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## A 'happy priest' and 'zealous pastor'

### New Auxiliary Bishop named, first Brazilian-born and first Vocationist

**BY GREG TOBIN**

*Editor & Associate Publisher*

His Holiness Pope John Paul II has nominated Father Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. as an Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, Archbishop John J. Myers, the Metropolitan Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Newark, announced Friday, June 27 at an Archdiocesan Center news conference.

Bishop-elect da Cunha (pronounced *dah-Coon-ya*) is the first Brazilian-born priest to be appointed a bishop for service in the U.S. and the first member of his religious congregation to be named a bishop.

The new Auxiliary Bishop-elect, 49, a native of Nova Fatima, Bahia, Brazil, was presented at the news conference to the people of the Archdiocese, the local and national press corps, and senior Chancery officials. He will be one of four active auxiliary bishops of the Archdiocese and is the first since Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, was ordained Sept. 8, 2000.

#### Service among poor

Archbishop Myers said, "The Holy Father's appointment of Bishop-elect da Cunha is a great gift to the Archdiocese of Newark. He brings the dedication of both a zealous pastor and a committed religious to the office of bishop."

Bishop-elect da Cunha stated, "I want all the immigrants in the Archdiocese of Newark to know

that I am one of them, one with them and one for them. I find great joy and reward serving the poor and the needy. I have done that my whole life, and I hope to continue doing so."

Archbishop Myers emphasized that the new bishop's responsibilities and "job description" are yet to be finalized but that the auxiliary bishop would continue his long-standing ministry in the Hispanic and immigrant communities within the Archdiocese.

The new bishop was ordained a priest March 27, 1982 in Newark and served as a parochial vicar at St. Michael Parish, Newark, and as a parochial vicar, then pastor, of St. Nicholas, Palisades Park.

#### Focus on vocations

He is a member of the religious order, the Society of Divine Vocations (S.D.V.), commonly known as Vocationist Fathers, whose American headquarters is in Florham Park. The bishop-elect served the order as director of the Vocationary, the Society's house of formation, from 1994 to 2000. Previously he was the community's director of vocations for several years.

Bishop-elect da Cunha has been pastor of St. Michael Parish in Newark since 2000.

When asked at the press conference about his experience in Catholic education, he said, "I firmly believe in Catholic education and the impact it has in the lives of our children. My



**Bishop-elect Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V.**

parish has the largest Catholic grammar school in the Archdiocese. We have kept our school alive and successful with the help of so many in our community."

Msgr. Francis A. Seymour, the Archdiocesan Archivist, commented about his colleague, "I've known him for almost 20 years, and he is one of the happiest priests I've ever known. Every time I've seen him, he's been smiling. And he didn't wait until today to put that on."

Bishop-elect da Cunha's episcopal ordination is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 3, the Feast of Pope St. Gregory I, at the Cathedral Basilica.

## Enforcement, pastoral response emphasized in revised policy

**BY GREG TOBIN**

*Editor & Associate Publisher*

The Archdiocese of Newark has issued a revised policy regarding allegations of sexual misconduct by Archdiocesan personnel. It replaces the policy that has been in effect since 1993. The new policy has been approved by Archbishop John J. Myers and released through the Office of the Chancellor.

The policy, with related information, is printed in full as a special pull-out supplement to this edition of *The Catholic Advocate*.

Sheri A. Rickert, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Newark, stated, "It is our hope that with the publication of this policy, it will help the public, and especially the parties involved, to better understand the process in place to handle such allegations. The Church is concerned and

doing its best to address the crisis."

According to the Chancellor, the new policy was drafted in collaboration among all the dioceses of New Jersey in response to requirements of the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), June 2002, and the revised "Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons," subsequently adopted by the American bishops, November 2002.

Last December, the New Jersey Catholic Conference announced a memorandum of understanding among the five Catholic dioceses of the Province of New Jersey and the state's county prosecutors. This agreement focused on how the Church will continue to cooperate with civil law

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Mourners from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark attended the July 5 Mass of Christian Burial for Sgt. 1st Class Gladimir Philippe at St. Joseph the Carpenter Parish in Roselle. Sgt. Philippe was killed in combat during the war in Iraq. Offering condolences after Mass were, left to right, Archbishop John J. Myers and Bishop Charles McDonnell, Auxiliary Bishop for Bergen County. Behind Bishop McDonnell is Father George D. Gillen, Pastor of St. Joseph's, who celebrated the Mass.

Advocate photo: Frank Wood




# To lay down one's life for one's friend

On July 5, Bishop Charles McDonnell and I had the sad task of attending the funeral of US Army Sgt. First Class Gladimir Philippe. For those of you who didn't see the news reports, Sergeant Philippe was one of two American soldiers kidnapped and killed in Iraq at the end of June. The funeral was held at St. Joseph the Carpenter Parish in Roselle, where the Philippe family and many of the Haitian community of this Archdiocese have their spiritual roots. Father George Gillen, Pastor, and current and former priests of the parish concelebrated the funeral Mass.

Gladimir Philippe was the first serviceman from our Archdiocese to die in this most recent conflict. Throughout the buildup to war and the campaign itself, I had prayed, as so many of you have, that everyone in our archdiocesan family "over there" would be spared the ultimate sacrifice. Unfortunately, that was not to be. I continue to pray that Gladimir Philippe will be the only casualty from the Church of Newark in this war and that all of our sons and daughters will be home soon.

I sat in the sanctuary before the funeral began and listened as three men—Governor McGreevey, an Army general and a friend of the Philippe family—

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By Archbishop John J. Myers

each spoke briefly before the liturgy to the hundreds of friends, family and parishioners gathered about Gladimir Philippe's sacrifice, about sorrow and loss, and about the Sergeant's determination to serve the country that welcomed him as an immigrant not that many years before.

I recalled my own feelings about how families worry and fear for their loved ones while they serve in combat. One of my cousins was stationed near Iraq during the war. Not a day passed during his tour of duty without one of my brothers, sisters or cousins hoping out loud for his safety.

To bury a child, even an adult child, is something

no one should have to do. Nor should anyone have to have to bury a parent when he himself is a child. To paraphrase an old Irish saying, "That isn't the way of things." Yet, in their grief, the Philippe family, from Gladimir's father to his 10-year old son, did just that, seeking the comfort of the Church and what she teaches about our hope in a new life in the Lord.

Although no one coordinated statements prior to the funeral, the words of remembrance of the three men prior to the liturgy echoed those of the Gospel according to Saint John, on which Father Gillen based his homily: "No man has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Perhaps it was the coincidence of the Fourth of July celebration, when we recall the sacrifice and determination of our nation's founders to establish a free and just society in this peaceful land of

America. Perhaps it was the recognition that Gladimir Philippe, who came to this country to enjoy the benefits of freedom secured by the sacrifices of others, felt a similar duty to help establish a free society in Iraq.

But, as Bishop McDonnell and I visited with family members after the funeral, I thought perhaps that everyone in Roselle recognized that day that, as Christians, we are called to act for justice.

*"As Christians, we are called to act for justice."*

## Stewardship

# 'Welcoming' first impressions are lasting ones

**BY ANDREW KACZYNSKI**  
Coordinator of Stewardship for the Archdiocese

How a parish welcomes new parishioners can have a tremendous impact on the success of stewardship education efforts in parishes. If parishioners feel warmly welcomed into the church community from the very beginning, they are much more likely to be receptive to the parish's stewardship efforts. In fact, in many ways, stewardship and being a welcoming community go hand in hand.

That's what Msgr. Donald Guenther, Maribel Fajardo and the Stewardship Commission of Immaculate Conception Parish, Secaucus have found out firsthand. In a recent visit with Msgr. Guenther and Ms. Fajardo, I discovered that the parish's welcoming committee, under the organization and direction of its Stewardship Commission, has a rather unique, yet effective, approach to this most important ministry.

Registration is not held in the parish office, but instead, the welcoming committee conducts a welcoming event once a month after a Sunday Mass whereby new parishioners are invited to attend. It is there that they formally register to be members of the parish.

Members of the hospitality committee and the Stewardship Commission usually set up the event with registration and stewardship of time and talent forms. Coffee and bagels are served, and a member of the parish clergy speaks to the group, not only welcoming them into the community, but also speaks to them of the importance of what it means to be a stewardship parish.

The new registrants are also given a welcoming packet, which includes a set of temporary offering envelopes, a church schedule, directory and a ministry book with a description of all parish groups and organizations, plus their respective contact people. Once this process takes place, the new parishioners receive a letter from Msgr. Guenther officially welcoming them to the parish.

"This approach allows us to welcome the new parishioners on a very personal level. It tells them we need them, and it allows them to feel part of the community from the very beginning," Msgr. Guenther told me.

"It leaves them with a very good first impression of the parish community," Ms. Fajardo added.

*"This approach allows us to welcome the new parishioners on a very personal level."*  
- Msgr. Donald Guenther

As an aside, it's important to note that Immaculate Conception Parish has an extremely well-organized and fully functional Stewardship Commission. This commission, under the leadership of Ms. Fajardo, to whom Msgr. Guenther gives all the credit, has numerous subcommittees that all work to promote stewardship as a way of life at the parish.

In addition to the welcoming and hospitality committees, the Commission's goals and mission are implemented through four other committees: a communications committee, which publishes Parish Tidings, a bi-monthly newsletter; an education committee, which coordinates programs for stewardship of children and spiritual growth of parishioners; a ministry development committee, which coordinates existing and new ministries; and a volunteer coordination committee, which plans the annual apprecia-

tion dinner for volunteers and follows up on time and talent commitments.

Immaculate Conception Parish incorporates the ingredients that go into creating a warm welcome for new parishioners. These key elements are registration, welcoming packet, welcoming letter, welcoming visit and a welcoming event. It is suggested that Stewardship Committees may want to look at the current welcoming process in the parish and determine if there are areas where some of these ingredients can be added or spiced up.

Overall, parishioners are usually much more willing to get involved and offer their gifts of time and talent in a parish where they are made to feel comfortable and welcome. So, when a parish embraces the concept of stewardship, it is important that new parishioners, too, be invited to share in the joy that it can bring. Remember, first impressions can be lasting impressions.

In the consolidated financial information that appeared in the June 18, 2003 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*, we incorrectly stated the figures for "Endowments" and "Others" under the table "Operating Expenses/Source of Funds." The corrected table is:

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We apologize for the error.





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'Stop the Violence, Increase the Peace'

BY BRIAN FORES  
Staff Reporter

Chanting, "Stop the Violence, Increase the Peace!" members of Pillars of Peace Youth Ministry at Queen of Angels Parish, Newark, and The Future Leaders of Tomorrow, a Newark-based neighborhood youth group, braved some of the city's toughest urban neighborhoods and the rain to march against gang violence late last month.

Some 100 demonstrators turned out for the march, which began at City Hall and made its way to the Robeson Center on the Rutgers University-Newark campus. There, an open-mic session took place, where youths addressed community leaders and their peers about the difficulties of growing up in an area riddled by gang violence, a reality facing many teens in the Newark area.

Members of Pillars of Peace explained the importance of ministering to youths living in the inner city. "We need to stretch peace out to the entire community," noted Khaliyah Jordan. "When we were marching, people stopped; some even joined us. They know what's going on—but they're afraid of those who may not agree with them."

Mathew Castleberry commented, "We're here because we want to give gang members different choices." Kaymah Kollison added, "We need to do more. This is just the beginning; we need to be a constant presence."



Advocate photos - Brian Fores

March for Peace - Demonstrators rally outside of the Rutgers-Newark Paul Robeson Center, after marching to protest gang violence.

Brandon Hayes, also a member of Pillars of Peace, said gang members removed their bandanas (a red or blue bandana—or "flag"—signifies membership to a gang) as a sign of respect, upon witnessing the youths march for an end to gang violence.

"The problem is that many people don't have a strong enough network of family support, so they turn to a gang for that sense of belonging; sometimes this starts at a very early age. I also think we need more

after-school programs for kids to get involved in, so this kind of thing won't happen," he noted.

During the event's most dramatic moment, actual gang members hesitantly stepped up to the podium and signed a truce stating that they would commit to ending gang violence. After signing, the young men put their arms around each other as a sign of solidarity, as the auditorium erupted in applause.

A special liturgy for special needs

BY LIESL FORES  
Staff Reporter

Entering the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark on June 22, it was clear that it would be a unique experience.

It was Special Needs Sunday, a day for celebrating Mass dedicated to raising awareness of the challenging circumstances that people with physical and developmental impairments face, to pray for them and to give them an opportunity to participate as ministers in the liturgy.

Deacon Thomas Smith, Director of Ministry with the Deaf at Catholic Community Services (CCS) in Newark, greeted people in sign language as they took their seats. He gave others, those who would be serving, directives in the same manner. Though it was quiet in the cathedral, but for the choir practicing, there was constant communication between attendants at the second annual Archdiocesan Special Needs Sunday Mass.

Several sign language interpreters, including Deacon Smith, were on hand, one to translate readings, one for the cantor and one for the liturgy of the Eucharist.

The readings were proclaimed by George Lucas, a deaf man from Hawthorne, and Mary Ryan, a blind woman from Westfield. Gift bearers were Meagan Rooney, a woman with speech aphasia from Bloomfield, Patrick Costa, a developmentally delayed man from Newark, and Anna Marie Sopko, a woman with cerebral palsy from Bayonne. Candle bearers were Mike Androsko and Sheila Burke, both deaf and

both from Rahway. And the Cross bearer was Narcisco Larancuent, a developmentally delayed man from Newark. Sign language interpreters were Mary Ellen Dolan from Boonton and MaryJo Burke-Mansbach from Cranford.

The congregation prayed, sang and responded expressively through sign language, completely immersed in the Mass.

Addressing everyone, Archbishop John J. Myers, the main celebrant, noted during his homily, "God made us human beings, body and soul, to know Him, love Him and serve Him now and every day. This is true of every person. We are all equal before the Lord."

Pointing out that we all have the responsibility to make the world a better place, beginning by honoring God the way Jesus Christ Himself taught us to, he declared, "As we welcome our brothers and sisters with special needs, we recognize that we have needs too, our society has needs."

A petition that "we may learn to accept one another and respect and honor all of our unique abilities" was made. And during the offering of the sign of peace, the universal signs for "peace" and "I love you" were exchanged throughout the assembly, giving the Mass distinctive character.

When asked why she wanted to be a part of the Special Needs Mass, Rooney, who volunteers once a week in the Deaf Ministry at CCS, signed, "I wanted to be with the Archbishop, to meet him." She continued that she likes being with other people with special needs because then she doesn't feel so different. "There's a unity," she indicated. "Every Mass should be like this."

Rooney's mother, Vicki, emphasized the value of her daughter having the chance to participate in the Mass. Rooney's father, Tom, a Eucharistic Minister at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Bloomfield, stressed that the celebration reinforces those with

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Novarcensis: A Look Back at Our History

150 years ago ...

July 29, 1853. The Diocese of Newark, NJ established by decree of Pope Pius IX. Other American dioceses erected on the same date: Natchitoches, LA; Brooklyn, NY; Burlington, VT; Covington, KY; Erie, PA; Portland, MA; San Francisco, CA, and Quincy, IL.

2 years ago ...

July 24, 2001. Most Rev. John Joseph Myers, Bishop of Peoria, IL, is appointed the fifth Archbishop of Newark.

This column will commemorate important dates in the history of the Archdiocese of Newark, which celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. We welcome suggestions and anecdotes.



# U.S. bishop’s monumental effort responding to abuse crisis

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — In the past year, the U.S. bishops have made a “monumental effort” to address all aspects of the crisis caused by clergy sexual abuse of minors, Archbishop Harry J. Flynn of St. Paul-Minneapolis said June 21. Archbishop

Flynn, chairman of the bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse, delivered a report on the issue on the final day of the bishops’ June 19-21 national meeting in St. Louis. The meeting also featured a half-day closed session June 19 at which

the bishops discussed the goals and methodology of a national survey being conducted in all dioceses by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York to determine the extent of clergy sexual abuse of children in the U.S. Church since 1950. They also spent a day reflecting on some of the major issues in the U.S. Church

that they see as underlying the sexual abuse crisis. Archbishop Flynn said the bishops were facing “perhaps the worst crisis in the history of the Church in our country” at their watershed meeting last June in Dallas, where they adopted a child protection charter and began the process of establishing legally binding norms for the removal

of all abusive priests. “Since that historic meeting last year, a monumental effort has been made to fulfill the promises of that charter, to implement measures that would remove offending clergy, to reach out to those so terribly injured by sexual abuse and to restore the trust and confidence of our people and our priests,” he said.

## Bishop O’Malley to head Archdiocese of Boston

Bishop Sean Patrick O’Malley, appointed July 1 by Pope John Paul II to head the troubled Boston Archdiocese, was cited by Archbishop John J. Myers for his “extensive experience in leading dioceses and people through difficult times.” Archbishop-elect O’Malley, who less than nine months ago took over the scandal-battered Diocese of Palm Beach, FL, succeeds Bernard Cardinal Law, who resigned in December after a year of growing scandal over his handling of priests who sexually abused children. In Palm Beach, Archbishop-elect O’Malley headed a diocese whose last two bishops resigned amid allegations of sexual misconduct. As head of the Boston Archdiocese, Archbishop-elect O’Malley is likely to be named a cardinal by the pope in the next consistory. He will be installed July 30 at Boston’s Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

**‘A man of the Church’**  
“The people of the Church of Newark,” Archbishop Myers said following the announcement, “rejoice along with the people of the Church of Boston in the appointment of my friend and colleague, Bishop Sean O’Malley, as Archbishop-elect. He is an outstanding bishop, a man of prayer and of the Church.” He will be, Archbishop Myers added, “particularly valuable to the Archdiocese of Boston as it seeks healing in the days and months ahead. It is my firm belief that Archbishop-elect O’Malley will be for the people of the Archdiocese of Boston an instrument of the Lord’s peace.” Boston will be the fourth U.S. diocese to have been headed by Archbishop-elect O’Malley, who has lived and worked in several other places around the United States.

**Monk and respected bishop**  
A Capuchin friar since 1965, and a priest since 1970, he was named Coadjutor Bishop of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, in 1984 and became head of the diocese the following year. He was Bishop of Fall River, MA, for a decade, ending his term last year, and Bishop of Palm Beach since Oct. 19. Archbishop-elect O’Malley, who speaks Portuguese, Spanish, French, Italian and German, made a nationally publicized case of pedophilia involving a former priest a top priority when he took over in Fall River in 1992. Less than two months after his arrival, he issued the first draft of a proposed sex abuse policy that stated, “No diagnosed pedophile will receive an assignment in the Diocese of Fall River.” Archbishop-elect O’Malley is chairman of the U.S. Bishops’ Committee on Consecrated Life and a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Shrines and the committees on Marriage and Family Life and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. He has also been a member of the board of directors of Catholic Relief Services.

(Information for this story was provided by Catholic News Service.)

## Flynn named president

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (CNS) — Raymond L. Flynn, a former mayor of Boston who was U.S. ambassador to the Vatican from 1993 to 1997, has been named president of the Catholic citizens’ activist arm of Your Catholic Voice, which aims to bring Catholics into greater political participation. The movement—with the motto “Cultivate Your Faith, Activate Your Voice”—also has an educational and evangelical arm called Your Catholic Voice Foundation. Its president is Deacon Keith Fournier, a deacon of the Diocese of Richmond, VA.

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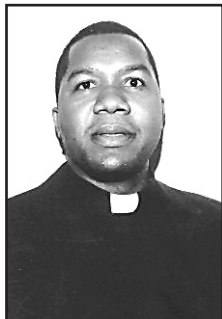
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# Two Salesian priests ordained



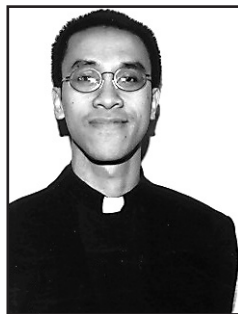
Father Jean  
Quesnel Delvard

Father Jean Quesnel Delvard and Father Dominic Danh Tran were ordained to the priesthood of the Salesian Society of St. John Bosco by Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Raymond Goedert on May 24 at Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Orange.

Father Delvard, a native of Haiti, joined the Salesians of Don Bosco in 1990.

Three years later he took vows as a Salesian, followed by two years of post-novitiate in the Dominican Republic.

After two years of practical training, he returned to Haiti to teach in a technical school. He returned to the United States and spent a year in a Salesian residence in South Orange. The following year he was sent to the Salesian Boys and Girls Club in East Boston. In the summer of 1999, he made perpetual profession as a Salesian and began studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary at



Father Dominic  
Danh Tran

Seton Hall University.

Father Tran, from the Bronx, was born in Vietnam. After the Vietnam War ended, the Bishop of Dalat and the Salesian formation community opened a Salesian Chapel for area residents.

In 1992, Father Tran and his parents left Vietnam and joined two brothers in the United States.

A year later the Salesians of the New Rochelle Province accepted him to the pre-novitiate. He then began studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary.

Father Tran received a bachelor's degree in English, followed by Master of Arts and Master of Divinity degrees from Seton Hall University. He is active in various ministries including choir, liturgy, religious education and youth.



Advocate photos - Frank Wood



A Mass to celebrate its 40th year of ordination to the priesthood was celebrated recently by the Class of 1963 at SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Elizabeth. Of the 26-member class, 14 were at the Mass. There are, left to right, Rev. Patrick Leonard; Rev. John Ryan; Rev. Kevin Ashe; Msgr. Francis Seymour; Rev. Thomas Kenna; Rev. Thomas Coletta; Rev. Joseph Coda; Rev. Alfred Zemeikis; Rev. Robert Carroll; Rev. James Kirchner; Rev. Raymond McKeon; Rev. Kenneth Herbster; Rev. Thomas Norton; and Msgr. Philip Morris. Father Coda, as the senior member of the class, was the main celebrant. Father Zemeikis is pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish. He called the Mass a "blessed moment" in which one could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit.

## St. Ann's Italian Festival in Hoboken

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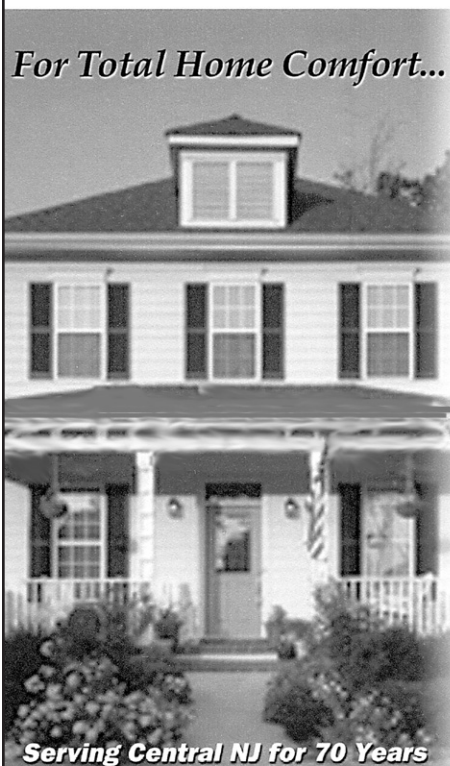
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# The 'old Mass' comes in out of the cold

An interesting event took place in Rome on May 24, 2003. For the first time since 1969 the old Latin Mass (sometimes called the "Tridentine Mass" because it was codified at the Council of Trent, and sometimes called the Mass of Pius V because he presided at the Council of Trent, 1545-1563) was celebrated.

Five Cardinals and 2,000 people were present. There was a crowd of about 850 priests. I guess you could say that the "old Mass" has come in out of the cold.

All of us ordained before 1966 offered that Mass every day. So we remember it well. We also remember when there was the intermediate stage when just the Scriptures were read in English. You may remember, we began by reading the Old Testament and the responsorial psalm on the left side and then moved to the right side to read the Gospel. That only lasted a short time, and we began to read all of the Scriptures from the pulpit. We also had a lector and a commentator.

Then suddenly the Mass became the "Liturgy." It was entirely in English. People have been arguing ever since. At the higher levels of the Church the contest still goes on. The liturgists, the scholars, the hierarchy and the curia are still battling over the proper translations. Meanwhile, the rest of us just look on in wonder. Even at their last

## Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



*"There is a nostalgia about the old Mass."*

There is a nostalgia about the old Mass that brings to mind priests in cassocks, nuns in habits, Catholic schools, packed churches on Sunday and Monday night novenas.

Thus there is, and has been, a fairly large number of people who yearn for and lobby for the good old days and in particular for the Latin liturgy.

meeting the bishops were wrestling with the recommendations of a group called the International Committee on English in the Liturgy (ICEL).

At any rate, there are millions of boys—now men—who can still recite "ad Deum qui laetificat juventutem meam" and the rest of those altar boy prayers by heart.

But let me share my experience with you.

Once every year, at the conclusion of our Saint Jude Novena, I celebrate Mass in Latin. It is not the Tridentine Mass but rather the modern liturgy that can be found in the sacramentary that the priest uses every day. It is in the back part of the book.

The people are happy when I begin the Mass with "In nomine Patris, et filii, et Spiritus Sancti." Many join the choir for the Kyrie (Greek, of course), the Gloria, the Sanctus, Pater Noster and Agnus Dei.

However, as I begin the Eucharistic prayer I (the old Roman Canon), I am facing the people. I can see in their eyes respect — and even awe. But soon I begin to discern a blank stare in their eyes. I am saying prayers that no one understands.

Invariably, every year, someone comes to me after Mass and says, "Father, that was very nice. But you know I really prefer to hear the Mass in English. I am accustomed to it in English. I can understand the words."

So perhaps it is useful to have the old Latin Mass said now and then. It gives people an opportunity to compare what is with what was. But the sad reality is this — you can't go home again.

The old liturgy will remain for us a model and an icon of the past. The world moves on — and so does the Church.

*Msgr. Gilchrist is pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Harrison.*

# Giuseppe Sarto... Pius X... man of destiny

One hundred years ago this week, the Archbishop of Venice packed his bags, borrowed money from a friend to pay for a round-trip railway ticket to Rome, stepped onto a gondola was rowed up the Grand Canal to the railroad station, and boarded a train that would take him to an unexpected rendezvous with destiny.

The See of St. Peter was vacant due to the death, at age 92, of Pope Leo XIII. Cardinals from around the world were making their way to the Eternal City for the express purpose of electing his successor. As Sarto was about to step onto the train, one of his sisters sobbed, "Beppi, they might make you pope!"

The husky prelate smilingly replied, "Not a chance!" "Beppi," the Italian diminutive for Giuseppe, considered himself first and foremost a simple country priest. In his first assignment in a small village parish, his rectory door was always open to his flock. No one in need was ever sent away empty-handed. Practically all of his miniscule salary would be given away in handouts to the poor who called on him.

When he was made bishop of Mantua in 1884, the handsome robust Sarto continued to conduct himself as a humble village pastor. When needy persons called on him at the Episcopal residence, he would hear them out sympathetically, often holding their hands in his. Before sending them on their way, he would reach into the sleeve cuff of his cassock and hand them a few liras.

One fellow wrote to him about his gravely ill son, given up for lost by the doctors. The bishop sent the boy a brief note of encouragement. The next day the youngster arose completely cured.

A similar happy outcome resulted from the bishop's blessing on a little girl with paralysis. In time there were dozens of such incidents reported and Bishop Sarto's "miraculous powers" became legendary.

In 1893, Pope Leo made him the Cardinal-Archbishop of Venice. Even in that lofty post, Giuseppe Sarto conducted himself as a parish priest and kept up his charitable ways.

## A View from History

By Frank J. Korn



Now it was late July 1903 and Sarto found himself in Rome about to participate in a papal election.

By the afternoon of Aug. 2, his tally had climbed to 24, with 42 required for election. Alarmed, the cardinal rose to address his colleagues, urging them not to consider him, insisting he was not fit—by temperament, background, or ability—to hold the awesome keys.

On the morning of Aug. 3 the count reached 27. The trend and the ultimate outcome were obvious. Again the patriarch of Venice spoke out, his voice trembling, his eyes glistening.

During the lunch break the cardinals sent young Msgr. Rafael Merry del Val, secretary of the conclave, to plead with Sarto to change his mind. The monsignor found him alone in the Pauline Chapel, also known for its Michelangesque frescoes. The cardinal was on his knees, clearly distraught by these developments. "Corraggio Eminenza. Il Signore l'aiuterà." Take heart Your Eminence, the Lord will help you.

Merry del Val's words had the hoped-for effect. On the morning of Aug. 4, having received 50 votes, Sarto accepted the mantle of Peter and the terrible burden that went with it, assuming the name of Pius X. White smoke wafted over the Vatican!

The new pope, visibly shaken, appeared on the inte-

rior balcony of St. Peter's Basilica to impart his apostolic benediction upon the throng below. Soon after his ascent Pius made Merry del Val both a cardinal and his secretary of state. Together they forged an ambitious agenda. Pius took as his pontifical motto the words of St. Paul: "Instaurare omnia in Christo"—Renew all things in Christ.

One of his early steps was to lower the required age for First Communion to seven, which he deemed to be the age of reason. Because of his fervent call for frequent reception of communion, he quickly earned the nickname of the "Pope of the Eucharist."

He also quickly created a large number of saints, Joan of Arc and John Vianney among them. He launched the daunting task of codifying Canon Law, reformed the training of priests, the breviary and the various congregations of the Holy See. He worked feverishly, though futilely, to head off the gathering storm of World War I.

Early in 1914, with Europe on the threshold of war, Papa Sarto's health began to fail and in the months ahead deteriorated rapidly. On the evening of

Aug. 19 the bells of all the churches of Rome began to toll, a signal to the Roman flock to pray for its shepherd. Thousands converged on St. Peter's Square to keep a vigil. At 1:15 a.m. of

the 20th, Pius X entered the ages.

His cult began at once; his intercession in Heaven was widely invoked. Miracles by the score were credited to him. The cause for his canonization was set in motion, culminating in his beatification by Pope Pius XII in June 1951. Three years later the same pontiff presided over impressive canonization rites for Pope Saint Pius X.

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*"Take heart, your Eminence, the Lord will help you."*



# Vatican official questions surgery on conjoined Iranian twins

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican’s top health official said surgeons in Singapore should not have attempted a risky operation—which proved fatal—to separate 29-year-old Iranian twin sisters joined at the head.

“It was an error paid with the highest price possible, the price of two human lives,” Archbishop Javier Lozano Barragan, President of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers, said July 9 in an Italian newspaper interview.

“There was no moral obligation to do it. They were two persons who had lived together for 29 years... In the face of the high risk, the operation should not have been performed,” he said. Laleh and Ladan Bijani, the conjoined twins, died July 8 from massive blood loss after a 52-hour operation to separate them. The procedure was performed by an international team of 28 specialists and 100 assistants at Singapore’s Raffles Hospital.

The twins had spent months preparing for the operation and knew it was highly risky. Some experts gave the procedure a 50-50 chance of success. In 1996, a team of German doctors refused the Bijanis’ request to perform the surgery, saying sepa-

rating them could be fatal.

Archbishop Lozano said that without making “superficial condemnations,” it was important to stress to doctors in such cases that the benefits must be very carefully weighed against the risks.

“When one places human life in danger, there can never be too many preventative questions,” the archbishop said.

Meanwhile, a moral theologian at one of Rome’s Church universities told Vatican Radio he thought the operation did

not create any ethical problems.

Redemptorist Father Raphael Gallagher, professor of moral theology at Rome’s Alphonsianum, noted that the sisters prepared for the operation, were aware of the risks and had entrusted themselves to some of the world’s top surgeons.

“The medical team and the two women were aware of the possible consequences of the operation. So it doesn’t seem to me that the choice to do the operation creates ethical problems,” he said.

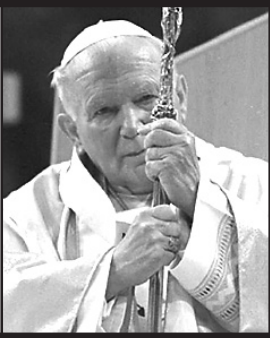
Father Gallagher said he was saddened that the operation failed and added, “I truly respect the courage of the two women, and I think that their decision to do the operation was a very courageous moral choice.”

*“It was an error paid with the highest price possible.”*

- Archbishop Javier Lozano Barragan

## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



## God’s promise of salvation

Dear brothers and sisters,

Psalm 143 (142) is the last of the so-called penitential psalms. It invokes God’s promise of salvation and recalls the past wonders accomplished by the Lord.

Faced with adversity and trials, God’s holy people do not lose hope; rather, they cry out to Him, confident that He will hear them and respond. Thus we see the true power of prayer: for those who place their trust in the Lord’s faithful and saving love, prayer brings hope, joy and light, and leads to eternal life.

I offer special greetings to the English-speaking visitors present today, especially those from Scotland, New Zealand and the United States of America. May this summer period of rest and relaxation bring you renewed joy and strength in Our Lord Jesus Christ. Happy holidays.

# Taking nothing for our journey except a staff, sandals

*On a regular basis, I will contribute a column in this space, to share thoughts and concerns as the editor of your Archdiocesan newspaper. Please do not expect anything profound, but do expect me to try to be pointed and accurate and honest, to the very best of my ability. This issue, I have just a few semi-random but related items.*

In this edition of *The Catholic Advocate* we are printing and distributing the policy of the Archdiocese of Newark in response to complaints of sexual abuse by clergy. This policy conforms to the “Essential Norms” document adopted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in November 2002 after the “Charter,” adopted in June 2002, was vetted by special commission of the Vatican. (See the story on page 1 and the special supplement in the middle of the newspaper.)

Each American diocese—including all five of the Province of New Jersey—has published or will publish its policy and make the information widely and easily available throughout the diocese. The diocese’s “Response Officer,” that is, the person directly responsible to receive any and all complaints, must be readily accessible to any and all who wish to report allegations of sexual abuse or misconduct by clergy or any Church personnel.

Last Sunday’s Gospel (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 6: 7-13) pointed our attention to the

## On the Table

By Greg Tobin



specific instructions of Jesus to “the Twelve” as to how they were to conduct their mission to preach and to heal. Christ very specifically said that they were to take no money, no bread, no extra cloak, but to carry only a walking stick and to wear sandals.

His command, and His example, were clear: simplicity and rejection of earthly concerns must be hallmarks of His ministers.

In next Sunday’s Gospel (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 6: 30-34), the Twelve “report back” to the Master on their mission. (Similar to regional vice presidents reporting in to their CEO at an annual meeting?) Jesus has two concerns: first, for the apostles themselves, whom He takes on a retreat; second, for the people who sought them out, looking for guidance.

The Lord expressed “compassion” for the people, “because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and He began to teach them many things.”

*“These are questions that bear examination in our hearts.”*

We are blessed not to be without a shepherd. In fact, in the American Church and the universal Church, we look to our bishops and pastors as our shepherds, to lead and teach us. How do we treat our shepherds? How do they minister to our needs as the faithful?

These are questions that bear examination in our hearts. Do we listen to our bishop and to the bishops who gather in conference to address the needs of the Catholic flock? Do they, in turn, truly listen to the concerns of the faithful, clergy and lay—especially in these times of scandal and crisis?

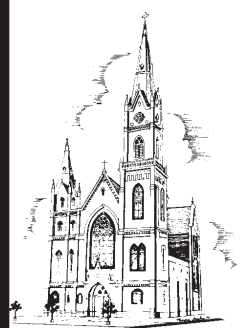
I believe that both parties in this dynamic relationship founded by Christ, and lived out in the books of the New Testament, must continue to work very hard to fulfill their roles and responsibilities. I believe it is happening, that trust and communication are being reestablished.

But not everyone believes that it is happening. Many Catholics remain doubtful, angry and disaffected, separated by choice or circumstance from their shepherds.

Later this year, our Archdiocese, similarly to every other diocese in the U.S., will be audited for compliance with the “Norms” and “Charter,” as outlined in the revised statement of policy on this particularly crucial issue of sexual misconduct by ministers of the Gospel.

Will the auditors and the audited be truly open and honest in assessing the reality of our Christian situation in the local Church? We pray that it will be so, we hope that it will be so and we expect that it will be so.





# SS. Joseph & Michael, Union City

## Bringing people to faith by speaking through signs Major renovation completed

BY LIESL FORES  
Staff Reporter

"The Catholic Church has always used signs and beauty that also speak to the senses to bring people to faith," says Father Fernando Carranza, Administrator of SS. Joseph & Michael Parish in Union City. That is exactly what the newly renovated church has provided.

Upon near completion of a full restoration that included total gutting of the interior of the church building, replastering, repainting, extension of the sanctuary area, construction of an in-ground baptismal font, new liturgical appointments, new flooring and carpeting, refurbishing of pews and refurnishing, a complete overhaul of lighting and electrical work, installation of air conditioning and a sound system, and organ restoration and relocation of the pipes from behind the altar to its original spot in the choir loft, the church opened its doors once again and welcomed back the people who had been anxiously awaiting the renewal.

### Church reopens

After two years of direct planning and many long months of work (during which time Mass was celebrated at the Blue Chapel of the cloistered Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary a few doors down), the church reopened at the Easter Vigil on April 19 and was blessed on July 12 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass, celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers, the "final and most important seal" as Father Carranza put it.

"We had a double aim in restoring the church: first, to bring back the flavor of the original Neo-Gothic architecture; second, to apply the principles of the renewal of the liturgy set forth in the Second Vatican Council, which stress full participation of the People of God," explained Father Roberto Santamaria, Parochial Vicar.

He quoted "Built of Living Stones," a document published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, that states, "Parishes will want to choose a seating arrangement that calls the congregation to active participation and that avoids any semblance of a theater or an arena."

"On the contrary," Father Santamaria asserted, "it should convey the image of an assembly gathered by Christ around the altar."

### Focal point

That is why the altar is in the center of the church, directly in line with the Crucifix (the first thing one sees when he or she enters) and tabernacle, and is surrounded by the pews, so that everyone can take part in the celebration of the Eucharist.

"The amazing thing," Father Carranza observed, "is that after the new arrangement of the assembly, there are more seating spaces than before the renovation."

The same ideal of active participation in the sacraments inspired the design and location of the baptismal font. Shaped like an octagon to represent the resurrection of Christ that took place on the



Father Carranza (right), Deacon Barrett (center), other clergy and parishioners present Archbishop Myers with the gift of a watch during the July 12 Rite of Blessing of a Renewed Church.

"eighth day" (the day following the Sabbath), according to early Church symbolism, the font is at ground level and allows for the baptism of adults and children by both immersion and infusion (pouring water over the head). The inside is carved in the form of a cross, with seven steps leading down, one for each capital sin, and seven adjoining steps going up, signifying the corresponding virtues. The font is in full view of the congregation and in front of the altar, "to indicate that there's a journey from baptism towards Eucharist," noted Father Carranza.

### Symbolism abounds

"From the pierced side of the crucified Christ flowed water and blood," Father Carranza continued. "Traditionally the Church has always seen water as a symbol of Baptism and blood a symbol of the Eucharist, both from which the Church itself is born and nourished."

"The church is full of symbolism that talks to people. Through visible signs people receive a living catechesis," Father Carranza concluded.

Information to this effect was printed in Sunday bulletins and has been discussed with the parish council and other groups to bring these meaningful attributes to their attention.

### 'Like heaven'

Great care was also used in choosing the colors for the interior of the church. Alberto Durante, an architect from Rome who worked on the project, researched German Gothic architecture, factoring in Catholic symbolism, to devise a color scheme that "belonged in this church," said Father Carranza. The result is an array of reds and

various shades of blue that fill the church with "life and color," he emphasized.

Father Carranza explained that the beauty in a church is meant to "give the experience of heaven." Describing the moment when parishioners entered the renovated house of worship, he recalled many saying to him, "Father, you're right. This is like heaven."

"They were so full of joy when they came back and saw the beauty of the church, some had tears in their eyes," he added.

The initial restoration plan was in place before Father Carranza was assigned to the parish four years ago, and funds had already been raised through a capital campaign and sale of the former St. Joseph School. Sargon Adamo, Archdiocesan Plant Services engineer, was instrumental in assisting with managing the project and soliciting bids, from inception to completion.

### The student link

There are other signs of faith in this parish as well. Mother Seton School, the K-8th grade parochial school, plays a key role in the life of SS. Joseph & Michael. About 97 percent of its more than 200 students are Catholic, providing a field for evangelization.

"School children becoming evangelizers and participating; students bringing their parents to church—parents who weren't coming," are significant occurrences, asserted Father Carranza. "The children see that it's important; they're learning this from the formation they're getting in school."

Every Wednesday, a different grade attends the 8:30 a.m. Mass at the church and remains afterwards

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The baptismal font, altar, tabernacle and Crucifix are focal points in the renovated church.



# Vibrant faith serves community

The merger in 1982 of St. Joseph's and St. Michael's Monastery parishes brought together vibrant faith communities rich in tradition and service throughout Union City.

Since the merger, SS. Joseph and Michael Parish has thrived upon the solid foundation of its parishioners and God's love.

### St. Michael's

In 1861 the Passionist priests arrived in West Hoboken, today's Union City, to care for the small Our Lady of Mercy Parish, serving the area between the Hudson River and Hackensack River.

Soon after the Passionists' arrival, construction began on St. Michael's Monastery and a church.

With its cathedral-like features, the church was a jewel of its time.

The monastery was a spiritual center that reached out to and served not only the parish but the state and beyond.

The Passionists fulfilled well the commitment made by Bishop James Bayley, the first Bishop of Newark, to found parishes and maintain them, until diocesan clergy became available.

St. Michael's Monastery Parish produced great amounts of pastoral work in the greater Union City community. The Sisters of Charity, who worked in the schools for 124 years, were of great assistance. In addition, associations, religious services and novenas flourished.

When a decline in Passionist vocations forced the community to close St. Michael's Monastery, the Archdiocese of Newark entrusted the priests with the new SS. Joseph and Michael Parish.



Most Rev. Sebastiano Camera, C.P., center, of Rome, general of the Passionist Congregation, is welcomed by Archbishop Peter Gerety at the centennial celebration of St. Michael's Monastery Parish on July 4, 1975. At left is Very Rev. Flavian Dougherty, C.P., Passionist Provincial. The event marked the 100th anniversary of the church which was rebuilt after fire destroyed it in 1935.

### St. Joseph's

Established in 1889 to serve the growing German population, the parish bought property upon which the church, and later a school and theater, would be built.

Just a decade after its founding, the parish community had expanded so much that a larger church, which stands today, had to be built.

Two diocesan pastors later, the

Bishop asked the Passionists to take over the parish.

St. Joseph's Parish distinguished itself with an abundance of many associations, but especially with "Veronica's Veil," the play that paved the way for Veronica's Veil Theater.

In 1997, the Passionist priests left, and the parish was placed in the hands of the diocesan clergy, continuing the commitment of evangelization.

## Meet the Pastor



### Father Fernando Carranza

**Age:** 39  
**Date of Birth:** February 6, 1964  
**High School:** Instituto de Recalde, Bilbao, Spain  
**College/Seminary/Graduate School:** University of Basque Country, Spain (M.A. in Geography and History), Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University (M.Div.)  
**Heroes:** Pope John Paul II, Mother Teresa of Calcutta  
**Favorite Saint:** St. John Vianney  
**Favorite Sport:** Hiking  
**Favorite Food:** Soup  
**Favorite Subject in School:** History  
**Proudest Moment:** Whenever I see a lost sheep coming back to Church.  
**Last Book Read:** *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas à Kempis  
**Occupation if I weren't a Priest:** Before God called me to the priesthood, I planned to be a history teacher.

## Character and dedication are visible

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for prayer with the Blessed Sacrament; students also have the opportunity to go to Confession. Every first Friday of the month, the entire school attends Mass.

During Lent students reenact the Stations of the Cross in the church and have an annual Christmas pageant there as well. The Sunday during Catholic Schools Week, they attend the 10 a.m. Mass together.

There is an active CCD program of 300 students, plus pastoral care for Holy Rosary Academy and St. Francis Academy, two independently run grammar schools in Union City, is entrusted to SS. Joseph & Michael. Almost all students receive their sacraments at the church, witnessed by the parish community.

The connection of the students and their parents to the church and therefore to the entire parish is vital, Father Carranza believes, and is part of what makes SS. Joseph & Michael special.

Diversity is another important aspect of the parish. Predominantly German at the outset, the population has grown and become more inclusive through the years,

reflecting the changing neighborhood.

"It started out German, then Swiss, Italian and now has many different Hispanic cultures," explained Deacon Thomas Barrett, who has served at the parish for 26 years and has been a member for 57 years. He indicated that while there are still remnants of all these groups (including Irish and Polish as well), the majority of parishioners are Spanish-speaking, accounting for 80 percent.

The rich Latino influence is apparent in the fact that practically every service and event that takes place is carried out in English and Spanish. Masses are celebrated in both languages all week, and a bilingual Mass is offered every Saturday and Sunday.

### Expressive customs

SS. Joseph and Michael has many long-standing traditions that hold great significance for its members. The "Posaditas," (an Advent novena that reenacts Joseph and Mary searching for room in the inns), a Palm Sunday procession and Good Friday Stations of the Cross reenactment performed in the street, a May Crowning, and Corpus Christi and

Assumption processions, all held yearly, are examples.

And for a long time "Veronica's Vail," a Passion play, was an event unique to the parish. "People would come from Washington, DC and all over to see it every year," Deacon Barrett asserted, though unfortunately it is not presented anymore, due primarily to the sale of the building, Veronica's Vail Theater.

### Devotional activities

Some of the parish devotions are the Rosary, prayed before each daily Mass, the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday, starting after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and ending with the blessing before the 7 p.m. Mass, and novenas to the Sacred Heart and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

"Our parish is rich in devotions and piety. When we were at the Blue Chapel during renovations, the Sisters at the convent remarked that they were impressed with the number of people coming to pray and the participation and respect they had at the liturgies. This is a nice compliment coming from cloistered nuns," stressed Father Carranza.

Many groups and ministries, including RCIA, the youth group, altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality, Legion of Mary, Bible study, Boy Scouts, Youth Theater Workshop (which involves public and Catholic school students), prayer groups, Neocatechumenal communities, Catholic Action, Food Pantry, Sacred Heart Society and a pro-life group, help the parish reach out to its members and beyond to the whole community.

"There is real participation of people in the life of the parish; the people are very involved," Father Santamaria noted.

Deacon Barrett agreed, pointing out "the caring of the people of the parish."


"There's never a call that goes unanswered," he said, referring to teams that make house calls when parishioners are sick or in need of some assistance.

Signs are everywhere at SS. Joseph & Michael Parish, in the physical aspects of the church, the leadership of the clergy and the interaction of the members with each other—signs of Christ's presence.





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# New policy

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enforcement agencies by providing names and information on both current and past allegations.

According to a statement of the New Jersey bishops, "For more than 20 years, New Jersey state government, the legislature and law enforcement have developed one of the strongest legal approaches in this nation to the problem of sexual offenses and abuse of minors. The dioceses of the Catholic Church in New Jersey have willingly and creatively taken numerous steps to meet the changing needs and demands of the law."

In 1993 the New Jersey Catholic Conference developed additional guidelines for dioceses to institute procedures for investigating and reporting cases of abuse.

A national audit of diocesan policies dealing with the problem of sexual abuse of minors by clergy began in June, according to the Office of Communications of the USCCB. The Conference established an Office for Child and Youth Protection last year, which is charged to produce "an annual public report" on the progress made in implementing the standards of the Charter and Norms.

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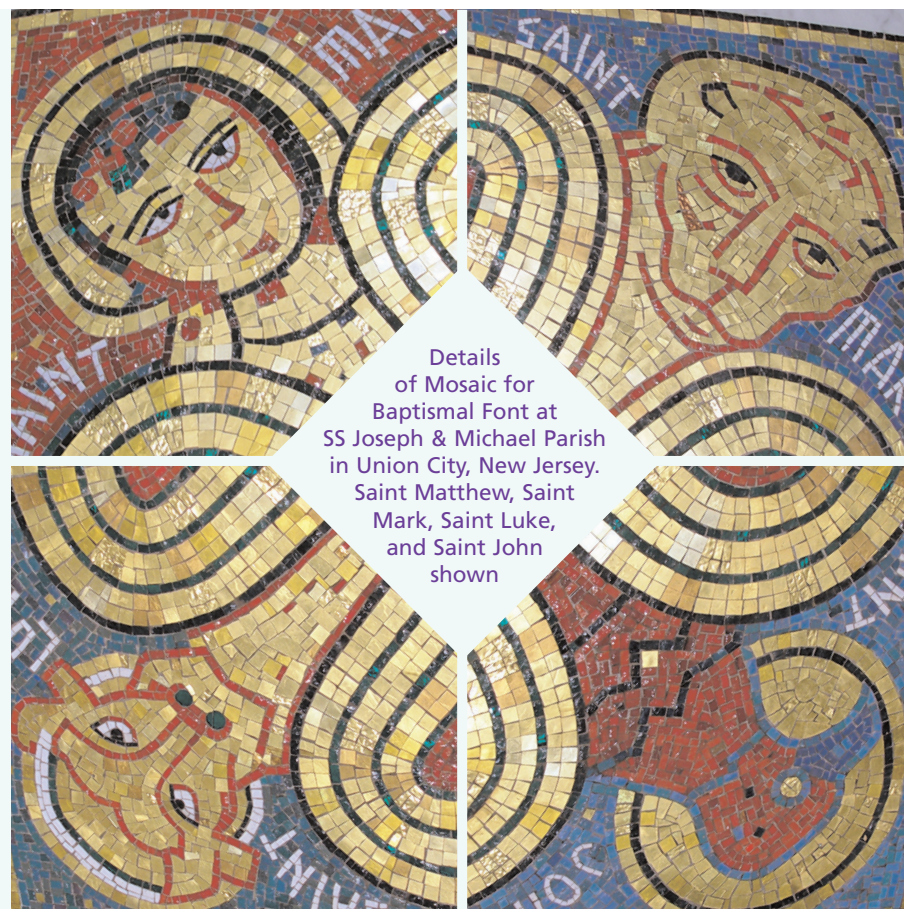
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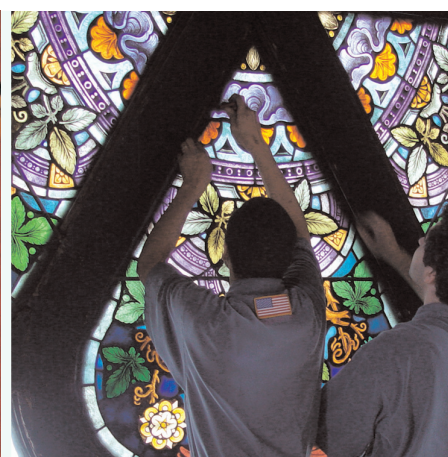
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Sister Marilyn Minter, outgoing Associate Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Newark who will begin a new ministry with her Felician Sisters Community Oct. 1 in Michigan, was given a farewell party recently at the Archdiocesan Center. Offering congratulations to Sister Marilyn are, left to right, Vocations Director Father Brian Plate; Executive Secretary Barbara Kelly; and Margaret Russo and Nancy Nunez of the Tribunal Office.

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# Union Catholic ends yearlong celebration of 40th anniversary

The commencement of the 2002-2003 school year marked the end of yearlong celebrations honoring the 40th anniversary of Union Catholic Regional High School (UC) in Scotch Plains.

A giant birthday cake was placed in front of the school in September, and October saw the dedication of the Our Lady of Grace State and Memorial Walkway.

Other festivities included "Hollywood Night Gala" in November, which provided guests with an evening of entertainment, food and a silent auction. In May, a special 40th Anniversary Alumni Weekend was held, which culminated in a Gala attended by some 400 alumni.

Father James Massa, a member of the class of '78, who

delivered the homily during the Alumni Weekend Mass, recalled "how well cared for and nurtured we were by our mentors." He also commented on the school's "capacity to move with the times."

Sister Percylee Hart, R.S.M., Principal of Union Catholic, welcomed alumni to the gala, noting, "Union Catholic is a special place...where each of us has been given the opportunity to become all God calls us to be," adding that the anniversary "has given us the chance to reflect on all that has been accomplished."

Among those accomplishments was the convening of the "UC Strategic Moment II Convocation," to update participants of the school's long-range strategic planning initiative.

The plan began two years ago with "Convocation I- A Strategic Moment," in which special teams were appointed to further develop such areas as academics, athletics, administration, spirituality and technology.

In December, Sister Percylee

celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a Sister of Mercy. She received accolades during a special dinner in her honor, including a standing ovation.

Some of the applause can be attributed to her creation of the "Laptop Learning Vision Program," which is in its sixth year of development.

### Developing skills

UC has over 900 laptops being used by students, faculty and staff. Students use them interactively throughout the school day, and at home, to encourage learning outside of the classroom—what the school calls its "Anywhere/Anytime Learning" philosophy.

"The technology adds an extra dimension to learning that many students find exciting," stated Karen Piasecki, Assistant Principal in charge of technology. Piasecki pointed out that because of the resources available at UC, students are more organized, and their research and writing skills are well developed. "It's a great opportunity for them to prepare for the future and become life-long learners through technology," she said.

UC has implemented a wireless network that boasts high-speed internet access. The school's student-produced webpage ([www.unioncatholic.org](http://www.unioncatholic.org)) is used to post daily reminders, as well as scholarship, athletic, curriculum and alumni information. UC also participates in Edgate.com, which provides a link between teachers and students, and teachers and parents. Teachers also use Edgate.com to post homework and daily assignments.

The school offers a number of technology-based courses in Word, PowerPoint and Excel for certification testing through Microsoft, DDC and Certiport. Next year will see certification classes for the Cisco Network.

Some of the school's other technology-related facilities include a Library Research Center with Networked Internet Access; Fiber-Optic Network with Classroom Network Access; Computerized College Research Center with Internet Access; a Multimedia Sound and Art Department; Digital Photography and Desktop Publishing capabilities; a Television Production studio; and a Film and Sound Production studio.

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# Perfect SAT verbal score speaks well for school

BY LIESL FORES

Staff Reporter

What's a sign that a grammar school is doing a good job of educating its students? When one of those students scores a perfect 800 on the verbal section of the college-entrance Stanford Achievement Test (SAT).

Molly Fitzpatrick, who recently graduated from St. Peter's Academy in River Edge, was among only eight eighth graders nationwide to achieve the distinction.

Every year Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth in Baltimore, MD contacts seventh and eighth graders who score in the 97th percentile or above on standardized tests and asks them to take the SAT in order to identify exceptional verbal or mathematical reasoning ability.

Principal at the K-8 school, run by both St. Peter the Apostle Parish in River Edge and Our Lady Queen of Peace in Maywood, Sister Barbara Takacs, M.P.F. pointed out that while several of her students have taken the SAT in the past, and their performance has been noted as "distinguished," never before has anyone gotten a perfect score on either section.

"Molly has been in the school since the first grade, and since we've had an honor role, she's always been on it. She has natural intelligence," Sister Barbara affirmed, assur-



Molly Fitzpatrick

ing that the school's programs are very challenging.

For her part, Molly admitted that the test altogether was tough, though some parts were easier than others.

To prepare, the thirteen-year-old said she checked out a prep book from the library, also working in an online version, and "my Dad and I did some [practice] tests, head to head, just for fun." Other than this, Molly did nothing more than go to her local high school and take the SAT with the juniors and seniors.

"I was very surprised and very happy," recalled Molly of finding out the news.

Though she says her favorite subject is history, she stressed that she loves to read. "I read all the time. You get transported to a different place. I really get into the characters too. I just love it."

She also mentioned her creative writing teacher, Sister Jane Gaeta, who "encouraged me

over the years. She took me under her wing."

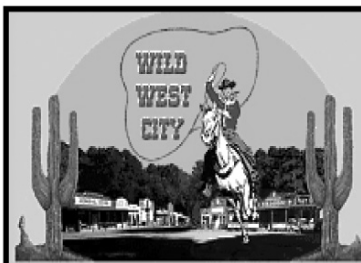
Molly's father, Mike Fitzpatrick, recounted that his daughter began to read "prematurely and very suddenly." He and his wife used to read to her as a very young child, and one day she began to read on her own. "It was astounding at the time," he remarked.

"She's a curious kid, and she has varying interests. All that has contributed to how well she did on the test," Fitzpatrick asserted.

Besides scoring perfectly on the verbal section, Molly also did well on the math section, getting a 660. In September she will be attending Bergen County Academy for the Advancement of Science and Technology, where she'll be focusing much on math. She was St. Peter's webmaster and editor of the newspaper too. "She'll have a lot of options," observed Fitzpatrick of Molly's future.

Sister Dominica Rocchio, S.C., Ed.D., Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools, commented that "this definitely reflects on the school and its language arts program. There's always been an emphasis in Catholic education on academic excellence. This is a case in point.

"Speaking as a former English teacher, I'd love to have this student in my class. She'd be a treasure and an inspiration to others," she added.



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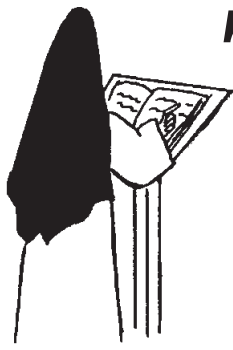
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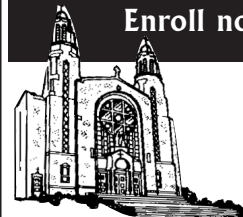
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## Planting a 'special' seed

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special needs, "so that they know God is with them...that they can persevere with God's help."

"We're really proud," commented Rooney's brother, Kevin.

Deacon Smith, who, with the permission of Archbishop Myers, started the tradition last year, believes that it will "lead to a fully integrated Church."

Likening the event to a seedling, he remarked that this year it was "a little stronger, a little higher."

"This is a sign of the move-

ment of the Church in the direction of not just ministering to people with special needs, but having them minister to us. Acknowledging their talents and capabilities, we need to give them leadership roles," he asserted.

Catherine L'Insalata, Special Assistant for Social Ministry Services, affirmed the importance of "having an awareness of the gifts of the disabled."

"It is important for all parishes to celebrate Special Needs Sunday," Deacon Smith concluded.

# Changes at the top of CCS

Catholic Community Services (CCS) of the Archdiocese of Newark has both a new executive director and board chairman.

Dr. Phillip Frese, who has held administrative positions in higher education at major academic institutions, is the new executive director. Named chairman of the Board of Trustees is Henry Amoroso, a partner at Nowell, Amoroso, Klein, Bierman, a commercial, real estate and litigation law firm.

CCS, which this year marks a century of service, is one of the state's oldest and largest social service agencies.

"Mr. Amoroso already has become a major asset to Catholic Community Services. We look forward to accessing his experience, knowledge and commitment as we move into the next 100 years of service to this community," said Archbishop John J. Myers.

The Archbishop went on to note, "In this difficult economic climate, the demand for community services grows exponentially, yet both government and private programs face financial challenges in meeting that expanding need. The experience and dedication of an individual such as Mr.

Amoroso will provide the leadership necessary to successfully address that challenge."

Speaking of the new executive director appointment, Amoroso called it "an important step in taking Catholic Community Services into the next century. Dr. Frese's professional expertise and experience in the not-for-profit sector are key to reinforcing the commitment that this organization has made to the surrounding communities for the past 100 years. I truly look forward to his contribution in strengthening those services."

## RENEW International honors Primate and former Newark Chancellor at annual gala

BY GREG TOBIN  
Editor & Associate Publisher

The successor of St. Patrick and the former Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Newark were honored Tuesday, June 3 at a gala held in the Liberty Science Center (LSC) complex in Jersey City. Archbishop Sean Brady of Armagh, the Primate of All Ireland, and Sister Thomas Mary Salerno, the former Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Newark, each received awards from Msgr. Thomas A. Kleissler, the president and co-founder of RENEW International.

RENEW's director, Michael Brough, served as master of ceremonies and introduced a new film produced by the organization. The film celebrates and documents the work of the organization around the world as a resource for the revitalization of spiritual life through small Christian communi-

ties in Catholic parishes. A non-profit organization based in Plainfield, "RENEW's efforts have touched the lives of more than 25 million people, in over 260 dioceses, in 44 languages, across six continents," said Brough.

From its founding, the unique ministry has received the support of three Archbishops of Newark, Peter L. Gerety, Theodore Cardinal McCarrick and the current Metropolitan Ordinary, John J. Myers.

Sister Thomas Mary reminisced about growing up in the Cathedral Parish of the Sacred Heart in Newark. She credited the Holy Spirit with providing "Archbishop Gerety with the wisdom to bless RENEW." She witnessed the growth of the organization within the Archdiocese and around the world.

Sister Thomas Mary taught for many years at all levels with-

in the education system, then began her service in the chancery of the Archdiocese, rising to the office of Chancellor in 1986. She is the first-ever woman in the history of the Archdiocese and one of the first women in the U.S. to serve in such a prominent diocesan position. She retired in 2002 after 24 years working in various administrative positions in the Archdiocese.

Archbishop Brady spoke to the dinner guests about his experience as a mediator among the opposing parties in bitter conflict in Northern Ireland between Protestants and Catholics. In 1993 he was appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of Armagh with right of succession, and upon the retirement of Cahal Cardinal Daly in 1996, he became the 114th successor of the Apostle of Ireland.

He cited the role RENEW has played in his own archdiocese.

This was the fourth annual gala held by the ecclesial movement, RENEW International, which was founded in 1980 by Msgr. Kleissler and Msgr. Thomas Ivory.

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# Catholic priesthood is topic at interreligious affairs forum

**BY WARD MIELE**  
Managing Editor

Fundamental beliefs of the Catholic Faith in relation to the priesthood were the focus of a presentation by Archbishop John J. Myers at a forum co-sponsored by the Archdiocesan Interreligious Affairs Commission and American Jewish Committee.

Expressing his "great respect" for the Jewish people and Judaism, Archbishop Myers stressed to his audience at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark that both peoples "share so much" in their heritage and "wonderful faith traditions." To think of Jesus as a Jew, he said, is a "joy."

One other thing that is shared, he noted, is sin. "Each one of us is touched by sin." Because of that, the Archbishop stressed, reconciliation is needed.

The Archbishop pointed out that Catholics believe that Jesus Christ is not just a teacher but the "definitive savior."

There is only one priest, and that is Jesus Christ, Archbishop Myers added.

Holy Orders, he explained, goes back to biblical times. But, he stressed, Baptism and the Holy Eucharist are the "greatest" sacraments.

Priests, the Archbishop explained, are "people just like you" who have responded to the call of God. Holy Orders is for the sake of the people and is a continuing sign that "God chooses His

ministers," the Archbishop added.

Referring to the priesthood in the 21st century specifically, Archbishop Myers declared, "Here we are." The priesthood, said the Archbishop is not going to change.

When questioned about the idea of the ordination of women, Archbishop Myers explained the theological basis involved.

"The priesthood," he said, comes to the Church from Jesus Christ, who was a man. That, the Newark Archbishop emphasized, does not "put down" women. The Blessed Virgin Mary, he said, is "holy beyond words" and was not a priest.

Archbishop Myers addressed the forum following a tour of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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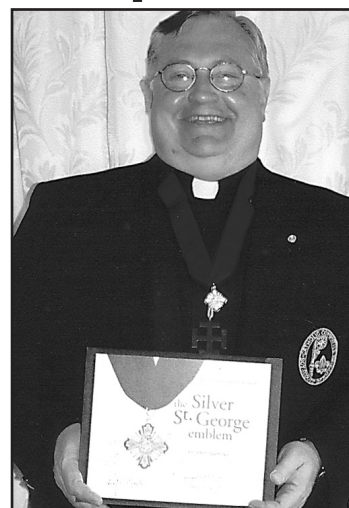
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## Scouting honors pastor

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Father Hummel has been National Chaplain since 2001.

He was cited at the convention for his continued service to the Committee, including his leadership as Region 3 Chaplain, advisor to the Membership Committee, and his work in spearheading the first NCCS membership initiative. Father Hummel was also a leader of the first St. George Trek at Philmont Scout Ranch and was on the Philmont



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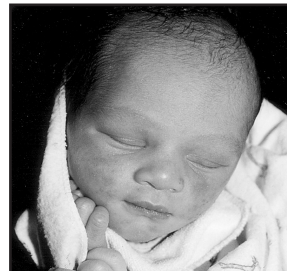
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# Archdiocesan Fatima pilgrimage scheduled this fall

**BY WARD MIELE**  
Managing Editor

An "enriching and very deep dimension of spirituality" awaits participants in this fall's pilgrimage to Fatima, says trip organizer Anne Breslin.

Breslin of Great Experiences, Inc., is looking forward to the Oct. 26-Nov. 2 trip, which will be led by Archbishop John J. Myers as spiritual director, in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Newark's 150th Anniver-

sary celebration. Archbishop Myers will be the main celebrant at all Masses of the pilgrimage. The Rosary will be prayed each evening during a candlelight procession at the Shrine.

In addition to Fatima, the pilgrims will travel to Lisbon and visit a variety of ancient monasteries and convents, medieval villages and a "typical fishing village."

The idea for the pilgrimage, explains Breslin, came about a

year ago when she organized a trip to Rome for the Archbishop's Pallium Mass. It was then that Archbishop Myers talked to her about a 150th Anniversary pilgrimage as a way of thanking God and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The "goal" of her business, Breslin stressed, is to "encourage pilgrims to become more aware of God, His mother and the saints."

Fatima, she was quick to say, is a "perfect" destination for such a pilgrimage. Portugal, Breslin notes, is a "peace-loving" country and "very affordable."

The villagers at Fatima are "focused" on the Shrine," Breslin stresses. Located on a hilltop, the ascent is a prayerful time that dramatically gives one the sense of being a pilgrim, she adds.

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Anne Breslin

the hotel is of five-star caliber.

Breslin is anxious for the pilgrims from the Archdiocese to enjoy a country she has come to know as "rich in history, spirituality and culture."

To date, response to the pilgrimage has been "very good,"

says Breslin. Latest figures show 60 people signed up. Breslin expects the final tally to be between 100 and 150 pilgrims. She notes too that those who have registered represent a good cross-section of the ethnically diverse Archdiocese of Newark.

Breslin has spent 25 years in the travel business, with "99 percent" of her trips with Catholic parishes and groups. "I consider it a ministry," she explains. She began her career working on pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

The pilgrimage, says Breslin, will also be a "wonderful opportunity" for the people to meet Archbishop Myers.

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For those interested in a silent retreat, a Directed Retreat will take place July 21-28.

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"Such a retreat calls for receptivity to the movements of the Holy Spirit and the capacity to discuss one's prayer with the director," explains a spokesman.

From July 21-26 a T'ai Chi Chih Retreat will be held.

The retreat begins with dinner July 21 at 5:30 p.m. and ends July 28 after lunch. The cost is \$345 with a \$50 deposit.

The retreat will include daily instruction, practice of movements, meditation, centering prayer and a variety of optional activities.

Leading the retreat will be Sister Antonia Cooper, an accredited instructor, artist and spiritual director. She is Director of Novices for her Franciscan community.

Open to the public, the cost is \$285 with a \$50 deposit.

The Xavier Retreat and Conference Center is located on the grounds of the College and Academy of Saint Elizabeth.

To register or for additional information on any of the retreats call (973) 290-5100 or e-mail to [xaviercnt@aol.com](mailto:xaviercnt@aol.com)



## Emmanuel Community plans a local event

The Emmanuel Community, under the patronage of the Archdioceses of Newark and New York, will bring young people from around the world July 24-30 to share their love for God.

Under the theme, of "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full," (John 10:10), the goal of the retreat, explained a spokesman, will be to "focus and energize young adults in their Catholicism."

All four days, the spokesman added will be spent "learning, sharing, praying and growing."

"Each day's activities will provide time to draw closer to God in an atmosphere of praise and faith. Together, the participants will discover how to live a joy-filled life in the Catholic Church," asserted the spokesman.

Following the forum/retreat, participants will go to one of New York City's oldest parishes, St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, July 28-30. During the three days, the young people will put their faith to work in the neighborhood, meeting the people of lower Manhattan. Daily workshops and street evangelization will be part of the experience.

The Emmanuel Community has a three decade history of evangelization. Along with other Catholic communities, it has been credited with revitalizing parishes throughout Europe.

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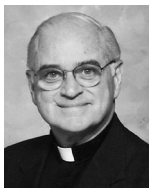


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# Serving God's people here and around the world

BY LIESL FORES

Staff Reporter

A ministry that serves people throughout the country and all over the world is active in the Archdiocese of Newark.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, under the auspices of the international Church organization of the Pontifical Mission Societies, raises "awareness, prayers and money to help the Church survive and thrive in the missions," asserted Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman, Director of the Archdiocesan Office of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

Each division of the Pontifical Mission Societies, the others being Holy Childhood Association, The Society of St. Peter Apostle and Missionary Union of Priests and Religious, operates independently and is involved in sustaining the work of the missions through education and training of missionaries, awareness campaigns or fundraising. All diocesan mis-

sion offices in the United States are under the guidance of the national office in New York, run by Father John Kozar, Director.

"The primary role of the missions is to proclaim the Gospel, teach the faith and establish the Church," noted Msgr. Fuhrman. "An important but secondary role is to look after the social needs of people to improve their lot."

## Mission work

To this end, clergy and religious as well as lay people "go into the world to tell the Good News to the benefit of countless people around the globe," Msgr. Fuhrman said. The Propagation of the Faith directly supports this worldwide endeavor.

In the United States, areas considered to be mission regions include the deep south, Appalachia, some Native American reservations and Alaska, all of which have founded functioning dioceses.

Abroad, Latin America, West Indies, Africa, parts of Asia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea

and South Pacific islands, among other places, are regarded as missionary territory.

"The greatest needs, generally speaking, seem to be in Africa, especially in central and southern areas, due to disasters of civil war, particularly in countries such as Sudan, the Congo, and more recently Liberia; anti-Christian persecution; and AIDS, which heavily affects countries like Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho and Zimbabwe," Msgr. Fuhrman observed. "The Church has to serve these people in some very compassionate way, as Jesus did."

## Challenges, needs

AIDS is an exceedingly devastating epidemic that the Church through its missions is trying to assuage. With the help of private organizations such as Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB), a private health-oriented mission society working with pharmaceutical companies like Bristol Myers Squibb to provide drugs that treat symptoms and help prevent Mother To Child Transmission (MTCT) of AIDS, the Church is "trying to deal with this in a way that maintains patients' dignity and supports and strengthens them in every way possible. In teaching them to live a Christian life, we'd be able to prevent many cases," assured Msgr. Fuhrman.

Housing and food/water supply needs are also addressed.

"The challenges to missionaries are the same to the people they serve: tremendous poverty, disease, natural disaster, war, human sin and rejection of God. Many have paid with their lives, even in the modern world. Missionaries are killed every year in trying to advance the faith," he stated.

However, there are many victories. "The mark of success is



A missionary Sister cares for an infant orphan in Southeast Asia.

the establishment of a native church with native clergy, and the local church being able to provide for its own needs," Msgr. Fuhrman pointed out. "Once missionaries accomplish this, they can leave and go to a new destination to begin again."

He cited large areas of Latin America, parts of Africa and South Korea as examples of "fairly successful sites" where the Catholic faith has grown.

## Facets of promise

There are many factors that make for a productive mission. How long it has been in a certain location is one. The U.S. in its early history was entirely mission territory, but for the most part no longer is.

Another pivotal aspect is the political and social structure (that often go hand in hand) of a nation. China is a rich province for missionaries, Msgr. Fuhrman

believes, but the Communist government does not allow the institution of effective missions. Honduras, on the other hand, welcomes them, but because of its low education ratio (one of the lowest in the world), "cultivating native priests" becomes a very serious problem. "Few students reach university level, so the pool of potential seminarians is small," he explained.

The issue of education is essential, and religious orders address this. Salesian priests, Brothers and Sisters, for instance, are "exemplary," stressed Msgr. Fuhrman. "They've built trade schools in the poorest places to prepare people there for the world, to give them skills so they can market themselves. This is done in the name of Christ, not just as a social service."

## Missionary vocations

Other religious orders present in the Archdiocese whose work in the missions is critical include the Franciscans (various orders), Adorno Fathers (C.R.M.) in Ramsey, St. Patrick's Missionary Society (S.P.S.) in Cliffside Park and Carmelite Fathers (O.Carm) in Bergen County. Religious Sisters and Brothers and lay people who go to missions as catechists, are represented as well.

Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Kearny, the missionary seminary of the Archdiocese of Newark, though self-supporting, also receives some aid for its missions in the Turks and Caicos Islands in the Caribbean and Estonia in Eastern Europe.

In the next issue, Aug. 13, read about how the Propagation of Faith supports the missions.

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## Celebrating a beatification

The Felician Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Province in Lodi, recently observed the Tenth Anniversary of the Beatification of Blessed Mary Angela, during a special liturgy at Immaculate Conception Chapel in Lodi.

Celebrant of the Eucharistic Liturgy was Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D., Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, concelebrants were the Father Tom Nydegger, Vice Rector of the Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University and Father Sebastian Kus, OFM, chaplain to the Felician Sisters in Lodi. Bishop Serratelli was also the homilist.

Blessed Angela founded the Congregation of the Felician Sisters in Poland in 1855. The Felician Sisters now minister in various countries throughout the world including the United States of America, Canada, Brazil, Estonia and Kenya.

The former Sophia Truszkowska, Mother Angela was beatified April 18, 1993. Beatification is the final declaration before canonization.

Lodi Mayor Gary Paparozzi and the council proclaimed the observance of Blessed Angela Day.



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Archbishop John J. Myers offers congratulations and thanks to priests of the Archdiocese of Newark celebrating the 50th, 55th, 60th and 65th anniversaries of their ordinations. The Archbishop addressed the priests during an annual luncheon in his private residence at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.



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# Half-century of priestly service celebrated



On the steps of St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral following Mass are, left to right, front row, Father Robert O'Leary and Father George Macho; second row, Father Alfred Celiano, Msgr. Edward Hajduk and Msgr. Francis Feenan; third row, Msgr. Joseph Flusk and Msgr. James P. McMenemy, Father Donald Cooper and Father Thomas Olsen and, top row, Archbishop Myers and Bishop Marconi. In the right hand photo, Archbishop Myers speaks to the 50th anniversary priests.

**BY WARD MIELE**  
Managing Editor

Priests marking the Golden Anniversary of their ordination concelebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving with Archbishop John J. Myers May 30 at St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral in Newark.

The Mass, noted Archbishop Myers, was a way of thanking the priests for "answering God's call."

In his homily, the Archbishop cited "the priesthood that has touched our lives."

He stressed a "truth" that has struck him over the years is that those who are faithful to their vocations, as they get older, grow in "depth and virtue."

A reflective Archbishop Myers said, "Those of us who grow old in the Lord's service can be joyful because of our faith....I thank you for your service."

He called the Class of 1953 "a great class of service."

In remarks at the end of Mass, Bishop Dominic Marconi, who retired a year ago from active ministry, noted that 50 years ago to the day he and his fellow priests were ordained at St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral. Observing that fact, he cited the desire to "return to this holy site." Bishop Marconi thanked Archbishop Myers and said he was "delighted" at the presence of Archbishop Emeritus Peter Gerety, who he said has "always been an inspiration."

Calling the Class of 1953 "unique in many ways," Bishop Marconi said he and his classmates would "continue to serve God's people with deep joy" and thank God for their calling to the priesthood.



Advocate photos-Ward Miele

## Bishop Dominic Marconi, proud member of Class of 1953

A Newark native, Bishop Marconi was ordained in 1953 after studies at Seton Hall University, Immaculate Conception Seminary and Catholic University Theological College in Washington, DC.

Bishop Marconi later studied in Rome, has taken classes at Fordham University and workshops at Rutgers, Seton Hall and other schools.

After celebrating his first Mass in his childhood parish, St. Joseph's in Newark, then-Father Marconi was assigned to St. Anthony Parish, Union City, where he served from 1953-66.

### Varied assignments

In 1966, he was named Associate Director of the Family Life Apostolate and four years later became director. In 1975 Father Marconi was named co-director of the Division for Services to the Elderly, Associated Catholic Charities. He was also Chaplain of the St. Joseph's Home for the Blind in Jersey City from 1966-76.

In 1976, he was appointed an Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and Episcopal Vicar of Union County.

Bishop Marconi became involved with the Jesus Caritas Fraternity Movement, a movement of fraternity started in France with a focus on spirituality, noting, "It is ironic that this recommended amount of prayer does not take away one's time, but, in fact, energizes him to accomplish more."

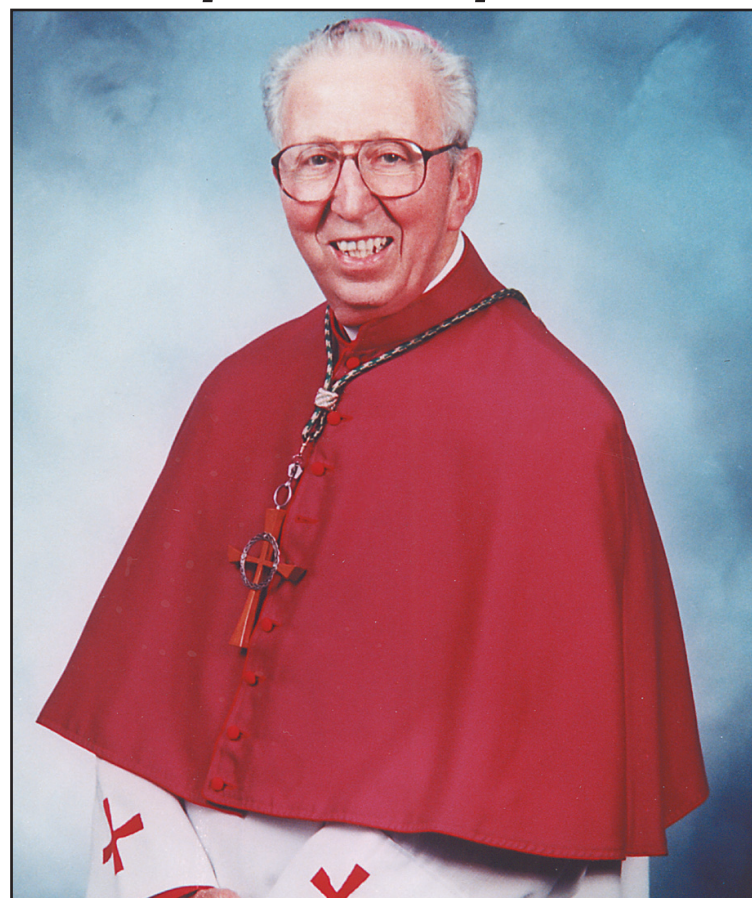
Bishop Marconi became a member of the Committee on the Parish of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1980. Five years later, he was named to the Board of Directors of Alexian Brothers Hospital and honored by St. Joseph's Parish in Newark.

In 1986 and 1991, Bishop Marconi was named to the Archdiocesan Board of Consultors. In 1987 he formed a statewide coordinating committee of bishops.

In 1999, he received the Governors Award at the Annual Archbishop's Vocation Fund Dinner of Serra Clubs of the Archdiocese of Newark. Three months later, he was appointed Regional Bishop of Essex County pro tempore in the Archdiocese.

Bishop Marconi retired a year ago. Throughout his years as Bishop, he has served as President of the Northeast Italian Apostolate Conference, on the Advisory Board of Seton Hall University's MBA (Master in Business Administration) program, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Catholic Health Association and as Chairman of the New Jersey Catholic Health Association.

As a member of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Marconi has served on the Committee on the Laity and the Committee of Women in the Church as well as the Committee on the Parish.



Bishop Dominic Marconi



# A fond look back: 65 years since ordination

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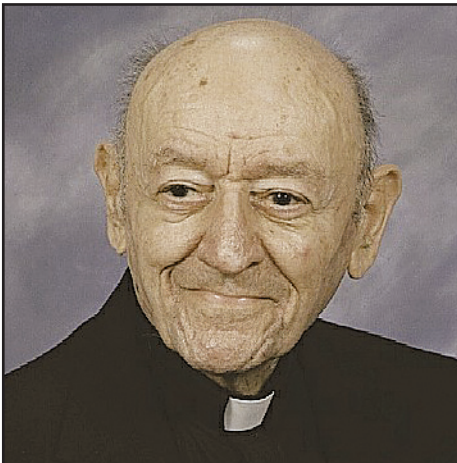
His first assignment after ordination was to Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish in Garfield, where he served before being assigned to Holy Rosary Parish in Jersey City in 1938.

Then-Father Santora spent the next 30 years of his priestly career at Holy Rosary, twice serving as parochial vicar and administrator, respectively, before being named pastor in 1954. He holds the distinction of being the first American-born pastor of Holy Rosary.

"This is the mother parish for Italian-Americans in Jersey City," he once said, "later giving birth to Our Lady of Sorrows in the Greenville section and to Mount Carmel in Marion."

During his tenure at Holy Rosary, he led numerous changes in the parish, including organizing Boys and Girls Scout troops and forming the Catholic War Veterans group in 1942, leading the reconstruction of the interior and exterior of the church building in 1948, building a new convent in 1952, inaugurating the Third Order of St. Francis and winning the Outstanding American Award in 1953, building an extension for the grammar school in 1954, reconditioning and redecorating the church after a fire in 1956 and building a new rectory.

In 1968, he resigned from Holy Rosary due to health problems, and



was named chaplain of Mt. St. Andrew Villa in Paramus, where he served until his retirement in 1986.

He briefly took over Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Newark shortly after his retirement, due to the death of the pastor, Father Benjamin Fusco.

Father Santora was named Prelate of Honor, with the title of Monsignor, in 1997 by Pope John Paul II.

In honor of his 50th anniversary, the parishioners of Holy Rosary Parish said about Msgr. Santora, "His whole life was given for the immigrant people and their children. He had no other life or interests. His youth programs were outstanding in the Archdiocese. His love for the people of the parish and their families and children was all-consuming. He passed on to those of us who were lucky enough to know him a tremendous love for God, a tender love for Our Lady, and a pride in all things Italian and gratitude for the great nation in which we live."

## Msgr. Edward F. Wojtycha

The Jersey City native was ordained after studies at St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City, Seton Hall College (now University) and Immaculate Conception Seminary.

His first assignment after ordination was to St. Vincent's Parish in Bayonne, where he served for 25 years.

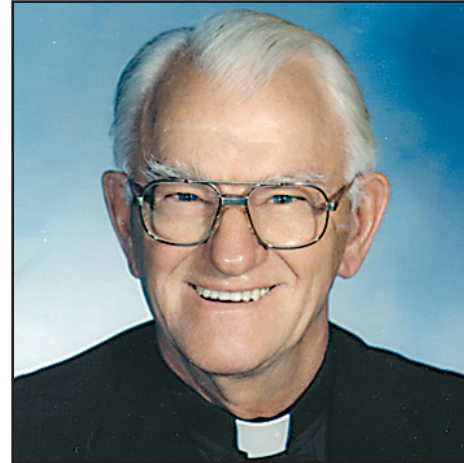
While at St. Vincent's, he reorganized the Boy Scout troop and formed the first Catholic Girl Scout troop in Bayonne.

Then-Father Wojtycha also formed the parish drum corps, which, after very humble beginnings, would turn into a national figure, winning 11 national championships, performing in Canada and marching in the inaugural parades of Presidents Harry Truman and John F. Kennedy.

In 1949, Father Wojtycha created the National Dream Contest of Drum Corps Champions, which set a precedent in 1953 by bringing the national contest of Veterans of Foreign Wars to Jersey City instead of New York.

Also during his time at St. Vincent's, Father Wojtycha served as auxiliary chaplain of the Bayonne Naval Base during World War II and through 1959. In addition, he worked with Dr. Walter Robinson to develop the concept of the High School of Religion at St. Vincent's, which would become a model for teaching catechetics in the high school level throughout America.

Father Wojtycha was named pastor of the newly formed Our Lady of Mercy Parish in the Greenville section of Jersey City in 1963. During his tenure, he directed the construction of a parish school and convent. In 1968, he was named to the first Priests' Personnel Board, a position he held for five years.



Father Wojtycha returned to Bayonne in 1970, when he was named pastor of St. Andrew's Parish. He formed a parish council, school board and school financial committee and sold the old parish school to the City of Bayonne, which became a senior citizen's building, library and civic facility.

He led the remodeling of the church building in 1978 to conform to Vatican II norms, as well as adding a public chapel. That year, he was appointed to the Assessment and Review Board of the Archdiocese of Newark.

In 1983, Father Wojtycha was named a Prelate of Honor, with the title of Monsignor, by Pope John Paul II.

He served as chairman of Hudson County for the archdiocesan priests' drive for the new seminary and St. John Vianney Home for retired priests.

Msgr. Wojtycha retired in 1985, and was honored by the Bayonne Mayor and City Council with a special resolution of gratitude and appreciation for bringing fame and renown to Bayonne, as well as for his work, especially for Bayonne and its youth.

# A fruitful 50 years since answering God's call

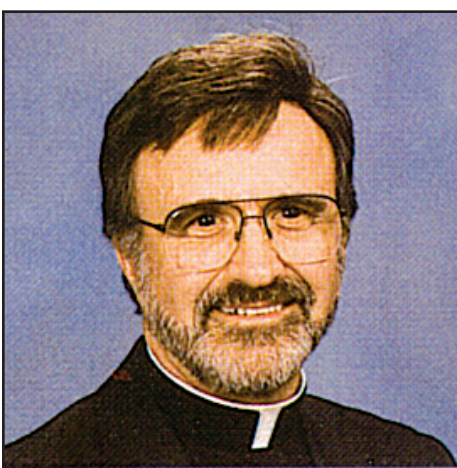
## Father Alfred V. Celiano

A native of Newark, Father Celiano was ordained after studies at West Side High School in Newark, Seton Hall University, Immaculate Conception Seminary and Catholic University in Washington, DC.

He joined the faculty of Seton Hall University after ordination, and in 1959, he received a Master of Science and a doctorate in physical chemistry from Fordham University.

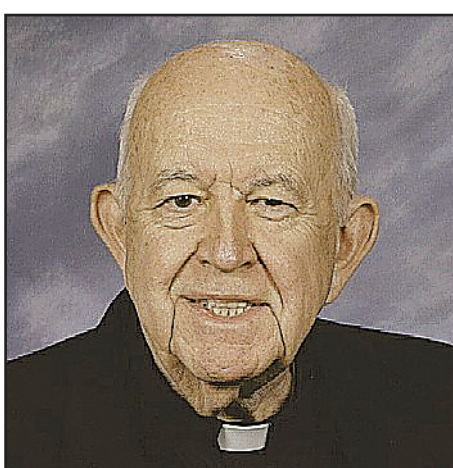
In 1960, he was appointed chairman of the Seton Hall chemistry department, a position he held until 1979, when he was named acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Father Celiano retired from active ministry in 1998.



*And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness." Jeremiah 23: 6*

## Father Thomas F. Olsen



The Bayonne native was first assigned to Our Lady of Mount Virgin in Garfield. He served there until 1968, when he was named parochial vicar of All Saints Parish in Jersey City.

In 1974, he was named pastor of All Saints. During his time at All Saints, he was named Director of the Hudson County CYO.

Father Olsen became pastor of St. Paul of the Cross in Jersey City in 1979. He served there until 1989, when he was named executive director of the new Archdiocesan Youth Center in Kearny.

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He was named administrator of Epiphany Parish in Cliffside Park in 1991 and then pastor in 1992. He retired from active ministry in 2000.



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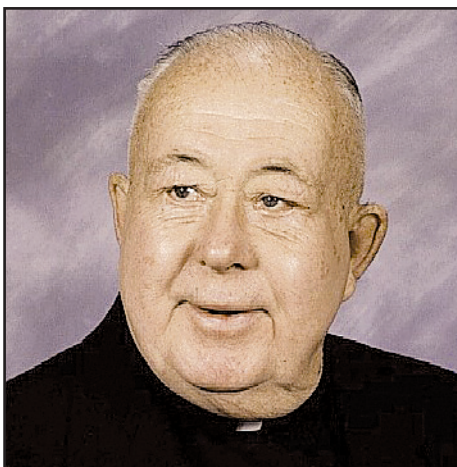
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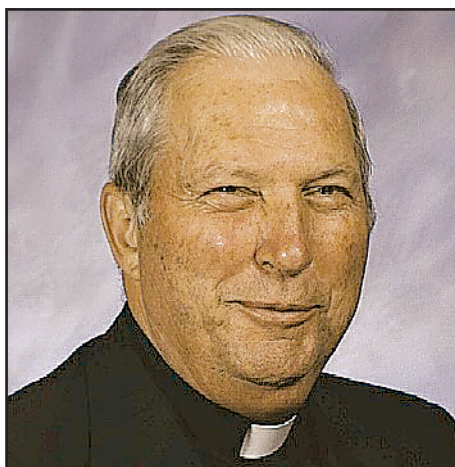


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From 1954-1960 Father Macho was active in Pre-Cana—marriage preparation for Catholic couples. He also taught theology at Mother Seton High School in Clark from 1961-1964.

In 1967, Father Macho accepted a commission as chaplain in the U.S. Navy. He served in various commands in the United States, overseas and on ships, and served the Marine Corps and Coast Guard as well as the Navy.

He received a master's degree in Pastoral Education in 1977 from the University of Texas, San Antonio.

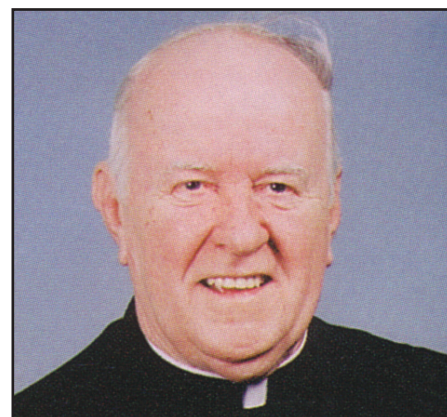
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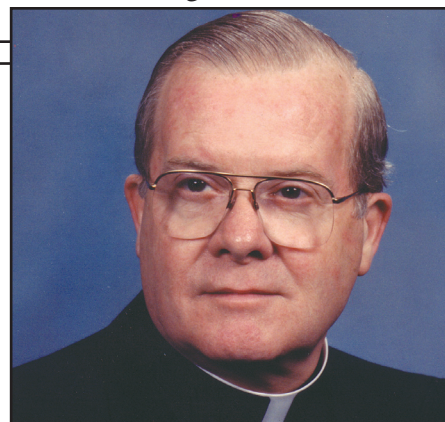
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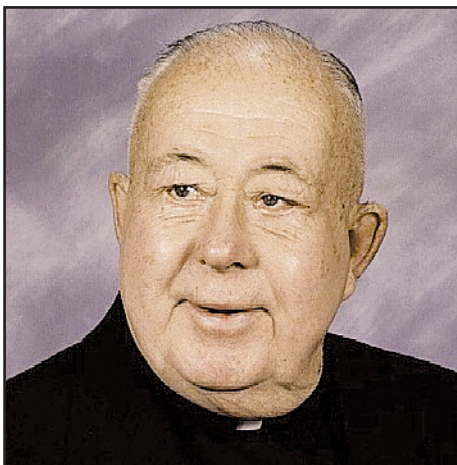
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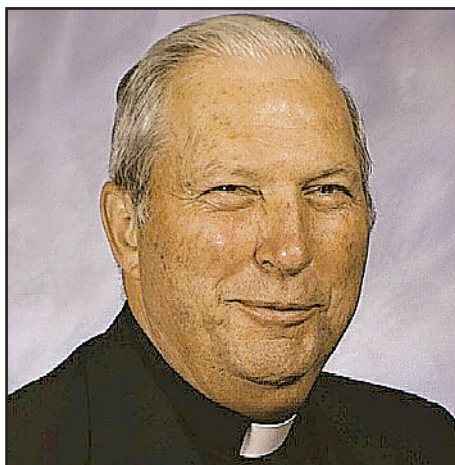
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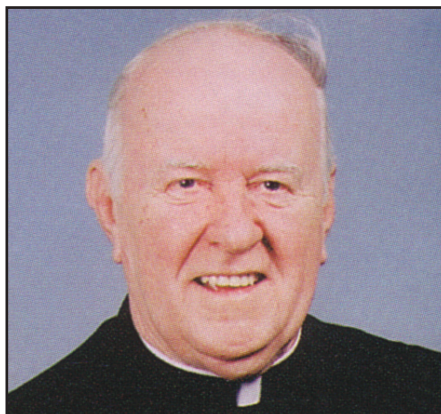
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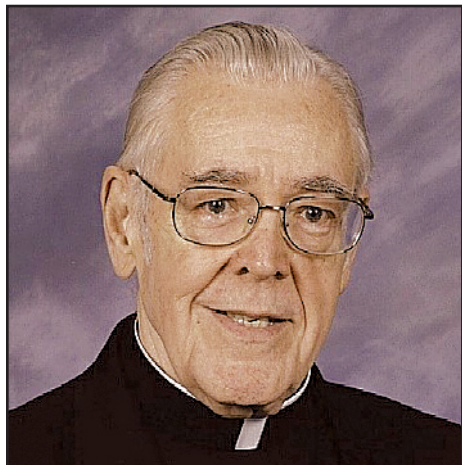
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Msgr. Flusk's first assignment was at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newark, where he served for 14 years. He also began serving on the Commission for Sacred Music of the Archdiocese in Newark.

He was named to the faculty of

Immaculate Conception Seminary in 1967 and was appointed Dean of Men. In 1972, he was named chairman of the Commission for Sacred Music.

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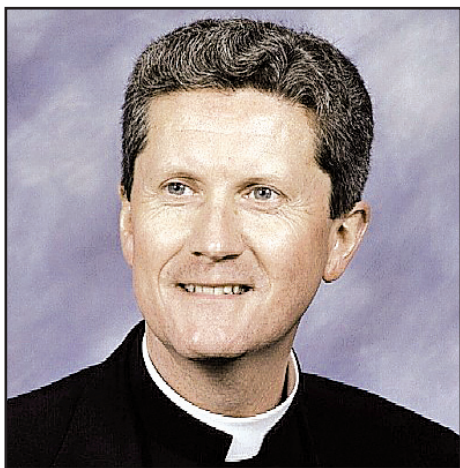
St. Agnes Parish in Clark.

In 1988, Msgr. Flusk was appointed as administrator, then parochial vicar of Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish in Woodcliff Lake. Later that year, he was assigned to St. Luke's Parish in Ho-Ho-Kus as administrator, then parochial vicar.

Msgr. Flusk was named Spiritual Director of Lay Missionaries of Charity of New Jersey in 1990, where he served until his retirement in 1997.

## Ordination class of '78: one of achievement

### Msgr. Robert F. Coleman



Archdiocesan Tribunal before beginning studies at Gregorian College in Rome, where he earned a licentiate in canon law.

Upon his return from Rome, he returned to the Tribunal before being named to the Immaculate Conception Seminary faculty in 1986.

In 1994, then-Father Coleman was named secretary for canonical affairs in the Office of the Archbishop. He continued to teach at the seminary.

In 1996, he was named vice-rector of the seminary. Later in the year, he was named Chaplain to His Holiness, with the title of Monsignor.

Msgr. Coleman was named rector of the seminary in 2000, a position he holds today.

He has also served on the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and Adjunct Clergy Incardination Board and has earned a doctorate in canon law.

Msgr. Coleman was ordained after studies at Our Lady of the Valley High School in Orange, Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary.

His first assignment after ordination was parochial vicar at St. Aloysius Parish in Jersey City.

The West Orange native served on the



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in Washington Township. He served there until 1995, when he was named chaplain of Paramus Catholic High School.

He was named parochial vicar of St. Helen Parish in Westfield in 1997, where he served, until he was named pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish in Scotch Plains in 2000.

An Eagle Scout, Father Hummel has remained active with the Boy Scouts. He has received many Scouting awards, including the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, which is only awarded to 10 Eagle Scouts nationwide annually.

He has served as chaplain of the Hudson-Hamilton Council/Boy Scouts, associate national chaplain, national member chairman, chaplain and member of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

He also served as chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Watchung Assembly in Plainfield, and chaplain of the Paramus Fire Department and was named to the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of St. George.

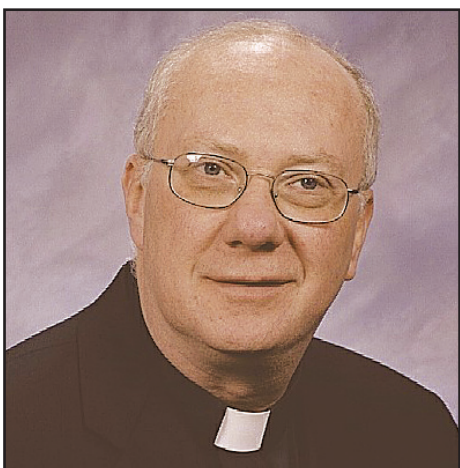
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A native of West Caldwell, Father Hummel was ordained after studies at St. Benedict's Preparatory High School in Newark, Providence College and Montclair State College (now University). He also taught at East Orange Catholic High School before entering Immaculate Conception Seminary.

His first assignment after ordination was parochial vicar of St. Cecilia Parish, Kearny, where he served four years before being assigned to Our Lady of Fatima Parish in North Bergen.

In 1989, Father Hummel was named chaplain of Immaculate Heart Academy

### Father Michael J. Sheehan



His first assignment after ordination was as parochial vicar of St. Philomena Parish in Livingston, a position he held for 10 years.

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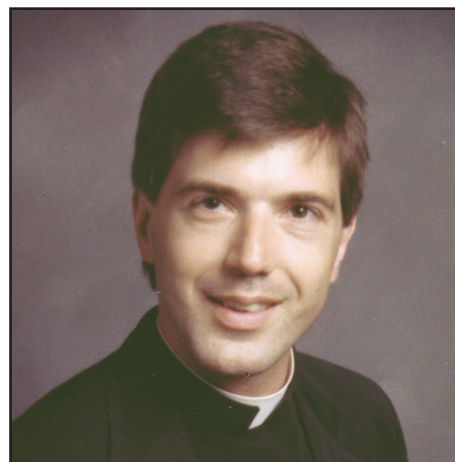
That same year, he was named director of the RCIA program for the Archdiocese of Newark, a position he held until 1999.

In 1996, Father Sheehan was named pastor of Annunciation Parish in Paramus, a position he holds today.

He has served as part-time assistant director of the Office of Vocations, chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Paramus Council #5680 and Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Unitas #499. He also served on the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese.

Father Sheehan was ordained after studies at St. Cecilia's High School in Englewood and Seton Hall University. The Edgewater native taught at Hackensack High School for two years before entering Immaculate Conception Seminary.

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Paul VI High School in Clifton before entering Immaculate Conception Seminary.

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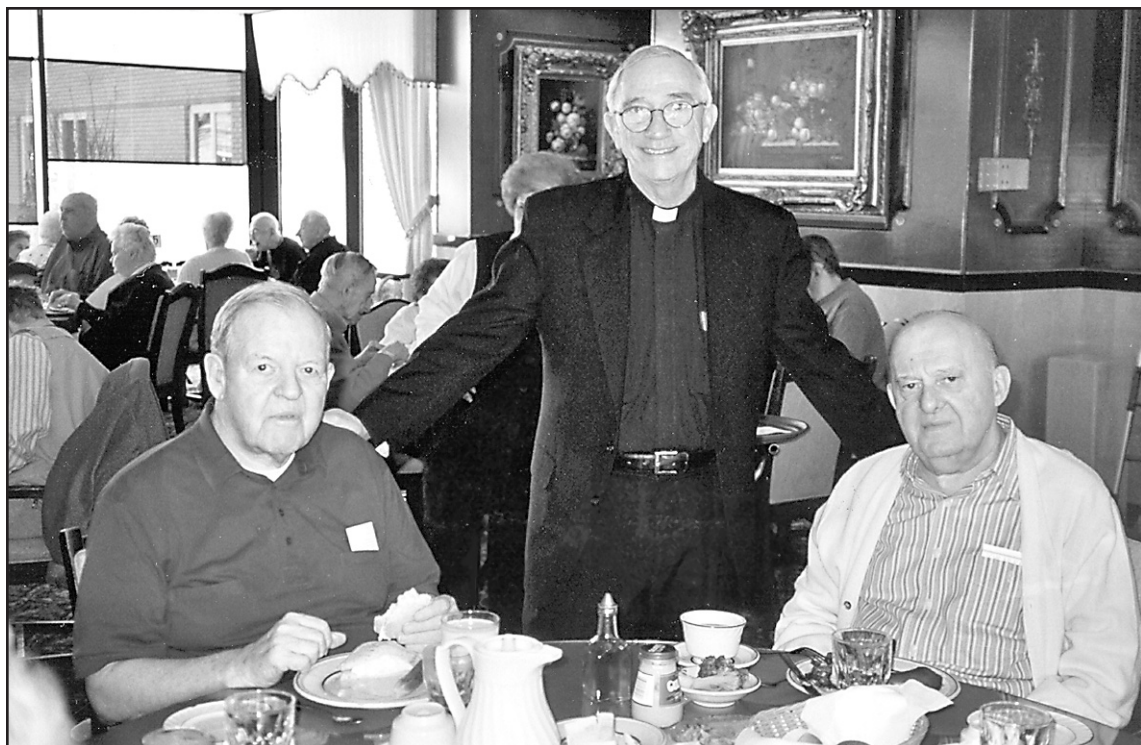
In 1981, he was named director of the Haitian Apostolate, a position he held until 1996. He was named coordinator of Multi-Cultural Concerns for the Archdiocese of Newark in 1986.

Father Lipnicki was named pastor of Holy Spirit/Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in East Orange in 1989, a position he held for nine years, until he was named pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Oakland.

He also served as Dean of Deanery 17 from 1993-98.

The Bayonne native was ordained after studies at Marist High School in Bayonne, Seton Hall University and the University of Maine at Orono. He also taught at the University of Maine and





Between luncheon courses, Father Edward G. Bradley, center, visits with Father Charles Scanlan, left, and Father Maurice O'Keefe, residents of The Allendale Community for Mature Living. The retired priests from the Archdiocese of Newark reside in a wing of The Atrium, a residence that offers independent living supplemented.

## Retired priests become part of extended family

After having spent much of their lives ministering to the needs of others, five New Jersey priests are enjoying their retirement years at The Allendale Community for Mature Living, a full-service retirement residence that serves more than 300 seniors and offers nursing-home care.

Father Salvatore Malanga, a former seaport chaplain and parish priest for more than 40 years, resides in the Community's original facility, The Allendale Nursing Home. Father John Bergeur, who served for more than 55 years as a military chaplain and parish priest, is a resident of the Community's Carlton Court, an assisted living facility. Also residing on the 12-acre premises in The Atrium, an independent living facility, are Father Charles

Scanlan, Father John Waldron and Father Maurice O'Keefe. They make their home in a special wing for retired priests from the Archdiocese of Newark.

The idea of setting aside a wing for the priests was developed jointly by Msgr. Edward Kavin of the Archdiocese of Newark and Michael Giancarlo, administrator of The Allendale Community. "The wing provides the opportunity for this brotherhood to continue during the priests' retirement years," noted Msgr. Kavin, who directed the archdiocesan ministry to retired priests for more than a decade.

The arrangement is an innovative step for the Archdiocese of Newark, which has about 180 retired priests living in different settings. Some of the

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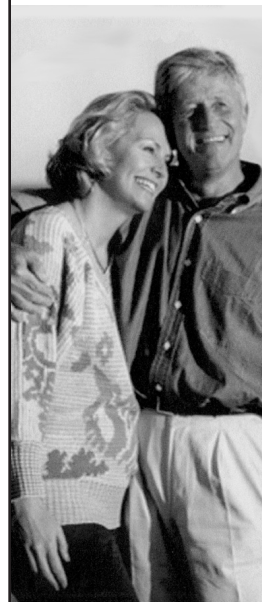
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## Accreditation received

Saint James Hospital in Newark's Ironbound Section has achieved the Gold Seal of Approval for health care quality from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization (JCAHO) following an extensive three-day review.

Joint Commission accreditation means that Saint James Hospital has demonstrated compliance with national standards for patient safety and quality of care and measures up against an absolute standard. The accreditation is for a three-year period from 2003 to 2005.

### Commitment to quality

"We seek accreditation for Saint James Hospital because we want to demonstrate our commitment to patient safety and quality care," says Céu Circe-Neves, Administrator. "Obtaining Joint Commission accreditation is another step toward maintaining excellence."

Saint James Hospital is a 182-bed, full-service, community hospital serving the Greater Ironbound community since 1900. It offers a broad range of services, including emergency services, outpatient diagnostic and preventative care, obstetrics and pediatric care, mental health care, same day surgery, wound care services, family care, radiology and nuclear medicine and diabetes services. The completely modernized facility features the latest in state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment. Saint James Hospital recently was the recipient of the Press, Ganey Compass Award for outstanding performance improvement in patient satisfaction.



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## Priests enjoy community living

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clergymen have moved from the rectory to live on their own; others have gone to one of two senior residences for retired priests, "St. John Vianney House in Rutherford and Monsignor Kelley Residence in Caldwell. These options offer independent living without supportive services. That's why The Allendale Community becomes an ideal alternative when either medical support or assistance with activities of daily living is needed. Also, the Community's continuum of care provides easy access to greater levels of support as the priests' needs change.

"The priests have adjusted well to their new home," Giancarlo said. "They have performed such a positive service to

society for so many years. We are happy to have them here and be of service to them."

The Atrium's setting offers independent living supplemented by housekeeping, gourmet dining and nursing services. The residents also benefit from a full calendar of activities designed to help seniors stay active and healthy. The Community's weekly schedule includes art and computer classes, concerts, T'ai Chi, a college-level lecture series and Bible studies. Residents also may participate in recreation such as gardening, plus social

events and sightseeing trips designed to facilitate interaction and bonding between staff and residents. Along with their fellow residents, the priests are taking advantage of the activities their new home has to offer. Father O'Keefe enjoys watching films and making local excursions. Recently, he and Scanlan attended a celebration at the Brownstone and took a New York boat trip from the marina

in West Haverstraw to West Point. They also participated in video lectures on Victorian Britain and American Literature Classics.

While maintaining a healthy balance of recreational and educational activities, the clergymen also are finding opportunities to nourish the spirit through religious observance. "They are still priests, and it means a great deal to them to practice their vocational calling and perform liturgical functions on occasion," said Father Edward G. Bradley, Director of Ministry to Retired Priests. The men make trips to Guardian Angel Church in Allendale as well, and several attend the non-denominational Sunday service at the new on-site Allendale Community Church.

"The priests are enjoying all that the Community has to offer," added Father Bradley. "After serving the Church faithfully for so long, a combined 250 years, these men deserve to be well cared for in a supportive, loving environment."

***"They are still priests, and it means a great deal to them."***

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# Catholic War Veterans honor St. Francis parishioner

Lifelong Newark resident and parishioner at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Joseph (Bob) Torsiello, was recently awarded the Home Award by the Catholic War Veterans of the United States Department of New Jersey.

Torsiello was a charter member of Boy Scout Troop 38 of St. Francis Xavier Parish. He

attended St. Francis Xavier grammar school and Immaculate Conception High School before serving his country as a medic in the United States Army. He was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Torsiello was one of the originators of the St. Francis Xavier Little League and served as an officer for the organization for approximately 20 years. He coached a Little League team for over 12 years and was a parent/sponsor of the Essex Catholic High School football team, serving 11 years as a committee member and fund raiser.

Within the St. Francis community, he has served in various positions, including raffle chairman, president, vice-pres-



Joseph Torsiello

ident and treasurer of the Holy Name Society and is a member of the Catholic War Veterans.

One of his greatest accom-

plishments has been his total commitment to the Boy Scout movement. Torsiello returned to Troop 38 as Committee Chairman in 1964-65 and became Scoutmaster, a role he has held since.

Over the years, the face of the neighborhood surrounding the home of Troop 38 has changed many times. Under his direction, 31 Eagle Scouts were sworn in.

Scouting has recognized Torsiello with many awards. His Scouting achievements include the coveted Silver Beaver

Award, 1982, for outstanding and distinguished service to youth on the Council level; the District Award of Merit, for service beyond the expectation of duty; Bronze Pelican Award, for outstanding service to Catholic Scouting; the Scouters Key Award, for adult training in leadership of the troop, outdoor experience and skills; and lastly, the Order of the Arrow, a membership of the national brotherhood of Scout Honor Campers, which originated in the early years of Scouting.

## Televised Mass

Bishop Dominic Marconi, retired Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, will celebrate a televised Mass on Sunday, Aug. 3.

The Mass will be broadcast at 5:30 a.m. on Channel 5, 9 a.m. over Channel 55 and again on Channel 31 at 9:30 a.m.

## Heath Village part of study

Heath Village in Washington Township is a participant in the national Nursing Home Quality Initiative (NHQI) Program.

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A nine-day Novena in honor of St. Ann is scheduled for July 17-25.

On the feast day itself, July 26, the festival begins at 10 a.m. It will close each day at 11 p.m., with the exception of the final day which runs until midnight.

Entertainment, which is free and begins at 8 p.m., includes July 19, Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes; July 20, The B-Street Band; July 21, The Nerds; July 22, Latino Night with Ray Ruiz; July 23, The Flying Mueller Brothers; July 24, Little Anthony and the Imperials; July 25 Italian Night with Emil Stucchio and The Classics; and July 26 (Feast Day), Michael Amante.



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## Bishop blesses restored grotto



Advocate photos - Ward Miele

Bishop Dominic Marconi blessed the restored Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at the May Crowning. To his right is Father Joseph Petrillo.

**BY WARD MIELE**  
Managing Editor

Bishop Dominic Marconi, retired Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, celebrated Mass and presided recently at the blessing of a restored grotto at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in West Orange.

The Mass and blessing, attended by past and present clergy, brought to an end restoration of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes that began almost two years ago.

Preparations for the restoration were brought to the attention of Pastor Father Joseph Petrillo when he was assigned to the parish in January of 2001.

In addition to the grotto, the restoration included construction of a new Walk of Faith. Father Petrillo described parishioners as "most receptive and supportive" of the project. Major elements of the work were inspection of the 75-year-old structure for safety and an overall cleaning.

In his homily, Father Petrillo cited belief in the miracles of Our Lady of Lourdes, characterizing the restoration as a "sign of growth." The parish is 90 years old.



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# Los ancianos son particularmente vulnerables a los “maestros de la avaricia”

**POR MONSEÑOR JOHN GILCHRIST**

La avaricia es un monstruo endemoniado. Es peor que la lujuria. Después de todo, la lujuria llega a desaparecer cuando quien la sufre envejece. En cambio, el deseo de acumular riqueza se incrementa con el transcurso de los años.

En la vida religiosa, como me dijo mi amiga Sister Bárbara, la obediencia es un problema para la gente joven, la sexualidad es un problema cuando se llega a la edad media, pero la pobreza es la principal tentación para quienes van envejeciendo. A menudo se convierten en acumuladores de “cosas” con las que llenan sus habitaciones.

Hace poco todos fuimos testigos de como una nación que fue liberada de un régimen opresor, se volvió casi loca en una orgía de saqueos. Evidentemente la gente se llevó todo lo que podían coger, incluso la herencia cultural de esa nación.

Ya habíamos visto algo parecido en algunas grandes ciudades de los Estados Unidos durante los años sesenta. Newark nunca pudo recuperarse, y tampoco Detroit o Los Angeles, de los motines que sufrieron.

Yo recuerdo que Red Foxx, el comediante, en una de sus parodias, decía: “Bueno, yo tengo que ir a participar en los motines. Yo tengo que hacer mis compras de Pascua.” Era un chiste. Pero significaba mucho.



Sin embargo, si los ricos piensan alegar que ellos están exentos de esa avaricia, solamente tenemos que recordar a los “potentados ladrones” del antiguo sistema capitalista que hace años saquearon a los Estados Unidos. O también podemos meditar sobre los más recientes escándalos financieros que han estremecido al país, como los de Enron y similares. Las manos que controlan a Wall Street no están limpias. Eso ha quedado bien probado.

También podemos considerar el caso de las grandes compañías que están prácticamente en quiebre y miles de sus trabajadores son cesanteados y tienen que ir a unirse a los grupos de desempleados mientras sus ejecutivos y los miembros del Consejo de Directores se asignan utilidades obscenas.

Por último, hay otra señal del monstruo de la avaricia que los sacerdotes y los abogados conocen íntimamente. Es un demonio que corrompe los corazones de la gente. Pero quienes están afectados por esa condición están moralmente ciegos y no sienten remordimiento ni vergüenza, ni siquiera un atisbo de culpa.

Me refiero a la explotación de los ancianos. Prácticamente todos los sacerdotes conocen a algún miembro de sus parroquias que es una persona decente, bastante mayor, cuyo cuerpo, y a veces su mente, se han debilitado. De pronto, llegan los tiburones. Gente que habla con gran dulzura, aparentemente llenos de

amor y consideraciones, que parecen sentir una gran compasión, aparecen en escena. Pronto, antes de que nadie entienda lo que está pasando, se redactan poderes y testamentos, o mejor, se cambian los que ya existían. Esas personas se convierten en albaceas de las herencias. Las casas se venden. Las cuentas bancarias se vacían.

Cuando los ancianos fallecen, las aves de rapiña se reúnen para repartirse las propiedades que quedaron. A menudo todos terminan en los tribunales peleándose por los despojos. Y tristemente, a veces los litigantes son organizaciones religiosas o instituciones caritativas. Todos quieren un pedazo del pastel.

En estos últimos años yo he visto personalmente crímenes que claman al cielo por venganza. Y hasta he visto a hijos que literalmente han despilfarrado todo lo que sus padres pudieron ganar durante toda su vida. Y todo ello sin ninguna gratitud.

Pero hay un Dios. Él sabe que el demonio a veces vive en el corazón de los hombres. Y como las Escrituras dicen, “La venganza es mía, dice el Señor.”

*(Monseñor Gilchrist es el Párroco de Holy Cross en Harrison)*



## ¿Por que a mí? ¿Por que ahora? — una pérdida de tiempo

**POR MARY COSTELLO**

Todos hemos sido culpables de esto una u otra vez: cuando algo malo nos ocurre, nuestra reacción usual, natural y humana es, “Esto no es justo”. Y eso es seguido poco después por, “Esto no debió de haber ocurrido nunca”. Y entonces, “Esto no debió haberme ocurrido a mí”.

Reaccionamos de esta manera ante las cosas más pequeñas, las cosas que nos trastornan sin razón alguna. El periódico llegó tarde y no tuve tiempo de leerlo antes de salir para el trabajo. El automóvil no arrancó. Alguien dejó la ventana abierta y mis papeles se mojaron. Y también puede esto ocurrir en asuntos de mayor importancia. Un accidente de automóvil. Una enfermedad seria en la familia. El jefe de familia, responsable de sostenerla económicamente, pierde su trabajo.

Muchas veces cuando tenemos que enfrentar un penoso contratiempo en nuestras vidas, un rechazo o un difícil ajuste, nuestra cabeza se convierte en algo así como un ratón enjaulado y los únicos pensamientos que nos dan vueltas en la cabeza son defensivos o negativos.

“¡Pero yo he trabajado tanto!”

“¡Yo he sido tan buen padre/madre!”

“Yo voy a la iglesia todos los domingos”

“¿Por qué a mí? ¿Por qué ahora? ¿Por qué aquí?”

Cuando pasa algo serio de verdad, esos pensamientos de “ratón enjaulado” son necesarios para anestesiarnos de manera que podamos seguir trabajando hasta que seamos capaces de poder controlar la pérdida que hemos sufrido.

Pero ¿Qué sucede cuando reaccionamos exageradamente a los pequeños problemas? ¿Qué ocurre cuando los pensamientos de “ratón enjaulado” vienen a nuestra mente como reacción a cosas estú-

pidas y sin importancia? Los pensamientos negativos y obsesivos pueden ser dañinos si (1) interfieren con acciones positivas; (2) no los podemos borrar de nuestra mente; o (3) si el nivel de lo que consideramos intolerable continúa bajando hasta que lleguemos a creer que si el periódico llega a las 7:30 en vez de a las 7:00 A.M. se nos ha arruinado el día.



Yo voy al salón de belleza y cuando termino está lloviendo. Si empiezo a quejarme diciendo ¿Cómo es posible que esto me pase a mí? , posiblemente me estoy olvidando de que el peluquero tiene paraguas para prestarlos en casos como este. O también podría usar un periódico para protegerme el peinado que me acaban de hacer...

El sol brilla con fuerza cuando cuelgo mi ropa lavada para que se seque y yo espero que mientras duermo durante la noche la fragancia del aire fresco se impregne en las sábanas. Pero de pronto empieza a llover. Yo puedo empezar a quejarme “¿Por qué a mí? ¿Por qué ahora?” y arremeter contra el meteorólogo que no predijo esa lluvia, recostándome todo

el día en un sofá con un paño frío en la cabeza, sintiéndome con lástima por mí misma, o puedo decidir rezar una oración dando gracias por tener disponible una secadora eléctrica que puedo usar en días como este, y dando gracias también por esa lluvia que tanta falta nos hacía para regar nuestros jardines.

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Así que yo me pregunto qué puedo hacer para evitar esas ideas absurdas de ratón enjaulado y evitar que arruinen mi día.

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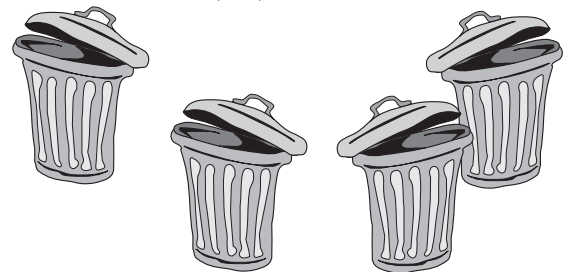
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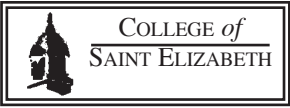
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# Seton Hall Prep diamond standout signs with Yankees

**BY WARD MIELE**  
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Eric Duncan's incredible statistics at Seton Hall Prep make his first round draft selection by the New York Yankees a perfect fit.

Chosen by the Bronx Bombers on June 4, the high school diamond sensation inked a contract at Yankee Stadium eight days later for a \$1.25 million signing bonus.

"I always wanted to be a professional player my whole life. Being drafted by a great organization like this one made it that much easier to sign so quickly. It might have been a hard decision if it was another team, but with the Yankees, I knew it would be done as soon as it happened," Duncan explained. He called the signing "the greatest day of my life."

Hours after officially ending his high school career at the Prep's annual baseball banquet, Duncan was in the air on his way to Florida to join the Gulf Coast Yankees.

The third baseman's accomplishments on the field obviously caught the Yankees' eye.

He turned in a 536 batting average with a dozen home runs and 60 RBIs in 31 games. He also chalked up two All-American Team selections and New Jersey Player of the Year honors.

A true team player, Duncan suited up for Seton Hall just hours after his draft selection.

**"I always wanted to be a professional player my whole life..."**

- Eric Duncan

In a game in front of 1100 rain-drenched fans facing Ryan Lobban of St. Joseph's in Montvale, the state's best pitcher, Duncan connected on an 0-2 pitch for a crucial 450 foot home run over the right field fence that turned a fragile one-run lead into a three-run cushion. The game sent Seton Hall into the state finals against Christian Brothers Academy.

Not surprisingly, Duncan played a pivotal role several days later in Seton Hall's exciting come-from-behind 6-5 extra-innings finals win that gave the Prep a 30-1 record and

the state championship.

Duncan also made his presence known off the field at Seton Hall Prep. He was a member of the Peer Leadership program and earned a lofty 3.7 GPA.

Days before helping nail down the state crown for SHP, Duncan did equally well in the

All-American Baseball game at Yogi Berra Stadium on the campus of Montclair State University. He finished the game, featuring 30 of the country's top players, being named Co-MVP.

As the only player from the Garden State in the All-American contest, Duncan got a quick lesson in media relations and autograph seekers. With the game only minutes away from a live national broadcast on the Fox Sports Network, Duncan had to endure an arm-twisting by an on-field producer to exchange his Seton Hall Prep cap for a new Yankee hat borrowed from his brother. The team-oriented Duncan, however, still kept in mind his own state championship goal declaring... "we have a bigger game tomorrow."



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The ceremonies, held in the chapels of the mausoleums of Holy Cross Cemetery, Gate of Heaven Cemetery and St. Gertrude Cemetery, were presided over by Rev. Msgr. William B. Naedele, Archdiocesan Cemeteries Director.

At recently held ceremonies, dozens of family members witnessed the blessing of the candles dedicated to the memory of their loved ones.

After sprinkling holy water, family members lit their candles for the first time.

Candle lighting ceremonies will be held before each monthly Mass of Remembrance to bless and light newly inscribed candles.

The inscribed candles will remain lit for one, five or ten years. There are three inscription options. The cost is \$125 for a year, \$375 for five years and \$675 for 10 years.

Brochures and Mass schedules are available at each mausoleum and cemetery office. To obtain an order form by mail, please contact:

**Catholic Cemeteries, Archdiocese of Newark, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104, Attn: Memorial Candle Dept.**



Rev. Msgr. William B. Naedele blesses the loved ones entombed and interred at Gate of Heaven Mausoleum Cemetery, following the monthly Mass of Remembrance.



Memorializing her husband Pasquale by lighting a candle at Good Shepherd Mausoleum, is Emanuela Pezzuto.



As Msgr. Naedele looks on, Anita Gilmore lights two candles, one in memory of Jack F. Gilmore and another in memory of John J. Gilmore, at the new chapel of Holy Cross Mausoleum.



Accompanied by Msgr. Naedele at Gate of Heaven Mausoleum, the Sutura family lights a candle in memory of Norma Nevola Sutura.



Members of the Baseil family light a candle in memory of Philip J. Baseil in the chapel of Gate of Heaven Mausoleum.





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# The policy of the Archdiocese of Newark in response to allegations of sexual abuse

*This document contains the Policy of the Archdiocese of Newark concerning allegations of sexual abuse, including allegations involving minors as required by Norm 2 of the Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons (hereafter, Norms).*

*The only purpose of this Policy is to set forth a particular, but crucial, element of the salvific mission which Christ entrusted to the Church. In accordance with New Jersey law, it does not establish any legal right or entitlement in any person or entity and does not constitute an employee handbook or contract.*

## 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this policy the following are defined:

“Assistance Coordinator” means the person who has been designated to coordinate assistance for the immediate care of persons who claim to have been sexually abused.

“Archdiocesan Response Officer” means that person designated by the Archdiocese to: 1) receive the complaint, 2) notify the Liaison and ecclesiastical authorities, and 3) notify the Assistance Coordinator. These three functions can be undertaken by such individuals as the Archbishop shall designate.

“Employee” means someone who is employed by the Archdiocese or a subdivision thereof.

“Liaison” means the person who has been designated in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding to serve as the primary contact between the Archdiocese and prosecuting authorities (see Appendix A, Memorandum of Understanding, Article 4).

“The Memorandum of Understanding among Certain Organizations and the County Prosecutors Regarding the Reporting of Certain Offenses” (hereinafter Memorandum of Understanding) (see Appendix A) was signed on behalf of the Archdiocese and by the Attorney General and respective county prosecutors in December 2002 and broadly requires the Archdiocese to report allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate county prosecutor.

“Other Church Personnel” means primarily non-ordained religious and lay men and women who are employees of or volunteers with the Church.

“Priests” and “Deacons” mean men ordained Catholic priests and deacons.

“Promoter of Justice” means the individual responsible for the prosecution of any penal trial before a canonical tribunal.

“Sexual Abuse” means any of the following offenses under New Jersey law, or an attempt or conspiracy to commit any of the following offenses:

Sexual assault and aggravated sexual assault, as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2; Criminal sexual contact and aggravated criminal sexual contact, as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:14-3;

Child abuse, as defined in N.J.S.A. 9:6-1, 9:6-3 and 9:6-8.21. The term child abuse includes any act constituting the offense of endangering the welfare of a child, as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4, including, but not limited to, sexual conduct which would impair or debauch the morals of the child, the offense of photographing or filming a child engaged in a prohibited sexual act as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(3), the offense of distribution of child pornography as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b4(a), the offense of knowing possession or view-

ing of child pornography as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b4(b), the offense of luring or enticing a child as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:13-6, and the offense of lewdness as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:14-4b where the offense involves a victim who at the time of the offense was less than 18 years of age. (see Memorandum of Understanding, Appendix A)

“Sexual Abuse” is described within the Church as “sexual molestation or sexual exploitation of a minor and other behavior by which an adult uses a minor as an object of sexual gratification” (Norms, Preamble). The norm to be considered in assessing an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor is whether conduct or interaction with a minor qualifies as an external, objectively grave violation of the sixth commandment (Norms, Preamble).

2. Whether the victim is an adult or a minor, all complaints of sexual abuse by priests, deacons and other church personnel will be forwarded to the Archdiocesan Response Officer.

a. Every allegation of sexual abuse will be presumed deserving of investigation when the Archdiocesan Response Officer receives it.

b. To aid in assessing the allegation, the Archdiocesan Response Officer will maintain a written record of each allegation.

3. The Archdiocesan Response Officer’s name and contact information will be readily accessible to the general public.

## Notes regarding this policy

Certain provisions of this policy are in the process of implementation: e.g., code of conduct for Archdiocesan personnel (article 18) and background checks (article 20). Announcements concerning their implementation will be published in *The Catholic Advocate*.

Any individual with an allegation about sexual misconduct by Archdiocesan personnel should contact Sheri A. Rickert, Office of the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Newark. Telephone: (973) 497-4009

Any employee of the Archdiocese of Newark with an allegation about sexual misconduct by Archdiocesan personnel, should contact James Goodness, Office of Communications of the Archdiocese of Newark. Telephone: (973) 497-4186

This policy and other pertinent information will appear on the website of the Archdiocese of Newark. Web address: [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org)

4. The Archdiocesan Response Officer will forward all complaints to the Liaison, who will forward the complaints to the County Prosecutor in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (Appendix A).

a. The Archdiocese will comply with all applicable civil laws with respect to the reporting of allegations of sexual abuse of minors to civil authorities and will cooperate in their investigation. In every instance, the Archdiocese will advise and support a person’s right to make a report to public authorities (Norm 11).

5. The Archdiocesan Response Officer will forward all complaints to the Assistance Coordinator who will ensure that appropriate assistance is offered for the immediate care of persons who claim to have been sexually abused.

a. The Archdiocese will reach out to victims/survivors and their families and demonstrate a sincere commitment to their spiritual and emotional well-being (Charter, Article 1). This outreach will include an offer of counseling, spiritual assistance, support groups, and

other social services agreed upon by the victim and the Archdiocese (cf. Charter, Article 1).

b. At the appropriate time, through pastoral outreach to victims and their families, the Archbishop or his representative will offer to meet with them, to listen with patience and compassion to their experiences and concerns, and to share the ‘profound sense of solidarity and concern’ expressed by our Holy Father in his Address to the Cardinals of the United States and Conference Officers. This pastoral outreach by the Archbishop or his delegate will also be directed to faith communities in which the sexual abuse occurred (Charter, Article 1).

6. The Archdiocesan Response Officer will forward all complaints to the Archbishop and the Archdiocesan Review Board.



a. Archdiocesan Review Board (hereinafter “Review Board”) (Norm 5).

(1) To assist the Archbishop, the Archdiocese will have a Review Board which will function as a confidential consultative body to the Archbishop in discharging his responsibilities. The functions of the Review Board may include:

A. advising the Archbishop in his assessment of allegations of sexual abuse of minors and in his determination of suitability for ministry;

B. reviewing Archdiocesan policies for dealing with sexual abuse of minors;

C. offering advice on all aspects of these cases, whether retrospectively or prospectively; and

D. at the discretion of the Archbishop, advising him in his assessment of allegations of sexual abuse of adults.

(2) The Review Board will be composed of at least five persons of outstanding integrity and good judgment in full communion with the Church.

(3) The majority of the Review Board members will be lay persons who are not in the employ of the Archdiocese.

(4) At least one member will be a pastor.

(5) At least one member will have particular expertise in the treatment of sex abuse of minors.

(6) The Archbishop, the Archbishop’s delegate, and other persons designated by the Archbishop, may attend those portions of meetings during which information is presented to the Review Board and the Review Board makes its recommendations. They may attend other portions of the meetings subject to the discretion of the Review Board. Other persons may attend meetings only upon the invitation or with the consent of the Review Board and subject to such limitations as the Review Board might require. It is desirable that the Promoter of Justice participate in the meetings of the Review Board (cf. Norm 5). The Promoter of Justice may attend the Review Board meetings with a voice in the discussions, but with no vote in the Review Board’s determinations and recommendations.

(7) Appointments will be for staggered terms of five years, which can be renewed, and will continue until a successor is appointed (Norm 5).

**7.** The Archdiocesan Review Board will assess the allegations and offer its advice to the Archbishop.

a. Unless the prosecuting authority requests otherwise, the Review Board will meet in a timely manner to assess the allegations.

b. In making its assessment, the Review Board may consider any information and evidence collected during any review of the allegation.

c. The accused is not required to meet with the Review Board and any refusal to meet will not be interpreted as an admission of guilt.

d. For the sake of due process, from the moment he is officially informed of the allegation against him, the accused is to be encouraged to retain the assistance of civil and canonical counsel (cf. Norm 6 and Norm 8a). The accused also has the right, if he so chooses, to appoint for himself in writing a procurator who may be the same person as his counsel or another person (cf. CIC, canons 1481, 1482 and CCEO, canons 1139, 1140).

e. In assisting the Archbishop in his assessment of an allegation, the Review Board will offer advice as to whether there is “sufficient evidence” to warrant a process to impose a penalty with respect to the accused (cf. CIC canon 1718 and CCEO c. 1469). It is not the role of the Review Board to make a determination that an allegation is substantiated. Any final decision regarding the guilt and responsibility of the accused cleric and whether or not a penalty can be imposed falls to the Archbishop, or to an ecclesiastical tribunal that ultimately must determine whether or not the guilt of the accused has been demonstrated with moral certitude.

**8.** The Archbishop will determine whether it is necessary to conduct his own investigation of the complaint in addition to the Review Board’s assessment. Whoever the Archbishop assigns to conduct this preliminary investigation will conduct it in accordance with canon law, CIC canons 1717 – 1719. (Cf. also CCEO canons 1468 – 1470.)

**9.** Before closing the preliminary investigation (CIC. canon 1719 and CCEO, canon 1470), the Archbishop is to hear the Promoter of Justice (CCEO, canon 1469.3), the accused, personally or through a delegate, if he has not yet had the opportunity to be heard (CCEO, canon 1469.3), and two or more judges or others expert in the law, if he prudently sees fit to do so (CIC, canon 1718.3 and CCEO, canon 1469.3).

**10.** In the case of sexual abuse of a minor, when the Archbishop finds that there is sufficient evidence to warrant a process to impose a penalty on the accused, he will notify the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and apply precautionary measures (cf. Norm 6).

The precautionary measures include: removal of the accused from the sacred ministry or from any ecclesiastical office or function; imposition or prohibition of residence in a given place or territory; and prohibition against public partic-

ipation in the Most Holy Eucharist pending the outcome of the process (cf. Norm)

a. Additionally, the Archbishop may remove any previously delegated faculties and restrict or remove those de jure faculties for which he is the competent authority, and he may instruct the cleric not to wear clerical attire, for the good of the Church and his own good, pending the outcome of the process (cf. Norms 8b and 9).

b. If the case would otherwise be barred by prescription, because sexual abuse of a minor is a grave offense, the Archbishop will apply to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for a dispensation from the prescription, while indicating appropriate pastoral reasons (Norm 8a).

c. Each of the aforementioned procedures will be taken in writing and by means of decrees so that the cleric affected is afforded the opportunity of recourse in accord with canon law (CIC, canons 1734ff; CCEO, canons 999ff).

d. The alleged offender may be requested to seek, and may be urged to voluntarily comply with, an appropriate medical and psychological evaluation at a facility mutually acceptable to the Archdiocese and to the accused, so long as this does not interfere with the investigation by civil authorities (cf. Norm 7 and Charter, Article 5).

**11.** In the case of sexual abuse of a minor, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith will either call the case to itself, or in the alternative, will direct the Archbishop as to how to proceed.

a. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith will determine whether there is sufficient evidence for the Archbishop to proceed either with a trial or by decree to impose a penalty. (See Appendix B for a general description of the procedures provided by canon law.)

**12.** When even a single act of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest or deacon is admitted or is established after an appropriate process in accord with canon law, the offending priest or deacon will be removed permanently from ecclesiastical ministry, not excluding dismissal from the clerical state, if the case so warrants (CIC, canon 1395 §2; and CCEO, canon 1453 §1) (cf. Norm 8).

a. An offending priest or deacon will be offered professional assistance for his own healing and well-being, as well as for the purpose of prevention (Charter, Article 5).

**13.** At all times, the Archbishop has the executive power of governance, through an administrative act, to remove an offending cleric from office, to remove or restrict his faculties, and to limit his exercise of priestly ministry (cf. Norm 9).

**14.** The priest or deacon may at any time request a dispensation from the obligations of the clerical state. In exceptional cases, the Archbishop may request of the Holy Father the dismissal of the priest or deacon from the clerical state ex officio, even without the consent of the priest or deacon (Norm 10).

**15.** Complaints of sexual abuse of adults will be handled in accordance with canon law, civil law, and The Memorandum of Understanding. The Archdiocese may respond to such complaints in accord with Sections 1 through 7 of this policy.

**16.** The Archdiocese will develop a communications policy that reflects a commitment to transparency and openness. Within the confines of respect for the privacy and the reputation of the individuals involved, the Archdiocese will deal as openly as possible with members of the community. This is especially so with regard to assisting and supporting parish communities directly affected by ministerial misconduct involving minors (Charter, Article 7).

**17.** Care will always be taken to protect the rights of all parties involved, particularly those of the person claiming to have been sexually abused and of the person against whom the charge has been made. When an accusation has proved to be unfounded, every step possible will be taken to restore the good name of the person falsely accused (Norm 13).

**18.** There will be clear and well-publicized Archdiocesan standards of ministerial behavior and appropriate boundaries for clergy and for any other church personnel in positions of trust who have regular contact with children and young people (cf. Charter, Article 6).

**19.** The Archdiocese will establish “safe environment” programs. The Archdiocese will make clear to clergy and all members of the community the standards of conduct for clergy and other persons in positions of trust with regard to sexual abuse (cf. Charter, Article 12).

**20.** The Archdiocese will evaluate the background of all Archdiocesan and



parish personnel who have regular contact with minors. Specifically, it will utilize the resources of law enforcement and other community agencies. In addition, it will employ adequate screening and evaluative techniques in deciding the fitness of candidates for ordination (cf. National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Program of Priestly Formation, 1993, no. 513) (Charter, Article 13).

- 21.** It is forbidden to transfer for ministerial assignment any priest or deacon who has committed an act of sexual abuse against any person. Transfer of such a priest or deacon for residence, temporary or otherwise, is subject to condition.
- a. In accordance with Norm 12, no priest or deacon who has committed an act of sexual abuse of a minor may be transferred for ministerial assignment to another diocese/eparchy or religious province. Before a priest or deacon can be transferred even temporarily for residence to another diocese/eparchy or religious province, his bishop/eparch or religious ordinary shall forward, in a confidential manner, to the local bishop/eparch and religious ordinary (if applicable) of the proposed place of residence any and all information concerning any act of sexual abuse of a minor and any other information indicating that he has been or may be a danger to children or young people. This will apply even if the priest or deacon will reside in the local community of an institute of consecrated life or society of apostolic life (or, in the Eastern Churches, as a monk or other religious, in a society of common life according to the manner of religious, in a secular institute, or in another form of consecrated life or society of apostolic life). Every bishop/eparch or religious ordinary who receives a priest or deacon from outside his jurisdiction will obtain the necessary information regarding any past act of sexual abuse of a minor by the priest or deacon in question. (cf. Norm 12).
- 22.** The Archdiocesan Bishop and major superiors of clerical institutes who have members serving within the Archdiocese or their delegates will meet periodically to coordinate their roles concerning the issue of allegations made against a cleric member of a religious institute ministering in the Archdiocese (Charter, Article 15).
- 23.** This policy will be subject to periodic re-evaluation by the Archbishop.
- a. To assist the Archbishop in preparing for the evaluation proposed in Norm 1, this policy will be evaluated one year from its effective date.
- b. The policies and procedures specified in this document can be revised at any time in whole or in part by the Archbishop with such revisions being filed with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops within three months of such modifications (cf. Norm 2).
- 24.** This policy will be published and made available to the general public.

Appendix A

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS AND THE COUNTY PROSECUTORS REGARDING THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN OFFENSES

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

David Samson Attorney General	Peter C. Harvey First Assistant Attorney General Director, Division of Criminal Justice
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Article 1 Preamble

The parties to this Memorandum pledge their continuing commitment to work together to protect victims of crimes. The parties recognize the value of cooperation and communication and the need to have in place clearly defined policies and procedures so that all employees of the signatory organization know what they are expected to do when in the course of their professional duties they have reasonable cause to believe that certain crimes have been committed. The parties are committed to addressing and alleviating the injuries caused by these crimes and to preventing the reoccurrence of such crimes to the greatest extent possible.

Article 2 Statement of Policies, Findings and Objectives

1. The parties to this Memorandum will continue to work together to prevent criminal activity. The parties recognize that the crimes addressed in this Memorandum are serious matters that warrant a full and prompt investigation by appropriate law enforcement authorities.
2. The parties recognize that this Memorandum calls for the sharing of information that may or may not result in a prosecution. Circumstances that may preclude

prosecution include, but are not limited to, insufficient facts to sustain a prosecution or conviction, a statute of limitations, or a determination by the appropriate prosecuting authority that prosecution would not be appropriate considering the interests of the victim. The parties nonetheless recognize that it is ultimately the responsibility of the prosecutor to decide when and how to conduct a criminal investigation, and whether it is appropriate to present a matter to a grand jury to decide whether to initiate a criminal prosecution under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

Article 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this Memorandum “Employee” means any person who is employed by a signatory organization or a subdivision thereof in any activity under the auspices of the signatory organization or the subdivision. “Employee” shall not mean anyone who is employed by any health care or skilled nursing facility, college or university owned by, or operated under the auspices of any signatory organization.

“Crime” means any of the following offenses under New Jersey law, or an attempt or conspiracy to commit any of the following offenses:

Sexual assault and aggravated sexual assault, as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2;

Criminal sexual contact and aggravated criminal sexual contact, as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:14-3;

Child abuse, as defined in N.J.S.A. 9:6-1, 9:6-3 and 9:6-8.21. The term child abuse shall include any act constituting the offense of endangering the welfare of a child, as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4, including, but not limited to, sexual conduct which would impair or debauch the morals of the child, the offense of photographing or filming a child engaged in a prohibited sexual act as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(3), the offense of distribution of child pornography as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b4(a), the offense of knowing possession or viewing of child pornography as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b4(b), the offense of luring or enticing a child as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:13-6, and the offense of lewdness as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:14-4b where the offense involves a victim who at the time of the offense was less than 18 years of age.

Article 4 Liaisons

The signatories to this Memorandum will each designate one or more persons to serve as liaisons. The roles and functions of these liaisons are to:

1. Facilitate communication and cooperation between the signatory organization, the county prosecutors and the Division of Criminal Justice;

2. Provide and receive information concerning the crimes specified herein;.

3. Identify issues or problems that arise in the implementation of this Memorandum and facilitate the resolution of any such problems, and

4. Act as the primary contact persons between the signatory organizations, the county prosecutors’ offices and the Division of Criminal Justice.

Within 30 days following the execution of this Memorandum, the undersigned county prosecutors, the Division of Criminal Justice and the signatory organization shall identify in writing the names, addresses, and contact numbers for the liaisons designated above. This information shall be updated by the county prosecutors, the Division of Criminal Justice and the signatory organization upon any change in the liaisons, and at least annually.

Article 5 Referral of Matters for Investigation

5.1 Obligation to Report Certain Crimes

Subject only to the provisions of Section 5.3 of this Memorandum, whenever any employee of the signatory organization in the course of his or her employment or professional responsibilities has received or discovered information which establishes reasonable cause to believe that a crime as defined in Article 3 of this Memorandum has been committed, the employee shall immediately report the information to the liaison designated by the signatory organization who, subject only to the provisions of Section 5.3 of this Memorandum, shall then promptly notify the appropriate county prosecutor’s office having jurisdiction over the matter, except that notification to the appropriate county prosecutor’s office shall be made immediately when there is reason to believe that the criminal conduct is continuing to occur, or is about to occur, or where such conduct has recently occurred under circumstances where it is reasonable to believe that physical evidence of the criminal conduct might be destroyed or otherwise lost as a result of any delay in initiating a law enforcement investigation. Where more than one county prosecutor may have jurisdiction over the matter (that is, where the suspected criminal conduct occurred in more than one county), the designated liaison shall notify all appropriate county prosecutors, or shall notify the Division of Criminal Justice if the location of an offense is uncertain or the offense occurred outside the jurisdiction of the undersigned county prosecutors.

- Matters that will be reported to the county prosecutor pursuant to this Article include, but are not limited to, the following circumstances:
1. A person whose identity is known to an employee of a signatory organization, or who appears in person, reports to the employee of a signatory organ-



ization that he or she is a victim of a crime addressed by this Memorandum, or claims to be the parent, guardian or legal custodian of a person alleged to be the victim of a crime addressed by this Memorandum; or

2. An employee of a signatory organization receives information pertaining to a crime addressed by this Memorandum that causes the signatory organization to assign an employee or response team to investigate the matter.

**5.2 Obligation to Immediately Report Kidnapping of a Minor to Police**

Subject only to the provisions of Section 5.3, whenever any employee of the signatory organization in the course of his or her employment or professional responsibilities has received or discovered information which establishes reasonable cause to believe that a minor has been, is, or is about to be kidnapped, the employee shall immediately notify the local police department having jurisdiction over the matter by means of the 9-1-1 system.

**5.3 Privileges**

Nothing in this Memorandum is intended to abrogate or impair any privilege including, but not limited to, those currently codified at N.J.S.A. 2A:84A-23 (Evid.R.511) and N.J.S.A. 2A:84A-22.15 (Evid.R.517).

**5.4 Consent of Victim Not Required**

Subject only to the requirements of Section 5.3, the obligation to report suspected crimes pursuant to Section 5.1 and 5.2 is not dependent upon the consent of the victim, or of the parent or legal guardian of a minor victim, or of any person providing information about the crime.

**5.5 Information to be Provided**

The notification to the county prosecutor’s office pursuant to Section 5.1 shall include all information about the incident or incidents, including, where known, (a) the name, address and age of the victim; (b) in the case of a child victim, the name and address of the victim’s parent, guardian or other person having custody and control of the victim; (c) the nature and extent of any injuries suffered by the victim, including information concerning any previous injuries or abuse; (d) the identity and present whereabouts of the person suspected of committing the offense; and (e) any other information that may be helpful with respect to a full and prompt investigation of the matter.

**5.6 Nonaccusatorial Nature of the Referral**

A referral of information to the county prosecutor’s office is only a transmittal of information that might be pertinent to a law enforcement investigation. A referral of information is not an accusation or formal charge.

**5.7 Supersedure of Civil Confidentiality Agreements**

The parties recognize that to resolve potential or actual civil claims, it might be appropriate to enter into confidentiality agreements, which would protect and advance privacy interests from public disclosure. However, reporting of crimes pursuant to Section 5.1 or Section 5.2 of this Memorandum shall not be excused or otherwise affected in any way by the terms of a confidentiality clause contained in an agreement to settle a claim.

**5.8 Commitment to Ongoing Cooperation**

The signatory organization will fully cooperate with the county prosecutor on an ongoing basis.

A county prosecutor will not serve a grand jury subpoena upon a signatory party for documents or testimony concerning a crime that has been reported pursuant to Section 5.1 or Section 5.2 of this Memorandum without first notifying the designated liaison, and, upon the request of the liaison, without first conferring with the Director of the Division of Criminal Justice or his designee.

**Article 6 Preserving Confidentiality of Investigative Information Provided Pursuant to this Memorandum**

It is the intent and expectation of the parties that all information provided to a county prosecutor pursuant to Section 5.1 of this Memorandum will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used for law enforcement investigative purposes. The parties recognize that information and documents provided pursuant to Section 5.1 of this Memorandum are criminal investigatory records within the meaning of P.L. 2001, c. 404, and as such are permanently exempt from the public disclosure requirements of that statute. The county prosecutor will not disclose information or documents provided pursuant to Section 5.1 of this Memorandum to any person, other than to a law enforcement officer or, where appropriate, to the Division of Youth and Family Services or other government agency, unless such disclosure is required by Court Rules governing the discovery and inspection of material by a person charged with a criminal offence, or unless the disclosure is required by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction. Before disclosing any such information or documents that had been provided pursuant to Section 5.1 of this Memorandum, the county prosecutor will notify the designat-

ed liaison who had provided the information or documents, and will, upon the request of the liaison, confer with the Director of the Division of Criminal Justice or his designee to discuss any applicable grounds for objecting to the disclosure.

**Article 7 Notification of Reporting Responsibilities to Employees of Signatory Organization**

The signatory organization shall use all appropriate means to advise all employees about what they are to do when they learn of possible criminal conduct of the type discussed in this Memorandum, and shall establish and maintain an internal communications and reporting system to ensure that information about crimes is immediately reported by the employees to the designated liaison, and is then referred promptly (or immediately, as may be required by the terms of this Memorandum) to the appropriate county prosecutor’s office. The signatory organization shall inform new employees, and regularly remind existing employees, of what they are to do when they learn of possible criminal conduct of the type discussed in this Memorandum.

**Article 8 Limited Scope of the Memorandum**

This Memorandum is intended to express the commitment of the parties to work cooperatively with each other. Nothing in this Memorandum is intended to, or shall be construed to, impose any duty or obligation of any type, kind, nature or description upon any person or entity and nothing herein shall be construed in any way to create any rights, substantive, procedural or otherwise or confer any private right of action upon any individual or entity against any signatory organization or any officer, agent, trustee, director, servant or employee of such entity.

**Article 9 Maintenance of the Memorandum**

The parties shall revisit this Memorandum of Understanding as the need may arise, but in no event later than five years from the date of execution by the parties.

**Appendix B**

**GENERAL PROCEDURES PROVIDED BY CANON LAW**

a. In a trial the evidence collected in the preliminary investigation is presented in a complaint or indictment, called a libellus, to a group of at least three priest judges appointed for this particular trial. At this point, the accused has the right: to know, at least in a general way, the nature of the behavior alleged to be sexual abuse and the evidence or proofs offered in support of this allegation (CIC canon 1504, 2°; and CCEO, canon 1187 2°); to be represented by counsel; to be heard at the appropriate times; to offer evidence in his own behalf; and to act otherwise in accord with the procedural norms of the canons.

b. The case is prosecuted by the Promoter of Justice and the accused is represented by an Advocate whom he appoints or whom the judges must appoint if the accused fails to do so. The victim, the accused, and other persons may be asked to give testimony to the judges, who may also seek other proofs that they deem necessary to reach a decision. The judges have to consider whether the evidence presented establishes, with moral certainty, the fact of the sexual abuse of a minor, whether the accused actually committed the abuse, and the extent to which the guilt of the accused is increased or mitigated by the circumstances. The judges are required to reach a decision whether and to what extent the accused is guilty and, if guilty, what penalty is to be applied. Both the Promoter of Justice and the accused have the right to appeal a decision about guilt and about penalty. The appeal is taken immediately and only to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Even if there is no appeal the decision of the judges must be submitted to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for approval.

c. The Congregation may direct the bishop to proceed administratively, that is, by a decree, if the accused has admitted responsibility for the acts of which he was accused, and if dismissal from the clerical state is not being sought as a penalty for those acts. The accused should be advised to obtain canonical counsel if he has not already done so. The bishop in this process is to inform the accused of the accusation and proofs if this has not been done and to provide the accused with the opportunity for self-defense (CIC, canon 1720, and CCEO, canon 1486). The Promoter of Justice and an ecclesiastical notary who is a priest are to be present when the bishop/eparch or his delegate meets with the accused (CCEO, canon 1486). The bishop/eparch considers the matter with the assistance of two assessors (Canon 1720) and then issues a decree, explaining the reasons in law and in fact, to impose the penalty. The accused then has recourse against the decree only to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Recourse must be taken within ten available days of receipt of the decree (CCEO, canon 1486, CIC, canon 1734).