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Artist's rendition of the new Regional Cancer Center on the campus of St. Michael's Medical Center.

## Regional cancer center to open

Cathedral Healthcare System plans to inaugurate a state-of-the-art Regional Cancer Center later this year at St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark.

Archbishop John J. Myers presided last spring at groundbreaking ceremonies for the \$15 million, 15,000-square-foot facility, located behind the landmark hospital.

The center will provide patients with the latest in cancer diagnosis, treatment and physicians in the Northeast.

Cathedral Healthcare System is a non-profit unit sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark.

The Regional Cancer Center will feature medical and radiology oncology centers in addition to a wide range of service and treatments. Patients will also have at their disposal follow-up care, patient and community education and prevention programs.

"We are extremely pleased to bring this cancer treatment facility to our region and to the Cathedral Healthcare System family. Patients will have access to the highest level of cancer care available in the region said Donald M. Daniels, Chairman and CEO of Cathedral Healthcare Systems.

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## Inhumane conditions

BY LIESL FORES  
Staff Reporter

Within the borders of our own archdiocese, hundreds of detained asylum seekers literally sit and wait in a jail-like environment for a chance to plead their case to the local authorities, their only crime: wanting to live in a free country.

The Elizabeth Detention Center, which functions as part of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)—formerly, U.S. Customs Service, Federal Protective Services and Immigration and Naturalization Services—now operated by the Department of Homeland Security, can hold up to 300 people and is usually at capacity.

On Oct. 24, 2002 a special request was granted by the federal facility, for a visit from a group of religious

leaders. Maricela Quintana, Director of the office of the Hispanic Apostolate for the Archdiocese of Newark, participated in the tour and expressed concern over the conditions of the "inmates," as they are called by the administration there.

*The second part  
of this article  
will appear in  
our next issue,  
Sept. 10.*

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## Marketing Catholic schools in today's competitive education environment

BY LIESL FORES  
Staff Reporter

Choosing a child's school is not as simple as it used to be, even for Catholics. Not so long ago, parishioners sent their kids to the parochial school and then to the local Catholic high school. The same group of students could easily attend kindergarten through 12th grade together.

Today, things have changed. Between the closing of many Catholic grammar schools, often due to a decrease in parish funding, and the need for high schools especially to remain extremely competitive, since most students continue on to college, word of mouth or the community connection alone are no longer sufficient means to assure adequate enrollment.

Many schools at both elementary and

secondary levels have dedicated themselves to developing effective marketing plans to recruit and retain students who will thrive in a Catholic school setting.

"Overall, our strategy is to improve retention rates and emphasize the message of Catholic education to a wider audience to attract new students," commented Dr. George Corwell, Associate Director for Education, New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC), emphasizing the need to reach as many potential "consumers" as possible.

In order to help do this, the New Jersey Catholic Schools Marketing Council was created in 1990 "as a cost-effective mechanism to heighten awareness and spread the Good News of Catholic schools," explained Chairperson JoAnn Tier.

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Who is this scholar? A young Edgar da Cunha, future Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, turns away from his typewriter—yes, typewriter—during his student days. In addition to the special supplement in this edition of *The Catholic Advocate*, complete coverage of the new bishop's ordination will appear in the next issue, Sept. 10.



# U.S. Bishops’ statement on labor focuses on justice

*The following are excerpts from the statement of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Domestic Policy regarding labor issues. The statement is entitled “Recommitting to Justice for Farmworkers.”*

### Bishops and farmworkers

Our conference has long stood by farmers and farmworkers in their struggles to live with dignity and make a decent living for their families as they provide affordable and plentiful food for us and our families. Beginning in the late ‘60s, the U.S. bishops decried their low wages, untreated health problems, inadequate education and housing, and lack of year-round employment. The late Msgr. George Higgins, who wrote this Labor Day statement for so many years, was a pre-eminent leader and champion in this cause. He condemned the fact that most farmworkers were not covered by national labor laws, including the minimum wage and unemployment insurance. The fact is, these labor protections are still sorely lacking for farmworkers. Such seemingly modest safeguards, which most other workers enjoy already, would offer steps toward a better life.

Later this year, our bishops’ conference will consider a significant document on farmers, farmworkers and the agricultural sector. This reflection will raise some new issues—increasing concentration and globalization, trade and genetically modified foods. But on this Labor Day we should focus on an old test for our nation and Church; How do we treat those who harvest and prepare our food? Sadly, they are the “least of these” (Matthew 25) in our time.

### Farmworkers today

Today these workers are increasingly moving from the fields to the factories: working in meat and poultry processing plants, and large hog and cattle operations. They settle in rural areas and too often find themselves linguistically and culturally isolated and vulnerable to exploitation and discrimination because of their legal status and language barriers. More than 50 percent of farmworkers in the United States are undocumented and more than 80 percent are foreign-born.

When farmworkers do come [to the U.S.], they too often find meager jobs, decrepit housing and unsafe conditions. Some end up living under bridges or even in caves. Those who do find housing in labor camps sometimes live without decent sanitation, despite state and federal health laws. Violations of wage and hour laws are commonplace. Their children often must join them in the fields because without their help the family may not survive. They can face death and injuries on the job from dangerous farm equipment and the threat of poisoning from the pesticides used to protect the crops.

Some farmers treat their workers well and we should commend and acknowledge their efforts on this Labor Day. But too many do not, often relying on labor contractors, some of whom essentially traffic in human labor and suffering for economic profit. Many of us seem content to avert our eyes or ignore the reality that so many who provide our food live in such misery.

### More action is needed

We call upon our nation to develop policies that reflect a fundamental respect for the dignity and rights

of agricultural workers. At a minimum, we must ensure that agricultural workers earn a decent wage for themselves and their families and live in conditions that are safe and humane. Comprehensive immigration reform which features legalization is needed to ensure that undocumented migrant farmworkers obtain legal status and can assert their basic labor rights.

Our Catholic teaching tells us that the economy, including the agricultural sector, must serve people and not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living, and farming is one pre-eminent example of our participation in God’s creation. Catholic teaching on the dignity of work calls us to engage in productive work and supports the right to decent and fair wages, health care and time off. Workers, including agricultural workers, have a right to organize to protect these rights and to have a voice in the workplace.

### Conclusion

This Labor Day, as we reflect on work and workers in this land, let us renew our commitment to stand in solidarity with farmworkers and other agricultural workers in defending their life and dignity and helping them to secure decent wages,

(The members of the USCCB Domestic Policy Committee include Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, Diocese of Camden, NJ; Bishop Curtis J. Guillery, S.V.D., Diocese of Beaumont, TX; Bishop Dennis M. Schnurr, Diocese of Duluth, MN; Bishop Joseph Sullivan, Diocese of Brooklyn, NY; Bishop Gabino Zavala, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, CA; and Theodore E. Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington, DC, chairman.)

## Stewardship

# The Christian vocation is a call to Stewardship

**BY ANDREW KACZYNSKI**

*Coordinator of Stewardship for the Archdiocese*

The staff of the Stewardship, Development, and Research and Planning Departments of the Archdiocese of Newark sincerely congratulate Bishop-elect Edgar da Cunha on his upcoming episcopal ordination. We are certain that this calling will be filled with the Lord’s grace and guidance as he carries out his vocation as Auxiliary Bishop of Newark.

Being a disciple of Jesus stems from each Christian’s vocation and calling, and stewardship is part of that. More specifically, we are all called to be good stewards of the personal vocations we receive from the Lord. In our faith journey we must try to discern, accept and live out joyfully and generously the commitments, responsibilities and roles God has given us.

Every personal vocation is unique, and yet all Christian vocations share common bonds. One of them is the call to be a disciple of Christ. In other words, to be a disciple—to follow Christ, accept His challenges, be good stewards of God’s generous gifts and live His life as our own—is indeed the common bond among us. Simply put, discipleship and stewardship mean living a Christian life.

We must not, however, hear and respond to the Lord’s calling in isolation from one another. We need to hear, discern, accept and live out our vocations within our community of faith—a community of disciples. Each one of us needs to help one another listen and respond. After all, we are all members of the One Body of Christ—the Church. This is our duty, as St. Paul reminds us so clearly: “If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.” (1 Cor 12:26)

This discipleship and our acting upon our vocations in life also lead the faithful to the practice of good stewardship. Both discipleship and stewardship make up the very essence of a Christian lifestyle in which we daily encounter a personal relationship with the Lord.

In all of this, Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us—clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child—receives a personal call, a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan. No matter what your primary personal call is, and no matter what stage of life you are in, you can act upon and live out your vocation in small, yet effective ways—all based upon Christ’s call to stewardship and discipleship.

Parents can teach children to share toys. Children can be encouraged to help others in their own small ways. They can be brought to serve in a soup kitchen or visit an elderly person. Let them help choose the local charities you support.

Teenagers can serve in different parish ministries as lectors, choir members, teachers or aides. They can be peer counselors at school or on a community hotline. They can share part of their income with the parish and community charities. They can be encouraged to help out on special parish and community projects.

Young adults can continue spiritual reading and study. They can commit to a lifestyle of Christian

stewardship and be a good steward in the workplace. Service in home and foreign missions can be an option.

Adults can choose a parish ministry to be involved in with their family and friends. They can use their talents to conduct a short term training session for a parish committee and be good stewards of the environment. They can make the conscious decision to try to move toward the goal of giving five percent of their income to the parish and five percent to other charities.

Retirees can become involved in any ministry and in local church service organizations. They can use their talents to share career or hobby experience with others. They can begin to think about sharing their treasure by naming the parish, the diocese and charities in their will.

The homebound and elderly can pray for parish needs and the sick. Parishes can always use their help with mailings. They can make other homebound and elderly people happy with telephone calls. Most importantly, they can share their faith with children and grandchildren.

Bishop-elect da Cunha, in becoming a priest of the Church, knew what his primary vocation in life would be. Now the Lord has blessed him, as well as all of the people he is about to serve in the Church of Newark, with a new focus, a new calling that will expand his holy ministry to all the faithful in this Archdiocese. Let us pray for and look forward to his spiritual leadership and guidance.



*Discipleship and stewardship mean living a Christian life.*



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# Parish church marks a century

BY GREG TOBIN  
Editor & Associate Publisher

In over 100 years of service to the residents of Hudson County, the Church of St. Joseph of the Palisades, West New York has been “a hallmark, a point of reference for people in this area,” according to Bishop David Arias, O.A.R.

The Newark Auxiliary Bishop, who serves as Pastor of St. Joseph of the Palisades and Regional Bishop for Hudson County, will welcome Archbishop John J. Myers and hundreds of expected guests to a special commemoration Mass Sept. 13 at 4 p.m. to mark the centenary of the church building.

St. Joseph's is the largest parish on the East Coast of the United States, “and certainly within the Archdiocese of Newark,” Bishop Arias stated. There are more than 4,000 families registered and at least that many parish families not registered because of the mobility of the local population, many of them immigrants.

Calling the parish and its historic church “magnificent,” the regional bishop noted, “At one time—during the '50s and '60s—there were more than 50 church personnel assigned to the parish, including priests, brothers and sisters teaching at the school.” Approximately



The St. Joseph of the Palisades church building is a local landmark West New York.

one-half of the priests of the Archdiocese of Newark have at one time or another passed through St. Joseph of the Palisades, he added.

Today, with a total of 75 staff members, including 6 priests and 5 Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart (whose order has been teaching at the parish school, founded along with the church 100 years ago, from the beginning), there are 33 spiritual, service and social ministries and programs that are active throughout the year. The parish also runs a grammar school, with 400 students, and a high school, with 220. The religious education program has 200 students enrolled in its English classes and 600 in its Spanish classes.

More than 90 percent of the parish

population is Hispanic, and Masses are offered on a regular basis in both languages.

Many former parishioners remain loyal to their “home” parish of St. Joseph's for a long time after they move from the area, commented Bishop Arias. The church is “still thriving...very active...with a great future.”

Archbishop Myers will be the main celebrant and homilist at the bilingual anniversary Mass, with a dinner dance following in the church hall at 6 p.m. All parishioners, past and present, and the faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to celebrate this special event with the people of St. Joseph of the Palisade. For further information or to purchase tickets for the banquet (\$40 each), please call (201) 854-7006.

## Cancer center

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A guiding principle followed by Cannon Design, the New York based firm hired for the project, was to provide both the most advanced medical technology available in conjunction with maximum comfort for patients and their families.

Plans included two linear accelerators and access to the hospital's MRI and PET scanner machines. There will be extensive use of both natural light via skylights and Japanese water gardens.

The Center, explained a spokesman, “will have an immediate impact in the heart of Newark and its surrounding communities and counties by offering a level of care previously not found outside of New York City. Cathedral Healthcare System officials firmly believe the Center will become one of the most desirable locations for patients throughout the Northeast.

Cathedral Healthcare System treats more than 1,000 cancer patients annually at its five hospitals in Newark and Orange.

### Correction

In a story from the Aug. 13 issue, “Soldiers, officials explore homeland security with students,” Steve Crawford, U.S. Navy, was incorrectly named as “Officer.” His correct title is Petty Officer.

## Novarcensis: A Look Back at Our History

### 150 years ago...

July 29, 1853. Blessed Pius IX founded Diocese of Newark, along with eight other U.S. dioceses.

### 149 years ago...

September 3. Cornerstone of Our Lady of Grace Church, Hoboken was laid.

### 147 years ago...

September 1. Seton Hall, the first Catholic college in New Jersey, opened its doors in Madison.

### 116 years ago...

August 1887. St. Venantius Parish, Orange, established. Originally a primarily German-ethnic parish, 600 families of Korean Catholics merged with the original parish added the name of St. Andrew Kim in 1983.

### 31 years ago...

September 4. Most Rev. James A. McNulty died. Bishop McNulty was ordained as an Auxiliary Bishop of Newark June 17, 1947; was Bishop of Paterson, 1953-63, Bishop of Buffalo, 1963-72.

Novarcensis means “Newark,” in Latin.



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.



September 4

**St. Leo Parish,** Elmwood Park, annual Family Festival, Sept. 4, 5, 6 and 7 from 7 to 10 pm. Call (201) 796-3521.

**Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish,** Garfield, annual Festa Italiana, from Sept. 4 to Sept. 7 from 3 to 11 pm. Call (973) 772-2295.



September 5

**Holy Name Hospital,** Teaneck, blood pressure screenings, Sep. 5 and 19 from 1 to 3 pm and Sept 8 from 5 to 7 pm. Call (201) 227-6250.

September 6

**Our Lady of the Lake School,** Mt. Arlington. Indoor Flea Market and Crafts, from 8 to 2 pm. Rental space is \$15 per table. Call for more information (973) 729-3341.

September 8

**Our Lady of Visitation Parish,** Paramus, Rosary Society first monthly meeting of the season after 7:15 pm Mass. Call (201) 261-7708.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,** Mountainside, celebrating the birthday of Our Blessed Mother Mary. Bring some baby pictures of yourself. Rosary / Novena 7 pm.

September 9

**St. Joseph Parish,** Jersey City, Parish Festival, Sept. 9 to Sept. 14 from 6 to 10 pm. Call (201) 653-0392.

September 17

**Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish,** Harrison, Seniors to Shrine of Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA. Call Eleanor (973) 483-2255 or Virginia (973) 484-2969.

September 19

**St. Michael High School,** Jersey City, 50th Reunion at the Crystal Point Marina, Point Pleasant. Contact Bette Clare Thiele McCloskey (732) 583-9184.

September 20

**Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling,** 11th Annual Fun Festival from 10 am to 5 pm. Will be collecting items. Call (908) 647-0208.

September 21

At noon at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, a solemn Mass for the intention of the Holy Father on the occasion of his 25th anniversary. Will be celebrated by Archbishop Szczepan Wesoly from the

Vatican in the presence of Archbishop John J. Myers.

September 25

**Holy Family Church,** Nutley, 12th annual Italian Festival the evenings of Sept. 25-28. Call (973) 667-0026.



Cathedral College / Prep-Archdiocese of N.Y. is looking for alumni to help celebrate 100th Anniversary. Contact Father Mastrolia at stpaul82@aol.com or call (914) 968-6200, X 8182.

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Official Appointments



Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

Pastor/Bergen County

**Very Reverend Charles Pinyan, V.F.,** Parochial Vicar of Little Flower Church, Berkeley Heights, has been appointed Pastor of the Church of Guardian Angel, Allendale, effective Sept. 1.

Administrator/Essex County

**Reverend William G. Cook,** Parochial Vicar of Christ the King Church, Hillside, has been appointed Administrator of the Church of Holy Name of Jesus, East Orange, effective Sept. 1.

Parochial Vicar/Hudson County

**Reverend Monsignor Peter A. Cheplic** has been appointed part-time Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Henry, Bayonne, in addition to his current assignment as part-time Parochial Vicar of St. Lawrence Church, Weehawken. This appointment is effective Sept. 15.

Parochial Vicar/Unon County

**Reverend Emmanuel Selvaraj,** Parochial Vicar of St. Teresa of Avila Church, Summit, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills, effective Sept. 14.

Father Pinyan appointed pastor

The Very Rev. Charles Pinyan, V.F., Parochial Vicar of Little Flower Parish, Berkley Heights since 1998, has been appointed Pastor of Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale, effective Sept. 1.  
Father Pinyan has served as the editor for *Word On Worship*, the liturgical newsletter for the Archdiocese, since 1999.  
He recently acted as Archdiocesan Coordinator for Healing the Body of Christ, a RENEW International program

designed to help dioceses and parishes with healing and spiritual renewal in confronting the clergy sexual abuse crisis.  
In June 2002, Father Pinyan was appointed Dean of Union County, Northwest, Deanery 22, for a term of three years. Previous to his appointment at Little Flower, Father Pinyan served as parochial vicar for Annunciation Parish, Paramus from 1992-1998.  
Father Pinyan, a graduate of

Ohio University, worked as a journalist before entering Immaculate Conception Seminary in 1987. He served at Annunciation Parish, Paramus, Immaculate Conception, Secaucus and St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Bayonne before being ordained in 1992.  
"I am very happy to be starting this new assignment and look forward to meeting and serving my new parishioners at Guardian Angel," noted Father Pinyan.

‘Art for Hope’ contest entries are sought

Cathedral Healthcare System is sponsoring an art competition for children ages five to 13, themed as an "Art for Hope" showcase.  
The competition, held in conjunction with the upcoming opening of the Cathedral Regional Cancer Center in Newark, will highlight the creative works of art of young people who want to express hope for individuals with terminal illnesses, such as cancer.  
"We are asking area children to design inspirational art for patients who have been diagnosed with cancer," stated Denise Santiago, Vice President of Public Relations. "In addition to sending an important message of hope to patients at the center, this program also may help inspire others whose family members or friends may be battling the disease."

Top selections of the art entries will be displayed at the center. Cathedral Healthcare intends to designate one as a permanent centerpiece. Entries in the competition will be assessed in three age categories 5-7, 8-10 and 11-13 years old.  
Everyone will receive a certificate of participation. The three top entrants will have their entries displayed in the Regional Cancer Center, located on the Saint Michael's Medical Center campus in Newark. In addition, the first place entry will receive a \$500 American Express gift Certificate; the second and third place entries will also receive awards.  
To submit a piece of artwork, send it to Denise Santiago, Cathedral Healthcare System, 219 Chestnut Street, Newark, NJ 07105, with a postmark date of no later than Sept. 30.

Hoboken Italian Festival in Sinatra Park Sept. 4-7, marking 77th year

The Society of the Madonna dei Martiri will host the Hoboken Italian Festival from Sept. 4 through Sept. 7, in Sinatra Park on Hoboken's riverfront, in full view of the New York skyline.  
The Society has been hosting the festival since 1927. The celebration began as a way for its members to honor the patron saint of their Italian

hometown, Molfetta. The Feast of the Madonna of the Martyrs (la Festa di Madonna dei Martiri) will be celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 6.  
The Feast, a tradition stemming back to 1399, will include a variety of vendors and a procession of the statue on a boat up and down the Hudson River. Be-cause Molfetta is a coastal town, the

original feast featured a procession by boat ride into the local harbor, where the town's fishing boats would herald her arrival with ringing bells and blaring sirens.  
Entertainment will include a performance by The Nerds, a rock-comedy act, on opening night, Thurs., Sept. 4. Friday, Sept. 5 will be a 70s-theme night, featuring the band

Saturday Nite Fever, a 70s cover-band, and singers covering material by Barry White and Aretha Franklin.  
Saturday, Sept. 6, will begin with Coro d'Italia, the Italian-American Singing & Dancing Ensemble, and Le Onde, a musical group specializing in the authentic sounds of Naples. At night, Mirage Music, an 8-piece

dance band that plays Italian music and American pop, will perform.  
Saturday night will also feature the largest fireworks display in the festival's 77-year history.  
The festival ends on Sunday, Sept. 7, with Rock'n'Roll Hall-of-Fame legend Joey Dee & the Starlighters, and Bruce Springsteen tribute band B Street.



# Former Bayonne provincial now heads new USA province

BY LIESL FORES  
Staff Reporter

“It’s a little humbling, but at the same time, I look forward to the challenge,” said Brother John Klein of being elected the first provincial of the newly formed Marist Brothers’ Province of the United States of America.

According to Brother John, the two U.S. Marist Brothers provinces that house their headquarters in Bayonne and Pelham, NY merged in June in order to “to help us restructure

and pool our resources better. This is all geared towards trying to be more effective. We have 13 schools and 11,000 students; it will be more effective if we are working together.”

The Marist Brothers order was founded to provide Christian education to youth. It is an international community.

Brother John served as provincial for the Esopus Province in Bayonne from 1992 to 1998 and has worked in the capacities of teacher and school

administrator, including his position up to June of President of Marist High School in Bayonne. He has an M.A. and Ph.D. in American History from Fordham University.

He was elected to lead the new unified province by his peers in the United States, and the appointment was approved by their Superior General in Rome.

Brother John’s responsibilities will encompass helping with the transition into the combined province, working with the brothers and having them and lay people collaborate. He also stressed that building vocations is a “major effort.”

When asked what he foresees as the biggest challenge in his new role as provincial, he

explained, “To have it work well and be sure that we further the mission of the Brothers: to make Jesus known and loved through the education of young people.”

Marist Brothers serve at Marist High School in Bayonne, Roselle Catholic High School, St. Joseph High School in Montvale and St. Bridgid’s AIDS Support Network in Newark.

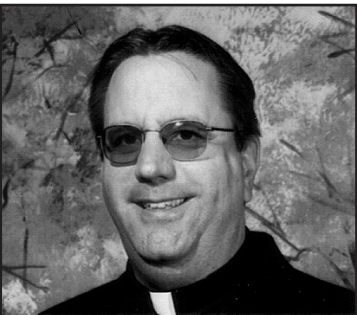
## Father Heuser inaugurated

BY LIESL FORES  
Staff Reporter

Father James Heuser, S.D.B. has been inaugurated as the new Provincial of the Salesians of Don Bosco, Province of St. Philip the Apostle in New Rochelle, NY.

After an extensive consultation with all members of the province, a recommendation to assign Father Heuser was sent to Salesian superiors in Rome. Before undertaking the new position this summer, Father Heuser was the Vice Provincial, tending to myriad administrative tasks, and Novice Director in charge of formation for those entering the Salesian order, either as priests or brothers.

As provincial, Father Heuser will be in charge of all assignments, departments and programs of the province, much like a bishop runs a diocese, explained Father Sean Rooney, Provincial Secretary. It’s a “multi-faceted” job, he assured.



Father James Heuser, S.D.B.

The term is for six years.

In a letter to members of the province the evening of his installation, Father Heuser wrote, “As I made my profession of faith and oath of fidelity during the liturgy, a recitation that can perhaps get coldly mechanical, I had the clear realization that I was standing in the midst of brothers who share that same faith. And what is this faith? It is a faith not in certain theological articles or propositions. It is a faith rather in a person, rather, in Someone, a faith in the Lord Jesus.”

## NCCW to honor author

Author Mary Higgins Clark will be honored next month by the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) with its Distinguished Service Award at this year’s biennial NCCW convention Sept. 27-30 in Minneapolis.

This award honors a nationally recognized Catholic woman for her achievements. “inspirituality, leadership and service.”

On learning the news of the award, Archbishop John J. Myers said, “I am delighted that the NCCW has chosen to honor Mary Higgins Clark. In the short time I have served the Church of Newark, I have come to know Mary, her husband, John, and members of her family very well. She is a true example of a woman who lives her faith and who, through her art, encourages

others to do the same.”

“In selecting Clark as recipient of the 2003 Distinguished Service Award, NCCW seeks to recognize writing for adult audiences that is consistent with family-friendly values. Safe and moral media environments were the focus of two resolutions at the last NCCW convention where NCCW pledged to promote homes, schools, libraries and other environments serving children and families that are free of violence, explicit sexual content, and indecency and to protect children from obscene material on the Internet,” explained a spokesman.

Clark is an active advocate and participant in literacy programs. She is a Dame of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, a papal honor, a Dame of Malta and a Lady of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem.

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# 'Good news, bad news' in the latest Vatican statistics

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Statisticians are supposed to be brutally honest, and the Vatican's number crunchers are no exception.

So when the latest figures on the universal Church came out recently, there was good news and bad news—good enough to put a smile on the faces of Vatican optimists and bad enough to raise eyebrows among the worrywarts.

Taken as a whole, the numbers offered an outline of the

Church's progress from Pope John Paul II's election in 1978 through Dec. 31, 2001, when the latest statistics were tabulated. They were drawn up by the Vatican's Central Office of Church Statistics. Every summer they issue a statistical yearbook, and this year an extract was published ahead of time.

In broad terms, the numbers matched the report's carefully worded title: "The Catholic Church: An Entity in Slow but Constant Growth."

Since 1978, the number of Catholics in the world has risen from 757 million to 1.06 billion—an increase of 40.2 percent. The reason that's considered "slow" growth is because the overall world population increased 45.8 percent during the same period.

The biggest Church growth came in Africa, where the Catholic population jumped 148 percent, well above the general population growth rate. The smallest Catholic increase—5.3 percent—was in Europe, where over the last few years the number of Catholics has decreased.

The increase in Catholics in Asia was also a relatively high 71 percent over the 23-year period. But Catholics remain under 3 percent of the total Asian population, and that has prompted some Vatican officials to call for more aggressive evangelization strategies on the continent.

## Priestly count

The number of priests in the world is a highly sensitive issue at the Vatican, so the numbers are looked at very carefully.

The optimists would point to the fact that the number of diocesan priests in the world is actually up from 262,500 in 1978 to 266,500 in 2001.

But the number of religious order priests has declined by nearly 20,000 over the same period. That means the total number of priests has gone down about 4 percent.

Here, too, the continental breakdown reveals amazing differences. Africa experienced an "explosive" growth of 219 percent in diocesan

priests, the study said, and Asia was up 90 percent. On the other hand, there were marked decreases in Europe and Oceania.

The Vatican treats America — North and South—as a single continent, and the number of priests there stayed virtually the same from 1978 to 2001. The increase of 14.6 percent in diocesan priests was offset by a decrease of 16.2 percent in religious order priests.

But a closer look shows that the picture is better in Latin America and considerably worse in the United States and Canada, where the number of priests, diocesan and religious, has dropped nearly 20 percent.

What some Vatican experts find more worrying is the ratio of Catholics to priests, which has steadily increased in many parts of the world. Overall, there were 1,797 Catholics for every priest in 1978 and 2,619 Catholics per priest in 2001. In what the Vatican terms "pastoral workload," that's an increase of more than 45 percent.

## Seminarians

Church statisticians spend an enormous amount of care with numbers on seminarians, because in a sense they represent the future of the ministerial Church.

The good news is that there's been a continual and substantial growth in candidates for the priesthood, from nearly 64,000 in 1978 to more than 112,000 in 2001. That has more than kept pace with the growth in the number of Catholics over the same period.

Again, Africa leads the way with an increase of 272 percent in seminarians over the period, followed by Asia with a 136 percent increase and the Americas with 69 percent. In North America, however, the decrease has been substantial—more than 40 percent.

In Europe, the number of seminarians has increased about 8 percent during the period 1978-2001. That number masks a timeline drama in vocations, however.

In fact, in the first 10 years of this pontificate, the number of European seminarians shot up 28 percent, only to drop more than 15 percent over the last 13 years.

## Replacement ratio

When it comes to seminarians, the Vatican's statisticians keep an especially close eye on what they call the replacement ratio, which measures the number of seminarians per priest and is considered a leading indicator of the Church's future ministerial well-being.

The Vatican has calculated that to guarantee replacement of the priestly population the number of seminarians must be at least 12.5 percent of the number of current priests. That level is abundantly surpassed in Africa, Asia and Latin America. But in the United States and Canada, the ratio is only 9.7 percent, so the priest population will continue to decline.

In Europe, the replacement ratio is right on the edge at 12.5 percent. But there are huge country-by-country differences; in Poland, for example, the ratio is 24.5 percent, but in countries like Italy, France, Germany, Britain, Spain and Austria, it is below the 12.5 percent level—in some places, well below.

## Catholic news briefs

### Celibacy is cited

MILWAUKEE (CNS) — More than 160 priests in the Milwaukee Archdiocese have signed a letter urging the U.S. bishops to allow married men to be ordained for the diocesan priesthood. "We urge that from now on celibacy be optional, not mandatory, for candidates for the diocesan Roman Catholic priesthood," said the letter. Dated Aug. 16, it was sent to Bishop Wilton D. Gregory of Belleville, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "The Catholic Church needs more candidates for the priesthood, so that the Church's sacramental life might continue to flourish," the priests said. They called celibacy a "great charism" and predicted that some priests would continue to choose it should it become optional. They argued, howev-

er, that "marriage and its many blessings" are "compatible with the priesthood and even enhancing of priestly ministry." Of the 442 retired and active priests who are attached with the Milwaukee Archdiocese, 128 signed the letter. In addition, 35 priests in the archdiocese who belong to religious orders signed it.

### Peace pact signed

ROME (CNS) — Relief swept through the ranks of a Rome-based Catholic organization as representatives of Liberia's government and two rebel groups signed a peace agreement Aug. 18, giving rise to hope that 14 years of civil strife in the West African nation would be over. The accord, following on the heels of a cease-fire, sets the stage for a civilian transitional government.



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## Parish absorbs dual tragedies

Editor,  
St. Michael Parish in Lyndhurst has absorbed two tragedies within a short period of time.

The closing of our parochial school was a blow to the Catholic school system in South Bergen. Now the passing of Father Richard Czachorowski only adds to the sadness.

Father Richard was here for 10 years. The Drzymkowski family and I were fairly close [to him], and I considered him to be a friend.

One thing about Father Richard was his deep commitment to the Church and our school. He tried as best he could to keep the school open, but in this time of financial problems, he did not succeed.

His decoration of our church during Christmas and Easter is well known. He went all out in bringing a reverent and beautiful liturgy, especially during the holidays. My brother James worked in the rectory and knew Father Richard fairly well.

My sister Michelle helped to produce the weekly bulletin, and my other sister, Roberta, teaches at the pre-school.

I believe Father Richard was an ordinary man trying his best to be a good priest. I pray God grants him rest and peace.

John Drzymkowski

## Time to stand up and be counted

Editor,  
Over the last ten years or so, it has been said that Western society in general and the U.S. in particular are in the midst of a culture war. And, like it or not, the Catholic Church finds itself right in the middle of the battle.

The latest manifestation of this ongoing battle is to be found in the U.S. Senate, where the Democrats are engaged in a filibuster in order to deny approval of five of the President’s nominees for Appeals Court judgeships. As it transpires, three of the five are devout Catholics. Senator Schumer (D, NY) has spoken of “deeply held religious beliefs,” i.e. Catholic teaching, as a disqualifier for public office.

It is extremely reprehensible that the party which has embraced “tolerance” as a mantra cannot tolerate anyone who might disagree with their sacred dogma involving the practice of abortion which, by the way, is not in the Constitution.

In order to beat this nasty little maneuver, Catholics everywhere should bombard our two Senators, Corzine and Lautenberg, who are gladly participating in this egregious act of bigotry.

Call your senator (number in your

local phone book) or, better yet, write to them at the U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20515. It is time that Catholics stand up and be counted. If politicians do not stop the bigotry, they must be removed from office.

Andrew J. MacDonald

## Thank you for ‘A Look Back’

Editor,  
I am so excited after reading in this week’s *Advocate*, “A Look Back at Our History.” Archbishop Sebastian Messmer was my grand uncle. The reason I am so excited about it is because I have been working on a family tree with my cousin in Switzerland via email. I have often heard my father talk about “Bishop Messmer.”

He used to visit at our house before I was born. My father was so proud to have an Archbishop visit us. Of course, I didn’t know him. He died Aug. 4, 1930, and I was born that September. I knew that he was Archbishop of Milwaukee but didn’t know that he was ever in Newark.

I also knew that he visited my folks before I was born but didn't know when he was born or when he died. Just last week I wrote to my cousin in Switzerland and asked if she knew the dates.

Didn’t get an answer yet. Now the *Advocate* answered my question. Thank you!

Karl T. Bischof

## Defending faith against ‘heresy’

Editor,  
*The DaVinci Code* offers the best of “heresy” to the reader. This best selling novel viciously attacks the Catholic Church and targets “Opus Dei” as guilty of murder, violence and corruption. Before the story begins, the author, Dan Brown, states; “Fact: The Vatican prelatore known as Opus Dei is a deeply devout Catholic sect that has been the topic of recent controversy due to reports of brainwashing, coercion, and a dangerous practice known as “corporal mortification.”

*The DaVinci Code* is a novel, so Dan Brown can say anything. Nevertheless, it presents a danger to Catholics who may not keep in mind that it is fiction.

Many may believe what they read. One Catholic woman mentioned, “I really want to read *DaVinci Code*. I hear those Opus Dei people are a bunch of whackos.”

The founder of Opus Dei, Josemaria Escriva, was canonized last October by Pope John Paul II. Extensive information is available on line at Opusdei.com. As Catholics, we have an obligation to be informed and a further obligation to defend the Faith.

Tom Barth  
Scotch Plains

# He will send shepherds to teach us and to lead us

The oft-heard complaint among the Catholic faithful of our Archdiocese is, “We need more bishops!”

Well, of course we do, but we are also blessed with a number of experienced, dedicated bishops, active and retired (which does not translate as “inactive,” by any means), serving us as vicars of Christ, as the shepherds of His flock in Newark.

Next week, on the feast day of Pope St. Gregory I the Great, Sept. 3, a new bishop will be ordained. Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D., has been pastor of Saint Michael Parish, Newark, for the past three years, pastor of Saint Nicholas Parish, Palisades Park, before that, a Vocationist Father, ordained by Bishop Joseph A. Francis in 1982, who has spent most of his priestly life serving in the Archdiocese of Newark.

In preparing the special supplement for this edition of *The Catholic Advocate* to commemorate his episcopal ordination, we “asked around” about “Bishop Edgar.” From friends and colleagues, parishioners past and present, brother priests—virtually everyone we spoke to in reporting his life and ministry—we have learned that he is respected and loved by those he has served.

It is clear to us that he has a divine calling as a priest, and now a bishop, to minister among the poor and the “strangers” in our midst. He has 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 want to be one more voice for the poor, the underprivileged, the defenseless, the needy.”

It is also true that Bishop da Cunha’s appointment carries historical resonance for the Church of Newark.

From this perspective, Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Wister, D. Eccl. Hist., a Church historian and professor in the Immaculate Conception Seminary, where the young Edgar da Cunha, an immigrant from Brazil, received his formation, offered the following comment.

“Bishop da Cunha is a unique blend of the diocesan and the religious priesthood. He was educated in our seminary and has served two decades in the Archdiocese,” Msgr. Wister said.

“His community, the Vocationist Fathers, is one of a long series of religious communities that have served the Archdiocese and staffed our parishes.

“From its earliest years the Diocese of Newark welcomed religious communities. The Benedictines were here even before the diocese was established in 1853 by Pope Bl. Pius IX.

“At one time, almost one out of four parishes was staffed by Benedictines, Jesuits, Franciscans and others. The people of Newark have been fortunate to have received the devoted service of these religious priests, and today are extremely fortunate to have received the gift of Bishop da Cunha.”

It has been promised to us that He will send us shepherds—and He has!

# An exemplar of local clergy

Since early last year it seems the only time a priest made the news was in connection with the sexual abuse scandal rocking the Catholic Church in America.

As story after story was splashed across the front page of newspapers from Boston to L.A. or led the network evening news broadcasts, it became a painful, difficult and disappointing situation to confront.

But the crimes of a distinctly minute minority of priests in America is a reality that the Church has acknowledged and is acting upon.

An equally distinct reality is that the vast majority of priests are good, holy and humble men answering the call of God to do His work on this earth.

Unfortunately the good these fine men are doing does not get anything near the press those involved in scandal have generated. That perhaps is the consequence of the news business in this highly competitive world but it is still unfair.

In the midst of all the gloom, however, emerged a priest from the Archdiocese of Newark who exemplified his colleagues from coast-to-coast.

Tagged the “Good Samaritan” priest, this intentionally anonymous member of the local clergy recently prevented the apparent attack of a woman on Route 3. Once he was assured of the women’s safety, he left without giving his name.

The local media, to its credit, wanted to find out who the “mystery” priest was as did the Clifton police. The priest ultimately contacted authorities but insisted that he remain unnamed. He was, in the vernacular... only doing his job.

So when the abuse scandal zeroes in on another priest, just remember there are infinitely more “Good Samaritan” priests out there.



# Time to be grateful and look ahead in unity

I have just returned from the annual conference of the Catholic Biblical Association (CBA). It was held in California at San Francisco University.

I found that the meeting was somewhat different than before in this sense: more of the topics that were covered in seminars dealt with the spirituality of the Scriptures. This was in contrast to the usual heavy scholarship in exegesis of previous years.

Also, at the conference, I found a new book being discussed by some of the participants. It is called *The Future of Catholic Biblical Scholarship*. It has been written by two scholars—one a traditionalist, Luke Timothy Johnson, and the other a progressive, William S. Kurz, S.J. It is written in the form of a dialogue.

To me, this book is indicative of a new mood that is taking hold in our Church generally. We might call it—in their words—“the time of either/or is giving way to the time of both/and.”

Let me give three areas where I sense a change.

In 1994, in Seattle at the CBA meeting, Luke Johnson delivered a paper. Luke is from Emory University. His topic was “The Historic Jesus and the Truth of the Traditional Gospels.” Father John Meier, from Notre Dame, who had just published a book, entitled “Jesus—A Marginal Jew,” jumped out of his seat, ran up onto the stage and confronted Johnson. He was fuming.

## Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



For a few minutes the meeting resembled a convocation of the Democratic Party in Hudson County.

Now, in the year 2003, there seems to be a greater coming together of serious scholars. The dialogue between traditional and progressive theologians appears to be very civil. It is more “both/and” rather than “either/or.”

Secondly, there is no question that after Vatican II a group of people staged a coup within the Catholic Church. Pope Paul VI placed

two men, Cardinal Giacomo Lercaro and Msgr. Annibale Bunigni, in charge of the Council for the Implementation of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.

It wasn't so much what they did. It was how they did it. Bunigni, in his autobiographical work, *Reform*

of the Liturgy 1948 – 1975, calls those who opposed any of their proposals “enemies.” Liturgists went to work on the Mass, the sacraments and the physical set-up of the churches with a wrecking ball mentality.

Now, at this moment in the Church there seems to be a much more reasoned approach to Church worship. It is “both/and” rather than “either/or.” There is room for opinion.

Lastly, in the wake of Vatican II we had a restructuring of the parishes with the formation of parish councils. The people were inclined to believe that they were empowered to “democratize” the parish by exercising power. Each parish council imagined itself as a miniature Continental Congress. And where power or money is involved, strife is inevitable.

Some of us pastors had to take Maalox or Pepto Bismol before attending Council meetings. Now, happily, the people and the priests are generally sharing and working together. It is not “either/or” but “both/and.”

The Scriptures can be amusing. It was said in the Book of Acts about Christians, “see how they love one another.” That lasted about a year. But we are moving along the path that the Lord laid out for us.

So we should, in spite of all the present problems, be grateful and look ahead. Growth is sometimes painful but at least it can bring us to new levels of understanding – and, hopefully, love.

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*“There seems to be a greater coming together of serious scholars.”*

# The abuse scandal as a dark night of the soul

For the Church in the Western world, particularly in the United States, the recent sexual abuse scandal is probably the biggest crisis we've yet faced, though it's not so much a crisis of faith as one of credibility.

In effect, this is a “dark night of the soul” and, like most dark nights of the soul, it wounds at a particularly vulnerable spot. It's easy to be scandalized, especially religiously, when sex is involved.

And if this is a dark night of the soul, and it is, we will learn its lesson and undergo its purification only if we are clear on some things:

(1) A dark night of the soul comes from God.

God doesn't cause accidents, spread viruses, induce depression, break legs, have people die prematurely or abuse innocent children. A conspiracy of accidents (brute history, human freedom and sin) does that. But God speaks through all of this. For the authors of Scripture, there are no pure accidents; God's finger is in everything. If Israel loses a war, it's not because the Assyrians have a superior army. No. She loses because she's been unfaithful, and God is purifying her.

That's true, too, in the present situation. Put biblically, it's not the press that's causing this scandal. God's hand is behind this, humbling and purifying us. The real issue is not inflated, anti-clerical press coverage, but our infidelity and God's pruning hand.

(2) Contending with a dark night is not a distraction to our ministry, it is our real ministry.

“I was always upset by distractions in my work,” Henri Nouwen once said, “until I realized those distractions were my real work!” That is true, too, for this scandal. This isn't a distraction to real ministry, it is the real ministry of the Church.

Carrying this scandal properly is something that the Church is invited to do for the sake of the world. Jesus said, “My flesh is food for the life of the world.” The Church exists for the sake of the world, and we must keep that in mind as we face this crisis. What does that mean?

## Spiritually Speaking

By Father Ron Rolheiser



Put simply: Right now priests represent less than one percent of the overall problem of sexual abuse, yet they are on the front pages of the newspapers, and the issue is very much focused on the Church. While this is painful, it can also be fruitful. The fact that priests and the Church are (in a way) being scapegoated is not necessarily a bad thing. If our being scapegoated helps society to bring the issue of sexual abuse and its devastation of the human soul more into the open, then we are precisely offering ourselves as “food for the life of the world.”

There are very few things that we are doing as Christian communities today that are more important than helping the world deal with this issue. If the price tag is humiliation and a drain on our resources, so be it. Crucifixions are never easy.

(3) A dark night asks us to “sing a new song.”

Sing to the Lord a new song! But what's the old song?

Jesus specifies this when He says that unless our virtue goes deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, (the “old song”) we can't enter the kingdom of heaven.

What was the virtue of the scribes and Pharisees? Theirs was an ethic of strict justice—an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, give back in kind. What's wrong with that?

It's too easy. Anyone, Jesus says, can live the virtue of strict justice at a certain level. A paraphrase of Jesus might read like this: Anyone can be nice to those who are nice to them, can forgive those who forgive them, and can love those who love them. But can we love those who hate us? Can we be gracious to those who curse us? That's the litmus test of Christian orthodoxy, and it's what's being asked of us in this scandal. Can we love, forgive, reach out and be empathic in a new way? Can we have compassion for both the victim and the perpetrator? Can we have compassion for some of our Church leaders who made mistakes? Can we give of our money when it seems we are paying for someone else's sin? Can we help carry something that doesn't make us feel good and clean?

*“It's easy to be scandalized, especially religiously, when sex is involved.”*

This is a dark night of the soul. Like every dark night, it's meant to stretch the heart. This is always painful, and our normal impulse is to do something to end the pain. But it won't go away until we learn what it's meant to teach us. And

what is that, beyond a new humility?

That there is a terrible pain within the culture today, a soul devastation caused by sexual abuse, and we, the Church, are being asked, like Christ, to have our flesh be food for the life of the world so that this wound might be opened to healing.

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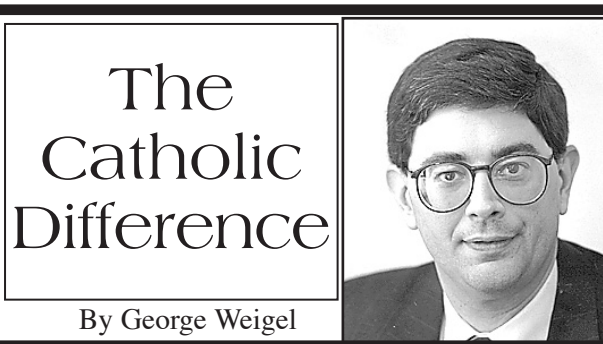


# Church history for 'dummies' far from home

SANDOMIERZ, POLAND. Sandomierz lies in what Poles call "Poland B," the poor section of the country that didn't make very much progress between the world wars—not least because the Russians didn't do much to improve things when they controlled the area from 1795 to 1918. The location of the Sandomierz railway station, seven kilometers from the Sandomierz old town, nicely illustrates the point: the station would have stood by itself in the middle of the countryside when it was built in the nineteenth century. Why? So the czarist secret police could watch who was going in and out of Sandomierz.

After World War II, Poland's communist rulers tried to turn a nearby village, Tarnobrzeg, into a major industrial center, moving more than a 100,000 people there to operate a sulphur mine. The commissars were told that sulphur mining on this scale wouldn't work, but they were undeterred; heavy industry was their creed, so Tarnobrzeg would become a great mining town. The "new" Tarnobrzeg is now dying, another victim of madcap communist economics. The more optimistic residents talk of turning the mine pit into a lake.

What the Sandomierz region can take pride in is the Sandomierz old town itself: a walled gem whose handsome market square is, after Cracow's, the largest, most well-preserved such space in the country. I came here to speak to a national gathering of Poland's "Dominican family:" lay third order Dominicans, young families involved in the vibrant student chaplaincies the Polish Dominicans run at Polish universities. The priory church in Sandomierz is the oldest brick building in Poland, dating to the thirteenth century. Two years ago, 70 people came to Mass on Sunday. An energetic new prior, Father Andrzej, was assigned to Sandomierz; today, 1,100 people attend Mass every week-



end at the priory church—a magnificently simple, clean Romanesque structure in brick, stone and wood. It's further evidence that the Polish Dominicans are at the forefront of evangelical renewal in the world Church.

The priory church is located across a small valley from the Sandomierz old town, which is really the new old town. The real old town of Sandomierz (which had surrounded the priory church) was destroyed by the Tartars in a murderous raid in 1259. While I waited my turn to speak at the priory church, I walked across the little valley to have a look at the new old town with a friend and former student, Father Zbigniew Krysiwicz, a Dominican art historian. Father Zbig took me down one aisle of the nave, the walls of which featured large oil paintings on the same theme. We were pondering the first in this series when we heard voices, unmistakably American; the voices belonged to two gentlemen tourists who were standing perhaps six feet away from

*Let the critics come to Sandomierz cathedral.*

us — "What's going on in that painting?"

"I don't know."

"I think it's the Conquistadors. They're killing the natives. They used to do that, you know, converting them."

Father Zbig's red eyebrows went up, quizzically. But gentle soul that he is, he just looked at the floor, slightly bemused. I couldn't resist.

Turning to my countrymen, I said, "Perhaps I could explain. Those are Tartars, slaughtering Catholics, not 200 yards from where we're standing."

"That's interesting," one of the men replied, unabashed; "when was that?"

"In 1259," I told him.

"Must have been at the beginning of Polish Christianity," he observed.

"Well, give or take about 300 years," I said.

Reviewing Philip Jenkins' must-read new book, *The New Anti-Catholicism* (Oxford University Press), several

critics have rapped the author's knuckles for allegedly exaggerating the degree to which anti-Catholicism is the default position in upscale American culture. Let the critics come to

Sandomierz cathedral. Here I was, more than 4,000 miles from home, hard by a holy place sanctified by the blood of 49 Dominican martyrs, and what do I hear? The Black Legend, transformed into the last acceptable prejudice, casually repeated by a well-to-do American tourist who would be horrified at the thought of trafficking in bigotry.

Professor Jenkins does not exaggerate.

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# Rome has spoken...with the authority of the ages

Whenever Imperial Rome thundered one of its decrees the whole world quaked and meekly bowed to its authority.

In Gospel of Luke (2: verse nos.) we learn: "At that time Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the empire...Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his hometown. Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David."

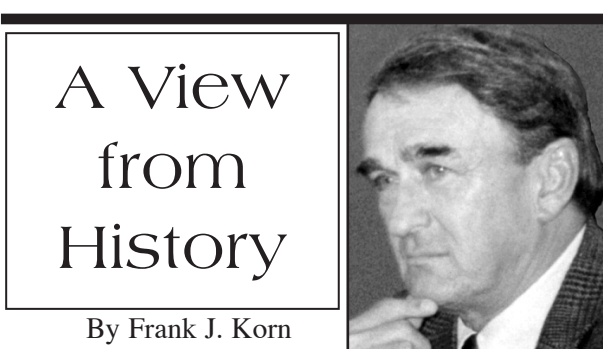
In the centuries to come, it would be Papal Rome that would impact the lives of people everywhere with its pronouncements. No better and more succinct illustration of that fact can be found than a terse sentence uttered by a bishop from his pulpit in North Africa in the year A.D. 412.

On the third of November in 354 a son was born to a devout Christian woman named Monica and her husband Patricius, in the village of Tagaste in the ancient land of Numidia.

From earliest boyhood, Aurelius Augustine (today known as St. Augustine) troubled his parents with his wild behavior. Upon turning 16, he was sent to study at the university in the great city of Carthage. Despite his continued errant ways, the youth managed sufficient attention to his studies to rank number one in his class of rhetoric.

While at Carthage, Augustine came into possession of a copy of Cicero's treatise, *Hortensius*, which sparked in him an interest in philosophy. He next read avidly the works of Plato and was at once enraptured by the beauty and sublimity of the Platonic conceptions of God and of man's ascent to a heavenly father.

After this, it was the writings of Saint Paul that fired



his imagination. The young scholar began to turn away from the worthlessness of the life he was leading. In the year 383, the profoundly changed Augustine traveled to Rome where he opened a school of rhetoric. This venture met with only modest success. Hearing of a vacant post in his field in the then imperial capital of Milan, he applied and received the appointment. There the excellence of his teaching attracted the notice of the learned and powerful Bishop Ambrose, with whom he ultimately forged a deep and enduring friendship.

Under the prelate's guidance, Augustine came to embrace fully the teachings of the Catholic Church and was baptized by him on the eve of Easter, 387.

It was Ambrose who counseled Augustine on how to comport himself whenever he visited the Eternal City: "When in Rome do as the Romans do."

Having returned to his homeland, Augustine was ordained a priest in 391 by Bishop Valerius of Hippo.

At about this time Pelagius, a British monk, had journeyed to Rome seeking to promulgate this theory: that

man by his natural powers could attain heaven and the beatific vision; that he did not need the grace which the Church claims derives from baptism; and that Adam's original sin was purely personal, affecting no one but himself.

The year 412 saw bishops from around the Christian world convene in an official council at Carthage to condemn Pelagianism and to excommunicate all who practiced it. Even after this action, however, uncertainty still persisted among many in the Christian community.

At this point, the African bishops sought the intervention of the more universal and recognized authority of the Apostolic See. The Bishop of Rome, Innocent I, issued a vehement condemnation of Pelagius and his disciples and thoroughly endorsed the measures taken by the council.

With this gesture Innocent underpinned the primacy of the pope for all time. After tirelessly shepherding the Church in Africa through some of its most turbulent times, battling heretics and schismatics wherever he encountered them, Augustine, at the age of 76, entered eternal rest on Aug. 28, 430.

For his intellectual brilliance, extensive education, ardent temperament and mystical insight, along with his prolific writings in the cause of the Christian Faith—among them *Confessiones* (13 books), *De Civitate Dei* (12 books), over 500 sermons and some three-hundred pastoral letters—Augustine was honored with the title, Doctor of the Church.

Within a few years of his passing, Augustine was "canonized" by Pope Leo I, who designated Aug. 28 as the new saint's feast day.

Once again, "Rome" had spoken.

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*"When in Rome do as the Romans do."*

*-Bishop Ambrose*



# Pope condemns bombing in Iraq

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Pope John Paul II deplored deadly bombings in Iraq and Jerusalem and urged steps to end the new spiral of violence in the Middle East.

The Pope spoke at a general audience Aug. 20, a day after a U.N. headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq was bombed. At least 38 people died, and scores were injured in the two attacks.

The Pope said news of the attacks “can only generate deep sadness and total condemnation in our heart.”

“While we entrust to divine mercy those who lost their lives and implore comfort for the bereaved, we pray to the God of peace that wisdom will prevail in hearts and that those responsible for civil society will know how to break this sorrowful spiral of hatred and violence,” he said.

The top U.N. official in Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello, was among at least 20 people killed in the Baghdad explosion, which ripped through a hotel used by the United Nations. Authorities said a suicide bomber rammed a truck into the complex.

A telegram sent in the Pope’s name to Kofi Annan, U.N. Secretary-General, expressed the Pope’s deep sad-

ness at the attack. It said the Pope offered his “fervent prayers for the victims and asks almighty God to comfort those who mourn at this time of tragic loss.”

“Imploring all involved in perpetrating acts of violence to abandon the ways of hatred, His Holiness prays that the path of reconciliation will prevail and that the people of Iraq will know a new era of peace, justice and social harmony,” said the telegram, signed by Angelo Cardinal Sodano, Vatican Secretary of State.

The Pope expressed his personal condolences to Annan, to all those working for the United Nations and to the families and friends of the victims.

U.S. and U.N. officials said the blast would not break the will of the international community.

In an interview with Vatican Radio, the Vatican’s

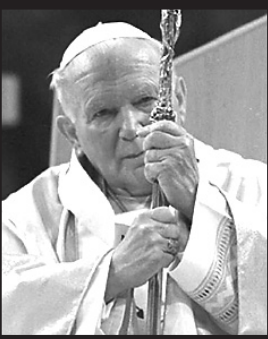
representative to the United Nations, Archbishop Celestino Migliore, said the bombing was a brutal and irrational act against an agency that is trying to bring humanitarian aid to Iraq.

Father Giovanni Battistelli, custodian of the Holy Land’s holy sites, told Vatican Radio he was deeply upset by the latest attack. He said Church leaders in the Holy Land met Aug. 20 to discuss the situation.

*We entrust to divine mercy those who lost their lives.*

## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



## Foundation for peace

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today’s psalm is an invitation to give praise to God for his role in history and creation. The psalm sings of the divine action by which the chosen people are freed from the exile and by which Jerusalem, rebuilt and fortified, becomes a place of peace. It also evokes God’s gift of revelation and the law, which are a foundation for peace more solid than any walls. The psalm praises the Word of God, who transforms winter into spring and continues to offer us today His gift of new life.

I offer a warm welcome to all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors present at today’s audience, especially those from Scotland, the United States of America, Japan and Hong Kong. Upon all of you I cordially invoke joy and peace in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

# Sacred scripture and tradition holds unique place

**Readings: Dt 4:1-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-27; Mk 7:1-23**

For Christians the divine message to guide human beings to eternal union with God is centered on the person and work of Jesus the Nazarene. His Gospel is “the source of all saving truth and moral discipline... In order that the full and living Gospel might always be preserved in the Church the apostles left bishops as their successors. They gave them their own position of teaching with authority. The Sacred Tradition, then, and the Sacred Scripture of both Testaments, are like a mirror, in which the Church... contemplates God...” (Vatican Council II, Divine Revelation #7). This twofold source of spiritual insight into the divine plan for humanity and all creation is the foundation for the ongoing teaching authority (Magisterium) of the Church.

The written Word of God holds a unique place in the life of both Jewish and Christian communities. At the time of Jesus, Sadducees emphasized the role of priestly leaders, not only in Temple worship but also as authoritative interpreters of the Scriptures. Pharisees, however, were devout laymen who claimed that, through prayerful study, they were able to apply the commandments to the needs of the contemporary Jewish world. Like the Pharisees, Jesus respected the priestly vocation in the Temple, but at times He offered insights into God’s Word which differed from other teachers; He offered signs for His peers to assess the validity of his interpretation of the Scriptures. Like prophets of old, He sometimes admonished those whose lives failed to measure up to the sublimity of God’s call. This Sunday’s Gospel offers an example of this critique and teaching.

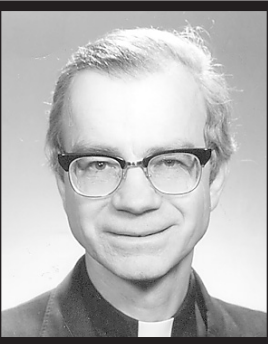
The debate about the washing of hands (Mt 15:1-20; Mk 7:1-23) came from a laudable Pharisee effort to make meals in the home a sacred experience. Priests washed their hands before offering sacrifices, so the Pharisees advised people to wash in a prayerful gesture before eating. Perhaps with a sense of urban sophistication, they criticized the small-town Galilean disciples of Jesus for neglecting this practice.

Jesus challenged these teachers to look first into their own lives for consistent excellence of fidelity to the

## Sunday Readings

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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By Father Lawrence Frizzell



Torah (instruction or Law) of God before they criticized the simple. After applying a passage from Isaiah (29:13) to these Pharisees, Jesus pointed out that sometimes their interpretation may contravene the clear sense of a “weighty commandment.” His example from the Decalogue’s call to honor our father and mother shows that this is a lifetime responsibility (see Sir 3:12-16), never to be sidestepped in ostensible preference for a commandment to serve God directly in the Temple. As with the parable of the good Samaritan (Lk 10:29-37), Jesus taught that one resolves a seeming conflict between laws in a given situation by imitating God’s mercy.

The Jewish dietary laws are understood to provide norms for self-discipline regarding food, mercy toward the animals or birds that are killed and other principles of spirituality. The early Church of Jewish-Christians followed these biblical precepts (see Acts 10:9-16), but Gentiles who entered the Church were exempt except when the harmony of community life demanded sensitivity to Jewish practices (see Acts 15:23-29). Mark has a note that the discussion about washing of hands became the basis for the Church’s understanding that, after the resurrection of Jesus, all foods are clean. Of course, we can still learn lessons from the biblical legislation and its application to the daily lives of Jews. Before we criticize practices of others we should try to understand how they

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fit into the other community’s vision of life, and we must examine our own conscience: Am I consistent and uncompromising in my effort to follow Jesus?

The Catholic and Orthodox expressions of Christian faith are rooted in the Pharisee insight that an Oral Law complements the Written Law. We recall that our faith was practiced for two or three generations before the 27 documents of the New Testament were completed. The college of bishops, in continuity with the Apostles, and in union with Peter’s successor provides the authority to guide us in discovering how the saving truths and moral discipline of the Gospel apply to our time and culture.

On many occasions Jesus emphasized that self-discipline is essential for a person to respond to God’s call and gifts. Jesus and the other Jewish teachers of that time were deeply concerned with fidelity to the Word of God as recorded by Moses and the other prophets. However, an increasing awareness of the eternal dimension of “life” and the role of each individual acting in imitation of God led to new insights concerning the profound implications of the commandments. Jesus contributed to this discussion at

a crucially important period in Jewish history. His example and words became the rich source for the Church to explore in grappling with the consistently predictable weakness of human nature and the changing situations of culture and society.

In each generation the teaching Church must examine the ways in which Christians might neglect essential dimensions of the Word of God by overemphasizing traditions inherited from past generations. At the same time, everyone must examine the tendency towards hypocrisy. “They preach but they do not practice!” (Mt 23:3). To avoid this indictment we all need to be vigilant in our efforts to live the Gospel message.

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# Detention

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Imagine, she described, a room (where women are housed separately) with no windows and divided only by cinderblock walls of a few feet in height. There is no privacy afforded, as any section of the room—including the bathroom/shower area—is visible from the other end.

Upon entry, detainees’ personal items are taken by security officials and locked away. Visits, allowed one hour per day on weekends and holidays, are through plexiglass and supervised by guards, and mail and phone calls are monitored. Inmates must wear prison-style uniforms and remain in the same room 22-23 hours a day.

They may watch television—one of the very few recreational activities provided. “Outdoor” recreation means being brought to a room with skylights for one hour a day to glance out through the windows. They sleep on cots chained to the wall.

Msgr. William J. Reilly, Archdiocesan Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs, said individuals such as clergy and lawyers are permitted additional visiting time. He named Father Thomas Sheridan and Father George Sharp, who celebrate Mass there on Sunday and go during the week as well for spiritual counseling and moral support, and one or two imams (Muslim) who visit regularly.

“It is a very difficult place because of the conditions. It’s a converted factory in the warehouse district of Elizabeth, with no windows, no daylight,” Msgr. Reilly stressed. “People are treated as criminals, when they’re not.”

Addressing these injustices is very important, he added, because “we are a Church of immigrants.”

To mark World Refugee Day on June 20, New Community Corporation, based in Newark and directed by Msgr. William J. Linder, in conjunction with the non-profit group Interfaith Refugee Action Team – Elizabeth (IRATE), sponsored a press conference to raise awareness of and protest “the plight of men, women and children detained for administrative—not criminal—reasons in the Elizabeth Detention Center and other United States lock-up facilities.”

According to the Immigration and Nationality Act, refugee or asylum-seeker status can be granted to a person or group of people who can demonstrate they have experienced “persecution or a

well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion” in their own country. However, refugees are granted this status outside the U.S., giving them permission to enter the country, while asylum seekers, arrive on their own (on a student or tourist visa or by illegal means) and apply for the status once here.

The event included speakers Meaghan Tuohey-Kay, Managing Attorney for the Archdiocese’s Catholic Community Services, Refugee and Immigration Assistance Program; Anwen Hughes, Staff Attorney for the Asylum Program at Lawyers Committee for Human Rights in New York; and Steven Rubin, a Washington, DC-based photojournalist.

Tuohey-Kay began by discussing the decrease in the number of refugee arrivals since Sept. 11, 2001, claiming that before the terrorist attacks, that figure was 70,000, and since has been about 20,000. Noting that refugees have always been more scrutinized than any other group of foreigners entering the United States and that they were the only ones completely banned for a period after Sept. 11—this not being the case with tourists, foreign business leaders or students—she insisted that it is “preposterous to think a terrorist would choose the refugee forum; the process to get into the U.S. as a refugee is painstakingly long.

“To punish refugees for [Sept. 11] is just unfair,” she added.

Making a distinction between refugees, who are not subjected to detention, and asylum seekers, Hughes described grueling and sometimes insurmountable obstacles that people in the latter group very often face pleading their cases.

Asylum seekers (those who are not immediately expedited to their native countries, having initially proven a sound cause) are frequently detained, even if they have established a residence or have family or friends with whom they can stay. This decision depends on the local ICE office. Since each state can enact its own immigration laws and regulations, the same asylum seeker may be allowed to prepare his or her case while residing in a private dwelling or may be detained indefinitely at an immigration detention center, local or county jail or state prison—significantly complicating the process—depending on where he or she comes into the country or goes to formally request asylum.

Those who are detained (last year, 34 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office of Immigration

Review Statistical Yearbook) usually must endure anywhere from a few months to a few years of indefinite internment, strict supervision and limitation of activity, privacy and communication with outside contacts and sources (including their lawyer, if they have one), and treatment as if they were criminals, often being placed or arbitrarily moved to prison

facilities with convicted felons.

“The corrupt government they’re trying to escape in the first place won’t give them a passport, and/or the U.S. won’t give a visa. When they get here and are detained, it’s a shock to the average asylum seeker who came seeking protection of the U.S. government,” Hughes explained.

She cited a recent study that

showed that “the detention experience exacerbates the psychological symptoms that [asylum seekers] suffer in their own countries,” commonly due to torture, political and social oppression and persecution. “We’re the land of freedom, where human rights are respected. This is what people expect of the U.S. We owe it to them,” Hughes declared.

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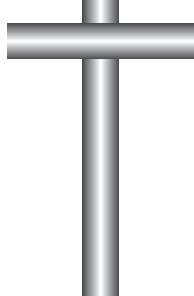
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# A spiritual tool promotes healing and faith

BY BRIAN FORES

Staff Reporter

"It's a microcosm of your life's experience—of coming to the center, and then back again, which is what prayer does," said Marianne Kehoe, M. Div., Program Director at the Xavier Center, St. Elizabeth College, Convent Station, gesturing to the large canvas mat imprinted with the design of a labyrinth on it (nearly covering the 30" x 40" floor).

The Xavier Center makes

the labyrinth available to the public and retreat groups during religious holidays, New Year's Eve and other special occasions. Due to space limitations, it cannot be set up throughout the year.

The labyrinth is a symbol dating back thousands of years; however, its origins are uncertain. It is not a maze, but a single path that outlines an intricate course toward a center and back out again. To use it, a "walker" has simply to remove his or her

shoes and follow the path. There is no way to get lost, and there is no right or wrong way to walk the path.

Considered a spiritual tool, the labyrinth is said to promote healing, centeredness and a sense of closeness to God. The coordination needed to walk the turns fosters a single-minded focus that helps to shut out distractions, Kehoe explained.

"Especially if things are hectic, it cleanses the spirit and helps you to be peaceful and quiet," stated Jeannie Nicholls, manager of the Pelican bookshop at the Xavier Center.

Examples of the labyrinth have been found among the artifacts of diverse cultures throughout history, such as on Cretan coins from ancient Greece, in the American Southwest on Navajo sand paintings and saddle blankets, and in Jewish mystical texts.

The labyrinth entered the Christian tradition during the medieval period and was a common feature of many of

Europe's Gothic cathedrals.

The most well recognized labyrinth is located at the Chartres Cathedral, France and dates back to roughly 1200. It is designed into the Cathedral floor—what is known as a "pavement maze." The labyrinth at Chartres is the basis for the one at the Xavier Center.

## Catholic symbolism

Its design, which is the most closely linked to the Roman Catholic Church, is rich in Christian symbolism. Divided into four quadrants, an aerial view yields the outline of a crucifix with a rosette at its center. The Chartres labyrinth also contains subtle references to the Trinity and the 12 tribes of Israel.

In keeping with medieval tradition, the Xavier Center includes a "Book of Gifts" (originally referred to as a "Book of Miracles"), where walkers can anonymously put down their thoughts on paper. The book is open for visitors to read and share in the experi-

ences of others, and contains drawings of swerving lines, hearts and flowers. "Put one foot in front of the other, and let God take care of the curves and bends," notes one entry. "Help me to pause at each turn of the day and learn to trust," writes another.

"Everybody walks differently; children tend to be more joyful when they walk the labyrinth, and adults more reflective. Sometimes several people will be on the labyrinth at the same time, and that changes the dynamic; walking during different times of the day has the same effect," Kehoe said. "Using the labyrinth is a relatively recent revisiting of the past ten years," she added, noting, "People aren't as afraid to try something different, as long as it's within their own tradition."

To find out when the labyrinth will be open next, call the Xavier Center at (973) 290-5121 or send an email to XavierCnt@aol.com.



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Spiritual seekers walking the labyrinth at St. Elizabeth College, Convent Station. It is laid out in the college's Xavier Center.

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# What's happening...when and where

## Spiritual

• An Evening of Renewal will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Ridgewood Sept. 15 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Presenter is Father Bruce Nieli, C.S.P., a member of the Paulist Fathers, who has served as Director of Evangelization for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Topic for the evening is "Attentive to the Spirit of Christ in 2003." The event begins the parish's upcoming season of Emmaus, its Adult Faith Formation program.

• Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River will host a series of nine Tuesday evening sessions beginning Sept. 16 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for anyone interested in learning about Catholic belief and practice. The evenings are open to adults and will have a special focus for non-Catholics, adult Catholics who have never received Confirmation or those who are parents of children who have never been baptized.

For additional information or to receive a schedule call the church offices at (201) 327-1313, ext. 31.

## Support Groups

• Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Washington Township is planning a support group for the divorced and separated.

So often, explains pastor Msgr. Thomas McCarthy, such individuals "feel shunned. We want them to know that God loves them and their Church welcomes them."

The goal of the group, the pastor goes on, is "to provide a safe, nonjudgmental place where divorced and separated people can support each other and share experiences." Practical information on pertinent issues will be available.

The group will meet Fridays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in room 11 of the school.

For additional information call (201) 664-6624 during regular business hours and ask for Pat.

• Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark has scheduled a Bereavement Support Group Facilitator training program for the fall in a six-session series at the Archdiocesan Center, across the

street from the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. It is designed for those who want to become facilitators for existing bereavement groups in their parish. Upon completion of the course, participants become certified facilitators for the Archdiocese and are eligible for continuing education credits. Sessions, scheduled to begin by the end of September, will be held on either Tuesday morning or Thursday evening. Call (973) 497-4327.

## Informational

• Family Life Ministries and the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark are sponsoring a series of Annulment Information Evenings. At each session a Canon lawyer from the Tribunal will provide the most recent guidelines, theology and requisites for obtaining an annulment from the Church. The information will be clearly presented in terms that everyone can understand. A Q&A session will conclude each session.

The next session is Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Auditorium A of the Archdiocesan Center.

Pre-registration is not necessary. For additional information call the Office of Family Life at (973) 497-4327.

## Education

• Caldwell College's Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology has added a specialization in School Counseling.

Those pursuing the degree must complete the program in 48 credits, including a practicum experience.

Teaching professionals with a Masters in their subject area are eligible to enroll in the post-Masters program, completing whatever course work they are lacking and a practicum.

Contact the Office of Graduate Studies at 618-3408 or the program coordinator at 618-3658. Both are in the 973 area code.

## Health

• A new six-week exercise series for persons with osteoporosis begins Sept. 9 at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck. Held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., the classes will be led by a physical therapist. Fee is \$85.

For additional information and registration forms call (201) 227-6250. Class size is limited.

• Also beginning Sept. 9 at the hospital is a 12-week exercise program to build strength and increase aerobic capacity and flexibility. Three sessions are available 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; and 7 to 8 p.m. Call (201) 227-6250.

• Columbus Hospital and Family Health Associates in Newark will hold their annual Health Festival at Family Health Associates, 465 Mount

Prospect Ave., on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For additional information call (973) 485-6242.

## Concerts

• The Caldwell College Concert Series begins Sept. 21 at 3 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge with Ne Yorkestra, a cutting edge jazz/big band orchestra.

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## Exhibits

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# Bishops to focus on Hispanics

BY LIESL FORES

Staff Reporter

Addressing concerns about cuts in programs and staffing of Hispanic ministries, the National Catholic Association of Diocesan Directors for Hispanic Ministry (NCADDHM) met in Washington, DC last month for its sixth bi-annual conference.

In attendance were directors of Hispanic Ministry from across the nation, as well as bishops, including Theodore E. Cardinal McCarrick of Washington, DC.

The topic, "Encuentro (Encounter) and Mission: A Renewed Vision for Diocesan Directors," focused on the 2002 document of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), *Encuentro and Mission*, which calls for "the establishment in each diocese of an office for Hispanic Ministry...adequate resources and support of implementations of programs and projects..." and emphasizes "the importance of formal channels of communication between the bishop and the diocesan director of Hispanic Ministry," summarized a statement released during the conference by NCADDHM.

However, the organization noted that while it "rejoice[d] that our Bishops have listened deeply to the voice and experience of Hispanic Catholics," it is worried about "trends...that do not seem to accord with the vision and directions of *Encuentro and Mission*."

The recent cutbacks, much due to restructuring and refinancing of dioceses, will adversely effect the development and voice of the Hispanic Catholic population, the statement claims.

NCADDHM is asking bishops "to respond vigorously to this urgent moment in the history of the Catholic Church in the United States," stressing that "only coordinated pastoral planning and significant dedication of human and financial resources to Hispanic Ministry will achieve the goals of *Encuentro and Mission*."

For its part, NCADDHM, using direct quotes from the bishops' document, pledges to collaborate with the bishops in responding with " 'new ardor, methods, and expressions' " in its ministry, and to " 'be relentless in seeking new ways to promote and facilitate the full incorporation of Hispanic Catholics into the life of the Church and its mission.' "

Estimated as more than one-third of all Catholics in the United States, Hispanics account for over a half million within the Archdiocese of Newark. And, according to Maricela Quintana, Director of the Archdiocesan Office of the Hispanic Apostolate and veteran NCADDHM board member, "there is a constant influx of Hispanic immigrants from many countries into the United States."

"We need to be able to minister to all of these people" she asserted.

As a sign of solidarity with fellow Hispanics, the NCADDHM conference was planned to coincide with the National Migration Conference 2003, sponsored by the USCCB/Migration and Refugee Services and Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. Many people participated in both and lobbied on Capitol Hill July 9 as part of the migration conference's "day of advocacy."



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# Schools marketing is vital

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The council, she continued, serves as a resource for individual dioceses and schools and has been very active the past couple of years, promoting the theme of academic excellence and moral development in Catholic education.

Last spring a billboard campaign, with the slogan "Learning to love, loving to learn," was launched, featuring more than 145 signs displayed throughout the state, including on major highways.

The council has also planned a display at the New Jersey State House in Trenton for Catholic Schools Week 2004. "We're very excited about that. Legislators will see our message," Tier stressed.

"The effectiveness of all this is as a whole process, because marketing and development are processes," Tier said. "Most important is that schools take information and materials and utilize them."

Other endeavors by the council are newsletters, school brochures, open houses and TV

and radio slots. Citing surveys the council has conducted, Tier cites "word of mouth" as still the most effective source of marketing for Catholic schools, which she believes "says a lot." Even in high school, she emphasized, "a reputation is there, so word of mouth is most profound."

## Unique factors

There is however a notable difference in marketing for elementary schools and high schools. Studies have shown that in elementary school, it's usually the parents who decide where to send their child. However, in high school, students themselves are more involved in the decision, and a marketing strategy must reflect their interests and address what they may be looking for.

Patricia Braun, Director of Institutional Advancement for the Pre-K through 8 Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament (AMBS), Franklin Lakes oversees an elaborate marketing plan for the school, aimed at "all relevant, critical audiences." This focuses heavily on parents.

The list includes parents whose children currently attend the school, caregivers, faculty and staff, volunteers, parishioners, parishioners with children in parish CCD classes and parishioners with recently baptized children, as well as area opinion leaders, such as real estate agents, doctors, local media and government officials. Local pre-schools are also targeted.

Last year, the school conducted a Parent Satisfaction Survey to assess perceptions and priorities. "This helped with plans to move forward," Braun noted.

What AMBS in particular advertises is a modern, top-quality education (including a progressive technology program) and the "invisible assets" of faith formation, prayer, character development and values.

Braun added that while most of the responsibility for marketing endeavors usually falls to directors of admissions and principles, "everyone involved in a Catholic school should consider himself or herself a marketer for that school."

Ginny Needham-Doyle, Director of Communications at Saint Peter's Preparatory High School (boys) in Jersey City, explained that even for a school with a long-standing tradition of academic excellence, one still has to market appropriately in order to dispel certain concerns.

For example, parents may be worried about their youngsters taking the train to Jersey City.

## 'The best'

Needham-Doyle points out to parents that "the boys learn independence," not to mention that they are exposed to a very diverse environment that will enrich their life experience: students come from 104 communities throughout New Jersey and New York and from all different cultural and religious backgrounds.

Parents want "the best" for their children and, at the high school level, for them to get into a good college, Needham-Doyle stressed.

Laura Cristiano, Director of Admissions at Mount St. Dominic Academy (girls) in Caldwell, noted the importance of being open to any opportunity to promote the school. "Outreach

to every possible avenue" is key, she explained. "You never know where it is going to lead. Someone I talk to may talk to five other people. In high school, you have to reach out to everyone in the community."

In this vein, the school has an extensive public relations strategy that is directed at public libraries, Girl Scout events and even the business community—serving on the local chamber of commerce, for instance.

Describing marketing efforts as a collaboration between the admissions and development offices, Christiano also discussed the need to target parents as well as students. "That's one of the biggest challenges: you have to be able to straddle both groups."

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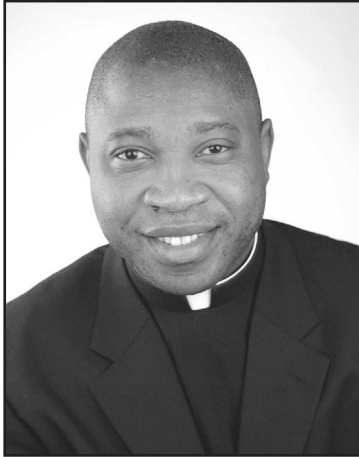


# Union Maryknoll is ordained

Romane Saint Vil, M.M. of Union was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Chapel, Maryknoll Society Center, Ossining, NY, by Archbishop Harry J. Flynn of the St. Paul and Minneapolis Diocese in Minnesota.

Later that afternoon he participated in a sending ceremony, hosted by the Maryknoll Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and lay missionaries, a traditional Maryknoll event held prior to a missionary's departure overseas.

Father Saint Vil returned from Maryknoll's Overseas Training Program this past December, having spent more than two years in Tanzania, East Africa. After studying Swahili in Musoma for four months, he was assigned to Mtoni Parish in Dar es Salaam, where he did pastoral work and taught English to



Father Romane Saint Vil, M.M.

parish children. He then worked at Kowak Parish in Musoma, teaching divinity courses at the parish secondary school and religious and biblical studies at the local public school.

"I was drawn to mission by my love for the poor and my desire to proclaim God's love to all people," said Saint Vil,

who entered Maryknoll in 1996. "I chose Maryknoll because of its vision of accompanying the poor in their struggle to discover the presence of God in their lives, cultures and traditions."

Saint Vil, 36, will study the Khmer language in Chicago before leaving for his mission assignment in Cambodia in September.

During his seminary training, St. Vil worked in a food pantry and served on the leadership team at the Special Olympics in St. Meinrad, IN (1994-96). At Chicago's St. Bride Parish, he conducted a Bible study class and counseled junior high school students (1997-99). Prior to that, he had been employed by Airport Limousine Express in Newark (1993-94) and was receiving manager at Book Dynamic, Inc. in Linden (1990-93).

Born in Jeremie, Haiti on July 1, 1966, Saint Vil attended Union County College, Cranford (1991-94) and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from St. Meinrad Seminary (1996). He received a Master of Divinity degree from Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL this past May.



Advocate photo-Brian Fores

Sister Sara Bermejo of Lumen Dei accepts a set of Rosary beads, blessed by Archbishop John J. Myers, and presents him with Lumen Dei literature.

## Holy Rosary 'crusade' seeks prayer pledges

The Lumen Dei Catholic Association, based partly out of Union City, has launched "Crusade of the Holy Rosary," in conjunction with the Holy Father declaring 2003 The Year of the Rosary.

Participants will use a pledge card inserted in the Marian Crusade pamphlet to commit to praying one Rosary per day for a month, three months, six

months or for an entire lifetime. To date, the Crusade has some 160,000 registrants.

"The best part is that all the crusaders are praying for each other's special intentions," explained Sister Sara Bermejo of Lumen Dei.

For additional information e-mail [ld.prodein@att.net](mailto:ld.prodein@att.net), visit [www.cruzadamariana.com](http://www.cruzadamariana.com) or call locally (201) 866-5533.

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# Felician professor attends information assurance forum

Dr. Alberto Lacava, Felician College Professor and Chair of Computer Science, was selected to participate in the first Information Assurance Graduate Certificate summer program sponsored by the Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Security (CERIAS) at Purdue University. Both the center and the certificate program was specifically designed to meet the needs of college and university educators who want to develop information assurance (IA) programs at their institutions.

Dr. Gerard O'Sullivan, Dean of the Division of Arts and Sciences at Felician, called Dr. Lacava's selection for the CERIAS program "a great honor for Dr. Lacava and Felician College." He said that Dr. Lacava's highly specialized training and certification in the field of Information Assurance will enable him to develop information security courses and curriculum for the school.

Purdue's new series of information security classes for educators was developed with the National Security Agency (NSA) in order to increase the coopera-

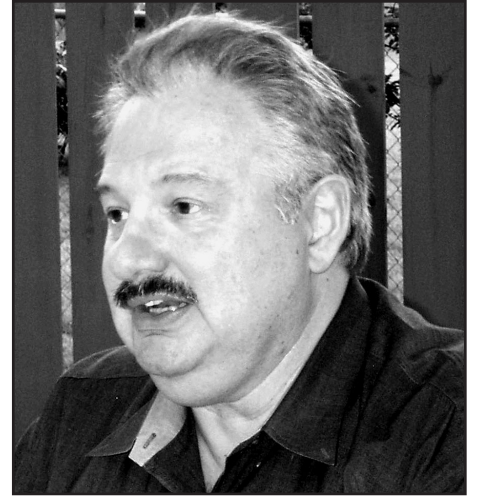
tion of business, government and academia in protecting the nation's data networks. Only 18 educators were selected nationally to participate in this charter session of the new CERIAS Information Assurance Graduate Certificate program.

CERIAS is a multidisciplinary academic center in information security and privacy. The center is affiliated with more than 100 faculty and graduate students on the Purdue campus and numerous others at associate universities.

## Collaborative effort

The programs were made possible through a \$2.7 million grant, distributed over a three-year period from NSA to develop a Center of Excellence and Faculty Development for Information Assurance. Additional funding and technology gifts were provided by Microsoft Corp. and Cisco Systems Inc.

Melissa Dark, who developed the program at Purdue, said participants will leave better prepared to implement courses at their home institutions. "Participants will leave the program with a set of best practices for teaching information assurance, a common curriculum developed by experts in the field and high-quality educational materials for use in the classroom," explained Dark, Assistant Dean of Purdue's School of Technology and Assistant Director of Education for CERIAS.



Dr. Alberto Lacava

"This program is uniquely CERIAS and is another example of the way the Purdue security and assurance center partners with industry and academic institutions to create greater awareness and increase the number of programs, faculty and trained personnel in information assurance and security," said Dr. Eugene Spafford, Director of CERIAS. "Both industry and academics report a chronic shortage of trained security professionals. Programs like this one to 'train-the-trainer' will impact the growing need for both information assurance educators and practitioners."



Father David W. Milliken, Pastor of Ascension Parish in New Milford, accepts a \$1,300 check from Marguerite Morris, co-president of the Ascension School Alumni Association. Also on hand were, from left, Association members Camille Sommo and Theresa Mancini. The check represents proceeds of various Association benefits for the school which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

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St. James Hospital Administrator Ceu Cirne-Neves, center, awards the first Saint James Hospital Nursing Scholarships to, left to right, Wendy Herrera, Julianna DaSilva, Andrea Lopes, Jessa Cherrezz, Yaira Lopez and Cynthia Luna.

## First nursing scholarships awarded

Six graduating seniors at East Side High School, Newark received scholarships from Céu Cirne-Neves, Administrator of Saint James Hospital in the Ironbound, at commencement ceremonies. Cirne-Neves was a commencement speaker.

The scholarships are the first awarded by Saint James Hospital to students who will study nursing. Five of the students will attend Essex County College and the other Bloomfield College.

Five volunteer at the hospital, and all of them have attended "Groundhog Shadowing Day," where East Side students interested in careers in health care, spend a day observing mentors to see what is involved in these careers. The students selected by East Side High School to receive scholarships have high grade point

averages, according to their counselor. Cynthia Luna, Wendy Herrera, Vanessa Cherrez, Yaira Lopez and Andrea Lopes each received \$1,900.

Saint James Hospital has established a relationship with Essex County College, particularly its Nursing School, through a variety of programs. The medical staff at the hospital awarded scholarships in recent years to Essex County College students who were pursuing careers in health care. The drastic shortage of nurses prompted the administration to begin discussion with East Side High School and Essex County College to offer help to students who want to become nurses. Funds for the scholarships are drawn from the Institute for Nursing Excellence at Cathedral Healthcare System.

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- Six students have been offered full academic scholarships.
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- Ten students have been offered partial academic scholarships.
- All 28 students were accepted by at least two Catholic High Schools.
- Ten students have been offered an opportunity to take a placement test in order to win an academic scholarship.



## Rededication next month at Saint Peter

Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety will celebrate Mass on Sunday, Sept. 14 at St. Peter Parish in Belleville to commemorate rededication of the church 25 years ago following a fire. The fire forced a year's closure of the structure.

A fund raiser was recently completed to repaint the church. The fund raiser was named the Bishop Joseph Costello Memorial Fund. The Auxiliary Bishop, a chancellery official, was also a former pastor of St. Peter's.

A buffet dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Belleville will follow Mass. Msgr. Francis Seymour, Archdiocesan Archivist, is the featured speaker.

Cost of the buffet is \$25. For tickets and additional information call the rectory at (973) 751-2002.



Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, celebrated a Portugal Day Mass in Portuguese at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. National costumes were worn by youth and adults alike. After Mass the national anthems of both nations were sung.



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Sister Aquinas Szott, Provincial Minister of the Felician Sisters in Lodi, second from left, presents the first Lay Felician Volunteers in Mission to the Community after their commissioning. They will work as urban missionaries for a year in Chicago. With Sister are, left to right, Jessica Figueroa, Perth Amboy; Jennifer Zapotocky, Passaic; and Rachel Mahoney, Park Ridge. Father Thomas Nydegger, Vice Rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange, presided at the Liturgy and blessed the ceremony.

# Local priest is appointed rector

Father Jaroslaw Zaniewski, a native of Poland and most recently serving in the Archdiocese of Newark, is the new rector of SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake, Michigan.

His appointment was announced by Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit and chairman of the Seminary's Board of Trustees, with the consent of Archbishop John J. Myers.

"Cardinal Maida and I share the same vision that the seminary is to be a place of profound and deep spiritual formation, faithful to the Holy Father and to the magisterium of the Church," Father Zaniewski said.

Father Zaniewski, 41, succeeds Orchard Lake Schools

Chancellor Father Timothy Whalen, who served as interim rector for the past year and chaired a search committee for a replacement for Msgr. Frank Koper, who resigned in 2002 after serving as rector since 1977.

Acknowledging that the rectorship will be a challenge, Father Zaniewski says the Holy Spirit "has prepared me through my various experiences" as teacher, youth minister and parochial associate pastor.

He added, "My wish is to bring my zeal and my desire for holy priests to foster an atmosphere that will create the kind of mindset conducive to living out the Gospel according to which Jesus wants us to live in holiness."

Father Zaniewski is expecting an enrollment of about 35 seminarians in the fall, including nearly a dozen new seminarians from Poland. One of his primary goals in the year ahead will be to recruit more seminarians from both the U.S. and Poland.

Ordained to the priesthood on May 31, 1993 as a member of the Salesian order, Father

Zaniewski left the order and joined the Archdiocese of Newark in 1998. He was formally incardinated to the archdiocese last year. For three years, 1998-2001, he was a parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish in Bayonne, and for the past two years a parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish in Bloomfield.

In 1993, Father Zaniewski established the Families of Nazareth Movement in the U.S. and Canada, whose purpose is to cultivate and foster and interior spiritual life, one of "surrender to God's transforming mercy and unconditional love." He says his involvement in the Movement "has given a deeper meaning to my priesthood, and consequently I want to share what I have discovered."

He continues to serve as the Movement's spiritual director. He has helped nearly three dozen individuals, primarily youth, to discern and answer their vocational call to the priesthood and religious life.

Most recently, he founded the In the Arms of Mary Foundation, which is responsible for the publication and distribution of books and materials promoting the spirituality of the Families of Nazareth Movement.



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# The economy, job opportunities labor's primary concern

BY BRIAN FORES

Staff Reporter

"I'm the eternal optimist, but this is no time to be complacent," explained Thomas P. Giblin, President of the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO (American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations), an umbrella organization that includes 72 affiliated unions and 75,000 members. Giblin is also the President of Local 68, International Union of Operating Engineers, which has 5,800 members.

Giblin outlined the problems faced by unions today: "The economy and job opportunities are foremost; significant increases in healthcare

costs are negatively impacting our members and their families; and the volatility of Wall Street has presented challenges to unions who draw from their stock portfolios for pensions and compensation plans. I also foresee a loss of manufacturing jobs because of trade policies and agreements.

"There is a lot of pressure on families today," Giblin added. "The cost of education and healthcare are only a few causes. The larger companies, previously thought to be safe, are cutting back because of the economy, acquisitions and a litany of other problems. The bedrock employers that existed in your father's day, or your grandfather's day, no longer

offer the same level of stability. Today you may have a job; tomorrow your job may be shipped overseas or rendered obsolete by technology.

"We need to be aggressive in terms of organizing and preparing our membership for the technological changes that are occurring in the workplace. We also try to help our members by offering employee assistance to deal with issues such as substance abuse, marriage counseling and any other problem that might affect the worker," Giblin concluded.

"At 30,000, we have the largest local in the state of New Jersey," commented Frank Margiotta, a spokesman for Harvey Whille, President of

Local 1262, the United Food and Commercial Workers Union.

"New Jersey is a highly unionized state. Compared to others, you will find the level of wages, benefits and treatment of employees to be among the best in the nation," Magiotta said. "In the recent past, however, many chain businesses that began in poorly unionized states are moving into New Jersey and presenting a formidable challenge to the many decent and ethical employers who want to treat their employees well.

"Such chains—Walmart being the best example—hire employees at a lower salary, and provide competition to unionized businesses, who are paying

their employees a living wage," Magiotta explained. "Because of the unfair advantage, unionized employers are having a difficult time keeping up.

"The only solution is to organize the non-unionized workers and help them realize that they are being cheated by their employers. That's the challenge: to educate employees to ask for what they're entitled to—better salary, benefits and better treatment."

The United Labor Agency of Essex-West Hudson, Inc. will hold a celebration in honor of its 25th anniversary on Wed., Oct. 8 at Mayfair Farms, West Orange at 6 p.m. For further information call (973) 623-6536.

## 'Celebration of Labor' set Sept. 5

The art, history and culture of the labor movement in Essex County and New Jersey will be marked at the annual Celebration of Labor, an interfaith observance, on Friday, Sept. 5 at St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral in Newark.

Sponsored by the Essex-West Hudson Council, AFL-CIO, the celebration begins with a march, stepping off at 5:30 p.m. from in front of Newark City Hall.

Marchers will proceed along Broad Street to the Pro-Cathedral. Bands will lead the parade of union members and their supporters.

This year's Grand Marshall is Patrick J. Brennan, Business Manager/Treasurer/Secretary of the International Union of

Painters and Allied Trades. The statewide organization represents painters, paperhangers, glaziers, paintmakers, convention services decorators and dry-wall tapers and finishers.

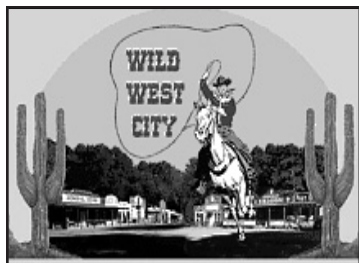
Thomas P. Giblin, Council President, noted, "The absence of good jobs is a serious concern this Labor Day. In the past two years, the nation has lost 2.5 million jobs. A great number of those lost jobs are union jobs, which are the backbone of America's economy and the foundation of the nation's middle class."

Giblin went on to say, "Unions and their members now face the challenge of 'building a better America' by devising and

ad-vancing an economic strategy to create more good jobs. Labor takes great pride in our nation. Despite our problems, America remains a singular beacon of liberty, freedom and democracy in an uncertain world. Union members play a key role in preserving and expanding those bedrock principles of our nation."

Commenting on the Grand Marshall, Giblin stressed Brennan will be recognized for "his almost quarter-century commitment to the labor movement.

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# The 'Magna Carta' for labor movement worldwide

**BY MSGR. JOHN GILCHRIST**  
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Pope John XXIII, that jovial saintly figure, was in the seminary during the lifetime of Pope Leo XIII. He had, in fact, enormous respect for the elderly embattled figure that passed away in 1903 at the age of 93.

The future Pope was also moved and excited by the encyclical *Rerum novarum* that was published by Pope Leo XIII in 1891. That letter proved to be the magna carta for the labor movement around the world. It spoke of the right of people to organize, the right to a family living wage, the right to decent working conditions, the right to holidays and holy days and much more.

## Poor remembered

Pope John XXIII never wavered in his love for the working people. He never forgot his own poverty as a child nor the ideals of *Rerum novarum*.

The seminarian Angelo Roncalli in his autobiography *Journey of a Soul* wrote, "While in various cities and other European countries active Catholics and bold bands of youthful enthusiasts have been commemorating the *Rerum novarum* of the great Pope of the working people and joyfully celebrating the new concept of Christian democracy, I who am not yet prepared for apostolic work thought that the best way for me to celebrate the great event and offer my own modest tribute of praise and ardent enthusiasm for the great idea was to cling more closely to Jesus in love and prayer."

The day that he was elected Pope, John XXIII wanted to make a phone call. All of the lines from the Vatican had been cut in accord with the rules of secrecy that governed the conclave.

A repairman was called. The work of repairing the phone lines proved to be difficult. The new pope patiently watched his labors. Finally, he said, "How are things going?"

"Badly, Eminence," said the worker. He obviously did not know who this cardinal was who stood by quietly.

Then the workman went on, but with complaints. He spoke of poor pay and many children to feed—a common lot of Vatican employees in those days. He was venting his feelings.

Finally, the job was done. And the pope said to the man, "Just between us, I'm not 'your eminence' anymore. I'm the Pope." We can imagine the reaction of that electrician.

Later the man must have been more amazed when he discovered that all of the Vatican employees received raises from between 20 to 40 percent. When the people in charge of the Vatican finances heard of the impending raises, they objected to the Holy

Father. "We will have to cut back in contributions to charity," they said. "That's too bad," replied the pope, "then we will have to cut them. The raise is simple justice, and justice comes before charity."

All over the world, workers' organizations struggle for fair wages, good working conditions

and for benefits when they retire.

It is important for us Catholics to remember that the teachings of every single pope, from Leo XIII to John Paul II, on social justice have had real consequences. The pressure from the Church has given unions an agenda and a moral guide for organizing. It has guided governments in all sorts of areas where distributive justice requires those who have to aid those who have not.

On Labor Day the Church has every right to stand back in pride as the unions march and hold events to honor their movement. The Church like a proud parent, helped give the union movement life. Now as a full grown and powerful organization, the labor movement can see its accomplishments in America and around the world. And we

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*-Pope John XXIII*

can know that God has used the Church for the good of countless human beings.

The work to be done is not finished. There is much to be done. But justice will one day cover the earth in an ocean of righteousness. And until then, "justice, justice must we pursue."

The story of Pope Blessed John XXIII is paraphrased from the excellent book entitled *The Humor and Warmth of Pope John XXIII* by Louis Michaels.

*Msgr. Gilchrist, pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Harrison, is active in labor activities.*

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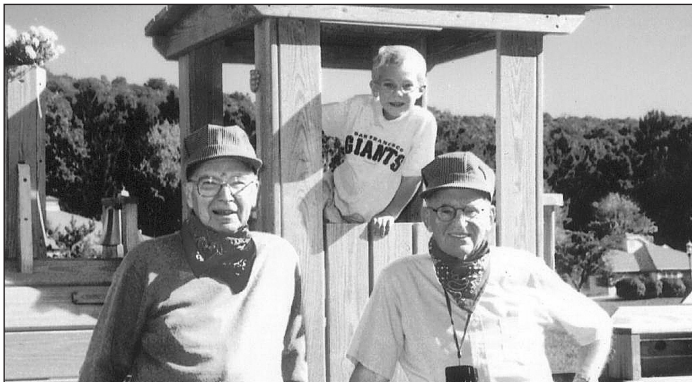
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Fialka is a reporter for The Wall Street Journal and the author of several books, including *Sisters: Catholic Nuns* and *The Making of America*. His 1986 article in The Wall Street Journal exposed the plight of the elderly religious in the United States and spurred a group of concerned laity to found SOAR!

Sister Carmel Therese has been a member of the Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines) for more than 50 years. She has taught at every level from first grade through college and served as president of Harriman College. Today she works on sharing the Pallottine mission with the laity.

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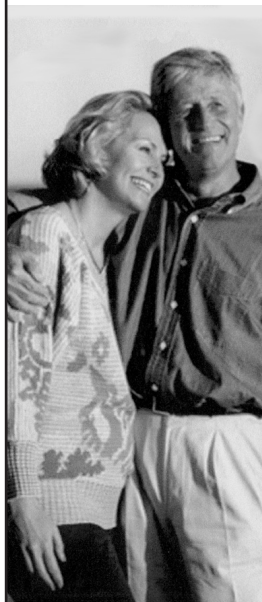
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# Secret to longevity, follow the rules

LEOMINSTER, MA (CNS) — How do you live to be 100? “Follow the rules — health rules, Church rules and common ordinary sense rules,” said Sister Mary Juliana Woods, who celebrated that milestone recently with a Mass and party.

The Sister of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary marked 100 years as a Christian. “I was baptized at two days old. And I didn’t squall, they tell me,” she said.

She was baptized at St. Leo’s Church, Leominster. When she was nine her family moved to Boston, returning to Leominster in 1918. She then left for a couple years to go to Maine to take care of an aunt.

At age 12 she decided she wanted to be a nun. In 1926 she entered the Presentation Order and what she thought would be a brand new world.

“I said goodbye to cake, goodbye to ice cream, goodbye to candy,” Sister Mary Juliana said.

But she was in for a surprise when, on her first day at the convent, which was Washington’s birthday, the Sisters had “Washington pie” for dessert. She also didn’t expect to see the nuns chatting at dinner, because she thought they had to be silent, she recalled.

She took her final vows in 1928 and spent the next 48

years as a teacher, serving at a number of elementary schools in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. She retired in 1976 and returned to Holy Family Convent in Fitchburg,

*“I thought...  
I’d be tottering along  
with a cane...”*

*- Sister Mary Juliana*

MA, where she did sewing, answered the doorbell and “what have you,” she said.

In 1989 she moved to Presentation Convent in Leominster and now lives at Presentation Health Care Center.

Asked what she does now, Sister Mary Juliana replied, “Just sit.” However, Sister Julie Ciccolini, Health Care Center Administrator, noted that she is “extremely up on all the latest news.”

Sister Mary Juliana said she used to paint portraits, but she can no longer see well enough to read prayers. She is better off than she expected though.

“I thought...I’d be tottering along with a cane,” she said. “I have the cane, but I hope I’m not tottering.” She said she can’t move fast, but added quickly, “I don’t creep along.”

Asked what changes she has found most amazing in 100 years, Sister Mary Juliana replied, “Radio and TV, and the cars.”

But also people, she added. In her day, “working people would go in and take whatever job they could handle.” Now, she said, “they never stop being educated.”

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# Cancer survivors celebrate

Columbus Hospital in Newark, a member of the Archdiocese of Newark's Cathedral Healthcare System, recently celebrated Cancer Survivors' Day.

Among those attending was New Jersey First Lady Dina Matos McGreevey, Executive Director of the Columbus Hospital Foundation.

Participating in the celebration were 20 cancer survivors from the Columbus Hospital community who shared their

stories with some 100 family and friends.

In addition there were refreshments, balloon animals, face painting and massage therapy sessions.

The First Lady told those at the celebration that similar gatherings were underway nationwide. "But this event at Columbus Hospital is very special to me."

Celebrating its 16th year, National Cancer Survivors' Day is the world's fastest-

growing annual event.

The national celebration, explained a spokesman, is "a chance for survivors to celebrate their lives with family and friends, a life now filled with hope and inspiration."

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# Dar la vida por nuestros amigos

**POR EL ARZOBISPO JOHN J. MYERS**

El 5 de Julio último, el Obispo Charles McDonnell y yo tuvimos la triste tarea de celebrar el Funeral del Sargento, Primera Clase, del Ejercito Norteamericano, Gladimir Philippe. Para aquellos de ustedes que no leyeron la noticia en los periódicos, el Sargento Philippe fue uno de los dos soldados norteamericanos que fueron muertos a fines de Junio en Iraq. El funeral se celebró en la parroquia San Joseph the Carpenter en Roselle, donde la familia de Philippe y muchos de las miembros de la comunidad Haitiana de esta Arquidiócesis tienen sus raíces espirituales. El Padre George Gillen, el Párroco, y otros sacerdotes de la parroquia, concelebraron la Misa del funeral.

Gladimir Philippe era el primer miembro de las fuerzas armadas de nuestra Arquidiócesis que resultaba muerto en el conflicto de Iraq. Desde antes de comenzar ese conflicto militar y durante su desarrollo, yo he rezado, al igual que muchos de ustedes lo han hecho, para que todos los miembros de nuestra Arquidiócesis que sirven allá, regresen sanos y salvos.

Infelizmente, no fue así. Yo continuaré rezando para que Gladimir Philippe sea la única víctima de la Iglesia de Newark en este conflicto y para que todos nuestros hijos e hijas espirituales puedan

regresar pronto a sus hogares.

Sentado en la Iglesia antes de que los ritos del funeral comenzaran, yo escuché a tres hombres que hablaron brevemente antes del comienzo de la liturgia a los centenares de amigos y familiares de Gladimir Philippe. Ellos fueron el Gobernador McGreevey, un General del Ejército y un amigo de la familia Philippe. Todos ellos hablaron sobre el sacrificio de Gladimir, sobre el dolor causado por su pérdida y por la determinación del fallecido Sargento en servir a la nación que lo había recibido como un inmigrante pocos años antes.

Yo recordé como las familias se preocupan y temen por sus seres queridos mientras ellos sirven en combate. Uno de mis primos estuvo estacionado cerca de Iraq durante la guerra, y no pasaba un día sin que alguno de mis hermanos, hermanas o primos no comentara sobre su preocupación por mi primo ausente.

Sepultar a un hijo, aunque se trate de un hijo adulto, es algo muy difícil. También es muy difícil para un hijo tener que sepultar a su padre, sobre todo cuando el hijo es un niño. Como dice un refrán Irlandés, “Esa no es la manera en que las cosas normalmente ocurren”. Y sin embargo, así fue como la familia de Philippe tuvo que enfrentarse a su trage-

dia, desde el padre de Gladimir hasta su hijito de 10 años, tratando de encontrar consuelo en las enseñanzas de la Iglesia, en la nueva vida que nos promete en el Señor.

Aunque las personas que hablaron antes de la liturgia no trataron de coordinar lo que iban a decir, todos ellos se hicieron eco de lo que leemos en el Evangelio según San Juan, que fue en lo que el Padre Guillen basó su homilía: “Nadie puede sentir un amor más profundo que el de dar su vida por sus amigos.”

Quizás fue la coincidencia con la celebración del 4 de Julio, donde recordamos el sacrificio y la determinación de quienes fundaron nuestra patria, creando una sociedad libre y justa en esta pacífica tierra de América. Quizás fue el reconocer que Gladimir Philippe había venido a este país para poder disfrutar el beneficio de la libertad, lograda con el sacrificio de tantos otros y sintió el deber de contribuir a establecer una sociedad libre en Iraq.

Pero lo cierto es que cuando el Obispo McDonnell y yo nos reunimos con la familia de Philippe después del funeral, yo pensé que quizás todo el mundo en Roselle estaba convencido de que como Cristianos, estamos llamados a actuar en nombre de la Justicia.

# Un sacerdote alegre y un celoso pastor

**POR GREG TOBIN**

*Editor & Associate Publisher*

Su Santidad el Papa Juan Pablo II ha nominado al Padre Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. como Obispo Auxiliar de Newark, anunció el Arzobispo John J. Myers, Metropolitano Ordinario de la Arquidiócesis de Newark, el Viernes 27 de Junio en una conferencia pública en el Centro Arquidiocesano.

El Obispo-electo da Cunha (cuyo apellido se pronuncia aproximadamente como “da cuña”) es el primer sacerdote nacido en Brazil que ha sido designado para servir en los Estados Unidos y es también el primer miembro de su congregación religiosa que ha sido nombrado obispo.

El nuevo Obispo Auxiliar tiene 49 años de edad y nació en Nova Fatima, Bahía, Brazil, nos fue presentado en la conferencia pública al personal de la Arquidiócesis, a los representantes de la prensa local y nacional y a los Oficiales de la Cancillería. Él será uno de los cuatro obispos auxiliares activos de la Arquidiócesis y será el primero designado después que lo fue el Obispo Arthur Serratelli, Vicario General y Moderador de la Curia, el 8 de Septiembre del año 2000.

El Arzobispo Myers dijo: “El nombramiento por el Santo Padre del Obispo-electo da Cunha es un gran regalo para la Arquidiócesis de Newark. Él nos trae la dedicación de un celoso pastor y de un religioso comprometido a los deberes de un obispo.”

El Obispo-electo da Cunha declaró: “Yo quiero que todos los inmigrantes en la Arquidiócesis de Newark sepan que yo soy uno de ellos, uno con ellos y uno para ellos. Yo siento una gran alegría en servir a los pobres y a los necesitados. Yo he venido haciendo eso durante toda mi vida y yo espero poder seguir haciendo lo mismo en el futuro.”

El Arzobispo Myers enfatizó que las responsabilidades del nuevo Obispo y la descripción de sus tareas no han sido terminadas, pero añadió que el nuevo obispo auxiliar podría continuar su ministerio en la comunidad Hispana y con los inmigrantes en la Arquidiócesis.

El nuevo obispo fue ordenado como sacerdote el 27 de Marzo de 1982 en Newark y sirvió como vicario parroquial en St. Michael, en Newark, y como vicario parroquial primero y como pastor después en St. Nicholas, en Palisades Park.

Él es miembro de la orden religiosa “Society of Divine Vocations” (S.D.V.), generalmente conocida como “Padres Vocacionistas”, los que tienen su centro Norteamericano en Florham Park. El obispo electo sirvió en su orden como director del Vocionario, que es la casa de formación de su comunidad, desde 1994 hasta el 2000. Anteriormente fue director de vocaciones durante varios años en su comunidad.

El obispo-electo da Cunha ha sido el pastor en la parroquia de St. Michael, en Newark, desde el año 2000.

Cuando se le preguntó en la conferencia de pre-

sa sobre su experiencia en relación con la educación católica, él dijo: “Yo creo firmemente en la educación católica y su impacto en las vidas de los niños. Mi parroquia tiene la escuela más grande de la Arquidiócesis. Hemos logrado mantener nuestra escuela activa y exitosa con la ayuda de mucha gente de nuestra comunidad.”

Monseñor Francis A. Seymour, Archivista Arquidiocesano, comentó sobre su colega: “Yo lo he conocido por casi 20 años y él es uno de los sacerdotes más alegres que he conocido. Cada vez que lo veo, está sonriendo. Y él no tuvo que esperar hasta hoy para poner esa cara.”

La ordenación del obispo-electo da Cunha está señalada para el Miércoles 3 de Septiembre, la fiesta del Papa San Gregorio I, en nuestra Catedral Basílica.

## Respuesta de los obispos a la crisis de los abusos

St. Louis (CNS). En al año pasado, los obispos de los Estados Unidos han hecho un “esfuerzo monumental” al enfrentar todos los aspectos de la crisis causada por el abuso sexual de menores por un número de sacerdotes, dijo el Arzobispo de St. Paul-Minneapolis Harry J. Flynn el 21 de junio último. El Arzobispo Flynn, que preside la Comisión Especial sobre Abusos Sexuales creada por los obispos de los Estados Unidos, entregó un reporte sobre ese tema en el día final de la reunión de los obispos que se celebró en St. Louis del 19 al 21 de Junio pasado.

Durante la reunión de los obispos se celebró una sesión de medio día a puertas cerradas el 19 de junio en la que se discutieron los objetivos y la metodología de una encuesta nacional que se llevará a cabo en todas las diócesis, bajo la dirección del Colegio de Justicia Criminal John Jay, de New York, para precisar el alcance del abuso sexual de los niños por los sacerdotes en la Iglesia de los Estados Unidos desde 1950.

También dedicaron un día de reflexión sobre las posibles causas que hubiera podido producir esa crisis de los abusos sexuales. El Arzobispo Flynn dijo que los obispos estaban contemplando “la que quizás fuera la peor crisis en la historia de la Iglesia en nuestra nación” en la histórica sesión del pasado junio en Dallas, donde adoptaron el estatuto de protección a los niños y comenzaron el proceso de establecer regulaciones, legalmente obligatorias, para separar a los sacerdotes responsables de los abusos.

“Desde esa histórica reunión del año pasado se ha hecho un esfuerzo monumental para cumplir los compromisos del estatuto que se promulgó, así como para implementar las medidas necesarias para separar a los sacerdotes responsables de las ofensas y para alcanzar a todos los que sufrieron como resultado de los abusos sexuales, para así restaurar la confianza de nuestro pueblo en nuestros sacerdotes.” Declaró él.







# A nun’s commitment portrayed in local film

(CNS) — On a quiet sun-drenched Wednesday, the dark-paneled living room of a two-story late 19th-century house in West Milford swelters in the afternoon heat of summer. An old radio quietly rests in a corner under a window with green plaid curtains.

Breaking the silence, a man clad in pajamas moans in pain on the bed under another window. A victim of an attack, he wears bandages around his arms and his eyes. Sitting at the edge of the bed, a nun wearing a dark blue habit comforts him.

Suddenly, from another part of the living room, a voice yells, “Cut!” With that, another scene wraps up for the movie *The Drum Beats Twice*.

The small-budget movie is the brainchild of Kenneth Del Vecchio, 34, a member of St. Anthony Parish in Hawthorne and the town’s prosecutor. Del Vecchio co-wrote *The Drum Beats Twice*, as well as directing, producing and starring in the film, his fourth.

*The Drum Beats Twice* was shot in the Paterson Diocese at St. Joseph’s church and school (West Milford) and at the home of Paul Stephen Bailey, the film’s executive producer and a St. Joseph parishioner. Franciscan Father Boniface Hanley, the former pastor of St. Joseph’s even snagged a walk-on part while some of the school’s children played extras.

The man in pajamas was Del Vecchio himself, who plays the lead character, John Carreck, a Vietnam War hero and a cop. Brutally attacked by two brothers who are avenging their father’s death, John is left with no hands, sight or speech —no way of communicating with the world. The actual reasons for the attack unfold, as the nun, Sister Victoria, helps him communicate again and grow as a person.

On the set, Del Vecchio promises a shocking, unexpected ending. He said that despite the painful result of violence depicted in the 1969-era movie, its message is decidedly Catholic.

“It’s about not acting on the

emotion of revenge,” said Del Vecchio, who finished writing *The Drum Beats Twice* with his wife, Francine, in April and started shooting it on July 5. “It’s about charity, faith, poverty and the commitment of the nun (Sister Victoria, played by Julia Barnett), who leaves teaching temporarily to help John.”

Del Vecchio has assembled an impressive cast of actors, including Amy Redford, film star Robert Redford’s daughter; Bill Sage from *American Psycho*; Oscar winner Richard Barclay; six-time Emmy winner Justin Deas; and actors from such films as *Chicago*, *Analyze That*, *Angels in the Outfield* and *Saturday Night Fever*.

Barnett said that her character taught her to “trust your own instincts and act on what God wants you to do.”

While embodying several important Catholic themes—such as love and forgiveness—*The Drum Beats Twice* also shows the Church in a positive light.

“This film is also important to the Catholic Church. I’m tired of the way it’s portrayed today, focusing on the few negative people,” Del Vecchio said, referring to the sex abuse scandal. “The Church saves lives, is here for the betterment of people and teaches God’s word,” he said. Del Vecchio hopes to get the movie shown at film festivals.



## The life of a ‘saintly priest’ explored in powerful book

BY LIESL FORES  
Staff Reporter

**Christ With a Priest’s Face**  
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“The power of one to do Christ’s work” is what struck author Richard L. Byrnes most about Father Charles McTague, the subject of his new book.

Byrnes, a retired educator who teaches as an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University, was approached about writing the story of the life of Father McTague (known to everyone the author talked to as Father Charlie) by Sue Ellen Gilligan, Director of Public Relations at the Shrine of Saint Joseph in Sterling, who called Father Charlie a “saintly priest.”

Gilligan put Byrnes in contact with Father William Crum, at the time parochial vicar at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Elizabeth. Father Crum, who has known Father Charlie for many years, encouraged Byrnes to move forward with the project, also calling him a “living saint.” He asserted his belief that Father Charlie’s life story would serve well as a model for seminarians in particular.

However, all was contingent upon Father Charlie’s permission. Byrnes went off to Holy

Cross Parish in Harrison, where the now retired priest lives, to speak to the 83-year-old man some have deemed a saint.

Byrnes described Father Charlie at that meeting (the first of many) as very talkative and open. The “allegorical tales” he employed to discuss his life greatly impressed Byrnes and changed what the author took initially as simply a challenge to “much more than that.” He calls Father Charlie a “maverick priest.”

In his 70-plus interviews—most of which he got through word of mouth—with individuals who have known and been touched by Father Charlie in some profound way, Byrnes became aware of the priest’s capacity to motivate people to help themselves as well as others. “What struck me was his ability to get inside people’s lives and how he got them to help others,” he noted.

Father Charlie has become known for the many programs and missions he has created and nurtured that have helped those in desperate situations turn their lives around, recruiting people along the way to assist in his ministries.

One of these is the refugee program he initiated in 1954 in Cliffside Park. Within 10 years, it had settled more than 1200

refugees, mostly from Hungary, Cuba and Holland.

Father Charlie’s work on the Peace Ship (conceived of and operated by peace advocate Abie Nathan), a radio station-equipped vessel that broadcast messages of peace, particularly in the Middle East, is another.

The dynamic priest also served as Chaplain at Stella Maris Chapel, the center of Port Newark’s Apostleship of the Sea program. Besides working to improve living and labor conditions for merchant seamen and others who passed through Port Newark, he installed the “Serenity Hour,” a group meeting after Sunday Mass at the chapel for alcoholics and those suffering from other addictions.

These meetings have brought much comfort and healing to its members, many of whom had a hard time fitting in in more traditional religious settings.

And there’s the famous story of how Father Charlie discovered the grave of Pierre Toussaint, the first prospective Haitian saint. He started out on this quest in 1941 as a young seminarian, after being challenged by one of his students, a nine-year-old African-American boy, that he could not name one black Catholic that white people respected. Father Charlie, realiz-

ing the child’s poignant observation, set out to find a role model for him and all black Catholics.

These are just a few of the many stories of how the charismatic and devoted priest changed the lives of so many people for the better and exemplified “spirituality in action,” what Byrnes states as the theme of the book. “This is an important story [especially] in light of what’s going on in the church today. He is a great man,” the writer emphasized, adding the Father Charlie often would literally give someone in need the

shirt off his back.

Msgr. John Gilchrist, Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, asserted that Father Charlie is a worthy subject for a book “because he’s so completely unusual. It’s not the ordinary priest’s life.”

He depicted Father Charlie as a kind, gentle and affable person who is also as vital as ever. He has “an idea a day” for a new plan or program, said the pastor. “His mind never stops working. That’s the reality of it.”

Father Charlie celebrates Mass and hears confession at Holy Cross on a regular basis.

*He exemplified  
spirituality  
in action.*

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# Jesus talks about the bread of life

BY JOE SARNICOLA  
CNS Reporter

Whenever a crowd gathered around Jesus, He tried to create an opportunity to teach the people about the kingdom of God.

On this day, many people searched for Jesus in boats until they found Him in Capernaum. One man asked a question of Jesus that He knew many others wanted to ask.

“What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert.”

“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.”

A wave of murmuring moved through the crowd. The men and women wondered what Jesus meant. Was He a new manna sent by God? How would they eat this living bread Jesus talked about? Others were angered by Jesus’ response.

Some felt that Jesus was trying to mock the laws of Moses. One of them stood up. He pointed angrily at Jesus and said to the people, “How can this man give us His flesh to eat?”

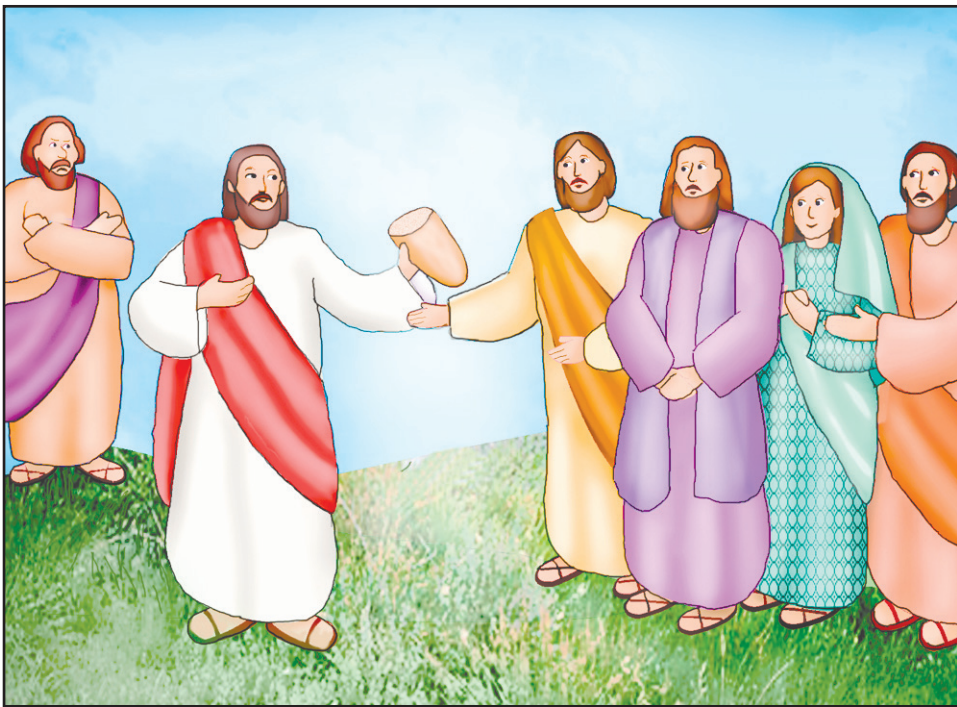
Jesus motioned for the people to quiet down. He was not angry at His accuser. He smiled and said calmly, “Amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you.”

Jesus also had questions. One of them said to Jesus, “This saying is hard; who can accept it?”

Jesus said to His friends: “Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?”

The disciples were embarrassed because Jesus knew they, too, had been complaining. Not one of them could look Jesus in the eyes.

Then Jesus became more serious, saying that it is the Spirit who gives life, not the flesh. He said, “But there are some of you who



do not believe.”

When Jesus said this, some followers left and no longer traveled with Him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, His closest disciples, “Do

you also want to leave?”

Peter answered, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

READ MORE ABOUT IT John 6

## BIBLE ACCENT:

The prayer that we say together at Mass every Sunday is called “The Lord’s Prayer” because Jesus gave it to us. It is also often referred to as the “Our Father” because those are the prayer’s first two words.

The prayer opens with a statement of belief that God is in heaven and that His name is holy. Next we ask that God’s promised kingdom come to us and that God’s will be obeyed on earth as it is in heaven.

When we ask God for our “daily bread,” we also are asking God to meet all our spiritual needs.

We ask God to forgive our sins at the same time we promise to forgive people who have hurt us. We tell God we are weak by ourselves, and we ask Him to keep us from temptation and to deliver us from any evil.

If we make this our prayer every day, we show God that we want to follow all His commandments.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SAINTS:

### St. Eusebius

Eusebius lived on Sardinia, an island off the coast of Italy, with his family in the fourth century. His father died in prison, possibly as a result of persecution for his Christianity.

Eusebius’ mother, a widow, took him and his young sister to live in Rome. Eusebius was able to study there, and he eventually became bishop of the Italian town of Vercelli.

Pope Liberius asked Eusebius to join a council that was to take place in the presence of the emperor. The council was to deal with issues in the Church related to people known as Arians — people who didn’t think that Christ was equal in dignity to God the Father. Eusebius proposed an approach for the council that angered the emperor, who was sympathetic to the Arians.

The emperor banished the young bishop to Palestine. The Arian people there resented him and often tormented him in public. For his own safety, he was later transferred to Alexandria in Egypt, and he preached the Gospel of peace there and wherever he went.

Eventually Eusebius was allowed to return to Vercelli.

## Q&A

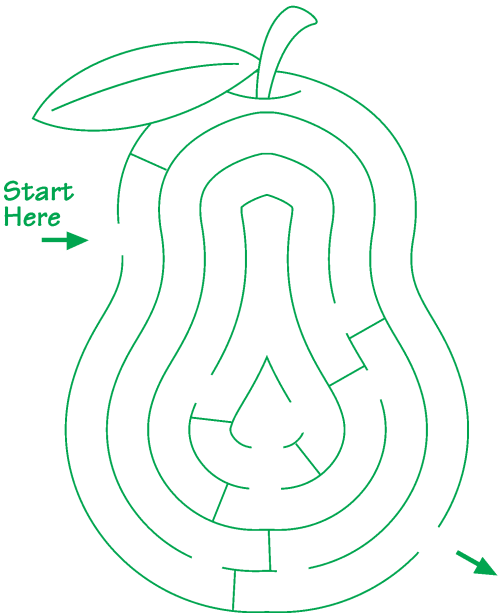
1. What food did Jesus compare himself to?
2. How did Peter answer the question Jesus asked him?

## PUZZLE:

Match the words from the list with their correct definitions:

- |              |                                         |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1. Baptism   | a. a student or follower                |
| 2. Eucharist | b. belief in what God has told us       |
| 3. Faith     | c. weeks of reverence before Easter     |
| 4. Lent      | d. sacrament of cleansing               |
| 5. Pentecost | e. the body and blood of Christ at Mass |
| 6. Proverb   | f. a wise saying                        |
| 7. Disciple  | g. the day the Holy Spirit came down    |

Answers: 1. d; 2. e; 3. b; 4. c; 5. g; 6. f; 7. a.







Four students from Queen of Peace High School in North Arlington were among those honored recently for academic and athletic achievements at the seventh annual fund raising dinner of the Turn 2 Foundation, sponsored by New York Yankee captain Derek Jeter. More than 600 student-athletes attended. On hand were Manager Joe Torre and several Yankee players. With Jeter, fourth from left, are, left to right, Principal Sister Mary Elizabeth Farrell, S.S.J.; students Janine Davis, Sophia Davis, Takara Wilks; Anike Orimogunje; School President Charles O'Sullivan; Father Walter Lucey and Athletic Director Ed Abromaitis.

## Crusaders capture sixth title

Competing before the home crowd in South Orange, the Crusaders of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish (OLS) surpassed 11 other teams to capture their sixth consecutive Track and Field Invitational title in convincing fashion.

St. Patrick of Chatham and Saint Michael of Newark tied for second, one point ahead of Sacred Heart of Vailsburg and just three points ahead of Holy Trinity of Westfield.

St. Rose of Lima from Millburn won the Small School Division, edging out defending champion, St. Agnes of Clark.

OLS' Chris Cahill won the 7th & 8th Grade 6 Pound Shot with a 44' 8-1/2" toss, a full five feet over Assumption's (Morristown) Jared Briesch and five feet over the meet record. Chris Yarborough of Saint Michael, Nick Moser of

St. Vincent de Paul (Stirling) and Rod Curiba of St. Agnes rounded out the scoring.

Another OLS Shot Putter, Bart Pierre won the 5th & 6th Grade Shot with a throw of 31' 2". He was followed by St. Rose's Marcus Laroche, St. Cassian's (Montclair) Tony Bello, St. Rose's Alex Laroche and OLS' Brian Manibo.

### Winning ways

Chris Cahill pulled an upset in the 7th & 8th Grade Long Jump, nine inches longer than Matt Raymond of St. Patrick. Holy Trinity's Tommy Fitzpatrick and Gus Gibbons and Assumption's Kevin Kuchera completed the scoring.

Ducarmel Hyacinthe and Nigil Whyte, both from OLS, took one, two in the 5th & 6th Grade Long Jump ahead of St. Agnes' Matt Delany. Two of St. Patrick's athletes, Julian Livelli and Craig Wyatt took fourth and half a fifth. Chris

Kuchera of Assumption tied Craig for fifth.

Tommy Fitzpatrick of Holy Trinity ran 5:42.74 to win the Open 1600. Dennis Brown of OLS, Sean McFarland of St. Cassian, and James Grimes of St. Patrick completed the top five.

The 800 Meter runs were the impressive record breakers.

Jared Briesch of Assumption shattered the Varsity meet record with a 2:24.73 clocking. Trinity's Gus Gibbons battled St. Patrick's John Roland for second. Mike O'Donnell of OLS and Justin Mullaney of St. Patrick took fourth and fifth. In the JV, Mark Sanchez of OLS outmaneuvered St. Vincent's Billy Crum to win in 2:46.14. Mike Bove and James Kelly, both of OLS, and Chris Conroy of St. Patrick grabbed the remaining medals. Devin Froelich of OLS won the 3rd & 4th Grade 800.

## Foundation benefit nears

The Trinitas Health Foundation will hold its annual Golf Classic benefit on Monday, Sept. 8 at the Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains.

Registration is at 10:30 a.m. followed by a golf show at 11:45 a.m. Shotgun plan tees off at 12:30 p.m. A cocktail reception begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and a silent auction an hour later. Awards are slated for 7:30 p.m. A new Lexus goes to anyone who has a hold-in-one.

For player and sponsorship information call (908) 994-8249.

## Golf classic scheduled

The Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter will hold its ninth annual Golf Classic Fall Spectacular on Monday, Sept. 22 at the Roselle Golf Club.

The \$145 per person fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, three-hour open bar, dinner, carts and green fees. Souvenirs will also be available.

Featured are hole-in-one prizes on all par three holes.

The prize at the sixth hole is a 2004 Chevrolet Malibu and on the 16th hole a Rolex watch.

Celebrity guests this year are former Major League player Dale Berra, who was with the

Pirates, Yankees and Astros and is the son of Hall of Fame player Yogi Berra; and former heavyweight contender Gerry Cooney, who fought Larry Holmes for the title in 1982.

Fee deadline is Sept. 15. Entries are limited. Those who register early will be given the choice of morning or afternoon tee times.

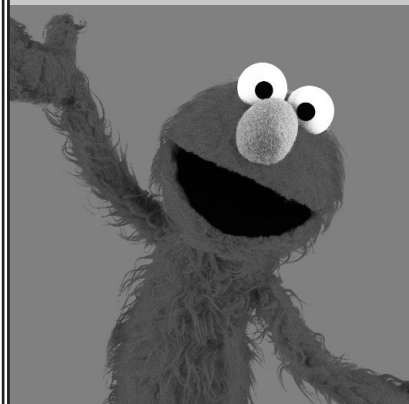
For additional information call John Miller, 245-3279; Tony DeCarlo, 241-9730; or Joyce at the rectory, 241-1250. All are 908 area codes.

Proceeds benefit the parish and school.

### Let us know...who, when, where

The *Catholic Advocate* welcomes information about the sports teams and players throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. Send stories and photographs to: The Catholic Advocate, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, N.J. 07104-0500 or email [mielejos@rcan.org](mailto:mielejos@rcan.org)

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# A photographic chronicle of the installation of mosaics at the Holy Cross Chapel Mausoleum, North Arlington

Last month The Catholic Advocate featured the creation of the beautiful mosaics specially designed for the new Garden of the Holy Rosary section of Holy Cross Chapel Mausoleum in North Arlington. Here we showcase the step-by-step installation of these magnificent works of liturgical art.



The second quarter of the Ascension mosaic is shown in place.



The third quarter of the Ascension mosaic is carefully set in place by the artisans.



The installation crew prepares to raise the final piece of the Ascension mosaic upon inspection of Rev. Msgr. William B. Naedele and Constante Crovatto.



The final quarter of the Ascension mosaic is adjusted by the installation crew.



The top quarter section of the Ascension mosaic is inspected prior to installation.



Msgr. Naedele and Constante Crovatto show the exact replication of detail of the artist's rendering of the Descent of the Holy Spirit mosaic.



Constante Crovatto compares his rendering of the mosaic to the final product as Msgr. Naedele looks on.



The finished product, the mosaic of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, is an awe-inspiring sight.



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*Minha graça é suficiente  
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*My grace is enough  
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*Te basta mi gracia.*

## An Auxiliary Bishop will be ordained September 3

Coverage of his episcopal  
ordination in this special issue  
of *The Catholic Advocate*.



**Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.**



# His path to the episcopacy one of surprises, hope, inspiration for Newark's newest Auxiliary Bishop

**BY GREG TOBIN**  
*Editor & Associate Publisher*

On a sweltering July day, the recently named Bishop-elect Edgar da Cunha met with *The Catholic Advocate* for his first extensive interview about his appointment as an Auxiliary Bishop. We spoke for more than an hour and



Advocate photo- Brian Fores

reviewed photo albums of his early life and ministry, covered a wide range of issues and concerns that this Brazilian-born Vocationist Father has dealt with and reflected on for his entire adult life.

Archbishop John J. Myers notified the unsuspecting bishop-elect on his father Manoel's birthday. "Are you sitting down or standing up?" the Archbishop said in a telephone call. "The Holy Father has just appointed you Auxiliary Bishop of Newark."

Among the parishioners of Saint Michael Parish, Newark, where he has been the pastor for the past three years, he has been known as Father Edgar. Now he faced a transition to "Bishop Edgar," and the concept was still sinking in.

"It was wonderful hearing it, but also a big shock. I never dreamed or wanted to be anything other than a priest, never asked for titles or positions. I have always accepted them joyfully, willingly, but never sought them."

In discussing his own attitude about the process he said, "It is God's way of working." He is absolutely convinced that God plans such things.

The Vocationist community was very excited to learn that one of their own had

been made a bishop, for the first time in the history of the society. Vocationists have only about 220 priests worldwide, and about 240 novices in formation. There are two houses each in India, Phillipines and Nigeria. In the U.S. there is a single house of formation in Florham Park, in addition to two other

communities, one in Newark and one in Palisades Park.

He exhibits an intense, friendly energy in his speech and manner, which helps him convey the Gospel to the diverse community of Saint Michael's. The people there feel "happy and sad." There are "mixed feelings for all of us," he said.

Bishop da Cunha was one of the youngest priests ever appointed as pastor of a parish (Saint Nicholas, Palisades Park) in the Archdiocese of Newark, at the age of 33.

When he learned of his return to Saint Michael's as pastor, it was, he said, "very close to heaven!" He was in an airplane when he learned the news. [See the special Parish Profile of Saint Michael's in this supplement to *The Catholic Advocate*.]

The parish has approximately 2,000 families and is primarily Hispanic, with a wide mix of nationalities, including Puerto Rican, Cuban and Dominican—virtually all countries from Central and South America and the Caribbean.

He remembers his own formation as a young seminarian in the U.S. with fondness and gratitude for the theological education and personal support he received at Immaculate Conception Seminary, then located in Darlington.

He has "wonderful memories" of a "great formation" and of the fellow members of the Class of 1982. He resided at the seminary Mondays-Fridays, then at Saint Michael's in the Vocationist community on weekends.

Referring to the Immaculate Conception Seminary, he said. "It was a blessing living there—the language, culture, American environment—much better than if I hadn't lived there," he added.

During those years he was deeply involved in Darlington life; some of his activities were chairing the Spanish litur-

gy committee and being cantor. Among those he remembers most fondly are Sister Agnes Malner, O.S.U., who tutored him in English, the rector, Msgr. Edward J. Ciuba, and Msgr. Philip D. Morris. Bishop da Cunha's class started with 22 members, and 16 were ordained to the priesthood.

He learned Italian, he said, starting on a summer trip to Italy, then during his novitiate as a Vocationist, when he was taught by Italian priests. He spoke and read nothing but Italian for long periods, and in that way absorbed the language.

English came through a similar assimilation into contemporary culture and language as a seminarian in New Jersey. He spoke English daily with teachers and fellow seminarians, and read and wrote the language, as well.

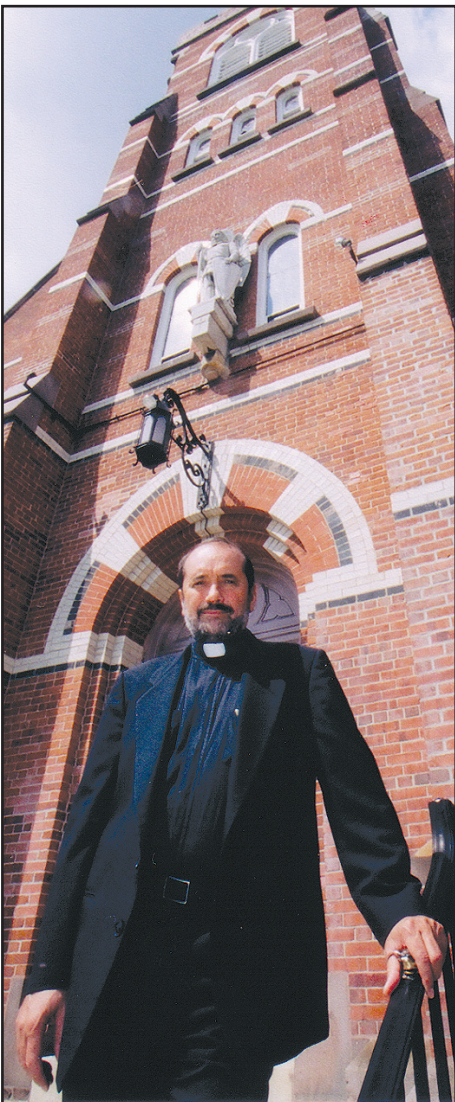
His first parochial assignment was to Saint Nicholas in Palisades Park, which had been a Vocationist parish since 1983. He founded Portuguese-language Masses in Fairview and Cliffside Park.

During these years, he was Director of Vocations for the Vocationist community. He later assumed responsibility as the Novice Master and Director of the House of Formation. As Novice Master he oversaw the spiritual formation of those who prepared to take vows, and as Director of the House he supervised all theology, pre-novitiate and continued formation after the period of novitiate.

Edgar da Cunha was born, baptized and educated in a Vocationist parish in his native Bahia state. His childhood and youth found him on a path to his priestly vocation. His pastor told him, "One day you are going to become a priest ... one day you are going to become a bishop." The pastor was very aggressive in promoting vocations, and the new bishop said, "Again, I see God's hand at work" through the priest.

He attended the "vocationary" in his

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As pastor of Saint Michael Parish, Newark, Bishop Edgar da Cunha is responsible for more than 2,000 families, mostly Spanish-speaking parishioners, many immigrants.



Bishop da Cunha is proud of Saint Michael's elementary school (kindergarten through 8th grade), which is the largest Catholic grammar school in the Archdiocese of Newark.

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The following is a commentary prepared by heraldic artist Father Matthew R. Mauriello of Bridgeport, CT, who designed the Coat-of-Arms for Bishop da Cunha.

Coat-of-Arms of His Excellency, The Most Reverend Edgar Moreira da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D., Titular Bishop of Ugres, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark.

**Blazon**

Quarterly, 1. or, a voided triange gules interlaced with a circle vert; 2. azure, a crescent moon argent; 3. azure, a shield or on a sword argent with a handle or; 4. or, a globe azure with a band around it argent on a bend indented vert.

**Significance**

The coat-of-arms of Bishop da Cunha is quartered or “per cross,” meaning that it divides the shield into four sections. Each section has a special significance in the life of the bishop.

The first section (top, left) is dedicated to the bishop’s spiritual family, the Society of the Divine Vocations, also known as the “Vocationist Fathers.” It was founded by Father Justin Russolillo in 1920. In 1950, they began their first foreign mission in the State of Bahia in Brazil, and in 1962 they began their work in the United States in the Archdiocese of Newark.

The triangle and circle are elements in the emblem of the Vocationist Fathers. The triangle represents the Holy Trinity, and in the official emblem it is interlaced with three circles. The three circles represent the triumphant, militant and Suffering Church, as well as the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The circle represents the world and the mission of the Society to bring the message of salvation and sanctification to the entire world.

The second section (top, right) is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of her Immaculate Conception. The bishop was baptized at Immaculate Conception Church in Gaviao in the state of Bahia, Brazil. The crescent moon also honors the Archdiocese of Newark, since it is appears on the archdiocesan shield.

Archbishop Myers, for whom Bishop da Cunha will serve as an auxiliary bishop, is also honored since his personal coat-of-arms has two silver crescent moons. Lastly, Immaculate Conception Seminary, where the bishop completed his theological studies, is represented, since the crescent moon appears on its coat-of-arms.

The third section (bottom, left) is dedicated to the parish of Saint Michael in Newark. The gold shield and silver sword represent St. Michael the Archangel, the “prince of the heavenly host.” This parish has been very important in the life of the bishop. It was there that he professed his final vows in the Society of the Divine Vocations in 1979. It was also there that Bishop Joseph A. Francis, S.V.D., ordained him to the Diaconate in 1981 and Holy Priesthood on March 27, 1982. At the time of his appointment as a bishop, he was serving there as pastor since his appointment in September 2000.

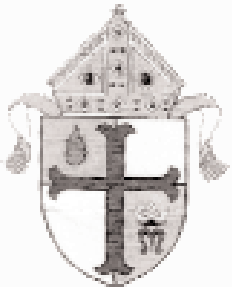
The fourth section (bottom, right) represents the country of Brazil and the bishop’s home state of Bahia. The bishop is the first native Brazilian to be elevated to the episcopacy in the United States. The blue globe on the gold field is taken from the center of the Brazilian flag, and the white band on the flag carries the motto, “Ordem e Progresso” (“Order and Progress”). The green bend represents a difficult path, since the motto of the state of Bahia is “Per Ardua Surgo,” which refers to succeeding after undergoing difficulties.

The scroll bears the motto of the new bishop, “SUFFICIT TIBI GRATIA MEA,” which means, “My grace is enough for you,” and is taken from St. Paul’s Second Letter to the

Corinthians, 12:9. The entire achievement is completed by the addition of a gold processional cross, which extends above and below the shield, and a green ecclesiastical hat, the galero, with six tassels in three rows on either side of the shield. These are the heraldic insignia of a bishop according to the Instruction of the Holy See given on March 31, 1969.



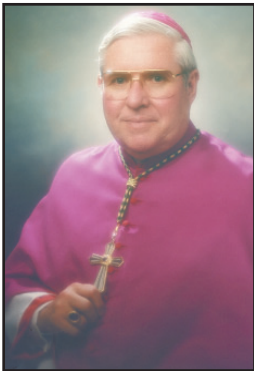
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Best Wishes to  
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on his Installation as  
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and lay people of the  
Diocese of Trenton





# From Brazil to New Jersey, a journey of faith

The Most Reverend Edgar Moreira da Cunha, S.D.V. was born in Riachão do Jacuípe, Bahia, Brazil on Aug. 21, 1953, the son of Manoel and Josefa Moreira. The da Cunha family has 13 children, (in order of birth) Dalva, Amado, Iêda, Edgar, Maria José, Jidê, Jorge, Manoel Luis, Reina, José Tadeu, José Hugo, Sergio and Paulo René, as well as 30 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He attended local schools in Nova Fatima, Bahia, including the minor seminary (or Vocationary) of the Vocationist Fathers in Riachão do Jacuípe. There he joined the Vocationist Fathers, formally known as the Society of Divine Vocations, a religious congregation founded in Italy in 1920 to serve the poor and to promote vocations. He is a graduate of the Universidade Catolica do Salvador, with a degree in philosophy, and he studied for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary when it was in Darlington, graduating in 1982 with a Master of Divinity degree.

In 1978, Bishop da Cunha, then a Vocationist seminarian, joined the Vocationist community at Saint Michael Church, Newark. While attending Immaculate Conception Seminary, he served in the parish, teaching catechism and working in youth ministry on weekends.

Bishop da Cunha was ordained to the priesthood for the Society of Divine Vocations in the Church of Saint Michael, Newark by Bishop Joseph A. Francis, S.V.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, on March 27, 1982. Following his ordination he served as a parochial vicar of Saint Michael and as director of vocations for his congregation. In 1983, when the Archdiocese



entrusted Saint Nicholas Parish, Palisades Park to the Vocationist Fathers, Bishop da Cunha was transferred there to serve as parochial vicar and vice superior of the local community and at the same time continued his ministry of promoting vocations.

During his time as vocation director, he was very active and served on the board of the Eastern Religious Vocations Directors Association. In 1987 he was appointed pastor of Saint Nicholas Parish. In 1992 he was elected secretary of the Council of the Vocationist Delegation in the United States.

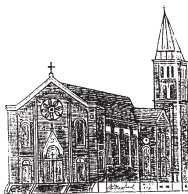
From 1994 until 2000, Bishop da Cunha served as novice master and director of the Vocationary, the house of formation that the Society maintains in Florham Park. He was responsible for leading young men through the discernment process and toward service in religious life with the Vocationist Fathers and Brothers. While in Florham Park, he continued serving the Portuguese, Brazilians, Hispanics and Italians of Palisades Park, Newark, Paterson and Hillside. He returned to his current assignment as pastor of Saint Michael Parish, Newark in 2000.

Bishop da Cunha had been instrumental in establishing a Portuguese-language Mass in Palisades Park for the immigrants from Brazil living in Fairview, Cliffside Park and surrounding towns. Most of his priestly life has been spent in service in the Archdiocese of Newark.

His appointment as Titular Bishop of Ugres and Auxiliary Bishop of Newark was announced by the Holy See on June 27, the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.



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# Rite of Ordination is focus of installation Mass

Bishop-elect Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. will be installed as the newest Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark at a 2 p.m. Mass of Episcopal Ordination on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

Archbishop John J. Myers, who announced at a June 27 news conference that Pope John Paul II had named the first Brazilian-born priest to be a bishop in the United States, will be the principle celebrant.

## A first

Bishop-elect da Cunha, 49, the first Vocationist bishop in the country, will be the first bishop in the Archdiocese of Newark since Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, was installed three years ago.

The appointment, Archbishop Myers said at the news conference in the Archdiocesan Center, "is a great gift to the Archdiocese of Newark." The Bishop-elect, he continued, "brings the dedication of both a zealous pastor and a committed religious to the office of bishop."

At the Mass, the Rite of

Ordination follows the Gospel.

After the Invocation of the Holy Spirit, the bishop-elect is presented to the ordaining bishop. One of the assistant priests asks him to ordain this priest for service as a bishop.

Reading of the Apostolic Letter from the Holy Father, calling the bishop-elect to Episcopal Ministry, follows. After the letter is read, the people show their acceptance and approval with applause.

In the homily, the ordaining bishop addresses the assembly and the bishop-elect on the role of the bishop within the Church community.

## Ancient custom

Following an ancient custom of the Church, there is the Examination of the bishop-elect, when the ordaining bishop questions him about his resolve to fulfill the responsibility of the episcopacy.

Next is the Litany of the Saints as a prelude to a key moment during the Mass—the Laying On of Hands. In silence, the ordaining bishop imposes hands on the bishop-elect, thereby conferring the power of the

Holy Spirit, the same Spirit given by Christ to the apostles. The bishops in attendance also impose hands, signifying that the ordination of a bishop is a collegial act of the Order of Bishops.

The Imposition of the Book of the Gospels is next. The ordaining bishop places an open Book of the Gospels upon the head of the bishop-elect. The ancient rite reminds the new bishop that one of his main responsibilities is to preach the Good News.

## Traditional prayer

While the deacons hold the Book of the Gospels above the head of the bishop-elect, all the bishops join in the Prayer of Consecration.

This ancient prayer invokes the power of the Holy Spirit upon the new bishop and recalls the role of the bishop within the Church community.

At the Anointing of the bishop, chrism is used, signifying the full share in the priesthood of Christ, which he has received through the Laying of Hands and the Prayer of Consecration.

As a symbol of the new bishop's special relationship with the

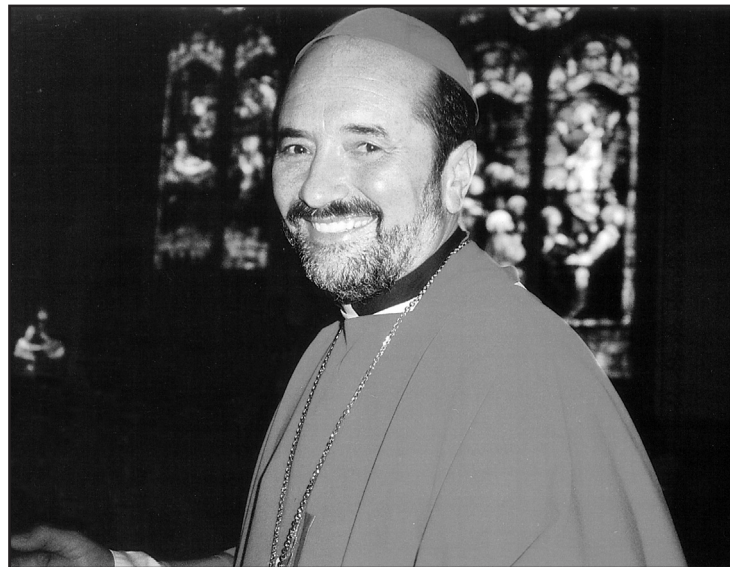


Photo by parishioner Mina Yanuzzi

Bishop-elect Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., on June 29, 2003, the first Mass that he celebrated after the announcement of his episcopal appointment.

Word of God, the Book of the Gospels, which was held above his head, is presented to him.

Symbols of his office, investiture with Ring, Miter and Pastoral Staff, are presented to the new bishop. All signify his bond of unity with the Church community and his responsibility to watch over and lead the Body of Christ.

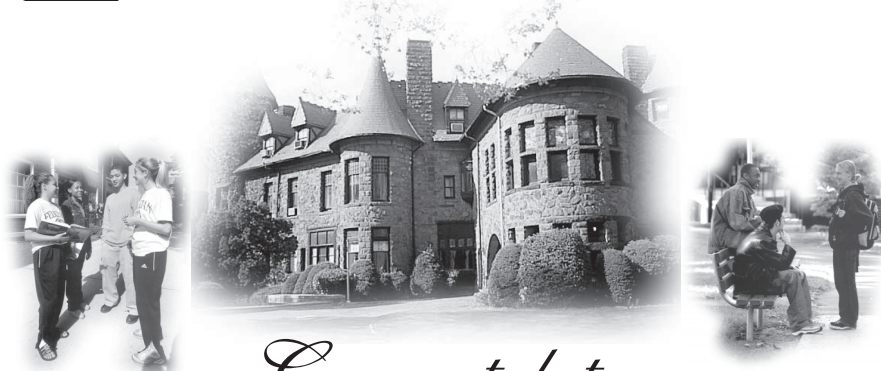
The newly-ordained bishop is then invited to take the first

place among the consecrated bishops. As a sign of welcome into the episcopacy, the bishops will exchange a sign of peace with the new bishop as the assembly joins in song.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist is then celebrated.

During the Concluding Rite, the new bishop is led through the Cathedral Basilica, blessing the congregation. At the same time, all join in a hymn.

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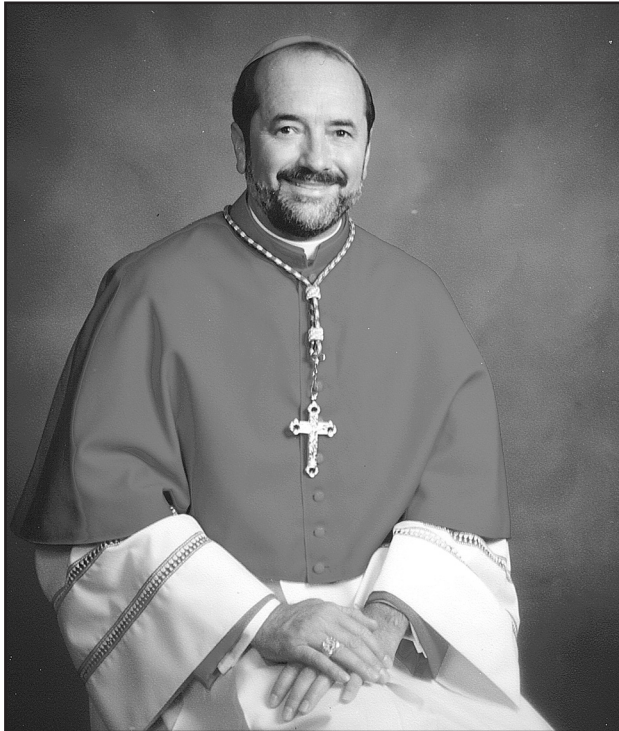
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# Bishop Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V.



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The Society of Divine Vocations arrived in the United States in 1962, at the invitation of the late Archbishop of Newark, the Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland. Throughout the years, they have ministered to the needs of various communities in Penns Grove, Palisades Park and Lancaster, PA. They have been particularly active in Newark, where today both the Fathers and Sisters care for the educational, social and spiritual needs of the residents of the northern section of the city.

The Vocationists staff Saint Michael Parish and the Perpetual Help Center, which lie in one of the city's toughest urban neighborhoods.

Through the parish, the Fathers and Sisters have generated non-sectarian programs of assistance, like F.O.C.U.S., an anti-poverty program for immigrants, a medical and dental clinic for the poor, food distribution to the needy, classes to help newcomers adjust to American culture and society and free legal counsel to immigrants.

Saint Michael's operates a non-sectarian grammar school,

which is attended by 640 children living in an impoverished area. The children are provided with the sound education needed to break the cycle of endemic poverty.

The Vocationist Sisters also direct a large nursery school at Perpetual Help Center, which shelters and cares for children, ages two to five of working parents.

*"We cannot express  
the joy we feel."*

*- Father Michael  
Reardon, S.D.V.*

In 1982, the Most Rev. Peter L. Gerety, then Archbishop of Newark, gave the Fathers permission to use as a religious residence for their candidates the empty convent of Saint Nicholas Parish in Palisades Park and the former rectory of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Newark.

As time passed, the Vocationists became aware of the need for a more adequate environment for their candidates. They needed a place more conducive

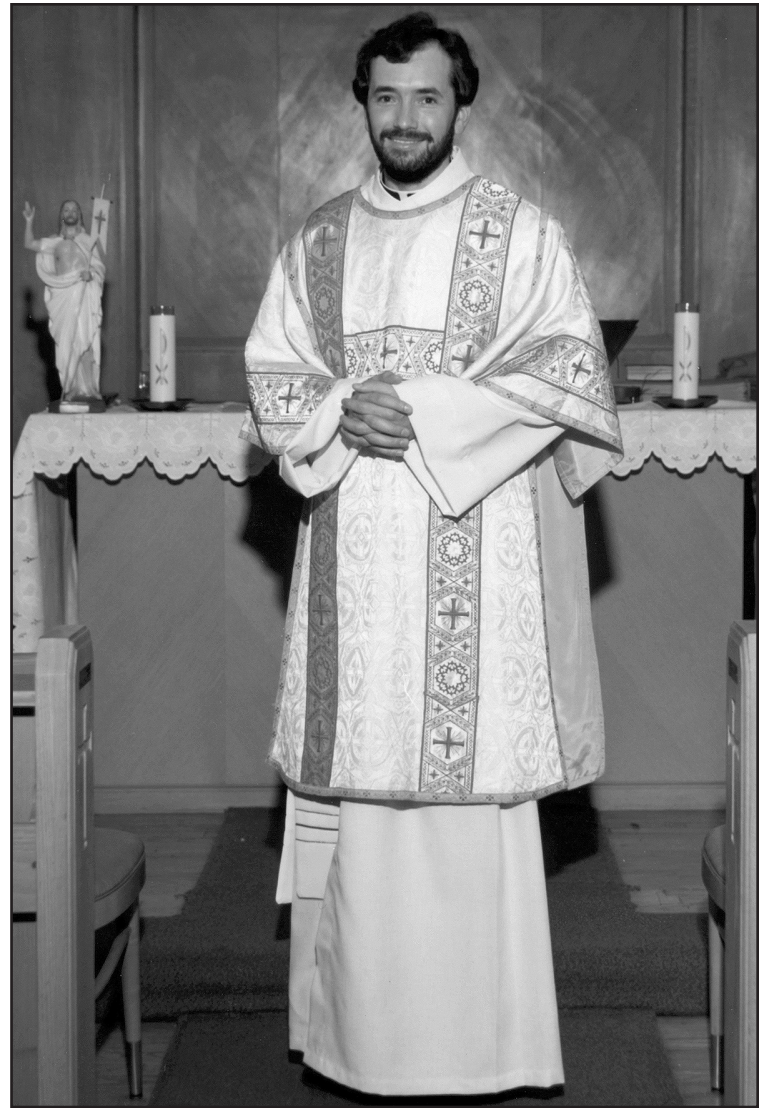
to peace, study and prayer—a legitimate vocationary.

In 1986, a benefactor generously offered to donate 30 acres in Florham Park.

On July 28, 1987 a solemn groundbreaking ceremony took place, and shortly thereafter, construction began on the Father Justin Vocationary and the Sister Joanna House of Formation, where the Sisters now run a successful nursery.

The Society of Divine Vocations continues to grow and, in addition the United States, has missions in France, India, Brazil, Argentina, the Philippines, Nigeria and Madagascar. It is establishing missions in Colombia, set for completion in 2004 and Ecuador in 2005.

"We cannot express the joy we feel at having someone in our religious family elevated to such a high position within the Catholic Church," noted Father Michael Reardon, S.D.V., Acting Delegate for the Vocationist Fathers in the United States. "Through our daily prayers and brotherhood, we will continue to support Bishop da Cunha in all his endeavors."



Ordination to the diaconate, May 22, 1981 at St. Michael's Church, Newark.

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Statue of Father Justin Russolillo, founder of the Society of Divine Vocations located at the vocationary in Florham Park. The statue, created by Giulio Mosca, depicts Father Justin suffused with light.

Advocate photo-Brian Fores

## Society founder made impression on faithful who followed him

Father Justin Russolillo, founder of the Society of Divine Vocations, was born in Pianura, a suburb of Naples, Italy on Jan. 18, 1891. As a child, he showed definite signs of a priestly vocation, but his parents could not afford the modest seminary fees. The problem was resolved when two benefactors paid the tuition rather than have the Church lose an exceptional vocation.

Having experienced the hardships of poverty and knowing firsthand what a barrier this could be to following one's vocation, Father Justin dedicated his life and that of the Vocationist Fathers to foster, encourage, educate and help vocations, so that "poverty should never be an obstacle to follow one's vocation to the priesthood or religious life."

Father Justin established the first vocationary in 1920, in Pianura, Naples. The only requirement for acceptance into the vocationary was a strong desire to know and serve God as a diocesan or religious priest. In order to assist the chosen ones in their discernment, Father Justin acquainted them with the spirit and work of various orders and the biographies of their founders. The vocationary flourished and in a short time it was crowded with a large number of young men eager to serve.

In 1921, Father Justin—while serving as the pastor at his hometown parish in Pianura—founded the Sisters of the Divine Vocations, or Vocationist Sisters. Sister Giovanna, Father Justin's sister, was the co-founder and First Superior General of the Vocationist Sisters.

Father Justin also focused his attention on those who had left the priesthood or were contemplating doing so. The vocationary often gave new life to some who had abandoned active ministry.

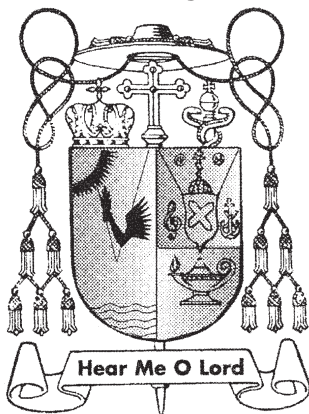
Father Justin, who read Latin and Greek texts and displayed a deep knowledge of classical literature, produced a number of ascetical writings and prayer books, including *Spiritus Orationis*, *Offertories of the Most Precious Blood*, *Ascension* and *Evangelization of the Divine Union*. The writings expressed his passion for the transcendent world and Divine Union.

He did not remain solely in the theological and philosophical realm, but met daily with parishioners, priests, politicians, artists and different people from all walks of life. Long lines would often form of those wishing to see and speak with him.

On Aug. 2, 1955, surrounded by his Religious, he returned to the Lord. He was only 64, yet the foundation for his Society had been laid and was beginning to flourish.

In 1978 a General Postulator was appointed to the cause of Father Justin's beatification. Many extraordinary events have been attributed to his prayers. In 1980, the first session in the process of beatification began. Since then, hundreds of sessions have been held, numerous witnesses heard and volumes of testimony gathered. Only an unprecedented miracle being attributed to Father Justin is needed for him to be declared "blessed."

*The Bishop, Clergy and Faithful  
of the  
Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic  
extend congratulations to  
Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha  
as the new Auxiliary Bishop for the  
Archdiocese of Newark.*



*May the Lord God grant to Bishop da Cunha  
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# Saint Michael Church, Newark

## A parish of immigrants since 1878

BY LIESL FORES  
Staff Reporter

Spirituality, devotion, service, diversity and sense of community and ownership are values that allow a parish to not only sustain itself but thrive for 125 years. This is the case of Saint Michael Parish in Newark.

Begun as an offshoot of St. John Parish in 1878, the community here has been ever-changing in demographics but not in its loyalty and dedication to its church and each other. The people of Saint Michael's, in their faith, have always been what make it a true place of prayer and refuge, a home and a real success story for over a century.

A parish made up of immigrants from the beginning, Saint Michael's was comprised originally of Irish newcomers to the country. Later, an Italian population began to take root and grow. By the late 1950s and early 1960s different Hispanic groups, especially Puerto Ricans but also Cubans, Dominicans and Peruvians, began to settle in the area.

### Vibrant faith

Today, the Hispanic population continues to flourish and encompasses sectors from every Latino country, said pastor Bishop-elect Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. "It's their parish, regardless of where they came from or how long they've been here," he asserted of his parishioners, a sentiment that seems to run deep with the many people who have come and gone through Saint Michael's.

This is evidenced in the tremendous growth and prosperity the entire parish community has experienced over the years,

from the buildings, schools and new parishes (Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, St. Francis Xavier and Our Lady of Good Counsel) that this one and its members have helped sponsor, to its reputation of being a place where "people feel welcome," Bishop da Cunha added.

### Multicultural history

All of these cultures have left their mark on the parish and enriched its history. The first, Irish immigrants seeking relief from the 1840s Potato Famine, began to arrive in the Newark area and helped initiate Saint Michael's. "They built the church and school and established a strong parish: the physical facilities and a parish community," noted Bishop da Cunha. "We owe to them the existence of the parish."

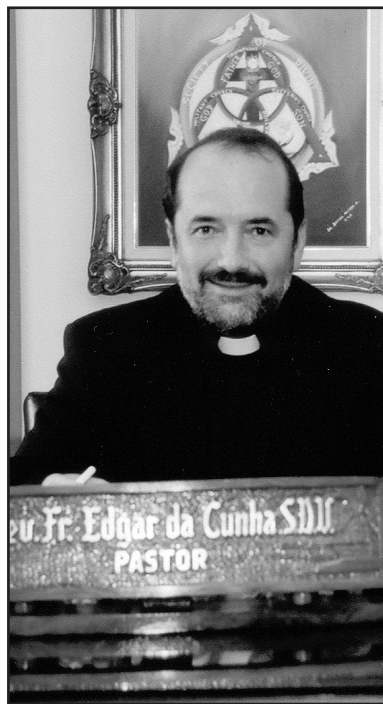
When Italians began to arrive in large numbers, it was decided by then-pastor Father Felix O'Neill that a religious instruction program was needed for these children, who were attending public schools and not receiving formal teaching in their faith. The religious education program was a success and continues to prosper today, with over 450 students enrolled in classes.

The many Hispanic cultures have built upon established customs and created their own at the parish. A Christmastime "Posadas" procession, common in many Spanish-speaking countries, in which participants reenact Mary and Joseph searching for a room in the inns and the birth of Christ, takes place every year now, complete with a real baby.

There are also feast days in which different ethnic groups

present in the parish gather to celebrate a holy event or person important in their native country.

Such a recent feast day was that of Our Lady of Cisne, popular and significant in Ecuador. The weekend-long celebration brought together Ecuadorians not only from Saint Michael's, but from the entire tri-state area, claims Bishop da Cunha. Similar festivals take place throughout the year and give the parish a unique multicultural flavor.



The pastor and parish have thrived, serving the faithful of the city of Newark.

"Each group in its own time and own way has influenced the parish with its culture, traditions, Catholic faith and family values," stressed the pastor.

However, there are many aspects of this community that go beyond ethnicity and individual

culture and provide parishioners opportunities to enjoy common bonds as well as celebrate differences. Devotion to God is one instance—a crucial one—that joins the hundreds of members. With 22 ministries and programs, many dedicated to nurturing and furthering spirituality, faith lays the foundation for everything else that is carried out in the parish.

The Holy Rosary Society, Legion of Mary, Cursillo groups, charismatic groups, Bible class, liturgy groups and Special Devotions, among others, "bring people together to reflect, pray, learn and grow as one."

Service programs such as the Food Pantry, Archangel Health Clinic and Social Service extend participants' attention and compassion towards the needy in their own parish and surrounding neighborhood. This is particularly important to the Vocationist Fathers (formally, Society of Divine Vocations), the order that runs Saint Michael's, who take as one of their principle responsibilities to help the poor.

### Family programs

Bishop da Cunha noted that the CCD, RCIA and Pre-Cana programs are especially meaningful because they "have great impact in people's lives." These programs have full rosters and many ministers, he assured.

The Pre-K through 8th grade school, the largest in Newark, is another source of unity in the parish. While only a small percentage of the students are registered parishioners, all parents and students are encouraged to participate in church events and ministries as much as possible. With this in mind, many students are altar servers, and parents "are involved... They see that the school and church are one institution," the pastor explained. "There is a connection."

Including the youth in the parish community is vital to Bishop da Cunha. "It's so important because youth today is being pulled in so many directions. There are so many influences from society and the media. We have to balance that with Christian values, or they will harm themselves, even destroy themselves with drugs and gangs—all of these negative influences."

Describing Saint Michael's, Bishop da Cunha pointed out "people's sense of ownership. It's not the pastor's parish, but their parish, so they take ownership and



Advocate photos - Frank Wood

St. Michael's has welcomed and nourished tens of thousands of immigrants throughout its busy 125-year history.

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# Saint Michael's meets the challenges, joys of 125 years serving God's people

Saint Michael Parish has a 125-year-old history and heritage intertwined with the state's largest city.

As Newark and its people moved northward, it was in 1878 that the Most Rev. Michael A. Corrigan, Bishop of Newark, commissioned Father Patrick Leonard of Saint John Parish, the first parish in the Archdiocese, to build a church for Saint Michael's.

The church was established at 172 Broadway in the southeast corner of the North Ward, when development of this section of the city was just beginning.

At the time, Broadway was then known as Belleville Avenue and was nothing more than an unpaved road. The public had to depend on foot power or the trolley to attend Mass.

Saint Michael's was officially incorporated on April 24, 1878.

In June of that year, the cornerstone was laid. The ceremony was presided over by Bishop Corrigan before a crowd of some 3000 faithful. Three months later the Board of Trustees borrowed \$13,000 to pay for the new structure. The price tag for the entire church came in at \$20,000.

## First Mass

Father Leonard celebrated the first Mass in the still incomplete church on Sunday, Nov. 17. The church was formally occupied for divine worship on Christmas Day.

Formal dedication services took place on Feb. 23, 1879. At the time Saint Michael's became the fifth of 34 parishes in Newark.

When the parish was founded it encompassed the territory enclosed by the Passaic River, the Belleville and Bloomfield lines, and the south side of Seventh Street. Today that area is smaller, bounded on the north by Chester Avenue and Ballantine Parkway; on the west by Branch Brook Park; on the south by Bloomfield



Saint Michael Church as it appeared in 1987. The century-and-a-quarter-old Catholic parish is a beloved landmark in the city of Newark.

Avenue, Seventh Avenue, Clifton Avenue and Clay Street; and on the east by the Passaic River.

Four other parishes owe their beginnings to Saint Michael's: Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Saint Francis Xavier and Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

After construction of the church was completed, Father Leonard started working on building the rest of the physical plant. In 1879 the rectory went up and served the parish community a year shy of a century.

When the rectory became too old to properly maintain, it was demolished in the summer of 1978. A new rectory was built on Crittenden Street.

A school was another top priority for Father Leonard. Classes met in the church basement and in a two-room frame building near the church. A combination school and convent was built across the street from the school in 1881.

By the time Father Leonard died in 1892, the school and convent had already outgrown the location opposite the church.

Father Denis McCartie succeeded Father Leonard. He erected a much

larger school behind the church and moved the Sisters into a new convent north of the church.

The three-story school building housed thousands of both grammar and high school level students until its demolition in 1966.

*The church was established in the North Ward, when development of this section of the city was just beginning.*

The years 1913-49 are generally considered the golden age of Saint Michael's, when a single man, Msgr. Felix M. O'Neill, was at the helm.

The first addition to the physical plant during his pastorate was the present day brick convent built in 1915 to replace a wooden structure on the same site.

With the influx of Italian immigrants, Msgr. O'Neill faced the challenge of reaching a large number of children attending public schools. He appealed to his good friend, Father

Thomas A. Judge, founder of the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, for Sisters. Three were subsequently assigned to Saint Michael's.

During the Depression years, the Trinitarians offered Catechetical programs for as many as 600 public school children annually. For many years they also conducted kindergarten classes. Realizing the need for a sound Christian education for the older children, Msgr. O'Neill established Saint Michael High School in 1933.

The year 1941 was a momentous one for Msgr. O'Neill and the parish. To complete the physical setup of the high school, the Monsignor purchased a bank building on Bloomfield Avenue and converted it into a gymnasium. That same year he purchased the former Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church on the corner of Broad Street and Fourth Avenue to use for a number of grammar school classes, the school cafeteria and the site of the first parish bingo game.

Near the end of his long and fruitful life, Msgr. O'Neill needed an administrator. The job went to Father Eugene Reilly, who served in that

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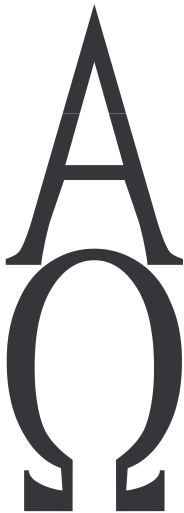


Rev. Msgr. Felix M. O'Neill





*The Benedictine Monks  
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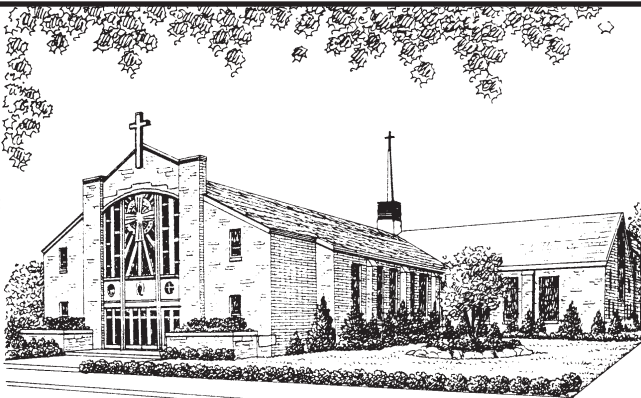
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Bishop-elect Edgar M. da Cunha's parents, Josefa and Manoel, shown here in a 1997 photo.

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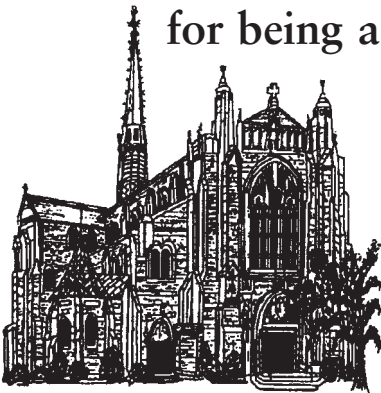
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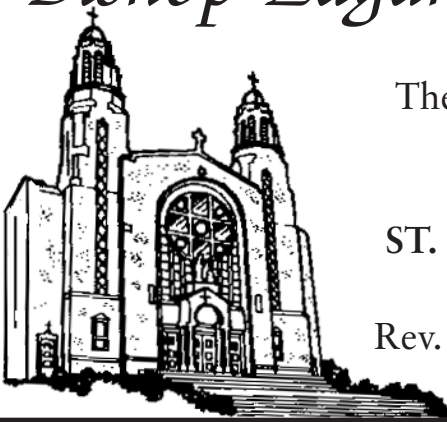
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# Growth marks life of parish

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capacity on three different occasions. Father Aloysius J. Merity became the fourth pastor in 1950. He added new classrooms to the high school and gave new life to every parish organization. His untimely death prevented Father Merity from the realization of two dreams: celebration of the parish's Diamond Jubilee and restoration of the church.

### Church restoration

Father Leo L. Mahoney succeeded Father Merity. He oversaw the massive restoration project, which cost in excess of \$200,000.

Renovations completed under the watchful eye of Father Mahoney and minor modifications made later in the Sanctuary by Msgr. Hugh Fitzsimmons gave the church building the look it has today.

The next period of substantial growth was in the turbulent 60s, under the pastorate of Msgr. Fitzsimmons.

With another population boom under way, the Monsignor saw the need for an enhanced educational setting for grammar school-aged children—a larger, safer plant more conducive to learning. Planning quickly became action. The



Archbishop Peter L. Gerety, center, visited the parish in the fall of 1979 to learn firsthand about the flourishing Saint Michael faith community. To the Archbishop's far right in the photograph is Father Louis Caputo, now Superior General of the Vocationist Fathers.

old Saint John's cemetery was removed, and in its place went a modern school and new Cenacle convent,

which became the new rectory in 1978. In 1966 the new school building was enlarged, the old school demolished

and a large parking lot between the church and school was put in.

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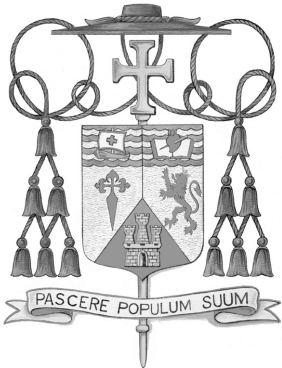
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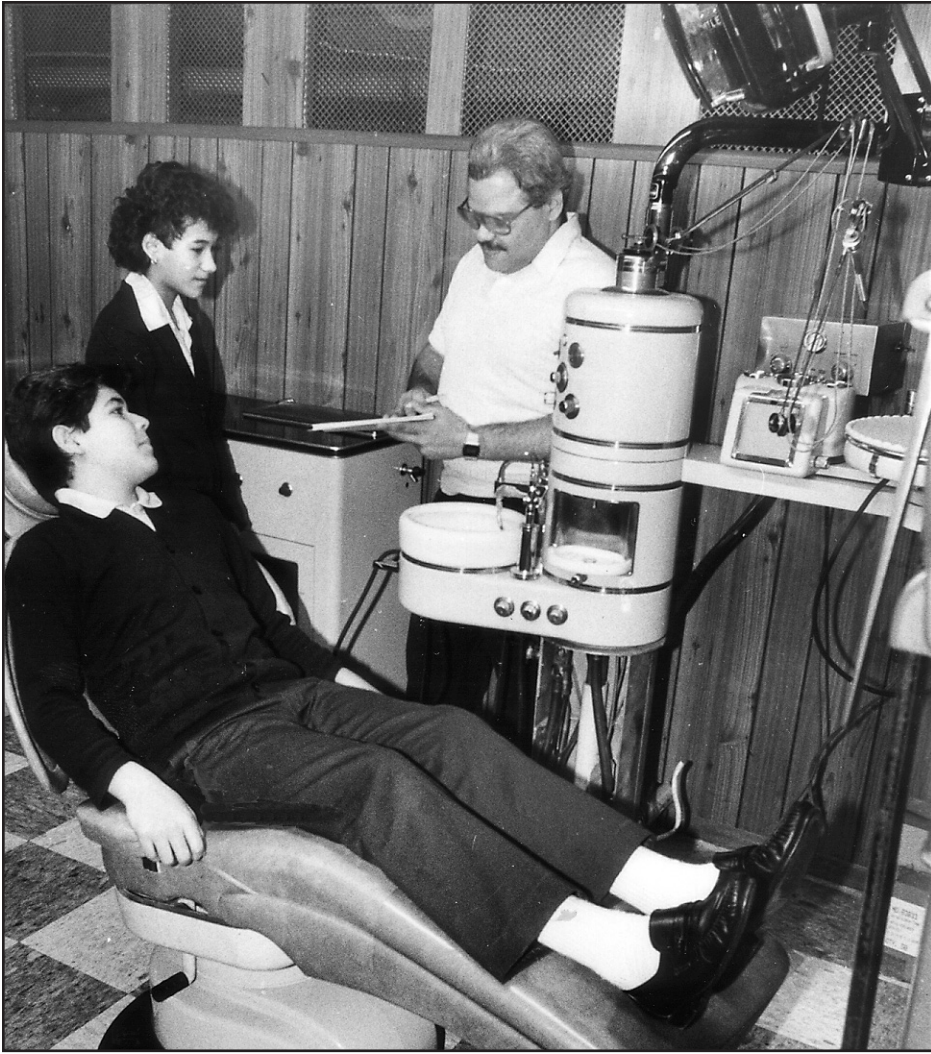


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Vocationist Brother Julio Erazo takes appointments for dental work in 1987 at the then newly completed dental offices. Making appointments are students Hermes Valentin and Maricely Rivas.

## Vocationists called to serve

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In the late 1950s and early 60s, the area experienced a large influx of Puerto Rican immigrants.

To provide for the needs of the Hispanic neighbors, the Vocationist Fathers opened the Spanish Center on Broad Street in 1962.

Msgr. Fitzsimmons was particularly happy to have another religious community in the parish and showed great interest and ability in directing reconstruction of the Lyceum.

In June of 1964, Archbishop Thomas Boland blessed the renovated building that became Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. In 1974 it became a national Spanish parish, with the same boundaries as Saint Michael's.

In 1975 Father John Wightman, who succeeded Msgr. Fitzsimmons six years earlier, purchased a lot adjacent to the rectory and built Saint Jude's Garden.

With the parish preparing to celebrate its centennial in 1978, it was merged with Our Lady of Perpetual

Help. Archbishop Peter L. Gerety entrusted Saint Michael's to the Vocationist Fathers and Father Mario Muccitelli, who became pastor of both churches. Together they brought to the merged parish the experience and cultures of three countries: Italy, Brazil and the United States.

The union was a source of strength for the English-speaking community and the recently arrived Spanish-speaking immigrants. The school continued to grow, with enrollment hitting the 640 mark.

A decade ago the transfer of Father Muccitelli to the Vocationist residence in Florham

Park was followed by the appointment of Father Louis Caputo who served as pastor until September of 2000. He left Saint Michael's after being elected Superior General of the Vocationist Fathers and transferring to Rome.

It was then that then-Father Edgar da Cunha was appointed pastor by the Archbishop Theodore McCarrick.

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*Ele mandará aos seus  
anjos que te guardem em  
todos os teus caminhos.*



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*May the  
Holy Spirit  
guide you  
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# Society of Divine Vocations seeks and forms Religious

The Society of Divine Vocations, S.D.V., was founded in Italy during the second decade of the 20th century by Father Justin Russolillo.

The immediate goal is to provide the Church with as many priests and religious as possible.

A Vocationist—regardless of his field of apostolate—will constantly strive to iden-

tify and care for those God calls to a life of special consecration. Once a Vocationist has ascertained the validity of another's call, he or she helps that person discern whether the Lord calls them to serve in a religious congregation or in diocesan priesthood.

The Society of Divine Vocations endeavors, most of

all, to pursue the divine union for its members and for all mankind by promoting the idea of universal sanctification and by urging everyone to practice "religious community life," which is to be extended ultimately to all people. Father Justin believed that every human being in one way or another is called to a life of

consecration, which leads to holiness.

The Society has a branch for men (the Vocationist Fathers), and a branch for women (the Vocationist Sisters). Although the two branches are independent, they share a common founder, goals and ideals, spirituality, charisma and fields of apostolate.

Both the Vocationist Fathers and Sisters seek to serve the Church by fostering local vocations both for diocesan clergy and for a life of special consecration.

## Fields of Apostolate

The Fields of Apostolate of the Society of Divine Vocations include the vocationary, parishes, schools and missions.

According to Father Justin, "A Vocationary is a religious house where, in a spirit of prayer and study, we educate and guide—free of charge—candidates who wish to dedicate themselves to a life of service to the Lord, but who are not oriented yet towards diocesan priesthood or religious congregations."

In the vocationary, candidates study, pray and discern

first of all the authenticity of their calling, under the guidance of the Vocationist Fathers. Simultaneously, they are slowly introduced to an adequate knowledge and appreciation of a life of service either in diocesan priesthood or in a religious congregation.

Those who continue showing signs of a Divine Call while living in a vocationary have an opportunity of being exposed more deeply both to the life and ministry of a diocesan priest and to the mission and charisma of the main religious congregations in the Church.

## Final Decision

Once a candidate reaches his final decision, the Vocationists make the necessary contact with the diocese or religious congregation that a given candidate has chosen and recommend him to the care of its superiors.

A vocationary, in fact, aims at providing a candidate with an environment conducive to healthy growth and to bearing fruit anywhere in the Church, not necessarily in the Society of Divine Vocations.

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The Fathers' residence of the Vocationary in Florham Park provides a contemplative, prayerful atmosphere.

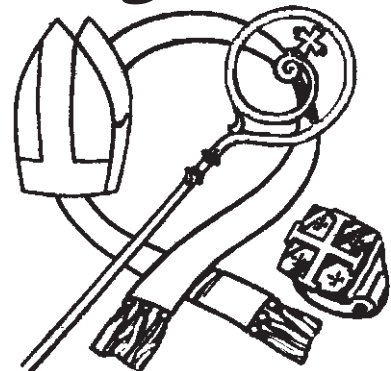


**Bishop-elect Edgar M. da Cunha**  
**Congratulations**  
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# ‘Divine Union’ sought

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The Vocationist Community accepts the pastoral care of parishes and considers them a permanent center of catechesis and a vital source of priestly and religious vocations.

For a Vocationist, a parish is the privileged place where a Divine Call takes place, a precious womb that provides the Church with ministers for the sanctuary and with servants to the Gospel. A parish is the first vocationary where the seed of a vocation is nourished.

### Charism

The Vocationist community promotes and staffs schools and educational activities aimed at providing spiritual, moral and academic formation for people from every walk of life.

Finally, Vocationists share in the missionary nature of the Church and are always ready for apostolic action in the mission land, especially among the non-evangelized.

The Society of Divine Union, S.D.U., is the contemplative component of the Society of Divine Vocations. It is the spiritual vehicle that provides souls with all the means

necessary for the achievement of a personal union with the Most Holy Trinity and for highly fruitful service.

The Society of Divine Union, an ascetical vessel which gradually introduces the soul to the pathway leading to God and to the Divine Union with Him, acquaints it with the ascetical program leading to the final goal and initiates it to a rigorous lifestyle comparable only to the austere and uncompromising life of a mountain climber. The summit is the goal and passion of the climber—Divine Union becomes the only reality and ultimate destination of this soul in quest of oneness with God.

The Vocationist’s ascetical journey takes place within the Triune Church (Militant, Suffering and Triumphant—characteristics depicted in the Society’s emblem by three interwoven circles).

The Church is but the extension of the Holy Family, destined to accept as its members all souls who find in it the necessary elements for the achievement of Divine Union,



Advocate photo- Brian Fores

A Vocationist sister reviews materials in the “Magic Kingdom” nursery, located at the Vocationary in Florham Park.

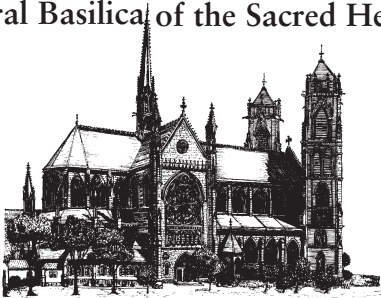
namely ascetical struggle, purification and illumination.

The method delineated by the Society of Divine Union

has origins in Scripture and was intended by the Society’s founder to give structure and logic to the ascending journey

of the human soul, which because of its own divine origin, struggles to draw ever closer to God.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to  
**The Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha**  
*Auxiliary Bishop of Newark*  
The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, NJ



“May he please you by his meekness and purity of heart, presenting a fragrant offering to you, through your Son Jesus Christ.”  
*-from the Prayer of Ordination*

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to  
**Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, SDV,DD**  
**Ad Multos Annos!**



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**Congratulations**  
and prayerful Best Wishes  
for the Lord’s Blessings upon  
**The Most Reverend Edgar M. Cunha,**  
on his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop  
of the Archdiocese of Newark.

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To Our Wonderful  
*Pastor,*  
Mentor and Friend,



*Bishop Edgar Da Cunha, S.D.V.*

*Congratulations and Best Wishes  
as you continue to serve the Lord,  
in the Archdiocese of Newark,  
through your example, guidance,  
encouragement, support,  
total dedication and  
commitment to  
the teachings of Jesus Christ!*

*We Are So Proud Of You!!*

*Love,*  
**St. Michael's Parish Community &  
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A photo album:  
(clockwise from top, left) Diaconate ordination in 1981; one of his first masses in Brazil as a newly ordained priest; diaconate ordination; with the Negron family on the day of priestly ordination in 1982; as a new deacon with Essex County Regional Bishop Joseph A. Francis; with Bishop Francis after his ordination to the priesthood.





The da Cunha family:  
 (back row, left to  
 right) Paulo René,  
 Sergio, Manoel Luis,  
 Jorge, José Hugo,  
 (second row, left to  
 right) Iêda, Jidê,  
 Edgar, Maria José,  
 Dalva, (front row, left  
 to right) Reina, José  
 Tadeu, Josefa (moth-  
 er), Manoel (father)  
 and Amado.



Your Excellency,  
 dear  
 Bishop  
 Edgar da Cunha,

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
 and heart-felt wishes as you begin  
 your Episcopal ministry in the  
 Church of Newark.  
 Our prayers are with you.

*Doris Cooney and Family*

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Best wishes as you begin  
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The Cathedral Choir at a concert series presentation at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark.

# Multi-lingual musical selections feature of installation Mass

When Bishop-elect Edgar da Cunha is installed at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sept. 3, the music will have a distinctive touch of the Spanish and Portuguese languages in honor of the Brazilian-born prelate.

The Cathedral Choir, Cathedral Brass and Percussion Ensemble and Organist will be joined by a cantor and psalmist.

The choir and ensemble, which usually begin practice after Labor Day, will do so a week earlier to prepare for the installation Mass.

Although the Mass begins at 2 p.m., the music starts 20 minutes earlier, when the procession is scheduled to begin.

In addition to the English and Spanish selections, it is expected that the choir from Bishop-elect da Cunha’s parish, Saint Michael’s in Newark, will present selections in a combined choir and sing in Portuguese.

The Prelude will include a suite for organ, brass and percussion.

For the Processional Music the selections include *Feilcher Einzug*, (brass and organ) and *Ecce Sacerdos*, (the Cathedral Choir).

*All Creatures of Our God and King* is the entrance hymn.

The Responsorial, *Psalm 89, Forever I Will Sing*, will be in English and Spanish. The Gospel Acclamation will be *Festival Alleluia*.

*Come Holy Ghost* and *Litany of Supplication* will accompany the Rite of Ordination. *Amen (Mass of Creation)* is the selection for the Prayer of Ordination.

A Brazilian traditional, *Cantai ao Senhor*, will be sung during the Kiss of Peace in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

*Erschallet Ihr Lieder*, performed by the Cathedral Choir, will accompany the Presentation of the Gifts.

*Mass of Creation* will be presented during the Acclamations.

Tropes in various languages will accompany the Breaking of the Bread.

Selections during the Communion Procession include *We Are One in Christ; Amen, El Cuerpo de Cristo*, in Spanish and English; *A Barca (Pescador de Hombres)*, in Portuguese; and the Cathedral Choir performance of *Give Me Jesus*.

*Holy God We Praise Thy Name* will accompany the Blessing, while the Recessional will be *Go To the World*.



John Miller, Director of Music at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.





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**Most Reverend**  
**Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.**

## *Choices*

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*For us Life is changed...  
Not ended*



**September 11th Mass of Remembrance -**  
**9:30 a.m.**

September 2	Gate of Heaven Chapel Mausoleum
September 3	Holy Cross Chapel Mausoleum
September 5	Good Shepherd Chapel Mausoleum

## *Why a Catholic Cemetery?*

As Catholics, we are called to view life through the eyes of faith – for believers this challenge extends to the mysteries of death and resurrection. At our baptism we are brought to a sacred place, a Catholic Church, to share in the union of Christ's death and resurrection. When loved ones die, we take them to another sacred place, a Catholic Cemetery.



# Bishop da Cunha 22nd auxiliary in the Archdiocese

According to *Our Sunday Visitor's Catholic Encyclopedia*, an auxiliary bishop is a bishop assigned by the Holy See to assist a resident bishop or archbishop in the pastoral care and administration of a diocese. Although an auxiliary has the fullness of Holy Orders, he does not have the same degree of jurisdiction of governing power as the residential bishop.

The auxiliary must be appointed at least an episcopal vicar. He does not have the automatic right of succession when the residential bishop dies, is transferred or retires.

Auxiliary bishops assist the residential bishop in the administration of the sacraments, especially Confirmation, and often represent him at various types of functions. In some dioceses, auxiliary bishops are given charge of either specific territories within the diocese or special areas of ministry, such as ministry to ethnic groups.

All auxiliary bishops are given a "titular diocese." (Bishop da Cunha is the Titular Bishop of Ugres.) This is a diocese that once existed but has since been suppressed by the Holy See. Thus the auxiliary is bishop of a diocese in title only. The reason for this is that historically a bishop is supposed to be the head of a diocese. Yet the pastoral and administrative needs of

many large dioceses are such that one bishop cannot adequately meet all of the demands. If assistance is needed in the form of one with the episcopal character, then auxiliary bishops are appointed (cf. Canons 403-411).

The Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., is the 22nd bishop to serve as an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Other auxiliary bishops in the Newark Archdiocese, and their years of service, include: Most Rev. Thomas H. McLaughlin, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1935-1938; first Bishop of Paterson, 1938-1947; died, March 17, 1947. Most Rev. William A. Griffin, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1938-1940; Bishop of Trenton, 1940-1950; died, Jan. 1, 1950. Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1940-1947; Bishop of Paterson, 1947-1953; Archbishop of Newark, 1953-1974; died, March 16, 1979. Most Rev. James A. McNulty, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1947-1953; Bishop of Paterson, 1953-1963; Bishop of Buffalo, 1963-1972; died, Sept. 4, 1972.

Most Rev. Justin J. McCarthy, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1954-1957; Bishop of Camden, 1957-1959; died, Dec. 26, 1959. Most Rev. Martin W. Stanton, Auxiliary Bishop of



With seminary classmates and faculty on retreat at Sloatsburg, NY, January 1980.

Newark, 1957-1972; retired, 1972; died, Oct. 1, 1977.

Most Rev. Walter W. Curtis, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1957-1961; Bishop of Bridgeport, 1961-1988; retired, 1988; died, Oct. 18,

1997. Most Rev. John J. Dougherty, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1963-1982; retired, 1982; died, March 20, 1986. Most Rev. Joseph A. Costello, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1963-

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Cunha

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Prayerful congratulations to our newest Auxiliary, Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha!

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*Our prayerful best wishes Bishop da Cunha*

The Parish Community of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Roseland, NJ

*With our heartfelt congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Bishop-elect Edgar da Cunha*

*The Sisters of St. John the Baptist*

*The Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity (Trinity Missions) serving the people of the Archdiocese of Newark in Christ the King Parish, Jersey City congratulate and welcome Bishop-elect Edgar da Cunha as he begins his new ministry to the people of the Archdiocese.*

*Congratulations Bishop Edgar da Cunha*

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Bishop Edgar da Cunha

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“Hanging out” with classmates Mike Matvenko and Keith Northridge, around 1980.



Performing as John the Baptist in *Godspell* at Saint Michael's, 1980.

# Duties and roles of auxiliary bishop cover a wide spectrum

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1978; died, September 22, 1978. Most Rev. Jerome A. Pechillo, T.O.R., Prelate Ordinary of Coronel Oviedo, Paraguay, 1966-1976; Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1976-1991; died, Jan. 1, 1991. Most Rev. Robert F. Garner, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1976-1995; retired, 1995; died, Dec. 25, 2000.

Most Rev. Joseph A. Francis, S.V.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1976-1995; retired, 1995; died, Sept. 1, 1997. Most Rev. Dominic A. Marconi, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1976-2002; retired, 2002. Most Rev. John M. Smith, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1988-1991; Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee, 1991-1996; Coadjutor Bishop of Trenton, 1996-1997; Bishop of Trenton 1997-pres-

ent. Most Rev. James T. McHugh, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1988-1989; Bishop of Camden, 1989-1999; Bishop of Rockville Centre, 2000; died, Dec. 10, 2000. Most Rev. Michael A. Saltarelli, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1990-1996; Bishop of Wilmington, 1996-present. Most Rev. Nicholas A. Dimarzio, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1996-1999; Bishop of

Camden, 1999-2003, Bishop of Brooklyn from 2003. Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1997-2002; Bishop of Metuchen, 2002-present. Most Rev. David Arias, O.A.R., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1983-present. Most Rev. Charles J. McDonnell, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1994-present. Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 2000-present.




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Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha  
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**AD MULTOS ANNOS**

We Rejoice with the Church of Newark  
as she welcomes Edgar da Cunha  
Successor to the Apostles



+ Michael A. Saltarelli

Most Reverend Michael A. Saltarelli  
Bishop of Wilmington



**Hearty Congratulations and Fervent Prayers**

Bishop-elect  
**Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.**  
Immaculate Conception Seminary Class of 1984 (M.Div.)  
*from the Priests of Seton Hall University*



The parishioners of  
**St. Peter Claver Church**  
 in Montclair, offer best  
 wishes and prayers to  
**Bishop da Cunha**  
 May all your days be  
 blessed!



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*Congratulations and  
 Best Wishes  
 Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha*

May you be blessed as you begin  
 this new journey with Christ  
 in our Archdiocese

The Administration, Teachers,  
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 Our Lady of Sorrows School  
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Day of priestly ordination in 1982: (standing) Edgar and Manoel Luis, (seated) Joefa and Iêda.

*Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Family  
 in Kearny*

*Congratulates and Prays for our new  
 Bishop*

*Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.*

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# *Bishop Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V.*

*The Vocationist Sisters of Florham Park and Newark*



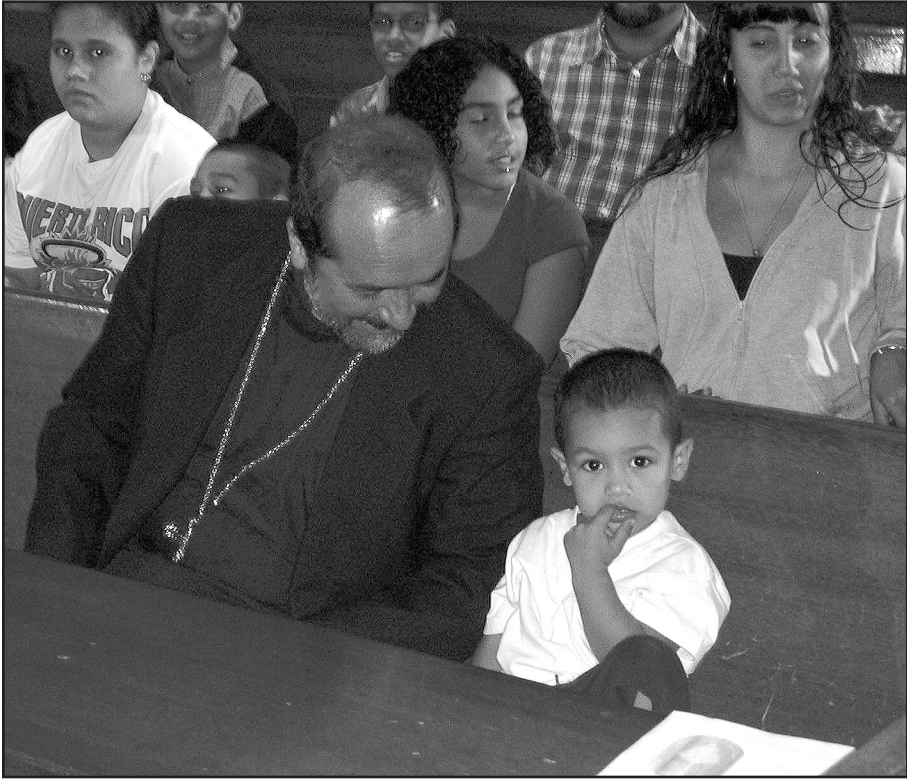
Wholeheartedly congratulate you on this joyful occasion.  
 With sisterly love, we offer you our prayers and wish you continued good health, joy and fulfillment in  
 the service of the church.

Thank you for your dedication, service and friendship.






Bishop Edgar da Cunha speaks in Italian with Luca DeMata of Agenzia Fides, the Vatican communications agency for the Congregation of Evangelization, during the taping last month of a segment of a program on the Ten Commandments, which will eventually be made available around the world.




Advocate photos- Brian Fores

Bishop da Cunha, interviewed for the Vatican program for his expertise and experience with immigration issues, met parishioners during a break in the filming at Saint Michael's. They will also be part of the piece taped at the historic North Ward Newark parish, where he is pastor.



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**Bishop**  
Edgar M. da Cunha  
**God bless you**  
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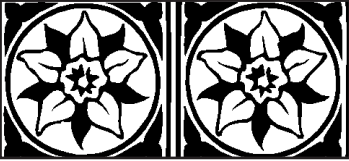


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go before you and guide all  
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**Congratulations**  
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*From the Parish Family*  
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**Nossa**  
**Senhora**  
**Aparecida**

*Protege o Nosso Bispo,*  
*Dom Edgar M. da Cunha*

Pe. J. Bosco Lima  
Pe. José Manoel Araújo  
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**Congratulations**  
**Bishop-elect**  
**Edgar da Cunha**

**Armando B. Fontoura**  
Essex County Sheriff



# Saint Michael's important part of new bishop's life

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responsibility of so many activities, whether a priest or deacon is there or not," he emphasized.

This is the same feeling that has persisted for 125 years in the members of Saint Michael's, characterizing the community as one to always welcome and foster a sense of belonging in so many newly arrived and often displaced Catholics from all over the western hemisphere.

Bishop da Cunha, who has been pastor since Sept. 2000 but has a history in the parish from his seminary days, has observed "greater attendance at Mass, increase in involvement at the school and increase in the number of people involved in activities" over the past few years. He attributes this to more Catholic families in the area, the launch of Stewardship

2000 and the establishment of Small Christian Communities at the parish, something he thought was important to implement in order to continue to build upon the Renew 2000 movement.

Once he is ordained a bishop in September, Bishop da Cunha will only remain at the parish for a couple of months until a new pastor is appointed. However, he holds a special place in his heart for Saint Michael's. "I'm happy and proud of being pastor [here]. It's where I was ordained a deacon and priest, and from here I've been named bishop. It's very much a part of my life. It's a great community of people who really believe," he asserted.

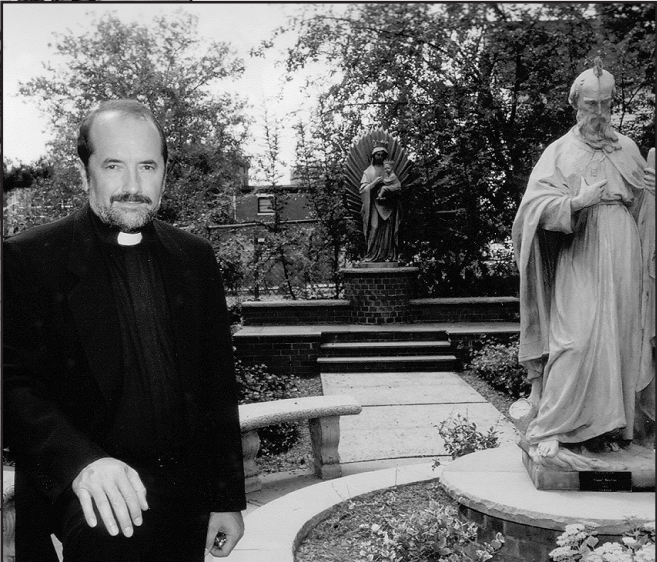
*Saint Michael Parish is located at 172 Broadway in Newark.*



Saint Michael School is a focal point of the parish for students and parents.

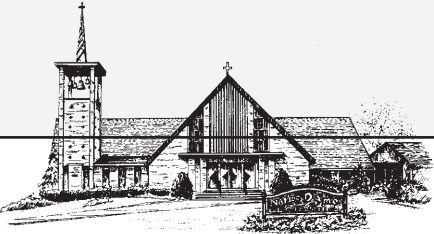


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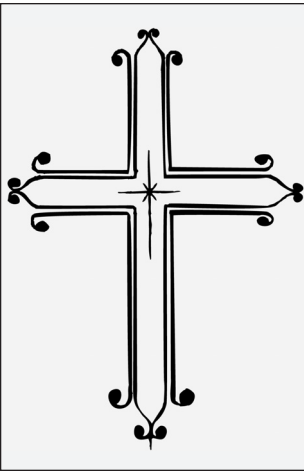
Bishop da Cunha in a reflective moment near a statue of Saint Michael.

*The Parish of  
St. Thomas More Church  
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extends Best Wishes to  
Bishop Edgar da Cunha*



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North Caldwell, NJ  
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# 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me'

*Statement of Bishop Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V. on the day of his appointment, June 27, 2003*

Archbishop Myers, Bishop Serratelli, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I thank God for all that He has given me: my life, my faith, my health, my family, my religious community, the gift of the priesthood and now to serve Him and His Church in the Episcopal Ministry. I thank the Holy Father for entrusting this important mission to me.

I thank Archbishop Myers for his support, and his trust and confidence in me, and I look forward to working with him.

When I came to this country, my name was all I could say in English that the Americans could understand. And during these 25 years in this country, and my 21 years as a priest, so many good things have happened.

My whole life in this country has been involved with minorities and with the poor. First in Saint Michael's, Newark, with the Hispanics; then Saint Nicholas, Palisades Park, working with the Italians, Croats

and Brazilians; while at our House of Formation in Florham Park, continuing to work with Spanish and Portuguese; and then, going full circle, back at Saint Michael's, in Newark. I have worked with Hispanics, Italians, Croats, Brazilians, Portuguese and other immigrants.

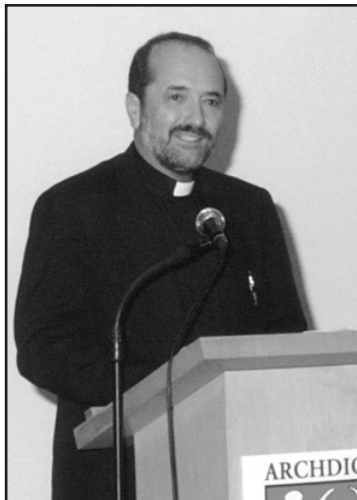
I was welcomed into this country when I arrived here 25 years ago. I know how important it is to feel welcome when you are away from home. The Church in this Archdiocese of Newark is a church of immigrants—Church that welcomes. "I was a stranger and you welcomed me," Jesus said. I am glad I am now in a position where I can reciprocate the welcome.

I believe that all the Latinos and all Catholic immigrants in this Archdiocese will feel good today, knowing that the Church cares about them by appointing a bishop from among them.

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

want to be one more voice for the poor, the underprivileged, the defenseless, the needy. I am sure there is need to proclaim the Gospel to all classes of people, to minister to all of them. I am also sure that there is great reward in ministering to all of God's people.

I find a great joy and reward serving the poor and the needy. I have done that my whole life and I hope to continue doing so.

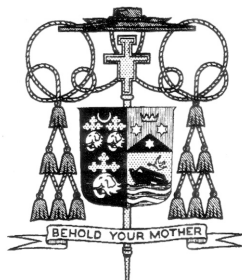


Advocate photos: Ward Miele

A beaming Bishop da Cunha addressed the media before an audience that included, left to right, Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety, retired Auxiliary Bishop Dominic Marconi and Auxiliary Bishop David Arias. After the formal news conference, Bishop da Cunha met with the press including a local Spanish language television station.

## God's Blessing to Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, D.D. Auxiliary Bishop of Newark

### As You Begin Your Episcopal Ministry in the Archdiocese of Newark



*Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.  
Diocesan Administrator and the Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful  
of the Diocese of Camden*



# The history and meaning of bishops in the Church

The following material is adapted by the editors of The Catholic Advocate from The Catholic Encyclopedia, the classic edition that was published early in the 20th century. There have been some subsequent developments, including revisions in canon law and the Second Vatican Council, that have further refined the definition and role of bishops in the Church.

Origin of the word “bishop”: Anglo-Saxon *Biscop*, *Busceop*, German *Bischof*; from the Greek *episkopos*, an overseer, through Latin *episcopus*;



Bishop da Cunha in a reflective moment during a visit earlier this month to Carmel Retreat House of Spirituality and Prayer in Mahwah where he spent several days.

Italian *vescovo*; Old French *vesque*; French *évêque*.

“Bishop” is the title of a dignitary and minister of the Church who possesses the fullness of the priesthood to rule a diocese as its pastor, in proper submission to the primacy of the pope.

### Types of bishops

There are two classes of bishops, not with regard to the power of order, for all bishops receive the fullness of the priesthood, but with regard to the power of jurisdiction: the diocesan bishop and the titular bishop. The for-

mer is here considered. Those belonging to the second class cannot perform any episcopal function without the authorization of the diocesan bishop; for as titular bishops they have no ordinary jurisdiction. They can, however, act as auxiliary bishops, i.e., they may be appointed by the pope to assist a diocesan bishop in the exercise of duties arising from the episcopal order but entailing no power of jurisdiction.

The titular bishop may also be coadjutor bishop when he is appointed to assist an ordinary bishop in the administration of the diocese.

Sometimes he is incorrectly called auxiliary bishop. Often also the coadjutor bishop is named *cum jure successionis*, i.e., with the right of succession; on the death of the diocesan bishop he enters on the ordinary administration of the diocese.

In each early Christian community the authority may originally have belonged to a “college” or group of presbyter-bishops. The authority of a bishop or a local ruling group was subject to the Apostles or to their delegates.

The local superior authority, which was of Apostolic origin, was conferred by the Apostles upon a “monarchic” bishop, such as is understood by the term today.

### Early developments

During the first three centuries, the entire religious life of the diocese centered on the person of the bishop. The priests and deacons were his auxiliaries but they worked under the immediate direction of the bishop.

Moreover, as a result of the spread of Christianity outside the great centers of population, the bishop gradually left to other clergy the administration of a fixed portion of the diocesan territory.

From the fourth century onward, with many significant developments in practice, theology and doctrine, the bishop was essentially the central governing authority of a diocese that he is today.

### Authority of the bishop

Teaching authority: The bishop is charged to teach Christian doctrine.

Governing authority: There are certain powers held by a bishop that apply to his role as the head of the Church in his locality. Briefly outlined, a partial listing of these powers is as follows.

Legislative power: The bishop makes all “laws” that govern his diocese.

Judicial power: The bishop may adjudicate any matter that falls within his realm of authority, or he may authorize courts or tribunals to do so in his name.

Administrative power: This includes the direction of the clergy, for example, appointing priests to be pastors.

### Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

Cedar Grove

Congratulates

**Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha**

whose **humility, honesty, and good example**

have been a gift to the Church of Newark

and who is a blessing to us as an Auxiliary Bishop

### Congratulations

## Bishop Edgar da Cunha

May God continue to bless your ministry

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*Congregation of Christian Brothers*

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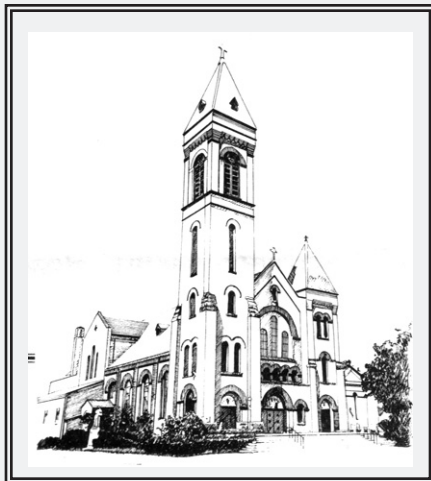
*Remembering the Past, Living the Present, Seeking the Future*



*Best Wishes  
Bishop da Cunha!*

The Parish Community of  
**SACRED HEART**  
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Pastor*



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*The Parish of  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
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Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.  
on his appointment as  
Auxiliary Bishop of Newark.*

*"PASTOR BONUS IN POPOLO"*



Ordination to the priesthood, 1982: (left to right) Manoel Luis, Iêda, Father Edgar and Josefa da Cunha.

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF  
OUR LADY OF  
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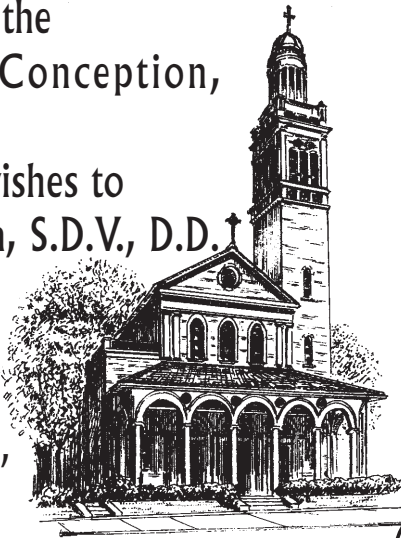
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Prayerful Best Wishes  
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**Edgar da Cunha**



**People of  
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Hasbrouck Heights

The Parish Family of the  
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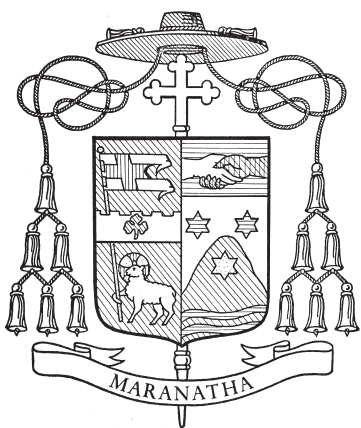
*The Salvatorian Fathers*

*Congratulate*

**Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha**

on his ordination and installation as  
the 22nd Auxiliary Bishop  
of the Archdiocese of Newark.





# The Diocese of Paterson

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Congratulates Our Brother

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The First Spiritual Son of

**FATHER JUSTIN RUSSOLILLO**

To Be Called To the  
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As an elder myself, I exhort you  
to tend the flock of God that is in  
your charge, exercising the oversight,  
not under compulsion but willingly ...  
And when the chief shepherd appears,  
you will win the crown of glory that  
never fades away.

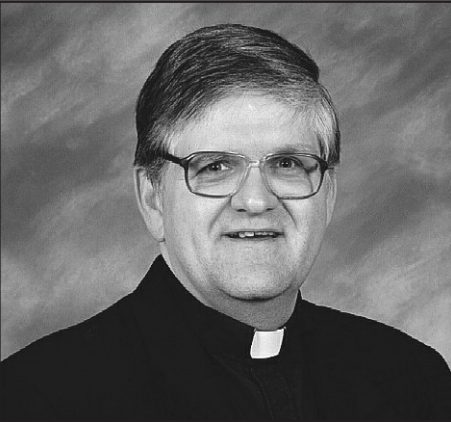
1 Peter 5:1-4



# Bishop-elect is the perfect choice, say classmates

**BY WARD MIELE**  
*Managing Editor*

Several of his classmates from 21 years ago could not be happier with the appointment of Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.



**Father William Halbing**

Father William Halbing, Pastor of Saint Antoninus Parish in Newark, said without hesitation, “A great choice, a really great choice.”

The Bishop, explained Father Halbing, “has tremendous talents to share with the people.” Mentioning his pervasive smile, Father Halbing added that he is “filled with life.”

Describing Bishop da Cunha as a “loving, gentle and personable” man,

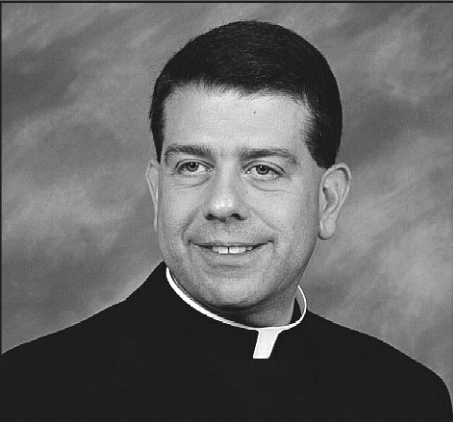
Father Halbing stressed those are qualities that are “needed in a bishop.” “Above all,” he emphasized, the bishop-elect is “very spiritual and committed to Christ.”

From the academic ranks, Father Nicholas Figurelli, Chaplain at Oratory Prep in Summit, who also serves as a math and religion teacher and head of the priest community, reflected with fondness over the three and a half years he spent in the seminary with Bishop da Cunha.

Explaining that they were next-door neighbors at the seminary, Father Figurelli remembers the Bishop as someone who “added to seminary life by always being a cheerful person.”

In describing his classmate, Father Figurelli said he is “a very wonderful person, a wonderful man, always friendly, always with a smile.... he is warm and very approachable.”

In a phrase, Father Figurelli said his classmate “is a great choice for the



**Father Nicholas Figurelli**

Archdiocese of Newark.” Father Alexander Santora from Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish in Jersey City was pleased by the selection.

The choice, said his classmate, “indicates that those who know him saw in him the ability, talent and disposition to be a bishop... it is wonderful the way the Spirit worked in his selection.”

Father Santora noted that the bishop was the first Vocationist to attend Immaculate Conception Seminary; a second followed during his years there.

Father Santora said he was “impressed with the humility” of the Vocationists.

He remembers too that when they first came to the seminary, neither man understood “a stitch” of English.

Father Santora recalled fondly the “collaborative” effort to teach the Vocationists English and American culture at the same time.

An equally pleasant memory for Father Santora was when he was

invited to his classmate’s ordination to the diaconate at Saint Michael Parish in Newark. The Brazilian food following the ordination made an impression on him.



**Father Alexander Santora**

When the new bishop was pastor of Saint Nicholas Parish in Palisades Park, Father Santora received an invitation to attend a parish mission. The parish at the time, said his classmate, was a “sleepy little Italian parish with great potential.” The bishop-elect, he pointed out, saw that potential and worked on bringing in the now diverse community into the parish.

“A man of great talent and humility,” said Father Santora of the Bishop da Cunha.

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Bishop  
Edgar M. da Cunha

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Congratulations!  
Felicidades!  
Félicitations!

Holy Rosary -  
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Blessings &  
Best Wishes  
to Bishop  
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The Parish Family of  
Saint Anthony of Padua  
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Best Wishes to  
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Most Reverend  
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Ad Multos Annos!

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Rev. Edito Garmallo  
Rev. Paul Prevosto  
Deacons Lou Acocella &  
Richard Searls

The Parish Community  
of  
St. John the Evangelist  
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asks God's Blessings  
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Edgar M. da Cunha

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Congratulations  
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May you be totally  
surrounded and dominated by  
the Grace of Father, Son and  
Holy Spirit

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# Bishop still sees himself as 'boy from the farm'



Advocate photo- Frank Wood

Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha inside his beloved Saint Michael Church, where he is pastor.

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seminary, then finished his university studies and began his novitiate as a member of the Society of Divine Vocations.

His parents and all family members were "very supportive, united, very close" throughout his years

growing up and even today.

All of his siblings plan to be in Newark for his Episcopal ordination. He is immensely grateful for the "faith, dedication and generosity" of his parents, who supported him and his brothers and sisters in their lives and careers.

Bishop da Cunha's father, Manoel, is 79, a retired farmer who raised cattle and cash crops (such as corn and beans), and his mother, Josefa, is 73. She, too, has made plans to be at his ordination as bishop, as she was for his priestly ordination.

## Large family

In contrast to his current assignment in urban America, Bishop da Cunha calls himself a "farm boy" and has spent most of his vacation time over the years back home, visiting the rural Brazilian town and people among whom he spent the first two decades of his life.

His 12 brothers and sisters have had varied and successful lives: one sister is a nurse, another a banker, and many of his brothers are business owners. One sister lives in Kearny and another in Rio de Janeiro, the largest city in Brazil; all other siblings live in their native Bahia state in Brazil.

He discussed the issue of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. "We are living in very challenging time for vocations. No one really knows why. It is a combination of many different factors.

"My belief is there are vocations out there, but in order for that to happen, we need to start with families, help the families. So when we talk about broken families, I see many problems—we need to mend the broken families, to start working... then vocations will grow.

"The Church needs to continue to work to foster vocations. God will provide the vocations the Church needs but we can do our part, need to do our part, He will do His part."

## Vocationist history

His congregation, the Society of Divine Vocations, has a rich history within the Archdiocese of Newark. At his current parish, Saint Michael's, Bishop da Cunha has witnessed and participated in some of that history. Saint Michael's combined with Our Lady of Perpetual Help, a downtown parish founded in 1962. The Vocationist Fathers and Sisters have been in the parish since 1977.

Saint Michael's grammar school (kindergarten through 8th grade) has about 640 students, in addition to the Perpetual Help Nursery School.

The bishop holds Pope John Paul II in especially high esteem. "Probably more than anyone else, he has presented the Church in a very positive light. His energy and travels around the world have made him liked, respected, loved. At his age and frail health, he is such an inspiration, while the body is failing, the spirit and mind are so strong—he shows the power of faith and power of prayer. He does so much by what he is, even more than what he actually does.

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# JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH!



*Fr. Antonio L. da Silva, S.D.V.*

*Fr. Castrese Muoio, S.D.V.*

*Fr. Armando Palmieri, S.D.V.*



## We, the people of St. Nicholas Parish Palisades Park

Praise God  
For His Wisdom  
Which has brought about the ordination of  
Our Friend, Our Mentor  
Our Former Pastor

*Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V.*

Auxiliary Bishop of Newark

May you continue to serve God with Grace  
Peace, Holiness and Wisdom

**AD MULTOS ANOS!**



# New bishop is a man of and with the people

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"Though he has taken tough stands on moral issues and is criticized, people come around to respect him (for example, *Time Magazine's* Man of the Year). History will recognize him as a man of faith and courage."

Bishop da Cunha cited John Paul II's impact on vocations and, as an example of his far-seeing leadership, the revival of the Holy Rosary in the creation of a new set of mysteries, the Mysteries of Light, and proclaiming the Year of the Rosary.

"The mark of his hands will remain on the Church for a long time," the new bishop declared.

## Welcoming presence

Although he was not especially comfortable talking about himself, he did say, "I am more comfortable because of where I come from working with the poor. People feel comfortable approaching me." He hopes and intends to remain accessible in his new role as a bishop.

"People say to me, 'I hope we can still relate to you as we always have—members of religious communities, friends, parishioners.' I want them to feel that way, that I am approachable."

He related an anecdote that illustrated his point. During the past severe winter, he was in front of the rectory of

Saint Michael's shoveling snow from the sidewalk. A parishioner approached and asked if Father Edgar was available.

"I am Father Edgar," he said. The inquirer was shocked, to say the least, to find the pastor shoveling snow. But the pastor was simply doing what he had always done, the job that lay in front of him.

He said in summary, "I have been in the right place at the right time" to be "available" to God for His purposes.

## Good news

In June, after he learned of his appointment, the bishop-elect was with his sister, in his pastoral office, when he reached his mother by telephone. He spoke to her on the speaker. "Are you sitting down or standing up?" he asked, just as the Archbishop had said to him.

"What," Josefa da Dunha replied, "have they made you a bishop?"

"She surprised me more than I surprised her!" he exclaimed.

Surprise, and hope, are themes that partly define Bishop Edgar da Cunha's path to the priesthood and now to the episcopacy as a successor of the Apostles. He is many things—Christian priest, brother, devoted son, musician, pastor, teacher, student, Vocationist, "farm boy," scholar—and he is much more than the sum of his many parts.

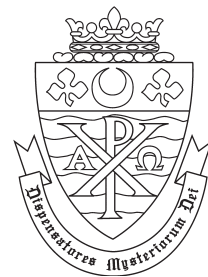


Mosaics are a popular feature of Saint Michael's parish church, designed in Gothic style.

## Congratulations



**MOST REV. EDGAR M. DA CUNHA**  
from the Vocations Office  
to a Vocationist



We look forward to being with you  
as you teach us how "to be with Him."

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

Ordination Class of 1982  
Immaculate Conception Seminary Class of 1984 (M.Div.)

With prayerful good wishes from the  
administration, faculty, staff, seminarians and students  
of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology  
Seton Hall University

"Sufficit Tibi Gratia Mea."

2 Corinthians 12:9





In India with Vocationist seminarians, 1996.



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During novitiate in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, 1974.



Advocate photo- Brian Fores



Saint Michael's Christmas party, 1981.



On vacation in Brazil, 1980.



In Newark's Branch Brook Park, 1981.