

**WANTON DESTRUCTION—**  
Part of the damage to statues at St. Lucy's Parish in Newark.



Advocate photos—T. McCue

## Vandals strike statues at Newark churches, hospital

*Authorities investigating as bias crimes; suspect under arrest for one incident*

On the night of Tuesday, Jan. 14, 13 statues at St. Lucy's Parish on Seventh Avenue in Newark, the site of the National Shrine of St. Gerard, were damaged or destroyed by vandals. Also on the same night, a statue of St. Michael the Archangel at St.

Michael's Hospital on Central Avenue in Newark was beheaded. Two days prior, in the early morning of Sunday, Jan. 12, staff at St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, on Washington Street and Central Avenue, discovered three statues damaged in the parish courtyard. All three incidents were within a mile of each other in the Central Ward of Newark.

The Archdiocese has also learned that on Christmas Eve, a statue of the Blessed Mother and the Child Jesus was damaged at St. Thomas Aquinas

on Ludow Street in Newark's Iron-bound section.

The police have classified these incidents as bias crimes. Local and federal authorities have formed a task force to investigate these and several other recent vandalisms of statues in public spaces in Newark. In recent weeks statues of an eagle at the federal courthouse, a Pilgrim and a Native American in Washington Park, and an eagle at the PSEG headquarters complex have also been vandalized.

At press time, it was learned that

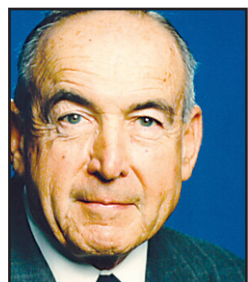
Newark police had arrested and charged a 20-year old Newark resident, Jamil Gadsen, in the St. Thomas Aquinas incident, and were considering him a suspect in all of the attacks. No motive for the attacks has as yet been determined.

Upon learning of the vandalisms, Archbishop John J. Myers said "It's very difficult to think that anyone would want to strike out at the people of the Church in such a fashion. These statues are expressions of our

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## Special Advisor appointed

Daniel J. O'Hern, retired Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, has been appointed by Archbishop John J. Myers as his Special



Advisor with respect to cases before the Archdiocesan Response Team. The Archdiocesan Response Team is a panel appointed by Archbishop Myers to investigate allegations of sexual misconduct within the Archdiocese. Justice O'Hern will serve, as do the members of the Response Team, in a volunteer capacity. He will be assisting the Archbishop in evaluating matters of law

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## Reception raises \$200,000 for youth, young adult programs

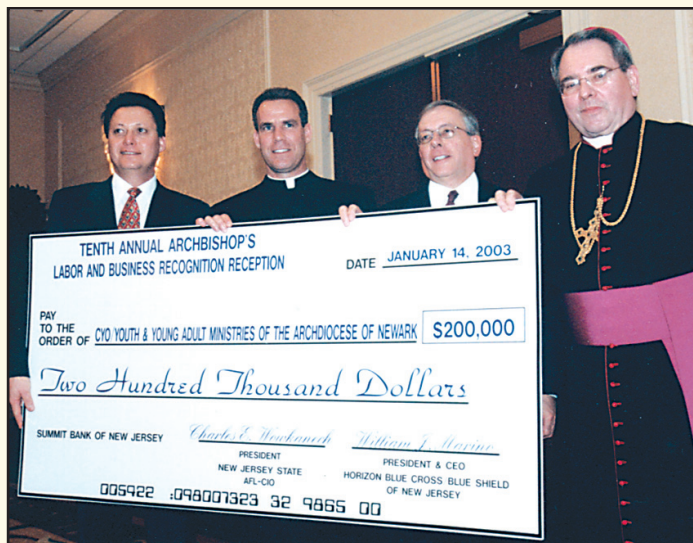
BY LIESL FORES

Last week's tenth annual Archbishop's Labor and Business Recognition Reception raised \$200,000 for the Youth and Young Adult Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark.

In attendance were heavy hitters from New Jersey's business and labor communities, Archbishop John J. Myers, legislators and key Archdiocesan representatives, amongst others.

The reception honors an outstanding leader from both the business and labor sectors. This year's recipients were William Marino, President and CEO of Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New

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**FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE —** A check for \$200,000 was made out to the CYO/Youth and Young Adult Ministries. From left to right, Charles E. Wowkanek, Father Richard R. Corbett, Executive Director of CYO Youth and Young Adult Ministries, William J. Marino and Archbishop John J. Myers.

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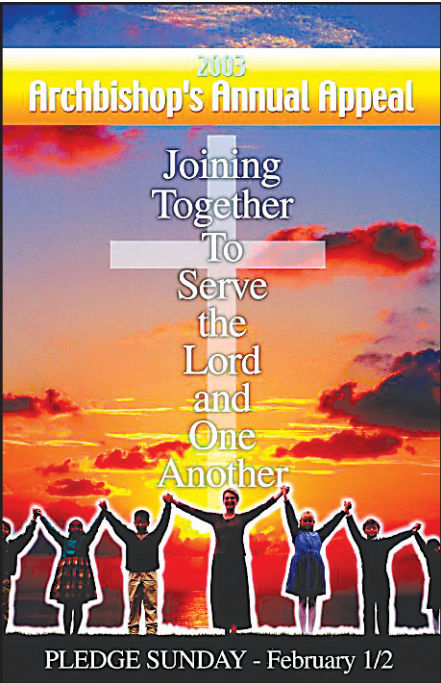
Pledge Weekend Feb. 1-2

Pledge Weekend 2003, which is the weekend of Feb. 1- 2, gives parishioners in the Archdiocese of Newark the opportunity to renew their commitment to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The weekend also offers the Development Office the chance to educate those who are interested in the AAA.

A video highlighting the ministries supported by the AAA has been made available to all parishes for viewing at Masses on Pledge Weekend. The video shows the work of those in Bereavement and Funeral Ministry, the Blessing of the Animals on the Feast of St. Francis, Pre-Cana and Hospitality Ministry, just four of the many ministries that are funded by contributions to the Archdiocesan offices that help to support these ministries.

The goal of the 2003 AAA campaign is to show people where the money goes, how it is spent and who it affects, says Deacon Joe Dwyer, Executive Director of Development.

"We want to bring awareness to the good things that are funded by the AAA. Giving to the AAA is not just writing a check. It has a spiritual component that should make you



feel good about your faith and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ," said Deacon Dwyer.

Without the emotional, moral and financial support of the people in the parishes, the church that our Lord founded would not be what it is today. The people are the givers, the takers, the doers and the makers; they are the ones who keep the

church doors open and the ministries to help others running.

In a letter to potential and current donors, the Most Rev. John J. Myers wrote, "In addition to caring for our retired priests and seminarians, the Annual Appeal supports all of the ministries of our church. Our concern must never be diminished. Your financial contributions make it possible for the church to be present to those in need."

The Development Office is available to help answer questions about the AAA. Committed to helping and lending a hand, they are there to answer questions from current and new donors, as well as those from the priests and parish staff.

AAA Operations Manager Carla Gonzalez says, "We acknowledge every donation, by letter or phone call; we thank every donor who makes a contribution to the AAA, especially those who have offered continued support. I thank the people who have given prayerful consideration to giving to the Appeal."

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**ABUSE AWARENESS TRAINING UNDERWAY**—Dr. Monica Applewhite, a nationally known expert in the field of sexual abuse awareness, recently conducted a two-day workshop in the Archdiocesan Center for some 36 volunteers from throughout the Archdiocese who will be serving as training facilitators for the Protecting God's Children sexual abuse awareness program. The Archdiocese will be conducting this program in parishes and schools as part of its commitment to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Paid staff members and volunteers in parishes, schools and other institutions who work with children and young people will be required to attend a three-hour program. Protecting God's Children helps people who work with children understand the scope of sexual abuse of minors. It also provides practical advice on what individuals can do to eliminate the potential of abuse in schools, parishes and youth programs, as well as information about the policies and procedures of the Archdiocese and the state.

## Former associate justice named

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and evidence with respect to the Response Team's conclusions and recommendations. The Archbishop will continue to make the final decision with respect to all cases.

Justice O'Hern served on the State Supreme Court from 1981 to 2000. He is now Counsel to the law firm Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione, P.C. He completed his undergraduate studies at Fordham University and graduated cum laude from Harvard University Law School. Justice O'Hern's wife's name is Barbara, and they have five chil-

dren and six grandchildren. They are members of St. James Parish in Red Bank.

The Archdiocesan Response Team, known as the ART, was established in 1993 to investigate all allegations of morally inappropriate conduct. It consists of 14 lay persons, one religious sister, one priest and one auxiliary bishop. The lay persons have professional backgrounds relevant to the ART's investigatory purpose, including law, criminal investigations and clinical social work. It fulfills the purpose of the diocesan review board as provided in the Charter for the

Protection of Children and Young People approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in June 2002 and the Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons approved by the USCCB on Nov. 13, 2002 and granted the recognition by the Holy See on Dec. 8, 2002.

Further information about the ART can be found on the Archdiocesan website at [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org) or by calling the Office of the Chancellor at 973-497-4009.

# Vandals strike

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faith, and represent what we as Catholics hold close to our hearts. I ask everyone to pray for the individuals responsible, and I am confident that the authorities will bring to justice those who perpetrated these terrible acts."

Damage at the Shrine of St. Gerard and St. Lucy's, which was discovered at around 9 p.m. Tuesday by parish security staff preparing to close the shrine for the night, was the most extensive of all of the incidents to date. Some eight life-sized or larger statues at the Shrine and five statues elsewhere on parish grounds were attacked and defaced. The statue of St. Gerard and the Corpus of a Crucifix were beheaded. Legs on a statue of Father Alfonso Fusco and two orphans were broken. The right hand of the statue of the Sacred Heart was broken, and damage to others ranged from chipping to marring of the faces. Most statues were of white Italian Carrara marble made especially for the Shrine, which was built over the past three years with private donations and opened only this past October.

Insurance investigators are in process of assessing the cost of replacing or repairing the statues at all of the sites, but it will take several weeks before that information is available. In the

meantime, several local sculptors and restorers have expressed a willingness to help.

Throughout the day on Jan. 15, as police investigators and a crime scene unit combed the area of the Shrine for clues, residents of the St. Lucy's neighborhood and long-time parishioners and former parishioners visited to view the damage and express their emotions.

"I'm hurt, but mostly, I'm sad," said Msgr. Joseph Granato of St. Lucy's as he spoke with each visitor. "I know that this was not done by anyone from the community. I'm also confident that the police will be able to discover who did this here and in the other locations."

Msgr. Granato was also confident that the people of the communities of St. Lucy's, St. Patrick's, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Michael's Hospital will not be shaken for too long by the desecration.

"You know, this Shrine and much of the neighborhood surrounding the parish was built where the Columbus Homes projects once stood. The neighborhood has seen a lot of adversity, hard times and hurt over the years. We've gotten past all of it. We'll get past this challenge, too, and we'll rebuild the Shrine. It's important for everyone to see how strong our faith is."

## Annual reception honors area labor, business leaders

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Jersey, for his contributions on the business side, and Charles Wowkanech, President of New Jersey State AFL-CIO (American Federation of Labor, Congress of Industrial Organizations), for his efforts on behalf of the labor community.

"Both of these men are completely dedicated to their work on behalf of the people whom they lead and serve. Both are exemplary family men," asserted Archbishop Myers.

In accepting his award,

Wowkanech, originally from St. Leo's Parish in East Paterson (now Elmwood Park), remarked that he "always considered the mission of organized labor and the church to be one and the same," and stressed that "opportunities are limitless if labor and management work together."

Wowkanech also addressed the importance of supporting Youth and Young Adult Ministries, calling it an "investment in our children."

Dennis Bone, President of Verizon Communications, New Jersey introduced Marino, describing his participation in projects and programs that give back to the community "prolific." Marino is involved in numerous healthcare committees and serves on many philanthropic and education-related boards.

Originally from St. Aloysius Parish in Jersey City, Marino spoke about the value of his own Catholic education, and the impact that Catholic schools and Youth and Young Adult Min-

istries have on today's young people, assuring that they "serve a valuable purpose."

Msgr. Gilchrist, known as "New Jersey's labor priest," serves in many capacities within the church as well as the labor community.

Besides being pastor at Holy Cross Parish in Harrison, he is Chairman of the Newark Archdiocesan Commission for Inter-Religious Affairs, Labor Liaison for the Archdiocese, Chaplain of

New Jersey State AFL-CIO and Local 68 of the International Operating Engineers, Vice President of Hudson County Resource Center's Board for Tenant Advocacy and columnist for *The Catholic Advocate*.

"There are few people that can facilitate a mutually beneficial relationship between business, labor and youth. Business and labor leaders throughout the State of New Jersey have high regard for Msgr. Gilchrist. He is

a man we all trust and respect," emphasized Archbishop Myers.

The Archbishop also pointed out the Monsignor's many accomplishments, including mediating in a 1993 strike of 30,000 workers in New Jersey which lasted five weeks and was finally settled.

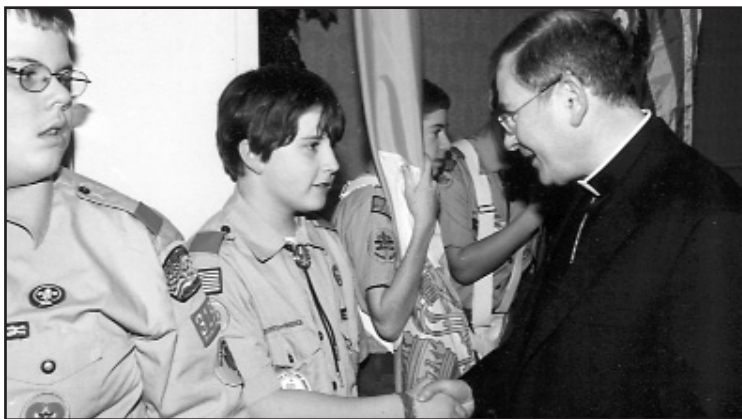


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**ALL SMILES**—Msgr. John J. Gilchrist, Archdiocesan Labor Liaison, displays his award for 10 years of service with the Labor Business Reception.

### Correction

In the Dec. 18, 2002 and Jan. 8, 2003 issues of *The Catholic Advocate*, Msgr. William J. Reilly, newly appointed Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs, was erroneously named as the first director of the Archdiocesan Office of Hispanic Concerns. The person who filled that role was actually Father Thomas Heck.



**MEETING A BISHOP**—Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, greets Boy Scouts from Troop 142 of Nutley.



# NJCC targets stem cell, cloning bill

**BY BRIAN FORÉS**

State Senate passage late last month of S-1909 legislation, which would legalize stem cell research and cloning in the Garden State, has prompted the New Jersey Catholic Conference to reiterate its strong opposition to the proposed law and call upon the public to contact their representatives in the State Assembly and vote against the Assembly version, A-2840.

"We are very unhappy that the Senate passed the bill," William F. Bolan, Jr., NJCC Executive Director, commented.

Bolan testified last November on behalf of the NJCC at a special hearing regarding Bill S-1909/A-2840.

In an interview, he noted that the type of research proposed by S-1909/A-2840 is already practiced in New Jersey. The bill's passing would formally legalize those practices.

"What's behind this bill is the funding of research and government grants, which people working in this area will be looking for," Bolan commented.

In his original testimony, Bolan had con-

cluded by asking, "Should state government subsidize and force morally opposed taxpayers to subsidize research that requires the destruction of innocent human life?"

The Bishops' restated the position that "embryonic stem cells have not helped a single human patient," while noting that the same is not true of adult stem cells and other ethically acceptable alternatives, which have helped thousands.

The statement also noted, "...it is more important than ever to stand for the principle that government must not treat any living human being as research material," while sharply criticizing the bill as "radical" because it would "allow a cloned living human being to be implanted into a uterus... harvested for research and killed at any time from the embryonic period through the ninth months of pregnancy."

The measure has moved on to the State Assembly where it will most likely be scheduled for a hearing before the Assembly Health and Human Services Committee. It will need to pass in the full assembly and require the governor's signature before it is made into law.



**NEW CHAPLAIN CO. 7648**— SKJ. Douglas Ovilla DD#4, left, of the Knights of Columbus, presents the Chaplain Jewe to Father Edgardo P. Jocson, center, at St. Joseph Parish in Jersey City. On hand for the presentation for the presentation were, right-upward, Carlos Zarco, Gerry Roldan, Deacon Marcelo, Ted Dacusin, Gali Munar, Dal Abuel, Danny Dulay, Tino Urbano, Leo Mineses, Paul Mirasol, Fidel Leynes, Vincent Balcorta and Bruno Empestan.

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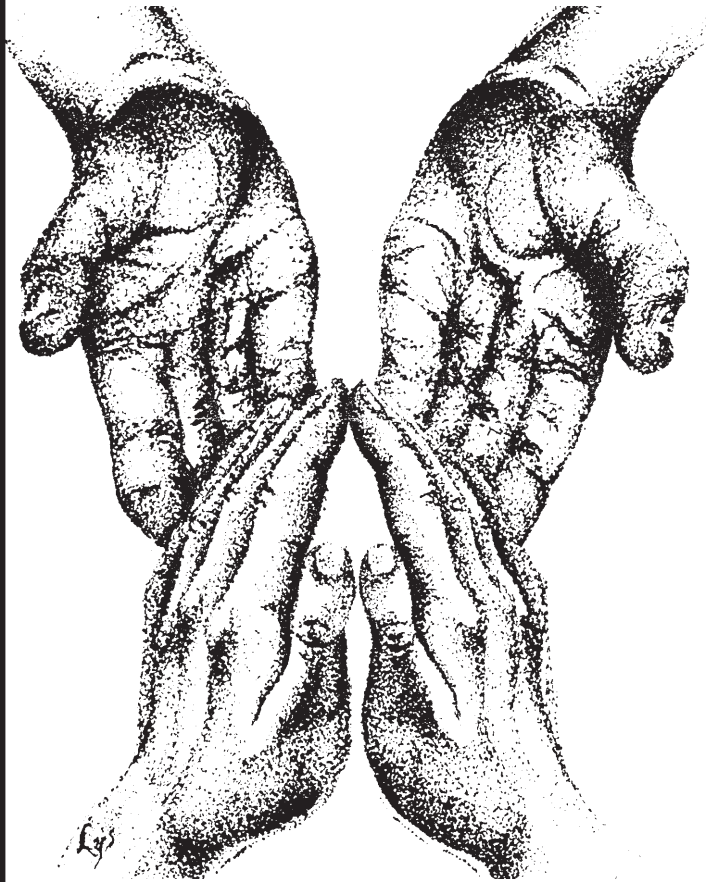
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# World Day of the Sick Feb. 9-11

For the first time, the United States will host the Vatican-sponsored World Day of the Sick forum, Feb. 9-11 in Washington, D.C.

The theme of this year's 11th annual program is, "The Path to Solidarity: The Vocation of Health Care in America."

Participants from around the world – particularly from the nations of the Americas—including bishops, health care leaders, and a delegation from the Vatican – will gather for dialogue and study.

The program will close with a Mass and anointing of the sick on Feb. 11, 2:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass is open to the public.

"The World Day of the Sick, under sponsorship of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Health Pastoral Care, is celebrated each February, culminating on the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, Feb. 11, to give thanks and recognition to those in the health care ministry, to provide an opportunity for reflection on the church's teaching on health care, and to pray for those who are sick. Previous observances have been held recently in India and Australia," explained a spokesman.

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop of Wash-

ington, is the host for World Day of the Sick and chair of the event's executive committee. Father Michael D. Place, STD, president and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA), is chairing the World Day of the Sick Administrative Steering Committee, which includes representatives of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

The three-day event will include a dialogue among bishops from the Americas at USCCB

headquarters; a study day for all registered participants at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center; and the anointing of the sick at the National Shrine. Because of limited space for the study day, attendance will be on a first-come, first-served registration basis.

"This will be a rare opportunity for us to hear from church and health care leaders from other nations in the Americas, to see our similar challenges, and to learn from our common experiences," Father Place said.

World Day of the Sick begins at 9 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 9, with a Mass at the Basilica celebrated by Bishop Wilton D. Gregory, USCCB president. A keynote address will be given by Archbishop Javier Lozano Barragan, president of the Pontifical Council, later that day.

The Feb. 10 study day includes a pair of keynote addresses: "The Call to Justice, Globalization, and Catholic Health Care in the Americas," given by Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ, chairman of the USCCB Inter-

national Policy Committee, and "The Call to Fidelity: Bioethical Issues and Catholic Health Care in the Americas," given by Bishop John C. Nienstedt, STD, of New Ulm, MN.

Each keynote address will be followed by a panel discussion on the topic. Archbishop Lozano will deliver the closing address, "The New Paradigm: The Position of the Health Pastoral Council on Bioethics." The day will conclude with a liturgy celebrated by Cardinal McCarrick.

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## Migration celebrated

Catholic Community Services (CCS) of the Archdiocese of Newark, along with national organizations and community-based groups around the country, celebrated National Migration Week on Jan. 5-11.

"This year's theme, 'All Come Bearing Gifts,' alludes to the talents that refugees and migrants from other cultures bring to our nation, which are a source of strength and vitality to our own culture," explained a spokesman.

Since 1980, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has set aside the first week of January each year as National Migration Week with the goal of educating the native-born U.S. population about the similarities among them, immigrants in their community, and refugees around the world.

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# Archbishop blesses restored church bells

BY WARD MIELE

Bells, Archbishop John J. Myers told parishioners at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Montclair, are "important in the life of the church."

The Archbishop celebrated Mass on Saturday, Jan. 4 as part of the rededication and blessing of the Pine Street parish's restored church bells. He also blessed a new carillon system.

The original bell mechanism dated back to the late 1800s. The bells stopped operating about four years ago.

Last spring a fund raising effort for state-of-the-art equipment was launched. The goal was \$25,000. But, as Pastor Father Thomas Petrillo noted during remarks at the end of Mass, in just a few months that figure has been elapsed. The final total came in at \$44,000. The extra money made it possible to install

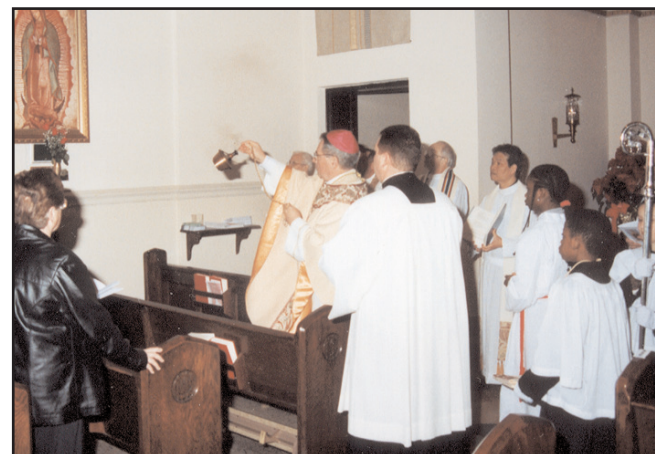
the carillon system capable of 1,000 hymns. Initially 600 hymns were programmed into the system. "Let us ring our bells with purpose," the Pastor declared.

Archbishop Myers also blessed a large portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe, donated by Brigadier General Joseph Monaco, a parishioner and chairman of the bells fund drive.

Bells, the Archbishop pointed out in his homily, "call God's people together" for both joyous and solemn occasions.

Mankind, despite all its knowledge, still asks about the meaning of life, the Archbishop pointed out. "Some people want life simply on their own terms, not God's," he noted.

Jesus Christ, Archbishop Myers stressed, "is the answer....all paths lead to Jesus." Following Jesus Christ, he cautioned, "does not take the pain out of life."



Advocate photos-Ward Miele

**PARISH MILESTONE**— Before Mass, Archbishop Myers blessed the new bells. With him, left to right are, Father John P. Nickas, Pastor of St. Peter Claver Parish, also in Montclair, Montclair Mayor Robert Russo, Father Petrillo, and Father James Sheehan, the Archbishop's Secretary. The Archbishop also blessed the portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe and greeted parishioners as they left church.



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## SPIRITUAL

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**, Mountainside, Rosary Altar Society will meet Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.

**CARMEL RETREAT**, Mahwah, will hold "Grief and the Dark Night," on Feb. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sister Rose Marie Kean, a certified bereavement counselor from Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Franklin Lakes, will be the presenter. Registration by Jan. 27. Call (201) 327-7090.

**DEANERY 24**, in solidarity with the Right to Life Rally in Washington, D.C., will have Station Churches open on Jan. 22 at: St. Mary's Parish, Rahway, Noon-3 p.m.; St. Thomas Parish, Rahway, 3-6 p.m.; and St. Agnes Parish, Clark, 6 p.m.-Midnight.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**FAMILY LIFE OFFICE** of the Archdiocese of Newark sponsors support groups for parents grieving the death of a child. There are no fees and pre-registration is not required. Next month's meetings are Feb. 5 at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Bloomfield and Feb. 17 at St. Peter the Apostle Parish in River

Edge. Sessions run from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. The support groups are open to all faiths. Call the Office of Family Life at (973) 497-4327.

**ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH**, Irvington, will hold a food drive to benefit the Irvington Food Pantry on Jan. 26. Non-perishable and canned foods are requested. Call (973) 375 1690.

**FELICIAN SISTERS OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PROVINCE**, Lodi, will hold a Tricky Tray fundraiser on Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception High School Cafeteria in Lodi. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., drawings begin at 8 p.m. Call (973) 473-7447 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH**, Bloomfield, will hold a healing day on Jan. 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Guest presenter will be Michael Kokenghe, a choreographer and dance instructor, who will demonstrate an African healing dance. Call (973) 338 9538.

**AMICUS/SINGLEZ** will host a Mass and Dinner on Jan. 25. The group will attend the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Cedar

Grove followed by dinner. Reservations by Jan. 23. Call (973) 248-0352 before 9:30 p.m.

**CARMEL RETREAT**, Mahwah, will hold a Sunday Night Movie on Feb. 2 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Dinner will precede the movie. Register by Jan. 30. Call (201) 327-7090.

**CAMP FATIMA OF NEW JERSEY** will hold its annual Valentine's Dinner Dance on Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Union. Tickets on sale until Feb. 1. Call (908) 686-5271.

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**, Nutley Rosary Society, will hold a meeting on Jan. 27 at 7:45 p.m. in the St. Joseph Center. All are invited... Its St. Lucy Filippini Sodality, will meet on Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. in the St. Joseph's Center.

**SODALITY OF THE CHILDREN OF MARY OF ST. TERESA** will meet on Feb. 7 at 3:15 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Peter Hall in Jersey City for recitation of the "Little Office" followed by Mass at 3:30 p.m... Will meet on Feb. 8 at the Chapel of St. Peter Hall for the recitation of the Rosary at 8:40 a.m., followed by Mass at 9 a.m. The

monthly breakfast meeting will follow in the Chetwood Room of Dineen Hall at St. Peter's College. Call (201) 689 1471 or (201) 413-0123.

**OUR LADY OF VICTORIES PARISH**, Jersey City, is selling cookbooks for \$10. Proceeds will go to the Parish Maintenance Fund. Cookbooks contain over 250 recipes from members of the parish. Call (201) 434-4040 or (201) 433-4152.

**ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH**, Caldwell Bereavement Ministry, will sponsor a series of meetings on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 29. Call (973) 226-0209, ext. 8.

**FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES** will hold a Marriage Encounter Weekend Jan. 31-Feb. 2 at Summerfield Suites. Call (201) 384-8497 or 1-800-823-4683... Will sponsor bereavement support group facilitator training certification Tuesday mornings or Thursday evenings starting at the end of February. For registration and fee information, call (973) 497-4327... In conjunction with the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark, will sponsor an Annulment Information Evening on Feb. 12 at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark at 7:30 p.m. Call (973) 497-4327.

**ST. ANNE'S PARISH**, Garwood, will host an Ecumenical Service on Feb. 2 at 3 p.m., sponsored by the Garwood Centennial Celebration Committee. Call (908) 789-0931.

**ST. LUKE'S PARISH**, Ho-Ho-Kus, will hold their Third Order Carmelite meetings on the second Saturday of each month. Call (201) 652-6061.

**ST. PHILOMENA AND ST. RAPHAEL** parishes, Livingston, will sponsor an Adult Enrichment Series on Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hall of St. Philomena. Topic will be "Faithfulness During a Time of War: Dorothy Day and Other Catholic Models." Call (973) 992-9490 or (973) 992-4466, ext. 136.

## HEALTH

**BLOOD DRIVES:** Blood Drives will be held at: Our Lady of Good Counsel

Parish, Newark, on Jan. 27 from 4:30 to 8 p.m.; Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, Jan. 26 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and Roselle Park High School, Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**HOLY NAME HOSPITAL**, Teaneck, will offer CPR and Basic First Aid classes on Feb. 1 in Marian Hall. Schedule of classes is: Adult, Infant and Child CPR from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Basic First Aid from 1-4 p.m., and a combination of Adult, Infant and Child CPR and Basic First Aid from 8 a.m.-4 p.m... Will offer a Defensive Driving Course (DDC-6) on Feb. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m... In conjunction with the Teaneck Department of Health and Human Services, will offer free blood pressure screenings on Feb. 3 from 5-7 p.m. and Feb. 7 and 21 from 1-3 p.m... Will offer a 12-week exercise program, Jan. 28-March 4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Three sessions are available: 4:15-5:15 p.m., 5:30-6:30 p.m., or 7-8 p.m... Will offer a new diabetes support group starting Feb. 5 from 7:30-9 p.m. Call (201) 227-6250.

**XAVIER CENTER**, Convent Station, will hold a course on Foot Reflexology on Jan. 25 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon. Registration is limited, call (973) 290 5100 or e-mail xaviercnt@aol.com.

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# Archbishop attends state Knights' fundraiser

Archbishop John J. Myers attended the recent annual social and fundraiser of the New Jersey Chapter of the Knights and Dames of Columbus.

Guests and members were greeted by the Archbishop; Msgr. Harrold A. Murray, Malta Chaplain; James P. Maguire, K.M. Area Chair; and Patricia A. Maguire, D.M., Deputy Chair.

Proceeds from the dinner were donated to The House of Friendship, Honduras, which operates four orphanages and a clinic; the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C. and the Mission De Amistad in Cancun, Mexico.

The Sovereign Military Order of Malta is a lay religious order founded over 900 years ago to care for the sick and the poor and defend the Catholic faith. It is the oldest Order of Knighthood in the world. Membership, explained a spokesman, is open “only to those who by their lives and service reflect the tradition of the hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem.”

Chairing this year’s dinner were Marianna Sullivan, D.M., chair; Dr. Virginia Fitzsimons, Ph.D., D.M.; Julia Persinger, D.M. and Rita Mary Reers, D.M.

## CCS launches new website

Catholic Community Services (CCS) recently launched an enhanced version of its existing corporate website ([www.ccsnewark.org](http://www.ccsnewark.org)).

The new website features a more appealing, user-friendly design, frequently updated job listings, and improved search functions. This tool will enable Catholic Community Services to more effectively convey valuable information about its programs and services to the communities it serves.




**KNIGHT OUT**—Archbishop John J. Myers, right, is joined by, left to right, Co-chair Patricia A. Maguire; Msgr. Harrold Murray, Malta Chaplain for the New Jersey area; and Chair James P. Maguire.

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**Prayer is dialogue**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Prayer is a constant dialogue between God, who reaches out to people with love and guidance, and individuals, who reach toward God with pleas for help and prayers of thanksgiving, Pope John Paul II said. Although the Pope’s voice was fairly clear and strong at his Jan. 15 general audience, he skipped over about three-quarters of the text of his main talk in Italian. The Pope read the full texts of the prepared summaries in six other languages.

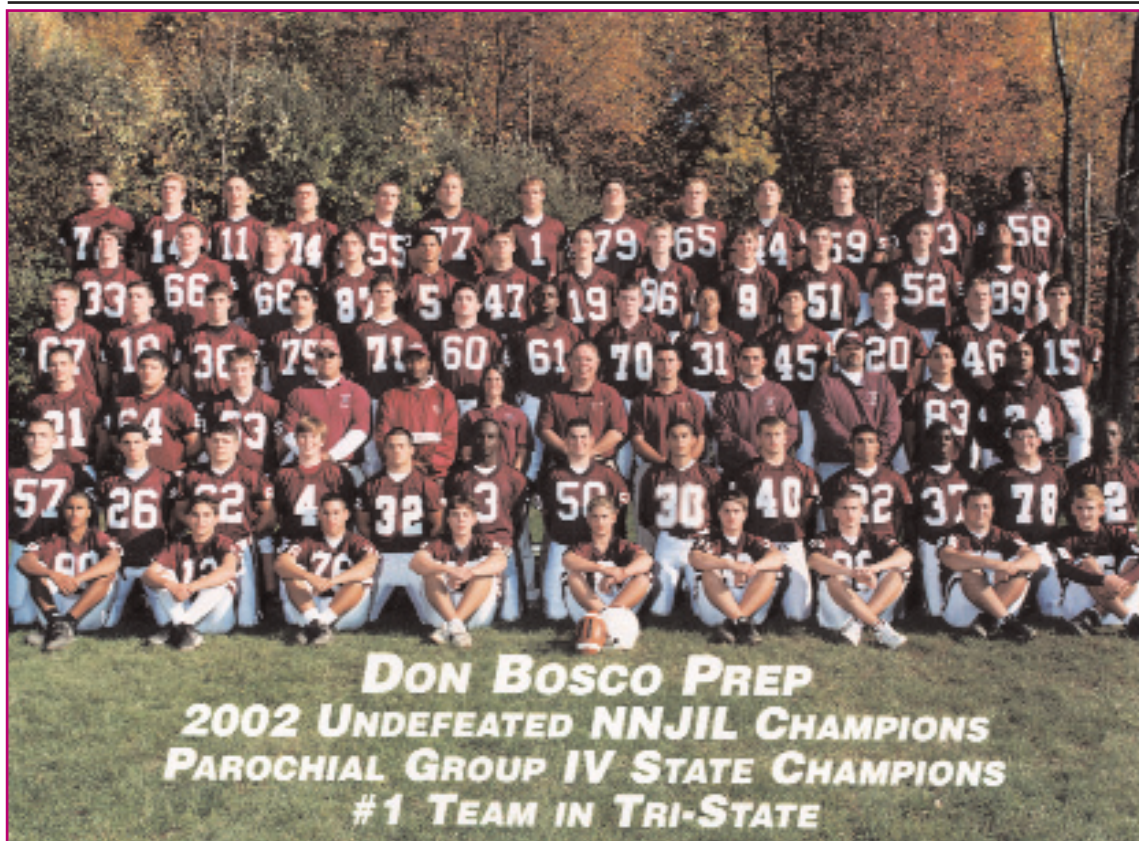
**Calm restored**

PARIS (CNS) — The streets were calm and two policemen in a lone white car were parked outside Sacre Coeur Basilica. A day after an explosive device found inside the basilica forced its evacuation Jan. 14, tourists returned. Some had their pictures taken in front of the white-domed basilica. A church official told Catholic News Service that the police investigation was ongoing and that “for the moment no new security measures would be implemented.”

**Jesuits present cases**

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (CNS) — Frustrated by the lack of justice in Honduras, Jesuits in this Central American country have taken three murder cases to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. On Jan. 14, lawyers presented three petitions to the Washington-based commission, part of the Organization of American States, asking that it intervene in the cases of three assassinated Honduran environmental activists whose murders have gone mostly unpunished. The case against Honduras is being brought by the Center for Reflection, Investigation and Communication, a Jesuit organization based in El Progreso, Honduras. Legal assistance is being provided by the Center for Justice and International Law, a group also based in Washington that supports human rights activists throughout the Americas. “We have decided to initiate this process to clarify these three emblematic cases because we want justice in Honduras,” said Jesuit Father Ismael Moreno, Honduran Jesuit superior and director of the Honduran legal center.





**MEET THE CHAMPS** - First row, left to right: Chris Gonzales, James D'Amato, Mike Pigioncelli, Joseph Polizzi, Dennis McInerney, Anthony Soccimarro, John Khanjian, Rick Gordon, Chris Adamson; Second row: John Rzeznik, Vin Prudenti, Tom Mele, Chris Clark, Dan Bello, Marquise Liverpool, Steve Doudoukjian, Louis Comas, Chris Sblendorio, John Lopez, Terry Tunier, Tom Saglimbene, Michael Ray Garvin; Third row: Paul Piro, Antonio Rodriguez, Ryan Gonska, Coach Dan Marangi, Coach Ty Caldwell, Head Trainer Sharon Griffin, Head Coach Greg Toal, Coach Nunzio Campanile, Coach Dean Presto, Coach Chuck Granatelli, Darius Mann, Jared Davis; Fourth row: Tom Baldassare, Tyler Palumbo, Matt McCollough, Haig Roubian, Tom Muscara, Chris Grant, Ray Laforest, Brian Sullivan, Hansary Laforest, Adonis Antonick, Joe Brunetti, Brad Atkinson, Dan Fraser; Fifth row: Greg Carafello, Robert Ringley, Vincent Krutchick, Brad Moss, Jay McCahill, George Fearn, Dan Scavone, Paul Gianella, Ryan Gorsuch, Corey Wooten; Sixth row: Brian Roche, Mike Teel, Joe Marcoux, Jeff Rocco, Rick D'Amico, Eric Cumba, Brian Toal, Eric Levy, Greg Heitmann, Brian McEneny, Eric Reitz, Michael Nayden, Nate Nurse.

## Perfect season captures crown

BY WARD MIELE

After coming close the past two seasons, the football forces of Don Bosco Prep reached perfection this year with a 12-0 record enroute to the Parochial Group 4 title.

The Ironmen captured the gridiron crown with a 26-7 defeat of archrival Bergen Catholic.

"A great feeling" is how Coach Greg Toal describes his fourth season at the helm of the perennial parochial powerhouse.

The championship campaign, Coach Toal, says, was due to a number of factors including a squad with "great character, tremendous commitment and unselfish kids." Another important element, he quickly adds, was the "hard working" coaching staff. The Ironmen, Coach Toal stresses with obvious pride, was a "focused, disciplined team."

On offense, the coach explains, Don Bosco took the field each game with a "balanced" attack both on the ground and in the air.

Leading the way were a trio of Associated Press First Team All-State juniors: Michael Teel at quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back Marquise

Liverpool and Brian Toal, a tailback and linebacker.

An "excellent secondary" anchored a solid defense, notes Coach Toal. Saying the "D" was good all season, the coach adds equal emphasis to the special teams which he describes as "very successful."

Pacing the defense were senior defensive tackle Jeff Rocco, defensive end Ricky D'Amico, the "stellar play" of senior John Lopez. Lopez joined forces with Michael Garvin and Liverpool to form that formidable secondary. Crucial to the effort too was the play of linebackers Toal, Brad

Atkerson and Haig Roubian.

Along with the state title, Don Bosco Prep chalked up a season that saw them ranked first in the state and eighth in the country by USA Today. The Ironmen received top team laurels in the tri-state area by the Madison Square Garden Network.

Perhaps signs of things to come came during the regular season when the Ironmen defeated not only Bergen Catholic, but another archrival.... St. Joseph's. In fact notes Coach Toal, his team played even better against BC in the title game.

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# Sports

## Felician granted full NCAA status

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Felician College is an active member of the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) and sponsors sport programs in men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country and track, men's and women's soccer, baseball and softball.

Felician earned conference championships last year in men's and women's soccer,

men's cross-country and baseball. The men's soccer program has been CACC and NAIA Region X champions for the past two years, earning them an invitation to the NAIA National Tournament each of those years. The Department of Athletics will be adding two additional sport programs by the fall of 2005.

### Let Us Know...

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The state requires new P-3 teachers to major in liberal arts and sciences, complete specialized courses, receive formal training and fulfill a student teaching requirement in a preschool through grade three environment. The certification program focuses on four broad areas including child development, understanding family and community, curriculum and assessment.

Certification courses are being taught at pre-school programs at Babyland Family Services, New Hope Village, and the Department of Health and Human Services in Newark and Memorial High School in West New York.

A number of teachers are also taking a combination of external degree and on-campus classes towards completion of their undergraduate degrees.

"These classes have been very successful partly because the students have been very engaged," explained Lisa DiBisceglie, Assistant Dean of Continuing Education.



# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

## Why do Catholic schools succeed?

The question is often posed as to the reasons for the success of Catholic schools in educating children in the faith and academically. Over the past 20 years independent researchers have studied various components of Catholic schools from approaches to the teaching/learning process to an understanding of the culture of the Catholic school. Several findings from these studies help to explain the success of Catholic schools:

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**This information was compiled by Brother Ralph Darmento, Deputy Superintendent for Secondary Schools.**

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## 'Magic Moments' Auction set

The Felician College Alumni Association and Council of Regents have scheduled "Magic Moments," an auction and dinner to benefit student scholarships, for Saturday, March 8 at the Lodi campus.

A preview of auction items and silent bidding begins at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. as will the live bidding.

Tickets are \$50 per person and are available on an advance sale basis only.

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**MOLE DAY**— Lisa Duncan's project was a stuffed mole she brought to class while classmates made another mole of their own.



## 'Mole Day'

Students at Paramus Catholic High School took part recently in National Mole Day. Mole Day is celebrated from 6:02 a.m. to 6:02 p.m. by thousands of chemists and high school chemistry students worldwide. It provides the chemists the opportunity to become more familiar with the relationship known as the "Mole Concept"

used in numerous calculations. The mole is equivalent of  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  particles. Mole Day activities at PCHS included various projects pertaining to the mole. Several students made stuffed moles and brought them to class. Others brought in themed food for the day, made music videos, wrote plays and performed skits.

## Open houses next week

Open houses are scheduled next week at Saint Peter's Prep in Jersey City and Our Lady of the Lake School in Verona. The open house at Saint Peter's will be Jan. 26 from noon to 2:30 p.m. and at Our

Lady of the Lake Jan. 27-28 from 9 to 11 a.m. Registration for September will be taken. For additional information call St. Peter's at (201)547-6389 ([www.stpetersprep.org](http://www.stpetersprep.org)) or Our Lady of the Lake at (973)239-1160.

# Distinguished principal honored

Sister Maureen Christopher, principal of St. John's School in Orange, was honored as Delbarton School's 2002 Distinguished Educator. Headmaster Father Luke L. Travers presented the award, which recognizes an area educator "who has demonstrated personal and professional excellence and who has had a significant impact on young people's lives." Since its inception in 1975, 26 educators have received the distinction. Sister Maureen has served at St. John's since September 1978. During her tenure, she has re-instated a kindergarten program, begun a full day pre-K program, and launched before- and after-school programs. She has established computer labs with Internet access for grades K-8 and has expanded the curriculum to include art, music, and physical education. She entered the convent of the Sisters of Charity in Convent Station in August, 1958. Previous to her appointment at St. John's, Sister Maureen taught in grades four through eight in several New Jersey schools, including: Holy Cross School, Harrison; St. John, Paterson; All Souls, East Orange; and St. Mary's, Du-



**SERVICE CITED**— Father Luke L. Travers, headmaster; and David Donovan, Delbarton dean of admissions, congratulate Sister Maureen Christopher, principal of St. John's School in Orange, as she is honored as Delbarton School's 2002 Distinguished Educator.

mont. She also taught in and directed Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) programs at St. John's and served as co-principal of St. Martha's Religious Education Program in Point Pleasant from 1975 to 1997. Her professional affiliations include membership in the National Catholic Educational Association and the Essex County Principals Association, the Ministries Grants Committee of the Sisters of Charity. She is also a

member of the St. John's Parish and Finance Councils. Sister Maureen was honored two years ago as Irish Woman of the Year by the Mayor of Orange. She is also a member of the Irish American Society of the Oranges and the Jerry Lynch Irish Social and Civic Club in Belmar.

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## Rest In Peace



### Father Carr

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 15 for Father Gerald F. Carr, 74, who died on Jan. 12.

Father Carr was ordained in 1956 in Washington, D.C., following studies at Fordham University, St. Anthony's in Butler and Holy Name College in Washington, D.C.

His service in the Archdiocese of Newark included: Pastor and parochial vicar at St. Leo's Parish in Elmwood Park, and parochial vicar at St. Anne's Parish in Fair Lawn.

### Sister Ann Jordan

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Jan. 2 for Sister Ann Jordan, 61, who died on Dec. 31.

Sister Jordan entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace at St. Michael Villa Novitiate in Englewood Cliffs in 1960.

Sister Jordan taught at Immaculate Heart Academy in Washington Township from 1965-81, and Queen of Peace High School in North Arlington from 1981-2002.

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of these groups. The fact that some faith-based organizations appoint certain employees based on their religious orientation was a major concern. Now President Bush has ordered that despite this practice, the groups can still receive federal funding.

In a set of guidelines issued by the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to accompany the executive orders, it is indicated that organizations, in attempting to "foster a sense of community and define or carry out their mission" have a right to consider the religious beliefs of possible employees.

The guidelines, however, do specify restrictions on "inherently religious activities" such as religious worship and instruction. These must take place on grounds other than where the federally funded programs are

offered. Also, recipients of services provided by federally funded faith-based organizations may take part in the group's religious activities as long as it is on a completely voluntary basis.

Msgr. Rozniak noted that since CCS is not limited in who it serves, it usually does not have a problem in receiving federal funding. "We're not really affected by most of that because by definition we are a non-sectarian organization. We provide services to all people regardless of their religion, race or creed. We get a good deal of funding from the government on all levels."

He does, however, believe that the recent orders will help more locally based faith organizations. "The greatest benefit will be toward more local groups and parishes. They may address a typical need in their area on that level."

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Each year, the flu infects 10 to 20 percent of the U.S. population and causes nearly 115,000 people to be hospitalized. More seriously, the flu can kill—20,000 people die annually from complications of the disease. Studies show the flu vaccine is safe and does not cause the flu. The vaccine can prevent fever, chills, fatigue, muscle aches and pains, and severe complications, such as pneumonia.

Although immunization usually begins in October, the vaccine can be given through the

beginning of the new year. Typically, flu activity peaks during February, says the National Partnership for Immunization.

Who should get the vaccine? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a flu shot for anyone wanting to reduce the chance of catching the flu, particularly: adults aged 50 and older; residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities; persons with chronic heart, lung, or kidney disease, or problems with their immune system; and women who will be in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during flu season. The

flu vaccine is also encouraged for children between six and 23 months of age.

CDC also recommends that people who are in close contact with high-risk individuals be immunized. This includes hospital and nursing home staff, domestic caregivers and household members of those at high risk.

Those who think they need the flu vaccine should talk to their health care provider. As with any medical treatment, it's important for a physician to confirm that the vaccine is medically appropriate. One's health care provider or health clinic can provide the vaccine, and some pharmacies offer it as well. Medicare Part B covers the vaccine for those enrolled in the program.

## Senior Choices

## Sisters celebrate 60, 75 years

Two Franciscan Sisters of the Poor with ties to the Archdiocese of Newark recently celebrated 60 and 75 years of ministry respectively.

Sister Maria Teresa Romeo SFP, marked her 60 years of religious life at a Mass of Thanksgiving in New York.

Sister Maria Teresa, is especially known in the Hoboken area where she was a patient visitor and sacristan at St. Mary Hospital. She taught catechetics for 10 years at St. Francis Parish and Our Lady of Grace Parish.

In talking about her call to religious life, Sister Maria Tere-

sa said, "It is through discernment and prayer to the Holy Spirit that I have been able to persevere in God's love for us and for others."

Celebrating 75 years of religious life with a Mass of Thanksgiving in New York was Sister Jolenta Marie Kovach.

Sister Jolenta has responded to the healing ministry of the Sisters by serving as an advocate for the poor.

For six years she did administrative work and was the organist at St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken. Later on she was in charge of and assisted in the business office and did accounting at various hospitals, including St. Francis Hospital in Jersey City.



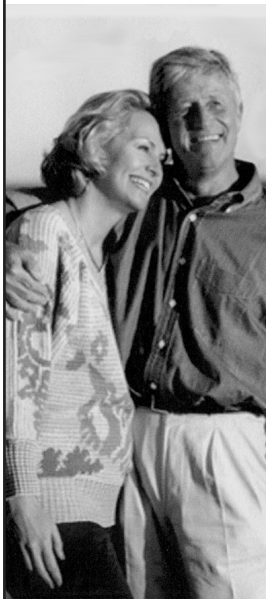
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On December 19, 2002, the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division rendered a ruling that severely restricts children from inheriting the assets of their sick parents. The three-judge panel rejected the attempt to do this by the guardian/child of a New Jersey resident to protect some of her assets and in turn ordered her assets be spent on her care. The Court ruled that guardians who are children of the mentally incapacitated person cannot employ the same Medicaid planning techniques for the benefit of their wards that competent individuals can use.

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**GOLDEN CELEBRATION—** Felician Sisters celebrating their 50th anniversary of religious life at the reception before the cake cutting. From left: Sister Mary Rozella Kupnecki, Sister Mary Francetta DeSant, Sister Mary Delphine Ornowski, Sister Rita Marie Aponik, Sister Marlene Marie Sliwka, Sister Mary Adele Bandurski, and Sister Marie Barbara Szot.

## Felician Sisters mark Golden Jubilee

Seven Felician Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Province in Lodi recently celebrated their golden jubilee of religious life during Mass.

Sisters observing their 50th anniversary of religious life included: Sister Mary Adele Bandurski, local minister of Immaculate Conception Convent in Lodi; Sister Marie Barbara Szot, assistant to Metuchen Bishop Paul Bootkoski; Sister Rita Marie Aponik, principal of Saint Lau-

rentius School in Philadelphia; Sister Marlene Marie Sliwka, staff member of Claremount, the Felician Franciscan retreat center in Mount Arlington; Sister Mary Delphine Ornowski, Felician Reading Center instructor; Sister Mary Rozella Kupneski, staff member of Our Lady of Lourdes Hall in Lodi; and Sister Mary Francetta DeSant, staff member of Saint Ignatius Nursing Home in Philadelphia.

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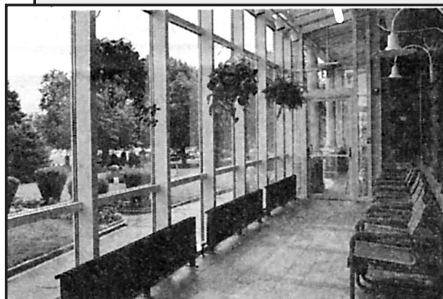


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## Guard against fire

Fire safety is a hot topic for caregivers who work with older adults. In 2001, more than 1,200 Americans over the age of 65 died in home fires. An additional 3,000 were injured in fire-related incidents. Many experts believe older adults are particularly at risk when it comes to fires because of their decreased mobility. The possibility of other health problems, such as diminished sight or hearing, may also limit an older person's ability to take the quick action necessary to escape during a fire emergency. Fortunately, there are steps that caregivers for older people can take. Start by making sure smoke alarms are installed on each level of the residence and outside all sleeping areas. Test them monthly and replace the batteries at least once a year. Caregivers are also encouraged to check the smoke alarms of those who are unable to do it themselves. Statistics show chances of surviving a home fire almost double with the initial warning from a smoke alarm. Escape plans are another key element of any fire safety strategy. If the person being cared for uses a walker or wheelchair, check all exits to be sure they are passable. In addition, the caregiver should contact the fire department ahead of time to make it aware that an older person with special needs lives at that address.

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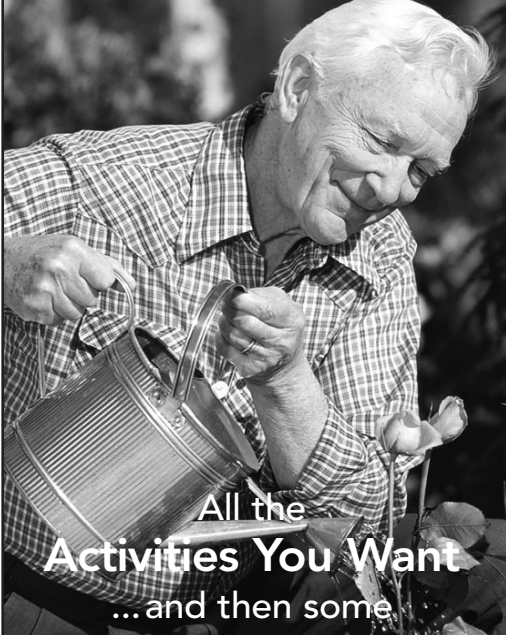
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“Sanando el Cuerpo de Cristo” es un nuevo programa de Renovación Internacional (Renew International) diseñado para ayudar a las Diócesis y las parroquias con la renovación y curación espiritual necesaria para enfrentar la crisis resultante de los abusos sexuales por algunos sacerdotes, y ha recibido el más completo apoyo de nuestro Arzobispo John J. Myers.

La Arquidiócesis de Newark lo ha programado para el tiempo de Cuaresma. “Sanando el Cuerpo de Cristo” reunirá a los sacerdotes, religiosos y a todos los fieles trabajando juntos en temas como el arrepentimiento, el perdón, la curación y el crecimiento espiritual.

En nuestra área, el Padre Charles Pinyan, Vicario Parroquial en la parroquia de Little Flower en Berkeley Heights ha sido nombrado Coordinador Arquidiocesano del programa.

El Padre Pinyan explicó que espera que las parroquias adopten el programa como parte de su “foco” para la Cuaresma; “Sanando el Cuerpo de Cristo, continuó diciendo, incluye temas que ayudan a desarrollar la liturgia de la Cuaresma”.

Muchas parroquias, añadió el Padre Pinyan, participaron en el Programa Renew del año 2000 y por eso están “listas y esperando” para desarrollar el nuevo programa “Sanando el Cuerpo de Cristo” como una continuación de la experiencia anterior.



Sanando el Cuerpo de Cristo, él dijo, no es una reunión para discutir quejas ni para dar consejos; es mas bien como una jornada de fe en que caminamos juntos. Él ve el esfuerzo de “Renew” como una oportunidad para quienes se sienten desalentados y confusos entre los fieles, para reunirse con quienes se sienten inclinados a rezar y compartir con sus hermanos Católicos.

El nuevo programa tendrá una duración de seis semanas y Monseñor Kleissler, Presidente y co-fundador de Renew explicó que el programa “es un proceso diseñado para ayudar a los católicos a avanzar en forma positiva y constructiva después de la gran publicidad recibida por los escándalos”.

Contemplando el año que acabamos de dejar atrás, el Arzobispo Myers declaró: “estamos atravesando un período crítico para la Iglesia, como quizás ninguno de nosotros lo ha experimentado en la historia reciente; y si bien ha sido un período de tristeza y remordimiento por el daño que ha resultado, nosotros

debemos creer firmemente que, guiados por el Espíritu Santo, podremos salir más fuertes y firmes en nuestra fe que nunca antes”

Sanando el Cuerpo de Cristo, explicó el Arzobispo, ha sido diseñado específicamente para “ayudarnos a avanzar en forma positiva y constructiva”.Refiriéndose al programa como “un proceso basado en la fe y compartiendo en la fe” el Arzobispo Myers hizo notar que “trata sobre la realidad del daño causado por el escándalo, sobre cómo en tiempos difíciles de nuestra historia siempre hemos sido llamados a un período de renovación espiritual, a considerar el valor del perdón, a fortalecer los lazos de comunicación dentro de la comunidad de la Iglesia, a la oración y el crecimiento espiritual, a la centralidad de la Eucaristía en nuestra vida de fe y a la reafirmación de nuestra fe”.

Sanando el Cuerpo de Cristo ha sido construido sobre los cimientos del programa de Renew, que llevaba a las parroquias a la reflexión sobre los Evangelios, a la oración y a la acción dentro de los pequeños grupos locales de la parroquia.

Al animar a cada parroquia dentro de la Arquidiócesis a participar en el nuevo programa, el Arzobispo Myers indicó que “cada sacerdote tiene como responsabilidad fundamental la salud espiritual y el crecimiento de sus fieles y Sanando el Cuerpo de Cristo nos ofrece una oportunidad perfecta para dedicarnos al crecimiento espiritual de todos durante estos tiempos difíciles”.

## DEBEMOS VENCER EL MIEDO

**POR LA DRA. BEATRIZ C. ADLER**

“Año Nuevo, Vida Nueva”: con esta sencilla frase, nosotros los cristianos, queremos decir mucho, como “Vamos a mejorar nuestra vida espiritual, a acercarnos más a Dios”. Sin embargo uno de los obstáculos que nos impiden llevar a cabo estos ideales no son ciertamente la pereza o apatía sino más bien “el miedo”.

¿Es el miedo un sentimiento frecuente en todos?.. Podemos responder que sí. Todos tenemos miedo a la muerte, a las enfermedades, a todo lo que presente peligro como son los terremotos, tornados, fuegos,etc. O sea todo lo que acarrea resultados desastrosos. Estos miedos tienen causas reales y de hecho conviene tenerlos porque nos hacen ser personas prudentes y nos protegen. Sin embargo, hay otros miedos a situaciones normales como son a la obscuridad, a las alturas, a estar encerrados, etc., que sin ser peligrosas nos producen pánico por alguna experiencia desagradable del pasado que a veces ni recordamos. Estos miedos sí hay que combatirlos con lógica, fuerza de voluntad y en último caso con un sicólogo.

Pero el peor miedo para un cristiano con celo apostólico es el temor al fracaso, rechazo o crítica y por no sufrir no actuamos y nuestros ideales no se llevan a cabo. En la Anunciación, el ángel le dice a la Virgen: “No temas, María, porque has encontrado el favor de Dios. Vas a quedar embarazada y darás a luz a un hijo, al que pondrás el nombre de Jesús.” ¿Qué sería de nosotros si María no hubiera vencido el miedo y no hubiera aceptado ser la madre del Señor?

Al leer la Biblia nos damos cuenta que en muchos pasajes se menciona el miedo. Por ejemplo en el Antiguo Testamento en el caso de Moisés nos dice que cuando vió la zarza que ardía pero no se

consumía y oyó que Dios lo llamó y le dijo quien era, Moisés se tapó la cara, porque tuvo miedo de que su mirada se fijara sobre Dios.(Exodo 3-2).

En Mateo 14-26 se relata como los Apóstoles tuvieron miedo cuando en la barca batida por las olas vieron a Jesús caminando sobre el lago y asustados creyeron que era un fantasma.

Leyendo sobre la Pasión de Jesucristo recordemos como Pedro negó conocer a Jesús cuando los sirvientes le preguntaron si el era de los que andaba con Jesús de Galilea...el miedo le impidió aceptarlo.

Viendo todos estos casos nos convencemos que temer es natural y no debemos sentirnos culpables por sentirlo, pero Dios espera de nosotros mucho más que cumplir con los Mandamientos. Todo ser humano sufre de miedo en algún momento y hay que recordar que ser valiente no es arriesgarse por gusto y sin pensar dejándonos llevar por nuestro orgullo, eso es ser tonto. Ser valiente es tener miedo y a pesar de nuestros sentimientos usar nuestra inteligencia y llevar a cabo lo que nos proponemos.

Estamos en la Tierra para prolongar la labor apostólica de Jesucristo y de los Apóstoles y santos. Cada cual sabe su carisma y tenemos la obligación de usarlo en beneficio de la Iglesia. Voy a darles algunas ideas sobre esto. Se puede trabajar en nuestra Parroquia como Ministros Eucarísticos, lectores, cantando en el coro, dando Catecismo, participando en el programa de preparación al Matrimonio o Pre-Caná, preparando para el sacramento del Bautismo, etc. Otra manera de progresar espiritualmente es instruyéndonos con cursos sobre nuestra religión o leyendo la Biblia u otros libros religiosos. Es de suma importancia frecuentar los sacramentos, ir a Misa además de los Domingos y sobre todo estar en comunicación con Cristo mediante la oración y en particular el Rosario, tan recomendado por el Papa.

También se hace apostolado escuchando con atención e interés al que me lo pida, y darles consejo y compasión en una entrega total con un amor puro y desinteresado, sin esperar. El Apostolado no debe ser una cruz o algo que me cueste, por lo contrario debe darnos felicidad, paz y deseos de continuar en esta labor. Dando ejemplo a los demás por nuestra disponibilidad y por nuestra manera de ser y de actuar como cristianos prácticos se fortalecen las amistades y los matrimonios se revitalizan y perduran, cumpliendo así nuestra misión en la Tierra.

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**NOVENAS**

**Novena to St. Jude**  
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Amen. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. Published in gratitude. Thank you St. Jude.  
**M.A.C.**

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**H.J.G.**

**Prayer to Saint Jude**  
Oh, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glorias. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena has never been known to fail. This Novena must be said for 9 consecutive days.  
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Thanks **J.M.**

**Prayer to the Blessed Virgin**  
O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me that you are my mother. O Holy Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Novena is published in gratitude.  
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# ‘The Weir’ on SHU stage

The Celtic Theatre Company (CTC) continues its 25th season of Irish drama with Conor McPherson’s “The Weir” at the Seton Hall University Theatre-in-the-Round, Jan. 24 to Feb. 2. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Set in a rural Irish pub, “The Weir” is the story of four local men who spend the day swapping tales of the supernatural with Valerie, an attractive newcomer from Dublin. What starts as a visit to the local hangout becomes a “strange little evening,” as one of the men remarks, where individuals have shared more about their past and the things that haunt them than perhaps they knew were there.

In an atmosphere of good storytelling and good listening there is finally a release of the burden as community overcomes loneliness. The humor with which the Irish live with the ghosts and fairies of their culture and their willingness to accept a woman whose story encapsulates their own fears offers hope and a kind of simple, strong wisdom.

McPherson’s “The Weir” was commissioned

by the Royal Court Theatre in London and premiered at the Ambassadors Theatre in 1997. It won an Evening Standard Most Promising Playwright Award and two Olivier Awards, including Best New Play. “The Weir” transferred to Broadway’s Walter Kerr Theatre, where it earned the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Play.

Cast members for “The Weir” are Peter Stoffers as Finbar; Georgette Reilly Timoney as Valerie; Bill Timoney as Jack; Glen Albright as Jim; and Joseph Prussak as Brendan. John Tartaglino directs. Owen McElvoy is scene designer, and Cindy Bitowf serves as stage manager.

Tickets for all performances are \$15, and \$10 for students and seniors. For reservations, call (973) 761-9790. Seton Hall University Theatre-in-the-Round is located at 400 South Orange Ave., South Orange.

The CTC is an affiliate member of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance. The CTC produces four Irish plays each season at Seton Hall University, where it has been a resident theater company for 25 years.

## Baritone recital at St. Cassian’s

Concerts at Saint Cassian will present a recital by the baritone Terence Murphy, a Montclair resident and opera performer, on Sunday, Feb. 9 at St. Cassian Parish in Upper Montclair at 4 p.m.

Murphy and David E. Fedor, St. Cassian’s Artistic Director, have selected a music program featuring opera favorites, sacred songs, and music from the contemporary American stage. St. Cassian is located at 187 Bellevue Ave. Suggested donation at the door is \$15.

The program brings together the classic works of such composers as Mendelssohn, Ravel, Rossini and Schumann and contemporary music by such modern masters as Bernstein, Rachmaninoff and Rogers.

Murphy, who is the bari-

tone section leader in the St. Cassian Choir, has performed in operas presented around the world. He recently made his Carnegie Hall debut as Quinault in “Adriana Lecouvreur” with Maestra Eve Queler and the Opera Orchestra of New York. Last year marked his debut with New York City Opera performing Angelotti in “Tosca,” and he made a return this season for its production of “Salome.” This past year also represents the beginning of an international career for Murphy, with debuts with the National Theater of Taiwan, performing Schunard in “La Bohème,” and with Giessen Opera in Germany, performing Morales/El Dancairo in “Carmen.” He has worked frequently with L’Opéra de Montréal, including performances

of Figaro in “Il Barbiere di Siviglia,” and he returns this season to perform Taddeo in “L’italiana in Algeri.”

Willa Conrad, the *Star-Ledger’s* classical music critic, recently reviewed Murphy’s performance in “Il Nozze di Figaro” by Mozart. She wrote, “... He has an appealing combination of sheer power and a warm, supple tone throughout the upper and middle ranges of his voice. His is a true baritone...”

The Concerts at Saint Cassian is a musical and performance series launched four years ago. The Concert season runs through May. The upcoming program on Sunday, March 9 features the St. Cassian Choir, soloists, and orchestra in a performance of Bach Cantata 106: “God’s Time Is The Best,” and other works.

## Georgian Court to host author

James McBride, author of the best seller, *The Color of Water: A Black Man’s Tribute to His White Mother*, will discuss his acclaimed memoir Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Casino on the campus of Georgian Court College in Lakewood.

*The Color of Water*, which spent more than two years on the *New York Times’* best sellers list, is an exploration of the race, religion and identity issues McBride confronted growing up as one of 12 mixed-race children. The novel won the Anisfield Wolf Book Award for Literary Excellence in 1997, was chosen by the New York Public Library as a Book to Remember in 1996, and was named a Notable Book of the Year by the American Library Association.

The discussion marks the next installment of Georgian Court College’s popular “Many Voices, One Spirit” lecture series, a program that explores the diversity of religious traditions, rites and experiences in our community.

In addition to his literary credits, which include stints as a staff writer for *The Washington*

*Post*, *People Magazine* and *The Boston Globe*, McBride is an accomplished composer and saxophonist, having earned, among other honors, the Richard Rogers Horizons Award from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers in 1996.

The program is free to all members of the community; however, preregistration is required.

To register, call Georgian Court College’s Office of Special Events at (732) 364-2200, ext. 263.

# - Entertainment -



**SONGS FOR THE SEASON**— Bishop Francis Essex Catholic Century Inspirational Choir, Essex Catholic High School, East Orange, gave a mini-concert at the Archdiocesan Center, singing spirituals and Christmas songs in recognition of Black Catholic history and the Christmas season.

## ‘Kangaroo Jack’ has moments

NEW YORK (CNS) — A couple of Brooklyn buddies find themselves being pursued by gangsters in the Australian Outback in the goofy crime comedy, “Kangaroo Jack” (Warner Bros.).

Best friends ever since Louis (Anthony Anderson) saved Charlie (Jerry O’Connell) from drowning when they were 10, the twosome land in hot water when they inadvertently lead the cops to a warehouse bursting with stolen goods. Worse, it’s owned by Charlie’s mobster stepfather, Sal (Christopher

Walken), who, as punishment, insists Louis and Charlie deliver an envelope of mob money. In Australia their jeep accidentally knocks a kangaroo unconscious on the road. Louis zips his red jacket onto the critter to take a comical picture when suddenly it revives and hops off at top speed. Can you guess where Louis was keeping the envelope with 50 grand in it?

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# Pope speaks out against possible Iraqi war

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II spoke out against a possible war against Iraq, telling Vatican-accredited diplomats that military force always must be “the very last option,” even when motivated by legitimate concerns.

In an annual “state of the world” address, Jan. 13, the Pope said the future of humanity depends partly on the earth’s peoples and their leaders having the courage to say “no to war.”

“War is not always inevitable. It is always a defeat for humanity,” he said. “And what are we to say of the threat of a war which could strike the people of Iraq, the land of the prophets, a people already sorely tried by more than 12 years of embargo?” he said. “War is never just another means that one can choose to employ for settling differences between nations,” he said.

The Pope said the U.N. charter and international law “remind us war cannot be decided upon, even when it is a matter of ensuring the common good, except as the last option and in accordance with very strict conditions, without ignoring the consequences for the civilian population both during and after the military options.”

The pontiff’s words, which came as the United States accelerated its military buildup in the Persian Gulf region with-in striking range of Iraq, were his strongest and most direct to date on the potential Iraqi conflict. In December, he made a general appeal to the world to “extinguish the ominous smoldering of a conflict.” U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican Jim Nicholson, in a Jan. 13 interview with Catholic News Service, disclosed that the Pope wrote to President George W. Bush in recent months to express his concerns about the Iraqi situation and that Bush wrote back. Nicholson declined to detail the content of the letters, citing privacy concerns.

In recent weeks, a growing chorus of Vatican officials has warned against resolving the Iraqi disarmament problem through war, pointedly rejecting the notion of a “preventive war” in the case of Iraq, which the United States suspects of harboring weapons of mass destruction. In his speech to diplomats, the Pope also for the first time personally denounced Russia’s expulsions last year of a bish-

op and other Catholic clergy, which he said were “a cause of great suffering for me.”

“The Holy See expects from government authorities concrete decisions which will put an end to this crisis, and which are in keeping with the international agreements subscribed to by the modern and democratic Russia,” he said.

Turning to the Middle East, the Pope deplored the “constant degeneration of the crisis” and said Israelis and Palestinians are called “to live side-by-side, equally free and sovereign, in mutual respect.” “The solution will never be imposed by recourse to terrorism or armed conflict, as if military victories could be the solution,” he said. Reviewing the world situation at the start of 2003, the Pope said he had been “personally struck by the feeling of fear which often dwells in the hearts of our contemporaries.” He cited the threat of “insidious terrorism capable of striking at any time and anywhere,” war in the Middle East and the threat of war in Iraq, social turmoil in South America, famine and conflicts in Africa, the spread of fatal diseases, and “the irresponsible behavior contributing to the depletion of the planet’s resources.”

“Never as at the beginning of this millennium has humanity felt how precarious is the world which it has shaped,” he said. “Yet everything can change,” he added. “It depends on each of us.” He listed certain “requirements” that must be met “if entire peoples, perhaps even humanity itself, are not to sink into the abyss.”

First among them was a “yes to life,” particularly on the part of legislators.

“Abortion, euthanasia, human cloning, for example, risk reducing the human person to a mere object: life and death to order, as it were,” he said.

Second, he called for respect for law, especially international agreements; he said such respect was the foundation of national and international stability.

Lastly, the Pope said solidarity must be seen as a duty and called for an end to selfishness, “that is to say, to all that impels man to protect himself inside the cocoon of a privileged social class or a cultural comfort that excludes others.”

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Speaks...



POPE JOHN PAUL II

## Celebrating God's word

Dear brothers and sisters,

In our catechesis on the psalms used in the Liturgy of the Hours, we now discuss Psalm 119 (118). Composed of 22 stanzas corresponding to the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet, the psalm is a great celebration of God’s word as the source of wisdom, life and truth.

In the part used in morning prayer for Saturday, the psalmist describes prayer as a continuous dialogue between God who speaks and the believer who responds with praise and petition. Among the fathers of the church, St. Ambrose urges us to imitate the psalmist’s example by praying constantly each day, from day-break to the watches of the night.

I welcome the pilgrims from St. Joseph’s Parish in Santa Ana, and the students from St. Mary’s College in Moraga, Calif. Upon all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors present at today’s audience, I cordially invoke God’s blessings of joy and peace.

# Repentance and self-discipline in the Christian life

**Readings: Jonah 3:1,10; Psalm 25; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20.**

“Repent and believe in the Gospel!” (Mark 1:15). This is the challenge at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. The Greek term translated “repent” means “effect a change of mind,” which would be the equivalent to the Hebrew idea of turning one’s heart (the core of one’s being) to God. Archbishop Myer’s pastoral letter of December 8, 2002 quotes St. Paul’s reflection (in Romans 12:1-2) on these words of Jesus. The Archbishop points to “the requirement that our minds, our way of thinking, be renewed by the transforming power of God’s grace” (Theological Reflection on the Human Body #2). Have some contemporary Catholics neglected to apply this challenge of the Gospel to their own lives? Rather than accuse others of being soft on themselves, each of us should examine our own conscience. The third luminous mystery of the rosary, “Proclamation of the Kingdom,” proposed by Pope John Paul II, provides a context for this reflection.

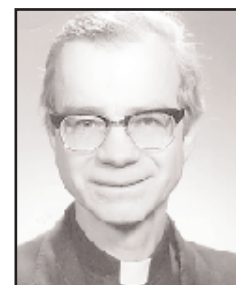
Certainly there is a strong insistence in the Second Vatican Council documents that conversion and penance are an integral part of the Christian message. “The Church announces the good tidings of salvation to those who do not believe, so that all may know the true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent, and may repent and mend their ways. To believers also the Church must ever preach faith and repentance” (Constitution on the Liturgy #9). There is a great value in the common practices such as Friday abstinence; however, adults should do penance relating to areas of personal faults, bad habits and poor attitudes as well. It is not enough merely to observe ordinary practices

of Church discipline if we desire to repent and mend our ways. With the guidance of one’s confessor, the universal call of the Gospel to experience a change of heart must be applied to the particular circumstances of our lives. How can a person stand for the truth of the Gospel in adverse situations if no effort has been made to prepare for such challenges?

No, the church does not cater to the whims of indulgent Christians. However, perhaps the message has not been proclaimed effectively in our society. The liturgical readings for this Sunday reiterate the themes of Advent and anticipate those of Lent. There is no room for complacency in the Christian life!

The story of Jonah depicts a prophet — missionary who deliberately shirks his duty. The second time he is called by God, he does journey to Nineveh, the capital of the oppressive Assyrian Empire. His message is grim, without the conditional nature of the threat being clear. Yet the people believed in God and proclaimed a fast to manifest their repentance. The Israelite readers of the Book of Jonah marvelled in God’s mercy to their enemies, and to this day the Jewish liturgy proclaims this text on the Day of Atonement each year. We, too, need to be reminded that God’s election of a people has the purpose of extending his forgiveness and love to all humanity. Secondly, we should realize that others put us to shame by the depth and generosity of their response to God’s call.

“Repent and believe the Good News!” This should be the Christian response to the knowledge that “the Kingdom of God is close at hand.” The authority of God and the new stage of the divine plan have been manifested in the coming of Jesus; those who believe



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should set aside all that is in conflict with the call to be learners or disciples.

The Christian vocation is to be an acolyte, a follower of Christ. As we hear about Simon and Andrew, James and John in the Gospel, we should ask: “What have I done to become an active disciple?” Indeed, I appreciate the gifts of Baptism, Confirmation and other sacraments. But do I allow the common pursuits of “the American way of life” to absorb my attention day after day, without examining critically whether all of these are consistent with the Gospel?

The passage from St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians puts the challenge so bluntly that it is disconcerting. He certainly does not mean to imply that the human activities relating to marriage and business have no place in the Christian life. His point is that all aspects of life must be imbued with a love that places God first — and only in the service of His Kingdom does anything else have lasting meaning.



# A hard look at birth rate status

The evidence is beginning to pour in. In 1800 Father T.R. Malthus told the world that people tend to multiply in a geometric progression and therefore soon the means of subsistence would not keep up. The overpopulated world was doomed to starve unless the birth rate was curbed.

In the century just ended, Margaret Sanger - the mother of "Planned Parenthood" — trumpeted the same alarm. She was part of that intellectual establishment that still controls liberal thought in the Western world. Call it secular humanism. Call it materialism. Call it modernism. It doesn't matter. God's Law has no meaning. At any rate —they were and are wrong.

So while the church preached the sanctity of marriage and parenthood, the Western world went on its way fighting population increases by abortion and birth control. Now the *New York Times* headline shouts, "Persistent Drop in Fertility Reshapes Europe's Future" (12/26/02). The Europeans are not having babies. They average less than 1.5 babies per family.

The Jewish community in America is also concerned. "Search for success accelerates our demographic decline," says Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz (*NJ Jewish News*, 12/19/02). The Jewish people are only having 1.8 children per family. For them, this is a dangerous situation.

A headline in the *Star Ledger* (12/03/02) cries out,

Voices

"We could be witnessing the decline and fall of Western civilization."

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"India pays a price for favoring sons." India has been killing girl babies. Now there are not enough girls for each boy who wants to get married. The same is true in China.

The Holy Father, for the first time in history, appeared in the Italian Parliament. And what was his topic? "The crisis of the birth rate" in Italy is "a grave threat that bears upon the future of this country." (*The Register*, 12/22/02)

But lest we believe that there are noble goals in this dearth of children, it is necessary to examine the mo-

tives of young adults who deliberately avoid the burden of rearing children.

Steinsaltz states, "The current decline (in the birth rate) is primarily the product of prevailing attitudes that are shortsighted at best, egotistical at worse."

He speaks for Jewish people. But the *New York Times* speaks for the West in general: "As for would-be parents, their attachments to leisure time, conveniences, and indulgences do not easily accommodate multiple children - or for that matter - any children at all."

Let's face it, why should a young male marry? He can keep all his money and accommodate every material wish and pleasure by being single. Elvis Presley expressed it in its most earthy terms. "Why," he asked, "should you buy a cow when you can milk one through a fence?" And for women, they can satisfy their maternal instinct by having just one baby. It can replace her doll - or maybe her pet animal. She has this one child for herself, for her satisfaction — not to give life.

We could be witnessing the decline and fall of Western civilization. However, there still exists those generous young people who love God - and love children. All is not lost yet. There are still people who know how to share love and who desire to give life, not just to suck it dry in the pursuit of self-satisfaction.

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## Each child is its own miracle

As soon as young parents are aware that a new life is growing in their midst, they begin to speak of "our baby." They make plans for "our" baby's room, tease one another about what she will look like, make earth-shattering decisions about the clothes he'll wear home from the hospital.

Mom, of course, has an even closer relationship with what she might think of as "my baby." After all, she's the one who feels baby's movements each day (and even in the middle of the night when she's awakened by a good strong kick in the ribs). She is the one suffering from morning sickness, heartburn, stretch marks and an inability to get up off the couch after the sixth month.

Then there are the dreams. Both parents fall victim to the dream-scheme. Some of the dreams we have for our children are probably a bit of a stretch, presidential inaugurations and All-Star games, for instance. But some are as down to earth as adding "& Sons" to the marquee above the family hardware store.

For a time, as everyone knows, that baby really is yours. Yours in the most basic sense of the word. There is no one else around (except sporadic help from visiting grandparents or a drop-in aunt) to feed, change diapers, feed, wash blankets, feed, change diapers, walk the floor, feed, cuddle, calm, feed, and change diapers. As baby grows, there are those long days (and even longer nights) when mom and dad nurse ear aches, sit on the patio in December with a toddler enduring an attack of croup or wash her face with a cold rag when she's had the flu.

Through these early years, the joys are also yours alone. The incredible thrill of the first smile, the first steps, the first words; you get to be the recipient of that

first bouquet of dandelions, presented to you with great love from a pudgy, grimy hand.

After our dear little angel is born, "our baby" becomes, in many ways, the family's baby. Especially if there are older siblings, there is a great deal of shared decision-making about things like baby's name (I've known more than one family who named new babies after characters in big brother's favorite book or sister's favorite doll) and where she will go to kindergarten. So the circle widens.

Only too soon you begin to realize there is really very little that is "yours" about this child. Early on, you find you're introducing yourself as "Peter's mom," or "Sally's dad." It becomes clear that this child does not belong to you, you belong to her. Often, their personalities are so unlike their siblings and the remarks they make at the dinner table are so off-the-wall you wonder, "Where did that come from?" In fact, the only thing you have in common with the child is dad's work phone number on the roster for Little League, or Mom's name on the room mother list. Next thing you know, all you are is an address on the application for a driver's license.

Even the dreams are different. It turns out she has no intention of being a ballet dancer. She wants to be a pediatrician. He doesn't want to be a pediatrician. He wants to play drums in a rock band.

So we realize the truth. The children, all of them, any of them, are not yours. They never really belonged to you at all. First of all, they (especially as young adults) belong to themselves; of course, they belong to their Creator and, in a very real way, they belong to us all.

Each child comes to into the world, into the commu-



OVER THE COFFEE CUP

MARY COSTELLO

" The gift is not given to the parents, it is a gift to the world."

nity, bringing their own gift, their own miracle, their own unique contribution. Whether their gift is to plant gardens, sing love songs, write the Great American Novel or to work in the laundry room of the local hospital, each child is its own miracle. The gift is not given to the parents, it is a gift to the world.

And what does that mean to us here, in January 2003? What does it mean as we contemplate the millions and millions of children who have been deprived of life in the 30 years since abortion was made legal in the United States? When we think of abortion, we must acknowledge the great sadness of the gardens that will never be planted, the novels that will never be written, the songs that will never be sung, the towels that will never be folded, however imperfectly, the joy we will never share. As a member of the human family, I am deprived of a child I will never have a chance to love. It was my baby, too, you know.

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The Catholic Difference

'Boundary violations'?

BY GEORGE WEIGEL

Ten months ago, as the Catholic Crisis of 2002 was reaching white heat, a major archdiocese published a pamphlet for all its employees entitled, "Respecting Boundaries." I don't doubt the good intentions that motivated the pamphlet. I have the gravest doubts about the approach suggested by the title.

"Boundary" language comes from the world of the professions. Teachers aren't supposed to have sex with students. Doctors aren't supposed to have sex with patients, nor lawyers with clients. All well and good. But as one sharp-eyed friend noted, "in the professions, 'boundaries' in regard to sex are like grazing rights among ranchers — you can't do it here, with these types of individuals, but you can do it there, with others."

What's blatantly, obviously missing from the language of "boundaries" is the notion that some things just aren't to be done, period. "Boundary" language tells a doctor, lawyer, or teacher that sexual relations with patients, clients, or students are professionally and legally taboo; "boundary" language doesn't say that sexual relations with people to whom we haven't made promises — sexual relations outside the bond of marriage — are wrong. It shouldn't be surprising that the professional standards committees of the American Bar Association, the American Medical Association, and the National Education Association are more concerned with propriety and legality than with virtue. But the Catholic Church?

The recent widespread use of "boundary" language in Catholic circles tells us just how powerfully the Church has been effected — perhaps better, corrupted — by the therapeutic culture of modern American society. When psychological categories trump moral theology in describing wicked acts (when, for example, the homosexual molestation of a fifteen year old boy is de-

scribed as "fixated ephhebophilia" rather than grave sin), something is awry. When the Church and its ordained leaders no longer speak our native language of sin and forgiveness, good and evil, grace and redemption, something is clearly awry. And that, I suggest, is what is happening when bishops and pastors talk endlessly about "boundaries" and infrequently, if ever, about chastity.

The chastity that all Catholics are called to live involves a lot more than respecting "boundaries." Chastity is a sign of the Kingdom come among us and a foretaste of the heavenly kingdom to come. Chastity involves ongoing conversion to Christ. Chastity is about loving, not using, others. And chastity is a challenge, for chastity involves living the Law of the Gift written on the human heart and confirmed by the paschal mystery of Christ — the truth that, as Vatican II put it, "man can fully discover his true self only in a sincere giving of himself".

That text, from section 24 of the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, has been one of the two most cited conciliar texts in the vast magisterium of Pope John Paul II — a literary product that now fills well over a dozen linear feet of shelf space. In all that writing and preaching, I venture to guess that you'll never find the notion of "boundaries" as it's used in American professional circles. What you will find, time and again, is the Christian conviction that human beings are capable of moral grandeur and should never settle for anything less than the spiritual and moral greatness of which we're capable.

Why? Because we have been made in the image of God. Because "you are not your own; you were bought



GEORGE WEIGEL

with a price" (1 Corinthians 6.20), the blood of Christ. Because "we ourselves...have the first fruits of the Spirit" (Romans 8.23) and, because of that sanctification, can be ever so much more than we imagine. We don't have to imitate the world's categories or the world's language — we have our own story and it has its own vocabulary.

Authentic Catholic reform requires many things: revised standards for the selection of bishops, further reform of seminaries, a renewal of priestly asceticism, lay witness in the world. But we Catholics also need to wash our mouths out. Psychobabble is killing us. The Long Lent of 2002 will continue far into 2003 and beyond if the Church doesn't reclaim its own proper language and start talking about chastity as the integrity of love, rather than about "boundary issues."

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LETTER

Life's 'potholes'

Editor,

There is a lot written about "scandals" within the church; perhaps because of a "rare" and "small" minority of weak persons who "fell."

Last week, while driving down the Garden State Parkway, I noticed that when I tried going a certain speed (to pass) my car started shaking.

The person I was visiting told me it could be my car is out of alignment, possibly from hitting a pothole, and I should get it checked. Of course I will.

It didn't register immediately, but I got to thinking of that explanation in spiritual terms - about how life moves along quickly — and how we would like to "keep up the pace" of life, but invariably we will hit the "potholes" of life — ie: coming up against angry/disgruntled people, having disappointments in meeting goals, the materialism of society and trying to keep up with it to "please a world" with regards to our being a success. With "those potholes" there is the strong possibility we humans can get 'out of alignment' with the will of God - and the plans He has for us.

Betsy Ambielli

EDITORIALS

Pro-Life progress

Although inevitable victory over the scourge of legalized abortion has not yet been achieved, it certainly is not for lack of trying.

Once again the Archdiocese of Newark was well represented at the 30th annual March for Life in the nation's capitol. Each year on Jan. 22 the faithful of all beliefs brave the cold of Washington's winter to call for an end to the killing.

No matter what twisted rationale or euphoniums those in favor of abortion may use, abortion is just that— killing. More often than not the horrific decision to terminate the life of the unborn is made on the callous basis of convenience or economics. Sometimes both. What those who support the "choice" of abortion cannot deny is that the unborn have a God-given right to life.

Strange as it may seem, after three decades the pro-life movement is encouraged at what has been accom-

plished since that infamous U.S. Supreme Court decision and optimistic about efforts to end abortion.

Msgr. Richard McGuinness, Director of the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office, emphasizes the fact that, according to polls, the majority of Americans are against abortion. Significantly, the pro-life effort is getting younger with those under 30 its fastest growing segment. If for no other reason than rank politics, that fact has got to be noticed. In addition, the halls of Congress are being filled by more and more pro-life lawmakers.

The number of abortions taking place each year is declining, but even one abortion is one too many. That is why pro-lifers will keep applying the pressure. They will not rest until the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death is assured.

For that they deserve and need our unqualified support and prayers.

Consecrated Life

The profound and special lives of those answering God's call of service to His church will be celebrated by the Archdiocese of Newark and worldwide at the annual World Day for Consecrated Life on Feb. 2.

"For I Have Seen the Face of Christ" is this year's theme.

The celebration is part of an international observance called for by Pope John Paul II to highlight the

place of institutes of consecrated life in the church.

To mark the occasion, Archbishop John J. Myers will lead the Sunday evening prayer service beginning at 6 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

It is a special opportunity for the faithful to join with those in religious life to pray, give thanks for the great gift of the consecrated life and ask for more vocations.

Respect Life

BY MSGR. RICHARD M. MCGUINNESS

It is easy to become discouraged by the slowness of legislators to recognize the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death. But real progress is being made and we can rejoice in that. For example:

Fewer abortions are being done each year.

More Americans now identify themselves as pro-life than as pro-choice.

The most pro-life part of the population are people under 30.

There are a growing number of ministries like Project Rachel and Rachel's Vineyard available to help those who have been hurt as a result of their abortion.

The Born Alive Infants Protection Act was passed and signed by President Bush.

The house rejected a bankruptcy bill which would have unfairly penalized non-violent protestors at abortion clinics.

We have to continue to pray and work until a genuine respect for all human life is achieved!

Msgr. McGuinness is Director of the Archdiocesan Respect Life office.





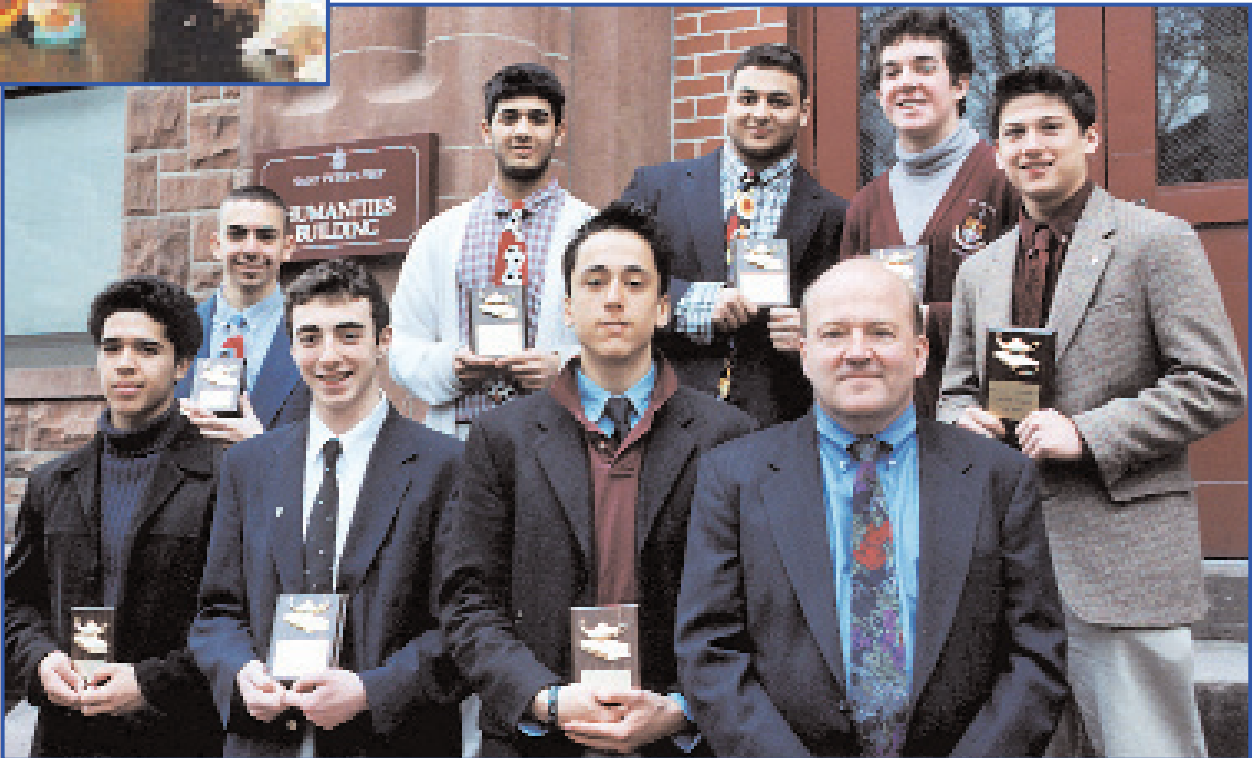
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# St. Joseph's principal garners national honors

*Only 12 principals nationwide receive award*

BY LIESL FORES

Colette Vail, principal of St. Joseph Elementary School in Oradell, will receive the Distinguished Principal Award for Region Three (NJ and PA) at the 100th Annual National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Convention in St. Louis, Missouri in April.

The NCEA bestows the annual award on only 12 principals nationwide.

"It's a very humbling experience. All principals in Catholic schools work hard; any one of them would be deserving of this award," commented Vail. She has been principal at St. Joseph since 1997.

Before that, she was a teacher and associate principal on the high school level in Massachusetts, and a principal at an elementary school in Wisconsin. "I've spent every day of my life since kindergarten in Catholic schools," Vail noted.

St. Joseph School consists of PreK-8th grade classes and has 540 students from 26 towns. "St. Joseph is not just an excellent Catholic institution, but it also has a warm feeling. This is hard to get with such a big school," explained Vail.

Father George Reilly, Pastor at St. Joseph Parish, attributed this accomplishment to the

principal. "To create unity is quite an achievement," he stressed.

Vail has brought "greater



COLETTE VAIL

commitment by faculty to children, to education and to the community," he continued. She

has encouraged the concept of being very "open to parents" and fosters the notion of an "extended family experience," at the school.

Another challenge, Vail

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pointed out, is the adjustment from being "non-technical to technical." Vail remarked on how there was some initial reluctance by staff to make the transition to using technical re-

sources as tools for learning. Now, she explained, teachers say there aren't enough outlets to accommodate the computers in the classroom. "This is an accomplishment."

"The challenge for any principal is making the school environment creative and nurturing. And, in this day and age, giving [students] a real sense of what it means to be Catholic," Vail emphasized.

"You need leadership to make all other things come alive...to make it fun and a learn-

ing environment," asserted Father Reilly of Vail. "The parents were very proud of her," he added.

When asked what is special about St. Joseph, Vail replied, "Everything. An absolutely dedicated staff, support of the parish and Father Reilly, and unconditional help...[The award] is an honor for the school as much as it is for me."

"There are wonderful things going on at St. Joseph's. It's a great place to be as a kid and as a teacher."

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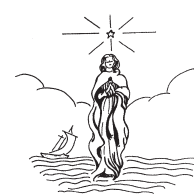
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# SHP Father's Club presents Reynolds award

At Seton Hall Prep's Annual Family Communion Breakfast, the Fathers Club presented its Thomas A. Reynolds Award to Michael Gallo and Richard Binkowski.

"The late Thomas A. Reynolds, SHP Class of 1948 and president of the Seton Hall Prep Fathers Club for two terms, from 1970-73, exemplified for the Prep community the spirit of industry and involvement in the interests of young people that the school has fostered throughout its nearly 150 year history. Tom was a widely-known resident of North Caldwell and greatly involved in youth activities in the town. Following his untimely death in 1979, the Fathers Club established in his name an award to be presented annually to men and women from among the Prep community who: exemplify the Christian tradition in every facet of their lives; consistently show themselves to be devoted to the welfare of the student body at Seton Hall Prep; and have consistently remained active members of the Prep community, giving of themselves by a commitment beyond the usual degree of involvement," explains a spokesman.

Gallo — a 1979 graduate of Seton Hall Prep, of James Madison University in 1983 with a bachelor of science degree in psychology, and Seton Hall University in 1989 with a masters in Counseling, is what is known at Seton Hall Prep as a "lifer," returning there to spend his entire professional career immediately upon college graduation.

He has served in many capacities during his 20-year career. Beginning in the Physical Edu-

cation Department, he moved to Guidance, then to the Dean of Men's Office, back to Guidance, and then returned to the Dean of Men's Office in 1995. He has found time to coach football and wrestling, and serve as adviser to the Mock Trial Team, volleyball intramural supervisor, equipment manager, and a member of the Faculty Senate. Gallo also serves as the Building Supervisor and is responsible for the overall operation of the entire physical plant.

"What sets him apart and makes him a worthy recipient of this award is the tremendous care that he shows for each individual with whom he deals. Any Prep student who has ever had him as a coach, counselor, or a disciplinarian, knows that he truly cares for him and is interested in seeing him become a better person as a result," the spokesman explained.

Binkowski — a graduate of Xavier HS '63, Fordham University '67 with a bachelor of arts in English, the University of Wisconsin '68 with a masters in English, and NYU '72 with a masters in cinema studies, he began his teaching career at St. Benedict's Prep where he was an English instructor, and served as chairman of the English Department from 1968-72. He arrived at the Prep in September 1972.

Binkowski, an instructor in the English department, has taught college prep, honors and Advanced Placement English courses. He was instrumental in creating courses in Classics, and Cinema, the Senior AP English course, and the English Seminar.

He served a year as the moderator of the *Spectrum* (the school's literary magazine), 10 years as the assistant moderator of the Quiz Bowl Team, and 25 years as the moderator of *The Pirate* (the school's student newspaper). He has been the recipient of the Sal Caprio

Award, and the Msgr. Michael E. Kelly Award presented annually to the Prep "Teacher of the Year."

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clusion that taking a course with 'the Bink' has become a necessary requirement for completion of what has become known as the 'Prep Experience.' Graduate after graduate returns to let him know how grateful they are for what he has done for them," the spokesman said.



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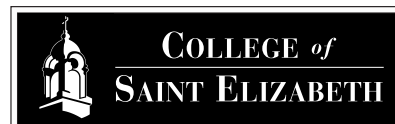
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**INTERRACIAL JUSTICE**— Students from St. Elizabeth School in Linden recently participated in the St. Martin de Porres Project sponsored by the Sisters of St. Dominic in Caldwell. Back row, from left, Sister M. Adrienne, Sister Francis Michael, and Sister Grace Margaret. Front row, from left, Vartinh Victor, Jullian O'Donnell, and Stephanie Mileto present their project entitled "The Lumen Club." St. Martin, Patron of Interracial Justice, is known for his creative outreach to the needy through his work as a compassionate mediator of conflict.

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# Teaching excellence center opens

Through a \$1 million federal government grant to establish the Center for Excellence in Teaching on campus, Caldwell College recently renovated its biology, physics and chemistry laboratories.

The College plans to serve as a regional hub to implement innovative teacher preparation programs with emphasis on the effective use of technology in classrooms, the refinement of math and science training, special education teacher training and the development of programs for disadvantaged students. In addition, the center will assist in teacher recruitment, preparation and retention, community outreach and workforce development.

"I believe that the establishment of the Center for Excellence in Teaching at the College will prove invaluable to our efforts to ensure academic teaching excellence and to meet the critical edu-

cational needs in our area," said Caldwell College President Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D.

Other highlights of the center will be the expanded and effective use of technology in the classroom.

One of the center's top priorities will be the College's efforts to focus on the need to excel in the teaching of math and science. The College has committed to upgrading its facilities and programs in these areas.

Recently, the biology, chemistry and physics labs were equipped with the latest network technology, wireless laptop and desktop computers.

The biology and chemistry labs, which previously were not equipped with computers, each have six wireless laptop computers, while the physics lab's six computers are being replaced with wireless desktop versions. Each of the new computers also

has wireless printing capability.

Both the wireless laptops and desktops receive data signals from a box mounted to the wall known as a Wireless Access Point (WAP). One WAP can connect up to 32 computers. The laptop provides the added convenience of mobility.

"This massive renovation places us technologically in the 21st century and give us the capability to provide our students with the newest technology, even at the introductory level," said Jean Armstrong, Ph.D., associate professor of Natural and Physical Sciences.

In collaboration with various faculty members, a multidisciplinary major has also been developed that can be taken along with the Elementary Education Certification Program. The major would include required courses in four core disciplines: English, Social Studies, Mathematics/Computer Science and Natural Sciences; it would also include an in-depth study in one of the four areas.

Janice Stewart, Ph.D., Chair of the Education Department, has revised the Department's Teaching Reading/Language Arts courses to include the most recent information on emerging literacy issues. She has proposed an instructional training module for teachers and parents to be used in the classroom or at home.

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**ORATORY HONORS**— Left to right, Edward McDonnell, Dr. Albert DeGaeta, Brother Robert Wickman and James Knipper at the Oratory Prep Father-Son Communion Breakfast.

## Benefactors honored

At the annual Father-Son Communion Breakfast, Oratory Preparatory School in Summit honored two men who have given their time and talent to benefit the young men who attend the school.

James J. Knipper, Class of 1977, was named Alumnus of the Year, and Dr. Albert DeGaeta, President, Chief Engineer and Co-founder of Emmco Development Corporation, was named Honorary Alumnus of the Year. Brother Robert J. Wickman, FSC, Oratory Headmaster, presented each honoree with an engraved plaque.

Knipper, who received a BS in Chemistry from the University of Scranton in 1981 and an MA in Business Administration in the Pharmaceutical Sciences from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1984, is the President and CEO of J. Knipper and Company in Lakewood. He is also past president of the New Jersey Alumni Society and a member of the Board of Governors of the University of Scranton. His career spans various administrative positions in the pharmaceutical field.

Edward McDonnell, Oratory Alumni/Development Director commented on the selection of Knipper, who is a past Trustee of Oratory, saying, "since Jim first entered Oratory in 1973 as a freshman, he has shown a continuing love of Oratory and has made outstanding contributions that exemplify the Oratory spirit of excellence and devotion to others."

DeGaeta, who holds both a BME and an MME from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, was an adjunct professor there from 1949-59. He has been the recipient of various honors from his alma mater.

A licensed professional engineer in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, DeGaeta has been awarded numerous US Letters of Patents related to his field.

DeGaeta, whose grandsons attended Oratory, is a member of the school's Board of Trustees. According to McDonnell, "It is with pride and gratitude that I welcome Dr. DeGaeta to the rolls of the Oratory Alumni. He has become a mentor and a confidant to me as well as a strong advocate for Oratory."

## Advisory Center opens

Saint Peter's College in Jersey City has opened an Academic Advising Center.

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Faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences along with members of the business administration will staff the new center.

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visor. A new advisor is assigned once a student declares a major.

The Center, explained Mildred Broccoli, Dean of Freshman and Sophomores, will "provide a central location for students to visit and gain immediate advising assistance." Students, she added, will keep their assigned advisors but are also able to utilize the Center.

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# 'Young Inventor'

Kayleigh Inkley, a former student at Assumption School in Woodridge, was among the latest winners of the Young Inventors Award.

Sponsored by the National Science Teachers Association and Sears Craftsman, the dozen winners received their awards during ceremonies at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.

Kayleigh was the national winner in the second through fifth grade category for her Parcel Pal invention.

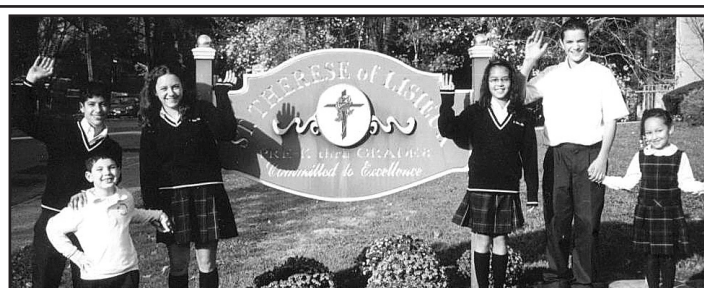
"We asked the Young Inventors to create a tool that solves a problem, does useful work, and is powered by a part of the human body—such as a hand, arm or leg," explained Bob Vila, spokesperson for the Young Inventors Awards Program.

Kayleigh's invention, a padded "C"-shaped hanger that makes it easier to hold full plastic shopping bags, can be hooked over the handle of a baby carriage or a walker, as well as carried in the hand.

Jonnette Inkley remarked that her daughter's invention came out of Kayleigh's own experience carrying heavy bundles. "A lot of the credit should go to Kayleigh's brother, Sean, who tended to carry in the bags with the bread and cereal after our weekly shopping expeditions and leave the bags with soda bottles and jars to his sister," Mrs. Inkley said.

As the Northeast regional winner, Kayleigh received a \$5,000 Savings Bond and a trip to Chicago for her mother, her science teacher, Linda Holman, and herself. As the national winner, she received an additional \$5,000 Savings Bond and appeared on the David Letterman Show where she demonstrated her invention.

Kayleigh now lives in Australia, but keeps in close contact with her friends in Assumption School via the Internet. She received her regional award last spring during a teleconference attended by her classmates in New Jersey.



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## Students attend national conference

St. Peter's College freshmen Ashley Rodriguez and Malan Bullock recently presented their work at the 13th Education Trust National Conference in Washington, D.C.

Jennifer Ayala, Coordinator of the College's Academic Success Program, invited the students to the conference. Both had participated in the College's Summer Academy in which high school students take course work prior to the fall semester.

The students joined forces on a "Race, Class, Ethnicity and Educational Opportunity" panel discussion. The discussion included school board administrators, superintendents, principals and higher education administrators. Rodriguez and Bullock also spoke on the topic, "First Generation Students Surviving College."

Bullock's poem, "Future," was presented at the conference. It is based on a theme from her Summer Academy project, "Schools, Not Jails," a critique of society's commitment to the education of youth within the context of oppression. The poem was put on the Trust's website.



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# St. Peter's College names new academic VP

Dr. Eugene J. Cornacchia, who has served Saint Peter's College for 21 years in several different positions, has been promoted to Academic Vice President.

Dr. Cornacchia has served as Acting Academic Vice President since September after two years as the College's Academic Dean guiding the school's undergraduate programs.

As Academic Vice President, Dr. Cornacchia is responsible for the management of the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business Administration, the School of Professional and Continuing Studies and all Graduate

programs. He is also responsible for the College's faculty, including its 115 full-time professors.

"Gene has been a tremendous asset to the College since he arrived in 1981 as a faculty member in our Political Science department," said Father James Loughran, College President. "He made an easy transition from the classroom to his administrative roles. He has spearheaded our efforts



DR. EUGENE CORNACCHIA

to maintain and improve our academic standards and works very well with our faculty on a daily basis. Gene is the right person to guide our academic mission of providing our students with a strong liberal arts education."

Prior to joining the College's administration, Dr. Cornacchia was a member of the faculty. He joined the College as an adjunct lecturer and worked his way to full professor status in 1997.

Dr. Cornacchia served 14 years as the Chair of the Political Science department and also served two terms as Faculty Senate President. He also spent five years heading the College's Guarini Center for International and Public Affairs.

Dr. Cornacchia received numerous honors during his teaching career, including a Fellowship on the Academic Profession in 1989 from the New Jersey Department of Higher Education. He also won several of Saint Peter's top awards, including the 1999 Johnson Award for Teaching Excellence. Dr. Cornacchia

authored articles and reviews including a 1992 article entitled, "Historical Differences in the Political Experiences of American Blacks and White Ethnicities," for the prestigious British journal, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

"I am very honored to have been selected by Father Loughran to lead Saint Peter's College," Dr. Cornacchia said. "The College is rich in human

resources — an outstanding faculty and a dedicated and professional staff. It is also rich in traditions — academic excellence, personal care, and commitment to the development of the whole person. I look forward to working with the entire College community to strengthen our commitment to a quality Catholic education in the Jesuit tradition."

## Three join board

The Caldwell College Board of Trustees recently appointed two senior corporate executives and a Dominican sister to their board.

James Gonzalez, MPH, LNHA, and CEO of Broadway House in Newark, William Sumas, Executive Vice President of Village Supermarkets and Sister Mary Lou Bauman, O.P., Vice Principal/Director of Student Life at Saint Dominic Academy in Jersey City, will each serve a three-year term.

"The new board members have committed themselves to help continue building on the proud tradition of Caldwell College," said College President Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D. "Their management experience combined with their extensive spiritual and leadership skills will help the board in providing educational, intellectual and spiritual opportunities to prepare our students."

In her previous position as a guidance counselor at Immaculate Conception High School in Montclair from 1994-2002, Sister Mary's responsibilities included personal, college and career counseling for all freshmen and sophomores, scheduling, recruitment committee, curriculum development and crisis counseling.

During 1995-1996 she also served as Chairperson for the Middle States Self-Study Steering Committee.

As Director of Guidance/Co-administrator at Lacordaire Academy Secondary Division in Upper Montclair, she handled many of the same duties as at Immaculate Conception High School but was also responsible for public relations and policy making. She also served as Chairperson for the Middle States Self-Study Steering

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Sister Mary was the Director of Guidance at Mount Saint Dominic Academy in Caldwell from 1980-1987. In addition, she was a yearbook and student council moderator and a member of the curriculum development and high school admissions teams.



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# Accreditation protocol debuts

St. Mary's Schools in Rutherford are the first in the Archdiocese of Newark to use the Accreditation for Growth (AFG) protocol for grades Pre-K to 12 as part of a self-study underway for accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

AFG, an ongoing assessment, is a new option Middle States offers to members and schools seeking accreditation.

Traditionally, the accreditation process focused on the makeup of the school rather than its actual accomplishments. Under the AFG process St. Mary's Schools must still meet the Commission's Standards. The focus, however, is now shifted to the most important work of a school: increasing student performance.

Over the past 12 months a

Strategic Planning Committee, composed of people from different areas of St. Mary's parish community, developed a five-year plan for the schools. As a member of this committee, High School Principal Sharon Goodman collaborated with other educators and professionals. The committee undertook the task with the visionary perspective of viewing the schools as a single entity—an educational continuum—while still recognizing the development difference of each level.

Elementary School Principal, Monica D'Alessio, feels the work of planning for the growth and development of the schools is exciting. "Already in the first year of this plan we have seen many of our aspirations become an attainable vision." Nursing services for the

schools have increased and a Student Assistance Counselor has been hired. Additionally, a mentoring program for teachers has been initiated, and the World Language program has been expanded.

The schools have now entered into the second phase of the accreditation process—the assembly of the Planning Team. The Planning Team, which is the driving force behind the Accreditation, is composed of faculty, administration, parents and alumni who are working together to create a measurable set of objectives that the schools can meet within the next five years.

In September, a team of educators representing the Middle States Association will visit St. Mary's Schools. It will perform a study of the school and the planning efforts, and review the strategic plan that was developed. To be awarded accreditation, St. Mary's Schools must demonstrate that their objectives have been met.

Father Michael J. Kreder, Pastor of St. Mary's Church, is "grateful" to the committees for their work. "The plan provides a framework for maintaining St. Mary's Schools as a center of excellence in Catholic Education in our area."



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The Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools (MSCES) announced recently that Elizabethport Catholic School has received accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Jayne S. Carmondy, Chair of the Commission and Head of the Lower School, Rumson County Day School, made the announcement.

Elizabethport is one of 55 schools cited by the Commission.

MSCES accreditation signifies Elizabethport has engaged in a rigorous process of developing self-knowledge; hosted an evaluation team of independently appointed educators, and created an ongoing strategic plan to move school improvement forward.

The 15-month process was governed by a steering committee chaired by Susan Madison, a member of the school's Board of Trustees.

Evaluated were a multitude of functions of the school community including faculty, parents and students.

Accreditation also demonstrates that the school has met MSCES standards for a quality school that reflect current research and best practices from throughout the field of education.

During the term of accreditation, Elizabethport will engage in a Commission directed series of

reports, and/or site visits aimed at maintaining the caliber of the accreditation process.

MSCES, which works with public and private schools from New York to the District of Columbia, in the U.S. Caribbean, and in locations around the world, is one of three accrediting commissions of the over century-old Middle States Association which is the second oldest regional accreditor in the United States. In addition to its elementary school component, the Commission also deals with secondary schools and institutions of higher education.

Citing Elizabethport's accreditation, F. Laird Evans, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Commission, said it is a "recognition of both prior achievements and a commitment to greater future accomplishments."



**NEW MEDIA CENTER**—Catching the Commission's eye during its evaluation was the school's new media center which features the Accelerated Ready Library networked with 15 computer stations, Internet access and more than 2,000 Accelerated Reader books. Funding was provided by the Parents/Grandparents Association, the Archdiocesan Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children, the Union Foundation and a bequest from Rose Byrnes Yohannan.

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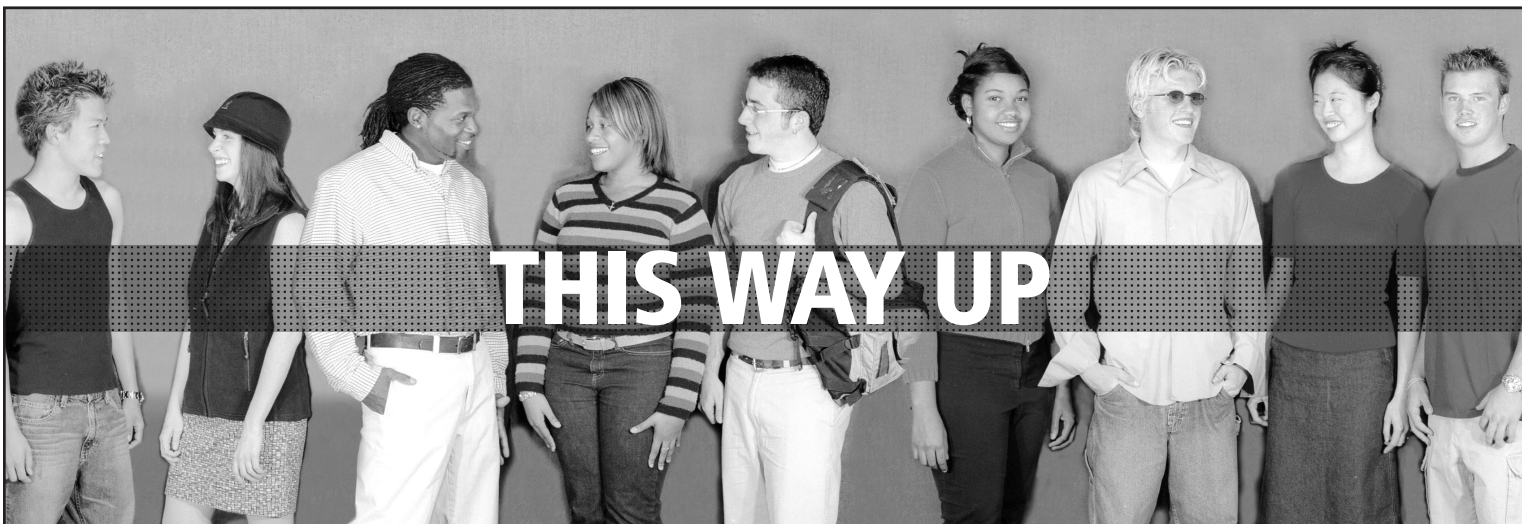
## Principal honored

Sister Maureen Collins, Principal of St. Elizabeth Inter-parochial School in Wyckoff since 1987, was honored recently for her years of service as she prepared to take on new duties as Provincial Leader of her religious community.

Under her leadership, the schools enrollment has grown to 300 students with a waiting list in many grades. In recent years, with the expansion of facilities, the school has also enhanced the computer program and the library and has added a variety of special programs. In November 2002, following a comprehensive evaluation process, St. Elizabeth School received accreditation by the Middle States Association.

A native of Dublin, Ireland, Sister Maureen came to the United States in 1960 after joining the Sisters of St. Joseph. She has taught in parochial schools in Alabama and New Jersey.

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**GUEST LECTURER**—John F. Haught, , second from left, Professor of Theology at Georgetown University, was a guest lecturer recently at Seton Hall University. His topic was “God After Darwin.” With him are, left to right, Msgr. Richard M. Liddy, S.T.D. and Miriam and John F. Hunt.

# Associate program visits China

The Chinese Government plans an ambitious goal to move the majority of its population into the middle class during the next decade, in part through partnerships with foreign educational institutions to improve financial and career opportunities for its almost four billion people, according to Lisa DiBisceglie, Ed.D., a Caldwell College associate dean for the Center for Continuing Education.

Dr. DiBisceglie recently returned from the Asian continent after being selected by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education Evaluation Team to visit Keuka College in New York State. The trip included a review of the college’s new overseas initiative at Tianjin University of Science and Technology, located in Tianjin, the third largest city in China with a population of about 9 million people.

The new initiative allows recent graduates of their business program to complete a core of 10 courses in a fast-track international business management program without having to leave their home campus. Upon completion, individuals receive a fully accredited degree from Keuka College.

“They have recognized that in order to compete in a global marketplace and improve their economic position they must educate their population,” said Dr. DiBisceglie. “In this direction, they are stressing college and university partnerships with foreign institutions. They want to have more students with advanced degrees.”

The university’s business curriculum mirrored that of most institutions in the United States, according to Dr. DiBisceglie. “They are taking courses in business communications, accounting, marketing, management, philosophy, history and literature,” she said.

The campus appeared to be very technologically advanced and seemed to readily embrace Western culture.

A new building had four computer labs with 100 state-of-the-art stations in each room.

Dr. DiBisceglie had her richest encounter when she had the opportunity to meet with a group of 40 students.

“When I asked them what they liked the most about the program they were taking one young man said, ‘We love the American teachers, they have

so much real business experience. We want more western things and culture.’ It was very evident by their dress, cell phones and attitude that they were working hard to become western,” she said.

Afterwards, while walking through the new facility she walked into a room of about 75 individual work-stations that included TV/DVD’s and two walls full of DVD’s.

Students intently sat at the work stations watching and listening to American movies with Chinese subtitles. “This was their English language lab,” said Dr. DiBisceglie.

## Colleges ink pact

An agreement between the College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown (CSE) and Union County College, Cranford (UCC) provides a unique opportunity for students in the UCC Criminal Justice Associate Degree program who are interested in earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Justice Studies at CSE.

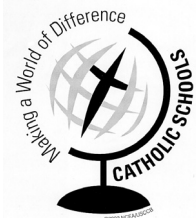
Through a flexible schedule of study, students who qualify for the program and receive a UCC Associate Degree in Criminal Justice can register for three additional courses being offered by the faculty at UCC that will be applied toward the remaining credits needed to receive their Bachelor of Arts Degree in Justice Studies at CSE. While taking the additional courses at UCC, students would also be able to take courses at CSE. The Financial Aid Office at CSE will work with the students throughout the program.

“I am delighted that we have struck this agreement,” said Dr. Johanna Glazewski, Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs at CSE. “It marks the beginning of a new, close relationship with UCC and affords the students an opportunity to receive a quality education that takes their needs into account in a solid way.”

On the occasion of the signing of the agreement, Sister Francis Raftery, President of CSE, said, “Our dedication to exploring just and ethical issues in society led us to really look at this whole area of Justice Studies and see how we can best prepare our students to serve the community in a specialized way.

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## Four join Academy board

Mount St. Dominic Academy in Caldwell recently welcomed four new individuals to its Hall of Fame. This year, the inductees represented a cross section of the entire Mount St. Dominic family: graduates, parents and faculty.

The late Mary Pat Evans taught English for 13 years at Mount St. Dominic. A resident of Montclair and mother of eight children, Mrs. Evans was a steadfast believer in Catholic education and an involved parishioner at St. Casian's Church where she was active with the school board and the home school association.

Mary Koppenheffer, the parent of a recent Mount St. Dominic graduate, helped to mobilize many fund-raising efforts at the school, including the revitalization of its athletic booster club. She also chaired the first fashion show in recent Mount St. Dominic history, which has become a major fundraiser for the school.

West Orange resident, Sabina Porcaro Petillo, M.D., is a member of Mount St. Dominic's class of '73. A physician with a private practice in Bloomfield, she received the Distinguished Service Award from the John I. Crecco Foundation, Project Heartbeat for medical service to the community. Dr. Porcaro has also been a loyal supporter of Mount St. Dominic and other charitable organizations, including the United Way of Essex and West Hudson.

Thomas J. Sullivan of Avon-by-the-Sea, previously of North Caldwell, retired as an executive vice president of McGraw Hill after more than 30 years with the company. A former member of Mount St. Dominic's board of trustees, as well as a board member at other schools, including St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City and the University of Scranton, he has been a devoted supporter of Catholic education.



**GINGERBREAD HOUSE DAY**—The Student Council of Visitation Academy in Paramus recently organized a Gingerbread House Day which included a Gingerbread House Contest and a Winter Wonderland presentation. During the program, students collected donations for the Baby Basics program of the local Red Cross which serves low-income families throughout Bergen County.

## Oratorical Contest entries sought

A metropolitan area high school student with exceptional public speaking skills will soon become \$10,000 richer when The Guarini Center for International and Public Affairs at Saint Peter's College holds its second annual Oratorical Contest, March 1, on the College's Jersey City campus.

Speakers will present a speech entitled, "My American Hero." Three preliminary rounds will conclude with the finals where the top four students will split \$18,500 in total cash prize.

Contest rules are strict and follow the National Catholic Forensic League Bylaws. Speeches, which will be judged on originality and interest, must be memorized and composed only by the student delivering it. Audio-visual aids are not permitted, and the speech is limited to 10 minutes.

The Guarini Center for International and Public Affairs was established in 1994.

Registration deadline is Feb. 1. Interested students should call 201 915-9243.

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# Awareness is goal

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Approximately 100 students turned out recently for a lecture on acquaintance rape and sexual assault in relation to college life given at Caldwell College. Angela Nuzzi, a clinical coordinator from the Women's Health and Counseling Center in Somerset County, spoke as part of a larger program, "The Clothesline Project."

This national project serves to bring awareness about violence and sexual assault against women to the general public through a visual display of T-shirts, decorated by victims of such abuse or their loved ones using their own words.

The exhibit involves a clothesline hung with the T-shirts whose messages run the gamut of emotions from anger and helplessness to a sense of empowerment in speaking out. They communicate anything the victim wants or needs to express regarding her own experience.

The display at Caldwell College included about 50 T-shirts, some from other presentations, but most made by students at the school. "He promised to stop, but he never did," was one declaration pronounced on the clothesline.

"A lot of people were there not because something had happened to them, but just because they felt it was an important issue," noted Kevin Berrigan, Director of Media Relations for Caldwell College. Both men and women were asking questions, he explained, adding, "It was nice to see men taking interest in a subject that is often considered a women's issue."

The project "brought awareness to the issue. It was very successful from that standpoint," asserted Berrigan.

Cindy Lambo, a Student Government Association (SGA) senior class representative, along with SGA president Erin Moran, coordinated this function. "It's not only a tool for the education of domestic violence and rape, but it is also a way for survivors to display their struggle while showing others they are not alone," stressed Lambo.

The specific goals of the project are to help survivors or those who have lost a loved one to this abuse heal; to educate and bring awareness to violence against women; to provide a nationwide network of support for communities starting their own Clothesline Project; and to bear witness.

For more information on the Clothesline Project, call (508) 385-7004.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



**PLAZA RENAMED**—Archbishop John J. Myers, center, with students from Saint Nicholas and Saint Ann schools in Jersey City at the recent renaming of a portion of Warren Street, between York and Grand streets outside St. Peter's Prep, as Pope John Paul II Plaza. The renaming was to honor the Holy Father for his work with inter-faith sharing and his efforts to unify nations. Mayor Glenn Cunningham presented the Archbishop with a proclamation and street sign. With Archbishop Myers are Father Kevin Carter, Pastor of St. Nicholas, and Father Vic Kennedy, Pastor of St. Ann's.

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# Forensics team among the best

The forensics team from Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark placed fifth overall at the forensics competition held recently at Ridge High School in Basking Ridge.

The competition, involving 27 high schools, was sponsored by the National Catholic Forensics League.

Tanya Gauthier, a sophomore from Roselle, placed second

overall in Varsity Oral Interpretation of Literature. She presented works from novelist Sandra Cisneros and poet Langston Hughes. Amanda Roach, a freshman from Elizabeth, placed fifth overall in Declamation with her presentation of Barbara Jordan's speech, "Who Will Speak for the Common Good?"

Forensics coach, Dr. Marylou Motto, who is new to the

Mother Seton English Department faculty this year, said, "I have to admit that I am a bit astonished. Our principal, Sister Regina Martin, has been extremely supportive, making it possible for us to join the

League and form a club on very short notice. The students have worked hard too. I never imagined, however, that the team would be placing overall just about four weeks into the competition."



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**TEAMWORK**— Left to right are: Sarah Ann Costello; Tanya Gauthier; Sister Regina Martin, principal; Erica Pimenta; Amanda Roach; and Dr. Marylou Motto, forensics coach.

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## Open houses scheduled

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Two open houses will be on Jan. 26 at St. Joseph Regional High School in Montvale and Saint Joseph Elementary School in Maplewood.

At St. Joseph's High School, the open house will be from noon until 2 p.m.

There will be tours of the school building and the opportunity to speak with faculty, administrators and parents.

For additional information call (201) 391-3300.

At the elementary school, the open house has been scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. Students from the upper grades will conduct tours.

At Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark, an informal open house will take place Jan. 29 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. for sixth through eighth grade girls and their parents.

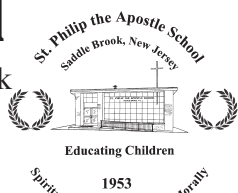
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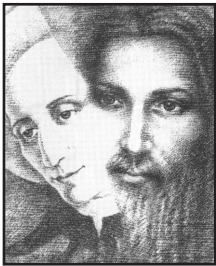
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# NCEA centennial convention April 22-25

BY BRIAN FORÉS

Under the banner "Dream by the River: Faithful Past, Faith-Filled Future," the National Catholic Educators Association (NCEA) will hold its 100th annual convention and exposition at the site of the original convention, St. Louis, Mo., on April 22-25.

"The convention is a way to bring together members of the Catholic school community, regardless of whether they are a teacher, principal, superintendent, etc.," noted Sister Dominica Rocchio, S.C., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Newark.

"The networking that occurs during the convention is invaluable. Educators return with new

insights, perspectives and methods. The fact that it takes place annually during the Easter season is significant for two reasons. First, the entire church is focused on new life — as such, educators can reflect on their life-giving role in Catholic education. Second, they have ample opportunity to implement and update new teaching and administrative methods for the following school year," Sister Rocchio concluded.

Members will be able to select from more than 400 sessions geared to Catholic educators at all levels. More than 11,000 Catholic school superintendents, administrators, teachers, board members, pastors and parents are expected to attend the convention.

As NCEA begins its centennial observance, many conference sessions will explore the future of Catholic education.

Sessions focusing on elementary schools will include a keynote address from Dr. Louis Gatta, president and CEO of Educational Consultants and Research Association, who encourages making creative changes in envisioning and implementing the 21st century school.

Other elementary school sessions will cover development, curriculum, staff development, the integration of technology.

Workshops on institutional advancement, annual funds, curriculum instruction, math, science, technology and the state of Catholic education will be offered for secondary school personnel. A special luncheon

at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis will deal with economics.

Sessions focusing on religious education will be available on liturgy, music, morality and teaching methods. A daylong Catechist Congress will discuss catechetical formation.

The National Association of Parish Coordinators and Directors of Religious Education will meet for its 11th annual convocation during the St. Louis convention. Approximately 500 parish catechetical leaders, youth ministers, catechumenate directors and others involved in parish catechetical programming for adults, children and youth are expected to attend.

Father Donald Senior and Rev. Richard Fragomini will de-

liver keynote addresses. Dr. Jane Regan will speak on forming lay leaders for the adult church; Sister Catherine Dooley will discuss the Second Vatican Council and catechesis. Other sessions will discuss preparation for today's families, holistic youth ministry, inculturation, staff formation, and use of software.

Sessions for boards, commissions, and Councils of Catholic education will include building health and safety, federal grants, endowments and development. Representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will offer programs on ensuring healthy indoor air quality.

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# Program targets nursing shortage

**BY LIESL FORES**

Seton Hall University is collaborating with Georgian Court College in Lakewood and four medical institutions in southern New Jersey to launch a special program to address the statewide nursing shortage.

Seton Hall's College of Nursing, the oldest baccalaureate program in nursing in New Jersey, will offer an accelerated plan of study on the campus of Georgian Court College beginning May 2003. Participating medical facilities are Meridian Health Care System, Wall; Kimball Medical Center, St. Barnabas Health Care System, Lakewood; CentraState Health-care System, Freehold, and Community Medical Center, St. Barnabas Health Care System, Toms River.

The program is meant to help ease a nursing shortage in the state. On the one hand, as the average age increases, many nurses are retiring, and their positions are not always being filled. "Women have more options now; this has contributed to the shortage," explained Dr. Phyllis Hansell, Dean of Seton Hall School of Nursing.

On the other hand, with the rise in the elderly population, there is more of a demand for medical care. "The chance of developing a chronic or acute condition increases with age," continued Hansell.

"Right now the shortage is 10 percent to 13 percent. By 2020, when the majority of the population will be over 50, the

shortfall will be 30 percent," she confirmed.

This deficit is hitting the southern region of the state particularly hard due to "the development of [this] part of the state in which we have a lot of retirement villages, assisted living facilities, and a significant increase of the aged population," Hansell stressed.

For this reason, the four health care organizations and the two academic institutions are working together to provide qualified and skilled nurses for the area.

The product of their teamwork is an accelerated plan for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) for students who already have an undergraduate degree in some other field of study. It is a 64-credit, 13-month plan that runs through the summer.

"The program is unique in that the hospitals will be giving scholarship support for employment commitment," Hansell indicated.

The medical centers are offering extensive incentives for those who sign on to the program. They have earmarked a total of \$700,000 to be distributed as scholarships and loan repayment in exchange for employment agreements.

When asked if there has been a positive reaction to the

plan, Hansell replied, "Yes. We haven't advertised for this program, and we've had a significant response."

Hansell also asserted the merit of students that have always applied to Seton Hall's established second degree nursing program on the South Orange campus for those who already have a Bachelor Degree in another field. "The quality of students that we attract to our program is outstanding," she pointed out, noting that some of the stu-

dents already have work experience and graduate degrees in various sectors. It's a "full range" of students who are anywhere from 21 to 65 years of age; 20 percent of students each year are men.

Hansell believes the accelerated program will fare just as well and is "absolutely" certain it will help relieve the nursing shortage: "This unique partnership will help ameliorate the especially bleak forecast...We're excited to enter this partnership."

"Nursing is a very rewarding career. You can help comfort someone, help that person have a better day. We're very pleased and have great expectations," she added.

Msgr. Robert Sheeran,

President of Seton Hall University, expressed the school's commitment to the program: "It's about our students and about the people who will be touched by them. We'll watch it and nurture it very carefully," he assured.

Besides Seton Hall's accelerated plan at Georgian Court College and its second degree nursing program at South Orange's campus, the school also offers a Registered Nurse Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RNBSN) program on site at Toms River Community Hospital for nurses who are already licensed with an Associate Degree in nursing or have a nursing diploma.

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# Felician College awards President's Medallion

Felician Sister Mary Fidelma Klutkowski and Ms. Florence Adler were awarded the President's Medallion from Felician College President Sister Theresa Mary Martin on Dec. 15, 2002, for their outstanding service to others.

Sister Mary Fidelma Klutkowski received the Medallion for 53 years of loving service to God and His people as a Felician Sister. The youngest of five children, Sister Fidelma attended St. Theresa's Elementary School in Linden, under the tutelage of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. There she formed many lasting friendships with the Sisters of Nazareth and considered becoming part of their community. "However, God was busy designing Plan B," noted Sister Theresa upon awarding the Medallion to Sister Fidelma.

Immediately following her graduation from Linden High School, Sister Fidelma was employed by W.A. Birdsall & Company, a local wholesale plumbing

and heating supply house, where she performed a gamut of duties from billing to accounting. After eight years of employment there and a "strong exposure" to the Felician Sisters in her home parish, Sister Fidelma followed her heart and her calling to enter the Felician Order of Sisters.



She then moved quickly through a Baccalaureate Degree in Education at Seton Hall University, Business Education at Marywood College, graduate courses at Seton Hall University, and post-graduate courses at Temple University. Utilizing her degree in education, Sister Fidelma taught in elementary schools for nine years and in secondary schools for 12 years. When the then Felician Sisters' Provincial Treasurer needed an assistant, she was asked to leave the world of teaching, draw upon her former

experience in finance, "enter a ledger-strewn office and immerse her whole being into the world of finance," said Sister Theresa. Sister Fidelma was later promoted to the position of Provincial Treasurer when the sister in that position became seriously ill.

For the past 31 years, Sister Fidelma has "masterfully managed to keep the Sisters secure by meeting with bankers, lawyers, financial analysts, and CFOs; sitting on boards; attending board finance committee meetings; engaging in community financial planning; overseeing the financial health of Felician's corporate-sponsored institutions; and maintaining the financial security of the Sisters at a time when age and retirement were and are minimizing a once viable salary base," said Sister Theresa.

In addition to her work as the Provincial Treasurer, Sister Fidelma is an active volunteer serving on the boards of trustees for Felician College, St. Joseph's Hospital in Philadelphia; Our Lady of Grace Home in Newark, Delaware; and, St. Ignatius Nursing Home in Philadelphia.

The President's Medallion honors Sister Fidelma for her "love for God, for the charism of Blessed Mary Angela, for her Sisters in Community and for her family," said Sister Theresa. "She is one of

the most self-sacrificing, disciplined, conscientious and devout women I know. All she is and all she does flows from her incredible love for and commitment to Religious Life. The Power of her Faith, the strength of her fidelity, and the ardor of her love define who she is."

Florence Adler received the President's Medallion for nourishing and nurturing the minds of countless children during 40-plus years of teaching and for her generosity and support of her community and Felician College.



FLORENCE ADLER

Born in Garfield, she stayed close to her roots as she earned a bachelor's and master's degree at Montclair State and completed post-master's work at Columbia University. Fulfilling her desire to work with children, she served in a number of professional capacities during a prestigious teaching career in the Garfield area. She served as a history teacher at Garfield High School for more than 40 years where she taught American History, Sociology and Consumer Education. A teacher whose dedication was recognized with a Teacher of the Year Award at Garfield High

School, she volunteered her time as an advisor to the honor society and nursing club.

In addition to her role as a teacher, she served in administration as Principal of Woodrow Wilson Grade School early in her career and later as Assistant to the Principal at Garfield High School. Her inspiration as a teacher, she says, came from watching students' minds grow and develop and the enthusiasm they would display in the classroom. "That's the true reward," she says. As a teacher, she was "clearly on a mission to enrich the minds and hearts and souls of young people simply because she cared. She cared about who they were, what they learned and what they became," noted Sister Theresa upon awarding the President's Medallion to Florence.

Now retired and living in Hackensack, she continues to impact the lives of others as an active volunteer in and around her community. "For this woman, goodness is a way of life only surpassed by her largesse of heart and her innate desire to enhance the quality of human life," said Sister Theresa. As a volunteer for Holy Trinity Parish in Hackensack, she works in the rectory, is a Eucharistic minister, a Rosarian, and a member of the parish council and liturgy committee.

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The program is a cooperative venture between Seton Hall's College of Education and Human Services (CEHS) and the Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology.

EPICS, based on Notre Dame's ACE (Alliance for Catholic Education) program, recruits recent graduates to teach for two years in urban Catholic schools while taking classes at Seton Hall and earning their master's degrees. Students have the option of living in communal housing, and also work on their spiritual development together and with their students. In addition, they get an AmeriCorps stipend for their work.

"EPICS trains talented graduates who desire to teach not just as a career but as a vocation," says Reverend Kevin M. Hanbury, Ed.D., founder and director of both programs, and associate dean for graduate administrative services at Seton Hall's College of Edu-

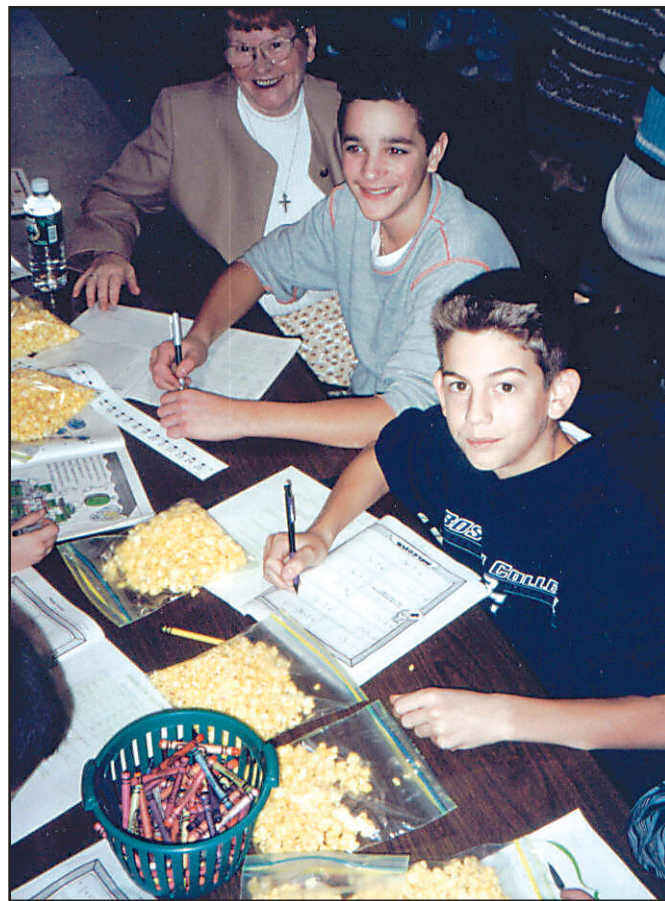
cation and Human Services (CEHS). "These students represent a diverse set of backgrounds and receive an intensive two-year service experience encompassing professional development, community life and spiritual growth to meet the needs of our country's most underserved elementary and secondary schools."

The programs prepare students for Catholic school leadership with a particular focus on the mission of the school and the formation of Catholic educators. Courses draw upon the secular field of educational leadership, as well as the Catholic educational and spiritual tradition, with attention to contemporary issues in the life of the Catholic Church and schools.

"The program's cohort model develops a community of faith-filled Catholic School professionals," says Father Hanbury.

"We in the schools office see this program as very necessary to foster the mission of Catholic education in our archdiocese," says Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., M.A., deputy superintendent of the Newark archdiocesan schools office, who teaches in the Catholic School Leadership program and is also on its advisory board. "It provides us with qualified leaders who can focus on both the managerial and spiritual aspects of their role." He adds that there is a special need for this program right now, when many Catholic school principals will be retiring in the next few years. "These graduates are more confident and collaborative because of the nature of their cohort experience," he says. "They have a real camaraderie built up among the participants, and people they can rely on."

In recognition of the special spiritual and professional efforts of Catholic school educators, Seton Hall awards a 50 percent tuition discount to program participants actively involved in Catholic education.



**FOR SERIOUSLY ILL CHILDREN**—Students at St. Therese School in Cresskill participated recently in the St. Jude Hospital Math-a-Thon, a fund raiser for the foundation started by the late entertainer Danny Thomas for seriously ill children. Students, sponsored by family members and friends, completed math booklets for their grade levels. A total of \$1,500 was raised. Since participating in the fund raiser, the school has raised almost \$20,000. Among those taking part were, left to right, students James Leclercq, Craig Allen and Peter Kuchar.

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## Students part of global literacy initiative

Students at St. Mary Elementary School in Rutherford last month participated in Read for 2003, a global literacy initiative.

The program was created and is sponsored by Scholastic Book Club, which united children, teachers, and parents worldwide through the joy of reading.

St. Mary's joined schools around the world by picking up their favorite book and

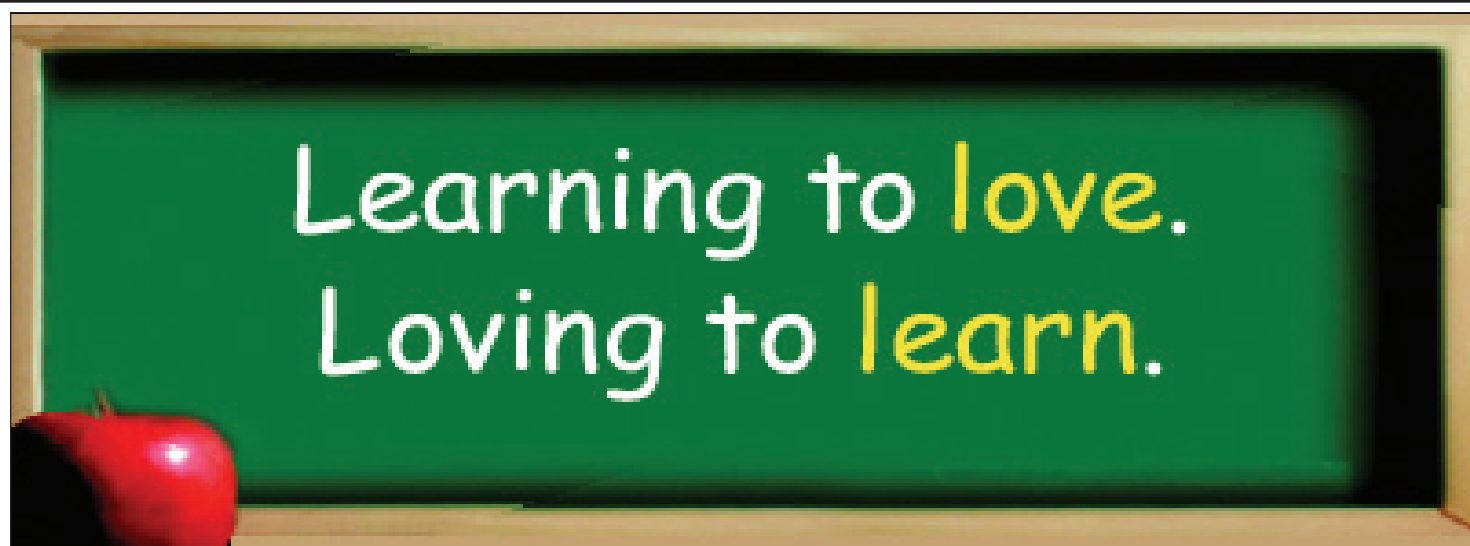
reading together for 2003 seconds. That translates to 33 1/3 minutes.

Well over seven million teachers and students took part in the worldwide event.

Teachers at St. Mary's built up the excitement by incorporating Read for 2003 into the curriculum in the weeks leading up to the event. Parents and special guests were invited to read with one or two of the

students. The activity also included students dressing as their favorite book characters, acting in skits and sharing their best-loved books.

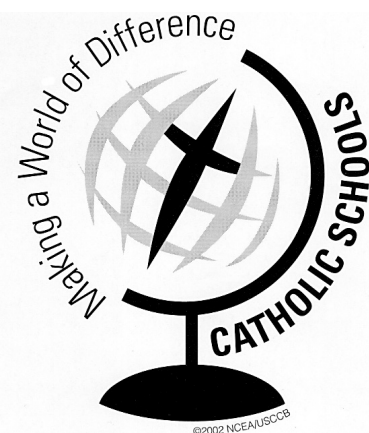
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