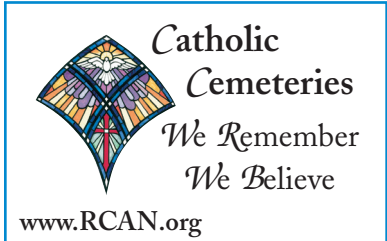


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## Jersey City elementary students pose questions, learn about life experience of Archbishop Myers

BY GREG TOBIN

Editor & Associate Publisher

"How does an archbishop become an archbishop?" "Did the pope pick your name out of a hat?" "How many commandments are there?" "How old are you, anyway?"

These and many other questions were answered at Visitation School, Jersey City, the site of a "visitation" of a special kind, Sept. 16. Archbishop John J. Myers met with second, third, seventh and eighth graders at the newly configured school, just days after it opened as a cooperative effort between St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parishes.

This was the first of several visits Archbishop Myers is making at the beginning of the new school year.

Accompanied by the principal, Barbara Dolan, and assistant principal, Joanne Oziemblo, as well as the pastors of both parishes and a welcoming committee of eighth-graders, the Archbishop engaged in dialogue with more than 100 of the school's total 300 student population, Pre-K through eighth.

He asked each class about special trips or events over their summer vacations. Some students and their families traveled as far as London, Poland and Lima, Peru. In turn, each class peppered Archbishop Myers with questions about growing up in Illinois, his schooling, his years as a priest and bishop, and especially about how and when he became Archbishop of Newark.

He revealed that, in fact, the pope does not pick the name out of a hat, in answer to one eighth-grader. "I never wanted to be a bishop or archbishop, but who can say no to the pope when he asks?"

He went on, "I would have been completely happy to be a parish priest in Illinois, but I am just as happy to be archbishop here in Newark because I got to meet and spend time with you."

In answer to the question from one third-grader about his age, the Archbishop posed a mathematical challenge: "Well, if you subtract 1941 from 2003, what do you get?"

Father Michael C. Santoro, Pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and Parochial Vicar John J. Galeano, enjoyed the tour.

"The name of the new school involves both communities," Father Galeano explained. In a discussion among the clergy and administrators of the merged school, "Visitation" was

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New school, new year: Eighth graders from the newly configured Visitation School, Jersey City, welcomed a distinguished visitor to open their year. From left to right: Archbishop John J. Myers; Robert Verlingo; Barbara Dolan, Principal; Joanne Oziemblo, Assistant Principal; Katie Brew; Richard Delos Reyes; and Katherine Olan.

## Institute enhances clerical journey Continuing formation for priests at shore retreat

BY GREG TOBIN

Editor & Associate Publisher

The International Institute for Clergy Formation of Seton Hall University held its 16th annual summer institute at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch in June and July, and preparations are under way for the winter institute in January.

The brain child (and spiritual child) of its director, Msgr. Andrew Cusack, Ph.D., a professor of psychology at Seton Hall, the Institute has hosted more than 5,000 priests from all around the U.S. and the world.

Since its founding, the Institute has been guided by Pope John Paul II's pastoral document *Pastores dabo vobis* (I Will Send You Shepherds) and by its own motto: "Making good priests better."

Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J., filled an entire book, *The Priestly Office*, with lectures delivered at the Institute in the mid-1990s. In a preface Cardinal Dulles expressed "gratitude to Msgr. Cusack for his leadership in directing the Institute, which has done so much for the education and renewal of priestly ministry."

With the support of the recent Archbishops

of Newark and encouragement of his own diocesan bishop, Most Rev. Walter W. Curtis of Bridgeport, CT (a former Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, 1957-61), Msgr. Cusack sought to provide a means for priests—at whatever stage of their lives—to continue their formation.

He noted that 60 percent of the more than 500 summer attendees are returnees, including

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Resplendent in native Polish dress, youngsters Rafal Wojtaszek, Marta Sliwa, Edyta Wojtaszek and Roman Bednarz, along with Alina Wawro, all from the St. Adalbert's Parish in Elizabeth, at papal anniversary celebration. Story on page 6.



# You can't judge a book by its cover-up



I love to read. It's one of the real pleasures in my life. Although I especially love biographies, I also read historical fiction, thrillers and science fiction, because it's so easy to get caught up in intrigues of plot and characters. Whether it's le Carré, Clancy, Christie, Shaara or Bradbury, fiction invites me to pretend that what isn't, is.

But it's pretend only. Even when some writers and publishers "wink" and imply that something really happened (just think about the publicity for *The Hunt for Red October* when it was first published), we know the truth.


We know we're being entertained, and we accept the canard for the purpose of entertainment.

That's why comments and reviews I have been hearing and reading about a new book called *The DaVinci Code* trouble me. Not only because one of its basic themes is that Jesus was married—and to Mary Magdalene—but also because of the premise for the "thriller" element in this book.

According to the author, secret societies have been keeping this and other "facts," e.g., about the "mother goddess," hidden for almost two centuries in order to support a nefarious agenda.

The only things missing from the book are the

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By Archbishop John J. Myers

invaders from space and Lee Harvey Oswald and the "second gunman." Maybe the author is saving them for the sequel.

If the author had come out and said, "This is a work of fiction; I made all of this up," it would be one thing. However, he and the marketers of the book are linking its "truth" to speculative research on ancient texts that scholars for centuries have considered inaccurate and misrepresentative of the Church and what we believe.

It's always enticing to hear about "hidden treasures" or "unearthed accounts" of the past.

The idea of the occult or the mysterious always has an appeal—just look at the popularity of the Indiana Jones movies. And some works of fiction, such as

those by Morris West, have blended effectively the good that we believe and the evil that we may fear.

In many ways, such fictions reaffirm us, because they show how people like ourselves can face and ultimately overcome the demons that seek to lead us away from our faith and trust in God.

While the false assertions masquerading as reality in *The DaVinci Code* have troubled me for some weeks now, I think they came into very sharp focus this past week when I visited with the boys and girls of Visitation School in Jersey City.

I asked them questions about themselves, and they asked me questions about me. Together, we also spent time talking about some of the things they have been learning about their faith. That opportunity to talk with these excited and interested children crystallized, in a most personal way, the central mission of our Catholic schools—to provide quality education based in Catholic teaching and tradition.

With such a start, they are in a great position to choose between right and wrong, fact and fiction, as they grow up in our faith and in life.

If you want to read *The DaVinci Code*, please remember that it's only fiction, and fiction "with a spin." If you're looking for truth about our faith, may I suggest the Holy Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, *The Confessions of St. Augustine*, the Nicene Creed...

## Stewardship

# Following the saints' lives as role models



BY ANDREW KACZYNSKI

Coordinator of Stewardship for the Archdiocese

Very soon, during the first week of October, our Church celebrates the lives of two great saints in our history, Theresa of the Child Jesus (October 1) and Francis of Assisi (October 4).

While I'm not trying to be partial in this column, I do have a special personal devotion to both St. Theresa and St. Francis, as I'm sure do many in our archdiocese. As with all of the saints, these pillars of our faith lived lives of exemplary stewardship, and I thought that highlighting them and how they carried out their vocation as Christian stewards would be a wonderful topic for this issue.

The information was obtained from *Steward Saints for Every Day*, written by Sharon Hueckel, and published by the International Catholic Stewardship Council.

St. Theresa, "the Little Flower," was born to a middle-class French family. Theresa was cured from an illness at age eight when she stated that a statue of the Blessed Virgin smiled at her. At age 15 she entered a cloistered Carmelite monastery, lived a simple life full of humility and trust in God, and defined her path to God and holiness as "The Little Way."

Theresa died of tuberculosis at the age of 24, was canonized a saint in May 1925 by Pope Pius XI, and then declared a Doctor of the Church in 1997 by Pope John Paul II.

In her autobiography, she tells of reading the familiar passage in I Corinthians about the varieties of gifts and finding there her particular vocation.

After listing the various gifts of the Spirit, St. Paul compares the Body of Christ to the human body, noting that both are made up of many parts with various functions. Then he defines the greatest of all gifts, love.

It was this charism that St. Theresa claimed as her own. "O Jesus, my love, at last I have found my calling: my call is love." (*Liturgy of the Hours*, Vol. IV, p. 1451)

One commentator says, "She gives witness to two outstanding virtues that are needed by all devout Christians: a radical humility that makes us aware of our weakness and our total dependence on God, and secondly, complete surrender to the infinite mercy of God in an act of perfect love." (*Saints of the Roman Calendar*, p. 293)

*"We can seek to live more simply and be better stewards of the abundance that is ours to share."*

If you ask me, that's a pretty good description of total stewardship!

"Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is falling down." St. Francis of Assisi heard the Lord say these words in a vision in the crumbling Chapel of San Damiano and set to work at once.

Renouncing his father's wealth and privilege, he embraced a life of radical poverty that found him begging, door-to-door, for the means to rebuild the Church and assist the poor.

He took the Gospels as the rule of his life, Jesus Christ as his literal example. He dressed in rough clothes, begged for his sustenance, and preached purity and peace. He visited hospitals, served the sick, preached in the streets, and took all men and women as siblings.

He is known for composing songs, prayers and hymns to God and nature, living with animals, working with his hands, caring for lepers, cleaning churches and sending food to thieves.

Friends thought he was mad. But before long, his genuine love for the poor led others to join him. These itinerant preachers who followed St. Francis and lived the Gospel with such simplicity and joy became the Order of Friars Minor, or "Franciscans."

The life of poverty and humility to which Christ called St. Francis "built up" the Church in ways he could never have imagined since that first day in San Damiano.

Few of us will be called to the total poverty of St. Francis of Assisi, but inspired by his example, we can seek to live more simply and be better stewards of the abundance that is ours to share.

Let the words of this beautiful prayer help us, through his intercession, accomplish this goal:

"Dear God, when Saint Francis turned his life over to You, he gave away his possessions, including the clothes on his back. He discovered that this freed him to experience Your love more fully, so he said, 'Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin.' I ask him to intercede for me as I take action to help others through my time, talents and money. O Lord, accept these donations as penance for my purification. As my family and friends see what I'm doing, give them a heart that understands. If they criticize me, give me the courage to continue growing in generosity. Saint Francis, pray for us. Amen." (Terry Ann Modica)

Let the lives of all the saints inspire and challenge us as we strive to mirror their examples of good stewardship of all the gifts and graces our Lord has so abundantly given us.

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# Marriage preparation guidelines updated

BY BRIAN FORES  
Staff Reporter

The five Roman Catholic dioceses of New Jersey, the Eparchy of Passaic and the Syriac Catholic Dioceses have issued a revised document to assist in marriage preparation.

The “Pastoral Policies and Guidelines for Marriage Preparation”—six years in the making—has benefited from the contributions of priests, deacons, theologians and experts in the field of behavioral science.

“Above all, the ‘Policies and Guidelines’ is a pastoral document,” explained Judith Miller, Director of Family Life Ministries for the Archdiocese of Newark. “We want our engaged couples to come away with a positive experience of the Church. Those assisting in marriage preparation should do so in a warm and welcoming way,” Miller affirmed.

At a seminar last spring regarding the policy, Archbishop John J. Myers called marriage the “gift of an imperfect self receiving the gift of an imperfect other.” He spoke of the numerous challenges faced by couples today, and urged marriage ministers to “show them more attention, so that they will somehow experience the love and concern of Jesus in the midst of our ministry to them.”

### Document reviewed

New Jersey was the first state to issue a policy concerning marriage preparation in 1976. It was revised in 1986, with minor modifications, to reflect changes in canon law.

Msgr. Philip Morris, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Hillsdale, expressed concerns about the document needing to be updated at a Presbyteral Council meeting in 1998. As a result, Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, then Archbishop of Newark, called for a statewide review.

Msgr. Morris called the revised policy, “a workbook for us,” addressing an audience of marriage preparation ministers at a recent conference. “We needed to revisit

the document in light of our own pastoral experience,” he stated.

Msgr. Morris noted that cultural trends and the current diversity of lifestyles needed to be taken into account. “The policy tries to balance ideals with the practical and realistic.”

One section, “A Commitment of Time,” emphasizes, “The marriage preparation process should begin when the engagement is announced even if that is more than a year before the proposed wedding date,” and should not be less than one year, so that couple’s can “assess their individual readiness.”

Another section, entitled “Special Circumstances in Marriage Preparation,” takes into account several important issues that affect couples today, including abusive relationships, HIV/AIDS, cohabitation and premarital sex, and sexual identity.

### Exceptional situations

Father Richard Francesco, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in West Orange, who chaired the committee that developed the section on special circumstances, said, “There was a need for greater variety. Life has become more complicated, and ministry has also changed. Situations that were once the exception are now commonplace.”

Acknowledging that some of the issues raised in “Special Circumstances” may be difficult for individuals to discuss openly, Father Francesco commented, “The document is a tool and resource for pastoral ministers on how to best address these feelings of discomfort. For example, if a pastoral minister has never counseled someone with HIV, the policy serves to sensitize and educate, so that the pastoral minister may better serve the needs of the couple.”

In the instance of cohabitation, the policy notes, “Cohabitation and/or premarital sex are not canonical impediments to marriage. A couple may not be denied a wedding for these reasons.” However, the

marriage minister is to “invite the engaged couple to consider living separately and chastely. The couple is not to be refused marriage if they fail to separate.”

Regarding abusive relationships, addiction, and sexual identity, many of these issues surface during Facilitating Open Couple Communication Understanding and Study (FOCCUS). It is a written questionnaire used to help couples identify issues of compatibility and deal with difficult or otherwise unaddressed topics.

### Discussion sought

Because it is written, oftentimes a partner may feel more at ease divulging information about an abusive partner or same-sex attractions. If the results of FOCCUS reveal any of these issues, a marriage preparation minister may ask the partner to attend counseling sessions to examine the situation more extensively.

Even if couples do not openly address some of the issues raised by the questionnaire, marriage preparation ministers hope the experience will spark private discussions.

Msgr. Morris noted that the essence of the policy is meant to answer the question, “In preparing couples for marriage, how can we be more effective?”

He reminded marriage preparation ministers that when couples come to them seeking marriage, “This is a privileged moment,” and a unique opportunity to “enhance the couple’s spiritual development.” Above all, Msgr. Morris emphasized, “We have to reflect Christ’s love, kindness and patience, and meet engaged couples where they are.”

The “Pastoral Policies and Guidelines for Marriage Preparation” is available in PDF format on the web at [www.rcan.org/famlife/](http://www.rcan.org/famlife/). In addition, newly engaged couples in New Jersey will now receive the “Couple’s Guide,” which offers a condensed version of the guidelines and includes a note of congratulations from the Bishops of New Jersey.



Advocate photo- Ward Miele

Andrew Kaczynski, Coordinator of Stewardship; Ramona Flores, Assistant Director of Development; and Deacon John McKenna, Director of Stewardship, review plans for Stewardship Day—A Day of Discipleship from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11 at Kozlowski Hall at the South Orange campus of Seton Hall University. For additional information call Kaczynski at (973) 497-4332 or email him at [kaczynan@rcan.org](mailto:kaczynan@rcan.org).

Novarcensis: A Look Back at Our History

140 years ago...  
October 17. The parish’s first baby, Joseph Henry Brull, was baptized in St. Joseph of the Palisades Church, West New York.


126 years ago...  
October 3. Archbishop James Roosevelt Bayley, the first Bishop of Newark, died at the Bishop’s House, Newark.

74 years ago...  
September 25. Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh announced the formation of the Mount Carmel Guild, now Catholic Community Services.

64 years ago...  
October 1. Archbishop Walsh laid the cornerstone of one of the finest auditorium-gymnasiums in pre-World War II U.S.—at Seton Hall University—which bears his name.

8 years ago...  
October 4-5, 1995. Pope John Paul II made a historic visit to Newark; celebrated Mass in Giants Stadium, East Rutherford, before a crowd of 83,000 people; presided at prayer service in Sacred Heart Cathedral (attended for the first time by a U.S. president); granted Archbishop McCarrick’s request to elevate the cathedral to the rank of minor basilica.

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



SEQUECENTENNIAL OF NEWARK  
1853 - 2003

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 24

**St. Aloysius Parish**, the Bereavement Ministry will sponsor meetings through Nov. 12. To register, call Sister Lenore DeCoster at (973) 226-0209 ext. 8.

**Guardian Angel Parish**, Allendale, will hold a Taize prayer service at 7:30 p.m., including songs from Taize, Scripture readings, prayer and silent meditation. Call Joan Pryor at (201) 327-6386.

September 25

**St. Joseph Church**, Jersey City, to hold the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila through Sept. 28, including special prayers for youth and children, and solemn blessings for the elderly. Call (201) 653-0392.

September 26

**Roselle Catholic High School**, Roselle, will hold its Student-Alumni Dessert Cabaret Night at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call (908) 245-2350.

**St. Rose of Lima Parish**, Short Hills, “Where Can the Church Go from Here?” a lecture presented by Father Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R. at 7:30 p.m. Call (973) 379-3912.

September 27

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

September 28

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church**, Bloomfield, will hold a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. All donors must present a signed or picture I.D. and know their SSN. Call the BCNJ at (800) NJ-BLOOD ext. 140.

**St. Brigid Church**, North Bergen, will celebrate a Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick. Contact Mr. William Fincken at (201) 867-4605.

**St. Lucy Parish**, Newark, a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of Sister Francis Marie’s Golden Jubilee Fiftieth Anniversary of taking her vows. A dinner-dance will be held at Revello’s Restaurant, East Hanover, at 1 p.m. Call (973) 482-6663.

September 29

**Our Lady of Lourdes**, West Orange, offering a workshop, “Staying Healthy in a Stressful World,” from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Call to reserve space, (973) 325-0029.

September 30

**St. John the Evangelist Church**, Bergenfield, will hold its parish carnival through Oct. 4, from 5 - 10 p.m. Call (201) 384-0101.

October 1

**Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City**, praying the Living Rosary (Mysteries of Light), at 7:30 p.m. Call Presy and Connie at (201) 332-2237.

October 2

**Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish**, Linden, will hold the Saint Anne Novena at 7 p.m., including veneration of the shrine’s official relic of Saint Anne. Call (908) 486-2514.

October 3

**St. Mary Parish**, Closter, Sacred Heart Novena/Healing Mass on the first Friday of nine consecutive months, beginning at 7 p.m. Call John Powers at (201) 768-6388.

**St. Antoninus Parish**, Newark, charismatic priest Father Trevor Natasingh from Trinidad, to offer Mass at 8 p.m. On Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., there will be Mass, lunch, and Father Trevor will speak in the afternoon. On Oct. 5 he will say Mass at 10 a.m. Call Father Bill Halbing at (973) 623-0258.

**Shepherds of Youth Charitable Trust**, Florham Park, a Casino Night Gala at 6

p.m. to benefit “Children’s Dreams.” Contact Carol Roberts at (973) 822-8280, or by email at e.Roberts@vocationist.org.

October 4

**St. Joseph**, East Rutherford, Rosary Altar Society, will present the Off-Broadway show, “Late Nite Catechism.” Donation is \$35, including hot and cold buffet prior to the performance. Call Dolores McGuire at (201) 939-5163 or Ann Dunne at (201) 438-8485.

**Mount Carmel Parish**, Ridgewood, Rosary Altar Society will hold its annual Communion Breakfast at 10 a.m., preceded by the recitation of the Rosary, Mass and induction of new members. Call Teddy Biegel, (201) 445-1650.

**Our Lady of Sorrows**, South Orange, Healing Mass at 12 p.m. Luncheon will follow. Call (973) 763-5454.

October 5

**St. Peter Parish**, Belleville, Rosary Society to hold Communion Breakfast at the Chandelier, Belleville. Tickets are \$16. Call Flo Jarman at (973) 751-1787.

**Dominican Nuns’ Rosary Shrine**, Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, Summit, Rosary pilgrimage devotions at 3 p.m. Guest preacher is Father Jonathan Kalisch, O.P. Call (908) 273-1228 or email nunsopsummit@op.org.

October 7

**St. Peter the Apostle**, River Edge, “The Alpha Course,” a practical exploration of the Christian faith, beginning on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Call Julie Burke at (201) 261-3366.



**St. Paul Church**, Ramsey, Candlelight Living Rosary honoring Our Lady of Fatima will be held at 7 p.m. One of the oldest pilgrim statues of Our Lady of Fatima will be at the church from Oct. 4 – 13.

**St. Catherine of Siena**, Hillside, a Mini Rosary Mission to commemorate the Year of the Rosary through Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m., beginning with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Edgar da Cunha. Call (908) 351-2139.

October 9

**The Newark Cursillo Movement** is accepting candidates for its 165th men’s and 150th women’s weekends, through Oct. 13, for March 4 - 7 and April 29 - May 2. Visit [www.mycursillo.com](http://www.mycursillo.com) or call John Tronolone at (201) 448-0145 or by email at [john-godislove.johnt@verizon.net](mailto:john-godislove.johnt@verizon.net)

October 11

**Church of the Most Sacred Heart**, Wallington, will hold “Morning of Reflection for Women, Prayer in the Darkness,” with author Kathleen O. Chesto, at 8:30 a.m. Call Carol at (201) 935-0273, or Ginny at (201) 804-3995, by Oct. 4.

**St. Philomena**, Livingston, October Hymn Festival. Concert and Mass at 4:30 p.m. Free. Call Liz at (973) 992-0994.

October 12

**Our Lady of Lourdes**, Mountainside, Rosary Altar Society, Annual Family Communion Breakfast following 9:30 a.m. Mass, at Holiday Inn, 304 Route 22 W., Springfield. Call (908) 232-1162.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

**Pastor/Essex County**  
**Reverend Antonio da Silva, S.D.V.**  
has been appointed Pastor of the Church of St. Michael, Newark, effective Oct. 15.

**Administator/Bergen County**  
**Reverend Armando Palmieri, S.D.V.**  
has been appointed Administrator of the Church of St. Nicholas, Palisades Park, effective Oct. 15.

**Parochial Vicar/Essex County**  
**Reverend James Butts, S.D.V.**  
has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Michael, Newark, effective Sept. 8.

**Reverend Jose Parcon**,  
Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Anne, Jersey City has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Church of Sacred Heart, Bloomfield, effective Oct. 15.

**Parochial Vicar/Hudson County**  
**Reverend Thomas A. Crangle, O.F.M., Cap.**  
has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Ann, Hoboken, effective Sept. 12.

**Reverend John F.X. Bauman**,  
Hospital Chaplain at St. James Hospital, Newark has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Anne, Jersey City, effective Oct. 15.

**Parochial Vicar/Union County**  
**Reverend Romeo J. Axalan**,  
Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Michael, Palisades Park has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Church of Christ the King, Hillside, effective Sept. 15.



**Pastoral Care/Essex County**  
**Reverend Arokiasamy Irudayanathan**,  
Chaplain at Hospital Center at Orange and Pope John Paul II Pavilion, Orange has been appointed Chaplain at St. James Hospital, Newark, with residency at St. Casimir’s Rectory, Newark, effective Oct. 15.

**Other/Bergen County**  
**Reverend Monsignor Ronald J. Rozniak**,  
Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood has been appointed Chaplain of the Ridgewood Fire Department, effective Sept. 9.

**Other/Hudson County**  
**Reverend Thomas C. Roberts**,  
Chaplain of Prison Ministry has been appointed to residency at St. Michael Rectory, Bayonne, effective Oct. 1.

**Excardination**  
**Reverend Mark Wegg**  
has been excardinated from the Archdiocese of Newark and incardinated into the Diocese of Orlando, Florida, effective July 22, 2003.

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# Pontifical Foundation enters third decade

The John Paul II Pontifical Foundation has an active chapter in New Jersey.

Established on Oct. 16, 1981 by a papal decree, the foundation is a religious, educational and charitable nonprofit organization. With its official seat at the Vatican, the foundation has chapters worldwide.

Its primary goals are preservation and development of Christian heritage and culture; collection and preservation of documents and propagation of the teachings of Pope John Paul II; assistance to pilgrims on visits to the Holy See; and providing educational assistance and scholarships to young people from Eastern countries to study at the Catholic University in Lublin, Poland.

The New Jersey chapter was founded 17 years ago in affiliation with the Pontifical Foundation in Vatican City.

There are several levels of membership: perpetual, a one-time donation of \$4,000 that includes an individual or family name placed on a permanent plaque in the John Paul II Home in Rome; associate membership for \$200 annually; and supporting membership for \$50 annually.

Checks can be sent to the John Paul II Foundation of New Jersey, 171 Clifton Avenue, P.O. Box 9500, Newark, NJ 07104-0500.

# Boy Scouts' Retreat weekend of Oct. 17-19

The annual Archdiocesan Scouting Retreat will take place the weekend of Oct. 17-19.

Sponsored by the Catholic Committee on Scouting, the retreat is open to all Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Webelos and Venture Crews. Once again it will be held at Ross Dock near the George Washington Bridge in Fort Lee.

Cub Scouts can attend Saturday only, while Webelos can stay overnight on Saturday only. "The Clowns of God" is this year's theme.

The retreat is open to Catholic and non-Catholic scouts. Those attending must participate in scheduled programs.

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. by Father Victor Kennedy, Pastor of St. Anne Parish in Jersey City and Scouting Chaplain for the Archdiocese. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all weekend for units and individual visitations.

Cub Scouts will be given the opportunity to pursue the Light of Christ or Parvuli Dei Awards programs on Saturday morning by finishing their workbooks with the assistance of committee members. Those who need workbooks should bring them or pick them up at the retreat at no cost.

Hold-a-Site fees, at \$25 per unit, will be accepted until Sept. 30. Units will supply their own breakfast on Saturday and Sunday.

Registration fees will be accepted until Oct. 3.

For additional information call Gabe Feltz at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4143 or (201) 226-0755.

# Golden Anniversary celebrated

Sister Helen O'Brien, a native of Ridgefield, is among 14 members of the Ursuline Sister of Louisville, KY who recently celebrated anniversaries.

Sister Helen marked her Golden Anniversary. She has served as a teacher and principal at schools throughout Louisville for three decades. Sister Helen also served as formation director for the Ursuline Sisters.

Recently she ministered on the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville Leadership Team. She is now a spiritual director in the Louisville area.



From left to right, Thomas Madigan, Director of Publicity; Kathleen Wiener, Secretary; Msgr. Jozef Marjanczyk, Honorary President; Msgr. Stefan Wylezek, Administrator of the Vatican office; Father Miroslaw Krol, President; Ludwik Wnekowicz, Vice President; and Msgr. Bronislaw Wielgus, Pastor of St. Theresa Parish in Linden.

# Does this cow look familiar?

It would if you were Ben Farmer. He knows all of his cows by name. He's been doing this for 53 years!

Ben has been thinking about his farm and what he will do with it when he gets too old to handle the chores. He could sell the property, equipment and livestock, but that seems even now to be an insurmountable task.

If he could just hand it over to someone else and receive a lifetime flow of income for himself and Mrs. Farmer. And if he could do it without incurring any tax on the transfer.

Then Ben learned about planned giving. It started with a brochure from Ben's parish, and later involved a phone call and visit from a planned giving officer.

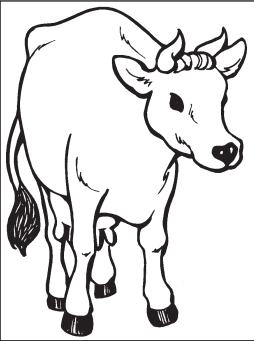
Soon after that, the Farmers' met with their tax advisor and started to make arrangements to create a charitable trust with their parish.

Here's what he did: He and Mrs. Farmer established what is known as a charitable remainder unitrust. Into this trust they transferred the farm. The parish sold the farm and used the cash to buy stocks and bonds that earn investment income. The Farmers' now receive a portion of the trust earnings every quarter, and this will continue for the rest of their lives.

A dream come true! They didn't have to deal with selling the farm nor did they have any capital gains tax to pay.

And after they are both gone, whatever is left in the trust will go to their parish.

Ben likes to think of it as giving the farm and keeping the income. Or, as he says, "We're giving the cow and keeping the milk."



Obviously, there aren't many farmers left in the Archdiocese; however, if you own your own home, have a vacation home down the shore or in the mountains, a Trust with the Archdiocese of Newark may be the right answer for you. Use the response form below, or call us at (973) 497-4125.



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# Strong defense of marriage issued by bishops

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Administrative Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a constitutional amendment to protect the unique social and legal status of marriage.

In Catholic belief, "marriage is a faithful, exclusive and lifelong union between one man and one woman, joined as husband and wife in an intimate partnership of life and love," the 47-bishop committee said in a statement released Sept. 10.

"What are called 'homosexual unions,' because they do not express full human complementarity and because they are inherently nonprocreative, cannot be given the status of marriage," the committee said.

It warned that "the importance of marriage for children and for society" is under attack in U.S. courts and legislatures and in popular culture and entertainment media, which "often undermine or ignore the essential role of marriage and promote

equivalence between marriage and homosexual relationships."

The Administrative Committee—composed of the USCCB's executive officers, elected committee chairmen and elected regional representatives—is the highest policy and decision-making body of the bishops apart from the entire body when it meets twice a year in general assembly.

The committee, which met in Washington, did not specify language for a federal marriage amendment. Rather, it committed the bishops to promoting the "essential role of marriage...in our teaching and preaching, but also in our public policy advocacy at the state and national levels and in the important dialogue about how best to protect marriage and the common good in the U.S. Constitution and in our society as a whole.

"We offer general support for a federal marriage amendment to

the U.S. Constitution as we continue to work to protect marriage in state legislatures, the courts, the Congress and other appropriate forums," stated.

In May, a proposal to amend the U.S. Constitution to define marriage as "the union of a man and a woman" was introduced in Congress.

The bishops cited a recent Vatican document that called legal recognition of same-sex unions "gravely unjust."

Citing marriage's unique societal role in the procreation and raising of children, the Vatican said, "The denial of the social and legal status of marriage to forms of cohabitation that are not and cannot be marital is not opposed to justice; on the contrary, justice requires it."

The Administrative Committee said the Church clearly teaches the dignity of homosexual persons and condemns "all forms of unjust discrimi-

nation, harassment or abuse."

The bishops said their defense of marriage focuses "on the importance of marriage, not on homosexuality or other matters."

The growing U.S. debate over granting marriage rights or equivalent legal status to same-sex unions is part of a contemporary cultural phenomenon across the Western world.

In the United States there have been a number of court and legislative battles over the question of legal benefits for same-sex unions since 1993, when the Hawaii Supreme Court ruled that the state could not exclude same-sex couples from marriage unless it could show compelling state interests and prove that its marriage laws were narrowly tailored to those interests.

That led to legislation in Hawaii granting domestic partnership benefits to same-sex couples.

## Archbishop to speak

Archbishop John J. Myers is the first speaker in a new First Saturday Breakfast Lecture Series, "The Church Today: Crisis and Courage," sponsored by the Carmelite Forum of New Jersey.

The Archbishop will speak at the Saturday, Oct. 4 conference which begins at 9 a.m. at the Glenpointe Marriott in Teaneck.

Tickets, priced at \$20, are available by calling (201) 837-3355.

## Nuncio hosts at U.N.

Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, will host a symposium Oct. 7 at the United Nations.

Archbishop Migliore, who is also president of the Path to Peace Foundation, will address

the topic of Peace on Earth in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of Pope John XXIII's encyclical *Pacem in Terris*. The archbishop will speak at 3 p.m.

The symposium coincides with the 25th anniversary of the pontificate of Pope John Paul II.

## St. Michael's, Newark assigned a new pastor

Father Antonio L. da Silva, S.D.V. has been appointed pastor of the Church of St. Michael, Newark, effective Oct. 15.

Father da Silva, from Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil, entered the Vocationist Fathers in 1974, in Bahia. He completed his novitiate in 1978, and he began studies at the Benedictine Monastery in Rio de Janeiro a year later.

In 1980, he entered Immaculate Conception Seminary, then in Mahwah, while living in the Vocationist community at St. Michael Parish, Newark.

He was ordained on March 26, 1983, and celebrated his first Mass at St. Michael's the next day.

From 1983 to 1984, he served as parochial vicar of St. Nicholas Parish, Palisades Park. From 1984 to 1994, he was parochial vicar at St. Michael's, Newark.

He has been the pastor of St. Nicholas, Palisades Park, since 1994. Upon being named pastor of St. Michael's, Father da Silva commented, "It's great to be back home."

## Poles celebrate pope's 25 years

BY WARD MIELE

Managing Editor

The strong faith of the Polish people filled the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on Sunday at a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's pontificate.

Presiding was Archbishop Szczepan Wesoly of the Vatican in the presence of Archbishop John J. Myers.

The Mass was sponsored by the John Paul II Pontifical Foundation of New Jersey and the Polish Clergymen's Society of the Archdiocese of Newark and Diocese of Paterson.

Looking out at a Cathedral Basilica filled Polish faithful from throughout the Archdiocese, some in native dress, Archbishop Myers said he was "profoundly happy to celebrate with you one of the greatest papacies" in the history of the Church. Pope John Paul II, Archbishop Myers added, is someone whom "we all love."

By attending the Mass, Archbishop Wesoly said in his homily, "we want to express our gratitude to God for 25 years of Pope John Paul II's pontificate. The Holy Father is a gift from God for the universal Church."

Pope John Paul II, Archbishop Wesoly explained, wrote 14 encyclicals "facing the problems of our time (while) giving a Christian interpretation of different world events." To honor the pope, he went on, "we must live according to his teaching."

Citing Pope John Paul II's first sermon, Archbishop Wesoly stressed that the Holy Father said, "Do not be afraid.... do not be afraid to profess Christ, do not be afraid to accept Christ."

He also made reference to the fact that the Catholic Church in the United States is "going through some crisis." But, Archbishop Wesoly emphasized, "it is a crisis of spirituality; it means a crisis of faith, but a crisis of faith is always preceded by a crisis of prayer." The strength of the



Advocate photo—Ward Miele

Archbishop Wesoly and Archbishop Myers enter the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

Church, the visiting Archbishop went on, is "not in the institution itself but in faith and prayer (and) in fidelity to the Gospel."

Saying "the stronger the faith, the stronger the Church," Archbishop Wesoly went on that this is the reason the Holy Father travels around the world and preaches: "to affirm people in faith and ask for prayer." The pope "knows," Archbishop Wesoly concluded, that "only the Church, which is praying, which has a deep devotion to the Eucharist and to the Blessed Virgin Mary, can overcome any difficulties."

Father Mirosław Krol, Parochial Vicar at St. Theresa's Parish in Linden and coordinator of the Polish Apostolate, calling the nice weather "a gift from God," described himself as "happy." He made particular note of the good turnout, describing the "great enthusiasm" evident among the faithful.

Saying the Polish community is "thankful to God for the Holy Father," he said too, Poles are proud that he is Polish. Remembering back a quarter century when as a child he learned that a countryman had been elected pope, Father Krol said, "Something great happened that day."



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## ‘Very strange’

Editor,  
In a letter to *The Catholic Advocate* (Sept. 10), Mr. Joe Quinn condones the filibuster by Democrats of the three Catholics nominated by President Bush to judgeships.

William H. Pryor, Priscilla Owens and Miguel Estrada are orthodox Catholics and do not back down or water down their beliefs when questioned. Thus, I find it very strange that Mr. Quinn states that these three hold positions that he and many other Catholics cannot support.

Mr. Quinn does a great disservice to these eminent judges and to the readers of *The Catholic Advocate* by not telling us what these positions are.

I can venture a guess as to what some of these positions may be, but I do not want to be uncharitable to Mr. Quinn and “many other Catholics” who agree with him.

Frank J. Wodzinski  
Elizabeth  
(Editor’s note: Two weeks ago Mr. Estrada asked that his nomination be withdrawn.)

## Dress code needed

Editor,  
In the Sept. 10 issue of *The Catholic Advocate*, Msgr. Gilchrist’s column addressed the subject of how “sloppy” Catholics dress when going to Mass.

The way parents come to Mass, especially on Saturday night, dressed as though they were going to a ball game, does not set the best example for their children.

I am sure that if these people were going to a party or a formal dinner they sure would not dress the same way that they come to Mass. I believe that at least once a month a homily should focus on a reasonable dress code for going to the best banquet anyone could attend.

John J. Bischoff  
Scotch Plains

We have received a number of inquiries for information about the Lumen Dei Catholic Association’s “Crusade of the Holy Rosary.” Contact the association via email, [ld.prodein@att.net](mailto:ld.prodein@att.net), visit [www.cruzadamariana.com](http://www.cruzadamariana.com), or call locally, (201) 866-5533.

## Column appreciated

Editor,  
Thank you for presenting to your readers the columns of Father Ron Rolheiser. What he has to say in the last two issues gives us the wisdom we so need in these difficult times for our beloved Church.

I particularly liked the advice he gives on how to embrace the width and strength of our Church in respecting all its members regardless of where they are coming from spiritually. He makes us understand that we need to think like Jesus and learn from the differing viewpoints of the evangelists.

This can help us to adjust our attitudes towards our fellow Catholics, and of course, to all those God has created.

Father Rolheiser does us a favor when he quotes from Father Raymond Brown, the eminent Scripture scholar, who provides us with helpful insights.

I appreciate Father Ron Rolheiser and look forward to future columns from him.

Jeanne B. Dillon  
Summit

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## Obsessive coverage cited

Someone had to say it.  
Speaking earlier this month at the national convention of the Religious Newswriters Association, Bishop Wilton D. Gregory, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), said media coverage of the sexual abuse scandal had caused “unnecessary damage to the bishops and the entire Catholic community.”

The Belleville, Illinois bishop was, no doubt, speaking for many of his colleagues and much of the faithful nationwide.

No one in the Church denies that a legitimate news story should be covered. In fact, the USCCB president acknowledged the media attention helped in some ways to foster corrective action. But, he said quite correctly, the story was “obsessively covered.” Obsession is never a good thing.

Bishop Gregory went to the crux of the matter when he lamented the fact that molesters whose careers of preying on children had already been brought to a close for several years before were treated as “breaking news.” Some might excuse such coverage as merely overzealous, while the more critical among us see it as Catholic bashing pure and simple. The Catholic Church, unfortunately, is too big and too tempting a target.

While looking back, Bishop Gregory cast an equally wary eye toward the future. He is concerned that efforts to address and correct the scandal will continue to generate sensationalistic coverage. He has a right to be concerned.

Borrowing from the theme of one of the major cable news networks, all the Catholic Church wants is “fair and balanced” coverage.

## Supporting youth in scouting

Next month in the shadow of the George Washington Bridge, the Archdiocese of Newark will again affirm its support of a valuable youth program—Scouting.

The annual Archdiocesan Scouting Retreat will take place the weekend of Oct. 17-19 at Ross Dock in Fort Lee. An open retreat for Catholic and non-Catholic Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Webelos and Venture Crews, the weekend is an experience not to be missed.

It will be a busy, educational and spiritually fulfilling three days, good for the mind, body and soul.

Along with a myriad of Scouting activities, Mass will be celebrated Saturday evening and the Blessed Sacrament exposed for adoration the entire weekend for unit or individual visitations. Cub Scouts will also have the opportunity to pursue their Parvuli Dei awards.

The Scouting Retreat Weekend is a cornerstone of a vibrant and vital commitment of the Archdiocese to its young people.

## Join the Knights of Columbus

For generations, the Knights of Columbus have represented the Catholic Church often and well. Have you ever been asked to join?

A parish membership drive will be held throughout the Archdiocese of Newark Oct. 11 and 12. Men interested in a vital organization dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism can speak to a member after Mass those two weekend days.

In urging a solid response to the membership drive, Archbishop John J. Myers made a salient point noting, “How more than ever we need men to stand up and join together to safeguard family life and Christian values.”

If that is not enough of an inducement, consider another factor mentioned by the Archbishop. Pope John Paul II has called the Knights of Columbus “the right arm of the Church.” What greater call to membership can there be?

Hallmarks of the Knights of Columbus are defense of human life, support of the priesthood and loyalty to the bishops and the pope. With the tremendous battering the Catholic Church has taken of late it is important to have such fine men on the front lines.

One of the largest charitable organizations in the nation, the Knights of Columbus has a deep and enduring love for the Church.

Share that commitment in faith-filled service to God and His Church. Join the Knights!

## Respect Life

## We like to be remembered

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

The other day I was asked what I thought about the memorials for aborted babies that are being set up by the Knights of Columbus, by Catholic cemeteries and by other organizations and parishes. I was asked if they might not be offensive to those who have had abortions.

I thought it over, and I said I thought memorials were a good idea. The reason I think so is that women who have had an abortion have not been able to mourn for the children they aborted. There was no funeral, no wake, no cemetery—no service of any kind for these children. There was no memorial to bring closure for the mothers of these children.

The memorials provide a way of

remembering these children. They can serve to reassure these mothers that their children are with God and deserve to be remembered. They may help these mothers remember how merciful God is and how much He wishes to forgive those who have had abortions.

As one woman told me after making a Rachel’s Vineyard retreat, for those who have had an abortion, “I have met a merciful God and a merciful Church. I know that my child is with God and that my child has forgiven me because God has forgiven me, and I am going to do whatever I can to make sure that other women will not do what I did. I want my child to be remembered and I hope that one day I will be able to tell my child face to face that I am sorry for what I have done.”



# Larceny and love mingle in the human heart

Moral issues come in large and small packages. Pro-life issues—including abortion, infanticide, death penalty and euthanasia—are big. Justice issues such as living wage, safety on the job, medical care and care for the poor are big. War is big.

There are other issues that are too obscure for most of us to understand, but are also questions of morality. Corporate profits, cartels and trusts, banking and business practices are often in the gray area.

But the whole fabric of society can be affected when seemingly small crimes become widespread. Consider how Iraq degenerated into looting, stealing and anarchy when law and order disappeared. Business people have told me that when they are in Asia or the Middle East, bribery is simply a way of life. As one man put it, "You get nothing for nothing." In other words, "baksheesh" is the oil that greases all wheels.

Now in our own area, we are saddened by the fact that many of our Catholic business people have been caught up in corporate corruption. Some have been indicated and some jailed. How does it happen that good decent Catholics become involved in deception and greed?

First of all, if there is a corporate climate where money flows like water, things get out of proportion. None of these individuals would take a gun and rob a bank. He or she would not shop lift, or steal cars.

But it all seems so easy, so innocuous when you are merely changing numbers on a faceless computer or transferring corporate assets. It seems like a victimless crime.

## Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



The problem is this. It is not victimless. It is the little people who get hurt, while the money people buy mansions and boats. There is no such thing as a free lunch. Someone pays the bills.

The same was true in politics. I have been in Hudson County for 45 years.

When a few of my friends were indicted in the county, some people asked me about it. I merely replied, echoing a line from Casablanca: "I am shocked—shocked, I tell you, to hear that money has changed hands in Hudson County for political favors."

Years ago, as a young priest I sat at the bedside of a very ill politician. He told me the following. "Listen, Father, think of it this way. If I buy a truck from you for the city, the least you can do is give me back one wheel."

I must tell you, however, that while larceny still rests in the human heart, in today's world business people, politicians and labor leaders are all acting much more carefully. They tread lightly because Big Brother is

watching. Compared to the world of 50 years ago, our leaders are practically puritans. At least for now they are on their best behavior.

Let's hope that it stays that way.

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Johnny Cash died the other day.

Now John, with his deep wavering voice and craggy face, influenced millions of people. He was especially effective with men—particularly men down on their luck. And if you listen to the lyrics that he wrote, John was a preacher, because God, morality and people's pain were always there in the music and in the lyrics, either explicitly or by inference. John touched souls. His own sin and pain were able to reflect so much of our own.

John always wore black clothes and in one of his songs from 1971, he asked, "Well you wonder why I always dress in black..."

The lyrics from the Cash classic "Man in Black" go on to explain why the singer adopted the somber look of black: for the "poor and beaten down," for prisoners and victims, for the ill and the aged.

And until mankind starts to change, in the way that Jesus taught us to, John proclaimed, "You'll never see me wear a suit of white."

Now why do I cite these words? Because, you see, there are a lot of men like me. We wear black to show we're dedicated to God. But, I think, it would be fine to take John's song to heart. And we might use our black to show that the world's not all right. And we might then be more like Jesus because our black will signify the world's sorrows. And every day that we put on our clothes we'll remind the world of who Jesus is and of the poor He chose to love.

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

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money people buy mansions.*

# Some dependence can even be a positive thing

Independence is a highly overrated virtue. Some of us might be surprised to find out that it's not really a "virtue" at all. Yet our entire nation worships at the feet of Independence. In this country, every day is Independence Day.

We are an independent nation, filled with self-made men (and women), who are totally self-reliant, owing nothing to no one. We fought more than one war to maintain our independence (on top of the first one, to get out from under the heavy hand of those nasty Brits) and we pride ourselves on self-sufficiency and autonomy.

"Co-dependency" was one of the buzz words of the 80's, and it was BAD. No one wants to be thought of as being weak and frail. If a person is dependent, she (of course it would be a "she") must want to be babied, taken care of; she doesn't want to make decisions. In other words, she's nuts.

Yet in any healthy marriage, there is a heavy dose of co-dependency. I depend on my partner not only for physical things—to bring in a paycheck or to take out the garbage—but for the many deeply spiritual and psychological things he gives me. I know he'll bring me a cold 7-Up if I'm sick, and that thought brings me comfort 365 days a year even though I'm only sick one day out of 365.

It has nothing to do with the 7-Up; it's the knowing that he'll be on hand to go to the store, to get the ice, to hand me the glass. It's the knowing that he knows I'll be there when he's sick. So we're happily co-dependent.

In his book *Care of the Soul*, Thomas More tells of trying to help a woman who describes herself as co-dependent. As they discuss her condition, More says, "The woman admits she always simply assumed that

## Over the Coffee Cup

By Mary Costello



independence is good and dependence is bad."

So More asks the woman, "Don't you want to be attached to people, learn from them, get close, rely on friendship, get advice from someone you respect, be part of a community where people need each other, find intimacy with someone that is so delicious you can't live without it?"

When the woman admits she wants all these things, he explains to her that we can't have them without the flip side—dependence: some loss of control, some submission, some neediness.

This tremendous striving for independence that we all seem to have in us can of course be a healthy thing.

After all, it's what drives us out of our parent's homes and off to college, to our own jobs, to our own lives (and those of us in the recent empty-nest years are grateful for that). But our need for inde-

pendence can be a tremendous handicap as we age.

As anyone over the age of 50 knows, growing older is a succession of giving-ups. We give up our eyesight, our hearing (each to more or less degree), our pain-free lifestyle, our ability to eat everything we like (without having to pay a heavy price); many of us have had to give up life-long friendships as people we have loved for 30 or 40 years move to warmer climates or go off to spend eternity with the Lord.

As we look down the road of life, we see ourselves giving up little bits and pieces of our independence each day.

As we grow older, we realize more and more that we are all co-dependent, yet we have difficulty accepting help. Like the woman in Dr. More's office, we equate dependence with frailty and inferiority. We'll do anything to stave off that day when we have to ask someone for help.

We diet, we exercise, we take vitamins—sometimes for all the right reasons (to maintain our health as long as possible) but sometimes for all the wrong reasons—so we never appear feeble and pathetic.

But if we focus on the "shadow" side of co-dependence: opening ourselves to new friendships, allowing someone else to be helpful to us in small ways, being totally aware of the love of those around us—we can actually learn to enjoy a little dependence.

Then we can start celebrating Independence Day on July 4th, and our dependence the other 364 days a year.

Mary Costello is a freelance columnist.

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# Speculation abounds over future trips

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia (CNS) — In the middle of a tiring four-day trip to Slovakia, Pope John Paul II was having trouble. Seated in his popemobile, he could not muster the energy to stand up, and aides were trying to lift him to his feet.

After one attempt, the 83-year-old pontiff seemed to lose his balance and slipped back down into his seat. Eventually, using leverage and brute strength, his two personal secretaries managed to tilt him out the door.

The scene unfolded behind his airplane, but journalists who witnessed it realized that the pope's bodily struggles had reached a new level.

More than any previous trip, the visit to Slovakia highlighted the pope's physical problems and left people wondering whether this might be his last foreign journey.

When he arrived in Bratislava Sept. 11, he couldn't pronounce more than a few lines of his speech. Vatican aides had to quickly find a Slovak priest to read the text as the pope sat slumped in his chair.

The pope suffers from a neurological disorder believed to be Parkinson's disease, and speaking has become a huge effort over the last two years. At times, he seems unable to squeeze out more than a few brief sounds, and his words are too slurred to understand.

On the pope's first evening in Slovakia, just before he arrived for a visit to a cathedral in Trnava, Vatican

aides searched anxiously for a private room that could accommodate the pontiff. That was unusual because the pope's movements on these trips are usually planned months in advance.

When he arrived, he was wheeled into the sacristy on a mobile throne and remained there for several minutes. Some journalists were alarmed because assistants carried medical equipment into the room, but there was no indication that it was used.

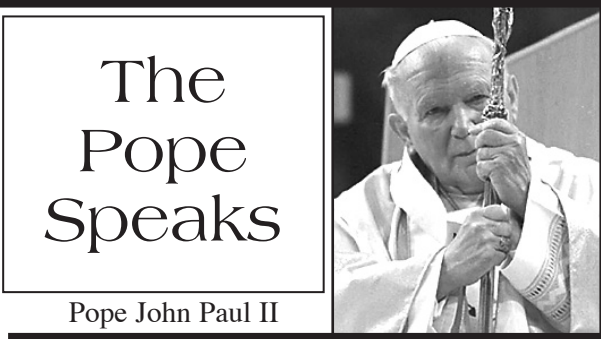
In fact, the medical equipment, including kits for respiratory and circulatory emergencies, is now kept with the pope wherever he goes.

The pope perked up the next day, but over the course of the visit he exhibited occasional difficulties in breathing and speaking. As for his mobility, it's been months since anyone saw the pope stand up on his own power. In Rome or abroad, he is moved on mobile chairs.

Some of his own Vatican aides say privately that the time may be at hand for the pope to hang up his traveling shoes.

When the pope's Polish secretary, Bishop Stanislaw Dziwisz, chatted with a reporter on a flight from Kosice to Bratislava Sept. 13, he remarked that the journalist had followed papal trips "from the first one to the last" and then added, "Well, let's not say the last, let's just say until today."

*It's been months since anyone saw the pope stand up on his own power.*



**A 'noble land'**

Dear brothers and sisters,

I thank almighty God for the grace of my recent visit to the noble land of Slovakia. My gratitude goes to all who made it possible. I cherish my meetings with the pastors and the faithful at Bratislava, Trnava, Banska Bystrica and Roznava. The Church, purified through persecution and now in a process of renewal, received with joy the gift of two new blessed: Bishop Vasyl Hopko and Sister Zdenka Schelingova. May God bless Slovakia for its love of the Church and the successor of Peter.

I offer greetings to the English-speaking visitors present today, especially those from England, Scotland, Ireland, India, Australia and the United States. Upon all of you I invoke the grace and peace of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

# True leaders foster the dignity of all mankind

**Readings: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-48**

A decade or so ago, experts in business management listened to those investigating Japanese methods of structuring their organizations. This interest led to the development of new theories and practices among those competing for world markets. Rather than running scared in the face of rapid changes, some executives were willing to make radical shifts in their approach to running business.

Recently they have begun to doubt the efficacy of the Japanese model. In searching for insights, our business leaders might look to their own cultural roots to discover a more humane way of exercising authority. But who among them would consider that the biblical heritage might have something to offer?

Does the executive team impose decrees from the lofty heights of corporate offices or do the rank-and-file have any contribution in the very process of making decisions? Does the CEO jealously play one vice president against the other to maintain control or does a spirit of trust prevail among those representing the lines of the organization chart? People might well look to the great leaders of the past as they face these issues.

The personality of Moses dominates the Books of Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Yes, he was a forceful leader, passionately dedicated to his task. Yet he was without self-interest and refused to perpetuate his own line as a dynasty to govern the 12 tribes. He acknowledged that he was but a weak servant of God, needing help to govern the people of Israel.

His strength came from God and was nurtured by prayer.

Sunday Readings

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Sept. 28, 2003)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell

The Book of Numbers describes God's command that Moses choose 70 esteemed members of the community to assist in the task of providing for the people. "I will take some of the spirit that is on you and will bestow it on them, that they may share the burden of the people with you" (11:17).

The results of this delegation of authority included the gift of prophecy. In the first instance this meant a capacity to teach and admonish the people so that they would remain faithful to the Covenant. Secondly, it involved an insight into the future plan of God for Israel and all creation, inasmuch as an understanding of one's goal is necessary for fruitful activity.

For some reason two elders missed the convocation, yet they too manifested the charisma of prophetic teaching. Those devoted to Moses called for him to stop what might be considered usurpation of his prerogative. Moses asked, "Are you jealous for my sake?" Then he exclaimed, "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow His Spirit upon them all!" (11:29).

*"His strength came from God and was nurtured by prayer."*

Thus did Moses show his understanding that all true leadership involves the process of enabling everyone to exercise fully the dignity of being in the divine image, according to each individual's vocation.

The disciples of Jesus tried to maintain an exclusive right to the power that Jesus shared with them. "Teacher, we saw a man using your name to expel demons and we tried to stop him because he is not of our company" (Mk 9:38).

Like Moses, Jesus could tolerate the knowledge that others might try to serve in imitation of His example. Of course, one presupposes that the man was sincere. "No man who performs a miracle using my name can speak ill of me at the same time. Anyone who is not against us is with us" (9:39-40).

Because miracles were a sign of divine approbation, Jesus knew that people would listen to anything that a wonderworker taught. Therefore, He moved the discussion to a reflection on the serious responsibility of all who aspire to lead others.

"If anyone leads astray one of these simple believers it would be better if he were plunged into the sea with a great millstone fastened around his neck!" (9:42). These words should echo through the parish church and every home, as well as in the corridors of every school; they should reverberate through the offices where decisions are made about promoting films and television programs, musical and other forms of entertainment.

Like leaders in the business world, educators and entertainers must be challenged to ask if they are contributing consciously to the uplifting of the human spirit. Any other intention is inadequate, if not worse.

These points of the Gospel message are needed especially by all whose decisions influence the physical and spiritual well-being of others.

Father Lawrence Frizzell is Director of the Institute of Judeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University.



# Saint Rose of Lima, Short Hills

## Parish nurtures a tradition of service

BY LIESL FORES  
Staff Reporter

When asked what he thinks makes St. Rose of Lima Parish special, Msgr. George R. Trabold, Pastor, responded, "Its concern for the wider community; the parish has a long tradition of helping other parishes."

St. Rose of Lima, which celebrated its 150th anniversary last year, consists of well over 2000 families. Members of this affluent community, as the pastor describes it, located in Short Hills, a section of Millburn, certainly have "shared the wealth" and extended a helping hand, both financially and with the sweat of their brow, to institutions, schools and in particular brother and sister parishes throughout the Archdiocese many times over the years, and continue to do so, with a variety of large and small scale outreach projects and programs.

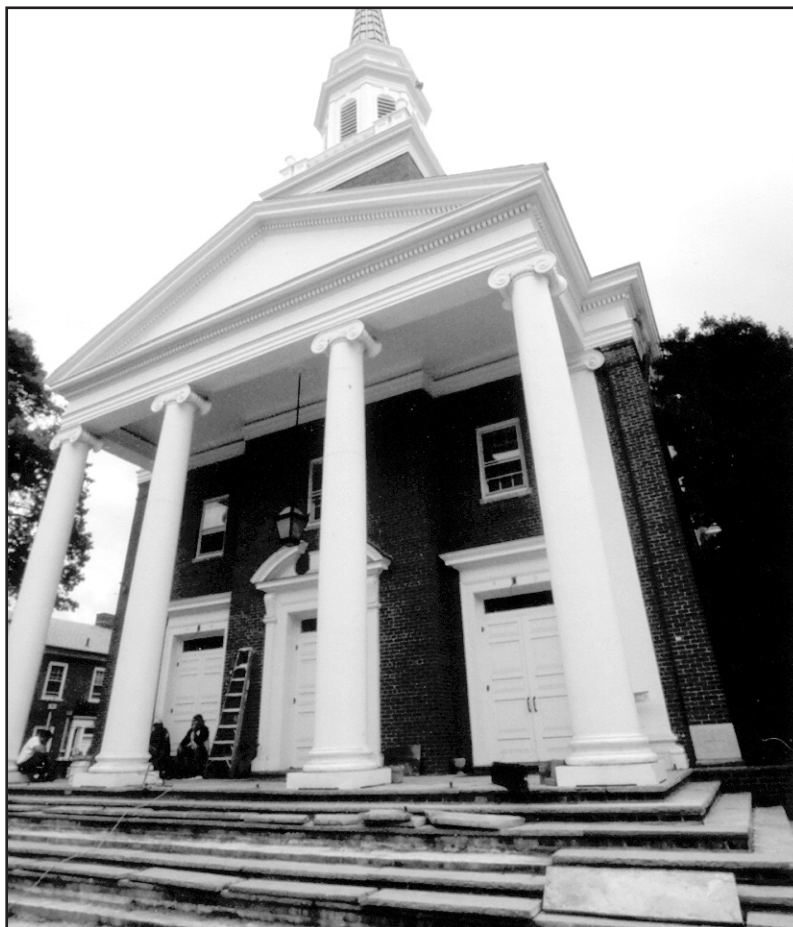
For Jubilee Year 2000, St. Rose of Lima donated \$500,000, obtained mostly through parish investments and bequests, to several parishes, schools and organizations it had ties with, parishioners having either worked or volunteered at some point at all of these locations.

The list included Our Lady Help of Christians School, East Orange; St. Rocco and St. Rose of Lima Schools, St. Augustine Parish, Newark; and Elizabethport Catholic School, Raphael's Life House (St. Patrick Parish) and St. Mary of Assumption Parish, Elizabeth.

This project was rooted in a tradition of support to urban parishes in need of financial and labor assistance begun in 1970. The Inner City Aid Fund Committee adopted St. Ann Parish in Newark as a sister parish, donating money raised by collections and fund raisers as well as contributing countless hours of service, members volunteering as teacher aides and procuring supplies and grants for the school to name a few efforts. Though it is small, St. Ann's is an autonomous parish that continues to function today.

In August of last year, the Community Outreach Committee embarked upon a partnership with Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit housing organization, to build a house from the ground up in Newark's Central Ward for a family of five. The endeavor was "shared and shepherded," Msgr. Trabold pointed out, by Mike and Barbara Moran.

"The house was built totally by



Reflecting its revolutionary-era roots, the church is a colonial-style building.

volunteer labor from the parish and was funded solely by the parish—it cost \$80,000," he continued, adding that many parishioners devoted time to the mission. In fact, over 90 men and women, and even some children, collaborated throughout the year to assist in constructing the house, which was completed in May. The Miller family moved in Sept. 1, and the home was dedicated on Sept. 20. The pastor noted that while the parish will remain in contact with Habitat, it is looking at other prospects to undertake.

Aside from these extensive operations, St. Rose of Lima continually carries on ministries of outreach and community service, such as volunteering at soup kitchens, food pantries and shelters in Newark, Elizabeth and Morristown, among other activities.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is a particularly active ministry. With its 500 members, the 65-year-old organization has the will and "woman power" to tackle numerous spiritual, social and community outreach events, projects and programs every year.

Original members

"started out rolling bandages for the Red Cross" during World War II, commented Msgr. Trabold.

The same spirit of solidarity is prevalent today. This spring, a graduate of Our Lady Help of Christians School in East Orange graduated from St. Vincent Academy in Newark, with the encouragement and sponsorship of the Ladies' Auxiliary. "They helped with tuition and other financial support," he said, adding that the student was a "Saturday helper" at the rectory, responsible for answering phones and other such tasks.

"The talent of the women in the

parish is extraordinary. They could run a Fortune 500 company!" the Monsignor declared.

A new ministry beginning this fall, Children of Abraham, is for interfaith marriages and families of Jewish and Catholic backgrounds.

"There is a large number of interfaith marriages here in our parish. We want to support them in their efforts to appreciate dual traditions," explained Msgr. Trabold.

He recounted that Deacon Joseph Persinger and his wife, Julia, noticed during sessions of the baptismal preparation program they run, that many couples involved were of interfaith marriages, particularly Catholic and Jewish.

"We began to recognize the need to have all people feel welcome. This is not an effort to proselytize others, but to welcome them as part of our parish family," the pastor asserted. The group will be run by Julia Persinger.

A very big part of St. Rose of Lima is the pre-kindergarten through eighth grade school. Msgr. Trabold assures that the 310 students, mostly parishioners, are "very much an integral part of our parish life."

"They participate in liturgies and service programs, they collect toiletries for the homeless—they're involved in the social outreach programs of the parish," he emphasized.

The two groups also celebrate together. "We have First Holy Communion on a Sunday during Easter season, so that the entire parish can be involved in the celebration," not just the families of those receiving the sacrament, the Monsignor stressed.

The parish community enjoys gathering together, not just for

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Work is under way to complete renovations for the Sept. 27 Dedication Mass with Archbishop Myers.



# St. Rose community celebrates 150 years of building up the Church in Short Hills

The roots of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Short Hills date back to almost the time of the American Revolution.

In the middle of the 18th century, when there were too few Catholics residing in northern New Jersey to sustain a true if modest parish structure, a core group settled in the lower Spring Fields, now known as Springfield, and numbered enough for a local church.

Immigrants from Ireland, Germany and France, as well as refugees from slave uprisings in Santo Domingo and the West Indies, formed the ethnic fabric of the parish's ancestral congregation.

The parish began without a building in the 1830s when Father Moran from St. John's Parish in Newark and Father Senez from St. Vincent Parish in Madison celebrated Mass and taught among the still small groups of Catholics in Springfield.

As late as 1847, Father Bernard J. McQuaid, later Bishop of Rochester, traveled to private homes in Springfield, and then to the home of John Hogan of Short Hills, to celebrate Mass. Two years later Father McQuaid would celebrate Mass in the home of Daniel Coghlan in Springfield.

Soon it became apparent that worshipping at home would not accommodate the growing local population and the expanding number of immigrants arriving in the region. Daniel Coghlan spearheaded the effort to build a church.

He donated an acre to Father McQuaid in 1852. On it went a simple frame church, 40 by 30 feet erected at a cost of \$1,600. The new church apparently caught the attention of the Very Reverend John Loughlin, Vicar General of New York, who traveled to Springfield to celebrate Mass.

Father McQuaid was succeeded in 1855 by Father Madden of Seton Hall University, which then was home to the diocesan seminary.

As the needs of the church community grew, a home for nuns was built in 1879. A year later the little church was moved to the site of today's parish on Short Hills Avenue. For the first time it became known as St. Rose of Lima. Father George Corrigan served as rector from 1881-87.

Father Corrigan oversaw the opening of the parish school in 1868. Student enrollment stood at 40 in two rooms. Housed in what had been a hat factory, the school was one of two buildings that occupied a portion of a 6 1/2 acre parcel

acquired in 1869 and which would play a key role in future development.

The Sisters of Notre Dame were the first of four orders to serve at the school. After a few years, they were succeeded by the Sisters of Charity, who stayed until 1952. In that centennial year, they were succeeded by the Mothers of the Congregation of Notre Dame who, in turn, were eventually replaced by the Emmaus Community of Christian Hope.

Just after the turn of the century, Father James T. Brown was appointed rector. By 1907 he knew the old church structure was inadequate. He commissioned a brick Romanesque-style church which was dedicated in 1912. Construction of the church gave work to

professionals and executives. Once again a larger church was needed, and the centennial year of 1952 became the target date.

Father Ryan, who would go on to become a monsignor, was struck by the absence of a Colonial-style church in the area. He chose to build on the site of the existing church and was determined to incorporate as much of the original structure as possible.

To design the changes, Father Ryan selected the same architect who modeled his work after Corpus Christi, a church in New York City, and was known among ecclesiastical architects for efficient and aesthetic use of space. The renovation of St. Rose of Lima, which cost

about \$1 million, included construction of the transept, sacristy, rectory and slight enlargement of the sanctuary. There was also a connection built among the transept, sacristy and rectory.

The new elements of the renovation blended with the exterior, presenting a unified appearance. The pews of mahogany and ivory paint, the steeple with its elegant, gracefully tall spire and the gleaming white columns of the façade are all authentic examples of American Colonial architecture.

The altar of pine and rose marble was specifically designed for the new sanctuary. Father Ryan, with the help of parishioners, furnished the interior.

Father Ryan actively pursued and encouraged integration of the arts into the daily functions of the parish. Under his auspices a French-designed organ was installed that prompted concerts and oratorio performances by the boys and adult choirs. He also promoted displays of religious art and instituted a number of ecumenical initiatives.

Father Ryan became a monsignor in 1964. After a pastorate that lasted a quarter century, he retired in 1969.

promises the space will be used for all kinds of assemblies. Landscaping was also part of the plan.

Inside, renovations include infrastructural work, like painting and lighting sound system enhancements, but more importantly, moving the altar and tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament towards the center of the church "to show their prominence," explained the pastor.

"The renovations complete the 150th anniversary celebration, just as the renovations to the church building 50 years ago completed the 100th



The original wooden church was built in 1852 for a total cost of \$1,600. The acre of land on which it was constructed was donated by a parishioner.

many arriving immigrants.

Two decades later, with Father Leo J. Gardner as pastor, the debt incurred for church construction had still not yet been retired. Despite the Great Depression, progress was made in reducing the debt.

In 1931 a new convent and modern school were built.

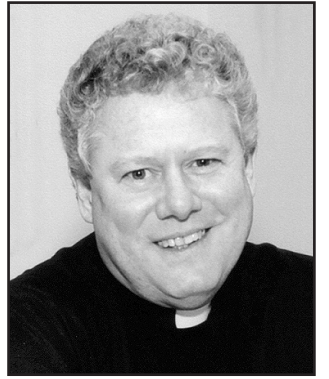
At the end of World War II, when Father John F. Ryan became pastor in 1945, Millburn/Short Hills began a transformation.

With the rapid influx of single-family homes, the parish began to enjoy an influx of affluent, well-educated

## Parish renovation is well under way

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special occasions, but for simple things like coffee after Sunday Mass. This was one of the reasons the recent renovations, which began in June and will be completed by the end of the month, focused on creating a larger area on the grounds outside the church, "to accommodate this kind of hospitality," observed Msgr. Trabold, who

## Meet the Pastor



### Msgr. George R. Trabold

**Age:** 56

**Date of Birth:** August 11, 1947

**High School:** Our Lady of the Valley, Orange

**College/Seminary/Graduate**

**School:** Seton Hall University (B.A., Classical Languages); Immaculate Conception Seminary (M.A., Theology); Catholic University of America (J.C.L.)

**Heroes:** My father

**Favorite Saint:** St. Francis

**Favorite Sport:** Baseball

**Favorite Food:** Italian

**Favorite Subject in School:**

History

**Favorite Movie:** *To Kill a Mockingbird*

**Proudest Moment:** Ordination to the Priesthood

**Last Book Read:** *The Da Vinci Code*

**Occupation if I Weren't a Priest:** Lawyer

Bishop John Dougherty, former president of Seton Hall University, succeeded him and served until 1977.

Following Bishop Dougherty were Msgr. Harrold Murray, Msgr. Francis LoBianco, Msgr. William P. Devine and the current pastor, Msgr. George R. Trabold.

Several priests who served St. Rose have achieved prominence. In addition to Bishop McQuaid, the list includes Archbishop Michael Corrigan, Bishop of Newark and later Archbishop of New York; Bishop Winant Wigger, also a Bishop of Newark; Father James Corrigan, president of Seton Hall University, and brother of the Archbishop.

anniversary celebration," he noted. A Mass of Dedication will be celebrated at the church by Archbishop John J. Myers on Sept. 27 at 5:30 p.m.

St. Rose of Lima Parish perseveres to instill in its members young and old the principle of sharing one's blessings with others who are less fortunate. Assisting other parishes in particular helps them in turn to care for the needs of people in their communities and continue the work of the Church. Blessings abound!

*St. Rose of Lima is located at 50 Short Hills Ave. in Short Hills.*



# Education is focus of crucial pro-life program

BY LIESL FORES

Staff Reporter

Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 5, marks the beginning of the 31st annual Respect Life Program, created by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to support pro-life activities throughout the country and end legalized abortion.

Susan Wills, Associate Director for Education in the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, USCCB, explained to *The Catholic Advocate* that the program, which includes a nationally distributed information packet with materials for planning pro-life activities, is "probably the oldest national education program of the Catholic Church in the U.S. Over 90 percent of parishes use this program—it's very broad-based."

While the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark defers to the USCCB program, it is busy with its own agenda for October. Setting aside a particular day and month for pro-life issues is important because "it raises awareness that life is sacred. Especially during this time, when the world is in upheaval, we should be mindful of human dignity and the sacredness of human life," asserted

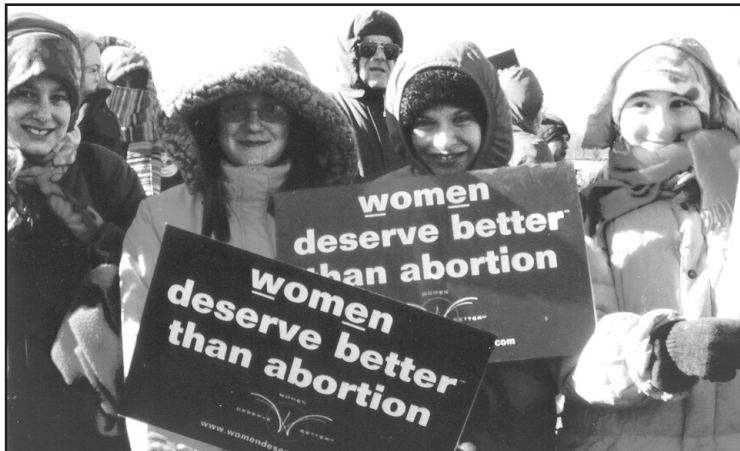
Michelle Krystofik, Associate Director of the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office.

Many events, especially of the educational nature, will be taking place in the Archdiocese. The Respect Life Office's main program is the Oct. 18 seminar, titled "Life is a Miracle," based on the USCCB's theme this year.

Taking place at St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, the day will begin with a Mass in the church celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers at 11 a.m. and will continue in the auditorium with a lecture from main speaker Father Mariusz Koch of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, a talk given by Mary, a post-abortion witness, and a discussion panel on cloning, in vitro fertilization, overpopulation myths and the death penalty. The seminar ends at 4:30 p.m. and is free of charge. (Participants must pre-register to ensure receiving lunch.)

St. Agnes Parish in Clark is also sponsoring a pro-life lecture series every Monday evening in October, beginning with Mass from 7 to 7:30 p.m. The talks go from 7:30 - 9 p.m.

When asked if she thought the pro-life movement was making progress, Krystofik



Feminists for Life focus on women getting the pro-life message out.

answered, "Absolutely, especially because of the post abortion ministry, Rachel's Vineyard and Project Rachel."

Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat for women and men who have been affected by abortion. "It's an intense weekend of healing and reconciliation," stressed Krystofik, explaining that since participants are with other people who have been or are in the same position, and because everything is completely confidential, it's a more conducive atmosphere for "going through steps of healing."

Rachel's Vineyard retreats, which are conducted worldwide,

are sponsored by the Archdiocese in January, March, September and November. Teams consist of two or three priests, one counselor, one facilitator and members who have been through the weekend as participants and have come back to help.

Project Rachel, on the other hand, is one-on-one counseling with a priest or Project Rachel-trained counselor to help the person affected by abortion heal. Sessions can continue for as long as necessary.

Several years ago, the Respect Life Office, with the approval of then Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, put together a program called "How Parishes Can Live Out the 'Gospel of Life' - Things Parishes Can Do To Promote Pro-Life Activity," which includes a list of activities and programs parishes can initiate to establish pro-life ministries that will help advance the movement.

This is the fourth year the endeavor is being promoted. "Archbishop Myers is behind it 100 percent. People know he's very pro-life," noted Krystofik. The Archbishop sends a letter every year urging pastors and parish administrators to organize efforts "on behalf of life." Krystofik confirmed that responses have been good.

She also gives much credit to Msgr. Richard McGuinness, who has been director of the office (along with her as his associate) for 10 years. "We've more than doubled our contacts at parishes...Almost all parishes in the Archdiocese have given a contact for pro-life issues," she emphasized.

Another undertaking the office has organized, with the approval of the Archbishop and funded by the Archdiocese, is the purchasing and distribution of 30,000 copies to all Catholic high schools (one for each student) and the four Catholic colleges (2000 copies) of *LoveMatters.com*, a national pro-life newspaper for young adults, published in Redondo Beach, CA by JT Finn.

The papers will be delivered directly to schools (thanks to private financial backing) for distribution throughout the month of October. Topics include chastity, rape and abortion, pregnancy counseling, interviews with movie stars and post abortion healing, which, according to Krystofik, is "really a piece of the answer to ending abortion."

The annual pro-life poster and essay contest for first-12th grades will also be kicked off this fall, with the theme "Life Is a Miracle." (There will be winners in four age groups.)

The Respect Life Office is at the heart of the Archdiocese's deep commitment to the pro-life cause and is continually coordinating events, activities, projects and programs that educate, enlighten and advocate the principles of the movement.

For more information on any of the activities call the Respect Life Office at (732) 388-8211. For a copy of the latest Pro-Life Commission (the office's Advisory Board newsletter) call the office or visit [www.arnewrespect@sjan.org](http://www.arnewrespect@sjan.org).

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For more information about the Accelerated Degree Program contact Anthony Scardino or Kathy Lloyd at (201) 559-3583, the Office of Adult and Graduate Admissions at (201) 559-6055, or email [success@felician.edu](mailto:success@felician.edu).



Students at Assumption Academy in Emerson attended a Welcome Back to School Spirit Day and Pep Rally dressed in the school colors of blue and white. Among those celebrating were first through third graders. Spirits were uplifted and "pep" in ample supply at Assumption!

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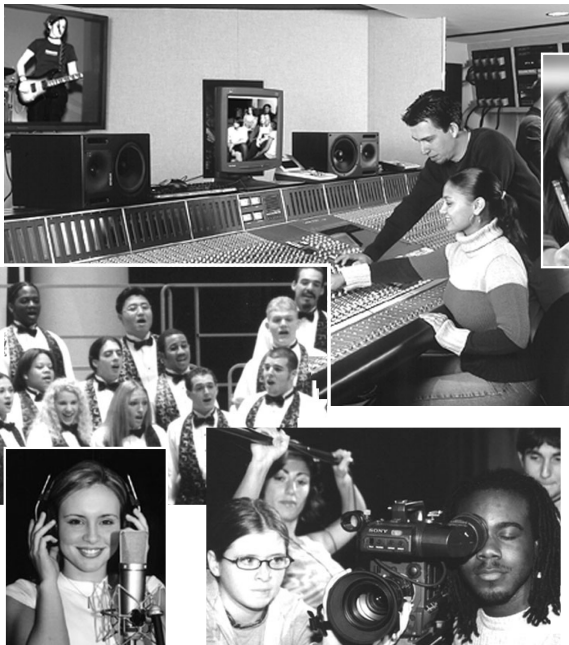
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# Resources abound for newest college freshmen

BY BRIAN FORES

Staff Reporter

The transition from summer vacation to the start of the school year is never easy. But for the thousands of students who are beginning their fresh-

man year of college, the change is an altogether new one.

"One of the most common problems we see is that students who did well in high school and were able to coast, take the same approach. We try

to have them realize the same is not true in college," noted Tracy Gottlieb, Ph.D., Dean of Freshman Studies, Seton Hall.

Gottlieb, who oversees the academic life and student welfare of more than 1,200 new students, explained that freshmen at Seton Hall are appointed a faculty adviser and a peer adviser—usually an upper-level student. "The peer adviser is great, because they've been through the freshman experience and can relate to the new students." She added that students are matched with faculty advisers in their given area of interest. Gottlieb, who holds a degree in communications, advises potential communications students.

She also teaches a one-credit course for freshmen called University Life. The course covers a spectrum of related issues that students "should be aware of." Cheating and plagiarism are important topics, because those areas "have become increasingly murky, with the use of the internet and other forms of new media," Gottlieb

said. Drug and alcohol abuse, and a "cornucopia of issues they wrestle with" are covered as well.

Gottlieb noted that the concept of being a freshman "is nothing new," pointing out a number of issues that come up year after year: "I don't get along with my roommate, I can't get up for class in the morning, and I don't know how to write a research paper."

For these, and other catch-all situations, Gottlieb offers incoming freshmen a list of "18 Things You Need to

Know." High on this list is, simply, "Going to Class."

"Maybe in a large university with cavernous halls, going to class might not matter, but at Seton Hall, it does," she quipped.

She also recommends that students take advantage of all the services offered by the university, including free counseling, a career center and other conveniences.

On a lighter note, Gottlieb urges, "Call your mother, even when she's not home. Just leave a message saying, 'Mom, calling to tell you that I love you; I'm running, but I was thinking of you.' She just wants to know you're alive and well," Gottlieb stressed.

She also offers advice to parents: "Remember that your child leaves home in August as a high school student, but comes back to you in December an adult. You're going to have to make changes in your household to adjust to a new adult in the family. Work together to establish ground rules and smooth the readjustment time."

When asked whether she had ever been caught off guard by a student with a special need or concern, Gottlieb commented, "No. We try to anticipate what the students are going to need, and then we make those things available," she added, "Everyone is entitled to be embraced by the Seton Hall community."



Mom, Dad and little brother smile for the camera as they lend a helpful hand to move in their freshman. Leaving the nest of one family, Seton Hall freshmen discover another on the South Orange campus.

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# Medal to be awarded at Red Mass

The annual Red Mass, honoring the legal profession, will be celebrated at noon on Sunday, Sept. 28 in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

Attorney Bernard M. Hartnett, Jr., Seton Hall Law '55, is the recipient of this year's Saint Thomas More Medal.

The 19th annual Red Mass, which will be concelebrated by Msgr. Robert Sheeran, President of Seton Hall, and Father Nicholas S. Gengaro, Chaplain of the law school and the Seton Hall Priest Community, is co-sponsored by the law school and its Saint Thomas More Association.

Deacons are Joseph A. Dickson, Esq., Francis P. McQuade, Esq., and Rev. Mr. Manual Oliviera. Homilist will be Father Francis J. McNulty.

The Red Mass is traditionally a Solemn Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated at the beginning of the judicial year to invoke God's blessing and guidance in the administration of justice.

Hartnett, who will receive the medal from his son Edward, a professor at Seton Hall Law School, is counsel to Connell Foley LLP in Jersey City.

A graduate of Saint Peter's Preparatory High School and Saint Peter's College, he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1951.

After earning a Juris Doctorate Degree from Seton Hall Law School four years later, Hartnett was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1956 and the New Jersey State Bar in 1959. His first experience as an attorney was with the National Labor Relations Board in its New York, Washington, DC and Newark offices.

Following a year of private practice, where he specialized in representation of the construction trade unions, Hartnett joined the law department of the Western Electric Company. In 1973 he became its labor counsel. Two years later he was elected vice president, general counsel of New Jersey Bell. He was later elected secretary and a member of its Board of Directors. Hartnett held those positions until his retirement in 1991.

After retiring from New Jersey Bell, he joined the law firm of Schiller, Squeo and Hartnett, LLC until being chosen as interim Hudson County Executive in 2001 for a 13-month period. He has been in his current position since January.

Hartnett has served as chairman of several boards including the Board of Trustees and the

Board of Regents of Saint Peter's College, the Garden State Cancer Center, the Jersey City and Hudson County Democratic committees and Friends of Channel 13.

Hartnett has taught labor law courses at Seton Hall Law School as an adjunct professor from 1963-75. He also serves as president of the Law School's Alumni Council.

Hartnett has received appointments to a variety of state boards and commissions from governors Hughes, Cahill, Byrne, Kean and Florio.

He is a knight in the Papal Order of Saint Gregory the Great and has received distinguished alumnus awards from Saint Peter's College and Seton Hall School of Law.

The Red Mass gets its name from the fact that red vestments are used and from the red robes traditionally worn by judges in the Middle Ages.

For additional information or to make reservations for the luncheon that follows the Mass contact Deana Cynar, Acting Director of Alumni Relations, at (973) 642-8711.

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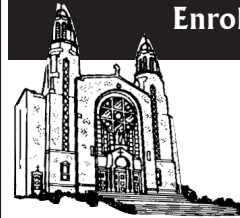
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## Certificates received by 94

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

Christians are called to share, Bishop Arthur Serratelli declared at a Rite of Commissioning for the Christian Foundations for Ministry Program.

Certificates were awarded to 94 program participants at a midafternoon prayer service at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in West Orange on Sunday, Sept. 9.

Established two decades ago in the Archdiocese of Newark, the program has commissioned some 2,000 men and women.

Developed as an adult faith formation and educational process, the program is designed to form a knowledgeable, prayer-

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Bishop Serratelli presents Peter DePaul of Holy Rosary Parish in Edgewater with his certificate. Behind the bishop is Father Joseph Petrillo, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes.

social justice, youth and young adult ministry and liturgical ministries.

Courses are available in

English, Spanish and Portuguese. The program is accredited by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Bishop Serratelli, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, noted the "deeper understanding" the newly commissioned had gained through their studies and how they will "joyfully share" what they had learned.

Sister Virginia Stanton, Director of the Ministerial Development Center, cited the most recent evaluation survey of the program.

It was expressed by a participant that the program has provided a "deeper understanding of my Christian vocation and a fuller appreciation of my ministry." Another said the process had "made me aware that there really is a place for all laity in ministry." Yet another commented succinctly that it was "a joyful experience."

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# Clergy Institute

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10 percent retired priests. "What happens to the man while he is here is a noticeable development of fervor for the priesthood. We have had men who are returning to the priesthood come here for formation at the request of their bishops, a side benefit which we never anticipated."

The format of the Institute follows the Holy Father's unified, fourfold journey in the priesthood, integrating human, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral formation. Msgr. Cusack followed the therapeutic/psychological model of integration, thus melding a scientific with a theological basis for the program.

Bishops across the U.S. support the idea of continuing education for their clergy, and with Seton Hall University as the location for the Institute, with "annexes" in Florida and Ireland, there are numerous opportunities for priests to take advantage of an intensive yet relaxed setting for ongoing formation.

The daily program includes Mass and prayer, lectures and presentations throughout the day, evening public lectures at the Church of St. Michael, right across the street from the retreat house.

Msgr. Cusack noted, "We are so careful about who we invite—men and women of the Church, experts in their fields. They are persons of absolute truth, rather than opinion, who

seek to unify and strengthen the teaching of the Church."

This year's roster of speakers included Cardinals Dulles and Theodore E. McCarrick as well as Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Newark—all of whom had visited many times in the past.

Archdiocesan clergy were well represented by Father Anthony J. Figueiredo, Msgr. John W. Flesey, Father Douglas J. Milewski and Father Joseph R. Chapel. Also Father Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R., and Father J-Glenn Murray, S.J., gave workshops that kept the attendees on the edge of their seats.

Visiting scholars, men and women, offered special programs, including one on Hispanic ministry by a Cuban priest, a Mexican religious sister and a Puerto Rican professor. Seton Hall instructor Rabbi Asher Finkel and Gregory Glazov of Immaculate Conception Seminary were among the distinguished scholars who taught during the five-week Institute.

Archbishop Myers enjoyed his one-day visit in July. "He loves to be among priests," Msgr. Cusack commented. The founder noted also that Bishop Serratelli has always been a much-sought speaker and teacher for the Clergy Institute, as has Father John Fuellenbach, S.V.D., of Rome and Father. Nicholas King, S.J. of Oxford University.

Father Rick Jones of the Diocese of Pittsburgh has participated in either the summer or winter Institute session every year for the past 15



A panoramic view of the San Alfonso Redemptorist Retreat Center, "where God and sea come together," in Long Branch. It serves as an off-campus home of the International Institute for Clergy Formation of Seton Hall University.

years, which encompasses his entire priesthood.

Third-year seminarians from Immaculate Conception attend the Institute for the full five-week course, mingling with experienced priests and learning from the lectures and workshops. One of them, Colin Kay, expressed gratitude for the opportunity either to be "on

retreat" or "in class"—or both—on any given day.

Already plans are in the works for next summer's program. Faculty will include an anthropologist from Australia, as well as Archbishop George Pell of Sydney and Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., of Denver, Cormac Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor of England

and recent Dominican Minister General Father Timothy Radcliffe, O.P.

"It is our responsibility to engage in lifelong learning," stated Father Jones. "The Institute always has the finest presenters, premier in their fields. This one week a year makes the other 51 weeks better for me and for my parishioners."

## Commission gets new chairman

BY BRIAN FORES

Staff Reporter

"I consider it an awesome responsibility and hope that through God's grace I will be able to do my best," commented Jim Sondey, upon being named the new Pro-Life Commission Chairman for the Archdiocese of Newark.

Sondey has been a parishioner at Holy Spirit Parish in Union since 1975. He grew up

in the Paterson Diocese, where he attended St. Mary Parish in Passaic.

He taught mathematics for several years, before becoming a computer programmer and analyst for Prudential. At Holy Spirit, he serves as chairman for the parish council and as a Eucharistic minister.

He became involved in the Pro-Life Commission 10 years ago. "In our deanery, I organized 'Holy Hours for Life,' where we hold Eucharistic adoration at different parishes—a prayer service for life," he stated.

As chairman, Sondey would like to focus on "improving education and the

prayer-life of different parishes as they relate to Respect Life issues."

He also cited the importance of Project Rachel, which ministers to women who have had an abortion. "There have been so many women who have had abortions, and many carry a weight and sense of regret years after the fact. Project Rachel and the retreats organized through Rachel's Vineyard, are vehicles through which these women can be healed and be reconciled with the Church."

For more information on the Pro-Life Commission or Project Rachel, visit the web at <http://www.rcan.org/life/>.

## School visit

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chosen to signify the united presence of Jesus, St. John, St. Elizabeth and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Dolan, the principal, said, "Certainly we were honored, especially in the beginning days of the new school year, to have the Archbishop at Visitation. The children were thrilled to be able to ask questions and for him to respond as openly as he did."

After the school visit, the Archbishop was invited by the pastor of St. John the Baptist, Msgr. Charles G. Stengel, and Father Peter Tran, Parochial Vicar, to visit with seniors who were meeting in the basement-level cafeteria.

The Archbishop thus covered all four floors of the recently refurbished 90-year-old building.



Advocate photo-Greg Tobin

Visitation School second graders in Miss Michele Cassaro's class asked tough questions of the Archbishop, wanting to know more about him.

## Pro-life seminar Oct. 18

St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, will hold a pro-life seminar on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 11 a.m. with Mass celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers.

The theme, "Life is a Miracle," is taken from the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops' (USCCB) theme for the month of October, Respect Life Month.

Special speakers include Father Mariusz Koch, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, who will reflect of the spiritual aspect of the day's theme. Mary,

a post abortion witness, will also address the seminar.

Panelists will open the floor for discussions on cloning, in-vitro fertilization, over-population myths and the death penalty.

Call Michelle Krystofik, Associate Director for the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, at (732) 388-8211, or send your name, parish, number of people attending and telephone number to Respect Life Office, 1805 Penbrook Terrace, Linden, NJ 07036.



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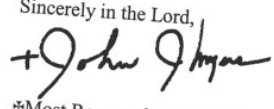
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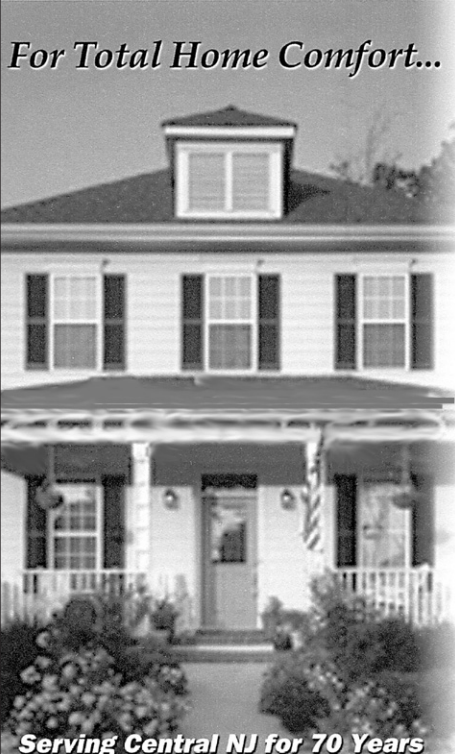
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**Spiritual**

- Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, an evening of prayer and discussion for fathers who have lost a child. Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Parish in North Caldwell. Pre-registration required. Call (973) 497-4327.
- The Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Theresa, meeting at the Chapel of Saint Peter's Hall at Saint Peter's College in Jersey City, will recite the Little Office at 3:15 p.m. and attend Mass at 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 3 and recite the Rosary at 8:40

a.m. and attend Mass at 9 a.m. on Oct. 4. That will be followed by the annual breakfast meeting.

**Retreat**

- Carmel Retreat in Mahwah will celebrate a Carmelite Vigil Mass for the Feast of St. Therese on Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. The retreat is offering "A Morning with St. Therese of Avila" on Oct. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The \$25 cost includes lunch. Call (201) 327-7090 or visit [www.carmelretreat.com](http://www.carmelretreat.com) to register.

**Trip**

- The Salesians of Don Bosco, a fund raising motor coach trip to Lake George, the Adirondack Museum, Lake Placid and Saratoga in New York. Call 423-3554 or 340-7145. Both are in the 973 area code.

**Seminar**

- St. Agnes Parish, Clark, a series on Respect Life topics for four consecutive Mondays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. beginning Oct. 6. Topics are stem cells and cloning, post abortion healing, euthanasia and end of life

issues and the death penalty. The seminars are free and open to the public. Mass will be celebrated each evening at 7 p.m. Call Mary Thoden at (732) 382-2749.

**Conference**

- The North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics, Region 3, will meet Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Bloomfield. Call (908) 810-9581 or visit [www.nacsdcc.org](http://www.nacsdcc.org).

**Open Houses**

- Felician College, Oct. 4, 9:30 a.m. at its Rutherford campus. Call (201) 559-6131 to register.
- Union Catholic Regional High School, for sixth through eighth graders, Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Call (908) 889-1600 or visit [www.unioncatholic.org](http://www.unioncatholic.org).
- St. Mary of the Assumption High School, Elizabeth, Sept. 28 at 2 p.m.; St. Joseph Regional High School, Montvale, Sept. 28 from 12 to 3 p.m. Call (201) 391-3300; Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, Sept. 29 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for sixth through eighth graders. A Freshman for a Day program has been scheduled for Nov. 4 from 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To register call (732) 382-4725; Saint Peter's Prep, Jersey City, Sept. 28 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Call (201) 547-6389 or visit [www.stpetersprep.org](http://www.stpetersprep.org).

**Training**

- The fall Bereavement Support Group Facilitator Training Certification program is open for registration. The six-session program is designed for those who want to become facilitators in an existing parish bereavement support group or who want to start a group. Sessions are offered Tuesday mornings or Thursday evenings and begin at the end of the month. Tuition is \$125. Pre-registration required and class size is limited. Call the Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327.

**Blood Drives**

- St. Michael Parish, Union, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., both Sunday, Sept. 28.

**Symposium**

- A Symposium titled "A Life 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. The "People of Newark" exhibit in the Gallery will be open for viewing on that day, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**University Day**

- Seton Hall University will host its annual University Day celebration Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The all-day event will include a 5K run, a student film and arts festival, family activities on the University Green and a book signing by Alan Delozier, author of history of SHU basketball. Campus tours are scheduled for 11:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. led by Prof. Delozier.

**Environment**

- The New Jersey Catholic Coalition for Environmental Justice will hold a workshop on the health and legal aspects of pesticides. The program runs from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 1 at the parish center of St. Patrick Church in Chatham. For more information contact Tom McCann (973) 279-7100, ext. 17 or email [envirojust@rcan.org](mailto:envirojust@rcan.org).


**Miscellaneous**

- Catholic Alumni Club will hold its annual dinner-dance Oct. 18 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Rutherford House in East Rutherford. Per person cost is \$38 if paid before Oct. 10 and \$40 thereafter. RSVP by Oct. 10. Mail checks, payable to North Jersey CAC, to Christine Michel, 155 E. Clinton Avenue, Apartment 4A, Bergenfield, New Jersey, 07621. For additional information call her at (201) 384-9748.


- The San Lucas Toliman Amigos of St. Andrew Parish in Westwood will hold a Closest to Pin Contest on Sept. 27 from 12 to 5 p.m. The competition is a fund raiser for the parish's outreach program for the people of San Lucas Toliman in Guatemala. Rain date is Sept. 28, Call Rod Foley at (201) 666-0913.

- The Missionary Franciscan Sisters in Tenafly, will hold a garage and bake sale Sept. 28-29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Sister Trinity at (201) 568-0478.

- A Marriage Enrichment Weekend will take place Oct. 3-5 at Sommerfield Suites Hotel. For additional information or to register call Jim and Pat Detura at (201) 384-8497.



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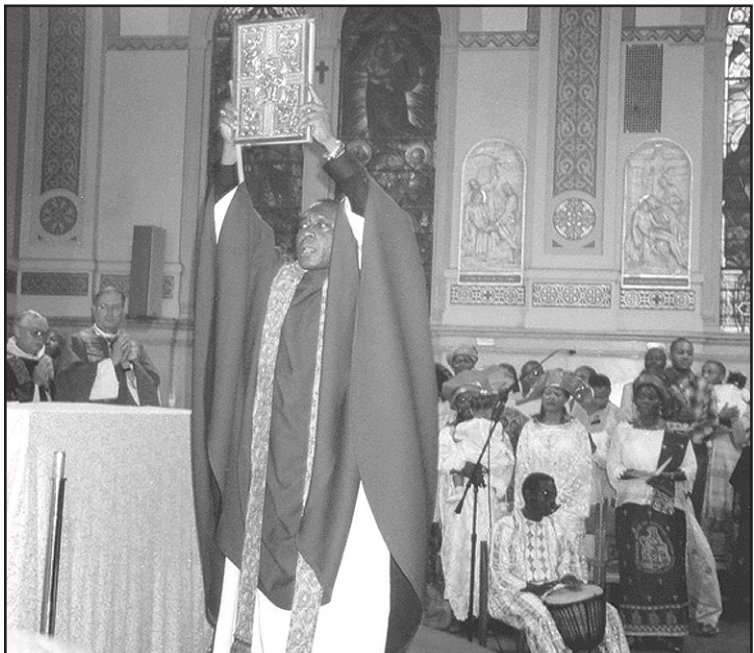
## New bishop is celebrant

Bishop Edgar da Cunha will be the principal celebrant at a 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Sept. 28 at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish in Bayonne as part of the annual citywide Holy Name Communion Breakfast program.

Bishop da Cunha was ordained Sept. 3 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

William J. Birtwistle, former State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, former member of the Board of Trustees of Catholic Community Services (CCS), past president of CCS's Hudson County Advisory Board and a member of the Public Policy Committee of the New Jersey Catholic Conference, will be the principal speaker.





Father Nwaorgu celebrates Mass in his new parish in central Newark.

## Parish welcomes new pastor

Father Anselm Nwaorgu has been installed as pastor of Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Newark.

"God is good all the time, and all the time God is good" is a favorite refrain of the first African-born pastor of the parish.

Father Nwaorgu is fond of saying he wanted to be a priest since the age of six. "As a youngster I used to 'hold Mass' by extracting the white cork disks I found in discarded beer bottles and pretend to give 'communion' to my village playmates," he recalls.

The new pastor credits his entering the priesthood to his mother, a devout Catholic who motivated and encouraged her son, the second oldest, to set examples that the other children would emulate. His father, who converted to Catholicism, "was a very strong and spiritual man who had a great relationship with God," he added.

Father Nwaorgu 45, earned his B.A. in Philosophy in 1982 from the Bigard Memorial Seminary in Nigeria. During the 1980s he served as editor-in-chief of a magazine called *Insight*, and taught economics

and philosophy while being acting vice principal and dean of discipline at the Amala/Ntu Secondary School.

He was also in charge of academic development at Saints Simon and Jude Seminary in Kuje, Nigeria.

When he relocated to the United States, Father Nwaorgu attended Immaculate Conception Seminary, where he received an M.A. in Systematic Theology and an M. Div. in Pastoral Ministry, both in 1991. A year later he earned another M.A. in Counselor Prep. Father Nwaorgu earned a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology in 1999 and, three years ago, certification in Statistical Process Control.

A top student with a 4.0 grade point average, the new pastor was awarded the Pope John Paul II Medal for Superior Academic Work in Theology.

He is licensed by the state as a psychologist, has made many academic presentations and has been published in the *Encyclopedia of Psychology*.

## 'Spotlight on the Catechism' courses scheduled

Spotlight on the Catechism, a series designed for persons who are not theologians, has been scheduled in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

Sponsored by the Catechetical Office, the on-going series consists of four courses,

each focusing a portion of the Catechism, that rotate among several parish centers.

Courses are offered in the spring and fall, so participants at a single location can take courses on all four parts of the Catechism over a two-year period. Catechists in parish religious programs and Catholic school teachers can fulfill requirements for doctrinal level three certification by completing all four courses.

Spotlight on the Catechism has been offered in all four counties of the Archdiocese. This year it will be expanded to include two sites in Bergen County. All sessions meet from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The topics, locations and dates follow.

• **Part One**— Spotlight on

Faith: Dialogue on Our Understanding of Church, Oct. 8, 15 and 22, Sacred Heart Parish Bloomfield. Presenter is Flora Hand, Director of Religious Education at Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights.

• **Part Two**— Spotlight on Sacraments: Sacraments of Initiation, Oct. 8, 15 and 22, Church of St. Michael, Union. Presenter is Father John J. Cryan, Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, and Judge at the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark.

• **Part Three**— Spotlight on Morality: Our Moral Life: Living in True Freedom, Oct. 8, 15 and 22, Church of St. Therese, Creskill. Presenter is Father Timothy Graff, Pastor of Church of St. Francis DeSales, Lodi.

• **Part Four**— Spotlight on Prayer: The Lord's Prayer, Oct. 8, 22 and 29, Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City. Presenter is Sister Adrienne Bradley, S.S.J., Director of Religious Education, Church of St. Anastasia, Teaneck.

• **Part Five**— Spotlight on Prayer: Praying Our Traditions, Oct. 8, 15 and 22, Church of St. Paul, Ramsey. Presenter is Sister Christine Tobin, S.F.C.C., Director of Religious Education at the host parish.

Courses are open to the general public. Each one costs \$25. A certificate will be issued upon the completion of each course.

For additional information call Dr. Eugene Tozzi, (973) 497-4288 or email him at tozzieug@rcan.org.

## Day of prayer

The Archdiocese of Newark was well represented at a recent Day of Prayer, hosted by the Pallottine Sisters at St. Patrick's Villa in Harriman, New York.

Of the 100 persons who attended, over 30 were from Holy Rosary Academy in Union City. Participating as well were Our Lady of Grace Parish in Fairview and other parishes from North Bergen and Jersey City.

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Sister Maria is congratulated by Bishop Serratelli after professing first vows.

## First vows professed

Sister Maria Goretta Nguyen, S.C.C., professed her first vows last month at Mallinckrodt Convent in Mendham.

Newark Auxiliary Bishop Arthur Serratelli officiated.

Sister Maria, the former Duyen Minh Nguyen, a Georgia resident, came to this country from Vietnam a decade ago with her parents, a sister and three brothers.

Before entering the Sisters of Christian Charity, she served as choir director at Our Lady of Vietnam Catholic Church in Georgia. She will now be a full-time student at Assumption College for Sisters in Mendham, residing at St. Elizabeth Convent in Bernardsville.

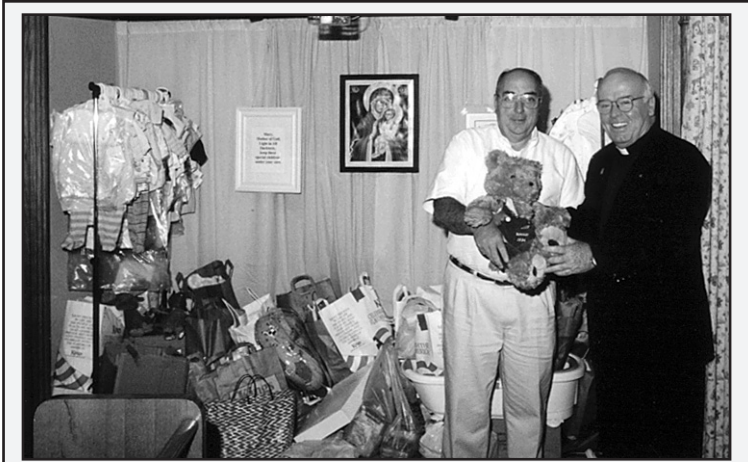
The Sisters of Christian Charity of the North American Eastern Province has 267 members.

## Father Kulig given marshal nod in parade

Father Anthony J. Kulig, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Bayonne is the Bayonne Contingent Marshal of the New York Pulaski Day Parade on Sunday, Oct. 5.

The announcement was made by Richard M. Romelczyk, chairman of the Bayonne General Casimir Pulaski Memorial Committee.

At a Sashing Lunch, attended by family, friends and parishioners along with municipal, county and state officials, Father Kulig was presented with citations and proclamations noting his service to the community.



Success again marked this year's new gift items collection for Babies with HIV/AIDS at St. Michael Parish in Cranford. All of the items were sent to Saint Clare's Home in Elizabeth. Drive Chairman Bill Griffith and Pastor Father John McGovern inventoried some of the items in front of the Mary, Mother of God, Light in All Darkness shrine.

## New voter registration drive has been launched

A voter registration drive, aimed at those who are unregistered, has been launched at parishes and Catholic schools throughout the state now through Sept. 28.

At participating parishes, voter registration tables are being staffed after Masses and in many schools during the traditional Back-to-School programs. High school students who will be 18 in time for the November general election will be able to register at their individual schools.

The Voter Registration Project is an effort of the New Jersey Catholic Conference and its three legislative networks in the areas of respect life, social issues and education, as well as the Knights of Columbus.

Dr. George V. Corwell, Associate Director for Education for the New Jersey Catholic Conference noted, "The Catholic bishops of New Jersey, consistent with the statements of the U.S.

Catholic bishops in their 1999 document 'Faithful Citizenship,' do not seek the formation of a religious voting block nor any form of instruction to individuals regarding how they should vote with respect to the endorsement or opposition of specific candidates."

Rather, the drive is conducted in order to engage as many individuals as possible in the voting process so that genuine pluralism in our society may be recognized.

"We hope that all religious congregations would conduct similar nonpartisan registration drives in order to take the first step toward an active and informed electorate," observed Dr. Corwell. Associate Director for Social Concerns Marlene Laó-Collins stated, "This is a wonderful opportunity for us to draw attention to the importance of exercising a privilege our forefathers struggled to gain without singling out candidates or issues."

Specific instructions regarding the voter registration project have been prepared by the New Jersey Catholic Conference for use by local leaders in school and parish settings.

For more details on these instructions, call Mary Ellen Procaccini at (609) 361-7885.

Additional information about the drive in Archdiocese of Newark is available by calling Kay Furlani at (973) 497-4341 or Mary McElroy at (973) 467-9396.

Furlani is Director of the Office of Human Concerns.

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# Alzheimer's disease affects everyone

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — When Jacqueline Marcell was in the middle of coping with and caring for her parents in their battle with Alzheimer's disease, she prayed a lot.

Marcell recommends calling on faith to get through such difficult situations, but more must be done to take care of the caregiver and the one with the disease, she said.

In her book, *Elder Rage or Take My Father — Please! How to Survive Caring for Aging Parents*, she explains how she fought an unsympathetic medical system and endured her father's physical and emotional wrath until she finally found help for him and her ailing mother.

A radio show host and advocate for reform in the care of the elderly, Marcell said that one in three people will be affected by dementia, either by having it themselves or having a loved one with it.

Marcell, who left a career as a television executive to take

care of her parents, had to deal with her father's intermittent rages while she went through 40 in-home caregivers in an attempt to find help. Each worker quit because of his temper tantrums.

"It was a horrible year of my life that I didn't need to spend had I only known then what I know now," she said.

"Once I solved the situation medically, behaviorally and socially with the right doctors, adult day care and the right medication, I decided I was going to have to write a book," she said. "All the books on elder care made it seem so easy. But that's if you have a cooperative elder. And most are not very cooperative."

Both of her parents were misdiagnosed, she said. "I didn't know the warning signs. I didn't know that their regular doctor didn't understand dementia. What I didn't know cost my family their entire life savings."

Marcell's book has been

endorsed by a wide range of people and groups, from veteran newsman Hugh Downs to the Duke University Center for Aging, and she has been honored by the National Adult Day Services Association.

She recently testified before the assistant U.S. secretary on aging, Josefina Carbonell, about the need for funding of adult day-care programs.

Marcell would like to see more adult day-care centers, and funds made available to pay better wages to workers in such facilities, she said.

For her parents, adult day care was "a huge blessing" because it gave them a place to go, and it gave her and her family members a respite from their care. She said caregivers need to find a support group that will help them "learn how to cope with behavior better."

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To avoid that confusion the Office of Planned Giving employs the formula of people, property, plans and planners known as "the Four Ps."

\*People—list those for whom one is responsible including yourself, spouse, children, and parents for whom you are economically responsible. "You may want to include your charitable interests, as well—such as the Church as well," Deacon McKenna noted.

\*Property—list all property owned now or expected to be owned during a lifetime. Such items include bank accounts, stocks, bonds, real estate, mutual funds, pension plans such as 401 (k) or 403 (b), IRAs and life insurance. Next to each of these items indicate an approximate value. Also include all liabilities such as a mortgage and any other debt.

\*Plans—determine which financial plan one has or wants to accomplish during a lifetime. Determine too whether there will be enough income generated by such assets to ensure retirement. Establish, as well, who will inherit any property.

\*Planners—to assure that plans can last over

a lifetime, consult an attorney, accountant, financial planner, investment adviser, life insurance agent and real estate broker. Prioritize a list.

"After you have given thoughtful account of the Four Ps, you need to investigate one of several estate planning tools," explained Deacon McKenna.

Those tools are will bequests, trusts, power of attorney and a living will.

Will bequests, Deacon McKenna noted, "are an excellent vehicle to distribute property and make recommendations on the care of minors."

With trusts, he added, a person is able "to manage funds for a specified period of time until the assets are distributed as directed either to a person or charitable institutions."

Power of attorney, said Deacon McKenna, is "a provision for someone to handle your financial affairs over a period of time while you are unable to do so."

Through a living will, he went on, a person makes his healthcare wishes known to loved ones and physicians.

"As you can see, planning your estate is a complicated business. However, if you start with the basics and then draw on the professional community for assistance, you and your heirs can avoid a lot of headaches in the future. We in the Office of Planned Giving can help you get started as well as explain the various gift opportunities available in the Archdiocese of Newark and some of the tax advantages to those giving opportunities."

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# Maryknoll missionaries celebrate decades of ministry

## Two come from communities within the Archdiocese of Newark

Two Maryknoll missionaries from communities within the Archdiocese of Newark recently celebrated anniversaries of their ordination to the priesthood.

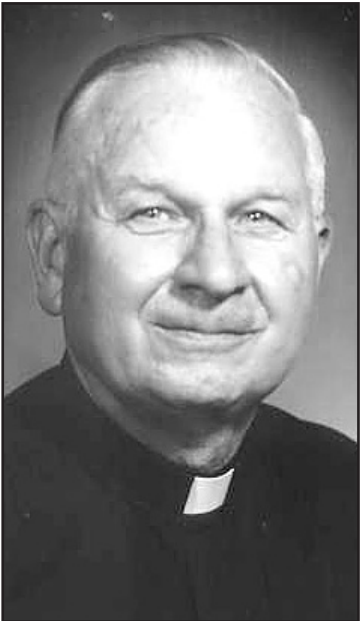
Father John F. Gorski of Elizabeth is 40 years a priest, and Linden native Father Joseph Hegarty is marking a half-century of service.

Both were among 42 Maryknollers who commemorated their ordination to the priesthood or oath as Brothers at ceremonies held at the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America headquarters in Ossining, New York.

Father Gorski is a professor of theology at the Catholic University of Bolivia in Cochabamba, where he trains young Latin Americans as missionaries and mission educators. He is also in charge of research at the University's Missiology Institute. On weekends, Father Gorski assists at Cristo Rey Parish. For the past three years, he has been president of the International Association of Catholic Missiologists.

Following ordination, Father Gorski was assigned to Bolivia as a parochial vicar. At his parish there he worked on liturgical renewal in the years following the Second Vatican Council and taught courses for the archdiocesan

and national catechetical commissions. He was also named National Director of Rural Catechetics by the Bolivian



Father John F. Gorski

Conference.

In 1975 Father Gorski was named executive secretary of the Mission Department of the Latin American Council of Catholic Bishops.

"The missionary vocation is one of the best schools for learning how to follow Jesus among brothers and sisters of other cultures. It is a great joy to

see them come to know Jesus better, love Him more deeply and follow Him from their own cultural identity. Their faith and kindness help me grow to be a better Christian," said Father Gorski.

Father Gorski is a graduate of St. Benedict's Preparatory High School in Newark. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from Maryknoll College in Illinois, a Master's Degree in Divinity and Theology from Maryknoll Seminary in Ossining and a Doctorate in Missiology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

Father Hegarty, who lives in Santiago, has served in Chile 48 years.

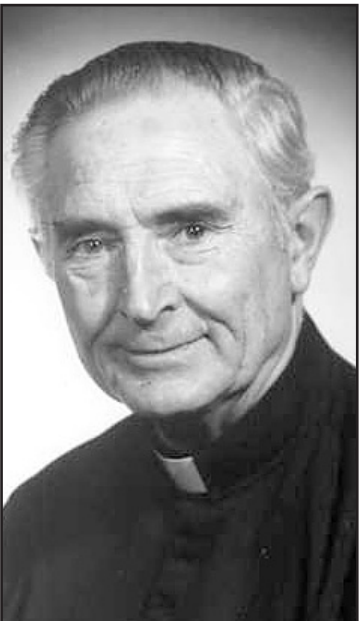
He has been chaplain and consultant to the Institute of Rural Education since 1956 as well as founder and president of the Rural Missionary Solidarity the past seven years. His ministry also includes lay leadership training in the dioceses of Chillan and Concepción

His first assignment was to Talca, Chile as a parochial vicar. Four years later he became pastor of a much larger parish.

Moving to Santiago in 1964, Father Hegarty served as national chaplain of Rural Catholic Action and began his work as spiritual consultant of the

Institute of Rural Education.

"The greatest challenge facing the poor farmers of Chile is to find a place in the new liberal



Father Joseph Hegarty

globalization process so they can live as children of God should; in an organized way with a spirit of solidarity. The

Church needs to be a leavening force in this process," he explained.

Recognized by the Chilean bishops for his understanding of the mentality and needs of the campesino people, Father Hegarty was chosen in 1970 to establish the National Rural Pastoral Institute.

At the end of his contract with the Chilean bishops, Father Hegarty returned to the United States to do mission education and promotion work.

While at the Maryknoll Mission Promotion Center in Washington, he also pursued studies toward a doctorate.

Father Hegarty is a graduate of St. Benedict's Prep. He studied at Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary when it was in Darlington.

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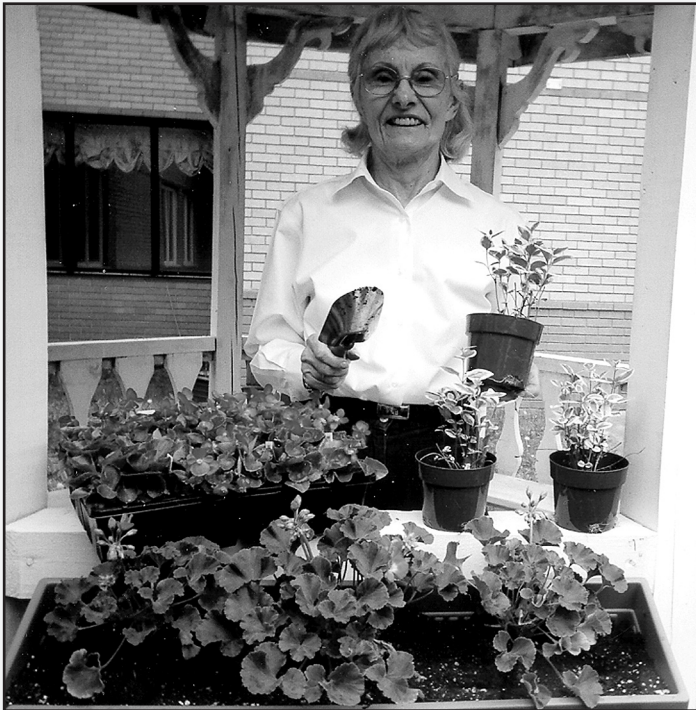
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# La cruz y la salvación en la jornada de la vida

**POR EL PADRE LAWRENCE FRIZZELL**  
*Columnista para The Catholic Advocate*

**Lecturas: Num. 21:4-9; Salmos 78:1-2, 34-38; Fil. 2:6-11; Jn 3: 13-17**

La Exaltación de la Cruz es una conmemoración introducida en el calendario de la Iglesia para celebrar la recuperación de la verdadera cruz de manos de los Persas y fue llevada a cabo por el Emperador Heraclión en el año 629. Este evento en la ciudad de Jerusalén estaba relacionado con la tradición de que Santa Helena, la madre del Emperador Constantino el Grande, había encontrado la verdadera cruz trescientos años antes.

Al igual que Verónica, Santa Helena tiene un lugar en la Basílica de San Pedro en Roma cerca del altar. La capilla atribuida a su piedad se convirtió en una de las siete basílicas importantes allí, “la Santa Cruz en Jerusalén,” con bellísimas representaciones artísticas de leyendas acerca de la cruz.

Las antiguas tradiciones de la poesía anglo-sajona celebran leyendas acerca de la cruz como un signo magnífico de la victoria de Cristo, “el mejor de los símbolos” (*Un Sueño del Crucifijo*), y no como una horca ignominiosa.

San Pablo ha encontrado objeciones al mensaje Cristiano de salvación por la Cruz de Jesús. “Proclamamos a Cristo crucificado, escándalo para los judíos, necedad para los gentiles” (1 Cor. 1:23). Porque la Ley de Moisés nos dice que “La maldición de Dios cae en aquel que cuelgue de un árbol” (Dt. 21:23), los judíos estaban sorprendidos por la alegación de que Jesús era el Ungido por Dios.

Los griegos sabían que esta forma de pena de muerte estaba reservada para los no-romanos condenados por un crimen serio. Además, ellos no aceptaban que el cuerpo fuera elevado—así que el mensaje completo Cristiano

parecía tonto. La visión Cristiana de fe, sin embargo, presenta una contradicción: si Dios quería contrarrestar la penetrante tendencia humana de adquirir el poder por la fuerza bruta, ¿qué sería mejor que un ejemplo de aparente derrota que se torne en victoria?

“Porque la necesidad divina es más sabia que la sabiduría de los hombres, y la debilidad divina, más fuerte que la fuerza de los hombres.” (1 Cor. 1: 25).

De acuerdo con los tres primeros Evangelios, Jesús explicó tres veces que El sufriría y moriría en Jerusalén y que al tercer día resucitaría. Escuchando la primera parte de esa afirmación y no entendiendo la certeza de la resurrección, Pedro reaccionó con fuerza y privadamente rectificó a Jesús (Mt. 16: 22).

El Evangelio según San Juan dejó constancia en una profunda reflexión sobre “la hora” de Jesús, explicando que la serie de sucesos desde la persecución y su muerte a la resurrección y ascensión son dos aspectos de una experiencia única. Esta unidad del servicio culminante del ministerio de Jesús está acentuado por el verbo “elevar”—en la humillación de la cruz y la exaltación por el triunfo de la resurrección (12:32-34, ver 8:28; 3:14 ).

Por supuesto, San Juan también deseó expresar el efecto transformante de esta obediencia a Dios el Padre, recordando la experiencia de los israelitas durante su recorrido por el desierto. Esos que se quejaron en contra de Dios y de Moisés fueron atacados por serpientes ardientes. Dios contestó sus ruegos por misericordia instruyendo a Moisés para que hicieran en bronce un recordatorio de su arrepentimiento y esto sería lo que los liberaría.

San Juan se inspiró en un momento del Exodo para establecer el fundamento de los cristianos para entender el trabajo de Dios a favor de la sanación de la humanidad, gravemente afectada por el pecado. Viendo

a Jesús como “el Cordero de Dios que quita los pecados del mundo” (Jn 1:29), los fieles estaban capacitados, por el regalo del agua y del Espíritu Santo (Jn 3:5-8), para ver y entrar al reino de Dios (3:3-5). Este nacimiento “desde arriba” (3:7) comienza con el conocimiento de la autoridad o reino de Dios aquí-y-ahora. Para capturar el sentido de continuidad entre el reino de Dios aceptado en fe y con la plena comunión con Dios después de la muerte, el Evangelio substituye la frase “Reino” por “vida eterna”.

Este término está usado 17 veces por Juan del 3:15 en adelante, y es definido como conocer al verdadero Dios y al que El ha mandado, Jesucristo (17:3).

Para explorar el significado de conocer a Dios el Padre y a Su Hijo Jesús, la Iglesia ofrece un bello himno de la Epístola de San Pablo a los Filipenses, cuyo propósito es retar a los cristianos a que piensen como Jesús (2:5). El se hizo el sirviente de Dios y del prójimo en una vida de amor sumiso culminando en la cruxifixión. La respuesta del Padre a esta fidelidad fue exaltarlo, elevarlo en la resurrección. Entonces los fieles se darían cuenta que Jesús, el Mesías (Cristo) o Ungido, es también uno con el Padre y debe llamársele SEÑOR. Desde tiempo inmemorial este título era un substituto del Nombre Sagrado revelado a Moisés (Ex 3: 14-15).

De manera que este himno que comienza con una nueva percepción en la vida eterna de Jesús con Dios Padre, termina con una declaración de fe en Jesús como el Señor resucitado. Esto no disminuye el honor que se le da a Dios, ya que Jesús refleja la presencia impresionante (la gloria) de Dios Padre atrayendo al mundo hacia El (Jn 12: 32).

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**POR MONS. JIM LISANTE, THE CHRISTOPHERS**  
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Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi tiene 22 años, y desde jovencito se ha dedicado al tenis. Muchos dicen que es el mejor jugador de tenis de Paquistán, y también es muy reconocido a nivel internacional. Hace algunos años Qureshi necesitaba un compañero para jugar dobles. Y en forma inesperada conoció a Amir Hadad, un jugador de 24 años tan talentoso como él, y juntos vencieron a un gran número de rivales. Cuando la gente los ve jugar juntos dicen que se mueven con una coordinación increíble, y en cierto modo juegan mejor juntos que separados. Fuera de la cancha entablaron una amistad muy linda, basada en el respeto mutuo y en intereses comunes.

Uno supondría que ahí se acabó la historia, pero no es así. Qureshi es musulmán de Paquistán, y Hadad es judío de Israel. Recordemos que Paquistán no reconoce al estado de Israel, y que ambas naciones no tienen relaciones diplomáticas.

Por un tiempo ambos jugadores pudieron mantener su amistad calladamente pero, en la última competencia de Wimbledon en Inglaterra, el tema estalló en una controversia muy desagradable. Funcionarios del gobierno de Paquistán insistieron en que la amistad terminara inmediatamente. Pero los jugadores se negaron. Qureshi dijo, “Nos respetamos mutuamente. Nos hemos respetado los dos años que ya hace que jugamos. Nunca pensé que iba a ser tanto problema. No estamos aquí para cambiar la idea de nadie. Eso lo hacen los políticos y los gobiernos.” Y Hadad compartió esa opinión. “Somos muy buenos amigos, y pensamos seguir jugando juntos. El tenis y nuestra

amistad es lo único que nos interesa.”

Pero el vicepresidente de la Federación de Tenis de Paquistán sugirió que la carrera deportiva de Qureshi podía estar en peligro, si seguía jugando con Hadad. Dijo el funcionario, “Creo que se le puede perdonar, pero no debe hacerlo otra vez. Debe darse cuenta de que para los musulmanes de Paquistán, Israel es un tema muy sensible y controversial. No se trata simplemente de jugar al tenis.”

Pero quizás lo es, o debería serlo. Lo que hemos visto en esta controversia inspira y a la vez preocupa. He aquí dos jóvenes que, por sus orígenes tienen toda la razón para verse como enemigos. Pero no lo han hecho. Decidieron, en cambio, disimular sus diferencias y disfrutar de lo que tenían en común, como un buen partido de tenis.

El interminable conflicto en el Medio Oriente es, sí, una catástrofe que ha costado tantas vidas. Ha destruido la paz de muchas familias inocentes. Ha dejado a mucha gente herida, física y psicológicamente. Y cada vez que uno oye noticias de una nueva ola de violencia, se pregunta cuándo va a terminar todo esto.

Mientras veamos a gente de otros orígenes sólo en terminos de las diferencias, se pierde toda esperanza. Pero cuando empezamos a examinar nuestras semejanzas como habitantes del mismo planeta, esas diferencias pueden desvanecerse. Los brillantes jugadores de tenis Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi y Amir Hadad nos dan un ejemplo de las posibilidades. Podrían odiarse, y sin embargo encontraron un mundo en común. Enfocaron sus ojos en la familia grande que somos. Rezo para que Aisam y Amir sigan jugando juntos—por el bien de ellos mismos, y por el bien de la humanidad.

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R.S.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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

E.A.M.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

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

E.R.



# Holy Father's new poems inspire contemplation



## Books

BY GREG TOBIN

Editor & Associate Publisher

### The Poetry of John Paul II: Roman Triptych Meditations

Pope John Paul II (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. 40 pages, \$19.95) ISBN 1-57455-556-1

These three new poems by John Paul II evoke images from nature, from classic art and from the Old Testament.

The first poem, "The Stream," takes one down the "undulating wood slopes" to a place of deep silence, sacred silence, where the Word can be heard in the heart. The Holy Father's theology of "encounter" with God is illustrated vividly.

In the second poem, titled "Meditations on the Book of Genesis at the Threshold of the Sistine Chapel," he melds history, the present and the future.

"I am calling you, 'all who see,' down the ages," he writes.

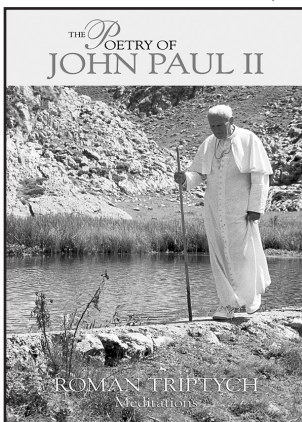
John Paul invites us to stand at the threshold of the historic Sistine Chapel as if we stand at the threshold of a book, in fact, the Book.

He even alludes to the coming conclave, in which the cardinals will elect his successor: "The colors of the Sistine will then speak the word of the Lord: *Tu es Petrus*—once heard by Simon, son of John."

Finally, in the third poem, "A Hill in the Land of Moriah," the poet travels back to the time of Abraham, the father of many nations—and the father of Isaac. "Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" the son thinks, but dares not ask.

Again, as in the woods and the Sistine Chapel, silence speaks volumes: from the One above and in the hearts of the

believers who ask many questions and leave just as many, if not more, unasked.



Poignant and powerful, each of the poems packs a Johannine-Pauline spiritual punch.

This slim volume is a living testament to the literary genius of a man who will one day be called John Paul the Great. We cannot

recommend this unique volume too highly for those who seek to know the mind and heart of the Successor of Peter.



## Book Briefs

### Sacred Passages

*Bringing the Sacraments to Life*

Bert Ghezzi (Doubleday. 176 pages, \$17.95) ISBN 0-385-50340-7

By the author of *Voices of the Saints*, a large and authoritative survey of the Catholic saints organized by their feast days, Bert Ghezzi, this volume interweaves sacred Scripture and personal stories to reveal the gifts of grace to be found in the sacraments.

He devotes a chapter to each of the seven sacraments that includes practical teachings on how to apply the grace of the sacraments in daily life. The writing is thoughtful, yet easy to understand, and inspiring.

The author is the editorial director of Servant Publications, has written fifteen previous books and lives in Florida and Michigan.

### The Creed

*Why Christians Believe and Why It Matters*

Luke Timothy Johnson (Doubleday. 336 pages, \$23.95) ISBN 0-385-50247-8

*The Creed* is an authoritative and detailed explanation of this basic prayer of Christian faith by a renowned theologian.

A New Testament scholar and former Benedictine monk, Johnson delves into the histori-

cal controversies that surround the Creed, such as the reasons for the split between the Western Church and the East over the *filioque* (the statement about the Holy Spirit in the Catholic recitation).

For most Christians, Catholic and otherwise, the Creed functions as an "ABC" basic that is frequently misunderstood.

Timothy Luke Johnson is the Robert W. Woodruff Professor of New Testament at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

## The Catholic Advocate

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9 a.m. - Sunday

#### WNYW, Ch. 5

5:30 a.m. - Sunday

#### WPXN, Ch. 31

9:30 a.m. - Sunday

#### WXTV, Ch. 41

Santa Misa (local) 6:30 a.m. - Sunday

#### EWTN

Live Mass 8 a.m. and noon  
Monday- Saturday

Portuguese Mass 5:30 a.m. - Sunday

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, 8 a.m.  
and midnight - Sunday

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Religion and Ethics Newsweek  
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## Catholic Radio

### SUNDAY

Religion on the Line  
6 a.m. - WABC 770 AM

#### Mass

6:30 a.m. - WPAT 930 AM

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9 a.m. - WSOU 89.5 FM

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#### The Sunday Morning Mass

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12:30 p.m. - WCTC 1450 AM

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### SATURDAY

#### As You Think with Father Paul Keenan

9 p.m. - WOR 710 AM

#### Radio Marja (Polish)

8:30 p.m. - WNSW 1430 AM



## Fall Festival Sept. 28

Boardwalk games, food stations, craft vendors and carnival attractions will transform Felician College's quaint tree-lined Rutherford campus into a community fairground during its annual Fall Festival on Sunday, Sept. 28—rain or shine.

The day will begin with a walkathon at 8:30 a.m. to raise funds for the Rutherford Community Pantry and the Rutherford Social Services Department. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. in the Student Center, followed by the Alumni Hall of Fame Awards and the Alumni

Scholarship presentation. The festival grounds and craft vendors open at 11 a.m., and the games and rides open at 11:30 a.m.

Attractions throughout the day will include boardwalk games, a giant slide, dunk tank, fun house, moonwalk, pony rides, music and entertainment.

Walkers will gather at 8:30 a.m. in front of Sammartino Hall at the corner of West Passaic and Montross avenues for the start of the walkathon. For more information about the walkathon, call (201) 559-3315.

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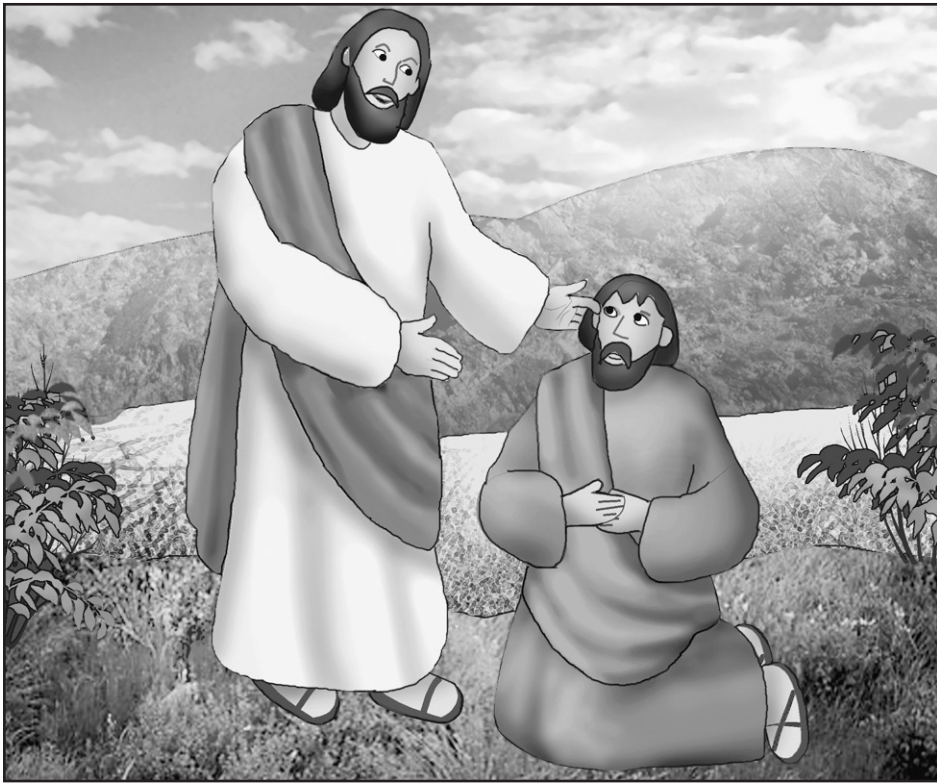
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# Jesus makes a deaf man hear and speak



## BIBLE ACCENT:

Jesus performed many miracles. He healed sick and injured men, women and children; He walked on water without sinking; and He freed people from evil spirits. He started His ministry by changing water into wine at the request of His mother during a wedding in Cana.

But there also are stories of miraculous events in the Old Testament. Moses heard the voice of one of God’s messengers speak to him from a burning bush. God sent manna from heaven to feed the hungry Israelites. The walls around the city of Jericho crumbled when Joshua and his men blew their trumpets. Elijah called down fire from heaven.

Critics of Jesus and the prophets always asked for signs of God’s power, and God gave them many examples. We can read about them in almost every book of the Bible.

## BIBLE TRIVIA:

How many books or letters of the New Testament are named ‘John?’

Answer: 4: 1 Gospel and 3 letters.

## PUZZLE:

Fill in the blanks to answer the questions. You’ll see that, taken in order, the first letters of the correct answers combine to form the word “Christian.”

1. Jesus died on one.
2. Where God lives.
3. The last book of the Bible.
4. A major prophet of Judah.
5. Number of sacraments.
6. The two sections of the Bible.
7. Jacob’s new name.
8. Noah built one.
9. Jesus lived in this city.

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Answers:

1. Cross, 2. Heaven, 3. Revelation, 4. Isaiah, 5. Seven, 6. Testaments, 7. Israel, 8. Ark, 9. Nazareth.

BY JOE SARNICOLA  
Reporter for CNS

When Jesus was in Jerusalem, a crowd of people gathered around to hear Him teach. Some scribes and Pharisees who were there asked Jesus why some of the things His disciples did were against the religious laws. Jesus gave them a harsh answer.

“You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition. You nullify the word of God in favor of your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many such things.” Jesus walked to a high spot of ground so that everyone present could see and hear Him. Then He said, “Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from the outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.”

Jesus said nothing more after that, but He walked away through the crowd, followed by His disciples. He stopped when He came to the district of Tyre, where a woman asked Him to rid her daughter of an evil spirit. Because of her faith, Jesus healed the woman’s daughter. But then He left Tyre and traveled through Sidon until He reached the Sea of Galilee.

Another crowd of people had gathered to hear Jesus and to see Him perform miracles. Jesus wanted only to be alone with His disciples, but He knew the people who came to Him had so many needs. His compassion compelled Him to help them.

One person who came to Jesus was a deaf man with a severe speech impediment. The man’s friends asked that Jesus lay His hands on him. Their faith told them that would be enough to heal their friend. Jesus brought the man to a place they would not be seen or heard by the crowd of people.

Jesus put His fingers in the man’s ears. Then He touched the man’s tongue and spit on the ground. Jesus looked up into heaven and said to the man, “Be opened!” Immediately the man could hear, and he could speak as well as any of his friends.

Upon returning with the healed man, who was rejoicing because he was healed, Jesus told them not to tell anyone what had happened. But the man and his friends were just too excited and grateful. They told everyone.

“He has done all things well,” they said. “He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

READ MORE ABOUT IT Mark 7

## Q&A

1. Why did so many people follow Jesus?
2. What did Jesus say to the deaf man’s friends?

## SPOTLIGHT ON SAINTS:

### Saint Maximus

Maximus was born in the late sixth century in Constantinople. He became the principal secretary of the Emperor Heraclius, then left to become a monk. Maximus joined the monks in Chrysopolis.

A strong disagreement developed between some of the clergy and the emperor. Some religious leaders, including Pope Martin I, were abused and even killed for their opposition of the emperor’s beliefs.

Even Maximus was challenged. After spending time in Rome, he was brought back to Constantinople to stand trial. Maximus spoke eloquently in his own defense and won sympathy from some of his accusers. However, he would not change his mind. He was tortured and thrown back into prison. He died there a few weeks later at the age of 82.



# Top teams clash in meet

Fierce interdiocesan competition among the girls marked the annual Holy Trinity Track Meet.

Final results show Holy Trinity of Westfield leading the way with 167.2 points followed by Our Lady of Sorrows, South Orange, 136.3; St. Patrick's, Chatham, 118.50; St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills, 61; St. Agnes, Clark, 49.50; St. Michael, Newark, 49; Aquinas Academy, Livingston, 42; Assumption, Morristown, 36; Sacred Heart, Vailsburg, 30; St. Cassain's, Montclair, 29.50; St. Michael, Cranford, 29; St. Elizabeth, Linden, 25.50; Rev. Brown School, Sparta, 20; Oak Knoll, Summit, 17; and Holy Family, Florham Park, 10.

Result highlights broken down into grade groups follow:

## Shot Put (3/4)

Maggie Fitzpatrick, Holy Trinity, 20-02-00.  
Tatiana Johnson, Our Lady of Sorrows, 19-5-00.

Mary Kate Fitzpatrick, St. Patrick's, 17-07-00.

## Shot Put (5/6)

Dolores MaCauley, St. Michael's (Cranford) 26-00-00.

Erin Kelly, Holy Trinity, 24-05-00.  
Arielle Nicholls, Our Lady of Sorrows, 24-3-00.

## Shot Put (7/8)

Courtney Martin, Sacred Heart, 33-06-50.  
Megan Rauch, Holy Trinity, 23-01-50.

Erin Murray, St. Patrick's, 18-11-50.

## Long Jump (7/8)

Margaret Polanin, St. Patrick's, 13-01-00.

Ashley Broderick, St. Elizabeth's, 12-11-00.

Lauren Bottia, St. Agnes, 12-11-00.

## Long Jump (3/4)

Katie Greifeld, Holy Trinity, 10-09-50.  
Alexandra Bandera, St. Rose, 9-01-50.

Jennifer Owsiany, St. Agnes, 9-01-00.

## Long Jump (5/6)

Marion Burns, Our Lady of Sorrows, 11-10-50.  
Caroline Cahill, Our Lady of Sorrows, 11-06-50.

Elise Quinn, St. Patrick's, 10-06-50.

## 1600 Meter Run Open

Molly Duffy, Oak Knoll, 7-10-86.

Megan Rauch, Holy Trinity, 7-20-42.

Melissa Rhodes, St. Agnes, 7-23-40.

## 800 Meter (3/4)

Juliet Longo, St. Michael (Cranford), 3-18-31.

Brooke Lantier, St. Rose, 3-25-93.

Seton McFarland, St. Cassain's, 3-27-53.

## 800 Meters (5/6)

Marion Burns, Our Lady of Sorrows, 2-56-87.

Cate Munkittrick, Holy Trinity, 3-02-98.

Caroline Williams, Holy Trinity, 3-03-94.

## 800 Meters (7/8)

Madeleine Quinn, Assumption, 2-53-84.

Genevieve Geiger, St. Patrick's, 3-11-04.

Erin Murray, St. Patrick's, 3-45-60.

## 400 Meter Run (5/6)

Caroline Cahill, Our Lady of Sorrows, 1-12-90.

Mary Kate Manganiello,

Holy Trinity, 1-13-43.

Kerry Prime, Assumption, 1-12-64.

## 400 Meter Run (7/8)

Margaret Polanin, St. Patrick's, 1-11-49.  
Caroline Corasaniti, St. Patrick's, 1-12-52.

## 100 Meter Dash (3)

Kelsi Burgess, Aquinas Academy, 16-45.  
Sarah Knapp, Holy Trinity, 17-00.

Mary Ames, St. Patrick's, 17-07.

## 100 Meter Dash (4)

Katie Greifeld, Holy Trinity, 16-29.

Andrea Miller, St. Patrick's, 17-11.

Kate Doyle, Holy Trinity, 17-63.

## 100 Meter Dash (5/6)

Cecily Derrick, Sacred Heart, 15-04.

Aberi Serrette, Our Lady of Sorrows, 15-21.

Beth Esposito, Holy Family, 15-75.

## 100 Meter Dash (7/8)

Ashley Broderick, St. Elizabeth's, 14-75.

Erika Jimenez, St. Michael's (Newark), 15-09.

Shana Hurley, Rev. Brown School, 15-18.

## 200 Meter Dash (3/4)

Shannon Galvin, Aquinas Academy, 36-54.

Jessica Lane, Our Lady of Sorrows, 36-57.

Darielle Terry, Sacred Heart, 39-87.

## 200 Meter Dash (5/6)

Arielle Nicholls, Our Lady of Sorrows, 31-32.

Shanice Johnson, Our Lady of Sorrows, 31-48.

Molly Smith,

Rev. Brown School, 32-77.



A record turnout of 158 youngsters attended the fifth annual St. Catherine of Siena Basketball Camp in Cedar Grove. Among those sharpening their skills were, left to right, front row, Tara Reilly, St. Catherine's; Erin Baker, Holy Family, Belleville; Caitlin Reilly, St. Catherine's; Kyle Baker, Holy Family; Joe Testa, St. Catherine's with Coach Brandon Thurman from West Orange High School. In the back row are Camp Director Kevin Reilly and Marelle Johnson from Christ the King School, Hillside.

Caldwell College President Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D., and Bob Saltarelli, a senior vice president for PNC Advisors in Morristown and a Caldwell College Board of Trustees member, prepare for the 15th annual Caldwell College Golden Eagle Golf and Tennis Tournament on Oct. 6 at the Essex Fells Country Club. Some 130 players representing area businesses are expected to participate. Since 1989 the tournament has raised over \$450,000 to benefit the college's scholarship fund and program development.



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# First CYO title captured decisively

With two convincing victories, the softball forces at Saint Mary's, Jersey City, captured the first CYO title in school history. Hoboken Catholic fell 12-4 while St. Aeden's, Jersey City found itself a 17-4 victim.

In the first game, MVP Judy Mulrain picked up the victory going the distance. The offense

## Let us know

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

came off the bats of catcher Kaitlin Wasylyk and left fielder Lauren Zdanowicz.

The second game provided more of a power punch from the offense. Lauren Zdanowicz provided much of the hitting power

with a clutch three-run home run in the fifth inning, which put the game away. Stephanie Sparnarkel had two hits. Erin Mulrain, Maggie Weigel, Fiona Watson and Judy Mulrain each collected hits and timely RBI's.

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