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It is stressed too that “legal recognition of homosexual unions or placing them on the same level as marriage would mean not only the approval of deviant behavior, with the consequence of making it a model in present-day society, but would also obscure basic values which belong to the common inheritance of humanity.”

In Archbishop Myers’ view, the Vatican rejects “an arbitrary construction that can be formed or reshaped for personal preference.” The “complementary nature” of marriage, he continues, the joining of a man and woman, is “integral to God’s creation, and the foundation for society and culture.”

‘Morally bound’

Catholic politicians, the Vatican document stresses, are morally bound to oppose such “gravely unjust laws,” adding all public servants have the right to conscientious objection if they are asked to apply them.

In a footnote, the document warns of the “danger” that granting legal status to gay unions “could actually encourage a person with homosexual orientation to declare his homosexuality and even to seek a partner in order to exploit the provisions of the law.”

Noting that civil law plays a “very important and sometimes decisive role in influencing patterns of thought and behavior,” the document says granting legal status to gay unions would expose young people, especially, to erroneous ideas about sexuality and marriage, and thus could “contribute to the spread of the phenomenon.”

The document also condemns legislative moves to allow gay couples to adopt, saying that being deprived of having either a mother or a father has been shown to harm children’s normal development.

“Allowing children to be adopted by persons living in such unions would actually mean doing violence to these children, in the sense that their condition of dependency would be used to place them in an environment that is not conducive to their full development,” the document says.

While it calls homosexuality a “troubling moral and social phenomenon,” the Vatican document underscores Church teaching that homosexual persons “must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity” and

that they should not be unjustly discriminated against. But, it added, “the Church teaches that respect for homosexual persons cannot lead in any way to approval of homosexual behavior or to legal recognition of homosexual unions.”

The “most instructive purpose” of the Vatican document, says Archbishop Myers, is “to remind all Catholics, whether or not in political life, of their obligations as witnesses to faith to defend the basic values that belong to the common inheritance of humanity for the good of men and women.”

The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops welcomed the document—first sent in June to bishops around the world.

**Plan pondered**

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students from various schools temporarily as other work takes place as part of the district’s five-year plan approved by the state Department of Education. “The district will use the facility as a ‘swing space’ so that students can be educated in an alternative site while new construction, renovation or addition work takes place at their sending school.”

“By utilizing the former Bishop Francis Essex Catholic campus, the East Orange School District addresses both the present and future educational needs of its students. In turn, the Archdiocese of Newark maintains its commitment to the community by enabling a continued and critical educational presence for the growing and changing needs of this urban district,” Strachan said.

**Urban use**

James Goodness, Director of Communications for the Archdiocese, stated that Archbishop John J. Myers has directed that the Archdiocese use proceeds of the eventual sale of the property to establish and support an endowment to assist Archdiocesan urban area schools.

Goodness also stated that a group of concerned individuals had come forward recently to discuss a proposal for a new private Catholic high school to serve young men from urban areas.

“We have had some discussion with the group which would like to sponsor a new school with a Catholic identity,” Goodness explained. “We expect to be meeting again, but there is no definite timetable in place for this proposed school.”

Mystery priest

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desired to meet with the priest again to thank him formally. “I told them to let her know it wasn’t necessary. I was glad God put me there to help her, and that’s enough thanks.”

Needless to say, the reporter at the *Record* would have preferred a name and an opportunity to talk to our mystery priest. So would have the seven TV and two radio stations who also called me. I would have liked to have told them, because every time I can talk about the good things that priests do for us, I do. But I have to admit, my definition of a hero is someone who doesn’t make a big deal about doing something special for someone else. He or she just does it because “it’s what I’m supposed to do.”

And in this case, I didn’t have to start this story with “Return with us now to yesteryear...”

**Aug. 13**  
**Felician College**, Rutherford campus, a college fair for adults at 7 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call (201) 559-6055.

**Aug. 15**  
**Holy Name Hospital**, Teaneck, blood pressure screenings. 1 to 3 p.m. Call (201) 227-6250.



**Aug. 18**  
**The Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark**, support groups for parents grieving the death of a child. The group meets in the rectory basement of St. Peter the Apostle Church, 445 Fifth Ave., River Edge from 7 until 9 p.m. Call (973) 497-4327. The groups are open to those of all faiths.

**Aug. 24**  
**Catholic Alumni Club of North Jersey**, will attend the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas More in Convent Station. Brunch afterwards. For further information and directions, call Kathy M. at (201) 288-4187.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**, Scotch Plains, Information about the Rite of Christian

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

Pastor/Hudson County	Parochial Vicars/Union County
<b>Reverend Monsignor Frank G. Del Prete, J.C.D.</b> , Pastor of Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Hoboken, has been re-appointed to a second six-year term, ending on Sept. 1, 2009.	<b>Reverend Gennaro Sesto, S.D.B.</b> , has been approved as Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Elizabeth.
Other/Essex County	Other/Union County
<b>Reverend Thomas P. Nydegger, M. Div.</b> , Vice Rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, has been re-appointed Chaplain of the Serra Club of the Oranges for the 2003-2005 term.	<b>Reverend Roy James De Leo</b> , Parochial Vicar of St. Genevieve Church, Elizabeth, has been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. John M. Walsh Council 5437, Garwood.
<b>Reverend Beaubrun Ardouin</b> , Administrator of St. Leo Church, Irvington, has been appointed Coordinator of the Haitian Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Newark.	<b>Reverend Dominic G. Ciriaco</b> , Faculty member of Oratory Prep, Summit, has been released from the Archdiocese of Newark to enter the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, Washington D.C.
<b>Reverend Robert J. Rischmann</b> , Pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Church, East Orange, is retiring from active ministry effective Sept. 1, 2003.	<b>Reverend Edmund G. Bernauer</b> , Parochial Vicar of St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills, is retiring from active ministry effective Sept. 1, 2003.

Initiation of Adults (RCIA), at 1 p.m. and Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m. Call (908) 889-2100.

**Aug. 27**  
**Holy Name Hospital**, Teaneck, a two-hour program to help participants stop smoking. From 7 to 9 p.m. in the Hospital Education Conference Room, 718 Teaneck Rd. \$60 includes the cost of materials. Registration and pre-payment required. For more information or to register call (201) 227-6250.

**Aug. 29**  
**St. Bartholomew Parish**, Scotch Plains, 29th Annual UNICO/ Labor Day Italian Festival. Aug. 29 to Sept. 1 from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Call (908) 322-5192, Ext.1.

**SEPT. 6**  
**Columbus Hospital**, Annual Health Festival. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free screenings for glucose, cholesterol, podiatry, pulmonary, vision, blood pressure and bone density. Call (973) 485-6242

**Sept. 10**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**, West Orange, will celebrate a Vigil Mass of Remembrance and Hope to mark the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Those who had relatives or friends who perished in the attacks and would like their names included in prayers at the Mass should contact the rectory at (973) 325-0110 or send a note to the church no later than Sept. 4.

**Sept 15**  
**The Christian Foundations for Ministry**, Know Your Vocation program. Sessions begin the week of Sep. 15 and continue for eight weeks at local parish. For information call (973) 497-4350, or e-mail [stantovi@rcan.org](mailto:stantovi@rcan.org).



**St Anastasia’s Parish**, Teaneck, holds its third Order Carmelite meeting on the second Saturday of each month, beginning with the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Call Helen at (201) 567-3711.

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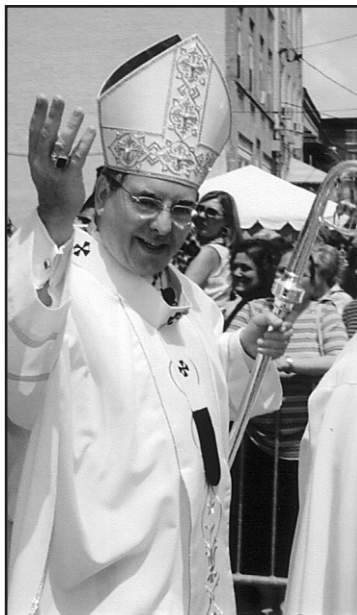
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Prominent in the procession were the ladies, young and not-quite-as-young, of the St. Ann's Guild. They marched despite the day's intense heat.



Youngsters and their parents caught the Archbishop's eye throughout the busy and festive afternoon as he joined the procession.



Archbishop John J. Myers celebrated his birthday on July 26, the Feast of St. Ann, with the people of Hoboken at St. Ann's Parish. After celebrating Mass, the Archbishop blessed the statue of the mother of Our Lady and led a procession through the streets of the Hudson County community. The feast day marked the end of the parish's eight-day 93rd Italian Festival.



Archbishop Myers gives his blessing as the statue of St. Ann leaves church following Mass. The men of the parish lofted the venerated image.



Archbishop Myers encountered a myriad of smiling faces as he reached out to the people of the parish and community on the streets of Hoboken.

## Natural Family Planning Week celebrated in Archdiocese

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

"You are a gift," Archbishop John J. Myers told couples at a Mass late last month, bringing to an end National Family Planning (NFP) Week.

Speaking from the pulpit at

the Seton Hall University Chapel, Archbishop Myers cited prevailing attitudes toward human sexuality in the mid 60s.

The media, he said, became a "player" in what Catholics believed during that turbulent

decade, which at the "practical level" resulted in confusion.

During that time, the Archbishop explained, he learned from lay people using Natural Family Planning while serving in his home state of Illinois.

He made particular mention of the impact the "witness talks" of those NFP couples had on him. He said he was struck by their "growth in generosity" and was therefore able to share their story with others. That, he explained, is why he called such couples a "gift." It is important, the Archbishop stressed, for NFP couples to share their experiences. One vital way to do so, he added, is for those couples to speak with seminarians.

Couples practicing Natural Family Planning, Archbishop Myers noted, are using "a technique, pure and simple." He called it a decision to "space" a family while taking "control."

NFP couples, the Archbishop went on, "grow in generosity and love for each other." He said Natural Family Planning is

a "sure sign" of the Holy Spirit at work.

Referring to the loaves and fishes story in the Gospel for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Archbishop Myers said NFP couples can at times find themselves like the apostles in the Gospel, "overcome" with such things as the cost of braces and doctor bills. "The Lord will not let you down," he declared.

### Effectiveness cited

Damon Owens and his wife Melanie, NFP Coordinators for the Archdiocese of Newark, spoke after Mass and told the Archbishop, "You are a gift."

Speaking later with *The Catholic Advocate*, Owens noted that an NFP program has been operating in the Archdiocese of Newark since 1977 and is one of the oldest in the country.

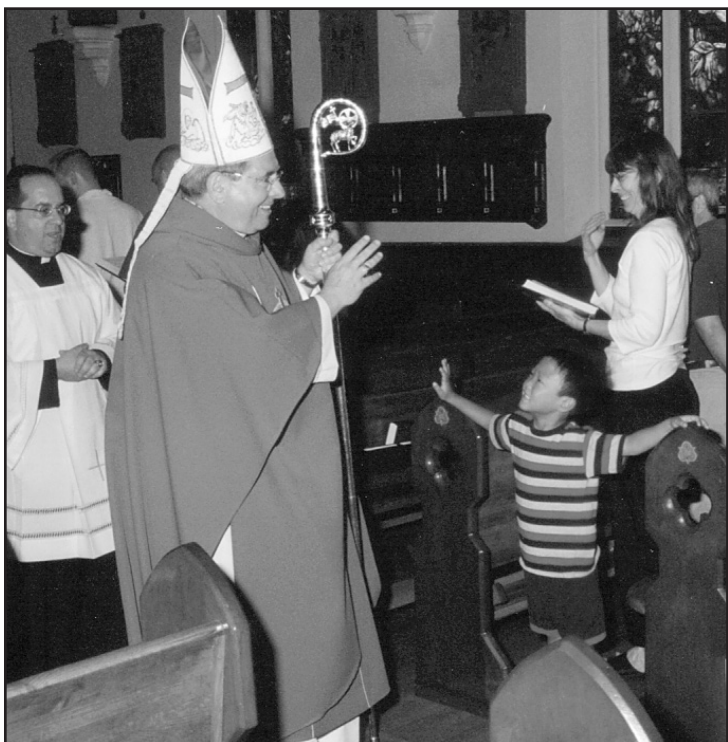
Natural Family Planning, he said, is a way to space a family without using birth control. And, he stressed, "it is 99 percent effective."

At the Mass, Owens mentioned a five-year plan for the Archdiocese which began July 1.

The plan, Owens explained, has five facets: "regular contact" with new seminarians; establishing a father-son/mother-daughter chastity program; quarterly sexuality workshops for engaged and married couples featuring guest speakers; systematic contact with diocesan priests to the importance of promoting Natural Family Planning; and an "increased presence" at every Pre-Cana session. Archbishop Myers voiced his support for the plan.

Asked about the Archbishop's presence at the closing Mass, Owens called it "wonderful." He cited the depth of Archbishop Myers' commitment to the principles of NFP in "both words and action."

Right now the Archdiocesan program has six teaching couples. Sessions are held at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, St. Joseph Parish in West Orange and St. John the Apostle Parish in Linden. Plans for moving the overall operations to St. Michael's Hospital by Jan. 1 are under way.



A boy and his mother greet Archbishop Myers at the conclusion of Mass.

## Assistantship grant awarded

Caldwell College recently awarded Montclair educator Lorna-Jane Oates a \$2,500 graduate assistantship grant to help defray the cost of earning her Masters degree in educational administration.

The graduate program will qualify her to seek a position as principal of a New Jersey school. The award, which also includes tuition remission for one course per semester in the spring and fall, will allow her to engage in research and undergraduate teaching during the 2003-04 academic years.

A seventh grade social studies and writing teacher at Renaissance Middle School in Montclair, Oates will conduct assigned research tasks while she participates in the college's Off-Campus Leadership Development (OCLD) program.

No stranger to research, the grant recipient has served as an intern in the U.S. Department of Education and developed curriculum for the Teach for America project during the summer 2002.

Candidates for this award had to provide written evidence of their research capability, possess appropriate technological skill, a 3.5 grade point average in previous graduate studies and be registered for at least six credits of graduate work during each semester of the 2003-04 academic year.

Oates completed her student teaching at Montclair High School and returned to that community as a resident as well as teacher.

## Division of Business Management Services at Felician College, dean appointed

A Division of Business and Management Services has been established at Felician College with Dr. William Morgan as dean.

The new division, explained Dr. Morgan, who had been Associate Professor of Business the past three years, "came in response to a surge in enrollment in recent years in the college's business programs."

Included in the new division are a B.S. in Business Administration; B.A. in Management/Marketing; B.S. with a concentration in Accounting; A.A. with a concentration in Business; on-site degree programs for busi-

nesses and an 18-month accelerated degree program for a B.A. with a concentration in Organizational Management.

Established two years ago, the accelerated degree program has accounted for much of the growth in Felician College's business program enrollment, according to Dr. Morgan.

The college's traditional undergraduate business degree programs have fared equally well during the last decade with enrollment more than quadrupling in the Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts and Associate of Arts business degree programs.

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Dr. William Morgan

models," Dr. Morgan explained.

To make room for the new business division, the college is reconstructing an area in the lower level of the Lodi campus' main college building.

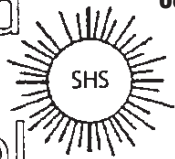
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# Long-awaited high school diploma awarded

As St. Mary of the Assumption High School in Elizabeth prepares to celebrate the 70th anniversary of its first graduating class next year, school officials thought they had found the school's oldest alumni when they contacted members of the Class of 1934. They were wrong—something they learned when Ruth Sheridan Hunter offered them a picture of her St. Mary's graduating class taken on the steps of the school in June 1928.

The previous year when Ruth finished her freshman year at Hamilton Junior High School in Elizabeth, she had been looking forward to continuing on to high school, where her diploma would be her first step towards becoming a teacher. Her mother, however, had other plans for the youngest of her five children.

Ruth was told she was to attend a "commercial school"—a forerunner of the familiar high school secretarial track—and gain the skills that would enable her to get a job in an office. The only thing that softened the blow for the teenager was the fact that she could enroll in a newly opened commercial program at St. Mary of the Assumption.

"We just loved St. Mary's," Ruth remembers, "especially Sister Cecilia Monica," who taught the 20 students everything from typing and shorthand to elementary Spanish.

The program was apparently well-regarded by the business community, since the Underwood Typewriter Company in New York City offered a job placement service to any of the top five graduates who could pass their typing and shorthand tests. "It was such an honor when Sister Cecilia selected me to go," Ruth recounts. She landed a job as a secretary with Thomas Loughlin Marine Supplies—a position she held for eight years. The combination of her excellent training from the Sisters of Charity and

her natural ability enabled her to run the New York office of the Maine-based company for several years after her boss died.

Ruth had married James Hunter in 1935, and after working as an executive secretary for the Diehl Manufacturing Company in Elizabethport for two years, she left the business world when they decided it was time for her to stay at home to raise the family they anticipated having. Eventually they had two daughters: Jean Marie, who is now retired from Mobil Oil Company and living in Mesa, Arizona, and Kathleen, who is the Chair of the English Department at the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown. Widowed for almost 30 years, Ruth lives in Cranford, where she has belonged to St. Michael Parish since 1941.

On June 13, Ruth's lifelong ambition of receiving her St. Mary's High School diploma was realized when Joan Gallagher, Director of Development, and Principal Janet Malko invited the Hunter

family to participate in the annual Awards Assembly marking the end of the school year.

Urging the students not to take their opportunities for granted, Malko introduced Ruth as someone who had not had the chance to attend four years of high school and called her forward to receive her honorary St. Mary's diploma, 75 years after she had completed the program at St. Mary's Commercial. Her only regret was that her dearest friend, Mary Lee Schlott, SMC '28, could not be with her at the ceremony, but Ruth felt she could proudly accept the diploma for both of them while the student body stood and applauded.

It was obvious that the decades separating the 92-year-old from today's students didn't matter.

They clearly agree with Ruth's estimate of her Alma Mater: "St. Mary's is a wonderful place."

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A beaming Ruth Sheridan Hunter with her diploma from St. Mary of the Assumption High School, Elizabeth.



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Eighth-grade CCD students from St. Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, designed, painted and wore T-shirts, meant to look like athletic team shirts, to Eisenhower Middle School to show pride in their faith. Left to right, Dana O'Donnell, Melanie DeFranco, Elizabeth Drehwing, Mary Khanjian, Sarah Khanjian, Caroline McInerney, Danielle Traitz and Samantha Depken.

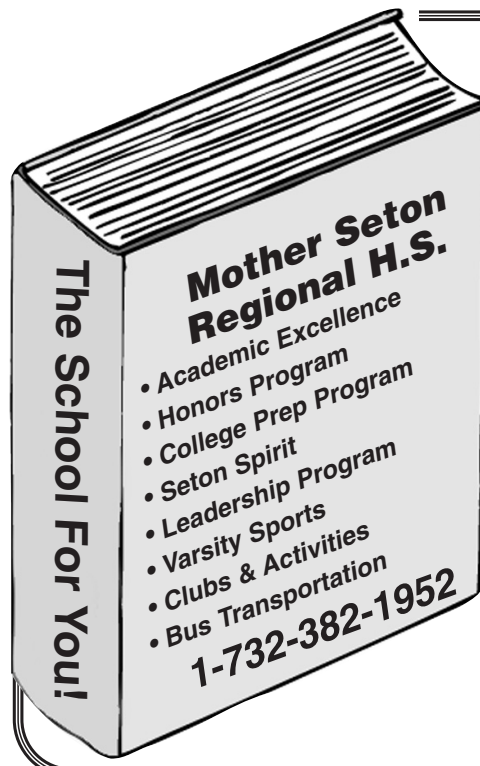
## New principal at St. Michael's

Adele K. Ellis, from St. John Vianney School in Colonia, is the new principal at St. Michael School in Union.

Ellis earned a Master's Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Seton Hall University last year. In 1999 she received a Master's

Degree in Education from Mary Grove College in Michigan.

From 2001-2003 she served as Director of Technology at St. John's and was a teacher there from 1999-2001. From 1999-2001 Ellis taught science at Immaculate Conception Elementary School in Spotswood.



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The incoming freshman class at St. Dominic Academy (SDA) in Jersey City will start their high school careers as SDA ends a yearlong anniversary celebration.

"Relax, just be yourself. Be open to all the new experiences around you—new people, new places, new challenges. And ask a lot of questions! Everyone

wants to help you succeed, so let them," advised Principal Sister Vivien Jennings.

Every year SDA schedules a formal welcoming program for freshmen aimed at assuring a smooth transition.

The first day of school is devoted to orientation planned by the Student Council. Students play "icebreaker" games

to help freshmen get to know their classmates and the upperclasswomen.

The day also includes a scavenger hunt in which the new students tour the school and meet with the teachers who explain the different aspects of high school life, such as school history, the Dominican mission and uniforms.

Reflecting on her freshman orientation, Senior Christina Conti said, "That is why I wanted to join the Student Council, because its members ran my orientation, and it relaxed me and made me feel welcome."

On the second day of school, a longstanding SDA tradition, the Big Sister/Little Sister Luncheon, takes place. It is a time for the newcomers to ask questions.

Freshmen also participate in a Group Guidance class. Designed to assist with the transition to high school, the class offers advice on such skills as time management and study. The new students attend an assembly about the 30 clubs at

SDA as well. "We try to make the transition as smooth as possible for the freshmen by encouraging active participation in the school and motivating them, while focusing on each student's development as an individual," explained Student Council moderator and SDA alumnus Melissa Cavaliero.

The school also offers "Freshmen Survival," another way for them to bond with the upperclasswomen faculty.

SDA has a certified psychologist on staff to assist with individual adjustments. The overall

welfare of the freshman class is discussed at a special meeting of freshmen teachers.

Some incoming freshmen have been voluntarily preparing for high school with summer preview courses, including Pre-Algebra and Introduction to Chemistry. And the entire student body was given summer reading assignments.

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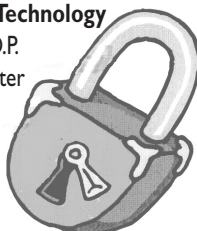
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# Cool comfort comes to Cathedral Basilica

**BY WARD MIELE**  
Managing Editor

Months of installation work and a year of preparation came to an end earlier this summer when the switch was thrown on the first-ever air conditioning system at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

The massive engineering and logistics project was the first renovation of the Cathedral Basilica complex in 50 years.

In addition to the air conditioning installation, the renovation replaced the original heating system and duct work, removed asbestos and addressed long-

deferred general maintenance.

The project received final approval in the spring of last year. That summer engineering work got under way.

There were, explained Assistant Director of Plant Services Sargon Adamo, a number of challenges on the engineering front.

A top priority was noise reduction, i.e., quiet operation of the entire system, both inside and out.

Extensive use of sound-proofing material was utilized inside the Cathedral Basilica. Outside great care was taken as to where the huge condenser

would be located—adjacent to the Cathedral Basilica parking lot.

Not infringing on the current space in the area was another factor. The cement wall around the condenser will eventually have a granite veneer façade matching that of the Cathedral Basilica.

## Planned ahead

When the Cathedral Basilica was built, Adamo pointed out, installation of air conditioning was anticipated primarily by leaving space for the necessary equipment. (At the time air conditioning was a new technology). Design of the air conditioning was adapted to that space. Part of that effort was a series of 16 fans, which were originally installed as a means of moving air in the giant structure as well as providing heat.

However, a particular problem arose, he noted, with the original steam heating system, which was not working properly due to age and lack of maintenance.

It was decided that the most cost-effective approach would be to integrate the heating and air conditioning systems, incorporating the existing fans into the engineering.

Installation began in September of last year. A major factor was the four to six month lead time needed for the custom-built condenser.

One of the first jobs was to selectively remove all of the asbestos from the Cathedral Basilica in areas affected by the construction work. Certain demolition was required as was removal of old equipment and “fine tuning the design,” according to Adamo.

Next on the agenda was duct work, plumbing and placement of major components such as fans, pumps and valves. All of that was done by March.

## The unexpected

As with any such undertaking, there were unanticipated delays. Originally the system was expected to be on-line by April or May instead of June.

Part of the delay was due to relocation of the site for the condenser. Permits were another factor, as were design changes and an especially harsh winter.

Once more cooperative weather set in, outside site work began. One of the last major hurdles is installation of a new electrical service from Public Service Electric and Gas. Initially only one of the four

compressors operated. That was because of limited availability of electrical service from PSE&G. The utility company realigned its power grid to allocate the appropriate service to the site. Full service and capacity was expected by the first week of August.

Reflecting on the project, Adamo said, “It came out well, beyond expectations.” He made special note of the success in keeping sound levels at an absolute minimum. “It is a good system, well engineered.” The engineering was done by Monsen Engineering out of Fairfield.

## Welcome relief

Although he expressed frustration at the unexpected and unwelcome delays, Adamo sat back in his chair and called the whole experience “interesting and challenging.” It was a project, he stressed, “that took a team effort from the entire Plant Services staff and contractor.”

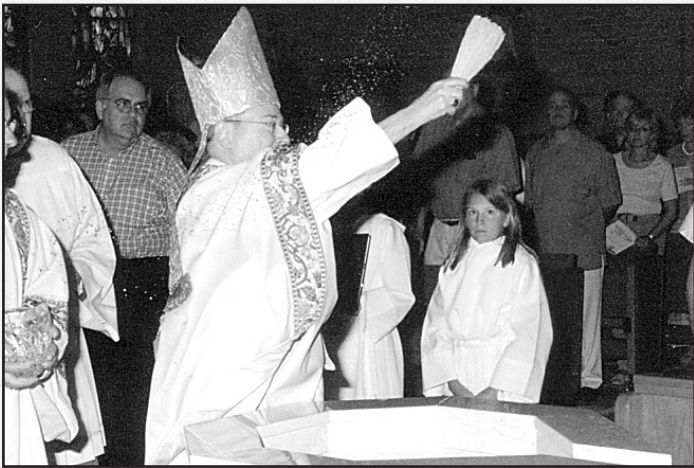
The money for the project comes from donations and funds restricted for the Cathedral Basilica.

Commenting on the work, Msgr. Richard Groncki, Rector

of the Cathedral Basilica, said, “All of us who worship regularly in the Cathedral Basilica are very grateful to the Archbishop for the decision to undertake this project. Now that we are experiencing an air-conditioned environment for worship, it is difficult to imagine how we were able to get along without it for all these years. The air conditioning is a sesquicentennial gift to the people of the Archdiocese and a golden jubilee gift to our magnificent Cathedral.”

In addition to the comfort of choir members wearing robes, John Miller, Director of Music at the Cathedral Basilica, cited a more musical and “most gratifying” aspect of the air conditioning.

In the past, he explained, the heat and humidity of the summer would knock certain third-floor pipes of the organ out of tune. Nothing could be done because tuners would not want to spend an entire day in such sweltering conditions. Now that there is a constant cool temperature, the tuning problem has been addressed, and if the need arises, tuners will come out during the summer.



Advocate photo-Ward Miele

Before Mass began, Bishop Serratelli blessed the congregation.

## Our Lady of the Lake renovation dedicated

**BY WARD MIELE**  
Managing Editor

Built almost four decades ago, the church building of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Verona needed its share of repairs.

Last month at a Mass of Dedication celebrated by Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, the parishioners marked completion of those repairs.

The Mass of Dedication, according to Pastor Father Michael Hanly, “has its roots in very ancient and symbolic religious rites which are themselves rooted in Sacred Scripture and in the practice and tradition of Catholic worship.”

Two years ago, explained Father Hanly, it was discovered that wooden beams in the crying room had shifted due to termite damage. It was learned soon thereafter that the floor, which is over dirt, also needed work. The church has no basement.

Liturgical appointments were a focus of the repairs. The crucifix, chapel statues and Stations of the Cross were all refurbished. Included in the repairs as well were new lighting and a new sound system.

Father Hanly underlined the fact that “98 percent” of the marble used in the old altar was used in the renovations.

One of the “greatest spirits” behind the renovations, Father Hanly noted, was the late Robert Kiernan. He also cited the efforts of John V. Rachel, Kevin Clarke, John Dolan and their committees. Dolan is a professional fund raiser who contributed his efforts pro-bono to the parish and got the capital campaign on track.

The parish family of Our Lady of the Lake, its pastor declared, “responded magnificently.”

Work on the church building is the first of a three-phase renovation project. This fall the sidewalks and grounds will be repaired, and then attention will be turned to the parking lot.



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# Dr. Pagels versus St. Irenaeus

BY GREG TOBIN  
*Editor & Associate Publisher*

**Beyond Belief**  
*The Secret Gospel of Thomas*  
Elaine Pagels  
(Random House. 272 pages, \$27)  
ISBN 0-375-50156-8

We do not talk much about heresies and heretics these days, at least not as explicitly as perhaps was the case—especially in the very earliest centuries of the Christian Church. And we often think of heresies as not particularly relevant, perhaps

## Book Briefs

**The Rosary**  
*Chain of Hope*  
Father Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R.  
(Ignatius Press. 176 pages, softcover)  
ISBN 0-89870-983-0

Benedict Groeschel is well known as the founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, as well as a popular speaker and preacher.

This newest book, which includes the full text of the Holy Father’s recent apostolic letter on the Rosary and is illustrated with 20 Renaissance paintings, takes the reader on a “tour” of the Rosary. Father Groeschel presents profound essays and meditations on the history, meaning and mysteries of this form of prayer and devotion.

Above all, the author maintains, the Rosary invites the faithful to pray to Christ through Mary and her intercession. This prayer-mindset is perhaps among those that sets Catholicism apart from other Christian traditions.

**Hidden Rome**  
Frank J. Korn  
(Paulist Press. 256 pages, \$16.95)  
ISBN 0-8091-4109-4

As an experienced Catholic journalist, author and professor of classical studies at Seton Hall University, Frank Korn is perfectly positioned to write about the oddities, offbeat features and unexplored places of Rome.

He explores Christian Rome, pagan Rome, architectural Rome and the nearby suburbs with the flair and keen enjoy-

ment of one who has spent years observing and visiting the places about which he writes.

because Catholic teaching is so well established in tradition, Scripture, the councils and the magisterium. But heresy, teaching and belief in contradiction to orthodoxy, exists—even flourishes—in our time and offers the believer an opportunity (as with Church Fathers in centuries past) to examine, clarify and defend the faith.

Thus it is accurate and practical to label Dr. Elaine Pagels’ fluently and engagingly written newest book as “heresy,” which the author herself would no doubt understand (perhaps even accept). As such, it is worth reading by Catholics to explore

the role of tradition and the formulation of the accepted Gospel canon, understanding that it is presented as a brief against the exclusion of the Gospel of Thomas from the canon.

Pagels has raised hackles within the theological community ever since her earliest books, including the National Book Award-winning *The Gnostic Gospels*. With *Beyond Belief* she has engaged those theologians again, as well as the acknowledged father of theology and canonist, St. Irenaeus of Lyons, in whom so much credit resides for the development of our understanding of the deposit of faith.

**The Desert Pilgrim**  
*En Route to Mysticism and Miracles*  
Mary Swander  
(Viking Compass. 352 pages, \$24.95)  
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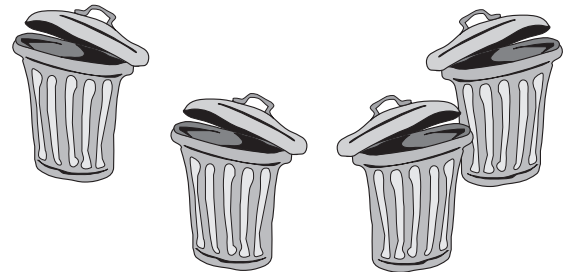
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Thanks **F.S.**

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**J.T.A.**

# Infinite patience and talent go into creating mosaic art

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

Four years of meticulous work ended recently with completion of the Holy Rosary Garden mosaics at the Holy Cross Chapel Mausoleum in North Arlington.

The Mysteries of the Holy Rosary is the theme of the massive undertaking, which was finished in time to celebrate the Year of the Rosary.

The first step in the process is a vital one and begins with Msgr. Richard Groncki, Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

Msgr. Groncki prepared for Andrew Schafer, Executive Director of Catholic Cemeteries for the Archdiocese of Newark, three pages of recommendations on a theme for the new mosaic project.

As he looked at the recommendations, Schafer recalled, the Mysteries of the Rosary "jumped out" at him. Msgr. Groncki has made similar recommendations for the stained glass windows at the four mausoleums of the Archdiocese. There are some 100 mosaic works at the mausoleums, and all are one-of-a-kind original works of art.

With the theme established, the next major move was to have artist Leandro Velasco do 6x15-inch color panels of the different mysteries.

Then it was off to Italy where, under the watchful eye of artisan Fabrizio Trivisanutto, the creative process took shape.

Full size drawings were prepared. Slides of each panel were made and divided into three sections.

With paper overlays in place, the slides were projected on a wall at the proper distance to allow for exact measurements.

All the main lines were traced according to the artist's rendition. "There is a rule in mosaic, the better you prepare the drawing, the easier it will be to make the mosaic, and the final product will be very positive," explained Trivisanutto.

The drawings are then "translated" with carbon paper from the paper to wooden panels cut to exact measurements.

Each panel is then cut again into sections. It is at that point that the actual mosaic work begins.

"First we create all the difficult parts, such as hands, feet and faces by themselves, all attached on fiberglass mesh. Because these are very detailed parts, an artisan has to work in a comfortable position, with all of the colors in front of him," Trivisanutto explained. As an example he pointed out that just a head consists of some 50 colors.

"When these parts are done and dry, we attach them in their position on the wooden panels and we go on with the mosaic, first doing the dresses and main details of panel, such as leaves and trees." The background is done last.

"Every time we create an area in mosaic, we choose very carefully the colors that best

conform to the artist's idea. In our workshop we have more than 2,500 colors," he said.

The final step in the process is to lay in place all sections of the panels on the floor. This ensures that measurements are exact and

there are no visible lines between sections. The panels are then shipped.

Trivisanutto cited the "experience" of Costante Crovatto of Crovatto Mosaics in New York.

All of the panels, Crovatto noted, were prefabricated on wooden supports. Using that method the murals are installed in place with screws or other fastening devices.

The studio in Italy, he went on, makes mosaic pieces by combining silica sand and various metal oxides fused together in high temperature ovens.

These so-called color "tesserae" are cut. That, Crovatto stressed, is "an art in itself." The mosaicist, he explained, "must have skill and infinite patience." He said too "complete collaboration" between artist and mosaicist is "essential."

Citing the process explained by his colleague, Stephen Miotto stressed the work involved in assuring that no joints show and the care that is



The art of mosaics is exceptionally demanding. In the top photo, staff designer Ginesio Romano prepares to do particularly intricate work in the Italy studio. To the left, hands and faces are the more difficult parts. In the bottom right photo, mosaicist Fabrizio Trivisanutto tends to some finely detailed work.



taken in screwing the pieces onto the wood substraight surface. All of the various pieces, he noted, are numbered.

A "direct" mosaic, such as the one at the Holy Cross Chapel Mausoleum, he emphasized, is "crisp and lively." The process also means more time in the studio, which is critical to such a project.

# Soldiers, officials explore homeland security with students

**BY LIESL FORES**  
Staff Reporter

Students in fifth through eighth grades at St. Francis Xavier School in Newark received a timely lesson in homeland security this spring. As part of a Homeland Security Day, put together by Home School Association (HSA) President Gee Cureton and Principal Sister Clare Ricciardelli, representatives from offices of local elected officials and state offices of the Armed Forces gave talks on what they are doing to protect our country from terrorist attacks and why.

In opening remarks, Cureton offered words of comfort to students. "Your concerns, worries and anxieties are normal. But if you start to feel overwhelmed, ask for help, turn off the TV and pray," she advised.

Student essays on the war with Iraq were also read. While youngsters voiced viewpoints for and against the war, all agreed that what's important is to protect our country, help the Iraqi people, get rid of Saddam Hussein and his regime, and

support and pray for the military service people. Many compositions ended with a hearty "God bless the troops" and "God bless America."

Sergeant First Class Pendergrass of the Army, working in Newark, commended students on their speeches, saying, "You're bright and intelligent to be able to articulate the way you're feeling." He noted that they were "lucky to have that right. Some places that we go to, they don't have that right."

Officer Steve Crawford of the Navy, based in East Orange, told students that he has visited many different nations on the job. He invited them to imagine countries where children can't go out and play when they want, or even go to school, explaining that the Navy's goal is "to preserve freedom."

David G. Brady of the Navy Seals spoke to students about the

role of this division in homeland security and abroad.

And Sergeant Doug Bassett of the Air Force Reserves, based in Hackensack, showed students a video on the Air Force and engaged them by asking what they would do if someone they knew were being bullied. He emphasized that one must take action. "Don't wait until they come to your front door," he asserted, drawing a parallel between the hypothetical situation and the case with Iraq.

There were also speakers from Newark Mayor Sharpe James' office and North Ward Councilman Hector M. Corchado's office, who discussed specific emergency plans and special training of police, fire, health and water departments, and EMS to respond appropriately in the event of a terrorist attack in the city.

Student Nicole Padinha closed with a moving poem she

wrote about the war.

Sergeant Pendergrass, who visits high schools and colleges in Newark for recruitment and informational purposes, believes that with all the media exposure children are getting connected to the war with Iraq, programs like St. Xavier's Homeland Security Day are crucial. "It's important for them to see us in real life," he explained.

"Young people today need to know what freedom is and what it takes to uphold that," concurred Officer Crawford.

When asked what she thought about the war, sixth grader Maryjo Carnes stated that she was in favor of it because "Saddam Hussein used chemical and biological weapons of

mass destruction, and he violated U.N. agreements."

Donovan Guyadeen, fifth grade, said he understood more about the military after the program. "They protect us and risk their lives."

Classmate Alexandra Porto pointed out that she had learned from the student essays. "People have their own opinions, and they shouldn't be judged for them."

Indicating that the Homeland Security Day was integrated into the Social Studies curriculum, Sister Clare remarked that it was important for students to "hear what the military had to say." She continued that the school has an emergency plan in place, adding, "We've practiced for a lockdown here. Our kids are ready."

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- Officer Steve Crawford



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Queen of Peace High School North Arlington <i>www.qphs.org</i>	28 September, 1:30-4 PM 22 October, 7-9 PM
Bergen Catholic High School Oradell <i>www.bergencatholic.org</i>	14 September, 1-3 PM 5 October, 1-3 PM 29 January, 7-9 PM
Paramus Catholic Regional High School Paramus <i>www.paramuscatholic.org</i>	28 September, 1-4 PM 22 October, 7-9 PM 21 January, 7-9 PM
Don Bosco Preparatory High School Ramsey <i>www.donboscoprep.com</i>	28 September, 1-3 PM 26 October, 1-3 PM
Saint Mary High School Rutherford <i>www.stmaryhs.org</i>	9 October, 7:30 PM 19 October, 2 PM
Immaculate Heart Academy Washington Township <i>www.ihahs.com</i>	28 September, 1-4 PM

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Benedictine Academy Elizabeth <i>www.benedictineacad.org</i>	18 October, 10 AM-12 PM 28 October, 7-9 PM
St. Mary of the Assumption High School Elizabeth	28 September, 2-4 PM
Saint Patrick High School Elizabeth	Call school for information
Roselle Catholic Regional High School Roselle <i>www.rosellecatholic.org</i>	8 October, 7-9 PM 22 January, 7-9 PM
Union Catholic Regional High School Scotch Plains <i>www.unioncatholic.org</i>	1 October, 7:30 PM 6 November, 7:30 PM 27 April, 7:30 PM
Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child Summit <i>www.oakknoll.org</i>	26 October, 1-3 PM 8 November, 10 AM
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Mount Saint Dominic Academy Caldwell <a href="http://www.msdacademy.org">www.msdacademy.org</a>	19 October, 1:30-3:30 PM 29 October, 6:30-8:30 PM 5 May, 6:30-8:30 PM
Immaculate Conception High School Montclair <a href="http://www.ichspride.com">www.ichspride.com</a>	19 October, 1-3 PM 18 January, 1-3 PM
Our Lady of Good Counsel High School Newark <a href="http://www.olgc.org/highschool.htm">www.olgc.org/highschool.htm</a>	19 October, 12-3 PM 1 February, 12-3 PM
Saint Benedict's Preparatory School Newark <a href="http://www.sbp.org">www.sbp.org</a>	Call school for information
Saint Vincent Academy Newark <a href="http://www.svanewark.org">www.svanewark.org</a>	1 October, 6:30-8 PM 21 October, 6:30-8 PM 28 January, 6:30-8 PM
Marylawn of the Oranges Academy South Orange <a href="http://www.marylawn.org">www.marylawn.org</a>	23 September, 7-8:30 PM 16 October, 7-8:30 PM
Lacordaire Academy Upper Montclair <a href="http://www.lacordaire.net">www.lacordaire.net</a>	25 September, 7 PM 5 October, 1 PM
Seton Hall Preparatory School West Orange <a href="http://www.shp.org">www.shp.org</a>	2 November, 2-4 PM

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Holy Family Academy Bayonne <a href="http://www.hfa.bayonne.net">www.hfa.bayonne.net</a>	28 September, 12-2 PM 29 September, 6-8 PM 25 January, 12-2 PM
Marist High School Bayonne <a href="http://www.marist.org">www.marist.org</a>	28 September, 1 PM 29 January, 7 PM
Academy of the Sacred Heart Hoboken	21 September, 10:30-12 PM 26 January, 7-8:30 PM
Academy of Saint Aloysius Jersey City	28 September, 1-3 PM 29 September, 6-8 PM 28 January, 7-9 PM
Hudson Catholic Regional High School Jersey City <a href="http://www.hudsoncatholic.org">www.hudsoncatholic.org</a>	5 October, 1-3 PM 28 January, 7-9 PM
Saint Aloysius High School Jersey City	25 October, 12-2 PM 29 January, 6-8 PM
Saint Anthony High School Jersey City <a href="http://www.njcommunity.com/sites/stanthony">www.njcommunity.com/sites/stanthony</a>	9 October, 7 PM 28 January, 7 PM
Saint Dominic Academy Jersey City <a href="http://www.stdominicacad.com">www.stdominicacad.com</a>	28 September, 1-3 PM 29 September, 6-8 PM 27 January, 6-8 PM
Saint Mary High School Jersey City <a href="http://www.smhs.freesevers.com">www.smhs.freesevers.com</a>	21 September, 2-4 PM 21 January, 6-8 PM
Saint Peter's Preparatory School Jersey City <a href="http://www.stpetersprep.org">www.stpetersprep.org</a>	28 September, 1-3:30 PM 25 April, 2-4 PM
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# CPA honors Saint Peter's College professor

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Father Schroth writes a regular column about television for the weekly *National Catholic Reporter*.

It is the first time Father Schroth has won the award in his more than 17 years of writing for the *National Catholic Reporter*, which won 19 awards in 35 categories.

Father Schroth has authored six books and writes frequent opinion columns for the *Star-Ledger*.

The judges wrote that he was the "overwhelming choice" in the category. They went on to call him "the most erudite and insightful writer on the American media in the Catholic press, and he is graceful writer too. This selection amply demonstrates his versatility."

In his *National Catholic Reporter* column, Father Schroth has covered such topics as the *Sherlock Holmes* TV series, Jimmy Durante, *Survivor*, and President Bush landing on an aircraft carrier several months ago. He has tackled such serious topics as Iraq, the Serbian conflict and the clergy abuse scandal in the Church in the U.S.

Thomas Roberts, editor of

the *National Catholic Reporter*, said Father Schroth is "a journalist at heart and is extremely well read. He has a broad view of the world and looks at issues with a Catholic and Jesuit lens."

Father Schroth has taught at Saint Peter's the past four years. He has written more than 300 articles and reviews on politics, religion and the media which have appeared in publications nationwide.

Commenting on the award, Father Schroth said, "I am particularly grateful to the *National Catholic Reporter* for putting confidence in me for many years and to my Jesuit brothers for their support."

## Academy of Most Blessed Sacrament is established

BY LIESL FORES  
Staff Reporter

Most Blessed Sacrament School (MBS) in Franklin Lakes has been designated an academy for the upcoming school year by Archbishop John J. Myers. The new name will be Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The distinction was granted to the PreK-8th grade institution "in recognition of the dramatic enhancements and upgraded new programs," that have been implemented, explained Patricia Braun, Director of Institutional Advancement at MBS.

Among those advancements is the new Aquinas School for grades six through eight. The "upper school within a school" has a non-conventional structure that includes four cross-graded "houses," each with its

own Faculty Moderator and Student Head of House.

The school will focus on the development of "Small Faith Communities, Christian Service and Catholic Leadership," asserted Msgr. Thomas McDade, Pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish.

"The Aquinas School addresses the unique needs of today's middle school-aged students at a critical stage in their growth and development. The multi-grade 'House' system provides the environment for students to develop socialization skills which will be of great benefit in their transition to high school," noted Braun.

While the cross-grade system is used for non-academic activities, classes are taught on grade level, according to each appropriate curriculum. Aquinas School at MBS is the first of



its kind in the Archdiocese.

Another major accomplishment for the Academy is its progressive technology program. All sixth through eighth grade students are provided daily use of laptop computers. Fourth and fifth graders also have access to laptop computers, while SMART Board Interactive Whiteboards, effective teaching tools, are being used in the third and fourth grades. AlphaSmarts, small, lightweight and portable electronic note-pads, are being introduced in first through fourth grades.

Msgr. McDade noted that the designation of the school as "Academy" reflects "the spirit of the classical world's 'academy' of learning."

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# St. Vincent seniors getting jump on business world

Two members of the incoming senior class at St. Vincent Academy in Newark are studying business issues at two of the nation's leading business schools.

Amanda Jimenez of Newark and Orange resident Kenisha Thomas are participating in the Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) program Summer Business Institute at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business and Cornell University respectively.

LEAD is designed to attract gifted minority students to careers in the corporate sector by introducing them to business studies while providing ongoing mentoring through high school, college and subsequent careers.

### Companies participate

The program is co-sponsored by many of the nation's leading business schools and corporations, including Proctor & Gamble, General Mills, Pepsico, GM and Pfizer.

Oliver Johnson, Esq., Chief Privacy Officer at Merck & Co. and a member of St. Vincent's advisory board, is responsible for encouraging the school to nominate students for the program.

Jimenez and Thomas are among 340 students selected from more than 1,700 applicants nationwide. Thomas is at Cornell University while Jimenez is attending the Wharton School.

Participants are chosen on the basis of SAT scores, school grades, leadership abilities, rec-

ommendations and application essays.

The intensive LEAD curriculum includes class offerings in computer science, accounting, economics, finance, marketing and management.

There are also field trips to Fortune 100 companies and guest lectures by corporate executives.

St. Vincent Academy, founded in 1869, is operated by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth.

The school serves young women of many diverse ethnic groups. Ninety-five percent of its graduates continue their education.


For additional information visit [www.svanewark.org](http://www.svanewark.org).



Saint Vincent Academy incoming seniors Kenisha Thomas and Amanda Jimenez are taking part in the LEAD 2003 Summer Business Institute. Thomas, of Orange, is attending Cornell University and Jimenez, of Newark, is at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania for the four-week program. They are among 340 students nationwide chosen from 1700 applicants for the business introductory program sponsored by major corporations and leading graduate business schools.

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