN LA FE** está basado en seis pilares fundamentales, cada uno de los cuales representa un área de acción que exige nuestro constante compromiso. Ellos son: 1) **Protección de menores y seminaristas**; 2) **Responsabilidad, transparencia y comunicación**; 3) **Planificación pastoral arquidiocesana**; 4) **Formación permanente en la fe y educación**; 5) **Formación continua/apoyo del clero**; y 6) **Participación activa de los laicos**. En las próximas semanas, se publicarán en www.rcan.org los pasos detallados para cada uno de estos pilares.

Reconozco que este es un programa ambicioso y que nos enfrentamos a retos grandes. También está claro que gran parte de esto exigirá tiempo para llevarse a cabo. Muchas de estas iniciativas ya se han puesto en marcha, mientras que otras comenzarán de inmediato.

Ahora, más que nunca, necesitamos la gracia de Dios. Les pido que nos unamos en la oración por nuestros feligreses, el clero, los ministros laicos, los religiosos y religiosas, las parroquias, las escuelas y por todas las obras maravillosas de nuestra Arquidiócesis. Por favor, oren también por mí. Estoy profundamente agradecido por su paciencia y comprensión mientras comenzamos a implementar estas importantes iniciativas.

Que nuestro Señor resucitado nos guíe y llene nuestros corazones de esperanza mientras vamos **adelante, unidos en la fe**.

Sinceramente en Cristo Redentor,

Cardenal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Arzobispo de Newark



ADELANTE UNIDOS EN LA FE

Nuestro Camino hacia el Futuro



Protección de menores y de seminaristas

- Reforzar las protecciones ya existentes y crear nuevos programas de entrenamiento e información.
- Continuar el reconocimiento del abuso del clero; apoyar y consolar a las víctimas.
- Finalizar y aplicar un programa independiente y justo de compensación a las víctimas.
- Mantener una normativa de transparencia y de rendición de cuentas.
- Continuar el cumplimiento y la total cooperación con los agentes de la ley.
- Mejorar la Junta de Revisión de la Arquidiócesis.



Responsabilidad, transparencia y comunicación.

- Aplicar los resultados de la auditoría sobre comunicaciones para mejorar conexiones internas y externas.
- Ampliar las vías de comunicación entre las parroquias y la Cancillería.
- Mejorar las estructuras de informes y establecer para todos un informe anual de rendimiento.
- Difundir una cultura y espiritualidad de corresponsabilidad.
- Ampliar la transparencia de operaciones y de finanzas.
- Completar las evaluaciones de tecnología y mejorarla.



Planificación pastoral arquidiocesana

- Completar las evaluaciones para reorganizar la Cancillería al servicio de la misión de la Arquidiócesis.
- Finalizar prioridades claras para implementar en todos los niveles de la Arquidiócesis.
- Fortalecer las estructuras que apoyan e impulsan de manera más efectiva nuestra misión.
- Capacitar y guiar a cada parroquia para que adopte y lleve a cabo el plan de la Arquidiócesis de acuerdo a las necesidades de su comunidad.



Formación permanente en la fe y educación

- Continuar la evaluación y reorganización de las etapas de formación permanente.
- Crear y apoyar iniciativas para que los fieles mejoren sus vidas en el aspecto humano, espiritual, intelectual y pastoral.
- Fortalecer el papel de la familia.
- Ayudar a las escuelas de la Arquidiócesis para mantener una educación religiosa continua.
- Desarrollar oportunidades para un compromiso más fuerte y continuo en servicio a nuestros adultos y jóvenes.



Formación continua/Apoyo al clero

- Fortalecer los lazos de unidad entre obispos, sacerdotes y diáconos en el cumplimiento de nuestra misión.
- Continuar el diálogo sobre las preocupaciones del estado de ánimo entre nuestro clero.
- Fortalecer la imagen de la vocación sacerdotal, enfatizando la vida de liderazgo espiritual y de servicio a los demás.
- Reunir a obispos, sacerdotes y diáconos para reflexionar, fortalecer su vocación y buscar recomendaciones para mejorarla.



Participación activa de los laicos

- Añadir papeles de mayor importancia para los laicos en la Arquidiócesis.
- Involucrar a los laicos para enfrentar desafíos y forjar el futuro de la Arquidiócesis.
- Fomentar mayores aportes y participación de los laicos.
- Asegurar que en todas las parroquias haya consejos financieros y pastorales que funcionen con efectividad.
- Invertir en formación y desarrollo continuo.

Palm Sunday

April 17, 2019



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., celebrated the Spanish Mass on Palm Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. The cathedral was filled to capacity with worshippers marking the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Palms waved throughout the congregation as they listened to the passion of Christ. Cardinal Tobin greeted churchgoers and gave blessings during the recessional.



Advocate photos-Kelly Marsicano



Priests, deacons, seminarians and faithful throughout the archdiocese attended the Chrism Mass April 15 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Cardinal Tobin blessed the chrism, or oils, used in the sacraments of confirmation, baptism, anointing of the sick and holy orders. The several hundred clergy of the archdiocese present at the annual Mass were also asked to renew their promises of ordination, and for the faithful to witness the blessing of the sacred oils.



Holy Thursday Liturgy

April 17, 2019



Cardinal Tobin celebrated the Mass of the Lord's Supper, also known as Holy Thursday, at the Cathedral Basilica on the evening of April 18. During Mass, Cardinal Tobin re-enacted the events of the Last Supper by washing the feet of parishioners, just as Jesus washed the feet of the 12 apostles.



Advocate photos-Jonathan Azzara



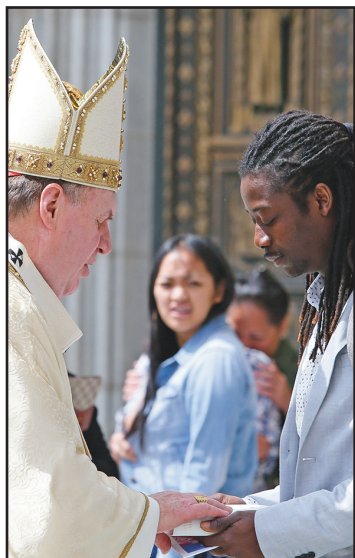
Catholic Christians commemorated the passion of the Lord during Good Friday service on April 19 at the Cathedral Basilica. Devotees at the solemn service were invited forward for the veneration of the cross. This gesture of respect often includes bowing and kissing the cross, and is a way to express humility before Jesus' suffering and sacrificial death. In his homily, Cardinal Tobin explained how the cross, "an instrument of death, becomes an instrument of life."

Advocate photos-Melissa McNally



On April 20, Cardinal Tobin celebrated the Easter Vigil, also known as the Paschal Vigil. The Mass is the first official celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. The vigil began in darkness with the Service of Light, where a fire was lit and blessed outside the cathedral, and then the paschal candle was processed through the church. During the service, new members were welcomed into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of baptism and Communion.

Advocate photos-Michael Paras



He is risen!

Cardinal Tobin celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ during Easter Sunday Mass on April 21 at the Cathedral Basilica. The cardinal has called the resurrection "a narrative of shock and amazement."



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Immaculate Heart teachers honored for Women's History Month

Linda Chelotti, chair of the social studies department at Immaculate Heart Academy in Washington Township, and English teacher Dr. Sue Kenney, were celebrated March 28 as Bergen County Junior Commission on the Status of Women (COSW) 2019 Women's History Month honorees.

This year's theme, "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence," provided an opportunity to honor women who have contributed to improving the workplace and fighting for economic equality. Bergen County Executive James Tedesco III and the Board of Chosen Freeholders hosted the event, sponsored by the Department of Human Services COSW.

Immaculate Heart Academy seniors Clare Donnelly and Victoria Donatacci, both junior commissioners of the organization, nominated Chelotti for the honor. Donnelly also chose to nominate Kenney. The requirements for the nominees included that they were "female champions of peace and



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From left to right, Clare Donnelly, Linda Chelotti, Victoria Donatacci, Bergen County Executive James Tedesco III and Dr. Sue Kenney.

nonviolence" whose "contributions should be of significance and should amount to more than one single

act." Eleven women were chosen out of the 23 nominated.

Donnelly nominated Kenney

in recognition of her humanitarian work. "As a former First Friends Organization Trustee," Donnelly explained, "she advocates on behalf of detained immigrants and asylum seekers in order to ensure that they are treated with dignity and respect."

Both seniors nominated Chelotti for her non-profit work and to recognize her commitment to educating young women on the importance of self-confidence and self-awareness in a male-dominated culture. "Ms. Chelotti headed an HIV/AIDS hospice, comforting people of all ages who ended up passing away during their struggle with HIV/AIDS before medication became readily available," Donnelly said. "She also helped develop urban youth and domestic violence programs."

"Ms. Chelotti has accomplished and contributed so much prior to teaching at Immaculate Heart Academy, from her work in AIDS hospice to working with ill children in hospitals," Donatacci said. "But there is nothing more inspirational than an intelligent and motivated feminist teaching at an all-girls school. For me, that teacher is Ms. Chelotti, and I am incredibly grateful to have had her."



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Mount St. Mary House of Prayer in Watchung hosted "Spirituality of Welcoming the Stranger" April 9, featuring a Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. The event was held on the campus of Mount St. Mary Academy. Attendees raised \$1,300 in free-will offerings that will be used to create programs for immigrants at the spiritual center. The cardinal was greeted by House of Prayer Director Sister Eileen P. Smith, R.S.M., and co-directors Sister Mary Jo Kearns, R.S.M., and Sister Laura M. Arvin, O.P.

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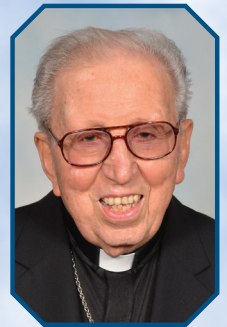


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Catholic Charities offers mental health services to those in need

By Vernon Peterson

May is National Mental Health Month. Mental illness affects us, our families and our communities. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, one in five Americans experience a mental illness. Unfortunately, nearly 60 percent of adults with a condition did not receive mental health services in the previous year.

Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System, an affiliate of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, is working to provide services to those who need it most and cannot afford it. People with mental illness often face multiple barriers to treatment, including poor access to treatment, stigma, language barriers and lack of health insurance.

Since 1903, Mount Carmel Guild has worked hard to over-

come these obstacles, providing comprehensive behavioral health services to individuals and their families regardless of race, gender, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation. Services are offered to adults and children with mental illness by way of six accessible mental health centers throughout Essex, Hudson and Union counties. Using a multi-disciplinary approach, emphasis is placed on individualized assessment, goal-oriented treatment planning and continuity of care. Our professional and caring staff is equipped with the knowledge, skills, languages and sensitivity needed to connect with clients from multiple settings, cultures and life experiences. Last year, more than 6,300 individuals received services from Mount Carmel Guild.

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community. Among these are office-based services offered at our centers, including outpatient mental health services, partial care day treatment and general individual and group/family counseling. Other programs, such as a program for assertive community treatment and integrated case management services, are intensive outreach services provided in the home or other trusted location within the community. Mount Carmel Guild also offers residential services at six homes in Hudson County serving those recently discharged from state or county psychiatric hospitals.

The consequences to a lack of mental health treatment are serious. Mood disorders, such as major depression or bipolar disorder, are the third most common cause of hospitalization. Individuals living with serious mental illness face an increased risk of developing chronic medical conditions. Sadly, adults in



the U.S. with serious mental illness die about 25 years earlier than those without.

As difficult as this issue can be, we can work together toward recovery by finding strengths, building resilience and sustaining hope.

For more information, contact the Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System at 973-596-4100 or visit www.ccannj.org.

Vernon Peterson is a grants specialist at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark.

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Vocations: Listening to the Shepherd's call

By Sister Patricia M. Wormann, O.P.



Mary Oliver's poem "The Summer Day" ends with a question: "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" The question challenges all of us as we journey to discern God's will for us. How we live out our wild and precious life is a call to seek the God who gifts us with life, the God who surprises and encounters us in our everyday lives. We call that in Church language our "vocation."

The call to holiness is universal. By our baptism, each of us is called to follow Jesus and to serve. The decisions we make not only affect our own personal journey, but also how God's work becomes real in our world. Jesus reminds us the "the kingdom of God is in our midst." Our decision to follow Jesus takes different paths. For some, the decision it is to marry and have a family. Others discern a call to remain single and commit themselves by their work and professional life. Others choose to follow the call as a priest, sister, brother or another form of consecrated life. By our personal commitments to charity, social or political responsibilities, we invite others to glimpse the face of God. Our vocations call us to be a sign of God's goodness and love. We become authentic witnesses of the kingdom of God.

On May 12, Good Shepherd Sunday, the Church celebrates World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Our American bishops write, "The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, 'Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest.'" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2)

While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), to the religious life in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to societies of apostolic life, to secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of mission "*ad gentes*" (to the nations).

Vocations to ordination and religious profession are home and community grown. Children learn by what they experience in the family home and in the community of the Church. They learn that life is not perfect, that all of us come with our sins and failures. But they also learn about faith, goodness, generosity and courage. Families that nourish their faith and communities that support and witness to what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ are the fertile soil where vocations grow.

It is here, too, that it is important that we invite young people to consider a vocation beyond their baptismal call to follow the Good Shepherd. We need to stir in them the Lord's call to follow Him and publicly proclaim the Good News of God's love and mercy. It is up to all of us to nurture vocations. We need to encourage young people to consider ordained ministry and consecrated life, such as life as a religious brother or sister.

I can still remember my heart stirring when someone said to me, "You'd make a good sister." I would never had thought that was a possibility until that person invited me to look at that as a life choice. It ignited a flame in my heart to respond and dream of the possibility to follow Jesus totally. That journey has taken many turns, but I can still remember the time and place of that invitation. I realized it was God who was calling me to go to a place I had never known and, after more than 50 years of religious profession, know a happiness that goes beyond words. It was an invitation to experience the joy of the Gospel.

On World Day of Prayer for Vocations, may we pray for and encourage those discerning God's will in their life choices to have the courage to say "yes" to the call to ordained and religious vocations in our Church. Let us pray that they may listen to the Shepherd's voice.

Sister Patricia M. Wormann, O.P., is delegate for religious for the Archdiocese of Newark.



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The archdiocesan Office of Vocations for Religious Life hosted a youth day March 19 at St. John Paul II Retreat Center in Kearny. Entitled "Gift of Mission," the program allowed students to explore vocations with special emphasis on the call to religious life and priesthood. The young adults were allowed to reflect and share testimonies and some recited original poetry for the group. Presenters included Father Eugenio de la Rama, archdiocesan director of vocations, and religious from throughout the archdiocese. Those in attendance included high school students from Paramus Catholic, Hudson Catholic, Mount Saint Dominic Academy and Benedictine Academy.



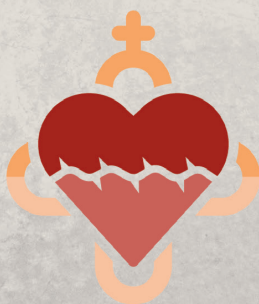
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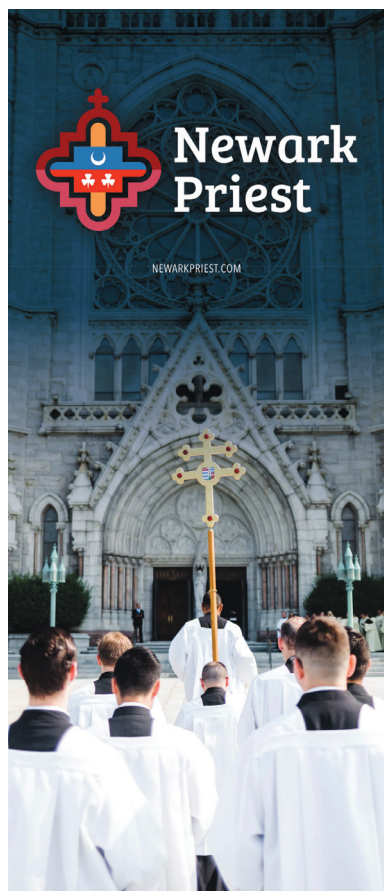


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Serra International will host the annual Cardinal's Vocation Dinner on April 23 at Nanina's in the Park in Belleville.

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rial priesthood in the Catholic Church as a particular vocation to service, and supports priests in their sacred ministry. Serra Clubs work with bishops, dioceses and religious vocation directors to encourage and support

vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., and Serra Club District 22 Governor Joseph F. Pagano, K.H.S., will present awards to those who have left an outstanding mark on the community.

Honorees include Sister Rose Taylor of Little Sisters of the Poor, Totowa; Father Lawrence B. Porter of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University; Louis and Cathy D'Angelo from the Serra Club of Paterson; and Father Peter G. Wehrle, chaplain of the Serra Society and pastor of Blessed Miriam Teresa Dem-

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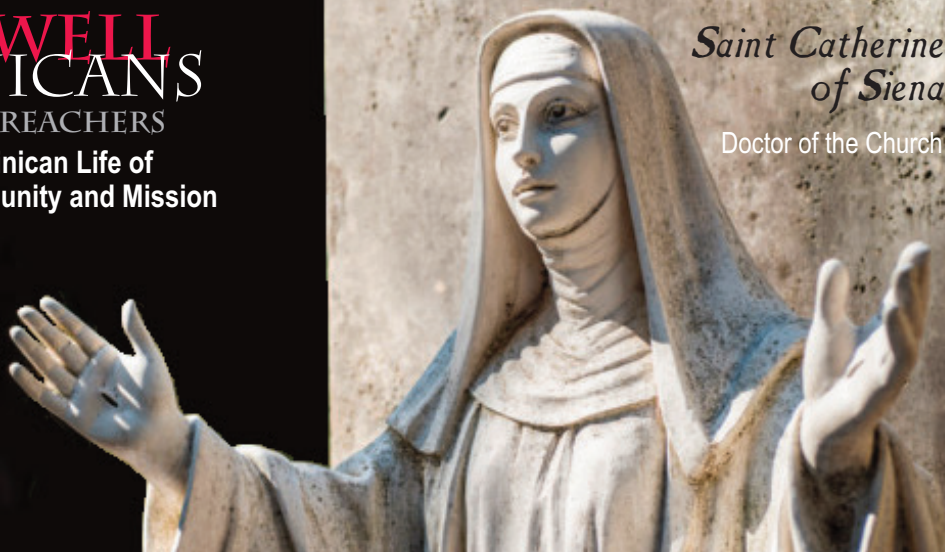
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Student accepted to prestigious study abroad program

Sophomore Adele Mauldin from St. Dominic Academy in Jersey City will spend her junior year studying in France after being accepted into the prestigious School Year Abroad program.

The program's mission is to guide students through a challenging curriculum focused on developing skills by fully engaging with different languages, cultures and people.

Mauldin is an honor student and was most recently inducted into the Siena Chapter of the National Honor Society. She is a member of St. Dominic's student ambassadors, the glee club and Dominoes, student council and the soccer team. Before applying, Mauldin spoke with teachers who had had experience with the program. To complete the application, she wrote essays, sent a transcript of her grades, achievements and accomplishments, and participated in a Skype interview.

"I'm ecstatic to have been given the chance to travel and study abroad next year," Mauldin said. "Attending a program like School Year Abroad has been a goal of



Adele Mauldin

mine for a long time and I'm going to make the most out of next year and take every opportunity that comes my way."

While in France, Mauldin will reside with a host family in the town of Rennes. She will be immersed in French culture every day and her course of study will include English and Math (both taught in English) and French. She will also

take classes in literature, history, social science and environmental science.

Mauldin will participate in a discovery program in Brittany and trips to Mont St. Michel and the Loire Valley. She will also have the opportunity to participate in Model

UN programs in Geneva, Switzerland, Grenoble, France, or The Hague, Netherlands. And she may attend a Global Issues Network Conference in Luxembourg. She will return to St. Dominic Academy in September of 2020 to complete her senior year.



Immaculate Conception High School in Montclair recently appointed Mike Malkinski, Class of 1973, as its new president. Malkinski returned to the school after 40 years in business and engineering roles with AT&T. While in the telecommunications industry, he continued to volunteer with the school's football coaching staff and scholarship foundation.

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Scholarship Fund to host gala

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) will host its annual gala May 16 at The Venetian in Garfield.

Along with Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., in attendance, the event is a gathering of SFIC's friends and supporters, past honorees, business executives and community leaders to celebrate all who support the organization. The scholarship program raises funds that provide economically disadvantaged students in grades K-12 with partial tuition scholarships to attend private and parochial schools in the Archdiocese of Newark.

This year, James P. Dugan will be honored at the gala with the *Vitae Discimus* Award. Translated "We Teach by Our Lives," the recognition is given to those who have made a meaningful impact on the lives of the less fortunate.

In addition, Kenneth Kunzman will receive the Archbishop Peter L. Gerety Award for his more than 20 years of service as an SFIC trustee.

Co-chairing the event is CEO of National Retail Systems Francis J. Walsh and scholarship fund chair emeritus and founder/chairman of Acorn Financial Services Joseph J. Oakes III.

Proceeds from the event will go toward assisting students in underserved inner-city communities. The scholarships are offered to children of all faiths and backgrounds.

Last year's gala raised over \$400,000 in scholarship assistance for children living at or below the poverty level. Since 1984, in partnership with its donors, the Scholarship Fund has provided more than 50,000 partial-tuition scholarships, totaling more than \$40 million, so that children of all faiths may receive a high-quality, values-based education at private and parochial schools within the archdiocese.

Earlier this year, SFIC an-



James P. Dugan



Kenneth Kunzman

nounced the appointment of Dr. Michelle L. Hartman as its new chief executive officer. She previously served as executive director of Mary's Meals USA, an organization that provides daily school meals to more than one million disadvantaged children worldwide. For more information about the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children, visit www.sficnj.org.

For more information about the gala, contact Barbara Cortes at 973-497-4278 or barbara.cortes@rcan.org.



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ABC7 meteorologist Amy Freeze and four-time Olympian Joetta Clark Diggs spoke at the 4th annual Women's Leadership Forum on March 6 at St. Vincent Academy in Newark. The keynote speakers shared with the audience of students and professional women some of the challenges and rewards they experienced on their journeys to success. The day also featured a panel of business women moderated by Sally Glick, principal and chief growth strategist at Sobel & Co., LLC. Above photo, left to right: Tammy Fein, helicopter pilot for Michael Bloomberg; Rosa Schmidt, former St. Vincent Academy advisory board member; Amy Freeze; Sally Glick; Maria Pinho, former school advisory board member; and Ramelle J. Massey, president and CEO of Massey Insurance Agency.



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Mount St. Dominic selected for new entrepreneurship program

The Leonidas Foundation, which provides relief to the poor while fostering mentorship and public service, has selected Caldwell's Mount St. Dominic Academy for its L.E.O. Program.

The second-ever school to participate, Mount St. Dominic is the only private high school for young women to offer the L.E.O. Program, which is an innovative and interactive business curriculum with the core tenants of "leadership, entrepreneurship and opportunity." The program will cover a wide range of business topics and includes interactive panel discussions with current business and government leaders. Participating students will have the opportunity to attend the L.E.O. Program's Summer Leadership Conference at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., as well as other off-site learning experiences.

As part of the new curriculum, interested students entering their junior year will take part in a compre-

hensive application process, complete with a professional resume and extensive interviewing, in hopes of securing one of the available seats in the course. The program is in its second year at Don Bosco Preparatory School in Ramsey, and has attained a strong footing since its inception in 2017.

The program was created in honor and memory of Leonidas "Leo" Vagias, who was killed in a car accident in 2016. Leo was a Don Bosco alumnus and brother of Alexandra Vagias, who graduated from Mount St. Dominic in 2018.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for young women to meet with successful entrepreneurs and executives to help them become future business leaders," said Matthew Perricone, president of The Leonidas Foundation. "We are beyond excited to bring this program to Mount St. Dominic Academy and thank the administration of the school for being eager partners throughout the launch process."



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Members of the Mount community attend The Leonidas Foundation's second annual Kickoff event last year.

"The Mount is committed to preparing young women for a future where they will excel as culturally competent, social justice minded, empowered learners and leaders, and we are thrilled to be able to offer the L.E.O. Program to our students," said Marissa Muoio, the school's dean of academics and a 2008 graduate. "This special pro-

gram complements our evolving curriculum, including our Senior Capstone in Directed Research and the debut of our Innovation Center. We are delighted to be strengthening our relationship with the Vagias family, and admire their dedication to carrying on Leo's legacy in such a meaningful and impactful way."

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Finding community in Catholic schools

By Deana Pytlowany

Some may think that a Catholic school education does not compete against the ever-changing education school systems, funding other schools receive and endless amounts of resources. But what Catholic schools offer that other schools may be missing is the value of community, family, faith, rigor and discipline. In Catholic schools, the community felt inside the walls of the buildings brings a sense of family and unconditional support.

As someone who attended Catholic school from kindergarten through 12th grade, I can say, without a doubt, that I never felt more at home than in a Catholic school. The teachers, faculty and staff were always welcoming and

able to bring a sense of togetherness. Catholic school students are able to confide in the adults who surround them each day. It is so important for students to feel a sense of comfort as they enter the building because they can open up their mind to education and not feel suffocated by pressure and academic achievements. Now as an educator in a Catholic institution, I am able to give the students the same sense of community I was given growing up.

Students also are able to freely practice their faith, which is something that is meaningful in the world today. For example, every month, the student body comes together for a school Mass. This is important for students to be able to express themselves freely in faith and pray as one body. It builds a sense of

community and allows students to feel a sense of pride in their school.

Our school in Elizabeth does quite a lot with quite a little. What we may lack in funding we make up for in caring, understanding, discipline and academics. The dedicated teachers are always striving for new and exciting ideas to keep the students motivated and attentive in their learning. Teachers creatively use what is available to them. I think this gives Catholic schools an advantage because the faculty is always on their toes and working hard to ensure student understanding.

Catholic education, like anything else, has ups and downs. But the former often precedes the latter. Every day is a learning opportunity for the students and faculty. In our institution, we are



able to work together and strive to achieve the goals set, and go beyond what is expected. I truly believe in Catholic education and the value it is able to give to students and teachers alike.

Deana Pytlowany is a fifth-grade teacher at St. Genevieve School in Elizabeth.



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Sister Patricia served as a teacher throughout North Carolina and Pennsylvania. She also served as dean of students at Marywood College in Scranton from 1974 to 1976.

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A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 25 at Little Flower Parish in Berkeley Heights for James Peter Stumbar, 75, who died March 20.

Affectionately known as "Deacon Jim," he was ordained June 3, 1995, and served at Little Flower for almost 25 years.

**Sister Maria Anne Palkovics, S.C.**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 8 in The Villa at Florham Park for Sister Maria Anne Palkovics, S.C., 91, who died April 3.



She entered the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth on Sept. 7, 1946, and was engaged in the ministries of education, social work and pastoral care for 72 years.

After graduating from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Sister Maria taught at Sacred Heart School and St. Rose of Lima School, Newark; Our Lady of Victories School, Jersey City; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Schools in Ridgewood and Tenafly; and Our Lady of Lourdes School, West Orange.

For 14 years, Sister Maria served in social work and pastoral care for senior citizens and the infirm at New Community Douglas Homes, Newark; St. Vincent Nursing Home, Cedar Grove; and Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth. She retired to St. Anne Villa in 2013.

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Prayer service for healing held for s

By **Melissa McNally**
Editor

During a third prayer service for healing held for victims of clergy sexual abuse and for the Church, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., led the people of the Archdiocese of Newark in prayer on March 28 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

Under the theme “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God,” hundreds of clergy, religious and lay faithful gathered to pray for healing, reconciliation and justice. The Lenten prayer service began with Cardinal Tobin carrying a heavy wooden cross approximately 10-feet high down the center aisle toward the altar, pausing at several points to reflect and pray for all those affected by clergy sexual abuse. As the large cross was positioned in front of the altar, numerous candle bearers from parishes across the archdiocese placed candles around the base of the cross and along the altar rail.

Dr. Patricia Kelly, a board member of the Pennsylvania-based Catholic Leadership Institute, gave a reflection on the Church’s sexual abuse crisis. Kelly is a clinical psychologist who works extensively with religious communities, dioceses, parishes and schools in the areas of leadership development and strategic planning. She has worked with both the victims of sexual abuse and their families, as well as the perpetrators.

“I understand by their experiences the deep hurt that all those persons have experienced. In some respects, this sex abuse crisis, which seems to have plagued us for many years, represents a death,” Kelly said.

She explained this death represents “the pain, sorrow, confusion, the dismay, the shame, the anger” of victims and the realization that the Church may not be as “thoughtful about our understanding of human development and what it means to be a person that can engage in sexuality in a responsible, thoughtful and life-giving way.”

She challenged Catholics to face the “ugly, tragic” story head-on and was encouraged by those who have attended past services for abuse vic-



tims at the cathedral.

“All of you have come together tonight, and many of you were here for the first, and the second and now this evening, because you really are Church—all of you,” Kelly stated. “You are here together because in your hearts is embedded a great hope—a hope and an understanding that, when we come together with compassion, and in search of the truth, this family, this one body that we are, can understand a little bit more deeply and, more importantly, cast light on the darkness.”

Kelly also encouraged Catholics to pray for forgiveness for the predators, which she admits can be a very difficult task. “Not that we would ever accept, exonerate or minimize the pain (of victims). We are called to be a Christian people; we are called to live a life of reconciliation,” Kelly said, stressing that mercy, compassion and understanding are more powerful than judgment or indignation. “We are called

not to judge. We are called to be compassionate. We are called not to be indignant. We are called to walk with those who have fallen away, who have strayed, who have hurt. Because as long as we hold on to the anger and as long as we feel justified in judging another, we harm ourselves. We limit ourselves. We make ourselves less than we were meant to be by our Creator.”

Kelly noted that young people may be “discouraged and disheartened” by the abuse scandal, but seeing faithful Catholics being transparent about the issue provides hope. “But you, and the folks in other parishes and other dioceses like you, who are unafraid to embrace what is real, who are unafraid to ask questions and unafraid to sit with the sadness and the pain in order to better understand the next step, you can bring light to that generation. You plant the seeds to the future—a future of hope and not of discouragement, a future of life and not a

future of death,” she said.

Cardinal Tobin followed Dr. Kelly with remarks highlighting the Gospels and the solemn season of Lent. “The Word of God deflates our own egos and challenges any self-deceit about the quality of our lives as disciples,” he said. “The Gospel messages are meant to trouble us, to confront any illusion that we might have about ourselves.”

He connected the soul-searching reflections of Lent with the investigation that continues within the archdiocese. “For eight awful months, the Archdiocese of Newark has faced the sinfulness of our Church and the horrible harm done to the innocent. We are forfeiting credibility as well as bragging rights,” Cardinal Tobin said. “Jesus can only save those who know their need for salvation. Confronted with our sickness and powerlessness, we say, ‘Oh God, create for me a new heart. Oh God, be merciful to me, the sinner.’ We beg for a clean heart. We weep for the grace of mercy.”

Cardinal Tobin explained that to receive mercy, the Church must face its faults. “If we pray for the mercy of the Church, we must be a merciful Church. So we will continue in the Archdiocese of Newark to listen to the victims of abuse, even when their testimony makes us cringe or ashamed. We will seek to restore justice to those whose dignity and integrity have been so grievously offended. We will spare no effort to protect the innocent and the vulnerable. We have ceased any attempt to hide our lies in filing cabinets or with any excuse or self-justification. And the Archdiocese of Newark will remember the victims, the survivors,” he stated.

“Mercy communicates who God is, how God responds to sin and suffering. God does so by being close and concrete,” the cardinal continued. “The archdiocese must be close to its suffering and concrete in our compassion. This Church should be notorious for its mercy, infamous for its compassion and outrageous in its standing with the outcasts. We will be known, not for our horrors, but for our mercy.”

Cardinal Tobin’s message resonated with Roseanne Avolio, a parishioner from St. Cassian Parish in Upper Montclair. “I always ap-

r survivors of clergy sexual abuse



preciate the wisdom and sensitivity that Cardinal Tobin shows. Although there are human frailties within our community, there is mercy that comes from God. That is what we aspire to be as a Church," she said.

Nina Conn from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Ridgewood has attended all three prayer services

for sexual abuse survivors held at the cathedral. "I think the service was beautiful, very solemn, which it should be. It was nice that we heard from a woman, a mother, with great experience and yet a professional. I think we need to be united in the Body of Christ right now. At Lent, it is an opportunity for us to recognize

that we, too, participate in the penance of others who suffer."

For Ana Prescott of St. James Parish in Springfield, it was her first time attending such a service. "I loved the prayer service, it was very touching," she explained. "We are filled with grace. Forgiveness is what allows us to keep moving forward

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ward and being the Church that we are supposed to be."

During the service, Cardinal Tobin also announced that an annual service for abuse survivors will be held each year in the archdiocese on Sept. 14, the feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross.

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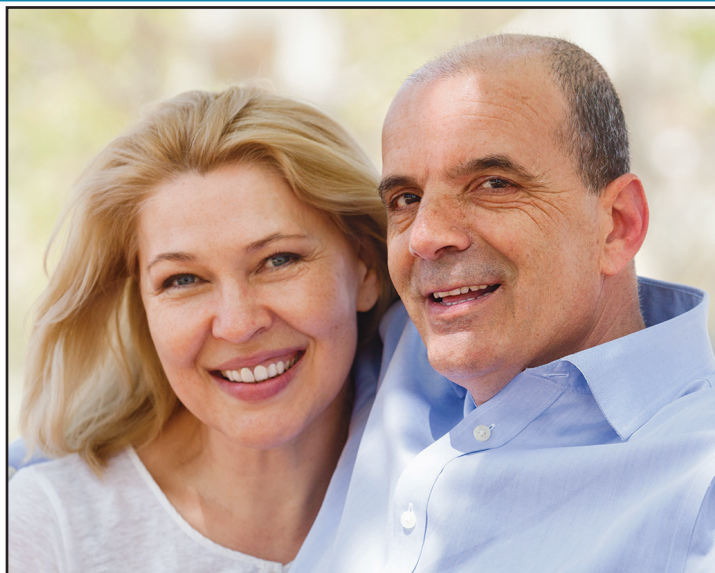


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