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**Sisters and novices of the Missionaries of Charity at prayer during the Oct. 19 liturgy at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.**

## Archdiocese commemorates founding, honors Holy Father and Blessed Teresa

The Archdiocese of Newark officially began its anniversary celebration of 150 years of serving the faithful in New Jersey with a special Mass Sunday, Oct. 19. The noon liturgy was celebrated by Most. Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark.

Two other major Church milestones were marked at the same time: the 25th anniversary of the election of Pope John Paul II (Oct. 16, 1978) and the beatification of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who died in 1997.

The Archbishop also noted that it was Mission Sunday, on which the faithful are called to pray for Catholic missions throughout the world.

In his homily, Archbishop Myers read a letter from Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, which conveyed the greetings and blessings of the

Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Archdiocese.

In looking back upon the pontificate of John Paul II, the Archbishop said, "It is so easy to look upon and love John Paul II" for his work on behalf of the dignity of every human person. He has been "a light to every part of the world, and not just Catholics."

Of Mother Teresa, now Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Archbishop Myers declared that her work and her life should be "held up as a model for us all." Like the pope, "she believed in the dignity of the human person, from conception to natural death."

He also noted that Sunday, Oct. 19 marked the end of the Year of the Rosary. Next week about 100 people will join the Archbishop on a pilgrimage to Fatima.

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## Catholic educator captures statewide recognition



**Carla Costa, second from left, is congratulated by, left to right, Dr. George V. Corwell, New Jersey Catholic Conference; Ann McNierney, Archdiocesan Schools Office, and John Lally, New Jersey Department of Education.**

**BY WARD MIELE**  
*Managing Editor*

For Carla Costa of St. Vincent Academy, Newark, preparing young minds for the challenge of the world outside the classroom is the joy of her life.

The veteran math instructor and department chair last Tuesday received the prestigious Nonpublic Teacher of the Year Award at ceremonies in Trenton.

Reflecting on the honor, Costa described it as "a mixture of surprise and total elation." Sister June Favata, Administrative Director of the all-girls high school, was a bit more succinct, saying the staff and

students are "just thrilled."

The annual competition is sponsored by the New Jersey Council for American Private Education. In a letter to Costa, Anthony Degatano, Council President, cited her "dedication and commitment," adding, "your accomplishments have certainly reinforced the belief that nonpublic school education is alive and well in New Jersey."

Costa graduated a decade ago from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown, with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics. Last year, also from College of Saint Elizabeth, she earned a Master of Arts in Mathematics/

Secondary Education. She has been at St. Vincent's Academy the past decade.

As Brother Ralph Darmento, Deputy Director of Secondary Schools, sees it, "Everyone is proud of the recognition Carla has earned. She is the epitome of the teacher as minister of grace to her students. She touches hearts and nurtures

souls and rekindles minds with compassion and competence."

Describing her philosophy of education, Costa said that at the beginning of every class, when she looks out at the students, "my passion for teaching and learning is fueled."

Learning, she adds, is a  
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**Archbishop John J. Myers visits with students in Ms. Maribel Cruz's kindergarten class in between takes at Saint Michael's School, Newark, on Friday, Oct. 17. The Archbishop was there to film a segment for the 2004 Archbishop's Annual Appeal video.**

Advocate photo- Frank Wood

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# Holy Father delivers apostolic exhortation on bishops' roles

VATICAN CITY—Smiling and visibly improved in health, John Paul II began the celebration of his 25th anniversary on Oct. 16 with his own gift to the Church: an apostolic exhortation on the figure of the bishop. Seated on a mobile chair in Paul VI Hall, the pope signed the postsynodal apostolic exhortation *Pastores Gregis*. The document gathers the conclusions of the 2001 synod dedicated to the mission of the bishop.

After the signing of the exhortation and the singing of the *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, performed by the Choir of the Sistine Chapel, the audience broke out in applause, and many waved handkerchiefs. John Paul II interrupted his address to explain that this apostolic exhortation reminds the bishop that “he is called to be father, teacher, friend and brother to all human beings, following the example of Christ.”

Accompanying the pope were 149 cardinals, seven patriarchs of Eastern churches, 109 presidents (non-cardinals) of episcopal conferences, 28 cardinals-designate and various Roman Curia officials. Nine thousand pilgrims filled the auditorium.

“By being faithful in this way, he will attain holiness, a holiness that must grow not together with the ministry but through the ministry,” the Roman Pontiff said, stressing one of the principal topics of the document.

The 196-page document is divided into an introduction, seven chapters and a conclusion.

Chapter One, Titled, “The Mystery and Ministry of the Bishops,” treats of the foundation of the episcopal ministry, the collegial nature of the episcopal ministry and the missionary character and the unitary nature of the episcopal ministry.

The second chapter discusses “The Spiritual Life of the Bishop;” in Chapter Three the pope writes of the bishop as “Teacher of the Faith and Herald of the Word,” and “Minister of the Grace of the High Priesthood” is the subject of Chapter Four.

John Paul II entitles Chapter Five “The Pastoral Governance of the Bishops.” This section contains thirteen sections that focus on such subtopics as the bishop’s authority, pastoral style of governance, the elements of the particular Church, formation of candidates for the priesthood and the lay faithful in the pastoral care of the bishop.

The final two chapters are “In the Communion of the Churches” and “The Bishop Before the Challenges of the Present.” The pope addresses the relationship of the bishop and diocese with the Holy See and important topics such as the bishop as promoter of justice and peace, interreligious dialogue, civil and economic life, the bishop’s ministry in the field of health and the bishop’s pastoral care of migrants.

Later that afternoon, during a solemn Mass attended by 50,000 faithful and concelebrated by members of the College of Cardinals, archbishops and bishops, and pastors of Roman parishes, John Paul II relived with emotion the moment of his election 25 years previously, Oct. 16, 1978.

To avoid further fatigue, after several busy days, the pope read only the first and last paragraphs of his prepared address. Archbishop Leonardo Sandri, substitute for General Affairs of the Vatican Secretariat of State, read the rest.

The bishop “will be a prophet of justice and peace, defender of the rights of little ones and of the marginal-

ized,” the address written by John Paul II said. “He will proclaim to all the Gospel of life, truth and love. He will regard with predilection the multitude of poor who people the earth.” “The Pope is with all of you,” he told the world’s bishops.

Next to the pope were cardinals who were especially helpful in the writing of the document and organization of the synod: Jan Pieter Schotte, Secretary-General of the Synod; Giovanni Battista Re, Prefect of the Congregation for Bishops; Bernard Agré, Archbishop of Abidjan, Ivory Coast; Ivan Dias, archbishop of Bombay, India; Edward Egan, archbishop of New York; and Jorge Mario Bergoglio, archbishop of Buenos Aires. At the end of the address, while the choir sang the *Cantate Domino*, the pope handed a copy of the apostolic exhortation to the cardinals present, to the general relators, and to five bishops representing the five continents. The Our Father and a papal blessing put the final touch on the ceremony.

Later in the day the Holy Father presided at a Thanksgiving Mass for his election as Successor of Peter.

*This story was compiled from wire service reports by Vatican Information Service and Zenit.*

## Cardinals given red hat, ring

In a consistory on Oct. 21, at which virtually the entire College of Cardinals was present in Rome, Pope John Paul II elevated 30 men to the cardinalate. He held the name of one new cardinal *in pectore* (within the breast). On Feb. 21, 2001, the pontiff elevated 44 new cardinals, which was a record number in papal history. Currently, of the 195 members of the college, there are 135 who, being under the age of 80, are eligible to vote in the conclave to elect a pope. Cardinals are the Holy Father’s closest advisers.

## Stewardship

# The call to a common vocation as Christian disciples

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

In my last article I wrote of the importance of reading and studying the U.S. Bishops’ pastoral letter titled “Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response” in order to understand fully the theology and tradition behind the stewardship way of life.

With that in mind I have decided to highlight the letter over the course of the next several articles. Hopefully by doing so I can offer an in-depth look into this important document, since education, formation and prayer are key to living and spreading the stewardship message.

The first section of the pastoral letter is titled “The Call” and focuses on the common vocation that all Christians have—that is, to be a disciple of Jesus—as well as our own personal vocations in life.

This simple but powerful message is described as follows: “The Christian vocation is essentially a call to be a disciple of Jesus. Stewardship is part of that. Even more to the point, however, Christians are called to be good stewards of the personal vocations they receive.

“Each of us must discern, accept, and live out joyfully and generously the commitments, responsibilities, and roles to which God calls him or her.”

Practicing and living out a life of stewardship is saying “yes” to that call of Jesus, for becoming a

disciple of Jesus Christ leads naturally to the practice of stewardship. Discipleship and stewardship make up the fabric of a Christian life in which each day is lived in an intimate, personal relationship with the Lord.

The U.S. Bishops’ document then describes that following Jesus as a disciple is the work of a lifetime. Being a disciple is not just something else to do, alongside many other things; it is a total way of life and requires continuing formation and conversion.

The focus of the letter then turns to our personal vocations in life and how we need to, as good stewards, let them play an important role in our Christian lives.

The letter states, “Christians must be stewards of their personal vocations, for it is these that show how, according to the circumstances of their individual lives, God wants them to cherish and serve a broad range of interests and concerns: life and health, along with their own intellectual and spiritual well-being and that of others; material goods and resources; the natural environment; the cultural heritage of humankind—indeed, the whole rich panoply of human goods, both those already realized and those whose realization

depends upon the present generation or upon generations yet to come.

“Catholics have a duty, too, to be stewards of their Church: that community of disciples, that Body of Christ, of which they, individually and together, are the members, and in which ‘if one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.’” (1 Cor 12:26)

Finally, this first section of the document tells us that discipleship is not an easy way. For Jesus said, “If you wish to come after me, you must deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow me. For if you wish to save your life you will lose it, but if you lose your life for my sake you will save it.” (Luke 9:23-24)

The letter suggests that perhaps we should ask ourselves and reflect on this question: What are some of the reasons why we might hesitate to respond to the Lord’s call?

It is my prayer that each of us in the Church of Newark will listen to the call of the Lord. Without a vocation our lives are meaningless. I pray further that we will continue to follow the call to stewardship—a call to recognize the importance of sharing our time, talent and treasure.

*Without a vocation our lives  
are meaningless.*



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Judaeo-Christian studies

The Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, founded by the late Rev. Msgr. John M. Oesterreicher, will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a series of conferences and events open to the public.

The first conference, titled “Foundations for Jewish-Christian Dialogue” will begin Friday, Oct. 31, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. William Cardinal Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore, will deliver the keynote address.

Rabbi Jack Bemporad, director of the Center for Interreligious Understanding, and Brother William Martyn, a consultant to the Holy See’s Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews will offer responses to Keeler’s address.

A panel discussion will offer “Reflections on Covenant and Mission” through the perspectives of panelists Sister Mary Boys, professor of practical theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York, Gregory Glazov, assistant professor of biblical studies at Seton Hall University and Msgr. Joseph Devlin of the religion department at LaSalle University.

The panel discussion will conclude at 3:15 p.m. with a reception in Seton Hall’s Walsh Library Gallery where “The Beauty of Sacred Texts” will be on exhibit. This special exhibition features calligraphy, illustrations and sacred texts of the four major world religions: Qurans, Bibles, Torah and Buddhist texts. The exhibition will be on view Oct. 31 through Dec. 17. Docent led tours are available. Group tours are available. For information call (973) 275-2033.

The centerpiece event of the Institute’s 50th anniversary celebration is on Sunday, Nov. 2. At 11:30 a.m., a Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated by Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. At 1 p.m., a convocation will take place in Kozlowski Auditorium.

Priesthood Sunday, Oct. 26

The Archdiocese of Newark is joining a diverse group of Catholic organizations nationwide in support of Priesthood Sunday this weekend.

A call for Priesthood Sunday had been issued by the National Federation of Priests’ Councils (NFPC) with support from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Office of Priestly Life and Ministry.

Supporting organizations include the National Association of Lay Ministers and Serra International.

NFPC president Robert Silva has expressed the hope that Priesthood Sunday would “help focus Catholics on the priesthood as a central reality in the life of the Church, as well as give Catholics a chance to honor the hard-working, honest priests who have suffered as a result of the recent scandals.” NFPC, representing 26,000 of America’s 44,000 priests, focuses on improving collaboration in diocesan presbyteral councils.

The readings for this 30th Sunday in Ordinary time call attention to the priesthood “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek” and the story of Christ, as Master, healing the blind man.

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Dear Archbishop Myers:

October 16, 2003

As the Archdiocese of Newark celebrates this year its Sesquicentennial Anniversary, it is my special privilege to convey to Your Excellency and to your clergy, religious and lay faithful the warm greetings, heartfelt congratulations and prayerful best wishes of His Holiness Pope John Paul II.

On this beautiful occasion, the Holy Father unites himself with the Church in Newark in thanking Almighty God for the many graces received over these past 150 years through the preaching of the Word of God and through the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice which, in the expression of the Second Vatican Council, remains the “source and summit of all Christian life.” (Lumen Gentium, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 11)

His Holiness earnestly hopes that this commemoration will inspire in your entire Local Church a renewed awareness of its mission to bear joyful witness to the Lord in word and deed. He fervently prays that, as the members of Christ’s Body, they will commit themselves to leading ever more authentic Christian lives, in accordance with the teachings of the Gospel.

With these sentiments, the Holy Father commends the Church in Newark to the loving intercession of Mary Immaculate, and he cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of strength and peace in Christ Jesus.

Offering my own congratulations, I remain, with every personal good wish,



Sincerely yours in Christ,  
+ Gabriel Montalvo  
Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo  
Apostolic Nuncio

The lay faithful of each parish, school and mother ministry have been asked to develop their own special way of marking the day honoring both the priesthood and their own priests. Special liturgies, celebrations and the opening of a dialog between priests and lay people were encouraged.

Novarcensis: A Look Back at Our History



150 years ago...

October 30. The episcopal ordination of James Roosevelt Bayley as first Bishop of Newark was held in Old St. Patrick’s Cathedral, New York City, with Archbishop Cajetan Bedini, Papal Nuncio to Brazil, as principal consecrator. Two other bishops were also ordained.

149 years ago...

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

122 years ago...

October 18. The episcopal ordination of Winand M. Wigger as third Bishop of Newark took place in St. Patrick’s Pro-Cathedral, Newark. He was consecrated by Archbishop Michael A. Corrigan, his predecessor as Bishop of Newark.

49 years ago...

October 19. The solemn opening of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Newark, on ground broken in January 1898 by Bishop Wigger. Archbishop Thomas Boland received the pallium of his office from Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the U.S.

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.

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

Novarcensis means “Newark,” in Latin.





## October 22

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish**, Bloomfield, series on Health, Holiness and Wholeness, Wednesdays, Oct. 22, 29 and Nov. 5, 7:15 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. Call Anna Graziano, (973) 338-9538.

## October 23

**Annunciation Parish**, Paramus, the Jubilee Interfaith Organization of Northern New Jersey (JIO) will hold a public meeting with key decision-makers and public officials from all levels of government. Workers' justice and immigrant rights will be discussed. Call Father David Thornton, (973) 742-0755 or Father Jack Lohr, (201) 891-0511.

## October 24

**St. Theresa Parish**, Kenilworth, will host the West Point Catholic Cadet Choir through the 26th. The choir will sing during the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, and the 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon Masses on Sunday. Call Rich Donovan, (908) 709-1930.

## October 25

**Assumption Academy**, Emerson, "A Swinging Affair," with Frank Sinatra impersonator Gary Anthony, at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$40-\$55 per person. Call (201) 599-2095.

**St. Mary Parish**, Nutley, "An Evening with G.K. Chesterton," at 8 p.m. Dr. John Chalberg, an actor and historian, will depict the author of *The Apostle of Common Sense*. Call (973) 235-1100.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**, Mountainside, Rosary Altar Society will hold annual bake sale through the 26th, in the auditorium. For information call (908) 232-1162.



**St. Elizabeth Parish**, Wyckoff, Ministry Fair held after the Saturday 5 p.m. Mass, and after Sunday Masses through the 26th in the parish hall. Over 50 ministries will be represented. Call Michael Burck, (201) 891-6708, or visit [www.saintelizabeths.org](http://www.saintelizabeths.org).

## October 26

**Holy Spirit Parish**, Union, New Parishioners Welcoming Liturgy, 10:30 a.m. All are invited to meet new parishioners from 24 different countries who registered from Oct. 2002 to Sept. 2003.

**St. Benedict Parish**, Newark, Blessing and Dedication of the New Johannus Opus 5 Organ at 4 p.m. Rives Cassel will present a program by Bach, Brahms, Franck, and the world premiere of "3 Hymn Preludes" by Rev. Brian K. Musas of the Archdiocese of Newark. In addition, the parish is taking reservations for its 150th anniversary pilgrimage to Rome and the holy sites in the Life of St. Benedict. For information call (973) 589-7930, or Anne Breslin at Great Experiences, (201) 261-8484.

**St. Bartholomew the Apostle Parish**, Scotch Plains, Anointing of the Sick during noon Mass. Call (908) 322-5192.

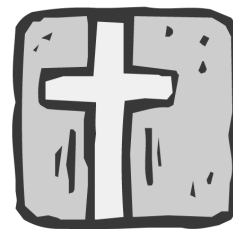
**Saint Cassian Parish**, Montclair, concert by classical guitarist Anton Del Forno at 4 p.m. The program will include Villa-Lobos, Bach,

Mozart, Terrega, and works by the guitarist. Suggested donation is \$15. Call (973) 744-2850.

**St. Mary Hospital**, Hoboken, Auxiliary luncheon to be held at the Empire Club, Little Ferry, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$40 per person and \$7 for transportation, includes entertainment and prizes. Call Mary Degaeta, (201) 420-0640 or Catherine Ferrara (201) 798-2891.

**St. Peter and Paul Parish**, Elizabeth, Annual Tricky Tray Gift Auction. Doors will open at 2 p.m., drawings begin at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3. Call (908) 352-2271.

**St. Philomena Parish**, Livingston, blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Must be at least 17 years old, know social security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification. Call (800) 652-5663, ext. 140.



## October 27

**Caldwell College**, Caldwell, blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Must be at least 17 years old, know social security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification. Call (800) 652-5663, ext. 140.

**Holy Family Parish**, Nutley, Rosary Society will induct its new president, Debbie Riccio, at 7:45 p.m. at the St. Joseph Center. Call (973) 677-0026.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish**, Bloomfield, Holy Hour for Life and special intentions at 7:30 p.m. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the Rosary.

## November 1

**St. Joseph Parish**, East Rutherford, Anointing of the Sick during Mass at 3:30 p.m. Anngene Anthony, a speaker on Post-Polio Syndrome (PPS), will be the guest homilist. Call (201) 933-0457.

**St. James the Apostle**, Springfield, first annual Travel, Service and Craft Auction, with live and silent bidding to benefit educational ministries, at 7 p.m. \$5 admission per person, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Call (973) 775-0196.

# Local Highlights

### Vocations

• Young men 18 years of age or older discerning a possible call to the priesthood are invited, along with their pastor or parish priest, to attend a dinner hosted by Archbishop John J. Myers, Nov. 19. For more information contact your parish priest.

### Spiritual

• The Msgr. John M. Walsh Council 5437, Garwood Knights of Columbus, will have its annual "Mass of Remembrance," honoring deceased members on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m. at the Church of St. Anne, 325 Second Ave., Garwood. Celebrant will be the council's chaplain, Father Roy De Leo.

• St. Vincent's Nursing Home Auxiliary will hold its annual Fall Membership Mass and Luncheon, Saturday, Nov. 1, All Saints Day, in Auxiliary Hall, 315 East Lindsley Ave., Cedar Grove. Seating will be at 11 a.m. with Mass at 11:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon. Reservations are \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members. Call Jeannie Battista, (973) 239-7797.

• Saturday, Nov. 1, at 11 a.m., the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth will come together as a family and congregation to celebrate a Mass of Remembrance at Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station. During the Mass, the Sisters of Charity will remember

those Sisters who died between Oct. 2002 and Oct. 2003. Each Sister will be named and acknowledged in a special prayer. All are invited.

### Open Houses

• The Academy of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, will host an open house on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. Call (973) 290-5225.

• Saint Joseph Regional High School, located on 40 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Montvale, will be holding its second open house of the 2003-2004 school year on Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 7-9 p.m. The event is open to seventh and eighth grade boys and their families. Call (201) 391-3300.

• Felician College will host an open house on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 9:30 a.m. on its Rutherford Campus, 223 Montross Ave. Participants will meet with faculty and students to learn about academic programs, financial aid, campus activities, and NCAA Division II sport programs. Call (201) 559-6131.

• The Benedictine Academy, Elizabeth, will hold its scholarship exam for prospective fall 2004 ninth-graders on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 9 a.m. at the school. Call (908) 352-0670, ext. 105, to register. Benedictine Academy is located at 840 North Broad St., Elizabeth.

### Annulments

• Family Life Ministries and the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark will sponsor an Annulment Information Evening on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Farley Center), 40 Sullivan Dr., Jersey City, at 7:30 p.m. A canon lawyer from the Tribunal will provide the most recent guidelines, theology and requisites for obtaining an annulment from the Church. Call (973) 497-4327.

### Craft Fairs

• Pre-Christmas sale, Nov. 8-9, at Church of the Annunciation, 50 West Midland Ave., Paramus, for "Work of Human Hands," an ecumenical partnership between Catholic Relief Services and SERRV International, which helps individuals receive a fair wage for their hard work through the promotion of more just trading relationships. 6-7 p.m., Saturday, and after each of the Sunday Masses.

• The Craft Fair and Holiday Gift Market sponsored by the Parent Guild of Union Catholic High School will be held on Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the UC campus at 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. There is a one-dollar admission fee for visitors. Vendors interested in participating may call the school at (908) 899-1600, ext. 316.

### Reunions

• Invitations to the first-ever all-class Paul VI Regional High School reunion were recently mailed to some 2,200 former Paul VI students, faculty and staff. The reunion will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29. Call (973) 458-9174 or email to [paulvireunion@hotmail.com](mailto:paulvireunion@hotmail.com).

• St. Mary School, Denville, is trying to reconnect with past graduates for the celebration of its 50th year in 2004. Graduates should provide name, home address, phone, email and graduation year. Call (973) 627-2606, fax (973) 627-9316 or send an email to [stmaryalumni@aol.com](mailto:stmaryalumni@aol.com).

### Lectures

• St. Joseph Parish, 40 Spring St., Lodi, to present "The Mystery of the Rosary," on October 30 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Diane Traflet, a professor of Marian theology, will discuss the beginnings, development and spread of the Rosary devotion. The program will close with a multi-media musical meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary.

• The Carmelite Forum of New Jersey will host Peter Steinfelds, New York Times columnist and author of the book, *People Adrift: The Crisis of the Roman Catholic Church in America*, on Nov. 1. Call (201) 837-3355.

• Newly appointed Artist-in-Residence at Saint Peter's College,

James Adler, will offer a lecture/demonstration with colloquy, "The Art of Composition," on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 12:30 p.m. He will speak on his music and techniques for setting texts to music. Audience members are invited to submit poetry that will be used as examples during the demonstration. Call (201) 915-9238.

• Four of New Jersey's most recent former governors will speak at the 32nd annual Saint Peter's College Regents Business Symposium on Thursday, Nov. 6. Brendan Byrne, Thomas Kean, James Florio and Donald DiFrancesco will highlight the 9 a.m.-2 p.m. program at the Hyatt Regency on the Jersey City waterfront. Tickets are \$60 for alumni and \$75 for the general public. Call (201) 915-9166.

### Retreats

• Carmel Retreat, Mahwah, a women's retreat, "Sabbath Sunday: A Woman at Prayer," October 26, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cost \$25. Call (201) 327-7090. The Carmel Retreat will also offer "A Day in the Cave: Elijah, In Solitude and Silence," on Nov. 5, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cost \$25. 1071 Ramapo Valley Rd., Mahwah.

• St. Walburga Monastery, 851 North Broad St., Elizabeth, a weekend retreat for young adult women who want to give direction to their lives, Oct. 31-Nov. 2. Cost \$75. Call (908) 353-3028.



## Benefit lecture

Father Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R., who appears regularly on the EWTN Television Network, will speak Sunday, Nov. 2 at St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

The presentation, "What is the Hope for the Church and America?" will benefit Good Counsel Homes, which provides shelter to unwed mothers.

Reservations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

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## Filipino President lectures at Saint Peter's College

President of the Philippines Gloria Macapagal Arroyo became the first head of state to visit Saint Peter's College, Jersey City, when she addressed issues in the home country.

President Arroyo spoke recently to more than 1500 members of the American Filipino community in the Victor R. Yanitelli Center.

She also encouraged her audience to achieve success in this country. Jersey City has the largest

concentration of Filipinos in New Jersey, where 40 percent of Filipinos in the Northeast U.S. live.

President Arroyo has strong ties to U.S. Jesuit colleges and universities. She spent two years as an undergraduate classmate of former President Bill Clinton at Georgetown University before earning her undergraduate and post-graduate degrees in the Philippines.

She later taught economics at the Ateneo de Manila University, the most famous Jesuit university in the Philippines.



Philippines President Arroyo was greeted with flowers when she arrived at Saint Peter's College by President James N. Loughran, S.J. (center) and Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Eileen Poiani. It was the president's first visit to Jersey City.

## Parenting workshop formed

A free Faith in the Family parenting workshop has been established at St. Cassian Parish, Upper Montclair.

It is designed to help structure faith as a priority in the home. The workshop is a follow-up to baptism, offering growing families faith-filled support.

An intergenerational team designed the workshop conducted by the adult faith enrichment coordinator. The pastor provides spiritual direction.

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## Terrorism targeted

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The fight against global terrorism must be carried out according to international law, a Vatican representative told a meeting of European anti-terror experts. Any attempt to go outside legal means eventually would delegitimize and weaken the fight against terrorism, said Archbishop Giuseppe Leanza, Apostolic Nuncio to Bulgaria. He addressed the 25th conference of the justice ministers of Council of Europe countries in Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct. 10. Archbishop Leanza, said Pope John Paul II has made it clear that the Church views terrorism as a “crime against humanity” and believes that it can only be eradicated through international cooperation at the criminal, political and economic levels. “In your report, you have underlined a fundamental point: the necessity that the repression of terrorism be carried out in the total respect of international norms as regards human rights,” the archbishop

said. He said that in the fight against terrorism, as in other areas, “the end does not justify the means.”

## Dance defended

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II’s chief liturgist, Archbishop Piero Marini, has defended the use of dance in papal Masses abroad and at the Vatican. Archbishop Marini said liturgical celebrations presided over by the pope have a “universal” character that should accommodate the legitimate cultural elements of Catholic communities around the world. He made the comments in an interview with the Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera Oct. 15. Some Church officials have criticized Archbishop Marini because they think the papal liturgies in recent years have been too outlandish. Reflecting strong sentiment in some Vatican quarters, a draft version of a recent Vatican document on

liturgical norms recommended no dance inside churches — even outside celebration of the Mass. In contrast, an Oct. 5 beatification Mass in St. Peter’s Square featured African dance at the offertory and Indian dance at the consecration. Archbishop Marini, who has designed papal liturgies for 17 years, said the criticism was off the mark. “To introduce dance at a parish Mass in Italy would be pointless. But the celebration (on Oct. 5) was a missionary celebration, for the beatification of three people who evangelized Africa and Asia,” Archbishop Marini said.

## One of a kind

PEORIA, ILL. (CNS) The next time the world’s cardinals meet to elect a pope, they will face “a long and difficult process” because the current pontiff’s accomplishments will be impossible to match, papal biographer George Weigel said in an Oct. 7 lecture. “You are not going to be able to top the most influential pope to come along in 500 years,” Weigel told about 175 people at St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall in Peoria.



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## Knights rule in pledge phrase is renewed

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Knights of Columbus, both historically and in the present day, is playing a crucial role in the Pledge of Allegiance case accepted for review Oct. 14 by the U.S. Supreme Court.

At issue are the words “under God,” added to the pledge by a 1954 law that received major support from the Knights of Columbus and from the 110-organization National Fraternal Congress, then headed by the Knights’ supreme knight, Luke Hart.

The Supreme Court agreed Oct. 14 to hear an appeal of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals’ decision that said requiring the pledge in public schools was an unconstitutional violation of the First Amendment’s Establishment Clause because of those two words.

But Justice Antonin Scalia “took no part in the consideration or decision of these motions and this petition,” the court also said Oct. 14. Although no reason was given for Scalia’s decision, observers believe it is related to a speech he made in January

before a Knights of Columbus-sponsored event in Fredericksburg, Va.

At the Religious Freedom Day observance, Scalia, who is Catholic, said courts have gone too far to keep religion out of public schools and other arenas and that the Pledge of Allegiance question would be better decided by legislators rather than judges.

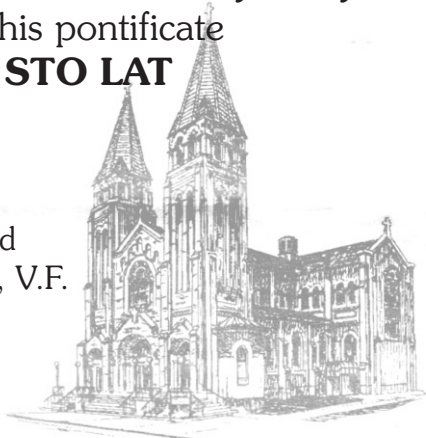
In announcing its decision to take the case, the Supreme Court said it would look only at two questions: “1. Whether respondent has standing to challenge as unconstitutional a public school district policy that requires teachers to lead willing students in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. 2. Whether a public school district policy that requires teachers to lead willing students in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, which includes the words ‘under God,’ violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, as applicable through the Fourteenth Amendment.” phase is renewed.

On the question of the constitutionality of “under God,” Paul Devin, the Knights’ executive vice president for legal affairs, said in a 2002 interview with Catholic News Service that the Catholic fraternal organization would be working to keep the words in the pledge.

“I’m surprised that the two word rose to the level of violating the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment,” Devin said. “This is an unnecessary attempt to remove any reference to God from public life.”

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# God’s presence

Editor,  
Sadness and mourning enveloped the carnage and ruins of the Twin Towers while relatives and friends were placing photographs and flowers. An exhausted volunteer searched through the debris and decided to walk farther, wondering how much more hell he would see.

In the fiery hell of dust and twisted steel arose an awesome sign that helped to heal. In a space that looked like a grotto a steel cross was found. And several small crosses were all around that piece of ground.

The volunteer fell to his knees in prayer while tears streamed down his face.

Others who joined him kneeling in prayer also felt God’s presence and grace. This cross of steel was not put there by man.

It was put there for a reason by God’s Hand.

It’s a sign to all of you terrorists: “Leave My People Alone, I am watching you from Heaven as I sit on My Throne.”

Out of the twisted steel and all of the debris came God’s message, “Fear not, I am here, as you can see.”

The steel cross still stands there bright and tall. It is meant to be a beacon for us all.

Josephine Croll  
Lyndhurst

# Disappointment

Editor,  
Imagine how exciting it was for us to read an article in *The Star-Ledger* about the outstanding achievements of Jachele Velez, a recent graduate of our school, St. Catherine of Siena School in Elizabeth. The article about Jachele’s academic, athletic and other achievements was a joy to read.

However, that joy was tempered by the fact that the article did not contain a single reference to the fact that she received the education that made her accomplishments possible at St. Catherine of Siena School.

The Catholic education provided by the dedicated teachers and staff of St. Catherine of Siena enabled Jachele to realize her potential and reach her goals, including the award of a scholarship to a private girl’s high school. The importance of the Catholic education she received cannot be overstated.

This letter was not written to seek credit or congratulations for the school because of the accomplishments of one of our students. After all, our mission is to provide quality education imbued with Catholic values.

This letter is written because it

seems odd that an article, which rightfully extols the accomplishments of a young lady of whom we are exceedingly proud, omits an important part of the foundation that provided the impetus for her to achieve.

This omission is even more glaring in light of the fact that Jachele’s parents have acknowledged the importance of the Catholic education that she received at St. Catherine of Siena.

We take pride in the accomplishments of Jachele as well as the rest of our students, both past and present. We also take pride in the knowledge that it is the quality education steeped in Catholic values provided by St. Catherine of Siena School that makes those accomplishments possible.

Rev. Richard A. Villanova  
Pastor

# Spirits were lifted

Editor,  
In a profoundly moving ceremony, a healing Mass was celebrated Oct. 4 at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange.

Persons seeking the strength to cope with physical, emotional or spiritual pain were invited by Rev. Msgr. John E. Doran, V.E., Pastor, to join in prayer and, if they wished, to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Scores of parishioners and members of neighboring and more distant parishes were anointed with holy oil in the course of the Mass by Msgr. Doran, Father Marc A. Vicari and Father James M. Moran.

In his homily, Msgr. Doran emphasized that growing in spiritual strength is the essence of this sacrament—strength to cope more easily with life’s infirmities. This leads to a lifting of the spirit and one’s outlook on life, he said. One parishioner observed that some persons mistakenly expect a “magic cure” from a healing Mass, and when it does not occur, a loss of faith sometimes follows.

Sister Mary Selina, S.C.C., directed the committee that planned the healing Mass.

Edith Sontag  
South Orange

# Doing his duty

Editor,  
I am expected to defend life and speak out when it is being attacked. This is not an option on my part, but a commandment God has given us as His followers.  
If I remain silent while innocent lives are being destroyed, then I am going to answer for my failure to follow the Word of God.

Bernard Kiernan  
Fort Lee

# Appreciation of our priests

It should have happened a long time ago. Priesthood Sunday will be this weekend.

Organized by a diverse group of Catholic organizations nationwide, Priesthood Sunday will affirm what many may take for granted or, worse yet, have forgotten: the priest and priesthood are a central reality in the life of the Church.

In this hectic, self-absorbed and increasingly secular nation it is easy to tune out these special men who have answered God’s call to save what in the end is the only thing of real value—one’s soul.

Planned are special liturgies, celebrations and dialogue between priests and lay people. The priest, after all, is more than someone who is seen on the altar every Sunday or at funerals and weddings. His is a “24/7” commitment that should be recognized and appreciated.

Priesthood Sunday comes at a time when it is most needed. The national sex abuse scandal has unfairly tarnished the priesthood because of the action of a small percentage of those wearing the collar. An expression of thanks and encouragement will be very much appreciated.

Priesthood Sunday will send a powerful message to Catholics and non-Catholics alike that priests are loved and respected. It is a message that has to get out.

Most priests would probably say they are only doing their job. But it is a challenging and tough job that deserves a special place in the hearts of the faithful.

# Educator exemplifies excellence

The thrill of receiving an A+ is unique and hard to top. Carla Costa, a math instructor at St. Vincent Academy, Newark, did just that when she was named Nonpublic Teacher of the Year. Congratulations, Carla! Teaching is her life. To those who know Costa that is hardly a surprise. She is someone who is energized every time she walks into a classroom and looks out at the faces of eager young minds. The teaching experience, Costa is quick to point out, is reciprocal.

Costa is especially keen on teaching at an inner-city school. Her commitment to the success of each young woman put in her charge is boundless and complete.

Costa is a powerful example of why Catholic education is a cut above the rest.

# Respect Life

# Euthanasia: It is a terrible gamble

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

Years ago, Hitler and his Nazi party promulgated a law, which made euthanasia available for those who were seriously ill and wanted to die. It was necessary to have the procedure approved by two doctors, as well as the next of kin.

Later it was decided that one doctor’s approval was sufficient and that the next of kin’s consent need not be obtained. Then, euthanasia was extended to those who were inferior—the very handicapped or retarded.

Later still, euthanasia was encouraged for Jews and gypsies, who were considered members of an inferior race—not fit to live—and of course the possessions of those who were killed could be confiscated.

Finally, those who disagreed with what was being done, were condemned to concentration camps and killed as well, including millions of Poles, Catholic leaders and thousands of Catholic priests!

In the Netherlands, at that time, many physicians refused to go along with this “euthanasia.” Today, euthanasia is available in Holland and Belgium. It has become legal in the state of Oregon. In the Netherlands doctors have admitted that many times they have euthanized patients who were not terminally ill, without the consent of the patients themselves. Some Netherlands even carry cards saying, “If I become sick do not take me to a hospital or physician.” Most people who ask for euthanasia are depressed or in pain. It has been found that once the depression is treated and pain medication is made available, most patients change their minds. If we do not oppose euthanasia when it is first advocated, we may end up being euthanized ourselves. It is a slippery slope! Let’s respect the life God has given us and not become judges of whose life is not worth living. Otherwise, we may become victims of what we never took the time to oppose.



# The ‘perfect storm’ of Catholic higher education

Several weeks ago I had a rare privilege. I was invited to attend the annual retreat of the Board of Regents of Seton Hall University. These are a group of very successful men and women who, along with the Archbishop, the Bishops of the Province, and the President of the University, guide and promote this great institution of higher learning.

For a day and a half the lay people, with Archbishop John J. Myers and the President of the University, Msgr. Robert Sheeran, literally studied and struggled with the topic “Mission and Identity.” Their focus was the Catholicity of Seton Hall. They were very seriously considering a topic that would have been completely unnecessary for any generation prior to the 1960’s.

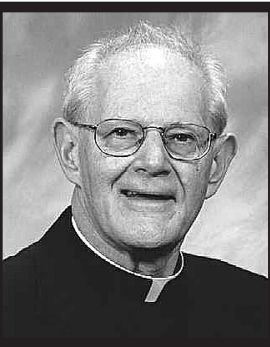
As I listened to them I could not help but marvel at their dedication to Seton Hall, their intelligence, and above all their own deep faith. Even the non-Catholics on that board, and there are some, desperately want an institution that reflects its roots in our Catholic faith and in the proud tradition of Seton Hall, as it was originally conceived and founded by Bishop James Roosevelt Bayley in 1856.

But why should such a retreat be necessary? Let me briefly describe for you what has befallen our university and most of our Catholic institutions of higher learning. We might describe it as the “perfect storm.” A series of events came together in the 1960’s that could have destroyed “The Hall” as a Catholic place of learning. It could have easily sunk our ship of learning.

*Seton Hall has managed to stay both Catholic and an academically excellent school.*

Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



The first difficulty was student rebellion. All over America the young people decided to “take over” the institutions. Remember how many presidents’ offices from New York to California were “liberated” by students demanding changes.

That unrest invaded Seton Hall. The president and his staff had to deal with a very restless and rebellious segment of the student body.

The second was the civil rights movement. African-American students decided

to carry their cause to the campus. Bishop John J. Dougherty, the most generous and liberal of university presidents, had people pitching tents in front of President’s Hall, the administration building. They were near riots. It was a most difficult situation.

Thirdly, the resistance to and controversy over the Vietnam War created further divisions and dissention on campus. It added fuel to the fire.

Lastly, Vatican II, while opening up the Church to

change actually unleashed a hurricane. In 1967 at a little known, but enormously important, conference at a place called Land-o-Lakes, WI, a group of 26 Catholic college presidents decided that for reasons of academic excellence, Catholic institutions of higher learning had to change and evolve. Many Catholic colleges became not “Catholic” schools, but institutions under Catholic auspices. In effect, the Catholic identity of the schools was less obvious in its daily life and curriculum. Catholic universities across the U.S. changed drastically.

In order to survive, Catholic schools also had to become more “secular” if they were to receive government funding. Mandatory Thomistic philosophy and Catholic theology classes, for example, were to be replaced by elective courses. Much else changed as well.

Catholic colleges and universities were transformed as they struggled to remain true to their original mission of being places where Catholic faith and tradition survived.

Seton Hall has managed to stay both Catholic and an academically excellent school. Our proud ship came through the perfect storm, battered and bruised but with her tattered flags flying high. She is still an Alma Mater—a fostering mother who is at the same time a Catholic fostering mother.

And if those who have care of her—the Archbishop, the Administration, the Trustees and the Board of Regents—have anything to do with the future, Seton Hall University will fulfill her mission of education and formation of young people for another 150 years. May she grow and prosper under the care of her patron—Our Lady—Mary Immaculate.

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

## Our history is our present—and our future

Over the past several weeks, the staff of *The Catholic Advocate* has been working especially hard to implement a lot of changes in our operations (e.g., new software systems), to refine the redesign of the paper that initially went into effect at Easter, and to put together a special edition commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Last week the Advocate Publishing Corporation held its annual meeting of the corporate members and the Board of Trustees, to take stock of where *The Catholic Advocate* has been, and where it is going over the next year or so.

Whew! My colleagues and I might have time to breathe this week, by the time you have this issue of the paper in your hands...

What the experience of these busy weeks has meant to me, as the editor of one of the largest-circulation diocesan newspapers in the United States (in case you didn’t know), is, most simply put: There is so much, even “too much” going on in our Archdiocese of about 1.3 million souls for one biweekly newspaper to report comprehensively.

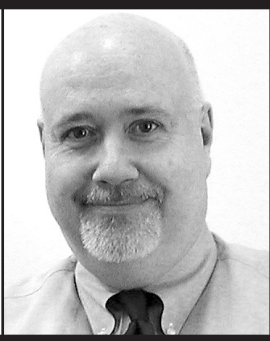
Not only is there so much happening right now, but our history is so very rich that there is no end to the features that we could print looking back on virtually any topic or any time period from colonial times to the 1853 founding date of the Diocese of Newark to the 20th century’s World Wars and beyond.

That’s why we published the special 150th anniversary edition of the *Advocate* last week. We hope that you will find it worthwhile to browse that particular issue to gain a sense of how far we’ve come as a local Church over a significant period of time.

With that much history behind us, we are compelled to “keep it simple” for today. We must focus on the impor-

On the Table

By Greg Tobin



tant work of the ministries within the Archdiocese (here at the chancery and within the parishes and the schools) and the people who carry out those Scripturally based tasks: lay, Religious and clergy.

Our Archbishop has an incredibly hectic schedule, as do the Auxiliary Bishops, the chancellor, the vicars and deans and the directors of the offices here at the Archdiocesan Center. Our pastors and principals are constantly in demand.

So, we try to represent at least the tip of that vast iceberg that exists beneath the surface—undergirding the Church herself.

Without diminishing the value and impact of the bigger picture issues, it is fair to say that parishes and schools are “where it’s at.” Of the literally thousands of clergy and Religious in our Archdiocese, a huge percentage toil within a scope that is parochial (in the original and best sense of the word) and particular, nonetheless touching Christian lives that number also in the thousands.

By sharing their weekly church bulletins and school

newsletters—one very important source of news for us—they share so much of themselves. We want to know. The faithful of this Archdiocese want to know.

Information, about past, present and future, is a valuable “commodity” in the Christian community that is the Church of Newark.

Like prayer, like the liturgy of the Eucharist, the sharing of information (of opinion, debate, thoughtful counsel, too) is, in its effect, sacramental. That is, it helps us to participate in the sacred; it is a visible outward sign of the living Christ in each of us.

He taught us how to share—everything. Do you read the stewardship column that we print in nearly each issue? Do you read Father Frizzell’s Scripture commentary or Mary Costello’s observations? What about the Archbishop’s reflections and teachings in his regular appearance on Page 2?

These, along with news items and feature stories, are the simplest and most direct form of sharing that your diocesan newspaper can offer to you. If you read—and subscribe to—the paper, you can then participate with us in the life of the Archdiocese of Newark.

You can support and criticize and tweak us! (Not unlike the apostles themselves used to do when they were “on the road” with the Lord!)

In this way we write our own history. Perhaps someone who is reading this editor’s column today will be the editor 25 years from now! We can only pray that he or she will be infused with the faith that our predecessors were and that our teachers and pastors are today. Keep us in your prayers.

*Parishes and schools are really ‘where it’s at.’*



# Thank you, Holy Father, for 25 years

BY BISHOP JAVIER ECHEVARRÍA  
Prelate of Opus Dei

Photos of the pope from the last few years show one thing that’s changed, and another that hasn’t. As time passes, we see a man’s body slowly but surely breaking down. But what comes home just as clearly and even more forcefully is the image of the same crowds with the same fervor, pressing about him every place he goes.

Many have tried to explain the mystery of John Paul II’s magnetism. In general they have sought for an answer in the hopes that move so many people to turn to him. For example, with all the conflicts bloodying the world, there is a widespread desire for peace, and John Paul II has continually declared that the path to true peace lies in practicing a forgiveness that outlasts division. Others say that what moves us to look to the pope is the keen thirst for truth felt by a society tired of lies and fleeting trends: the voice of the pope fearlessly proclaims a perennial truth, an incorruptible morality, which rises up in defense of the dignity of man.

But we must go deeper if we wish to truly understand John Paul II’s extraordinary attraction. We must look at what theology calls the *sensus fidei*: a sort of instinct of faith permeating the minds and hearts of Catholics.

From this perspective, we see a Church clustered around the pope, a Church unable to distance itself from its supreme Shepherd, a Church that grasps the impossibility of conceiving of itself without him. And we see a Pope who lives for the Church, a pope in whom the Church seeks the face of Christ.

Anyone who listens to him can sense that he speaks with an authority from Above, from that Gospel which will not disappear ‘till heaven and earth pass Away” (Mt

5:18). Close to the successor of Peter we feel a bond of communion stronger than any tie based on history or culture. We touch the mystery that makes the Church the family of God and makes each person a daughter or son of God.

Age and physical suffering are weakening his strength but strengthening his will, as he becomes ever more united to the cross of Jesus, the one whom he loves with such obvious and exemplary generosity.

The pope has called us to contemplate the face of Christ, so that the Church can “take up with new impetus its evangelizing mission” in this new millennium (Apostolic letter *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, 2). And we cannot help but think of the Pope’s own example in his mission as Shepherd of the universal Church, when we

read these other words of his: “The men and women of our own day ‘often perhaps unconsciously ask believers not only to speak of Christ, but in a certain sense to

“show” him to them. And is it not the Church’s task to reflect the light of Christ in every historical period, to make his face shine also before the generations of the new millennium?” (Ibid. 16)

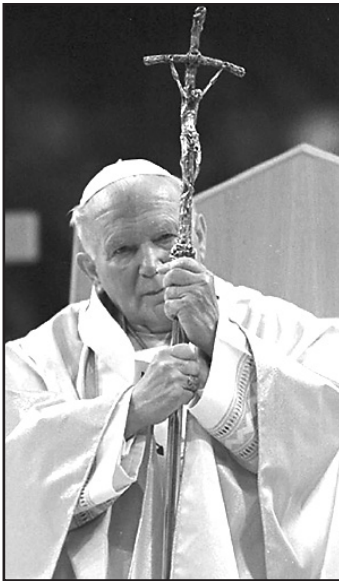
This “contact” with our Lord is produced especially through pain: “The Church is constantly invited by Christ to touch his wounds, to recognize, that is, the fullness of his humanity taken from Mary, given up to death, transfigured by the Resurrection: Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. (Jn 20:27) Like Thomas, the Church bows down in adoration before the Risen One, clothed in the fullness of his divine splendor, and never ceases to exclaim: My Lord and my God!” (Jn 20:28) (Ibid. 21)

In the union between Peter’s successor and Jesus

Christ, which everyone senses to one degree or another, we find another explanation of the mysterious harmony between pope and people. The natural sentiment of affection and gratitude which Catholics have for John Paul II is, fundamentally, a recognition that the pope has made us rediscover the best in ourselves: our personal relationship with God, who created us and saved us in His love.

In his first encyclical, the pope wrote that man “is the primary route that the Church must travel in fulfilling her mission.” The final reason for the connection he makes with the hearts of believers is the fact that his passion for man has its roots in the God-become-man. We feel close to John Paul II because he reminds us that Christ is close to us, that He lives with us, that He gives meaning to our lives. Certainty of Christ’s closeness needs no more evidence than that of the cross, the cross to which the pope is also fastened.

It is only logical then for us to commemorate John Paul II’s 25th anniversary by considering his importance, the profundity of his teachings, and the consequences of his decisions. And it is also quite natural for us to feel the need to express our gratitude with our whole heart. As he recently requested in Pompeii on the feast of our Lady of the Rosary, let us pray for him always, as a sign of our filial affection and of our deep and sincere gratitude.



*He reminds us that  
Christ is close to us.*

## The gift of sight and insight gained through faith

Readings: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52.

The dry climate, the dazzling sunshine and an incredible number of flies combine to cause people of the Near East to suffer from many ailments of the eyes. Visitors to these areas soon become aware that blindness is all too common. This being true today, when at least some modern medical treatments may be applied, one can imagine that the tragic problem was even more prevalent in ancient times.

Blindness and lameness were among the afflictions that barred a descendant of Aaron from exercising his priesthood. (Lv 21:16 and 20) Such handicaps also rendered people unable to take on other roles of leadership in the community.

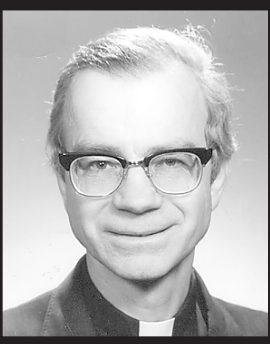
During the exile many of these people must have worried whether they would be able to return to the promised land. With great sensitivity, the prophets assured them that they, as well as the women and children, would receive loving care. The prophet Isaiah even included a vision of the desert being transformed by God’s presence; the blind, the deaf and the lame would be cured so that they could make the journey to Jerusalem. (Is 35:5-6)

Although this Sunday’s passage from Jeremiah’s promise of restoration does not speak explicitly of healing, the special care for the weak is an evident sign of God’s love. “For I am a father to Israel; Ephraim is my first-born.” (3:9) The mention of the Northern Kingdom (often known by its most influential tribe, Ephraim) indicates that Jeremiah hoped for the return of all twelve tribes. “The days are coming, says the

### Sunday Readings

30th Sunday in Ordinary time  
(October 26, 2003)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah” (Jer 31:31).

The oral teachings of priests, prophets and sages were incorporated into written form and eventually were read weekly in the Temple and synagogue. People realized that the return from Babylonian exile, wonderful though it was, did not exhaust the potential of these instructions.

Indeed, the nations would come to worship at Mount Zion. (Is 2:2-4; Zec 2:15-17; 8:20-23; 14:16-21) Although at times this work of God is promised directly without a mediator, often the prophets spoke of a new David, anointed to inaugurate the Kingdom. (Is 9:5-6; 11:1-16; Jer 23:5-6; Ez 34:24, etc.)

When Jesus and His disciples were on pilgrimage

to Jerusalem (Mk 10:32) they passed through Jericho. Somehow a blind beggar heard about the work of Jesus; with an incipient faith that the Messiah had come, he cried out: “Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!” (10:47)

When Jesus called him, the man addressed Him with the title, “Rabboni.” Like “Rabbi” (my great one), it showed reverence for Jesus as a teacher. Did he realize already that if he received his sight he could join Jesus on the pilgrimage? Was he expressing a desire to become a disciple? Jesus commended the man for his faith and indicated that no further level of commitment was needed. “Be on your way, your faith has healed you!” (10:52)

However, the man was not deterred from seeking to know Jesus more deeply. “Immediately he received his sight and started to follow him up the road.” (10:52)

The gift of sight would enable the man to take his place within the community and to exercise his human dignity and covenant fellowship in new ways. Because he had recognized Jesus as Son of David through listening to others, now he could see Jesus, not only with restored eyes but with a growing faith.

That becomes the challenge for each of us. From ancient times, many Christians have made His initial prayer their own. We all need to be healed, restored to wholeness, so we cry out: “Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!”

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

*Now he could see Jesus, not  
only with restored eyes but  
with a growing faith.*





# Ascension Parish, New Milford

## Many elements, one parish community

BY LIESL FORES

Staff Reporter

To celebrate 50 years of faith and service, Ascension Parish in New Milford made a "patchwork quilt" with pictures, drawings and paintings of families, ministries, school activities and depictions of the faith that ties the community together.

Divided into four sections and displayed around the church, the quilt reflects the many pieces that fit together to create the house of worship—the family—of Ascension.

The golden anniversary year ended with a Mass celebrated Oct. 12 by Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. Leading up to the event were a number of festivities organized in the spirit of commemorating the parish milestone.

Included were an opening alumni reunion weekend last October, a special Mass with Archbishop John J. Myers in March followed by a Mardi Gras dance in the school, a fashion show organized by parishioners, members of the Home School Association and faculty members in May, a parish picnic in June and a golf outing in September.

The parish, which was established in 1953 with Father Francis A. Fox as the first pastor (he is buried on parish grounds), was generally made up of members of European descent. Today, however, it is a very multi-cultural community, with people of many different ethnicities.

What's more, what has sustained the parish and allowed it to continue flourishing, in large part, believes Father David W. Milliken, Pastor, is "unity with diversity," a blending of various cultures, ages, interests and backgrounds.

Two large populations within the parish are Filipino and Indian. The Filipino community takes great pride in its parish celebrations of two traditionally significant feast days, that of the Queenship of Mary in August, and that of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino saint, in September. Special Masses are offered, and nine-day novenas precede each feast day.

Father Arcadio Munoz, Parochial Vicar at Ascension, is in charge of organizing these observances.

The Indian Syro-Malabar Rite of the Catholic Church, whose U.S. diocese is headquartered in Chicago, has a center in Ascension Parish. Parishioners who are members of this Rite celebrate two Masses a month in their language, Malayalam, on first and third Sundays.

Father Joy Alappat, a Syro-

Malabar priest and the director of the Rite's mission at Ascension, is the celebrant.

The parish also celebrates with great fanfare a special Christmas-time bilingual liturgy, in English and Malayalam, and began a tradition this July with the first annual Mass for the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, the patron saint of India.

These are elaborate celebrations, the pastor explained, in which participants use traditional Indian vestments.

Father Milliken sometimes celebrates these Masses. "I've learned some Malayalam," he said. "I've learned to say, 'Praise be to Jesus Christ.' They love it when I speak a little Malayalam."

Ascension Parish hosted this summer three Syro-Malabar clerics, Chicago's Bishop Jacob Angadiath, and Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil and Bishop James Pazhayattil, both from India, during a national convention for the Syro-Malabar Rite, which took place in New Brunswick.

"They've been here before," said Father Milliken, noting that they always enjoy their stay at Ascension.

Both cultures add deep spirituality and great flavor to the parish, forming an important part of the "patchwork" that it is.

Another piece of the pattern is the school—also celebrating its 50th anniversary—and namely, the 200-plus pre-kindergarten through eighth grade students who fill its halls.

The school and parish have a "reciprocal" relationship, according to Father Milliken, who stressed parent involvement in church functions and ministries. He also pointed out that the parish uses the school building for different and gatherings.

A point of enjoyment for all members of the Ascension family is the children's choir. Comprised of about 60 children, mostly students from Ascension School with some area-public school students, the choir sings once a month at the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.

It will also be giving a fund raising concert on Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m., along with the Children of the World Chorus, from neighboring Norwood, to benefit the parish's music program.

"The music ministry is truly a great blessing," asserted Father Milliken, who added that new music director, April Kuhr, is "very active, vibrant and dynamic; people have accepted her so well." Kuhr will play the organ at the benefit concert, accompanied by trumpet player, Dominic Derasse.

The school itself has had a "facelift," says Father Milliken. To commemorate Jubilee Year 2000, the parish undertook a capital campaign, the money from which was used to complete renovations this year to the school and church.

The school received a new science lab, computer lab, library, multipurpose room and cafeteria. Plans for a new religious education center in the school, to accommodate the 410 first through ninth grade CCD students, are also under way.

A parish gathering room connected to the convent for group meetings for the numerous ministries of word, worship, community building and service was also added.

One active ministry in particular is Christian Foundation for Ministry (CFM). Father Milliken revived this when he came to the parish almost three years ago.

The archdiocesan program offers people a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith and ways for them to become more involved in the ministerial life. It is a three-year spiritual and educational process.

"This is the third year of the program, so participants should be graduating next September," explained Father Milliken, who has taught CFM classes at different parishes for many years.

"What's always interesting is that with this group of people who don't know each other at the first seminar, there's such bonding—a wonderful community of bonding forms."

Adding that Ascension is a CFM center for other parishes in the area, he noted that the group of about 19 participants has real potential for becoming, if they are not already, active ministers in their parishes.

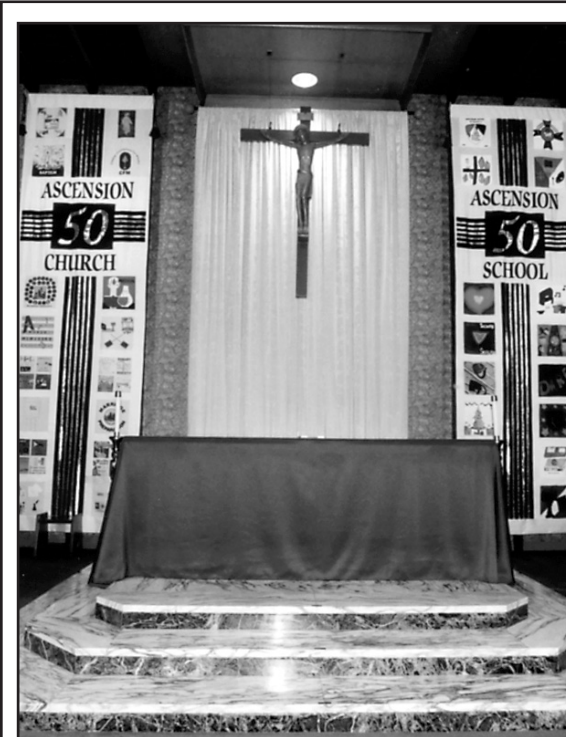
Calling it a "vibrant parish," the pastor says Ascension "continues to grow and is just flourishing... I'm overwhelmed by the amazing love of God; it continues to work in our lives."

Describing the essence of the parish, Father Milliken asserted, "The people here—I'm just overwhelmed by their faith. It has helped to strengthen my faith and the faith of the other priests." He also emphasized that a "dedicated staff" is key.

These are all pieces of the "patchwork quilt"—an intricate, colorful, strong and expressive collage of people from many different backgrounds, all forming one community under God.

"It's been an awesome year," declared Father Milliken. "Fifty years of faith have been well rewarded."

Ascension Parish is located at 256 Azalea Drive in New Milford.



### Anniversary Prayer

Loving God,  
our parish is like a patchwork quilt.  
Some pieces are bright and cheerful,  
memories of sun and laughter,  
and for these we give thanks and praise!  
Others are dark and heavy,  
reminding us of dull routines and sad times;  
for these give us courage and strength.  
For fifty years  
you have knit us together  
the dark and heavy,  
the bright and cheerful—a family.  
Please, continue to wrap us in your great love  
and cover us with your care.  
We ask this for all families  
who together create  
our Ascension Parish Family  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



# After the war Ascension arose and grew with its congregation

With the post-World War II population boom, the Archdiocese of Newark authorized formation of a new parish to meet the needs of transplanted suburbanites.

On April 19, 1952, Father Thomas F. Curry, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Oradell, received permission to purchase five acres in the southern section of New Milford for a new parish to serve the spiritual needs of that town and parts of Bergenfield and Teaneck. Approval was also granted for construction of a combination church and school building.

In the meantime, Mass was to be celebrated at 9 a.m. Sunday, beginning Aug. 29 at nearby Stuben School. There was such a large turnout that an 11 a.m. Mass was added.

Just eight months later, on Jan. 28, 1953, Archbishop Thomas A. Boland formally established Ascension Mission Church of St. Joseph's as a canonical parish. The first pastor, Father Francis A. Fox, a diocesan priest 23 years, was appointed on June 27, 1953.

It was not long after his arrival that Father Fox faced a major managerial difficulty.

Although construction was under way, engineers recommended that the work cease and the site be abandoned because of marshy conditions.

A solution was found. A drainage system was installed to relieve the pressure under and around the building. Once that was done, construction resumed.

Other priests were soon to join

Father Fox at the pioneer suburban parish. On Dec. 19, 1962, Father Fox was named a monsignor.

Father Robert Benedict, an early member of the staff, had the gym and parish auditorium named after him.

On Sept. 11, 1953 the auditorium/church was dedicated. Eighty parishioners attended the first Mass. By the end of the year there were over 800 parishioners. That same month the school opened under the direction of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Caldwell. There were 150 students in grades K-4. The following September 120 youngsters were enrolled in kindergarten, bringing the total student body to 350. By August 1953 the sisters were living in the school. The next month a home was purchased for a rectory.

Father Fox moved quickly to establish the Holy Name Society and an Altar Society. Volunteers staffed the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes for public school students. The task of building tables for the school cafeteria was undertaken by 45 volunteers. The CYO fell under the direction of Father Robert Benedict.

With 1500 parishioners by the end of 1955, it became apparent the parish had to expand its facilities. A fund drive was launched in March to raise \$250,000 for a church, rectory, convent and school addition. The campaign's motto was "One Day's Wage a Month for 30 Months." The goal was surpassed, with a final total of \$325,000.

Sister Mary Patricius opened the school with its additional eight classrooms, a clinic and faculty room with

the new school year of 1957. The convent opened in December. The first Mass was celebrated in the new church Feb. 9, 1958 with seating for 862 people.

By the early 60s, the school had an enrollment of 1160. The first religious education coordinator was Sister Marion Carlin, O.P. in 1973. Her successor two years later, Sister Marie Joyce, S.C. initiated the Total Parish Education program.

Upon his retirement in December 1975, Msgr. Fox was saluted by both the parish and town of New Milford. Archbishop Peter L. Gerety named him Pastor Emeritus.

The new pastor, Father John A. Merity, served until June of 1978.

In that short time, however, Father Merity led formation of the first Parish Council, with committees of Christian Service, Education, Parish Life and Spiritual Development. Father Merity also established the Office of Pastoral Care in 1977 under the leadership of Sister Catherine Brian, O.P., who formed the Ascension Golden Ministry to serve senior citizens.

At about the same time the parish youth ministry was established.

Father Thomas E. Davis became the third pastor on July 1, 1978 and began a service that lasted 15 years.

A major task for the new pastor was renovation of the church through a "Campaign 88" fund drive. The goal was \$800,000 over three years.

Father Davis also initiated the reform of the Parish Council based on four ministries.

In 1979, Father Jerry Hahn was appointed parochial vicar, beginning a fruitful 15 years at the parish. He was noted for his work with the Youth Ministry and Ascension Golden Ministry.

In 1980 Father Timothy Graf was appointed a parochial vicar. Under him the Christian Foundation for Ministry was founded.

Dr. Gene Tozzi, the parish director of religious education, also came on the scene. He has devoted much time to the Cornerstone Retreats.

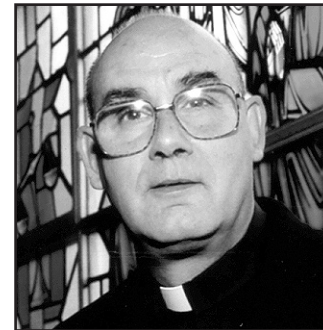
During the 90s, the school saw the arrival of Pre-K, after-school and computer programs. Initiated too was a school board.

Father Davis retired on May 23, 1993. He was succeeded by Msgr. Thomas P. Ivory.

Msgr. Ivory launched the Ascension 2000 program as part of a celebration of the parish's third millennium. The goal was to provide needed repairs at the church and school as well as additional space for parish meetings and programs.

The latest visible sign of Ascension

## Meet the Pastor



### Father David Milliken

**Age:** 55

**Date of Birth:** January 15, 1948

**High School:** St. Patrick's, Newburgh, NY

**College/Seminary/Graduate**

**School:** University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada; St. John's Seminary, Collegeville, MN

**Heroes:** The Sisters of the Resurrection, the sisters who taught me in grade school; Abbot Martin Burne, O.S.B., the abbot who accepted me into the Benedictine community of St. Mary's Abbey, Morristown

**Favorite Saint:** St. Paul, St.

Therese, the Little Flower

**Favorite Sport:** Hockey

**Favorite Food:** Roast leg of lamb

**Favorite Subject in School:**

English, especially grammar

**Favorite Movie:** *Pay It Forward*

**Proudest Moment:** My ordination to the priesthood; my installation as pastor of Ascension Parish

**Last Book Read:** *The King of Torts* by John Grisham

**Occupation if I weren't a**

**Priest:** English or music teacher



Advocate photo - Frank Wood

With changing demographics came the Indian community as a vibrant part of the growing cultural and spiritual mosaic at Ascension Parish.

2000 is the new Parish Gathering Room located in the convent.

During Msgr. Ivory's pastorate, the role of the laity was expanded especially through the active participation of the parish in the Archdiocesan Synod of 1993-94.

The increasing Filipino community has become a vibrant part of the parish. For a number of years the parish has had a Filipino priest as a weekend assistant. A key appointment was that of Father Arcadio Munoz as a parochial vicar.

The Indian community has provided another piece to the parish's growing cultural and spiritual mosaic.

The next pastor was Father John McGovern who served just short of two years.

Father David Milliken was named administrator in 2001 and then became the sixth pastor soon after. He has overseen much construction and brought back CFM.



# Doing God's work in hospitals of the Archdiocese

**BY LIESL FORES**  
Staff Reporter

"Pastoral care is a very private ministry," asserts Msgr. Manuel Cruz, Director of Pastoral Care at Saint Michael's Medical Center, Newark, and the newly appointed Archdiocesan Director for Hospital Ministry. "You may have a very positive experience with people you'll never see again; it's not necessarily within a community. And so, this private minister needs recognition."

Referring to Pastoral Care Week, a national observance taking place Oct. 19-25, Msgr. Cruz noted that it is meant to honor "those people who are willing to be selfless with their time and who really empty themselves of their own needs"

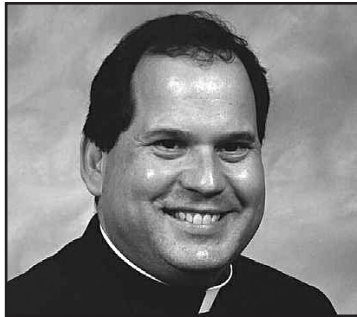
so that they may serve the needs of the sick and dying, their families and hospital staff.

This is ventured through counseling, spiritual guidance, administering of sacraments and simply visiting patients and loved ones to offer company or support.

Besides hospital chaplains and pastoral care staff, Msgr. Cruz pointed to the many volunteers at Saint Michael's, "one of the greatest blessings. They faithfully come to serve daily, to visit and give Communion. Theirs is a story of faith."

He also mentioned plans for a bereavement support group that are under way at Saint Michael's.

"It is a wonderful experience to work with other disci-



Msgr. Manuel Cruz

plines, like nursing and customer service. In all the meetings, we learn more and more about people's faith and the eagerness in all of us to be present to those who are in pain," explained Msgr. Cruz.

He emphasized too the gratefulness of patients, particularly those who are critically ill or dying, for the presence of a priest.

"Even with tubes in their mouths, even when they can't speak and are in pain, they whisper, 'Thank you.' That's so powerful for me," he stressed.

Citing challenges, the monsignor indicated that pastoral care ministers, in dealing with the ill and dying, are faced with their own mortality every day. And there are conflicts with patients and families at times, but he said he tries to be understanding: "They're going through so much."

Language can also be an obstacle for patients. The technical wording of diagnoses or treatments can overwhelm those who are native English speakers, let alone someone for whom English is not his or her first language. Msgr. Cruz often translates for Spanish speakers, helping to ease the anxiety—on top of being sick—of not understanding what the physician is saying.

In this, his medical background in neuropathology is "a blessing," he noted, though it doesn't make the task of "telling someone his life will change forever" any easier.

Recalling having to inform a young man that he had cancer, he said, "From my lips this bad news came...These are things that you carry with you."

Despite such difficult situations, however, Msgr. Cruz's motto is, "The day this job is easy is the day I don't belong here."

"Ultimately, the greatest blessing is to share my faith...When you meet patients, they're at the most vulnerable stage in their lives. That's when faith can be shared at its best," he concluded.

Pastoral Care Week (an endeavor that began in 1985 and has extended internationally), pays tribute to all chaplains and pastoral care counselors, educators and providers, those who "cross institutional, economic, cultural and ecclesiastical boundaries to present a God who demonstrates a desire for healing and wholeness in human life," that they may be strengthened to continue the precious work they do 52 weeks a year.

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"I applaud the generosity of Charlie and Joan Alberto, their love of Seton Hall and their great confidence in our mission to make a difference in the lives of our students," said Monsignor Robert Sheeran, President of Seton Hall University.

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tor of the Alberto Institute of Italian Studies and holder of the Joseph M. and Geraldine C. La Motta Chair in Italian Studies at Seton Hall.

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Charles Alberto is a past president of the Orange/West Orange Chapter of UNICO National and is an adviser to a number of corporate and charitable boards.

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Candle to honor Pope John Paul II—Msgr. Richard Groncki, Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, places a candle with the Holy Father's coat of arms near a small statue of the pontiff before a chapel altar. The candle was unveiled at the Oct. 19 Mass in commemoration of the 25th year of John Paul's pontificate.

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# Firefighters, families remember their fallen brethren

BY WARD MIELE

Managing Editor

The “selfless” service of firefighters was saluted Sunday, Oct. 12 by Archbishop John J. Myers at the annual St. Florian Mass.

Firefighters, rescue squad personnel and their families from throughout the Archdiocese and beyond filled the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark for the afternoon Mass.

With a huge American flag dangling between two fire trucks at the sidewalk in front of the Cathedral Basilica, the firemen processed inside to the steady cadence of bagpipe bands and color guards.

St. Florian was an officer in the Roman army in the third century. He is said to have stopped a town from burning by throwing a single bucket of water on the blaze. Since then he has been associated with firefighters.

After the National Anthem, Archbishop Myers told the firefighters he was “honored to celebrate Mass with you and for you.” He cited the “public service and contributions to society” made by the women and men who wear the uniform.

In his homily, the Archbishop recalled childhood days on an Illinois farm. He told of his memories of a small town volunteer fire department and how the firefighters then as

now are “heroes.” Firefighters, the Archbishop noted, “maintain basic order and safety in society.”

Calling firefighting an “essential function,” the Archbishop added “we thank you, we are very grateful.”

The community and department in which each of the firefighters works are enriched by their presence, Archbishop Myers declared. He described firefighters as individuals “who

want to make a difference.”

Acknowledging the risk inherent in the job, Archbishop told the families he prays “for their continued safety.”

A solemn moment after communion came when a fire bell on the altar rail was rung in remembrance of those firefighters who had given their lives in the line of duty. After the bell had sounded, *Amazing Grace* echoed throughout the Cathedral Basilica.



Firemen formed an honor guard outside of the Cathedral Basilica at the conclusion of the St. Florian Mass.



Snapping to attention, *Amazing Grace* is played following ringing of a fire bell in remembrance of fallen comrades.

## Mission, Year of Rosary noted

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“Today we begin the celebration of the 50th year of this magnificent Cathedral Basilica church” where “we are reminded that heaven and earth come together” as we worship, the Archbishop said. He also noted that both John Paul II and Blessed Teresa have prayed in this building.

Throughout the coming year, sesquicentennial festivities will include special Masses, receptions, exhibitions and the publication of *Seeds of Faith, Branches of Hope*, a book that chronicles the evolution of Catholicism in New Jersey.

The Diocese of Newark was established by Pope Pius IX in the apostolic brief *Apostolici ministerii* on July 29, 1853 to serve the Catholic population in the state of New Jersey. In subsequent years the state was divided into five dioceses, which comprise the present-day Province of New Jersey.

Most Rev. James Roosevelt

Bayley, the nephew of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first Bishop of Newark, serving from 1853 to 1872.

Well over 500 people from all four counties of the Archdiocese attended the Sunday Mass on a crisp, overcast October afternoon. Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety and Auxiliary Bishops Arthur J. Serratelli and David Arias concelebrated the Mass. More than 30 priests, as well as deacons and Missionaries of Charity, Blessed Teresa’s community, were also present at the liturgy.

Pope John Paul II has served longer than all but two popes, based on written historical records: Pope Pius IX (1846-1878) and Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903). He was elected on the sixth ballot of the second conclave of 1978, after the death of his predecessor, John Paul I, who reigned for only 33 days.

Even in her lifetime, Mother Teresa, the Albanian-born

founder of the Missionaries of Charity, was considered a saint by many. She was personally close to the Holy Father, and she died in India at age 87. In 1979 Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 150 years, the Archdiocese of Newark has grown to become one of the largest dioceses in the nation, as the home to more than 1000 priests, 1400 religious brothers and sisters, 200 deacons and 100 seminarians. The Cathedral Basilica, dedicated in 1954, is the fifth-largest such structure in the United States.

Through ministries in 234 parishes, 171 schools, hospitals and social-service institutions, the Archdiocese serves over 1.3 million Catholics in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties.

Copies of the sesquicentennial commemorative edition of *The Catholic Advocate* were available at the Cathedral Basilica at the conclusion of the Mass.

## Educator

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“reciprocal process... (the students) challenge me as much as I challenge them and, as a result, we learn from one another.”

The Teacher of the Year described as one of her “primary” goals “to teach my students to be productive members of society.” To be so, she believes, goes beyond being “academically prepared... I have a responsibility to educate more than just the mind; I must help to educate the heart and spirit.” Because of her school’s philosophy, says Costa, “I am able to do this on a daily basis.”

Carla Costa derives her “greatest satisfaction” from two sources: teaching in the Central Ward of Newark and participation in the school’s service program Students In Community.

Teaching in the inner-city, says Costa, provides the opportunity to teach students who come from “under represented groups.” Most of her students, Costa notes, are African-American and many

other Latinos. Both of these groups, she feels, “have the odds stacked against them.”

Costa has been Student Forum moderator the last seven years. In that role she encourages and guides the officers in planning and carrying out activities “that impact our school community, as well as the community-at-large.”

Another project she has undertaken recently is training the faculty on the use of grading software. This is the first year the school will be entering grades electronically. It is just one of several technology projects Costa hopes to implement.

Costa still finds it “baffling” that she has been “recognized” for “doing what I love.” She likens it to a baseball player receiving Most Valuable Player status or Rookie of the Year honors “for something they love to do.”

She is also quick to point out “I did not get here alone.” To that end she mentions her parents and her schooling.” In fact Sister June, noting Costa’s degrees from College of Saint Elizabeth, says “we feel like she is one of our daughters.”





Pastors, clergy, Religious, lay leaders and those active in Stewardship filled Kozlowski Hall on the campus of Seton Hall University for Stewardship Day— A Day of Discipleship on Saturday, Oct. 11. The day began with a prayer service led by Archbishop John J. Myers. Breakout sessions were held throughout the day. Among the instructors was Father James Sheehan, Secretary to the Archbishop., bottom left photo. Taking to the podium during the prayer service, middle right photo, was Deacon John McKenna, Director of Stewardship and Planned Giving.



Advocate photos- Ward Miele

# Law enforcement community gathers in prayer

**BY WARD MIELE**  
*Managing Editor*

Archbishop John J. Myers thanked the law enforcement community for its service and prayed for the continued safety of the men and women in uniform at the annual Blue Mass on Friday at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

Police from departments throughout the Archdiocese were joined by city, county and state officials as well as family members at the annual Mass.

Archbishop Myers said he was “happy to honor” all of those in law enforcement. He made special mention of the officers killed in the line of duty during the past year. They include New Jersey State Trooper Christopher Scales, killed Dec. 3, 2002; Officer Mary Ann Collura of the Fair Lawn Police Department, who gave her life on

April 17, 2003; and Newark Police Officer Melvin Lisojo who died June 24, 2003.

In a particularly moving tribute to his fallen father, Officer Lisojo’s son, dressed in a replica of his father’s uniform, presented the gifts to Archbishop Myers.

In his homily, the Archbishop said “we do appreciate the opportunity to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving” with those in law enforcement citing their courage.

Explaining that he has a brother-in-law who is a retired state trooper back in Illinois, Archbishop Myers said his family is familiar with what it means to be in law enforcement.

The job, he went on, involves stress, danger and working “unusual” hours. The police, commented Archbishop Myers, deal with “the problems of soci-

ety” while being responsible for upholding the Constitution.

Each tour of duty, he noted, means putting one’s life at risk in what has become an increasingly violent society.

The police must often make instant decisions involving life and death, said the Archbishop. He made specific reference to the need to prevent terrorism. These difficult duties, he said, are “heavy burdens indeed.”

Despite the “complexity” of their profession, noted Archbishop Myers, “please find time to spend time with your families, they need your presence.”

He also called upon the law enforcement community to “find moments to pray... even the desire to pray is a prayer.” Pointing out that it is the Year of the Rosary, the Archbishop suggested that officers carry a Rosary with them.



As the colors were struck, officers snapped to attention inside and outside the Cathedral Basilica.

Advocate photos- Ward Miele





## Deanery plans to celebrate sesquicentennial

St. Joseph Parish, Lodi, will host a Deanery 4 celebration on Oct. 26 to mark the sesquicentennial year (150th anniversary) of the Archdiocese of Newark.

St. Joseph's will be joined by the other parishes of the Deanery: Most Holy Name Parish, Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish and St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Garfield; St. Leo Parish, Elmwood Park; Sacred Heart Parish, Rochelle Park; St. Anne Parish, Fairlawn; St. Francis de Sales Parish, Lodi; and St. Philip the Apostle Parish and Church of the Korean

Martyrs Parish, Saddle Brook.

The celebration begins with solemn exposition of the Holy Eucharist following the noon Mass. To exemplify the diversity within the parishes, representatives will sing hymns of adoration in their respective languages: English, Spanish, Polish, Italian, Korean, Portuguese and Tagalog (Philippines).

The hymns begin at 2:30 p.m. Evening prayer follows from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

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Sugar Ray Leonard, former welterweight Olympic and world champion, cuts the ribbon to start this year's Walk to Cure Diabetes at Liberty State Park, Jersey City. With him, from left, are Ceu Cirne-Neves, Administrator of Saint James Hospital, Newark; Dr. Shashikant Chandarana, Director of the Department of Medical Imaging at Saint James Hospital; and Donald M. Daniels, Chairman and CEO of the Archdiocese of Newark's Cathedral Healthcare System. The event was sponsored by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International. Daniels was one of the Walk's corporate recruitment chairmen.

## St. Andrew's, Bayonne to celebrate 90 years

St. Andrew Parish in Bayonne will celebrate its 90th anniversary with a concelebrated Mass and gala Saturday, Nov. 1.

In 1913, Father Andrew M. Egan, for whom the parish is named, purchased 15 lots on Broadway, West Fourth Street and Story Court and broke ground for the construction of St. Andrew's combination chapel and school. The school was staffed, as it is today, by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill, PA.

During the coming years, a rectory and convent were erected, and a new church was dedicated in 1923. The current St. Andrew School was built on the corner of Fourth Street and Broadway in 1955.

Today, St. Andrew's Parish educates almost 200 children from throughout the city, meets the needs of the community through its food pantry and other services, and serves the spiritual needs of its parishioners, as it has for almost a century.

Father John Doherty, Pastor of St. Andrew's, calls the parish part of a "rich history of the Bergen Point section of Bayonne." He points to the "active school community, spiritual activities and social services of St. Andrew's as proof of the importance of the parish and the role it plays in today's community."

"Over the past 90 years, St. Andrew's has baptized, educated, cared for, married, ordained and sent its parishioners to their eternal rest. It has in many ways been the life blood of downtown Bayonne. I pray that we are able to continue building for the future on the solid foundation of our past."

The celebration will begin with a 5 p.m. concelebrated Mass at St. Andrew's, followed by a 7 p.m. cocktail hour, and dinner and dancing at the Newark Airport Marriott. Transportation will be available. For more information contact Kathy Whelply at (201) 339-1274.



Bereavement support is offered in many Archdiocesan parishes

Solemnity based on need to honor martyrs' deaths

The Office of Family Life Ministries sponsors parish-based support groups and other bereavement services throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark. These groups are open to people of all faiths who are grieving the death of a loved one.

Trained facilitators provide information on the grief process and help participants find support through the sharing of experiences.

Parents

Support groups for parents who have lost a child meet at two locations: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 60 Byrd Ave., Bloomfield, on the first Wednesday of each month from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., contact number (201) 288-6886, and St. Peter the Apostle Parish, 445 Fifth Ave., River Edge, on the third Monday of each month, contact numbers (201) 265-3688 and (201) 261-5400.

Fathers

An evening of reflection, sharing, prayer and discussion for fathers whose children have died will be held Friday,

Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Parish, 359 Central Ave., North Caldwell.

The needs of fathers who have suffered the loss of a son or daughter are unique. One of these needs is to share the experience with other men who have lived this very complicated and difficult kind of grief.

Grieving fathers are invited to this evening of counsel and support in hope it will provide a special place of understanding and healing.

For further information about these services, please contact the Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327.

In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnizing the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them and to join in a common feast.

Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. But the Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all.

The first trace of this we find in Antioch on the Sunday after

Pentecost. We also find mention of a common day in a sermon of St. Ephrem the Syrian (373), and in the 74th homily of St. John Chrysostom (407). At first only martyrs and St. John the Baptist were honored by a special day.

Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of canonization was established; still, as early as 411 there is in the

Chaldean Calendar a *Commemoratio Confessorum* for the Friday after Easter. In the West, Boniface IV, on May 13, 609, or 610, consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs, ordering an anniversary. Gregory III (731-741) consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter to all the saints and fixed the anniversary for Nov. 1.

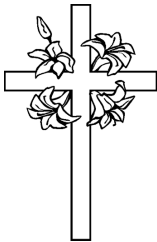
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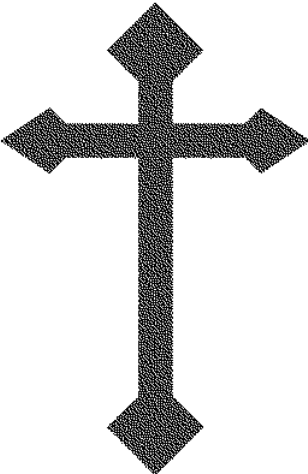
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World Priest Day, celebrated the middle of last month, was marked throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. At St. Theresa of Avila Early Childhood Center in Summit, each class made gifts for the parish priests. In the upper right photo, Msgr. Robert Harahan, Pastor, is presented with a banner bearing the handprints of each student. Seventh graders in Sandra DeRogatis's class at Queen of Peace School in North Arlington, top left, presented Father Scott Attanasio, Parochial Vicar, with a quilt. The students are, left to right, Chelsea Orozco, Allyson Ferrara, Gabriela Fusco, Samantha Murphy, Kira Oppici and Danielle Ulrich. In the bottom left photo are students at St. John the Apostle School, Clark/Linden. Left to right, back row, Michael Davis, Christopher DaSilva, Jamie Spellerberg and Samantha Gombas and, front row, Patrick DaSilva and Olivia Nieman, honored their priests with handmade cards and a fruit basket. Admiring the cards is Msgr. Richard McGuinness, Pastor.

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Sister Mary Hiltrude Koba, Associate Director for Institutional Advancement at Felician College, welcomes Bergen County Sheriff Joel G. Trella. The sheriff spoke on topics of interest to senior citizens.

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## Talk on security issues

Bergen County Sheriff Joel G. Trella recently addressed members of Older is Better at the Lecture Hall at Felician College, Lodi.

Sheriff Trella spoke on topics pertinent to senior citizens, such as avoiding scams and identity theft, senior safety tips and emergency preparedness.

The Sheriff was sworn in last year. His duties include leading and managing a staff of 510 sworn and civilian personnel, with budget responsibilities of over \$44 million. He is also responsible for the operations of the county jail, courthouse security, the Bureau of Criminal Identification, process serving, and writs and court orders.

## Help is widely available on web, aimed at seniors

Senior citizens and their families can now find the services they want and need via a new website that is free of charge.

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## Sheriff appointed to hospital board

Essex County Sheriff Armando B. Fontoura, has been appointed to the Cathedral Healthcare System Board of Governors by Archbishop John J. Myers. Fontoura will serve a three-year term on the board, ending Dec. 31, 2006.

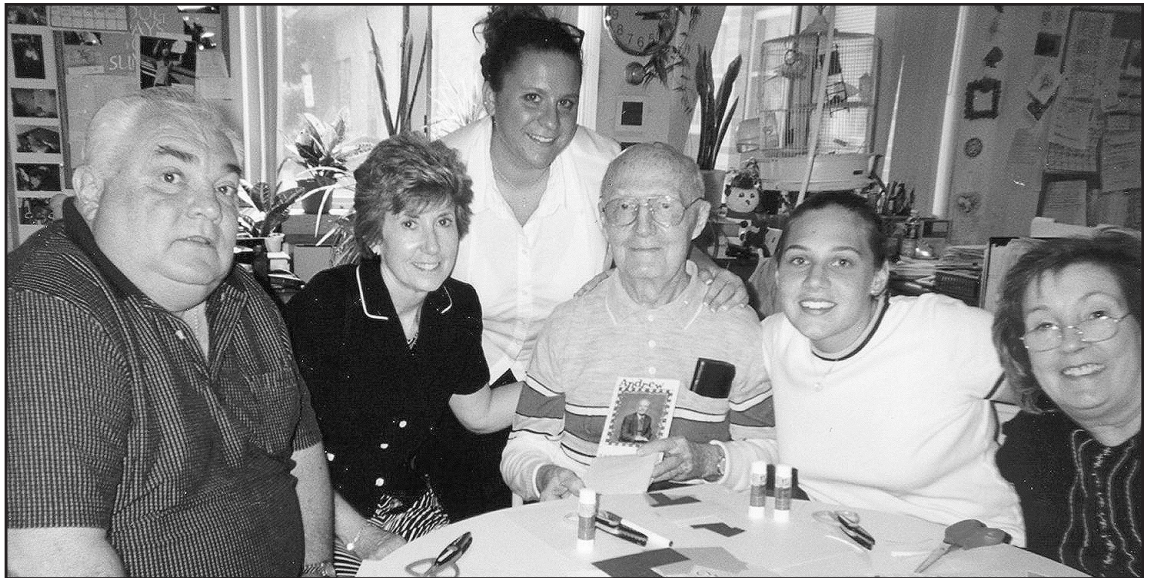
Cathedral Healthcare System is the leading provider of health care services to the greater Newark Area.

The four-system hospital includes Saint Michael's Medical Center, Saint James Hospital and Columbus Hospital, Newark, and Saint Mary's Life Center and the Hospital Center, Orange, and supports the Catholic mission of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Sheriff Fontoura devotes considerable time to civic and charitable causes, including the boards of the Greater Newark Fresh Air, the United Way, the Salvation Army, The Star-Ledger Christmas Fund and the Ironbound Boys' and Girls' Club, to name a few. He served as chairman of the Saint James Hospital Centennial Fund Drive in 2000.

Archbishop Myers expressed his gratitude to Sheriff Fontoura for his willingness to commit his time and talent to assisting the Archdiocese of Newark in its health care ministry through his membership on the board of governors.

Donald M. Daniels, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Cathedral Healthcare System, says, "Sheriff Fontoura is a valuable addition to the board. He has had a distinguished career in public service, is nationally known for his expertise, and devotes considerable time to many civic and charitable causes."



To celebrate Grandparents Day, the Allendale Community for Mature Living hosted a Memory-Making Party for residents and their families. With Atrium resident Andy Gilligan, center, left to right, are son-in-law Jack Leyden of New York; daughter Gloria Berry of Ramsey; granddaughters Kristen and Danielle Berry, and daughter Andrea Leyden.

## Lab services cited for excellence

Saint Michael's Medical Center Clinical Laboratory, Newark, has been awarded an accreditation with distinction for the period of 2003-2005. This award was granted by the Commission on Laboratory

Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

The laboratory's director, John Yelcick, M.D. was advised of this national recognition and

citation for the "excellence of the services being provided." Saint Michael's Medical Center Clinical Laboratory is one of more than 6,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program.

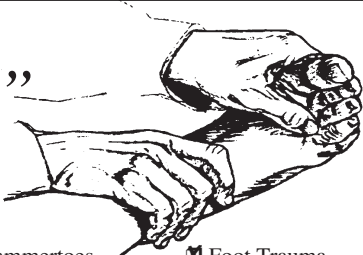
During the CAP accreditation process, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years.

CAP inspectors also examine the entire staff's qualifications, the laboratory's equipment, facilities, safety program and record, as well as the overall management of the laboratory.

The College of American Pathologists is a medical society serving nearly 16,000 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world's largest association composed exclusively of pathologists.

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# Pope's frailties are very apparent

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The difficulty Pope John Paul II has speaking and the possibility that one day he will not be able to speak at all do not threaten his ability to govern the Church, a Vatican official said.

“The Church does not govern with the tongue, but with the head and with the heart,” said Jose Cardinal Saraiva Martins, Prefect of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes.

The cardinal spoke Oct. 16, the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul’s election, after a ceremony at which the pope read only the first and last thirds of his prepared text.

For months, the Holy Father has been shortening the length of his speeches and, especially since mid-September, has been allowing aides to read major portions of the prepared texts.

When he does read, the pope’s voice is often weak, his speech slurred and his breathing labored—all signs that his neurological disease, believed to be Parkinson’s, is progressing.

Saraiva Cardinal Martins said that in governing the Church with his head and heart, “This pope is still perfect.”

Lubomyr Cardinal Husar of Lviv, Archbishop of Lviv of the Ukrainians, said he recently met with the pope, and he is certain that the pope “is spiritually strong and acute in his perception and reaction” to what is being discussed.

“One thing anyone who has been in touch with the pope in the last weeks knows is that as for his spiritual and intellectual forces he is in great shape,” the cardinal told Catholic News Service.

“He is perfectly on par when listening and responding, although his voice is not always clear,” the cardinal said.

Los Angeles Roger Cardinal Mahony said while the pope’s infirmities may limit him, they do not affect his ability to govern.

“Certainly the pope is very much in control,” Cardinal Mahony told reporters in Rome Oct. 15. “Is he managing all aspects of the Church as he used to? Of course not. No one expects that.”

Instead of being deeply involved in the details of the Vatican as he once was, Pope John Paul is focusing on his role as shepherd of a flock, the cardinal said.

“Right now his message is all pastoral,” he said.



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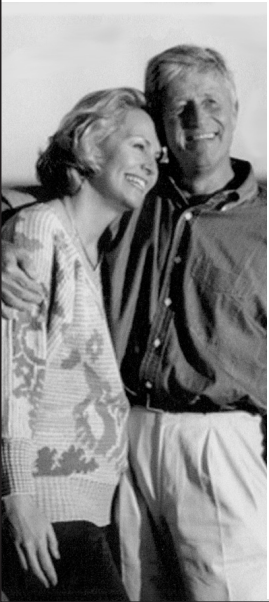
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# ‘Proteger a los niños de Dios’ es nuestra mas alta prioridad

**POR EL ARZOBISPO JOHN J. MYERS**  
*Arzobispo de Newark*

Cuando los obispos se reunieron en Dallas hace poco más de un año para crear los Estatutos para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes, queríamos demostrar claramente que la Iglesia no tolera el abuso sexual de menores y que no es el lugar para los ofensores.

En esta Arquidiócesis, hemos tomado las medidas necesarias para retirar a cualquiera- clero, religioso o laico- que cometa crímenes en contra de nuestros niños. Nuevamente les prometo que continuaremos actuando así como todas las demás diócesis de los Estados Unidos.

Los obispos acordaron en Dallas que todos los que sirven en un ministerio de niños y jóvenes tienen que aprender las señales que avisan abuso sexual por adultos, porque sólo cuando sabemos de algo tenemos el poder de pararlo.

También estuvimos de acuerdo en Dallas que la Iglesia tiene que demostrar que ella está vigilante acerca de quien está en contacto con nuestros niños. Porque cuando llamamos la atención sobre nuestra vigilancia públicamente, podemos disuadir a los ofensores de escoger a un niño de nuestras parroquias, nuestros colegios, o de nuestros programas para los jóvenes, como posibles víctimas.

En años recientes, otras organizaciones que sirven a la juventud han tomado las mismas medidas, con frecuencia después de sufrir las mismas clases de pruebas que los católicos están viviendo. Sin embargo, esos principios vigilantes se están fortaleciendo mientras los ofensores reconsideran sus malvadas acciones.

La Iglesia acepta esta responsabilidad de buena gana. Es una manera de restaurar la confianza y de movernos hacia adelante.

For tales razones estamos implementando con decisión

en la Arquidiócesis de Newark dos programas: el conocer el Programa de Protección de abusos sexuales a los niños, y una nueva política que requiere el chequeo de antecedentes de todos nuestros voluntarios presentes y futuros.

El abuso sexual de menores no es sólo un problema de la Iglesia. No es sólo un problema del clero. Es un problema social. Al implementar el Programa de Protección a los Niños de Dios, estamos instruyendo a los empleados y voluntarios no sólo para beneficio de la Iglesia sino para la comunidad en general también.

De igual manera, al requerir el chequeo del pasado de los empleados, la Iglesia está públicamente diciendo a toda la comunidad que la seguridad del niño es nuestra mayor prioridad. Piensa en nuestros colegios o escuelas. Los maestros han requerido que se les investigue por esta misma razón y se ha hecho por años.

Aunque este chequeo se ha visto como una intromisión en un principio, ahora se considera como parte integral del sistema de educación y un beneficio para los niños.

Es triste, pero cierto, que la Iglesia ha recibido montañas de exposición al medio de publicación. Sin embargo, hemos empezado a ver un incremento en los medios de comunicación de estar conscientes de esto como del amplio problema social que existe.

Sólo en el pasado mes, periódicos y televisión han reportado un número de casos de arrestos, investigaciones en curso, y casos judiciales relacionados con abusos sexuales que incluyen a miembros de nuestra sociedad, la mayoría de ellos conocidos y respetados, con frecuencia casados, y todos en posiciones de confianza.

Debemos de estar agradecidos porque ha aumentado la atención sobre estos problemas. Por lo menos, tales reportes deben animarnos a volver a comprometernos a tomar todas

las medidas necesarias para asegurar un ambiente seguro para los niños en la Iglesia y en todas partes.

Al exigir que todos los que sirvan a niños y jóvenes asistan a un entrenamiento sobre como reconocer el abuso sexual y ser expuestos a un chequeo de su vida pasada, la Iglesia no está diciendo: “No confiamos en tí”.

En realidad, yo le digo continuamente a mis hermanos obispos que yo estoy bendecido en Newark por los talentos, dedicación y fe profunda de miles de ustedes que sirven a nuestros niños en escuelas y parroquias.

Lo que somos, y lo que estoy diciendo a través de estos programas es que nosotros, la Iglesia, estamos cumpliendo nuestra promesa hecha en Dallas.

A principios del 2004, la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos sobre la Protección de los Niños y Jóvenes reportarán a todo el país cuan seriamente las diócesis han tomado los acuerdos de Dallas, y como voluntariamente aceptan la responsabilidad de ser un refugio seguro para nuestros niños. Construir un refugio seguro con paredes requiere la ayuda de todos, incluso la mía, ser entrenados en nuevos métodos y aceptar nuevas reglas.

Yo sé que todos ustedes que toman con seriedad sus servicios a la juventud se unirán a mí en crear este refugio seguro.

## Señales de humo

**POR EL MONSEÑOR JIM LISANTE**  
*The Christophers*

El Internet tiene a mucha gente preocupada, y lo entiendo. Mucho de ese material es pornográfico.

Pero no todo es malo, y gracias a Dios todavía hay muchas personas haciendo el bien.

El otro día un amigo me envió una historia por e-mail. Es un mensaje que todos podemos disfrutar, y nos recuerda como el internet puede ser una fuerza para el bien.

La historia se llama “¿ Se está quemando su cabaña?” y cuenta de un naufrago que llegó a una isla deshabitada. Rezó fervorosamente a Dios pidiéndole ayuda, pero no apareció nadie para rescatarlo. Y eventualmente construyó una cabaña para refugiarse y guardar sus provisiones, pero un día volviendo de buscar comida encontró a su cabaña incendiándose. Y lo poco que tenía lo perdió.

“¿Dios por qué me haces esto?” Preguntó el naufrago desesperado. Y al día siguiente su sorpresa fue incalculable, cuando vio llegar un barco a rescatarlo. “¿Cómo sabían que estaba acá?” Preguntó. Y le dijeron, “ Porque vimos el humo desde lejos”.

La lección es clara: es fácil desanimarnos cuando las cosas van de mal en peor, pero no debemos perder las esperanzas. Dios siempre está trabajando en nuestras vidas, aun en medio del dolor y el sufrimiento. Así que la próxima vez que su cabaña parezca quemarse totalmente, quizás sea una señal de humo llamando a la gracia de Dios.

Y había algo más en el mensaje de mi amigo: algunos pasajes bíblicos que vale la pena recordar.

Decimos, “es imposible”, pero Dios dice, “lo que es imposible para los hombres, es posible para Dios”.

Decimos, “estoy muy cansado”, pero Dios dice, “Yo los aliviaré”.

Decimos, “nadie me quiere”, pero Dios dice, “te basta mi gracia”.

Decimos, “me siento confundido”, pero Dios dice, “te llevaré por el camino recto”.

Decimos, “No puedo hacerlo”, pero Dios dice, “todo lo puedo”.

Decimos, “no me lo puedo perdonar”, pero Dios ya nos ha perdonado.

Decimos, “no soy inteligente”, pero Dios dice, “he venido ahora para instruirte”.

Decimos, “me siento solo”, pero Dios dice, “nunca te dejaré ni te abandonaré”.

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**BY GREG TOBIN**  
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**Saint Augustine’s Sin**  
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He won’t stop. Writing, reflecting, translating, analyzing, criticizing. From early in his career Garry Wills has been a controversialist. No more so than in recent years in his scathing critiques of the contemporary Catholic Church.

In his new multi-volume translation of St. Augustine (which he titles *The Testimony*, rather than the more common *Confessions*) Wills has drilled

deeply into aspects of the classical work of theology and autobiography.

The first volume was *Saint Augustine’s Childhood*, followed by *Saint Augustine’s Memory*.

The third volume by the Pulitzer Prize winner deals with the topic of sin—red meat for Augustinian scholars, theologians, opponents of the Church and curious lay readers, as well. He attempts to interpret freshly Book Two of the saint’s text in a single, slim, elegantly designed book.

Modern readers, Wills claims, often interpret Augustine’s meditation on the concept of sin as an indication of his obsession with sex. The

author maintains that the opposite is true, that sexual transgression was the least of the saint’s worries.

What Saint Augustine really seeks to comprehend, and finds most upsetting, is the deliberate choices to sin, to commit evil actions, by men of free will.

Original sin, the sin of Cain, Old Testament stories and New Testament preaching provide background for Augustine’s original theological definitions and Wills’ contemporary reflections and criticisms.

In all, a worthwhile visit with two estimable “characters,” *Saint Augustine’s Sin* is perfect reading for Scripture study groups or book clubs

because it challenges conventional wisdom and provides fresh interpretations that should spark sharp discussion—even controversy?

After all, that is one of the many things that Garry Wills does so well.

# Papal award goes to Filippini sister-author

Sister Margherita Marchione, Ph.D., the author of more than 45 books and Professor Emerita of Italian Language and Literature at Fairleigh Dickinson University has recently received the papal award, Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross for her work in promoting the truth about Pope Pius XII.

The award from Pope John Paul II was presented at Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ. on Oct. 15, by Most Rev. Frank Rodimer, Bishop of Paterson.

In her acceptance remarks, Sister Margherita stated, “I accept the award in the name of the Religious Teachers Filippini, as I repeat the words of Our Lady: ‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord!’ (*Magnificat anima mea Domine!*). These words inspire me today as they did on June 12, 1938, when I knelt before this altar and dedicated my life to the Church and to the Pontiff. I have never regretted my deci-

sion to serve God.”

Remarking about her literary work, she said, “For several years, I have defended Pope Pius XII against the calumnies and misrepresentations about his so-called ‘silence’ and ‘anti-Semitism’ during World War II. This is not true! Documents show that Pius XII was not anti-Semitic. He was not silent. He chose to be prudent. Had he taken a more public stand, he would have endangered the lives of thousands of Jews who, at his direction, were hidden in 155 convents and monasteries in Rome alone.”

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St. Casimir Parish, Newark, marked its 95th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 14 at a Mass concelebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers. Old and young alike, many wearing ethnic costumes, filled the landmark church on Nicholas Street. Concelebrants were Father James Sheehan, Secretary to the Archbishop; Father Gerald A. Bajllo, Pastor; Father Stanley Kostrzomb, Parochial Vicar; Father Jan Jagodzinski, from Poland, and Father Joseph Ambrosio, from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Newark. Archbishop Myers was the main speaker at a reception after Mass. Parishioner Joseph Zjawin was the guest speaker at an anniversary dinner-dance.

Obituaries

Brother Stephen Martin

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 11 for Brother Stephen Martin, F.M.S., 73, who died on Oct. 8. Brother Stephen entered the Marist Brothers in 1944. He was a graduate of Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY and pursued further studies at St. John's University, NY and Seton Hall University. His assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included serving as teacher, guidance counselor and in various administrative positions at Roselle Catholic, Union Catholic and

Marist high schools. He was also Provincial Treasurer for the Marist Brothers from 1983-1990.

Brother Stephen Urban Monogue

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 12 for Brother Stephen Urban Minogue, F.M.S., 65, who died on Sept. 8. Brother Stephen entered the Marist Brothers in 1934 and completed his training and studies in Poughkeepsie, NY. He served in the Archdiocese of Newark at Marist

and Roselle Catholic high schools. He was ministering at Archbishop Molloy High School, Queens, until his death.

Sister Lucinda Bordens

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 19 for Sister Lucinda Borders, F.S.P., 63, who died on Sept.17. Sister Lucinda entered the Franciscan Sisters of Peace in 1962. She received a B.A. from Ladycliff College, NY, an M.A. in Science Education from the University of Connecticut and another M.A. in Religion and Religious Education from

Fordham University. Her service in the Archdiocese of Newark included ministering in various positions at St. Joseph High School and St. Joseph Grammar School, West New York; St. Joseph Parish, Bogota; as Archdiocesan Director of Adolescent Catechesis; and as pastoral associate in Church of the Nativity, Midland Park.

Sister Christiana Kucharski

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 3 for Sister Mary Christiana Kucharski, 78, who died on Aug. 30. Sister Christiana entered the

Felician Sisters in 1943. She was a graduate of Immaculate Conception Junior College (now Felician College), Lodi, and Seton Hall University, where she received a B.S. in Education. Her assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included serving at the Felician Sisters Provincial House and Immaculate Conception Orphanage, Lodi; St. Anthony Parish, Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Jersey City; St. Adalbert Parish, Elizabeth; St. Theresa Parish, Linden; St. Casimir Parish, Newark; St. Mary's Hospital, Orange; and Our Lady of Lourdes Hall, Lodi, where she also retired to in her later years.

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<p><b>PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>A.C.</p>	<p><b>PRAYER TO ST. JUDE</b></p> <p>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</p> <p>C.M.</p>	<p><b>PRAYER TO ST. JUDE</b></p> <p>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</p> <p>B.D.C.</p>	<p><b>PRAYER TO ST. RITA</b></p> <p>O powerful Saint Rita, rightly called Saint of the Impossible, I come to you with confidence in my great need. You know well my trails, for you yourself were many times burdened in this life. Come to my help, speak for me, pray with me, intercede on my behalf before the father. I know that God has a most generous heart and that he is a most loving Father. Join your prayers to mine and obtain for me the grace I desire (here mention your request). You who were so very pleasing to God on earth and are so much so now in heaven, I promise to use this favor, when granted, to better my life, proclaim God's mercy, and to make you more widely known and loved. Amen.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>R.S.</p>	<p><b>PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>M.R.</p>	<p><b>PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT</b></p> <p>Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, who light all roads so that I can attain my goals. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and that in all instances of my life, You are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm once again, that I never want to be separated from You, even and in spite of all material illusion. I wish to be with You in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Published in gratitude of grace attained and for many requests granted.</p> <p>M.R.</p>	<p><b>NOVENA TO ST. JUDE</b></p> <p>May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Amen. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. Published in gratitude. Thank you St. Jude.</p> <p>J.H.M.</p>
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# Top area teams to clash in scholarship festival

Top-notch high school hoops await fans at the inaugural Scholarship Basketball Festival early next year.

Yanitelli Center on the Jersey City campus of Saint Peter's College will host the festival which will benefit the Archdiocesan Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC).

Taking to the court Sunday, Jan. 4 will be parochial powerhouses St. Patrick's High School, Elizabeth; St. Anthony High School, Jersey City; Christian Brothers Academy, Lincroft; Seton Hall Prep, West Orange; St. Benedict's Prep, Newark; and Hudson Catholic High School, Jersey City.

The triple-header tips off at 1:30 p.m. when St. Anthony's takes on Christian Brothers. Seton Hall will challenge St. Patrick's in the second game, and the festival ends with Hudson Catholic going up against St. Benedict's.

Kevin Moriarty, Executive Director of SFIC, called the festival "very important" in the task of raising funds to assist low-income families to pay tuition at parochial schools throughout the Archdiocese.

Catholic schools, Moriarty went on, are "a recognized way out of poverty." SFIC, he emphasized, has proven again and again to be "an absolute turning point" in many young lives.

Festival director and SFIC trustee Bill Fitzpatrick, who said he got the idea from the Coalition for the Homeless Basketball Classic, stressed that all of the schools are "committed" to the mission of SFIC.

The coaches, Fitzpatrick added, "are all on the front line of helping inner-city kids."

"St. Patrick's is very excited to be playing in the inaugural Scholarship Basketball Festival. It promises exciting basketball for fans and will raise awareness of the excellent work of the

inner-city parochial schools and the Scholarship Fund," commented Kevin Boyle, long-time coach and teacher at the Elizabeth school.

Last year St. Patrick's captured the NJSIAA Tournament of Champions.

Legendary Coach Bob Hurley, whose St. Anthony's squad won eight Tournament of Champions titles in the 16-year history of the NJSIAA playoff format and is the 2001 and 2002 state title holder, noted, "I am personally excited that the inaugural Scholarship Basketball Festival will take place in Jersey City at Saint Peter's

College, which has been the venue for many terrific basketball games over the years. SFIC is a very worthy cause which has helped hundreds of Jersey City children over the last two decades."

From Bob Farrell, coach at Seton Hall Prep, came the comment that the festival will be "highly entertaining. It is a can't-miss." He is "looking forward" to the competition, Farrell added.

Tickets are on sale. Game day prices are \$25, \$12 and \$8. Tickets purchased prior to Dec. 15 are discounted to \$9 for adults and \$5 for students through the

SFIC office and through the participating schools.

Expressing hopes for a full Yanitelli Center, SFIC President Ronald J. Mount said, "SFIC is very pleased to be sponsoring this benefit basketball event as one of our efforts to expand assistance to inner-city children in obtaining a quality, value-based education."

SFIC provides scholarships for needy children who attend parochial schools. Since its inception in 1983, SFIC has funded more than 35,000 scholarships and distributed more than \$19 million.

## Hoops clinic Nov. 6-7 at Caldwell College

Caldwell College will host a two-day Fall Basketball Festival and Clinic for children in grades K-8 Nov. 6 and 7 at the George R. Newman Recreation and Athletic Center.

Heading the clinic, presented by Full Court Enterprises (FCE), will be a group of skilled and dedicated professionals: Mark Corino, Caldwell College Executive Director of Athletics and the men's basketball coach; Nicole Durnien-Amato, Caldwell women's basketball coach; Dean Johnson and Dave DeFerrari, Caldwell assistant basketball coaches; and Nick Marinello, Bloomfield Tech coach and FCE Director, who led his school to the Group 1 boys basketball championship last March and a berth in the Tournament of Champions.

Fred Hill, an assistant basketball coach at Vil-

lanova University, will be a special guest lecturer.

"It's an opportunity for the area kids to come together and get fundamental instruction from top quality high school and college basketball coaches," Hill said.

The clinic, which lasts from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day, costs \$85. The program will stress fundamentals and include drills, lectures, motivation, academics, games and individual instruction.

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Caldwell College recently hosted its third Annual 5K Run/Walk for Education, which attracted 70 avid running enthusiasts from the community and the college. The proceeds will help to support the Caldwell College Scholarship Fund. From left, Marie Sanchez of Bloomfield, a senior financial specialist with Wachovia Bank in Caldwell, congratulates Christopher King of Hillside, as he displays his first place trophy, along with Karli McDonnell of Little Falls, a financial center manager with Wachovia. King finished with a time of 18 minutes 44 seconds.



Parent Rich Palumbo tries to drop a 50-foot putt during Assumption Academy's third annual golf outing at the Valley Brook Golf Club. The major fund raiser for the Emerson school saw some 105 golfers take to the links.

## New field is blessed

Father Steven Shafran, S.D.B., Director/President of Don Bosco Preparatory High School, Ramsey, rededicated the athletic field at Granatell Stadium, prior to the season opening football game against Ridgewood High School.

The ceremony commemorated the completion of major renovations to the field complex.

Over the summer, the former athletic field was excavated, fresh gravel and stone were put down and a new, state-of-the-art, synthetic sports surface was installed.

According to Athletic Director Frank Rezzonico, "If it rains 10 inches at one time, the new field will drain immediately and will be available for play." Don Bosco Prep is one of the few area high schools to have such a sophisticated sports field.

An improved, all-weather track was also installed to support Don Bosco Prep's track team.

"The old 1970 track was replaced eight years ago, but that was worn away by usage," explained Rezzonico. Two inches of blacktop was rolled on top of



Father Steven Shafran, S.D.B., right, Director/President of Don Bosco Prep, blesses the school's new athletic field at Granatell Stadium. With him are, left to right, John Nepolitan, cross-country track coach and assistant soccer coaches Dan Mejias, John Wallace and Mark Maka.

the former track and a 5/8 rubber and urethane track was put down over that.

The school has 100 members on its track team and 43 members on its cross-country team for the 2003/2004 season.

In addition, Don Bosco Prep counts 80 members on lacrosse teams, 58 members on soccer teams and a total student body of 845 young men in gym classes utilizing the new track and field facilities.

Don Bosco Prep's varsity football team, the Ironmen, were the Parochial School Group IV undefeated state champions for 2002. Don Bosco has 142 members of

its students body playing football, which include the varsity, junior varsity, sophomore and freshman teams.

The Ironmen performed impressively on the inauguration of their new turf and proceeded to trounce the Ridgewood Maroons 42-14 in the season opener.

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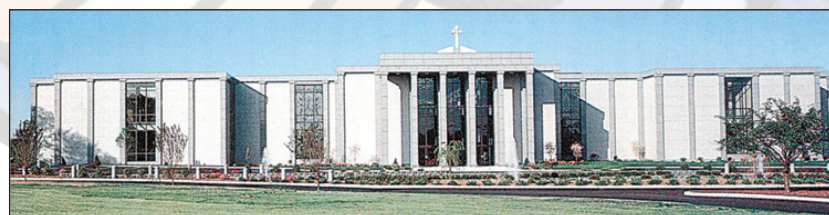
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