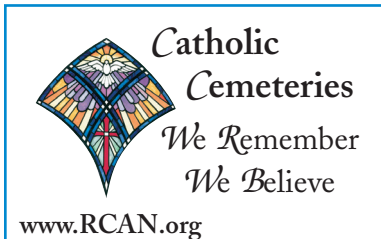


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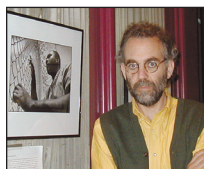
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## Joyous ordination for Bishop da Cunha

### 'All I had to do was say, Yes,' Auxiliary declares

BY GREG TOBIN

Editor & Associate Publisher

With precision and pageantry, in a rite used in its new English translation for the first time in the U.S., Edgar Moreira da Cunha, S.D.V., was ordained an Auxiliary Bishop of Newark by Archbishop John J. Myers, with Most Rev.

Nicholas A. DiMarzio, the Bishop-designate of Brooklyn, and Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, as principal co-ordinating bishops.

The two-hour celebration of the Eucharist, incorporating the episcopal ordination, was held Sept. 3, the memorial of Pope St. Gregory I the Great (and the 16th anniversary of Archbishop Myers's own ordination as a bishop).

The new bishop entered the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart to resounding applause, accompanied in procession by 23 fellow bishops and archbishops, as well as three cardinals.

More than 200 priests and deacons took part in the solemn ceremony that was marked by a festive spirit and multi-lingual liturgy.

Despite the constant drizzle and occasional downpour outdoors, the spirit within the sanctuary remained bright and upbeat throughout. Sacred music, swelled by the Cathedral Basilica choir, organ, and orchestra, moved worshippers and the presiding prelates, as well.



Bishop Arthur Serratelli imposes hands on Bishop da Cunha after Archbishop John J. Myers had done so.



Advocate photos: Frank Wood

A reflective Bishop Edgar da Cunha prepares to receive the congratulations of his flock.

In his homily, Archbishop Myers said, "Bishop da Cunha, you have experienced that moment which all other bishops have—a communication by phone or letter or telegram informing you of the Holy Father's decision to call you to the Office of Bishop. You know the feeling of unworthiness. But you also have faith in the power of God."

As Metropolitan Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Newark, Archbishop Myers reminded the listeners, "We are a particular Church of great ethnic diversity. While this brings its own challenges, it brings many more gifts."

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## Exhibit marks 150 years of Newark Church history

This fall, Seton Hall University will showcase 150 years of Newark's Catholic history in an expansive exhibition titled "People of Newark."

The exhibition explores the history of the Newark Archdiocese's large, diverse Catholic community through rare archival documents, historical photographs, newspaper clippings and maps, alongside beautiful paintings, gold and silver chalices and intricate vestments.

"People of Newark" officially opened Sept. 8 and remains on view through Oct. 22, Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., at Seton Hall University's Walsh Library Gallery, 400 South Orange Avenue.

"What will you get from the exhibit? You will be fascinated by the beauty of the display and humbled by the generosity and the faith of the Catholics who are our ancestors in the faith," commented Msgr. Robert J. Wister, D. Eccl. Hist., associate professor of Church history and guest curator of the exhibition. "Why do we call the exhibit 'People

of Newark'? Because the entire Catholic community is represented."

"Preparing for this exhibition has been an adventure!" Msgr. Wister exclaimed. He, along with three other members of the committee organized the event. The committee members were Msgr. Francis R. Seymour, Archdiocesan Archivist, Alan Delozier, Seton Hall University Archivist, and JoAnn Cotz, Director of the Walsh Library Gallery at Seton Hall. "We visited catacombs and searched through church basements to gather the religious artifacts and unique documents," Msgr. Wister noted.

A significant number of historical records and artifacts were gleaned from the Archives of the Archdiocese of Newark, housed in the Monsignor William Noé Field Archives and Special Collections Center in the Seton Hall University Library. Local parish churches, individuals and societies also loaned objects for the exhibition.

One of the most colorful highlights, for  
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From the "People of Newark" sesquicentennial exhibit at the Seton Hall University Walsh Library Gallery: a Latin missal (dated 1853) and cope (on loan from Our Lady of Sorrows Church, South Orange, dated 1887), with chalices, thurible and ciborium.



# The ‘best day’ of my summer, 2003



**BY MOST REV. JOHN J. MYERS**  
*Archbishop of Newark*

School opened last week here in the Archdiocese to the joy of parents, perhaps to the dismay of some teachers. For some of the 55,000-plus students in our schools, the new school year was a welcome change from a long and largely wet summer. For others, it was a new challenge. For still others, let's just say it was a new school year.

In keeping with this idea of new school years, I

thought I would title this column to read like that first fabled “back-to-school” assignment: “Now students, take out your pens and some paper and write about...”

Like many of you, I spent time this summer visiting with family, one of my favorite things to do. Several of my brothers and sisters came to Newark with their children, and I had a wonderful time showing off the New Jersey sights.

I also had a chance to return to Peoria for a brief visit with my dad. Despite his failing health, he is still a source

of strength and wisdom for me. We speak by phone every week, but it's important for me to keep near to him as often as I can.

But some of the best days of my summer vacation this year have been those I have spent with you, the members of my Newark family.

Take, for instance, the people of St. Ann Parish in Hoboken. I was invited to celebrate with them their annual feast to the grandmother of Our Lord. But when I got there, I learned that they essentially closed down the city and held a parade to celebrate my birthday, complete with a band serenading me at the steps of the church.

I also joined several hundred young men and women from the Archdiocese and the Northeast region at our Youth Retreat



Archbishop Myers greets the people of St. Ann Parish in Hoboken, Saturday, July 26.

## Read Archbishop's pastoral on terrorism

Tomorrow marks the second anniversary of the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001. One month thereafter, on Oct. 11, 2001, Archbishop John J. Myers issued his first pastoral, reflecting on faith and terrorism. To view the full text of “If God Is With Us...” log on to our website: [www.rcan.org/archbish/jjm\\_letters/faithandterrorism.htm](http://www.rcan.org/archbish/jjm_letters/faithandterrorism.htm)

Center in Kearny as part of a faith-sharing experience called the Emmanuel Community for Young Adults. It was thrilling to see young people full of life and love for their Church, talking about their role in its future.

I was blessed to share the Eucharist at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception in Seton Hall University with a group of men and women who are a testimony to our belief in the gift of children. They and their children greeted me as an old friend and brother.

I also was proud to be part of the annual Newark Labor Day celebration, to stand alongside so many men and women as evidence of the Church's support of the dignity of people and of fair and just treatment in the workplace.

Most moving of all, however, was the Evening Prayer time with the people of Saint Michael Parish in Newark on the eve of the ordination of their pastor, Bishop Edgar da Cunha, our newest auxiliary bishop.

Their love for him, and of their parish, their deep heart-felt traditions, are enriching and strengthening this local Church of Newark.

When you gather with people who love each other, love you and love Our Lord, it's hard to pick a “best day of the summer.”

## Stewardship

# People are ever the bedrock of Stewardship



**BY JAMES GOODNESS**  
*Director of Communications*

One reason often cited for the success of the Stewardship way of life in the Archdiocese is the fact that this local Church of Newark was built on a bedrock of people who embraced the principles and joys of Stewardship as a way to strengthen their Church.

Rodman Herman, a life-long parishioner of St. Leo's, Irvington who passed away in 1999 at the age of 73, is part of that bedrock.

A practicing attorney in Newark for some 40 years, Rod Herman shared his time, talent with his parish, several programs of the Archdiocese and many priests of this Archdiocese. He also shared a personal treasure of some \$2 million over his lifetime with a number of Catholic institutions. And despite injuries at the age of nine that left him paralyzed on his left side and legally blind, he maintained a vigorous schedule that included service on the board of St. James Hospital and the faculty of Seton Hall Law School.

Bishop Dominic Marconi, who worked with Rod at Catholic Community Services and the Archdiocesan Family Life Office, remembered him recently as a man “particularly interested in what he could do personally—and not just his own financial

resources—to help the work of the Church.” In the 1975, for example, Rod used his legal and estate planning skills to develop a retirement planning program for the priests of the Archdiocese. “In those days,” Bishop Marconi said, “no

*“He was blessed, and he had to share those blessings.”*  
- Milton Herman

one thought about what a priest would do when he retired. But Rod did, and he was instrumental in making sure that many of the priests of this Archdiocese were able to retire from active ministry without becoming a burden to their relatives or the Archdiocese.

“He also helped the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese to start a Birthright Program, a counseling service for crisis pregnancies.”

Rod's only surviving brother, Milton, credits much of Rod's giving nature to his father. “My dad, who worked as a custodian in the Newark schools, was not Catholic,” said Milton, “but he made sure that the three of us always remained strong and true to our faith. He also led by example—always doing favors for other people, helping someone who had

a problem and giving what he could to people who needed it. I think Rod especially took that to heart. We were not rich, but our father always made sure we shared what had. I guess Rod felt that, even with his handicaps, he was blessed, and he had to share those blessings.”



Rodman Herman



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# Stewardship ‘experience’ coming to Archdiocese

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

Because many in the Archdiocese of Newark are unable to attend the annual International Catholic Stewardship Conference, Stewardship Day — A Day of Discipleship will be held next month at Seton Hall University (SHU). Determining that the faraway conference is too valuable a resource to miss, Deacon John McKenna, Director of Stewardship and Planned Giving explained, it was decided to schedule a condensed version locally. Stewardship Day will take place from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Kozlowski Hall on SHU's South Orange campus. By bringing part of the international conference “experience” to the Archdio-

cese, Deacon McKenna said, participants can learn “first-hand” how Stewardship can be integrated into all aspects of a parish. Stewardship Day is formatted for pastors, clergy, Religious, lay leaders and those active in Stewardship. But, Assistant Director of Development Ramona Flores pointed out, the program is “open to everyone.” Featured will be nationally recognized speakers, inter-parish networking, workshops and presentations. Everything, Deacon McKenna stressed, will be “focused on promoting and keeping Stewardship alive in the parishes.” Archbishop John J. Myers will be on hand at 9 a.m. for an opening prayer service.

Breakout sessions are a focal point of the day and will be held in the morning and afternoon. While most of the breakout session presenters will be from the Archdiocese, Flores and Deacon McKenna made note of the afternoon plenary session at which Msgr. Michael Corona, President of the International Catholic Stewardship Council, will speak. A Q&A period will follow each breakout session.

His attendance at the international conference, Deacon McKenna noted, has been one in which the “depth and commitment” of the Church to Stewardship is evident. The conference also provides vivid examples of those who are “reaping rewards” through their involvement with Stewardship, he said. All of that, Deacon McKenna emphasized, is an enormous source of “encouragement” and points the way toward how it can work throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

For additional information contact Andrew Kaczynski, Coordinator of Stewardship, at (973) 497-4332 or e-mail him at [kacznan@rcan.org](mailto:kacznan@rcan.org).

## Church of Newark

Continued from page 1 example, is the elaborately decorated crown portion of a vara, commissioned in 1936 by the Saint Sebastian Society of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Montclair. The vara, designed in Corinthian Baroque style, was carved as an exact replica of the wooden sculptured canopy crafted by Sicilian carpenters in Cerami, Sicily, to carry the saint through the neighborhood streets. The entire vara is carried in the Saint Sebastian Feast Day Procession each August. Members of the public are invited to attend the opening reception for “People of Newark” on Thursday, Sept. 18. Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, will lead a prayer service at Seton Hall's Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at 6 p.m. Viewing of the exhibit and a reception will follow in the Walsh Library Gallery. “Portraits of our bishops are side by side with objects that represent parish societies and popular devotions. The objects on display express the ethnic and racial diversity of the people of Newark and their unity in the common faith of the Catholic Church,” Msgr. Wister added.

“Each ethnic group has its own ‘style’ of spirituality. So we have an Irish cross, an Italian processional float, a Polish banner, a statue of St. Andrew Kim, a crucifix with an African Christ. This shows the diversity. Yet all of us are Catholics. Therefore, we focus on the unity of our faith in the Eucharist. This unity is shown forth in several monstrances and chalices, liturgical instruments focused on the Eucharist. Among them are a spectacular German monstrance and a magnificent chalice given by Napoleon III.” JoAnn Cotz noted that there is a series of Madonna figures representing a wide variety of cultures. Among them: Cuban (Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre ), Ecuadorian (Our Lady of Quinche), a Korean Madonna, and a Madonna from St. Mary Church/Newark Abbey that dates to 1842. The oldest single object in the exhibition, the Madonna was damaged in the Newark Know-Nothing riots in the 19th century.



An elaborate sick call kit that was used by a priest when conducting the Last Rites, known as Extreme Unction (1897).

- Topics for the breakout sessions will include:
- Stewardship: A Bishop's Response— A Look at the Pastoral Organization and Functions of a Parish Stewardship Committee
  - Characteristics of a Stewardship Parish
  - Ideas to Foster Stewardship of Time and Talent
  - Practical Spirituality of Stewardship
  - Stewardship of Time— Promoting Prayer in the Parish
  - Stewardship: Hospitality and Welcoming
  - Living Stewardship and Scripture Every Day
  - Eucharist Leads to Stewardship
  - Stewardship in the Workplace
  - Stewardship in Ethnic Parishes
  - Teaching Stewardship to Children
  - Stewardship in the Liturgy

## Novarcensis: A Look Back at Our History

- 130 years ago...**  
September 8. Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Orange, was established.
- 112 years ago...**  
September 30. St. Lucy Parish, Newark, was incorporated.
- 101 years ago...**  
September 21. Cornerstone of St. Mary Church, Jersey City was laid. St. Mary was merged into the Parish of the Resurrection in June 1997.
- 46 years ago...**  
September 24. Bishop Martin W. Stanton and Bishop Walter W. Curtis were ordained Auxiliary Bishops of Newark—the first dual episcopal ordination in New Jersey. Bishop Stanton retired as Auxiliary Bishop in 1972. Bishop Curtis became Bishop of Bridgeport in 1961, retired in 1988.
- 28 years ago...**  
September 24. Archbishop Peter Leo Gerety concelebrated Mass in St. Peter's Square, Rome, when Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized. Mother Seton was the first American-born saint.

Novarcensis is compiled and edited by Rev. Msgr. Francis R. Seymour, Archivist of the Archdiocese of Newark.



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



September 13

**Church of the Presentation,** Upper Saddle River, concert fundraiser, Walk in Love, 8 p.m. Call (201) 327-1313 for tickets.

September 14

**St. Casimir Parish,** Newark, celebrating 95th Anniversary with Mass at 10:30 a.m. A banquet will follow. Call (973) 344-2743 or (973) 344-4713.

**St. Mary Parish,** Nutley, blood pressure screening from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**St. Francis Xavier School,** Newark, second annual Welcome Back Picnic, 3 p.m. Call (973) 482-8410.



September 18

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish,** Ridgewood, eight-week course in Coping with Grief, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Call (201) 445-9032.

September 20

**Our Lady of Mercy Parish,** Jersey City, a celebration of the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruis, the first Filipino saint. Novena, Sept. 20 and 27 after the 8:45 a.m. Mass and Sept. 21 and 28 after the 7 p.m. Mass. A dinner-dance will be held Sept. 27 from 7 p.m. to midnight.

September 21

**St. Joseph Regional High School,** Montvale, craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For additional information visit [www.stjosephregional.org](http://www.stjosephregional.org).

**St. Patrick Parish,** Elizabeth, annual picnic, 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets available after the Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Mass and all Sunday Masses by calling (908) 354-0023 or (908) 527-0278 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

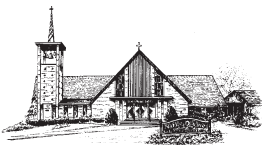
**Holy Family Parish,** Union City, sixth annual International Festival. 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call (201) 867-6536.

September 26

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish,** Montclair. Outdoor festival, “La Festa,” from 6 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday Sept.

27 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Over 100 vendors. Call (973) 744-2156.

**Notre Dame Parish,** North Caldwell, discussion for fathers who have lost a child, 7:30 p.m. Pre-registration required. Call (973) 497-4327.



September 27

**Church of the Presentation,** Upper Saddle River, Morning of Reflection for women from 9 a.m. to noon. The theme, “Come Grow Along with Me the Best is Yet to Be.” Call 201-447-2449 or 201-848-0190.

**Church of the King,** Jersey City, the Rosary Altar Society, will hold its annual mini card party at 6:30 p.m. Call Verdena at (201) 433-9279.

October 4

**Our Lady of Sorrows Parish,** South Orange, Healing Mass at noon. Luncheon after Mass. Call (973) 763-5454.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish,** Bloomfield, a forum on sexual abuse, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Offering \$30. Call Anna at (973) 338-9538.

**St. Joseph Parish,** East Rutherford, in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day, will present Late Nite Catechism. Donation \$35 which includes a hot and cold buffet prior to the performance. Call Dolores McGuire at 939-5163, or Ann Dunne at 438-8485 for tickets and additional information. Both are in the 201 area code.



October 7

**Holy Spirit Parish,** Union, is preparing a new session of its Bereavement Group. To be held on eight consecutive Tuesdays. Call Ron at (908) 810-9581, or Mary Ellen at (908) 686-4481.

October 25

**Holy Rosary Parish,** Jersey City, centennial of the blessing of the church cornerstone with a dinner-dance. Tickets not sold after Sept. 15.

October 27

**St Andrew Parish,** Westwood, a special evening to provide information on Rite of Initiation for Adults at 7:30 p.m. Call (201) 664-6777.

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Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

Administration/Essex County

**Most Reverend Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.,** Auxiliary Bishop of Newark has been appointed as an Ex-Officio member to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark, effective Sept. 11.

**Reverend Monsignor James S. Choma,** Pastor of the Church of St. Agnes, Clark, has been appointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a period of three years, effective Sept. 11, 2003 and ending Aug. 31, 2006.

**Reverend Monsignor Edward J. Ciuba,** Pastor of the Church of Notre Dame, North Caldwell, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a period of three years, effective Sept. 11, 2003 and ending Aug. 31, 2006.

**Reverend Monsignor Frank G. Del Prete,** Pastor of the Church of Ss. Peter & Paul, Hoboken, has been appointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a period of three years, effective Sept. 11, 2003 and ending Aug. 31, 2006.

**Very Reverend Charles P. Granstrand, V.F.,** Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, Park Ridge, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a period of three years, effective Sept. 11, 2003 and ending Aug. 31, 2006.

**Reverend Monsignor Robert Harahan,** Pastor of the Church of St. Teresa of Avila, Summit, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a period of three years, effective Sept. 11, 2003 and ending Aug. 31, 2006.

**Reverend Monsignor Edward F. Kavin,** Director of St. John Vianney Residence, Rutherford, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the

Archdiocese of Newark for a period of three years, effective Sept. 11, 2003 and ending Aug. 31, 2006.

**Reverend Anthony Randazzo,** Parochial Vicar of the Church of Notre Dame, North Caldwell, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a period of three-years, effective Sept. 11, 2003 and ending Aug. 31, 2006.

**Reverend Marc A. Vicari,** Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, South Orange, has been appointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a period of three years, effective Sept. 11, 2003 and ending Aug. 31, 2006.

**Reverend Monsignor Richard J. Arnolds,** Pastor of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Bergenfield, has been appointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a period of two years, effective Aug. 27, 2003 and ending Aug. 31, 2005.

**Reverend Joseph A. Ferraro,** Pastor of the Church of St. Anthony, Newark, has been appointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a period of two years, effective Aug. 27, 2003 and ending Aug. 31, 2005.

**Reverend William T. Morris,** Pastor of the Church of St. Mark, Rahway, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a period of two years, effective Aug. 27, 2003 and ending Aug. 31, 2005.

**Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Ivory,** Pastor of the Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a period of one year, effective Aug. 27, 2003 and ending Aug. 31, 2004.

**Reverend John J. Cryan,** Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City, has been elected to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a period of three years, effective Sept. 1.

**Reverend Monsignor Thomas A. Donato,** Spiritual Director of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, South Orange, has been elected to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a period of three years, effective Sept. 1.

**Reverend Monsignor Raymond J. Pollard,** has been elected to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a period of three years, effective Sept. 1.

**Reverend Monsignor Paul L. Bochicchio, V.F.,** Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Garfield, has been elected to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a period of two years, effective Sept. 1.

**Reverend Joseph A. D'Amico,** Parochial Vicar of the Church of Ss. Peter & Paul, Hoboken, has been elected to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a period of two years, effective Sept. 1.

**Reverend Monsignor Philip D. Morris,** Pastor of the Church of St. John the Baptist, Hillsdale, has been elected to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a period of two years, effective Sept. 1.

**Reverend Dominick J. Lenoci,** Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Catharine, Glen Rock has been appointed to the Priestly Vocations Board, effective Sept. 1, 2003 and ending Sept. 1, 2006

Pastor/Hudson County

**Reverend Francisco Legarra, O.A.R.,** has been approved as Pastor of the Church of Holy Family, Union City, effective Sept. 1.

Other/Union County

**Reverend David S. McLaughlin,** has been appointed to the Faculty of St. Patrick's High School, Elizabeth, effective Sept. 1.

Other/Hudson County

**Reverend Paul J. Nolan,** Chaplain of Prison Ministry, is retiring from active ministry, effective Dec. 1, 2003.

**Reverend Thaddeus Stasik,** Pastor of the Church of St. Ann (Polish), Jersey City is retiring from active ministry, effective Mar. 1, 2004.

**Deacon Robert A. Baker, Sr.,** Permanent Deacon of the Church of St. Nicholas, Jersey City has been appointed as Chaplain for the Hudson County Sheriff's Department, Jersey City, effective July 1, 2003.

Other/Essex County

**Reverend Dennis Kaelin,** Campus Minister at St. Patrick's High School, Elizabeth has been appointed to residency at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rectory, Newark, effective Aug. 28, 2003.

Other/Bergen County

**Reverend Monsignor Thomas M. O'Leary,** Pastor of the Church of St. Elizabeth, Wyckoff, is retiring from active ministry, effective Oct. 1, 2003.

**Reverend Walter D. Cron,** Chaplain at St. Michael's Villa, Englewood Cliffs is retiring from active ministry, effective Jan. 1, 2004.





# Polish community to celebrate Pope's 25th anniversary

The 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's election will be celebrated Sunday, Sept. 21 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark with a noontime Mass celebrated by Archbishop Szczepan Wesoly from the Vatican, in the presence of Archbishop John J. Myers.

Attending will be the Consul General of the Republic of Poland and the Vice President of the Polish Congress.

The Mass is sponsored by the Polish Clergyman's Society of Newark and Paterson and the John Paul II Foundation of New Jersey in conjunction with the religious and lay faithful of Polish heritage throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

Mass will begin with an outdoor procession of banners from Polish-American parishes. The banners will be carried by adults and young people in native costumes, veterans and the Knights of Columbus.

At the steps of the main entrance to the Cathedral Basilica, the folk group Gorale will sing before and after Mass, in honor of the Holy Father. At the pulpit will be a picture of Pope John Paul II. During the offertory procession, flowers will be placed in front of the picture.

Msgr. Bronislaw Wielgus, Pastor of St. Theresa Parish in

Linden, recalls Oct. 16, 1978 with great fondness. The monsignor knows Pope John Paul II well, having been ordained by him in 1962 as the youngest bishop in Poland at the time.

"That historic day I was very proud and happy to say, 'Yes, I know him.' For Poland and Polish people everywhere in the world it was truly a unique and remarkable moment which will never be forgotten." Msgr. Wielgus added quickly, "I can say he is still the same extraordinary person he was before Oct. 16, 1978, only in a different place and position."

Father Miroslaw Krol, Parochial Vicar at St. Theresa's and coordinator of the Polish Apostolate, has equally vivid memories of that October day.

On a walk back from church a woman came up to a group of children, which included Father Krol, and shouted, "Children, children, you do not know what just happened—we have a Polish pope." He has to admit, Father Krol remarked, "We could not fully understand at that time what had happened. I knew that we were witnesses to something extraordinary." He also recalled the Communist regime of the day, which he described as "not too happy to hear the news." He said he remembers too that his dream

was to become a priest and meet the Holy Father. Both dreams have come true. A few days after his ordination Father Krol concelebrated Mass with the Holy Father and read the Gospel. "I will never stop thanking God for such a gift."

Remembering that she heard the news while a young Sister in Poland, Sister Maria Gruszka, L.S.I.C., of St. Theresa's said it "gave us so much hope that things might change (in the then Communist country). Twenty-five years later I can say that we were not mistaken. The changes came, and this Holy Father gave us the courage and strength to stay free as a nation and to peacefully bring down a cruel system."

Archbishop Wesoly was

ordained to the priesthood in 1956 and became a bishop 12 years later.

In 1961 he became director of the Polish Apostolate in Italy. He took an active role in the work of the Vatican II Council as president of its Slavic section. He is a co-founder of the Apostolate of Polonia for Polish People outside of Poland, and he has served as secretary of the Polish Emigrants at the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Poland.

He retired this year as Archbishop of Polonia and delegate of the Polish Episcopate for the Polish People outside of Poland. He has been president of the John Paul II Foundation at the Vatican since its inception in 1982.



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## Condemn terrorism

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Addressing bishops from Egypt, Pope John Paul II said it was important for all religions to condemn terrorism with a single voice and work together for a more just world. The pope made the remarks in a written speech handed to Egyptian bishops during their “ad limina” visits to the Vatican. The bishops, who make “ad limina” visits every five years to report on the status of their dioceses, met with the pontiff at his summer residence outside Rome. The pope said Catholic dialogue with Islam was especially important in Egypt, where Muslims are the vast majority and Catholics are few. Such dialogue can serve as a model for interreligious cooperation in the world, he said.

## Appeal to Mary

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Pope John Paul II concluded a series of Sunday talks on Europe by entrusting the continent to Mary and asking her to “dry the tears” caused by violence throughout the world. Addressing pilgrims in the courtyard of his summer residence outside Rome Aug. 31, the pope prayed that Mary would help Europe become “a symphony of nations committed to building the civilization of love and peace.” To highlight Mary's traditional place among

Europeans, the pope noted that Sept. 1 marked the 50th anniversary of the day tears were seen flowing from a statue of Mary in Syracuse, Sicily. The event was later recognized as authentic by Sicilian bishops and by Pope Pius XII.

## Turmoil is cited

MANILA, Philippines (CNS) — Philippine bishops expressed concern over the “present political turmoil” and “political intrigues” in their country and called for an end to political bickering. The 10-member permanent council of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines issued a “pastoral statement on the present political situation” that called the turmoil and intrigue deeply disturbing.

## Hospitals threatened

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — The ability of Catholic hospitals to provide services in accord with their values is under increasing attack by those opposed to the freedom of conscience guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, a priest and a law professor told the annual American Bar Association meeting in San Francisco. Father Michael Place, President of the Catholic Health Association, and Lynn Wardle, law professor at Brigham Young University, participated in a panel discussion entitled “Patients' Rights:

Refusal Clauses and Their Impact on Health Care Access and Rights.” The “refusal clauses” in question are those state and federal “conscience clauses” which prohibit the government from forcing individuals and associations to participate in, provide or pay for abortions, sterilizations or other procedures which they oppose on religious or other “conscience” grounds. The freedom of Catholic institutions to refuse to perform abortions was opposed by the other panel participants, including Frances Kissling of Catholics for a Free Choice and representatives from the American Civil Liberties Union, Merger Watch and the National Women's Law Center.

## A different style

DUBLIN, Ireland (CNS) — Dublin Coadjutor Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, a former Vatican expert on international justice issues, said he will have to find a new style of being an archbishop. At a briefing for journalists the archbishop said the Church has been authoritarian and must learn to be a different sort of church. “There must be much more aggressive reaching out to young people... Many women feel they are not understood by the Church,” the archbishop told reporters. While acting as coadjutor, Archbishop Martin said he would be “out and about, knocking on doors and meeting people.”

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## Breast cancer linkage

Editor,

A recent medical journal contained an article by a cancer research doctor that strongly connected breast cancer with abortion. The linkage was done with clarity and well documented with medical facts and reasoning.

As usual, the “pro-abortion” media gave very little coverage to this excellent report.

All women should be informed about the dreaded disease of breast cancer that claims many lives.

Hopefully, writing letters to local newspapers will help in getting the media to report information of this magnitude properly.

Bernard Kiernan  
Fort Lee

## Tuition is too high

Editor,

We are on the very brink of having two children ready for Catholic high school.

Our problem is not being able to decide which school. It is rather trying to pay the soaring tuition. Catholic schools are out of sight for the average Catholic wage earner—or haven’t you noticed?

Your article (on school marketing in the Aug. 27 issue) did not help solve the fiscal problem.

Joseph Carter  
Cedar Grove

## Taking issue

Editor,

The letter included in *The Catholic Advocate* of Aug. 27 by Andrew J. MacDonald, concerning five of President Bush’s nominees for judgeships on the United States Court of Appeals, is lacking in the truth.

The three “devout” Catholics hold positions which I, many Catholics and others could never support.

Filibustering their nominations is not a mark of bigotry but a rejection of persons who should never have been nominated.

Letters similar to Mr. MacDonald’s should show proof of the nominees’ position, not hear say.

Joe Quinn  
Union

## Congratulations, Bishop da Cunha

Editor,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of Catholic Community Services, I would like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha on the joyous occasion of his ordination and installation as the 22nd Auxiliary bishop of the Newark Archdiocese.

We are proud of Bishop da Cunha’s success and look forward to working with him in the coming months.

Phillip Frese, Ph.D., CPA  
Executive Director

## Crises and conflicts won’t deter us

With summer almost a memory, schools well into their first semester of activity, parish pews (up here in northern New Jersey) groaning under the weight of once-absent vacationers, a new Auxiliary Bishop ordained, and pastoral councils, finance councils and school advisory boards up and running—it feels as if there is little time to breathe, let alone reflect on the many reasons we are to be grateful to God for His blessings in our lives.

Yet, all is not peaceful in the kingdom.

The undertow of scandal, political uncertainties and pervasive immoral culture remain with us. Perhaps they always will, as long as we remain imperfect followers of the Perfect One.

The diocese-by-diocese audit of child protection policies and practices is under way throughout the U.S. at the behest of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Each diocese, each bishop, each and every Catholic is “on notice” to take responsibility for our actions.

This is but the most visible and urgent example of the call to be Christians.

We must look to our teachers: our pastors, parents and peers. We must seek answers in Scripture and prayer. We must show up for the Lord, for He never fails to be there for us, even when we deny Him.

In whatever vocation we serve—priest, parent, worker, professional, care giver, you name it—we are empowered to heal and cast out demons, just as the apostles were, in our daily lives. We do this less often by lightning-bolt displays than by simple example.

Too much to ask? Too much to expect? Too hopeful and perhaps naïve? Possibly. Just as it was too much to ask Him to suffer and die for us and to rise from death to Life that we might experience His love forever.

## Vote apathy—a dangerous trend

It is said if someone does not vote, he or she has no right to complain about the caliber of government. Unfortunately in New Jersey more than half of the state’s Catholics hold that dubious distinction.

Research from Washington, DC-based Catholic Vote found that a stunning 59 percent of eligible Catholics in the Garden State did not bother to go to the polls in the 2001 general election.

According to the latest U.S. Census figures compiled three years ago, New Jersey has 8,414,350 residents, 75 percent of whom are of voting age. To put the poll paralysis in some perspective, in the 2001 gubernatorial election there were 4,597,606 registered voters. Exit polls determined that a full 47 percent identify themselves as Catholics. Do the math.

Catholics, of course, are hardly the only group increasingly deficient in their civic duty. It should bother everyone that a shrinking number of Americans are deciding who will be our leaders.

The latest political corruption and ineptitude notwithstanding, forfeiting the precious right to vote is dangerous and damaging.

One thing politicians pay attention to is the polls. In a way, the Catholic Vote statistics are a poll of sorts that tells those in Trenton that a significant portion of Catholics can be brushed off because they are not going to vote anyway.

Anyone who does not vote eventually becomes irrelevant, and so do their concerns. That is simply unacceptable.

## Join the ‘Crusade of the Holy Rosary’

An important opportunity to participate in this Year of the Rosary has been launched by the Lumen Dei Catholic Association.

Archbishop John J. Myers made the start of the Crusade of the Holy Rosary official recently when he blessed a set of Rosary beads.

There is no more powerful way to pray to the Mother of God than with the Rosary.

Crusade participants sign a pledge card inserted in the Marian Crusade pamphlet and commit to praying one Rosary per day for lengths of a month, three months, six months, a year or even a lifetime.

Faithful throughout the Archdiocese will be joining some 160,000 registrants nationwide. As Association representative Sister Sara Bermejo said when she accepted the blessed Rosary beads from the Archbishop, “The best part is that all of the crusaders are praying for each other’s special intentions.”

With the Lumen Dei Catholic Association calling the Archdiocese home, it would be a tremendous tribute if Essex, Bergen, Hudson and Union counties registered in record numbers.

## Respect Life

### Catholics don’t vote to know what to believe

**BY MSGR. RICHARD MCGUINESS**  
*Director of the Respect Life Office*

Being a Catholic means that we accept God as an all knowing, all loving creator who has the right to tell us how He wants us to live and what He wants us to believe.

We accept His commandments as they are taught to us by His Catholic Church. We don’t vote on His teachings, we simply accept them!

Imagine how foolish we would be if we had to vote on what we were to believe. Imagine what would occur if God left it up to us to decide what we should believe and how we should live!

As a matter of fact, the Catholic Church continues to teach today the same deposit of faith that Christ taught the Apostles. Protests against one or another of Christ’s teaching have resulted in us now having thousands of Christian Churches, each claiming to speak Christ’s teaching.

Today when the Church’s teachings on birth control, abortion, homo-

sexuality, euthanasia or divorce are being called into question even by some Catholics, the Church continues to teach what Christ taught.

It declares that God’s gift of sexuality is so sacred that it must be reserved to the marital embrace of a man and woman who commit themselves completely to each other and to God in marriage and who will accept the children who are the result of their love. It proclaims the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death. It condemns as sinful extramarital sexuality, the taking of human life born and unborn, as well as the deliberate putting to death of those who are old, infirm or handicapped.

It can do nothing else. God, the source of all life, wants each of us to respect the life of others as we want our own life to be respected. And He wants us to reserve the gift of sexuality, the source of human life, to those who commit themselves to God and each other in marriage.



# Lamenting the lowest common denominator

Around the late 1940's I was working for the water department in the town of Belleville. Each morning we reported to the garage down behind the city hall and roared out to work. Some days we didn't do too much, but at 8 a.m. sharp those trucks were out on the street in a great show of efficiency.

Now, near the garage on Valley Street there was a little bungalow. It was inhabited by five men. They were all veterans of the First World War. Thus they all had pensions. The house had been left to one of them by his father. These doughboys were all addicted to the bottle.

They were funny guys. Every once in a while one of them would fall into disfavor and the other four would throw him out—physically—into the street. Then when he was back in good graces again, one of the others would be out. They had a round robin going.

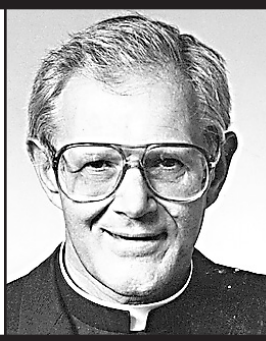
They were an unkempt lot, and their attire left much to be desired. Neither were they into shaving or bathing regularly. To tell the truth they weren't in the strict sense "bums," but they looked like bums.

Now it happened that one day one of them passed away. Since they didn't have ten cents among them, the funeral became a community event.

Some of the men from the garage cleaned up the

## Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



house. Kiernan, the undertaker, laid the old slugger out and put a crepe on the door. Saint Peter's agreed to have a Mass and bury him—gratis, of course.

Meanwhile we passed the hat in the garage and gathered a few dollars so that the other four gents could be taken to the Mount Carmel Guild in Newark to get some clothes.

On the day of the funeral you wouldn't recognize them. They cleaned up beautifully. They were

shaved. They had their hair combed. They had on new shoes, suits, white shirts and ties. They were a fine-looking group of pallbearers. More than that, they were subdued and sober. We were proud of them. Of course,

right after the funeral they were back at their favorite saloon down on William Street. After all, they had to toast their lost friend and grieve his passing.

Now why do I mention them? It is because I think of them often as I preside at funerals. Why? Because these old tipplers had a greater sense of propriety in relation to church and to funerals than many people do today.

Honest to goodness, some people who come to a funeral Mass have no sense and no idea of propriety at all. They show no respect for the church or the deceased. They arrive in T-shirts, ripped dungarees, miniskirts, tank tops and any other garment you can buy at the Gap.

I feel sorry for the young people today. They have been brought down—sartorially—to the lowest common denominator.

For my part, I was more comfortable with my four friends from Belleville. They may have had their faults, but they knew what was proper. In fact, in my youth everyone had a greater sense of what was fitting. It's just the way it was then. People did not have much money, but they did have some class.

Strange isn't it that we who had nothing always strove and managed to dress decently. While today, in wealthy America, some people do their best to look like rag pickers.

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

*"People did not have much money but they did have some class."*

# The width and strength of our ecclesial embrace

Nikos Kazantzakis once said, "The bosom of God is not a ghetto, but our hearts often are." So too, sadly, are our ecclesiologies.

In Church circles today, both liberal and conservative, our ecclesiologies are often anything but inclusive and Catholic ("Catholic" meaning wide and universal). We are pretty selective as to whom we consent to worship with and to whom we will accord the grace and wisdom of God. We tend to pick our fellow worshippers along ideological lines rather than along the lines that Jesus suggests, and we are getting ever more fastidious. More and more within our churches the sincere are divided from the sincere, and the old tensions that used to exist between denominations now also exist within each denomination.

Given all of this, it can be helpful to re-ground ourselves in a critical truth that Jesus revealed.

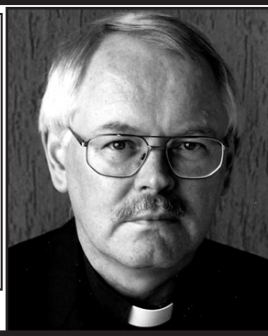
One of His most stunning revelations is that God does not discriminate: "God lets His sun shine on the good as well as the bad." God, like the sun, shines on every kind of soil equally, fertile and barren alike. And if God showers love equally on the good and bad, then surely God showers love equally on liberals and conservatives, on the rigid and the fanciful, on those who are joyous and those who are bitter, on the politically correct and on those less inclined to that kind of sensitivity, and on those who belong to our ecclesial set and on those who would prefer us dead. That's a disconcerting thought, but such, it would seem, is the scope of God's embrace.

Jesus says as much: "In my father's house there are many rooms." This is a statement about the width of God's embrace, not about the architecture of a heavenly mansion. God's heart, as revealed by Jesus, is a wide one, capable of embracing immense differences and carrying unbearable tensions.

That, I submit, is one of the major challenges to our churches today, to stretch our hearts, our theologies, our ecclesiologies and our pastoral practices so as to be more in tune with the great truth of our founder's revelation that in God's house there are many rooms. Can we hold the

## Spiritually Speaking

By Father Ron Rolheiser



differences among ourselves in patience, charity and respect? Can we hold and carry more tension rather than always looking for resolutions that result in some being included and others excluded?

Raymond Brown, in his wonderful book, *The Community of the Beloved Disciple*, traces out how the early Church, immediately after Jesus' departure, already struggled with many of the tensions we have today. The communities of Mark, Matthew, Luke and Paul emphasized very different things than did the communities that followed John.

However, in the end, the Church chose to canonize both of them, chose to accept different Christologies and different ecclesiologies, and to carry the tension and truth of both. It chose to put these differences into paradox rather than opposition.

Brown's words at the end of this fine book are ones that we, within every denomination and within every ideology within a denomination, might well take to heart.

He tells us the Church's decision to place the Gospel of John in the same canon as the writings of Mark, Matthew, Luke and Paul was a decision to live with tension, to imitate God's wide embrace.

*"We tend to pick our fellow worshippers along ideological lines."*

As Brown puts it, by choosing to keep both, the Church "has not chosen a Jesus who is either God or man but both; has chosen not a Jesus who is either virginally conceived as God's son or pre-existent as God's son but both; not either a Spirit who is given to an authoritative teaching magisterium or the Paraclete-teacher who is given to each Christian but both; not a Peter or a Beloved Disciple but both.... This means that a church such as my own, the Roman Catholic, with its stress on authority and structure, has in the Johannine writings an in-built conscience against the abuses of authoritarianism. So also the 'free' churches have in the Pastorals an in-built warning against abuses of the Spirit and in 1 John a warning against the divisions to which a lack of structured authority leads.

"Like one branch of the Johannine community, we Roman Catholics have to come to appreciate that Peter's pastoral role is truly intended by the risen Lord, but the presence in our Scriptures of a disciple whom Jesus loved more than He loved Peter is an eloquent commentary on the relative value of the Church's office. The authoritative office is necessary because a task is to be done and unity is to be preserved, but the scale of power in various offices is not necessarily the scale of Jesus' esteem and love."

In a time of much ecclesial quarrelling, especially over authority, Raymond Brown reminds us that "the greatest dignity to be striven for is neither papal, episcopal, nor priestly; the greatest dignity is that of belonging to the community of the beloved disciples of Jesus Christ."

Our ecclesiologies should echo that.

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# Pope renews appeal to reject aggression

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II sent his condolences over the killing of a noted Iraqi Muslim cleric in a car bomb attack and said terrorism should be condemned by all religions and all people of good will.

The message was in a telegram sent in the pope’s name by Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Vatican secretary of state. It was made public by Vatican Radio Sept. 2, a few hours after funeral ceremonies were held for Ayatollah Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim, who had been considered a leader among moderate Shiite Muslims in Iraq.

The ayatollah was assassinated Aug. 29 when a bomb exploded at a Shiite mosque in the southern city of Najaf. At least 80 others were believed killed in the attack, which was the deadliest act of violence since the fall of Saddam Hussein’s regime.

The Vatican telegram said the pope was deeply saddened by “acts of violence that continue to claim human lives and cause bodily injury in Iraq.” It said the pontiff was particularly upset by the attack on the Najaf mosque, considered the holiest Shiite shrine in Iraq, and by the death of the Muslim cleric and many worshippers.

“The Holy Father offers fervent prayers for all affected by these acts of terror,” the message said. “He commends the victims to God’s merciful love and invokes divine consolation upon the suffering.”

The pope, it said, condemns “all forms of violence and bloodshed.”

“He renews his appeal to the followers of the world’s religions and to all people of good will to reject aggression and to work together to usher in an era of peace and justice in which

*“The Holy Father offers fervent prayers for all affected by these acts of terror.”*

such offenses against human life and dignity will have no place,” the telegram said.

Before the war in Iraq, the pope and Vatican officials warned that the conflict risked setting off uncontrollable violence in the country. One of their deepest concerns remains the risk that militant Muslim factions will use the vacuum of authority to assert power in Iraq.

In an interview published by the Vatican’s missionary news agency, Fides, an Iraqi priest said the killing of al-Hakim illustrated the chaos that persists as Iraqi groups vie for power.

“Iraq today is an open field on which everyone wants to play, everyone wants to have a central role. The struggle for supremacy is the greatest among the Shiite leaders themselves,” said Father Nizar Samaan.

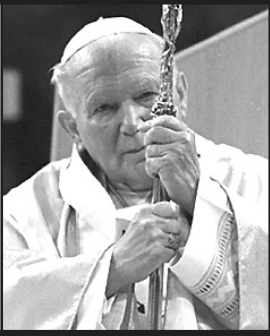
He said al-Hakim, who returned to Iraq recently after 23 years in Iran, was among many Shiite leaders who foresaw an “Islamic Iraq, like neighboring Iran.”

“But the true response to the problems of Iraqis can come only from a democratic Iraq, where there is space for all,” the priest said.

He said what Iraq needs most are words of hope and concrete steps toward construction of a better future. He said Iraqis still “need everything — from food to medicine, from water to electrical power.”

Early this month, a U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council was formed; it is seen as a forerunner to an eventual Iraqi government. The list of 25 Cabinet members includes one Christian, Yonadam Kanna, who heads the Assyrian Democratic Movement in Iraq.

The Pope Speaks



Pope John Paul II

## Hope lies in God

Dear brothers and sisters,

Psalm 92 (91) describes the contrast between the righteous and the wicked. The just man understands and celebrates God’s deeds, is strengthened by prayer and is filled with joy in his old age. The wicked man lives in darkness and does not understand God’s ways. This man’s deeds, even when successful, are destined to doom. The hope of the psalmist and of all who are just lies in God, who will not allow evil to prevail over good.

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

# The cross and salvation in the journey of life

**Readings: Num 21:4-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17**

The Exaltation of the Cross was introduced into the Church calendar to celebrate the recovery of the true Cross from the Persians by the Emperor Heraclion in 629. This event in the city of Jerusalem was linked with the tradition that St. Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine the Great, had found the true Cross three centuries earlier.

Along with Veronica, St. Helena has a place in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome near the altar. The chapel attributed to her piety became one of the seven major basilicas there, “the Holy Cross in Jerusalem,” with beautiful artistic representations of legends about the true Cross.

The early traditions of Anglo-Saxon poetry celebrate legends about the cross as the magnificent sign of Christ’s victory, “this best of symbols” (*A Dream of the Rood*), not as a gibbet of ignominy.

St. Paul had encountered objections to the Christian message of salvation by the Cross of Jesus. “We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles” (1 Cor 1:23). Because the Law of Moses stated that “God’s curse rests on him who hangs on a tree” (Dt 21:23), Jews were shocked by the claim that Jesus was the Anointed One of God.

Greeks knew that this form of the death penalty was reserved for non-Romans convicted of a serious crime. Besides, they did not accept that the body would be raised—so the entire Christian message seemed to be foolish. The Christian vision of faith, however, found the paradox: if God wanted to counteract the pervasive human tendency to achieve power by might and brute force, what would be better than an example of seeming defeat turned into victory?

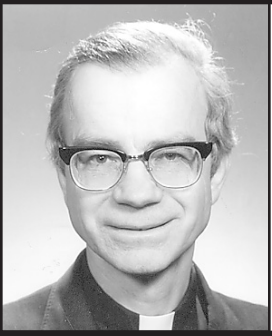
“For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength” (1 Cor 1:25).

According to the first three Gospels, Jesus explained

Sunday Readings

The Holy Cross  
(September 14, 2003)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



three times that He would suffer and die in Jerusalem and on the third day be raised. Hearing the first part of the statement and not understanding the assurance of resurrection, Peter reacted strongly and privately tried to correct Jesus (Mt 16:22).

The Gospel according to John recorded a profound reflection on the “hour” of Jesus, explaining that the series of events from persecution through death to resurrection and ascension are but two aspects of a unique experience. This unity of the culminating service of Jesus’ ministry is stressed by the verb “to lift up”—in humiliation on the cross and in exaltation by the triumph of resurrection (12:32-34, see 8:28; 3:14).

Of course, John also wished to express the transforming effect of this obedience to God the Father, recalling the experience of Israelites during the desert wandering. Those who complained against God and Moses were attacked by saraph (“burning”) serpents. God answered their plea for mercy by instructing Moses to make the equivalent of a “caduceus,” a bronze reminder of their affliction would be the instrument of deliverance.

John drew upon a moment in the Exodus experience as

*Jesus explained three times that He would suffer and die.*

a foundation for Christians to understand the healing work of God in favor of humanity, grievously wounded by sin. Looking upon Jesus as “the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world” (Jn 1:29), the faithful would be enabled, by the gift of water and the Holy Spirit (Jn 3:5-8), to see and enter the kingdom of God (3:3, 5). This birth “from above” (3:7) begins the acknowledgment of God’s authority or reign here-and-now. To capture the sense of continuity between the reign of God accepted in faith and the full communion with God after death, the Gospel substitutes the phrase “eternal life” for “Kingdom.”

This term is used 17 times from John 3:15 onwards, and is defined as knowing the only true God and the one He has sent, Jesus Christ (17:3).

To explore the meaning of knowing God the Father and His Son Jesus, the Church offers a beautiful hymn in St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians, whose purpose is to challenge Christians to think like Jesus (2:5). He became the servant of God and neighbor in a life of obedient love culminating in the crucifixion. The Father’s response to this fidelity was to exalt Him in the resurrection. Then the faithful would acknowledge that Jesus, the Messiah (Christ) or Anointed One, is also one with the Father and to be addressed as LORD. From ancient times this title was a substitute for the Sacred Name revealed to Moses (Ex 3:14-15).

So this hymn, which begins with an insight into the eternal existence of Jesus with God the Father, ends with a declaration of faith in Jesus as risen Lord. This in no way detracts from the unique honor due to God, as Jesus reflects the impressive presence (glory) of God the Father, drawing all peoples to Himself (Jn 12:32).

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# Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, Plainfield

## An evolving parish looks forward

BY LIESL FORES

Staff Reporter

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish in Plainfield has had its share of difficult times. However, with dedication, hard work, prayer and, no doubt, help from the Holy Spirit, this house of God has survived crises and flourished as a unique and inspiring example of harmony.

The parish that began as a mission church of St. Mary Parish in 1915 in the same town, branched off as its own in 1921 and had a new church built in 1952, has gone through social and financial ordeals that have tested its grit.

In the summer of 1967, the killing of a white police officer and parishioner of St. Bernard's,

Bernard's, along with mother church St. Mary's, opened its facilities for a day camp for underprivileged children, in collaboration with a secular anti-poverty campaign, Community Action Plainfield Crusade, a gesture that helped build relations between different sectors in the community. Parishioners also assisted in housing and town cleanup efforts for the betterment of the city.

Today, the once predominantly Italian parish calls itself a "living mosaic of God's people." Since the 1970s, the parish has continued to evolve and now reflects a host of cultures, ethnicities, ages and backgrounds.

"The tradition of the parish is



Father Frank Rose with Beverly Cirino, the parish's full time pastoral associate.

John Gleeson, during the city's race riots and subsequent tensions the following year, when resident priest Father Frank D. Testa joined a group of 19 other priests from Newark and Jersey City to call attention to what they called the Archdiocese's lack of responsiveness to minorities, led to a rift in the parish. Some members demanded the removal of Father Testa, while others supported him; both discontented sides boycotted Sunday collections.

Despite these controversies within the parish (Father Testa remained) and the larger civic community, St. Bernard's endeavored to make itself a helpful, welcoming presence to all, not just Catholics.

In the fall of 1967, the parish sponsored a lecture series discussing the racial crisis in the region and country, the role of the government and Church in the crisis and the goals of civil rights organizations. It continued the series with topics in a similar vein the following year.

By the summer of 1968, St.

its diversity," asserted Father Frank Rose, Pastor. "Pick a country, and you'll find a family that represents that country," he said, indicating parishioners from nations in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean as well as African-Americans and those of European heritage among the mix.

This cultural variety is incorporated into the Sunday liturgy, on which the parish "prides itself," Father Rose emphasized.

There is a gospel choir, a children's choir and adult choir, each adding its own flavor to a particular Sunday Mass or sometimes joining together, all in an effort to "encourage others to sing and experience a diversity of music."

There are also occasional blessings during the Mass, which have a cultural component specific to a family that may be celebrating a special milestone.

Worship ministries are one of four "clusters" of ministries that were formed with the arrival of Father Joseph F. Barbone as pastor in 1986. There was a concerted effort to "rebuild" the parish, which had decreased in number



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and consisted largely of senior citizens at the time, in order to include the many people living in the community.

The parish reached out to women, youth and members of all ethnic groups to participate in liturgies as lectors and Eucharistic Ministers and to serve on the liturgy committee.

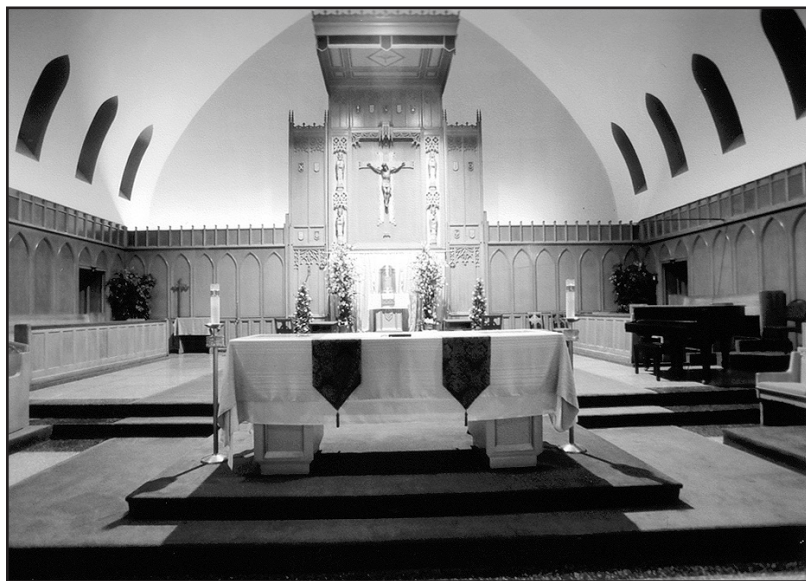
The other three categories, Ministries of Word, Service and Community Building, were created to help evangelize, strengthen parishioners in faith and extend a welcome to inactive Catholics and those seeking a worshipping community. The parish continues in striving to attain these goals, each cluster encompassing numerous programs and committees that serve myriad needs.

Father Rose discussed two new

can attend gatherings with their children, have some time for spiritual reflection, then leave children with other members for a while to run errands or spend some time "taking care of themselves. We're very excited about this," the pastor commented.

Though St. Bernard's no longer has a school—the grammar school, which opened in 1927 and later merged with St. Mary's school in 1986, closed in 1995, and an Early Childhood Center for pre-school through kindergarten classes, which opened in 1997, also closed last year—the parish has consistently given special attention to its younger generations.

The youth group is "up and coming, fully coming into its own," Father Rose pointed out,



The present church building was opened and blessed in 1952. The altar is made of oak and the arched ceilings are features of the Gothic-style architecture.

groups which the parish is very hopeful about. A men's group will be assisting with the parish's youth, "supporting and ministering to the young people," he explained. And Mother's Morning Out is a ministry in which mothers

"Young people are very important, so we're focusing on that."

The religious education program of over 100 students, mostly parishioners, has also always been emphasized and nurtured.

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Advocate photos- Frank Wood



# 'Living mosaic of God's people'

During the early part of the last century, the faithful from the eastern end of Plainfield, North Plainfield and Scotch Plains traveled to St. Mary Parish in the west end of the city to attend Mass.

Eventually, however, it was determined that a neighborhood parish was needed.

In May of 1915 a mission church, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, was opened and named in tribute to Father Bernard Bogan, pastor of St. Mary's. The first Mass was celebrated on Sunday, May 18, 1915 by Father Bogan.

The Catholic population of the area grew rapidly in the ensuing years. The little mission church was always filled.

In 1921 Bishop John J. O'Connor separated St. Bernard from the mother church. The new pastor, Father Joseph M. Kelly, celebrated the first Mass in the new parish on Sunday, June 5 that same year.

With the new parish in place, the population growth that preceded it picked up at an even higher rate.

In March of 1925 ground was broken for a combination school/religious/meeting center. That September, daily and Sunday Masses were celebrated in the new building. The school welcomed its first students two years later.

The church building of today opened its doors in 1952. That was followed by construction of a new rectory, convent and an addition to the school that included a social hall, gymnasium, office, library and kindergarten.

In the early days, the congregation was predominately comprised of people of Italian descent. Changing demographics have transformed St. Bernard's into a "living mosaic of God's people."

That mosaic now includes nationalities from Europe, Africa, the Caribbean, Central America and Asia.

The parish has constantly adapted to inevitable change by following guide-



Archbishop Thomas Boland applies mortar to the cornerstone of the new convent in 1962, while Msgr. Charles B. Murphy, left, Pastor, and Msgr. John E. McHenry, Pastor of Our Lady of the Visitation Parish in Paramus, right, look on. The construction was part of a major growth period.

lines and directives to provide for the spiritual needs of parishioners.

Seventeen years ago the Sisters of St. John the Baptist, who had served the school for many years, left.

In September of 1986, St. Bernard's school merged with St. Mary's school under one roof in the St. Bernard's building. The school ultimately ceased operations eight years ago.

The priests of St. Bernard's relocated to St. Mary's rectory, and the St. Bernard's convent and rectory building were rented out to RENEW International. In the Spring of 1995 the rectory was returned to the parish.

It was a time when emphasis was

given to making liturgies more reflective of the Catholic faith. A key element was expansion in all areas of ministry. Those ministries are always evaluated as a need arises. Evangelization is a focus of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish.

Father Frank Rose, who was appointed administrator in 1999, became pastor three years ago.

## All welcome

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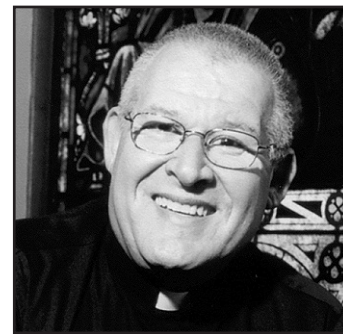
Comprised of kindergarten through eighth grade classes, efforts are made to include students in parish activities, such as the Advent Fair, an important annual event for the church.

According to the pastor, some of the parish's youth become certified and teach CCD classes, while others who have been through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)—there is a special program for teenagers—are "more than happy" to assist new members.

In spite of this progress, Father Rose, who has been at the parish as administrator since 1999 and as pastor since 2000, observed of St. Bernard's, "It's a community in a great deal of flux," explaining that though there are always young families coming into the parish, they often move when their children become of school age.

But looking on the positive side, he indicated that when those young families are present, they are active in the parish life, becoming involved in any number of ministries and

## Meet the Pastor



Father Frank Rose

**Age:** 57

**Date of Birth:**  
September 30, 1945

**High School:** Essex Catholic High School

**College/Seminary/Graduate School:** Maryknoll College, Fairleigh Dickinson University; Immaculate Conception Seminary; Fairleigh Dickinson University (graduate school)

**Heroes:** Pope John XXIII, Dorothy Day

**Favorite Saint:** St. Francis Xavier

**Favorite Sport:** Boxing

**Favorite Food:** Meatloaf and hot dogs

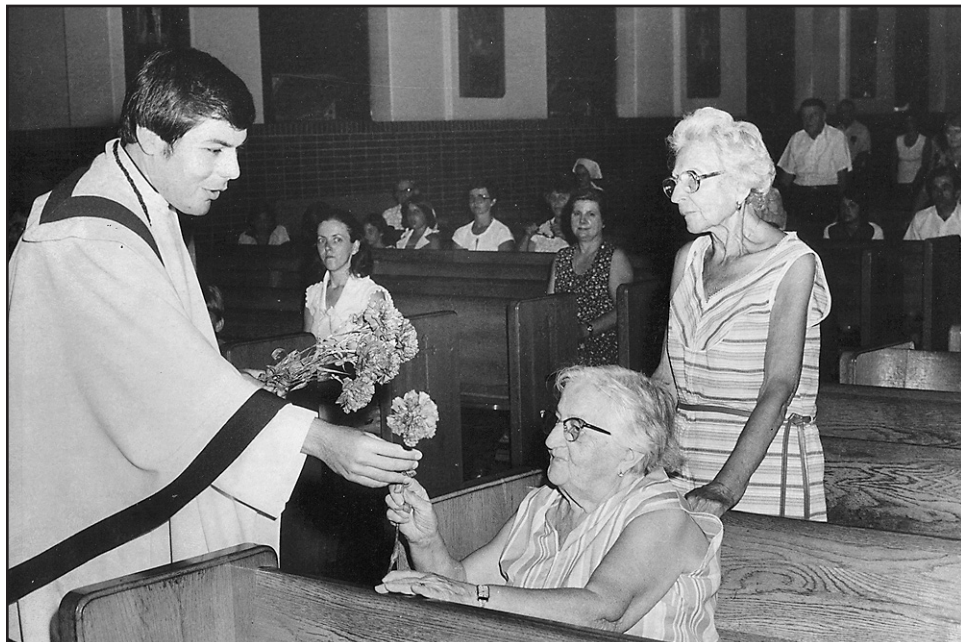
**Favorite School Subject:** French

**Favorite Movie:** *A Christmas Carol*

**Proudest Moment:** Ordination

**Last Book Read:** *Dreamcatcher* by Stephen King

**Occupation if I Weren't a Priest:**  
The question has little meaning. I am a happy priest. I cannot imagine being anything else.



On the Feast of St. Ann and St. Joachim, the "grandparents" of Jesus, the parish celebrated a "Grandparents' Mass" in July 1979. Father James F. Tortora, Parochial Vicar, was the celebrant. He handed out red carnations during the Offertory of Peace to grandparents in the pews.

especially caring for all fellow parishioners in a special way.

He recounted an instance in which members of the church community assisted first-time parents and their triplets by providing them with supplies and offering care at their home. "Everyone really works together," Father Rose stressed, describing how parents often "look after" each other's children, "reprimanding them or congratulating them. It's a very inclusive parish," he assured.

And though the mobility of the parish's population is a challenge, "stability is found in older members," who are involved in all ministries and programs.

Father Rose says that when others visit the parish and "experience the liturgy and the people" they tell him there is a sense that St. Bernard's is "a very welcoming place."

Stressing how important that kind of atmosphere is, the pastor added, "We work at that."

And so St. Bernard's continues to learn from its eventful and sometimes trying past and build upon its multifaceted and all-embracing present to ensure a rich future based on experience, acceptance and faith in God.

*St. Bernard of Clairvaux is located at 368 Sumner Ave. in Plainfield.*



## Spiritual

• The Cursillo Movement of the Archdiocese of Newark will hold an Ultreya on Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Youth Center in Kearny. It will be hosted by the Fourth Day Group of St. Joseph Parish in East Rutherford. Call Ray Falcon at (201) 307-0074 or e-mail to [rfalcon@falconsinger.com](mailto:rfalcon@falconsinger.com). For directions to the youth center visit [www.mycursillo.com](http://www.mycursillo.com).

• Padre Pio Prayer Group will hold its monthly meeting Sept. 14 at 1:45 p.m. at Holy Face Monastery in Clifton. Call (973) 773-1658.

• St. Andrew Parish in Westwood will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance, for those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

and in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

## Congratulations

• Carmel Grasso, Program Coordinator of the Hudson County Parish Access Center of Catholic Community Services, is the recipient of this year's Congresswoman Mary T. Norton United Way Memorial Award. She will receive the award Sept. 13 at the annual United Way kickoff dinner.

## Special programs

• The Hispanic Apostolate Office of the Archdiocese of Newark is taking registrations for its annual Hispanic Language and Culture Course. The ten-session course will be held in Room 2018 of the

Archdiocesan Center in Newark from 10 a.m. to noon. The beginner course starts Wed. Sept. 24 and the advanced course on Thur. Sept. 25. Call (973) 497-4334/4335 or email Maricela Quintana, Office Director, at [quintama@rcan.org](mailto:quintama@rcan.org).

• A Voter Registration Project, under the auspices of the New Jersey Catholic Conference, will be held after Mass in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Newark either the weekend of Sept. 20-21 or Sept. 27-28.

• The Finance Council of the Archdiocese of Newark is conducting a review of participation in the Archdiocesan Investment Management and Cash Management programs. Surveys have been sent to all parishes. For additional information contact

Assistant Director of Banking and Investments Matthew Phelan at (973) 497-4069.

## Workshop

• A workshop for pastors, parish administrators, finance council members, school administrators and building managers to provide information on conserving energy will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark. The workshop will show how to save a minimum of 10 percent on energy bills.

## Symposium

• A symposium titled "A Life of Spirit: African-American Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark" will take place Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9

a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Beck Rooms of the Walsh Library at Seton Hall University, South Orange. The symposium is co-sponsored by the New Jersey Catholic Historical Records Commission and the Office of Black Catholic Affairs. Note the "People of Newark" exhibit in the Gallery will be open for viewing on that day, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• The Society of African Missions and African Art Museum in Tenafly will hold an African Festival, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rain date Oct. 11. Call (201) 567-0450.

## Open house

• The Academy of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, Sept. 28 at 2 p.m. and Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. Call (973) 290-5225.

## Festivals

• To mark the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Kearny will hold a three-day Triduum Sept. 13-15. For additional information call (201) 998-4616.



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Eagle Scouts, from left to right, Thomas Halter, Keith Kelleher and Daniel Carola.



Scoutmaster Will Mitchell with Eagle Scout Anthony Grieco.

# Eagle Scouts abound

For the first time in recent memory, several young men from the same troop have achieved Scouting's highest rank—Eagle Scout.

Hackensack Troop 5's Daniel Carola, Thomas Halter, Keith Kelleher and Anthony J. Grieco hold that lofty distinction. The Scouts are sponsored by Holy Trinity Parish.

To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a boy must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, community service and outdoor skills. In addition, 21 merit badges must be earned.

Eagle Scout candidates must perform a service project that produces a tangible benefit to the community while engaging both Scouts and members of the public. Each new Eagle Scout put in over 100 hours of work in his respective project.

Kelleher coordinated the painting of the two main hallways at Holy Trinity Convent in Hackensack. Halter restored and painted the upper quarters of the Von Steuben House at historic New Bridge Landing in River Edge, the site of George Washington's Continental Army's

crossing of the Hackensack River from New York in 1776. For his project Carola initiated and coordinated a clothing drive with donations distributed to victims of a fire last year on Anderson Street in Hackensack. Grieco's project was development and distribution of a color trifold public service brochure detailing the proper use of the emergency 911 telephone system. He was presented with a Proclamation from the City Council.

Statistics show that only two of 100 Scouts achieve the Eagle rank. "That translates to approximately 2.5 percent of all Boy Scouts," noted Assistant Scoutmaster Jack Shuart.

With five boys on their way to Eagle status with the rank of Life Scout, Scoutmaster Will Mitchell said, "One thing I have always maintained is that any boy who joins this troop should become an Eagle Scout."

Each new Eagle Scout is a freshman in college. Carola is a student at Montclair State University, Halter and Kelleher are at Ramapo College of New Jersey in Mahwah and Grieco is attending Seton Hall University.

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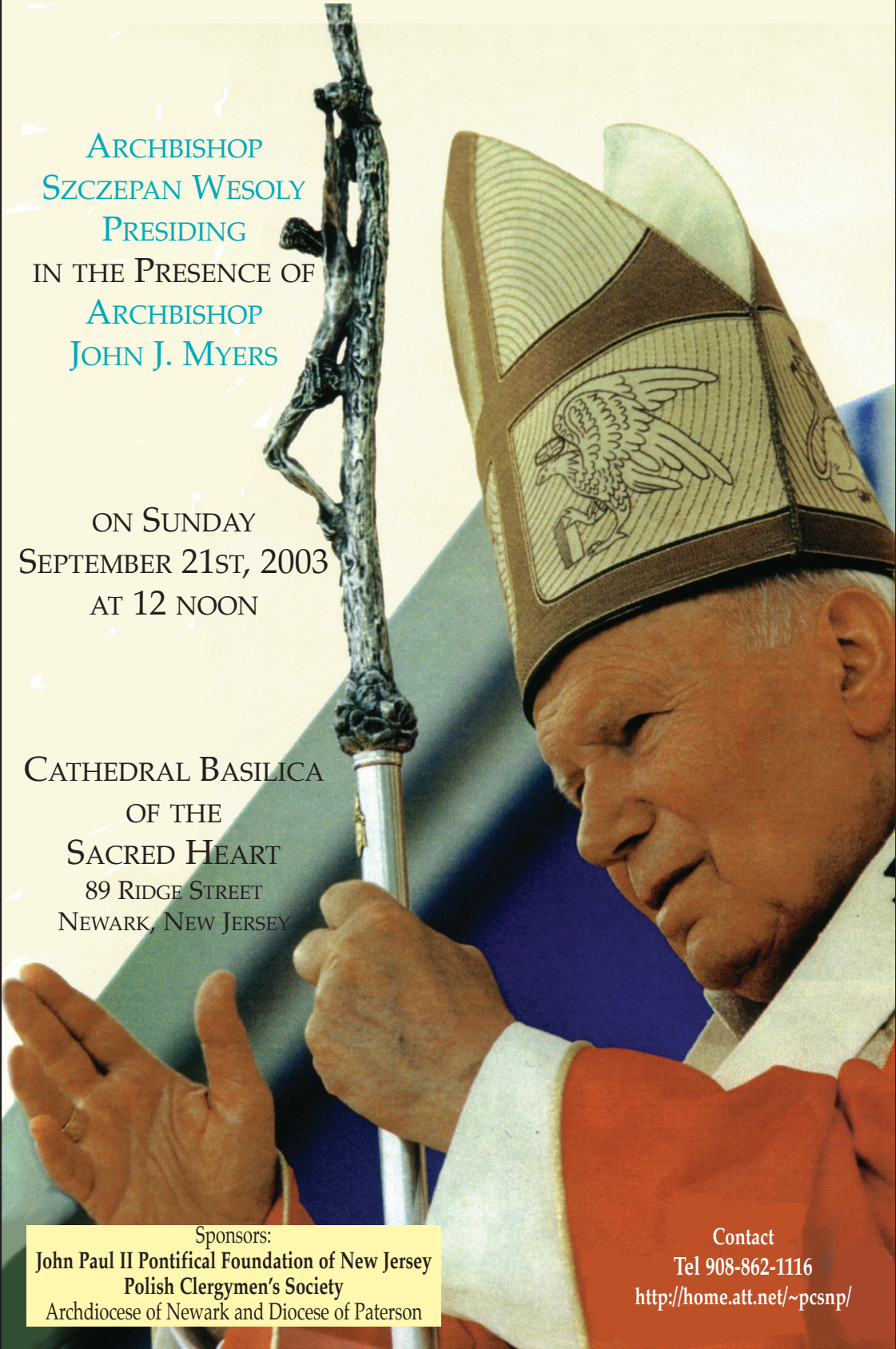
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# A new bishop for the Church of Newark!



Deep in the embrace of fellow clergy, family, friends and parish-ioners, Bishop Edgar da Cunha was ordained Sept. 3 before a full Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Solemnly, he processed into the Cathedral Basilica that day and spoke to the congrega-tion, which included his family in the front row. Archbishop John J. Myers also extended a greeting to the da Cunha family, who had traveled from Brazil. The previ-ous night, top and bottom right photos, a Holy Hour was held at his parish, Saint Michael's in Newark. The new English translation of the rite of episcopal ordination was used for the first time in the U.S.



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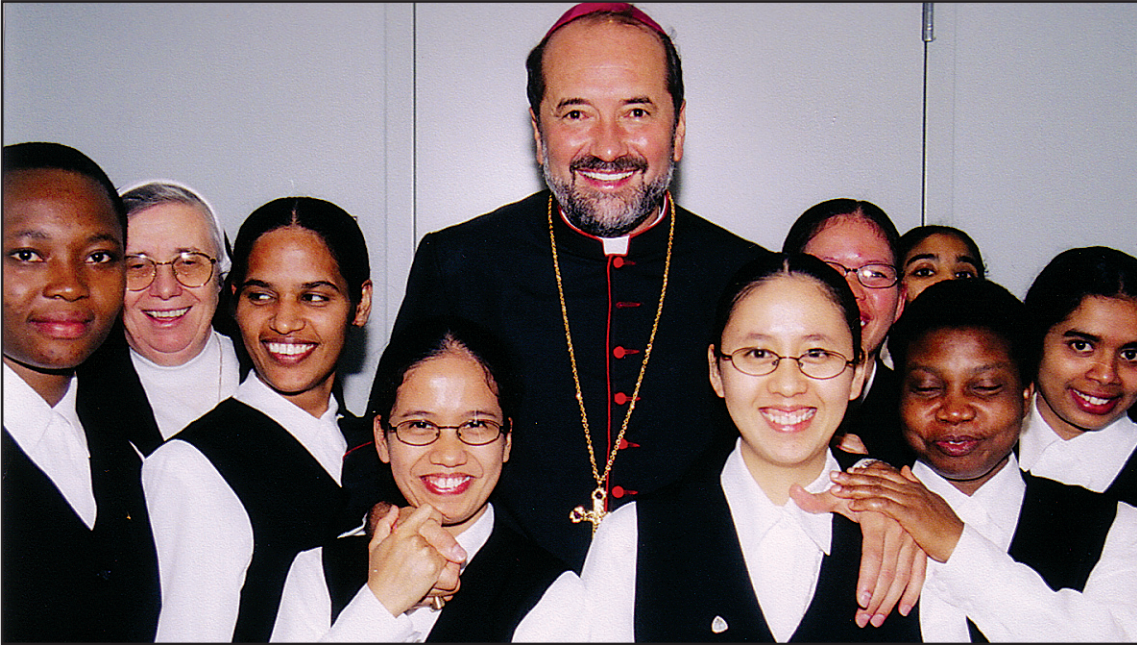






Jubilation permeated the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Outside, members of the Neocatechumenal community of his parish, St. Michael's in Newark, held a banner proclaiming "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. You are a priest forever." The new bishop, with Archbishop Myers by his side, gave Communion to his mother, Josefa Moreira, acknowledged the applause of the entire congregation, greeted the faithful and afterwards, at a reception in the Archdiocesan Center, met with well-wishers including, upper right hand photo, a group of novice Sisters.

# First Brazilian-born bishop in nation makes history...



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The second reading from Scripture, from St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians (12: 7-10), included the motto that the new Bishop has chosen: "My grace is sufficient for you." The motto is featured on his episcopal coat of arms, which was noted also by the Archbishop.

The Gospel (John 15: 9-17), reminded the faithful that "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you."

Following the presentation of the Bishop-elect to the ordaining Archbishop, Very Rev. Louis Caputo, S.D.V., the Superior General of the Society of Divine Vocations, read a decree from the Apostolic Nuncio, which confirmed the Holy Father's appointment of Bishop da Cunha.

The new Bishop was then questioned by Archbishop Myers about his commitment to the new office and, in solemn silence, the Archbishop imposed hands on Bishop da Cunha, conferring the power of the Holy Spirit and the apostolic succession, as in ancient times.

Each of the cardinals and bishops in attendance also laid on their hands, after which the newly ordained Bishop was anointed with chrism and received the Book of Gospels, a ring, a miter and the crozier, or pastoral staff of his office.

It was a moment of awe and sanctity, that in which the assembly stood in intense, silent reflection.

Bishop da Cunha's mother, Josefa, and more than two dozen other family members, witnessed and participated in the ordination ceremony with singing, applause and hugs.

In remarks after the Mass to the more than 2,000-member congregation, Bishop da Cunha drew another loud and sustained ovation when he noted that he is the first Brazilian-born bishop appointed to serve in the U.S. and the first Vocationist Father in the history of the Society of Divine Vocations to become a bishop.

He quipped, "At this beautiful celebration in this majestic Cathedral, one question kept coming to my mind: 'What am I doing here?'"

The congregation laughed, and Bishop da Cunha went on, "And the voice of God within me said: 'I called you and brought you here.'"

All the bishops of New Jersey attended

the episcopal ordination—Bishop John Smith of Trenton, Bishop Frank Rodimer of Paterson, Bishop Paul Bootkoski of Metuchen, and Bishop DiMarzio, who remains as Administrator of the Diocese of Camden until his installation as Bishop of Brooklyn next month. In addition to Bishop Serratelli, the Vicar General, the auxiliary bishops of Newark, Bishop Charles McDonnell, Bishop David Arias, O.A.R. and retired Bishop Dominic Marconi also participated in the ordination.

At a brief news conference following the ceremonies, an exhilarated prelate recalled that, at the moment he learned of his appointment, he felt "awed and grateful," and he was stunned by the number of people who filled the Cathedral Basilica to overflowing for the day's event.

When asked how his life will change, Bishop da Cunha pointed out that his duties will change but that he intends to remain "approachable," even with his new episcopal responsibilities.

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# Bringing the comfort of Christ to those who need it most

BY LIESL FORES

Staff Reporter

"They are the living hands and heart of Jesus in their ministry," said Father Robert E. Templeton, Archdiocesan Executive Director of Clergy Personnel. Who is he referring to? The chaplains, ministers and pastoral staff at 31 hospitals, both Catholic and non-Catholic, within the Archdiocese of Newark.

The priests, deacons and Sisters who serve in the Archdiocese's hospital ministry "continue the healing ministry of Jesus," Father Templeton said, by offering spiritual support and counseling, opportunity to receive the sacraments, a shoulder to cry on, an ear to listen—a friendship that so many patients, whether their stay be long-term or short-term, need at this very often difficult time in their lives.

This help is also extended to hospital staff and families of patients as well, to advise on the emotional well-being of patients and to lend moral support to family members who are concerned for a loved one, need to make decisions regarding life support or are grieving a death.

"It's an overall ministry, not just to the patients in their beds. The hospital becomes [ministers'] parish," Father Templeton noted.

## Assigning ministers

As director of Clergy Personnel, Father Templeton is in charge of the hospital ministry, and particularly the assigning of archdiocesan priests and Religious to the medical facilities. Father Venantius M. Fernando, Director of Adjunct Clergy Personnel, heads up the chaplaincy of adjunct priests (assigned to the United States from other countries). Priests are appointed as chaplains, deacons as ministers and Sisters, Brothers or lay people as pastoral staff members.

Available positions are coordinated by Clergy Personnel, and any clergy or Religious can apply. (Lay positions and volunteers are coordinated by individual hospital pastoral care departments.) Priests are sometimes asked to take on this position or assigned on a part time basis. Very often, too, says Father Templeton, parish priests will visit their parishioners who are in the hospital, though these priests are not considered to be "on staff" there.

"Sacramental care" is a very important part of hospital min-

istry. It usually involves bringing Holy Communion to patients in their rooms (this can be done by any Eucharistic Minister, on the pastoral staff or a volunteer), hearing confession and Anointing of the Sick, the latter two of which are administered upon request by chaplains. Most hospitals also have a chapel or a room where Mass can be celebrated on a daily basis.

However, there is much more to this ministry. "When people become ill, it's an automatic, human tendency to turn to God," said Father Alan F. Guglielmo, full time chaplain at St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark, suggesting that patients see chaplains, ministers and pastoral staff as an "open gate."

"People expect us—the Church—to be there," he asserted.

"Hospital ministry is necessary and important because in these moments, [patients] are going through sickness and pain, moments of anxiety and fear...This is a time when they need reinforcement in their life. They need to be strengthened and consoled, somebody to whom they can share and talk with," commented Father Thomas Thayaril, full time chaplain at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck.

## Seeking God

Concurring with Father Guglielmo on the essential spiritual aspect of the counseling and support that chaplains, ministers and pastoral staff provide to patients, Father Thayaril continued, "They reflect more on their life, because they are away from their families and their everyday life...Maybe some people—I've seen this—have been away from the Church and God, and now they want to come back." And this is where all members of hospital ministry come in: to "offer help and clarification" for them to "come back" to God.

Sister Mary Corrigan, S.C., full time pastoral staff member at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth, describes hospital ministry as "giving emotional and spiritual support."

"Many times during illness, people's emotional and spiritual needs heighten, along with their physical needs. This is a ministry of presence—being available and there in their time of need," she stressed. Fostering "inner strength," and "showing them where God is in this situa-

tion" are vital to "beginning the healing process."

Sister Mary pointed out that sometimes patients get in touch with personal issues and "look at their emotional and spiritual needs—something they may not do or feel comfortable doing with a family members...They tell us their stories," she said, adding that everything discussed is strictly confidential.

Being in education as a



Administering the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (here, the hands) is a very common and important responsibility of hospital chaplains.

teacher and administrator for 32 years and enjoying it greatly, Sister Mary acknowledged that she found something extra she was looking for in hospital pastoral care. "It's a very sacred place to be, with people in their time of need...It's extremely rewarding and spiritually uplifting," she emphasized.

At Trinitas, all members of the pastoral staff do "rotations," in which they each visit different wards and are able to "get the different experiences," Sister explained. Besides seeing patients in oncology, cardiac, renal, and pediatrics departments, among others, they also get to visit the maternity ward. "We rejoice in new births," she assured.

"We see ourselves as a very intricate part of the Catholic health care system," concluded Sister Mary.

Father Michael Onyekwere, who became involved in hospital ministry in his seminary days as part of his seminary apostolate, is full time chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital in Hoboken. He depicted the relationship between mind and body, explaining how hospital ministry very often helps patients heal physically by caring for them spiritually, emotionally and psychologically.

"When your mind is not right, counseling helps," he said, indicating in particular patients'

anxieties over their illnesses and at the same time over their relationship with God. When one experiences spiritual and emotional healing, "medical treatment becomes more effective."

Some members of hospital pastoral care complete extensive training programs (Clinical Pastoral Education, CPE) that enable them to deal with the many spiritual, emotional and psychological issues that arise

all patients, Catholic or non-Catholic, within 24 hours of their arrival. After this initial visit, they return as scheduling permits (if not specifically requested) and always if requested by the patient, medical staff or a family member.

Often nurses or other hospital staff note a decline in a patient's spirits or deterioration in his or her emotional state and ask a chaplain, minister of pastoral staff member to pay a visit to the person in question.

Their presence may also be requested during a "critical care situation" in which a patient is dying or experiencing some other crisis. In all cases, family members very often need support as well as the patients—counseling and prayers are always offered to them. This type of "outreach" is very important, stressed Sister Mary, especially with cases of terminal patients "because people are never prepared for death."

These services are offered to non-Catholic patients as well. However, pastoral care coordinators try to arrange visits for people of other faiths with their own clergy, especially if this request is made.

## Financial issue

While one-third of the hospitals in the Archdiocese with a pastoral staff pays in full for costs, and another percentage pays partially, the rest pay nothing, something that Father Templeton is trying to change with the hospital ministry task force.

According to the director, the cost for just one full time chaplain is about \$40,000; this includes salary, medical benefits, pension, car expenses and a living allowance. Whatever is not reimbursed by the medical facility is paid by the Archdiocese. "Our goal is to get all hospitals to reimburse fully, because we're providing a service," he stated.

Because of the "financial strain" to the Archdiocese lately, this project is crucial. "If not, we'll have to start 'relooking' at how hospital chaplaincy is provided," Father Templeton admitted.

"We visit the sick, bury the dead, provide comfort, forgive. Like Jesus sending out His apostles...it is the responsibility of every priest to care for the sick," summed up Father Onyekwere.

For a listing of hospitals in the Archdiocese with pastoral care staff, visit [www.rcan.org/advocate](http://www.rcan.org/advocate).

A common policy is to visit



## Parish forms Board of Religious Education

Immaculate Conception Parish in Mahwah has created its first-ever Board of Religious Education to help the parish community in its search for improved ways of presenting Catholic teachings.

"We are fortunate to have six veteran catechists as members of our first Board of Religious Education," explained Father M. Christen Beirne, Pastor.

"With their experience and


talents as teachers of the Catholic faith, the members of the board will explore new ideas and new ways for presenting the faith, and help increase open and honest communications in our faith community, especially among students and parents," he said.

The parish community offers religious education to children and teenagers in school grades one through nine and this fall will reach yet another land-

mark: the first-ever pre-kindergarten and kindergarten religious education classes.

The Archdiocese of Newark awarded Immaculate Conception a \$2,000 "Continue the Mission" grant for the Pre-K and kindergarten project.

Religious education classes at Immaculate Conception begin Sept. 14, and on Sept. 21 the parish will celebrate Religious Education Sunday.



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## St. Peter's, UMDNJ ink dental program pact

Saint Peter's College (SPC) has entered into a partnership with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) that will allow qualified students to enroll in a seven-year dental program that begins with undergraduate course work at Saint Peter's, followed by four years of dental school at UMDNJ.

The agreement was signed last month by Saint Peter's President, Father James N. Loughran, and UMDNJ Dental School Dean, Dr. Cecile Feldman, at a ceremony at Saint Peter's.

High school students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school's class and have at least 1250 SAT scores are eligible for the accelerated program. They will complete Saint Peter's biology major requirements in three years and follow with four years at UMDNJ. Students will be monitored by a joint committee from Saint Peter's and UMDNJ to ensure they are maintaining academic excellence. At the end of

seven years, graduates will receive Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Dental Medicine degrees from the two schools.

Saint Peter's joins Caldwell College and Fairleigh Dickinson University as the only private schools in New Jersey to have such an agreement with the UMDNJ dental school.

"By starting this program with UMDNJ, we are expanding the possibilities for our students," said Saint Peter's College biology professor, Dr. Leonard Sciorra, who spearheaded the relationship between the two schools. "Saint Peter's has always had an excellent reputation for its science programs, and this relationship with UMDNJ helps expand on that. We wanted to ensure that the program was cost-effective for our students, and by making the program seven years, we feel we have achieved that goal."

This program is the third joint venture between Saint Peter's and UMDNJ. Physical therapy and physician's assistant programs are already in place.

## Knights honor student

Laurel Ann Moloney, a graduate of Rutherford High School, is among the recipients of this year's Bishop Dougherty Scholarship awards of the New Jersey State Knights of Columbus.

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# Students preparing for Cooperative Admissions Examination

As the 2003-2004 school year unfolds, eighth graders throughout the greater metropolitan area are sharpening their pencils and honing their academic skills in anticipation of the Cooperative Admissions Examination, for admission to a Catholic secondary school in September 2004. The exam will be administered in the Archdiocese of Newark on Friday, Nov. 7.

The Cooperative Admissions Examination Program (COOP) is a collaborative project sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark and the Dioceses of Metuchen and Paterson in the Garden State, and the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn in the Empire State. The program enables 30,000 eighth graders to take a common admissions examination for entrance into one of the 116 participating Catholic secondary schools.

Last year 7,500 eighth graders in the Archdiocese of Newark applied for admission into one of the corresponding 35 Catholic secondary schools. And the numbers are growing for this year's program.

All Catholic school students can register for the

examination through their local elementary school, or—new this year—on-line. Public and private school students may obtain applications for the examination at open houses sponsored by the Catholic high schools, from parish religious education offices or by contacting CTB-McGraw-Hill, the assessment company that administers the program, at 800-569-2667 or via e-mail at coop2003@ctb.com.

## Handbook, report

The fee for the examination is \$30, payable by certified bank check or money order. This fee entitles the applicant to a student handbook; to take the COOP examination on Friday, Nov. 7; to have the examination scored and the results sent to three secondary schools of the applicant's choosing; and to receive a Home Report of scores, explaining student performance

in comparison to local and national performance standards.

The COOP examination is designed to measure scholastic aptitude in verbal and non-verbal contexts and assess achievement in reading, language arts and mathematics. This data, along with each student's transcript of marks from grade six through eight, teacher and/or principal recommendation, and record of student responsibility (conduct, effort, attendance and punctuality), forms the fundamental criteria for the admission of candidates. Some schools require the completion of an essay and participation in a candidate interview.

As student enrollment on the secondary level continues to swell, many schools have been able to augment curriculum offerings, expand athletic and performing arts facilities

and bring technological advances into the classroom. However, the growth that is consistent at each of the Catholic secondary schools focuses on the individual student. Our students continue to grow in faith and knowledge, as teachers "touch hearts, nur-

ture souls, kindle minds and inspire lives!"

For further information about COOP in the Archdiocese of Newark, contact Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., Archdiocesan Deputy Superintendent of Schools, at (973) 497-4260 or at [www.rcan.org/schools](http://www.rcan.org/schools).

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## Talent search cites students

Six students at St. Michael School in Cranford have been commended by the Johns Hopkins University Center for their showing at the University's Mathematics and Verbal Talent Search for fifth and sixth graders.

The students were cited specifically for their efforts in the program's PLUS Academic Abilities Assessment.

### Outstanding youth

Sixth graders Jenna Lloyd and Meaghan Monahan, along with fifth graders Devon Conway and Mark DeVecchio, were among the program selectees.


James Murphy, a sixth grader, and fifth grader Alexander Wartenberg each received an invitation to the State Celebration of Talent.

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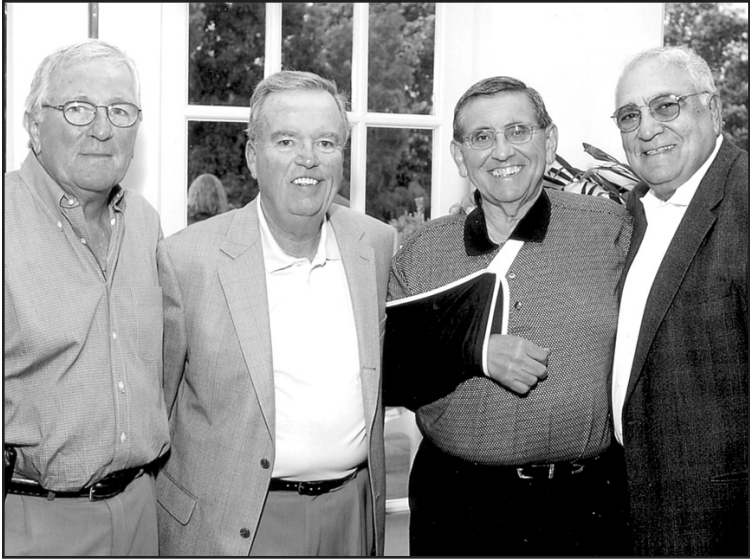
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At the golf and tennis outing were, from left: Robert McEntee of Spring Lake, a former member of the Board of Governors of Cathedral Healthcare System; John F. Swift of Chatham, a co-chairperson of the event; Donald M. Daniels of Manasquan, Chairman and CEO of Cathedral Healthcare System; and Dr. Leon Smith of Essex Fells, Director of the Department of Medicine at Saint Michael's Medical Center, Newark. Proceeds of the event benefit programs and services of member hospitals of Cathedral Healthcare System.

## Golf and tennis outing raises funds for Cathedral Healthcare

Cathedral Healthcare System raised \$329,000 at its 13th annual Golf and Tennis Outing at the Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit.

Proceeds benefit programs and services of the hospitals in the Cathedral Healthcare System, which include Saint Michael's Medical Center, Saint James Hospital and Columbus Hospital, all in Newark, and Hospital Center in Orange.

Donald M. Daniels, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Cathedral Healthcare System, said, "I would like to thank everyone who helped make the fundraising event such an outstanding success. Over 250 guests enjoyed a day of golf, tennis, lunch and dinner, while supporting our hospitals, which are dedicated to meeting the health care needs of residents of Essex County and the surrounding area."

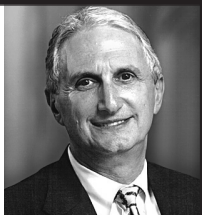
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# OLS track team makes history

The track team from Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in South Orange slipped by Holy Trinity's team in Westfield in the 24th Annual Holy Trinity Meet to sweep three consecutive meets and make league history.

The field events led off with Chris Cahill of OLS winning the six pound Varsity Shot Put with a 42' 10" toss, his sixth straight win over two years.

#### New record

Sean Kramer of Reverend Brown was a close second, well ahead of Chris Yarborough of St. Michael of Newark, Rod Curuba of St. Agnes and Tommy Haddad of St. Michael of Cranford. Bart Pierre of OLS followed with a win in the JV Shot with Stephen Askew of Sacred Heart, Tony Bello of St. Cassian and Brian Manibo of OLS taking the next three places.

St. Cassian's Bobby McFarland took fifth. St. Rose's Marcus Laroche heaved a new meet record at the 3rd and 4th Grade level with a 30' 5" put. St. Patrick's Kevin Ames followed with Robbie Haddad of St. Michael, Cranford and Mike Polanin of St. Patrick in third and fourth.

It was a tough, windy day for Long Jumpers, but Corey Alexander's 15' 3" won a gold for Sacred Heart, well ahead of Holy Trinity's Tommy Fitzpatrick. Matt Raymond of St. Patrick edged out Trinity's Kyle Gibbons for third, while Tyree Floyd of Sacred Heart grabbed the last medal.

Nigel Whyte of OLS won the JV Long Jump, four inches beyond Julian Livelli of St.

Patrick. Ducarmel Hyacinthe of OLS was a half inch behind second and Matt Delaney of St. Agnes was fourth.

On the track, Reverend Brown's Clay Smith's 5:31 won convincingly over Tommy Fitzpatrick of Holy Trinity in the 1600 Meters. Dennis Brown of OLS took third.

Reverend Brown struck again when Jeremy Scheid ran 2:27.98 to rout the field in the Varsity 800. John Roland of St. Patrick and two Trinity runners, Gus Gibbons and Danny Li Volsi took the next three places.

In the most exciting race of the day, Trinity's Matt Berka out-leaned OLS's Mark Sanchez by 0.4 seconds in winning the JV 800 in 2:41.31. Mike Bove, James Kelly and John Landiall added to the OLS point score. Devin Frolich won his third straight 3rd and 4th Grade 800 for OLS, ahead of Patrick Lichtenstein of Assumption and two runners from Holy Trinity, Ron Munkittrick and Jeffrey Harris.

#### Close competition

Eighth grader Jared Briesch of Assumption seems determined to break every school record as he won the Varsity 400 in 1:01.02 inches ahead of Trinity's Matt Stanczak. Ifiok Inyang and Sean Perrotta took third and fourth for St. Michael, Newark and St. Michael, Cranford, respectively. Matt Delaney of St. Agnes won the JV in 1:09.36 with Aubrey Lewis of St. Cassian and Robert Granstrand of Holy Trinity trailing. Michael Benvenuti of Oak Knoll took fourth and Jordan Smith of St. Agnes placed fifth.

The guys of the 3rd and 4th Grade impressed everyone. Evan Gingrich of Holy Trinity timed 1:19.20 just ahead of Stephen Silverstri of Aquinas, followed by Peter Granstrand of Holy Trinity.

#### Second gold

Corey Alexander of Sacred Heart won his second gold medal with a 26.52 win at the Varsity 200. Walter Abbot of St. Cassian, Matt Raymond of St. Patrick and Kareem Gorrick of St. Michael, Newark took the next three places. In the JV, Bart Pierre and Ducarmel Hyacinthe swept the first two places, as they have done all season for OLS. The remaining medals were divided among Pedro Guzman of St. Michael, Emmet Gregory of Holy Trinity and Julian Livelli of St. Patrick. In the 3rd and 4th Grade 200, Sacred Heart's Jordan Harrington posted an impressive win over Michael Wamp of Holy Family and Jonathan Bresil of Sacred Heart. Another Sacred Heart runner, Keishawn Johnson, took fourth.

Tyree Floyd of Sacred Heart won the Varsity 100 in 12.78 seconds. Pat McKeary of St. Michael, Newark, Kenny Moseley of St. Agnes and Samorauo Zaza of St. Michael, Newark were all under 14 seconds. The JV featured a tie between Nigel Whyte of OLS and James Lubin of St. Michael, Cranford. Kejabu Bullock of St. Michael, Newark, Ed Bove of OLS and Orlando Vick of Sacred Heart captured the remaining medals.

*Girls' results will be published in the next issue.*

## Two coaches named for QPHS

Two graduates of Queen of Peace High School in North Arlington have returned to the coaching ranks at their alma mater.

Andy Cerco is the new football coach, while the basketball squad will be under the guidance of Dennis Gregory.

Cerco is a 1976 graduate

and a lawyer. He had been the Queen of Peace head coach from 1985-90 when the team went to the state playoffs in his last three seasons.

After earning his law degree, Cerco returned to the sideline as an assistant at Hackensack High School in 1991, where he stayed for a

decade. The last four years he was offensive coordinator. The school during that time won seven state titles and three years ago was ranked the top squad in the tri-state area.

Gregory played for the 1980-81 Queen of Peace team that had 20 wins and a Final Four appearance in the Bergen County Jamboree.

He was the freshman basketball coach at Queen of Peace, spent five years as head coach at Don Bosco Preparatory High School and had a stint as an assistant at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Gregory is Executive Vice President of the Hoop Group, the largest basketball event management company in the country.



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# Uncertainty is a major concern among detainees

**BY LIESL FORES**  
*Staff Reporter*

Following is the second part of the article “Inhumane Conditions,” from Aug. 27, regarding the Elizabeth Detention Center.

To mark World Refugee Day, on June 20 New Community Corporation (NCC) and the non-profit group Interfaith Refugee Action Team – Elizabeth –(IRAT-E) 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.”

Besides indefinite internment, sometimes up to three years or more, very often detainees endure heavy restrictions on their activity and communication with outside contacts, infringement of privacy, and treatment as if they were criminals, at times being placed or arbitrarily moved to prison facilities with convicted felons.

Stephen Rubin, a Washington, DC-based photojournalist, was one of the speakers at the conference. His photo exhibit, “American Justice Through Immigrants’ Eyes,” provided the backdrop for the event, featuring photographs of detainees taken at 10 detention centers—the only ones he was allowed into—around the country.

The award-winning photographer began the project in 2001. He said he “got wind of all this in early ‘90s. There was some coverage in mainstream media, but you didn’t see photographs. I started to make an effort to get into these places, and I realized why there were no photos.”

In addition to the difficulty of gaining admission into the facilities as a member of the press—the Elizabeth Detention Center was one he was permitted to enter—once granted clearance, his access was restricted to specific areas. Rubin asserts that the situation that detainees are in, both legally and psychologically, is unacceptable.

For one thing, he found that uncertainty is a major concern and fact of life for them. Recalling an anecdote he’d heard while conducting his research, he said, “Someone told me INS stands for ‘I’m Not Sure,’ because whenever you ask something, the answer is ‘I’m not sure.’”

And the questions, he assured, are pressing: When could they receive medical assistance, sometimes for urgent conditions? When would they be allowed to leave the detention center? Would they be sent back to their native country?

Realizing it was going to be a challenge to portray the reality of these people’s experiences, Rubin explained, “You don’t see bars or razor wire—it’s mostly white walls—but you see it in their eyes, faces, gestures, body positions, the sheer weight and destructiveness of being in detention.

“The photos are a superficial glimpse...this is just the tip of the iceberg,” he stressed.

Since 1996, when Congress made wide-spread changes to

immigration laws, refugees and asylum seekers have had an increasingly difficult time trying to prove the validity of their requests, especially within a reasonable length of time.

Anwen Hughes, Staff Attorney for the Asylum Program at Lawyers Committee for Human Rights in New York and another speaker at the press conference, noted that the

majority of her agency’s cases pleading for asylum are won. “That’s why it’s so frustrating, because they obviously

have legitimate cases, but because of different factors (like mandatory detention periods and inconsistency in applying established criteria for assessing such claims), they are subjected to long periods of time being

detained, and for what?

“The system is not user-friendly,” stated Hughes, who claims that New Jersey and New York are among the worst in the country for processing these cases in a consistent and suitable manner.

According to a statement of the American Bar Association Commission on Immigration Policy, Practice and Pro Bono, immigration authorities detain “more than 200,000 men, women and children annually, representing the fastest growing segment of the U.S. incarcerated population,” despite the fact that they are not criminals but simply awaiting “civil administrative proceedings.”

In efforts to address these issues, IRAT-E organizes visits and regular vigils and prayer services in front of the Elizabeth Detention Center, networks and rallies with other refugee/asylum seeker activist groups and holds press conferences.

Father Thomas L. Sheridan, S.J. goes to the Elizabeth Detention Center weekly to celebrate Mass and make pastoral visits. “We talk, visit, pray; I try to be a friend and counselor,” he said.

Drawing a comparison to early Christians who would go into the desert to be closer to God, Father Sheridan explained he tells detainees that though the Christians “were very much alone, they were also with God.

“The desert is a place of trials and threats,” he points out to them, encouraging them to consider their time in the detention center in the same way and to “make use” of it. “Many have said their lives have changed for the better,” he asserted.

“I’m constantly edified by the great faith they have. I feel I’m learning more than they are,” Father Sheridan concluded.

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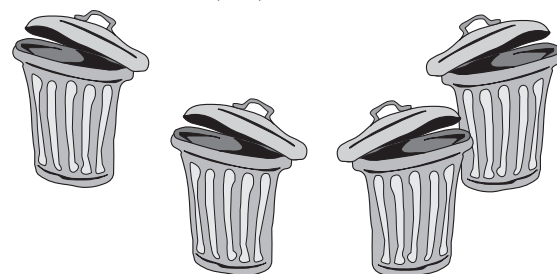
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Jennifer Sands  
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No one will ever forget Sept. 11, 2001, the day that almost 2,800 people died in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, but for some people the horror is personal, and it always will be.

Jennifer Sands has written a story of love and bereavement with honesty and amazing courage. Although her account is intensely personal, her struggle to come to grips with the essentially unacceptable fact of pain and death is universal.

Jennifer and her husband Jim had both grown up in Brick,

NJ, just blocks from each other, but had never met. Both were each looking for someone to love and share a lifetime with. They enjoyed movies, football, and scuba diving.

Jim Sands proposed to Jennifer Ann Trebino at their favorite restaurant. He had her engagement ring presented along with her dessert and he said, "I've loved you from the first day we met, and I want to spend the rest of my life with you. Will you marry me?" All the others diners cheered when Jennifer said, "Yes!"

They married in 1996 and their life together was a "fairytale marriage."

Jim Sands worked for Cantor Fitzgerald on the 103rd floor of WTC Tower One. He left for work at 5:50 on the morning of Sept. 11 and never returned.

We all remember the events of that particular day only too well.

Jennifer's shock is palpable

as she explains how her mind and body rebelled at the thought of her husband's death. In St. Martha's Church, Point Pleasant, the same church where she and her husband were married, a memorial Mass was offered for Jim.

While the world mourned the loss of so many innocent people, Jennifer felt isolated by her own anguish. Drowning in sorrow, she contemplated suicide.

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# Newark

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There is also a typical 19th-century representation of the Madonna from St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, an early 20th century Spanish Madonna wearing a mantilla from Immaculate Heart, Newark, and a contemporary ren-

dering of Our Lady of Fatima.

Msgr. Wister added, "There is something for everybody: an eighteenth century map of New Jersey, documents sealed with the papal 'Fisherman's Ring,' a cloth of gold cope, the ring of a Polish archbishop who was a hero of Pope John Paul II, a 19th century 'host maker' and the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously awarded to Chaplain Father Charles Watters.

"My favorite object is the small 'faldstool,' or chair of our first bishop, James Roosevelt Bayley. It is the most uncomfortable piece of furniture I have ever seen. Please do not sit in it," the Church historian

advises, only slightly tongue-in-cheek. "It is very old!"

JoAnn Cotz pointed out that there is a "wonderful series of photographs by Paul Porcelli from Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Montclair," a contemporary photographer who specializes in images that document feast-day celebrations throughout the U.S.

She summed up the idea of the exhibition, stating, "People of Newark' provides a broad historical look at the development of the archdiocese and its people over the last 150 years. In doing so it celebrates the diversity of the population and commonality of faith that characterizes Newark's Catholics."

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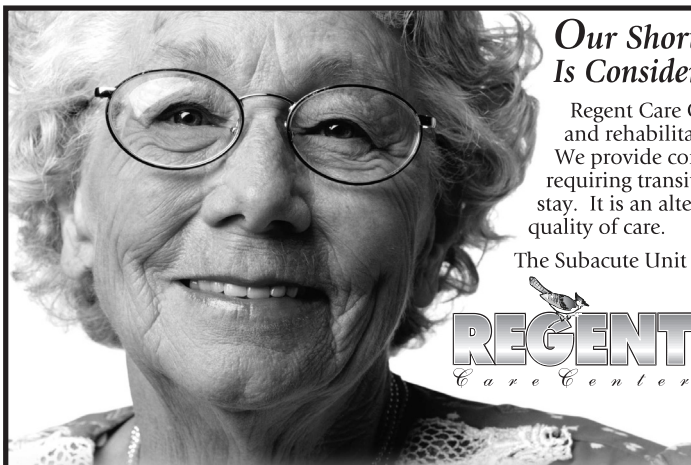
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Staff members from Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Healthcare, Essex Region of Catholic Community Services, recently received certificates from the New Jersey Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, a chapter of the International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services. Cited were, left to right, Rosa Wesley, Mental Health Aide; William Welling, Caseworker; Megan Farrell, Clinical Supervisor; and Dr. Marie Clare Robenal, Staff Psychiatrist.



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# Parish shares its blessings

Moved by the plight of children in need, parishioner Rod Foley is spearheading a group at St. Andrew Parish in Westwood that is reaching out to support the work of the San Lucas Toliman Mission in Guatemala.

The majority of Guatemala's citizens live in poverty, with up to 60 percent of the population unable to meet minimal nutritional needs. Yet even more astounding is the fact that 85 percent of children under the age of five experience malnourishment to some degree.

However, under the guidance and direction of Msgr. Greg Schaffer, San Lucas Toliman has begun steadily and successfully to meet the housing, medical and nutritional, as well as spiritual needs of the people in this area.

But all of this could not be done without the assistance from many individuals and groups in the United States, including St. Andrew's.

"We're happy to reach out and help others," explained the pastor, Father Ward P. Moore. "As a parish community, we

feel blessed because of the generosity of our parishioners, and as a faith community we see a need to share this blessing with others in need. And so our parish decided to contribute financially and materially to those in San Lucas Toliman. Funding provides resources and support for religious and educational formation, as well as medical and economic development," the pastor said.

As head of the project at St. Andrew's to assist the Parroquia (Parish) of San Lucas Toliman, Foley remains in close contact with Msgr. Schaffer. His longstanding relationship with Father Schaffer began in the '60s, during Foley's term as a Peace Corps volunteer. Foley taught groups from San Lucas to raise hogs and chickens.

Under his direction and leadership, the people have amassed a long and impressive list of accomplishments, made possible through the financial support of groups throughout the United States.

"They have built more than 2,600 homes, 25 schools, a large medical facility, an

orphanage to house the many children without parents living in the area, several small chapels in areas distant from the main church, as well as a very successful coffee cooperative," Foley said.

A reforestation project, in existence now for more than 20 years, generates additional local employment.

There have also been notable improvements in education. The first parish school opened its doors in 1968, with classes taught by the Sisters of Notre Dame.

A major mudslide Sept. 12, 2002 on a small "finca" (plantation) resulted in the loss of life of 35 people, including 14 children. Work has already begun on replacing the makeshift homes in which families have been living.

Financing the building of a home will be the first project of St. Andrew's San Lucas Toliman Amigos. The goal of the St. Andrew's group is, by the end of the year, to raise the \$12,000 needed to accomplish this.

The group will also be col-



Members of the Foley family include, left to right, Tara, Matthew, Rod, Jr. and his wife Ann Broderick, Clair, Ira, Foley, Chona Ajcote and Rod Foley. With them, third from left, is Msgr. Greg Schaffer, a long-time family friend.

lecting new and used tools, school supplies, children's clothes (especially durable apparel such as jeans), household items and medical supplies, such as over-the-counter medications, bandages and other first-aid items. "If anyone in the area has any storage space that they can offer, please call me at (201) 666-0913," Foley implored.

Future goals of this outreach effort include organizing volunteer groups to spend seven to ten days in the community of San Lucas. The group would include a team of physicians

and medical professionals who would volunteer their services.

Foley also hopes to establish a fund-raising project through which people here will be able to purchase the Juan-Ana Coffee produced by the families in San Lucas Toliman.

Also on Foley's wish list is to get other congregations involved in this local outreach effort to help the people in San Lucas.

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