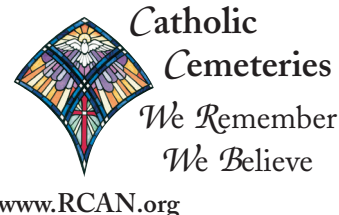


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## Arias and McDonnell to retire Donato, Flesey appointed auxiliaries

BY GREG TOBIN

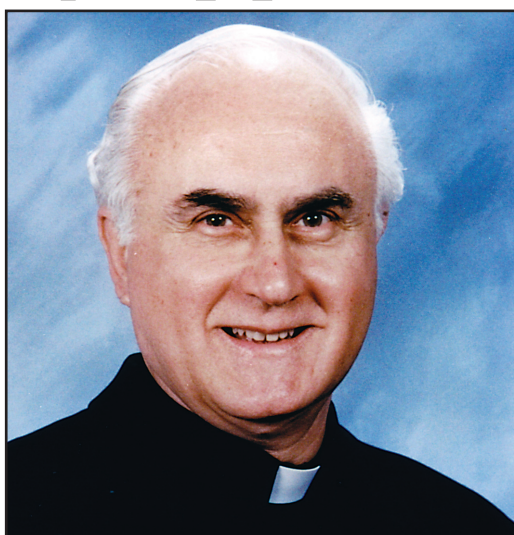
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Pope John Paul II has appointed Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. Donato and Rev. Msgr. John W. Flesey as Auxiliary Bishops of Newark. His Holiness has accepted the resignations of Most Rev. David Arias, O.A.R., Vicar for Hispanic Affairs and Regional Bishop of Hudson County, and Most Rev. Charles J. McDonnell, Regional Bishop of Bergen County, both of whom have reached retirement age.

In a news conference at the Archdiocesan Center on May 21, Archbishop John J. Myers said, "The Holy Father's appointment of Bishops-elect Donato and Flesey is truly a great gift to the Archdiocese of Newark. Both bishops-elect have broad experience in the Archdiocese and have the hearts of pastors. They have served well the people, priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese. We are blessed to have them in the various new roles they will assume."

This is the first time in the history of the Archdiocese that such an announcement of simultaneous retirements and appointments has been made. Three times before, in 1957, 1963 and 1988, dual appointments were made, and once before, in 1976, a triple appointment (plus one already-ordained bishop) was made. Bishop Donato and Bishop Flesey are the 23rd and 24th Auxiliary Bishops of Newark, respectively.

Bishop-elect Donato, 63, was born in Jersey City and Holy Rosary Parish elementary school and St. Michael High School there. He is a graduate of Seton Hall University and studied for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington.

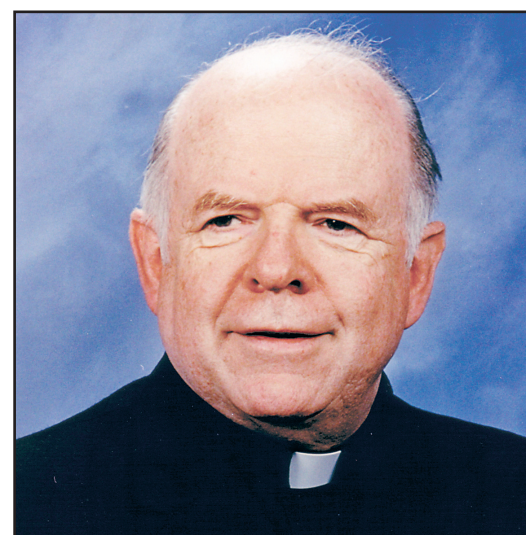


Bishop-elect Thomas A. Donato

Following his ordination on May 29, 1965, Father Donato served as a parochial vicar at St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale and St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Bayonne. In 1982, he was named pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Bayonne. In 1988, he became pastor of St. Paul Parish, Ramsey, then pastor of St. Raphael, Livingston in 2001.

In 1996, the Holy Father named Father Donato a Prelate of Honor, with the title Monsignor. He has served as spiritual director of Immaculate Conception Seminary since 2003, where he has been responsible for the spiritual formation of candidates for the priesthood.

Bishop-designate Flesey, 61, was also born in Jersey City. He attended St. Aeden Parish elementary school and Saint Peter's Prep in Jersey



Bishop-elect John W. Flesey

City. He is a graduate of Saint Peter's College and studied for the priesthood at Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

Following his ordination on May 31, 1969, Father Flesey served as a parochial vicar at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Plainfield until 1983. In 1974, he received a master's degree in counseling from Iona College. From 1983 until 1985, Father Flesey attended the Gregorian University in Rome and received licentiate in sacred theology. Between 1988 and 1990, he was a member of the formation team at Immaculate Conception Seminary. In 1990, he received a doctorate in sacred theology from the University of St. Thomas in Rome.

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## May 29 ordinations at Cathedral Basilica

Fourteen men were ordained as priests for the Archdiocese of Newark on Saturday. For full coverage and photographs of the priestly ordinations, see Pages 13, 16 and 17.



Advocate photos - Ward Miele, Frank Wood



# His Holiness at one time a ‘prisoner of the Vatican’

In the year 754, fearing for the survival of Rome and the Holy See, Pope Stephen III 752-57 journeyed over the Alps to France. There he implored King Pepin of the Franks to come to his aid. Pepin and his vaunted legions quickly crushed the Lombard threat.

Peace restored, the king then granted the Church a wide swath of central Italy to serve as a buffer zone against such threats in the future.

This territory, covering 17,000 square miles, stretched from the Adriatic Sea to the Tyrrhenian and included Latium, Umbria, the Marches, Emilia and Romagna.

Originally referred to as the “Donation of Pepin,” the area came to be known as the Papal States. For the next 11 centuries, the reigning pope was also the reigning king of these regions.

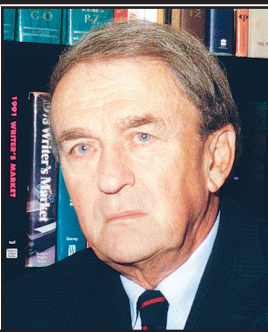
Then in the mid-19th century, a movement aimed at the unification of Italy gained momentum. Spearheaded by the triumvirate of Cavour the statesman, Mazzini the thinker, and Garibaldi the soldier, Il Risorgimento swept through the boot-shaped peninsula until all that remained to be annexed was the Pope’s domain.

However, Pope Pius IX (1846-78) remained intransigent in his opposition to surrendering papal control over to unified Italy.

On Sept. 20, 1870 unification forces stormed the gates of Rome, overwhelming the small papal army. Seeing the futility of it all, Pius ordered his valiant soldiers to concede.

A View  
from  
History

By Frank J. Korn



Throughout the rest of that fateful autumn, developments broke fast and furiously. Principal among them was the abolition of the Papal States and the temporal power of the popes. All that was left to the Church territorially was a tiny 108-acre enclave, a walled-in city within a walled-in city, the Vatican.

Behind the soaring Leonine walls, baked brown by thousands of Roman sunrises, Pius IX permanently retreated, bitterly and sadly styling himself, the “prisoner of the Vatican.” He would not exit this place until carried out in death, to be entombed in the ancient church of San Lorenzo

out on the consular Via Tiburtina, in February 1878.

His successor, Leo XIII (1878-1903), continued the papal boycott of the newly unified Italy. Moments after his election, Leo made his first appearance on the interior balcony of St. Peter’s

Basilica, symbolically turning his back on Rome, capital of the new Italian state.

Throughout his long pontificate, Leo also shut himself up in the Vatican.

Even the gregarious, people-loving Pius X (1903-14), who longed to go out into the streets and squares of his diocese to mingle with his spiritual flock, felt obliged to maintain Pius IX’s “prisoner” policy. So too did Benedict XV (1914-22).

Upon election to the Chair of Peter on Feb. 6, 1922, however, Pius XI at once sent a signal to the state that he wished to resolve its estrangement from the Church.

He did this by making his first appearance on the exterior balcony of St. Peter’s looking out over Rome.

For the next several years both sides exchanged “feelers” regarding the possibility of reaching an accord. At last, on Feb. 11, 1929 Cardinal Gasparri, representing the pope and Benito Mussolini, representing the king, in the presence of their entourages at the Lateran Palace, affixed their signatures to a peace pact which would be called the Lateran Treaty.

The “Roman Question,” as the dispute was known, was now resolved.

According to the agreement the government of Italy would henceforth recognize Vatican City as an independent state and the pope as its sovereign ruler.

With the stroke of a pen, the Supreme Pontiff of the Church of Rome was no longer seen as the “prisoner of the Vatican.”

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## Stewardship



# God’s gift of time is something to share

**BY ANDREW KACZYNSKI**  
*Associate Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese*

Responsible stewardship involves humbly acknowledging all of God’s great gifts to us, cherishing and tending to those gifts, and returning a portion of them with justice and love. A good steward also acknowledges the fact that we must take these actions, including the gift of time, according to the Lord’s will.

God has gifted all of us with a certain amount of time and each day God gifts us with a new supply of time. When the Church asks us to return a portion of our time to the Lord, it does not simply mean volunteering or actively participating in groups or organizations in the Church and community—those require more of the use of our talent. Good stewardship of our time means that we must be accountable for how we responsibly use and divide it each day for work, for play, for prayer and for love.

To understand this further, I have dedicated this column to giving examples of how the faithful can accomplish this goal, particularly in how stewardship of time relates to one’s self, family, parish, the universal Church and the community.

For ourselves, a commitment to good stewardship of time can involve, but is not limited to, the following: increasing personal prayer time; listening to religious music; reading religious articles and

books; reading and studying the Bible; utilizing today’s media for spiritual growth; resting, and living healthy lives.

For our families, one can spend non-distracted time with one member of the family each day, create time for prayer as a family and give time to those taking care of a family member who is aging or disabled, for example.

The life of one’s parish can be enhanced through good stewardship of time by regular attendance at Sunday Mass, attendance at daily Mass, participation in eucharistic adoration, recitation of the Rosary and participation in parish retreats, missions and seasonal faith formation programs during Advent and Lent.

The universal Church would receive the benefits of stewardship of time through prayer for the success of the Holy Father’s and Archbishop’s ministries, an increase in vocation to the priesthood and Religious life, for all priests, deacons, men and women Religious, the strengthening of lay ministries in the Archdiocese, the success of the interfaith efforts and peace throughout the world, as well as devoting time to causes and activ-

ities that increase respect for life.

For the community, a commitment of the gift of time can relate to the following: visiting the sick or elderly in person or by telephone; responding to cries of human need and misery; working to protect the environment of the community; working to improve the quality of life for disabled persons; responding to the plight of the homeless; working to increase economic opportunity in the community; working to remove discrimination, prejudice and racism; responding to the presence of the hungry in the community; visiting and assisting the grief-stricken, and loving your neighbor as yourself.

Stewardship of time, or the gift of life itself, is quality time with God, with others and ourselves. The U.S. Catholic bishops’ pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response*, acknowledges this by stating, “The central Christian mystery is found in the death and resurrection of Jesus and can be summed up by saying that when we take the gift of life, break it open and share it with others, life returns abundantly.”

Stewardship of time enables the faithful to experience this reality to its fullest.

*We must be accountable  
for how we responsibly use  
and divide each day.*



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# Archdiocese establishes new corporation to streamline health and social services

Formation of the Catholic Health and Human Services Corporation (CHHS) has made the Archdiocese of Newark among the first dioceses in the nation to implement a recommendation of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for a coordinated system to deliver health and social services.

CHHS will manage Cathedral Healthcare System, Catholic Community Services (CCS) and the Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral System.

CHHS was established following a directive from Archbishop John J. Myers for a plan "that would ensure a high degree of accountability, efficiency and service quality."

Cathedral Healthcare operates Saint Michael's Medical Center, Saint James Hospital, and Columbus Hospital, all in Newark, and Saint Mary's Life Center, a long-term acute care facility in Orange. Catholic Community Services is a multi-service agency serving over 100,000 clients throughout the Archdiocese. Mount Carmel Guild operates a variety of mental health and addiction service programs.

CHHS will allow all three entities to meet a growing demand for their services in a more efficient manner in the face of diminishing reimbursement at both the state and federal levels. By linking

health and social services, the goal of CHHS is to foster increased cooperation and reduce duplication among the three service providers.

In addition, such services as human resources and technology support, previously performed by Cathedral Healthcare and CCS, under CHHS have been combined to create a new business services company. Trinity Management and Technology Services will enable the three organizations of CHHS to access administrative services at a higher level of quality but at a lower cost than had previously been the case.

Archbishop Myers has appointed Donald M. Daniels chairman and chief executive officer and Henry J. Amoroso, Esq., vice chairman and chief operating officer.

Daniels was the head of the Daniels Group, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in managed healthcare as well as group insurance and administration. He retired in 1991 as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey.

Daniels has also been a leading proponent in the development of managed healthcare systems. He is a recipient of

the Rutgers University College Alumnus of the Decade (1960s), was named a Knight of Saint Gregory by Pope John Paul II and was presented with the Catholic Community Services Humanitarian Award in 1989.

Amoroso is chairman of the board of trustees of Catholic Community Services. He has served as general or special counsel to school boards, public authorities, planning boards and various government agencies. A past president of the Villanova Alumni Club of North Jersey, Amoroso is a former member on the board of directors of the Newark AIDS Consortium, Inc. / Broadway House, Inc.

Amoroso earned a law degree from Delaware Law School and Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Villanova University. He is founding partner of a leading commercial, real estate and litigation law firm.

In a joint statement, Daniels and Amoroso said, "By enabling Cathedral to focus solely on health care, CCS on social services and Mount Carmel Guild on behavioral health, these changes create a powerful opportunity for each portion of the CHHS family to maintain the level of excellence our clients expect and deserve. Although change is often uncomfortable, this transition over the next several months will be seamless for most of us and it will create a stronger, more secure environment for all of us."

In a letter to Daniels and Amoroso, Archbishop Myers said, "I am confident that, under your guidance, CHHS will prove a model for sound and transparent administration and board governance for the many important and sensitive matters entrusted to your care. At the same time, I am mindful of the challenges that lie ahead in completing the establishment of CHHS and in supporting Cathedral Healthcare and CCS' efforts to fulfill their Catholic mission."



Donald M. Daniels



Henry J. Amoroso

**Archbishop John J. Myers ordained a dozen men to the Diaconate at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, on Sunday, May 23. After Mass the archbishop joined the new deacons to acknowledge the applause of family and friends.**

**Ordained were**  
Yunior Almonte,  
Justino Cornejo Castillero,  
Edson Fernando Costa,  
Francesco Donnarumma,  
Giuseppe Fedele,  
Robert James Gelinas,  
Francisco de Asis Trujillo  
Gonzalez, Colin Adrian Kay,  
Thomas Patrick Quinn,  
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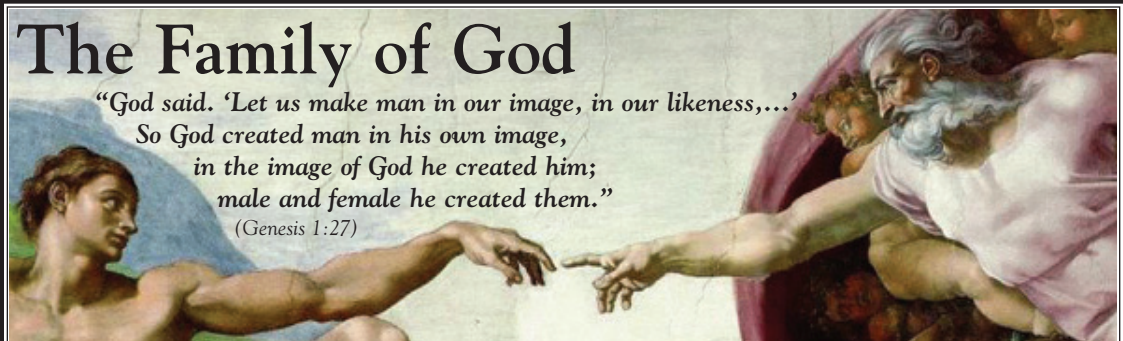


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A nun passes a shop window displaying the new book by Pope John Paul II in Rome. *Get Up, Let Us Go!* focuses on his 20 years as a bishop in Poland. The book was released on the pope's 84th birthday last month.



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“...God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”  
(Galatians 4:6)

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit  
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(Romans 8:15)

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# Slowly but surely, Father Groeschel is on road to recovery

NEW YORK (CNS) — Four months after an accident in Florida nearly killed him, Father Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R., whose books and retreats have won him a wide following, is working hard at rehabilitation and making plans for new projects.

The priest, a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal, will be based at Trinity Retreat, a clergy retreat center in Larchmont that is his headquarters as director of the Office of Spiritual Development for the Archdiocese of New York.

“I’m preparing to get back on the job, giving retreats at Trinity and writing and doing some television,” he said. He even hopes to have a book completed by Christmas. Achieving those goals will take time; he faces more physical therapy and probably more surgery. He will not be able to resume his hectic schedule, which had him traveling throughout the country and overseas to give retreats and conferences.

“Even though I’m 70 years old, I’ve never been busier than I was in the last year, both at Trinity and around the country,” he said.

While he was in Orlando, FL, to speak at the International Institute for Clergy Formation, he was struck by a car.

“Suddenly my life stopped,” he said. “It literally stopped.” He had no pulse or heartbeat, and medical personnel were giving up hope of reviving him when one of his companions begged them to keep trying.

That close call put his current condition in perspective. “If I have some small, residual physical handicaps, like using a cane,” he told *Catholic New York*, the archdiocesan newspaper, “I can’t complain. I started at zero.”

As the news of his accident spread, e-mails began pouring in to his order’s website. It has received 700,000 hits

It has been a slow climb. For two months he was on a respirator and could not speak, eat or drink.

“I said the Rosary over and over again, and I was able to meditate particularly on the Glorious Mysteries,” he recalled.

What about the sorrowful mysteries? “I didn’t need the sorrowful mysteries,” he said. “I was there.”

For the first time in four months, Father Groeschel has climbed stairs and walked 500 feet with a walker. The therapy is physically demanding, and he probably will have surgery on his right elbow. In the end, he will be left with limitations, but he remains hopeful.

Since late February or early March he has been recuperating at a facility outside of New York City in Westchester County. At the time he was moved there, officials said they would not release the name of the facility to avoid having it overwhelmed with visitors, as happened at the Orlando hospital.

Father Groeschel writes a daily message on his community’s Web site [www.franciscanfriars.com](http://www.franciscanfriars.com)—where messages also may be written to him.



Brothers Shawn O'Connor and John Anthony Boughton, C.F.R. visit Father Benedict Groeschel late last month outside of New York City.



Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers  
has announced the  
following appointments:

Deans

**Reverend Monsignor William J. Reilly, V.F.,**  
Pastor of the Church of Most Holy Name, Garfield, has been appointed Dean of the Southwest Bergen Deanery, Deanery 4 for a term of five years, effective May 10 and ending May 10, 2009.

**Very Reverend Charles P. Granstrand, V.F.,**  
Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, Park Ridge, has been appointed Dean of the newly created Pascack Valley Bergen Deanery, Deanery 2P, effective May 10 and ending Sept. 1, 2007.

Pastor/Hudson County

**Most Reverend Thomas A. Donato,**  
Auxiliary Bishop-Elect of Newark, has been appointed Pastor of St. Henry Church, Bayonne, effective July 1.

Pastor/Bergen County

**Reverend Peter J. Palmisano,**  
Parochial Vicar of the Church of Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes, has been appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Garfield, effective June 15.

Parochial Vicar/Essex County

**Reverend Marco Hurtado-Olazo**  
has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Leo Church, Irvington, effective June 19.

**Reverend Gregory B. Hann**  
has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Bloomfield, effective June 19.

Parochial Vicar/Hudson County

**Reverend Oscar Martin,**  
Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Lady of Divine Providence, Turks & Caicos Islands, BWI, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Bayonne, effective June 19.

Parochial Vicar/Bergen County

**Reverend Stephen A. Carey,**  
Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Roseland, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Church, Dumont, effective June 19.

Parochial Vicar/Turks & Caicos

**Reverend Jose Amante M. Abalon,**  
Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Bloomfield, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Holy Cross Church, Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos Islands, BWI.  
This appointment is effective June 19.

**Reverend Edward George Klybus,**  
Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Divine Providence Church, Providenciales, Turks & Caicos Islands, BWI.  
This appointment is effective June 19.

Pastoral Care/  
Campus Ministry/Schools

**Reverend Paul J. Prevosto,**  
Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Anthony, Belleville, has been appointed to the Faculty of Oratory Catholic Preparatory School, Summit, effective Aug. 1.

Others

**Reverend Alejandro López-Cardinale**  
has been appointed Renew Presenter for the Office of Renew International, Plainfield, effective July 1.

**Reverend Abraham Orapankal**  
has been appointed Renew Presenter for the Office of Renew International, Plainfield, effective Sept. 1.

**Reverend James Mac New, O.S.F.S.**  
has been appointed Renew Presenter for the Office of Renew International, Plainfield, effective Sept. 7.



Chaplaincy

**Reverend Joseph P. Pietropinto,**  
Pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Secaucus, has been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Mary Immaculate Council 12,769, effective July 1.

Incardination

**Reverend Theemas Pankiraj,**  
Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Madonna, Fort Lee, has been incardinated into the Archdiocese of Newark, effective May 18.

Releases

**Reverend Alfonso R. DeCondorpusa,**  
Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Cecilia, Kearny, has been released from pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Newark for service in the Diocese of Metuchen, for a period of three years, effective June 15.

**Reverend Owen F. Ince**  
has been released to Itinerancy in the Way, effective June 19.

Retirements

**Reverend George Idzik,**  
Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Ann, Jersey City, has been granted retirement, effective June 1.

**Reverend Richard J. Chilmark,**  
Chaplain at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, has been granted retirement, effective Aug. 1.

Transitional Deacons

**Reverend Mr. Yunior Almonte,**  
newly ordained transitional deacon, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Our Lady Help of Christians Church (St. Mary), West New York, effective June 1 to May 19, 2005.

**Reverend Mr. Justino Cornejo,**  
newly ordained transitional deacon, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Mary Church, Plainfield, effective June 1 to May 19, 2005.

**Reverend Mr. Edson Fernando Costa,**  
newly ordained transitional deacon, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Leo Church, Irvington, effective June 1 to May 19, 2005.

**Reverend Mr. Francesco Donnarumma,**  
newly ordained transitional deacon, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Union City, effective June 1, to May 19, 2005.

**Reverend Mr. Giuseppe Fedele,**  
newly ordained transitional deacon, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Holy Family Church, Nutley, effective June 1 to May 19, 2005.

**Reverend Mr. Robert James Gelinas,**  
newly ordained transitional deacon, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Queen of Peace Church, North Arlington, effective June 1 to May 19, 2005.

**Reverend Mr. Colin Kay,**  
transitional deacon, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Bartholomew Church, Scotch Plains, effective June 1 to May 19, 2005.

**Reverend Mr. Thomas Patrick Quinn,**  
newly ordained transitional deacon, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica, Newark, effective June 1 to May 19, 2005.

**Reverend Mr. John Z. Radwan,**  
newly ordained transitional deacon, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Theresa Church, Kenilworth, effective June 1 to May 19, 2005.

**Reverend Mr. Philip Sanders,**  
newly ordained transitional deacon, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Immaculate Conception Church, Secaucus, effective July 1 to Aug. 15.

**Reverend Mr. Francisco de Asis Trujillo,**  
newly ordained transitional deacon, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church, Garfield, effective June 1 to May 19, 2005.

**Reverend Mr. Juan Carlos Zapata,**  
newly ordained transitional deacon, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Thomas More Church, Fairfield, effective June 1 to May 19, 2005.

**Reverend Mr. Adrian Baranyuk,**  
newly ordained transitional deacon of the Diocese of Wilmington, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Bayonne, effective Sept. 11 to May 19, 2005.

**Reverend Mr. Anthony Giamello,**  
newly ordained transitional deacon of the Diocese of Wilmington, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Philomena Church, Livingston, effective Sept. 11 to May 19, 2005.

**Reverend Mr. Roman Manchester,**  
transitional deacon of the Diocese of Providence, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Teresa of Avila Church, Summit, effective Sept. 11 to May 19, 2005.

**Reverend Mr. Mark Smith,**  
newly ordained transitional deacon of the Archdiocese of Washington, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Ridgewood, effective Sept. 11 to May 19, 2005.



New Bergen,  
Hudson pastors

Msgr. Thomas A. Donato, Auxiliary Bishop-Elect of Newark, has been appointed Pastor of St. Henry Church, Bayonne, effective July 1.

Bishop-elect Donato, 63, was born in Jersey City on Oct. 1, 1940. He attended Holy Rosary Parish elementary school and St. Michael High School in Jersey City. He is a graduate of Seton Hall University and studied for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington.

Bishop-elect Donato was ordained a priest for service in the Archdiocese of Newark on May 29, 1965.

Following ordination, Father Donato served as parochial vicar at St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, and St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Bayonne.

In 1982, he was named pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Bayonne. In 1988, he was named pastor of St. Paul Parish, Ramsey, and then pastor of St. Raphael, Livingston, in 2001.

In 1996, the Holy Father named Father Donato a Prelate of Honor, with the title of monsignor.

He has served as Spiritual Director of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, since 2003, where he has been responsible for the spiritual formation of candidates for the priesthood.

Bishop-elect Donato will serve the Archdiocese as Regional Bishop for Hudson County.

Father Peter J. Palmisano, Parochial Vicar of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes, has been appointed pastor of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield, effective June 15.

Father Palmisano graduated from Saint Peter's College with a B.A. in elementary education in 1980, an M.A. in administration and supervision in 1985, and was a teacher from 1980 through 1988.

He graduated from Seton Hall University with a M.Div. in 1993. He attended Immaculate Conception Seminary and was ordained in May 1993.

After ordination, he was appointed parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Oradell, where he served until 1999. In June of 1999, Father Palmisano was appointed parochial vicar of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes.





As Archbishop Myers delivers his homily, it is interpreted in sign language by Marjo Burke-Mansbach, one of three 'signers.'

## Special needs faithful welcomed at annual Cathedral Basilica Mass

A Mass celebrating the lives of those with special needs was celebrated last month at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

Speaking at the noon Mass, Archbishop John J. Myers said everyone is "special with special needs." The annual Mass began three years ago in the Archdiocese.

Deacon Thomas Smith, Director of the Ministry with the Deaf, said the deaf faithful

attending the Mass were "very, very happy" to meet Archbishop Myers. Deacon Smith emphasized the importance of such "direct contact."

The Mass was unusual, he explained, in that there were three persons interpreting through sign language at three strategic locations in the sanctuary. Deacon Smith noted too that the parents of a youngster with cerebral palsy who is also deaf were "overjoyed" at the Mass.



Archbishop Myers accepts the gifts from Anna Marie Sopko of Bayonne at the Special Needs Mass.

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## Exploring Catechetical Partnerships

An exploration of old and new catechetical partnerships between parishes and families, focusing on true family involvement in the faith development of its members and the establishment of a parish faith mentoring program for all generations.

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# Time of ongoing transition, hope and pain for so many

There is too much news, within the Archdiocese and around the nation and the world, to report in this edition of *The Catholic Advocate*. You are holding 40 pages in your hands, and it is not enough! Much of the Church-related news today—arguably most of it—is good news, some of it “bad,” depending on one’s perspective.

But the primary theme we are reporting to you can be brought under the topic or umbrella of “transition.” This is a necessary, often painful, often joyous thing in our lives, corporately and individually. If we try to receive the news with the gift of the Holy Spirit in mind, as proclaimed in the Gospels during Easter and Pentecost and beyond, some clarity can be brought to our understanding.

**Parish transition conversations.** We have begun to hear responses, some understandably emotional and negative, others positive and open, to the announced plan of reorganization of the parishes of the Archdiocese, which will take place over the next six to 18 months. We expect to hear more and to report more.

**Strategic plan for our schools.** In this issue, we report on progress made by the task force devoted to Catholic education, which will be shared with pastors, principals, parents and the community at large. It is a comprehensive effort to maintain the excellence and the Catholicity of our schools, for our children and all the children to come.

**Ordinations and vocations to the priesthood.** In the face of a national and international crisis in the Catholic priesthood, with numbers dwindling and the future uncertain, our faith and hope is renewed by the ordinations to the transitional diaconate and the priesthood over the past two weeks. God is at work among us, and we must continue to do our part through prayer and support of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

**Transitions in the episcopacy.** Here in the Archdiocese of Newark we are gaining new bishops and “losing” some, as well. Retirement and reassignment are facts of episcopal life in the Catholic Church, and blessings flow from welcoming new men into the ancient line of succession that is the life blood of our apostolic Church.

**Gratitude.** Over the past week we have received a very warm answer to our appeal in the last issue for your support of *The Catholic Advocate* through subscriptions and donations. We anticipate that this tangible indication of your interest in a vital Catholic press in northern New Jersey will continue. We thank you.

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## Respect Life

# A new generation is more pro-life

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

The latest Zogby poll released after the March for Women’s Lives, found that only 13 percent of Americans believe abortions should be completely unrestricted—the opposite of the position taken by the organizers of this march!

The same poll showed that 56 percent of all Americans believe that abortion should never be legal—or only legal when the mothers’ life is endangered or where the pregnancy was the result of rape or incest (these circumstances account for only 2 percent of abortions).

Young adults (18-29) were found to be even more pro-life. Sixty percent believe that abortion should never be legal—or legal only in cases of life endangerment or rape or incest.

The poll reveals that more Americans identify themselves as pro-life than pro-abortion 49 percent to 45 percent. Ten years

ago the Gallup poll was 56 percent pro-abortion to 33 percent pro-life.

Why?  
Many young people realize that their brothers and sisters were aborted. That they had siblings they would never get to meet.

They also realize that their very existence depended entirely on the decision of their mother. That they had no right to life until after they were born. That if there were 20 youngsters in their group, there should have been 30.

One third of their generation was not given the chance to be born.

Many young people realize how fragile their lives were before they were born. That their lives could legally have been snuffed out up to the day they were born. Their birth depended entirely on the decision of their mother. Every other right we have depends entirely on our basic right to life.

It seems that young people realize this even better than older Americans.

# Apostles, disciples are evangelizers all

**BY MSGR. RICHARD J. ARNHOLS**  
*Vicar for Pastoral Life*

In this Octave of Pentecost, we rejoice in the Spirit’s coming into the lives of the apostles, and the profound and immediate effect His coming brought in the birth of the Church through their preaching. Founded by Christ and empowered by His life-giving blood shed on the cross, the Church is born with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

“Through the Holy Spirit who has been given to them, bishops are successors of the apostles by divine institution; they are constituted pastors within the Church so that they are teachers of doctrine, priests of sacred worship, and ministers of governance.” (Canon 375-1). Assisted by priests and deacons, bishops, in communion with the pope, continue to instruct their flocks in the ways of holiness, guiding them in the midst of a world which has so many more alluring temptations and lukewarm positions.

Whether through ordinary preaching or pastoral letters, such as Archbishop Myers’ recent “A Time for Honesty,” diocesan bishops in particular are charged with the obligation to remind us of the truth and clarify the Church’s teaching.

“The Christian faithful,” on the

other hand, “are those who, inasmuch as they have been incorporated in Christ through baptism, have been constituted as the people of God; for this reason, since they have become sharers in Christ’s priestly, prophetic and royal office in their own manner, they are called to exercise the mission which God has entrusted to the Church to fulfill in the world, in accord with the condition proper to each one.” (Canon 204-1).

All of us, then, have a responsibility to know the truth, live the truth, and teach the truth.

By our baptism and confirmation, we have been deputed by God so that the divine message of salvation becomes known and accepted by all persons throughout the world. The formal term for this is “evangelization.” For some, this means sharing the faith as catechists or instructors. For most, in more simple terms, it means knowing your faith and living it in such a way that others notice the difference and are attracted to imitate it or embrace it.

Whether formally or informally, then, the Church continues to reach out to people of every language and culture, letting them know the Good News of God’s love and forgiveness!

# This local Church among the first

The Archdiocese of Newark is among the first dioceses in the nation to implement a recommendation by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for a coordinated health and social services delivery system.

The need to streamline is hardly unique to the Newark Archdiocese. It is an early 21st century reality most large organizations must face.

Under the new banner of Catholic Health and Human Services (CHHS), the Cathedral Healthcare System, Catholic Community Services and Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral System have been combined. (See article on Page 3.)

Clearly their needed functions intermingle, and with CHHS the result will be a more efficient and effective operation.

Under a strong and proven leadership team, CHHS will continue a tradition of compassionate care that is the hallmark of the local Church of Newark.

# The rewards of Catholic education

A hearty congratulations to all members of the Class of 2004!  
In our special supplement in the center section of the newspaper, we commemorate this special time for the students and their families as four years of hard work come to a glorious and fulfilling end.

For most of those receiving high school diplomas, the next big step in their lives comes in the fall when they take it to the next level in college.

Similarly, this year’s college-level graduates are busy setting their sights on the work world or further academic achievement.

Graduates of schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark not only have received a fine education but they have done so in a Catholic setting that will benefit mind and soul for a lifetime.

Our prayers and very best wishes to them all!



# Lowest birth rates signal 'demographic suicide'

On Sunday April 25, 2004, between 500,000 and one million women descended upon Washington. They were there for a women's march to demonstrate their approval of a woman's "right to choose," which means, of course, a woman's right to have an abortion.

Had I been able to do so, I would have hung a huge banner over their heads as they marched. It would have contained these words, "Congratulations—since Roe vs. Wade you have murdered 43 million human beings."

That is the actual number of recorded abortions since 1973. I would have hung a second banner that would have read, "Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do."

In order to see clearly the effects of birth control and abortion one need only look at Europe. The statistics are now painfully clear and the situation on the continent is terribly evident and becoming more so everyday.

A couple of weeks ago I had the chance to speak to a high-ranking Vatican official. I said to him, "Eminence, is this statement true or false? Western Europe has committed demographic suicide."

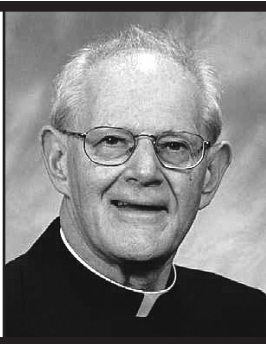
He looked me directly in the eye and said, "You are exactly correct."

Here are some facts gleaned from here and there:

- The *Times* of London ran this article last year (March 23, 2003): "Even if Europeans woke up tomorrow and decided to start having children again, it would be too late to make much of a difference. The year 2000 marked the turning point. There will be fewer parents in the next generation than in this one. The current birth rate in Europe is 1.5 children per woman as compared to the 2.1 required to replace the existing population. If the current trends continue, the population of Europe

## Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



will decline by 88 million people. This will make the top heavy retirement system unsustainable."

- The *New York Times* published an article on Scotland (Nov. 30, 2003), stating, "For five years Scotland has recorded more deaths than births and now has the lowest birth rate in Britain... The consequences of a baby bust are well known — a bankrupt pension system, sky high health costs; a shortage of skilled workers and a diminished pool of brain power. . . Glasgow's population has dropped from One million to 600,000. Glasgow is closing 25 elementary schools."

- The Dutch government predicts that the major Dutch cities will have Moslem majorities by 2010. "Half of the population of Rotterdam is now of foreign descent," according to The Hague, in a government statement on Feb. 17, 2004.

- The *London Electric Telegraph* of July 24, 2003

*Banner: 'Since Roe vs. Wade you have murdered 43 million human beings.'*

states, "There will be 20% fewer Germans in 50 years. A drop of 17 million people."

- Spain is at the bottom of the world's fertility tables. Half of all Spanish women never have a child.

- The *New York Times* (Dec. 26, 2002) reports, "The birth rate of Ferrara, Italy is .9 per couple. Officials talk about the dearth of children in the streets, the closing of elementary schools and a pervasive sense that something is missing. Italy has the world's oldest population. By 2050, 42 percent of Italy's population will be 60 or older."

- France boasts a birth rate of 1.9 children per couple. But France has the highest out-of-wedlock birth rate of any European country. That is largely because many Moslem immigrants are polygamous. France recognizes only one legal wife.

- Over all the West is going gray and The *Economist* (July 17, 2003) noted, "The consequences won't be pretty."

- The Italian bishops said this on Pro Life Day in 2003:

"Without children there is no future. If there are few children in a society of adults and elderly, to whom do we pass on what we are, what in turn our parents gave us?"

The situation in Europe is tragic. What is saving the United States? The answer lies in two areas.

First, our huge immigrant population is young, vibrant and contributing to our national well-being. Secondly, our younger women are realizing the beauty, value and sanctity of wedded life and motherhood. Praise God!

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

# Citizenship—a blessing, carries responsibilities

Here in Nebraska we recently finished a huge primary election. Now that it's over the oh-so-annoying and even not-so-annoying ads are no longer running; the winning candidates are readying themselves for November while the losing candidates are wallowing in the world of what-might-have-been.

Where does that leave the rest of us? Some of us are cheering, congratulating ourselves for backing a winner while the rest of us are grouching about how the other guy won in spite of being a jerk, a liar, or even worse. But I hope we can all say, "I voted."

As I walked to the polling place last week I caught my neighbor Angie doing some yard work. She had already voted (the sticker on her blouse read "I voted today") and after catching up on news about family, grown kids, and grandkids we began discussing the predicted low voter turnout (the turnout was actually even lower).

Angie remarked that when she was a child, her grandmother made sure she was properly dressed (in a clean dress and "good" shoes) for two occasions: church and voting.

As I walked home I couldn't help but wonder if the parents in our generation made a mistake. While I am reasonably certain my adult children vote with regularity (because we are on various sides of almost any question and argue constantly about issues in the news) I can't guarantee it. If they don't, I don't want to know.

I no longer take personal responsibility for my adult children's actions (I have been an Al-Anon member much too long to do that). I don't take credit for all the wonderful things they do, nor do I take the blame for anything they do that's not to my liking.

Thinking about all this, I couldn't help wondering

## Over the Coffee Cup

By Mary Costello



if Don and I made sure the kids were aware that voting was a privilege and a high priority for us. We certainly discussed politics and political issues at home (like I say, we're still arguing, even though now it's via Ma Bell and e-mails from various candidates, forwarded to one another's computer mail boxes).

But did we let them know how important it was that we voted?

Nebraska is Big Red Country. When Husker games are televised I make certain the refrigerator is stocked with plenty of soft drinks, that there are bags of chips, nachos, and cheese crackers in the cupboard, and even a pot of chili simmering on the stove. (This chore has reached monumental proportions since the Huskers started winning; there's a game on TV nearly every weekend throughout the fall.)

In contrast, while my mother was a great football fan, her chips and dip parties were reserved for the biggest night of any year: election night. On that

night, we could always count on plenty of snacks and goodies (especially popcorn, Mom's favorite) to get us through a late evening as we waited for Walter Cronkite to tell us who had won the White House, the State House, even various legislative seats.

We all read the flag-waving editorials about how important it is to vote and how, if you don't vote, you lose your right to complain about the mistakes our country's leaders might be making. We read letters to the editor from refugees from other countries that are not so democratic (or not democratic at all) reminding us of the privilege of voting for our leaders. And we might even tsk-tsk when we read the figures on how many people in our own neighborhoods stayed away from the polls each election day.

But have we done something where it really counts: in our own hearts, in our families, with our kids?

That's where it matters. We can argue for hours;

we can discuss until we have neither breath nor energy left; we can bluster and spout slogans and campaign promises until we tire our opponents out with pounds and pounds of rhetoric. But until we have that little spark in

our hearts, the one that says, "God has blessed me with citizenship in this country and, while it might be flawed, it's by far the best system anybody has come up with yet and it's my responsibility to do what is necessary to maintain it," it's all a sham.

Maybe we should even put something like that on the refrigerator. Just a thought.

*Mary Costello is a freelance columnist.*

*If you don't vote, you lose your right to complain about the mistakes.*



# Pope cites ‘innocent blood’ of Mideast

ROME (CNS) — As Rome’s Jewish community celebrated the 100th anniversary of its monumental synagogue, Pope John Paul II pleaded for new interreligious efforts to bring peace to the Middle East.

“The God of justice and peace, of mercy and reconciliation calls us to collaborate without hesitation in our modern world, which is lacerated by confrontations and hostility,” the pope wrote in a message to the community.

Cardinal Camillo Ruini, papal vicar for Rome, read the pope’s message at the May 23 anniversary celebration, which the city’s Jewish community marked by honoring those who survived past injustices and by renewing its commitment to dialogue with Christians and Muslims.

The synagogue, built between 1901 and 1904, replaced the five small synagogues of Rome’s Jewish ghetto, where the city’s Jews were forced by papal order to live beginning in 1556.

Chief Rabbi Riccardo Di Segni said the destruction of the ghetto walls in 1848 and the building of the main synagogue marked a new period of freedom and involvement in the life of the city where Jews had lived since before the time of Christ.

The rabbi praised the city’s Christian communities for their willingness to cooperate with the Jewish community in fighting anti-Semitism and increasing respect between Christians and Jews; he said he hoped similar friendly relations would be established between Jews and Muslims in Rome.

Along with Cardinal Ruini, the pope was represented at the ceremony by Cardinal Walter Kasper, head of the Vatican’s Commission for Religious Relations With the Jews.

The Vatican gave no official explanation for the pope’s decision not to attend the anniversary ceremonies, but one Vatican source called the decision “prudential” given the political situation in the Middle East and the pope’s health.

When the pope visited the synagogue in 1986, it was considered a breakthrough gesture that did much to strengthen the bonds of friendship between Christianity and Judaism. It was the first time a modern pope had entered a synagogue.

In his message, Pope John Paul said his 1986 visit “remains engraved on my memory and on my heart” as a symbol of the new relationship between Catholics and Jews “after some difficult and painful periods.”

“You continue to be the first-born people of the Covenant,” the pope told the community. “You have been citizens of Rome for more than 2,000 years, from before (the Apostles) Peter the fisherman and Paul in chains” reached the city.

Pope John Paul recalled the Church’s condemnation of anti-Semitism and its request for forgiveness for the times when Church members have harmed the Jewish people.

“Nevertheless, while it is obligatory, it is not enough to express disapproval and condemnation of the hostility toward the Jewish people that frequently marked history. We also must develop friendship, esteem and fraternal relations with them,” the pope said.

The pope said Christians and Jews couldn’t help but worry about the continuing violence in the Holy Land where “too much innocent blood” has been shed by Israelis and Palestinians. “For this, we want today to raise a fervent prayer to the Eternal in faith and in hope, to the God of ‘shalom’ so that hostility will no longer overwhelm with hatred those who call Abraham father—Jews, Christian and Muslims.”

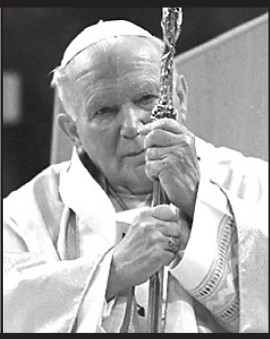
Hatred, he said, must give way to awareness of “the ties that bind them and the responsibility which weighs on their shoulders.”

*God calls us to collaborate without hesitation in our modern world.*

*-Pope John Paul II*

## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



## God, judge and savior

Dear brothers and sisters,

The canticle that we have just heard is a hymn of praise to God, the lord of history and the world, who is ready to establish His kingdom of justice, love and truth. God is both judge and savior. He condemns evil and rewards faithfulness; He is just, but is not lacking in compassion.

Satan, the accuser, is cast out, and he has no more power over the righteous.

The heavenly hosts are invited to sing out in joy for the salvation that has been wrought. We, too, add our voices to this great hymn of thanksgiving, and we are filled with hope as we continue our journey toward glory.

I am pleased to greet the English-speaking visitors present at this audience today, in particular the pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Chicago led by their archbishop, Cardinal Francis George. Upon all of you, especially those from England, Ireland, Sweden, Indonesia and the United States of America, I cordially invoke an abundance of grace and peace in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

# Trinitarian faith and care of the earth go together

**Readings: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15.**

Is the world made for humanity or do all creatures share equally the right to exist and to flourish undisturbed? The debate ranges widely, because politicians and economists need to grapple with the question just as much as philosophers and scientists. Does Christianity have a contribution to make? We can move the discussion beyond “anthropocentrism” versus “deep ecology” by offering a God-centered analysis of the question.

Some claim that “man is the measure of all things,” with the right to exploit the rest of reality for pleasure or profit. The danger of self-idolatry inherent to this pragmatic approach to the environment contains the seeds of destruction, both physical and spiritual.

The Feast of the Blessed Trinity is a good occasion to ask whether we really place God first in our lives.

Celebrating the divine work of creation, the poets and sages of Israel reflected upon the wisdom that governed the omnipotence of God. No mere blueprint of the world, the divine attribute of wisdom was personified as the architect working alongside the Creator (Prv 8:30).

Intimate with God and rejoicing in creation, wisdom delighted to be with human beings in order to guide them into the service of God, wherein true happiness and fulfillment is to be found.

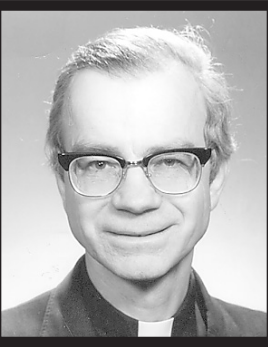
The Fourth Gospel followed Jewish tradition and linked this theme of wisdom to the hymn of creation (Gn 1:1-2:4) which alludes to the Word and Spirit of God as agents of the divine will. John the Theologian had contemplated the teaching of Jesus and learned that the poetry of Israel’s teachers pointed to a dynamic life within the mystery of the one God.

Like others who knew Jesus in His risen life, John was

## Sunday Readings

Trinity Sunday  
(June 2, 2004)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



guided to the fullness of truth by the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church (see 16:13).

St. Paul grounded the unique content of Christian faith in the work of God the Father “who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, Jesus who was handed over to death for our sins and raised up for our justification” (Rom 4:24-25).

The reconciliation of the world to God is accomplished through the Paschal Mystery of Jesus’ death-and-resurrection. This provides the basis for hope in the gift of a richer life, a share in Christ’s union with the Father in glory, promised “because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (Rom 5:5).

This summary of Trinitarian transformation of human life (Rom 5:1-5) is developed at length throughout Chapter 8. The work of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit make Christians the children of God the Father and heirs of the destiny achieved by the risen

*People should live with a definition of happiness that reveals a higher destiny, both for humanity and all creation.*

Christ. But only if we integrate the pattern of the cross into the fabric of our lives (8:17)!

Rather than a frantic search to draw the maximum from neighbor and nature, people should live with a definition of happiness that reveals a higher destiny, both for humanity and all creation. “The whole created world eagerly awaits the revelation of God’s children... because the world itself will be freed from its slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of God’s children” (8:20-21).

The search for possessions, pleasure and power that motivates people’s exploitation of the earth constitutes an acknowledgment of human emptiness. This very sense of poverty should be basis for faith that only God can satisfy the deepest yearnings of the human heart.

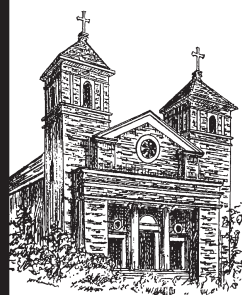
Do we make a conscious effort to subordinate wealth and creature comforts to the understanding that they are only means to serve God?

Does our way of life manifest sensitivity to our neighbor and future generations? Do politicians receive a strong message from Christian communities that local use of resources should be tempered by sensitivity to human needs on a global scale?

We may consider that our Trinitarian faith is limited to the realm of prayer, yet the Gospel teaches that it should challenge the world at large. “I pray... that all may be one as you, Father, are in me and I in you; I pray that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that you have sent me” (Jn 17:21).

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# Holy Trinity, Westfield

## Worshipping community bursting at the seams

BY BRIAN FORES

Staff Reporter

Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield, has come a long way from its humble beginnings.

With between 1,900 and 2,000 families, the parish is outgrowing its current quarters. "The one great need Holy Trinity has is living space," explained Msgr. Joseph P. Masiello, Pastor.

"The population has grown and activities have increased. We've hired a full-time youth minister, Patricia Martin, because that ministry is expanding very much," he said.

The parish staff includes Father Donald E. Cialone, Parochial Vicar; Deacon Thomas A. Pluta; Sr. Joan Connelly, Pastoral Associate; Sr. Kathleen Burton, Religious Education Director; Dorothy Szot, Principal, and Roxanne McAlany, Music Minister. "All goes on as it should, but we're always juggling," Msgr. Masiello said, adding that expansion is under consideration.

Msgr. Masiello's knowledge of the parish's growth and other statistics are up to date thanks to a recent survey. "We just conducted a parish survey under the guidance of the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University. They have years of expertise and study in this area," Msgr. Masiello noted. "We had about 700 responses, and most said they found Holy Trinity to be warm and welcoming," he added.

"I am coming up on my ninth year here, and in that time, the average age has dropped and the population has gone up," Msgr. Masiello explained, pointing out that this ratio is evident in the number of baptisms versus deaths, "nearly 3 to 1."

He said that the parish consists principally of percent Irish and Italian Americans with a small number of German and Polish Americans: "This basically reflects the town of Westfield." However, he said, there are a smaller number of African Americans, Hispanics and Asians.

When asked how those individuals might feel in such an underwhelming minority, Msgr. Masiello responded, "I've often asked myself that question. My hope is that they feel comfortable. If some of the people who are in those minorities were not returning, I would be concerned. But the fact that they are faithful to church attendance says a lot. Not only that, many are active in parish life—one of our Eucharistic ministers is African American, and we have several Hispanic readers," he commented.

Msgr. Masiello added that there



With its unique architecture, Holy Trinity Church is well known in the community.

is a native Iraqi couple at the parish. "Our hearts have gone out to them through this difficult time. I've been in touch with them personally—they are wonderful people. Also, the innocent of Iraq are always remembered during our Prayer of the Faithful. It all has made them feel so much better," he said, adding, "they still have family in Iraq."

Msgr. Masiello said that the moment he felt most one with the heart of Westfield was when he offered a prayer at the town's dedication for its 9/11 memorial. "We lost 12 of our citizens, including 3 parishioners," he said. "That day was an opportunity for bonding with the larger Westfield community, and a deepening of bonds within the parish," he noted, adding, "The people of Westfield take pride in their town, and as one of its citizens, I share their sentiment."

Msgr. Masiello explained that the survey indicated that the education and income level of parishioners is "very high." He said this has been a blessing with regard to parish volunteerism. "Holy Trinity is a parish deeply involved with stewardship," he noted. "We run a food pantry that services Westfield and the surrounding community. Our parishioners volunteer at the St. Joseph Social Center soup kitchen in Elizabeth, taking turns with other parishes. We have hundreds of volunteers in our parish activities."

"We were among the first to offer courses in Protecting God's Children, on sexual abuse and awareness. Our parishioners have demonstrated a special concern for our priests during the scandal," the pastor stressed.

Msgr. Masiello said that not only have the parish ministries reached out to the larger Westfield community, but they are working to combine efforts with St. Helen Parish, also in Westfield, which, according to Msgr. Masiello, has roughly 3,500 registered families. In March, the two parishes jointly hosted an AIDS compassion weekend.



Among the parish's prized possessions is a crucifix that was used at the Mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II at Giants Stadium in the fall of 1995.

Holy Trinity Interparochial School, Pre-K through grade 8, involves three entities. The main campus is the original Holy Trinity grammar school; there is a smaller campus in Mountainside (which used to be the parish school for Our Lady of Lourdes); finally, Holy Trinity Interparochial acts as the parish school for students from St. Helen Parish.

According to Msgr. Masiello, the school has over 460 students total. "The reason the youngest students, ages 2 1/2 through kindergarten, are

on the Mountainside campus is because we simply have no room in the main building. We have more than 500 students registered for the fall," Msgr. Masiello explained.

While the challenges caused by limitations in space might be daunting, they are eclipsed by the involvement and enthusiasm of parishioners at Holy Trinity.

A lot of that has to do with Deacon Pluta, a parishioner there for 34 years, who directs the parish's social ministries. Msgr. Masiello says of Deacon Pluta, "There couldn't be a better deacon than Tom; he personifies the best of what a deacon is meant to be."

"I handle ministries related to community-building and service," says Deacon Pluta. He explained that, while the former involves social functions such as dances, communion breakfasts, an upcoming block party and even ho-downs, the objective of the latter is to "make real in people's lives a whole range of services."

"I help people make a connection between those who have a need, and those who want to offer their service," he added.

Deacon Pluta said that the volunteers number in the hundreds, from young to old, and from long-time parishioners to newcomers. "They all share a sense of trying to live the Gospel out in terms of helping other people," he stated.

According to the deacon, some of those activities include bereavement support groups, such as Rainbows for All God's Children—a support group for children who have experienced any kind of loss, whether through the death of a parent, or through divorce or separation—and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist visiting Sunrise Assisted Living, a nursing home, on Sundays.

"Our parishioners are spirited and extremely busy," Deacon Pluta observed. "There are a lot of professionals here, and there are many two-income families raising children. Most are looking to find a balance in their lives and a way to maintain those family values that are so important."

Deacon Pluta also mentioned that their ministries are reaching out beyond parish borders. "We try to extend ourselves, not just to the community at large, but also to other churches and schools," he said. He noted that recently they participated in a town-wide food drive at the local Jewish temple.

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In 1972, Sister Mary Mercedita, Principal of Holy Trinity High School, taped an address by Archbishop Thomas Boland at an outdoor Mass celebrating the parish’s 100th anniversary.

# Rural beginnings flourish into vibrant congregation

In the latter part of the 19th century, Catholics in Westfield had no parish, no church, and no priest in residence to administer sacraments and lead them in worship. Rather, they relied on occasional Sunday visits by a priest in private homes or in a shop, E. Miller & Sons, on East Broad Street.

There were few Catholics in semi-rural Westfield at the time. While awaiting a priest, those who had such transportation hitched horses to buggies, or rode the Central Railroad of New Jersey to one of four places to take part in Sunday Mass: Plainfield, Elizabeth, Rahway or Stony Hill (presently Watchung).

## Bursting at seams

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“I can’t stress enough the importance of small contributions in terms of addressing ever-increasing needs. When someone is in need of housing subsidies or medical coverage, we feel that, and we respond with our Christian Aid Fund.

“For several years, we have held ‘Project Backpack,’ where we collect backpacks, pencils, paper, and other supplies, that most of us might take for granted, for those in need in inner city Catholic schools. There’s an awareness and sensitivity that people in our parish have, and that’s why they volunteer,” Deacon Pluta concluded.

Or as Msgr. Masiello put it, “I am humbled and inspired that there are so many people of means who are in the trenches, visiting the sick, going to soup kitchens, and doing so much more. I’m in awe of that. You hear about wealthy communities, maybe you wonder if they really care. I’ve met so many people who really do care, I could talk about it for 10 years!”

*Holy Trinity Parish is located at 315 First St. in Westfield.*

Most Rev. James Roosevelt Bayley, the first Bishop of Newark, assigned a young Polish-born priest, Father Gregory Misdziol, to Westfield to establish a parish there in 1872. On Sept. 2, 1872, the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity, Westfield, was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey. In addition to being the founding pastor for Westfield’s Catholic community, Father Misdziol had the responsibility as spiritual leader of Catholics in Cranford, Stony Hill and Basking Ridge.

The congregation at the time was composed mostly of those of Irish, German and Italian descent. For many years, an Italian Mass was said every week at Holy Trinity for the many first, second and third generation Italian Catholics who lived in the area.

Father Misdziol’s first mission was to commence plans for a church, which turned out to be a small, white-frame structure on New York Avenue (now Trinity Place).

Before that church was built, he celebrated Sunday Mass in a freight office of the Central Railroad station on South Avenue. On Saturday evenings, parishioners brought brooms and dusting brushes, and carefully prepared the station for Mass, erecting a temporary altar each week.

When Father Misdziol took the first parish census he counted 70 parishioners—35 women, 20 men and 15 children. Today, that number stands at 1,900 to 2,000 families.

Holy Trinity had nine pastors after Father Misdziol between 1874 and 1913. Except for Father W.J. Wiseman’s 13 years and Father Peter Reilly’s 12 years, the stays were brief.

Although the congregation increased, its tiny church was expanded only to add a

*“I’ve met so many people who really do care, I could talk about it for 10 years!”*

*-Msgr. Joseph P. Masiello*

sacristy, a vestibule and a spire—none of which did anything to alleviate those who regularly packed the building for services.

The number of parishioners grew steadily, as did Westfield itself, from a rural community once known as the West Fields of Elizabethtown to a thriving suburban town.

In the 125 years of Holy Trinity Parish life, there are 55 golden years that stand out above all. This was under the guidance of Father Henry J. Watterson, who arrived on St. Valentine’s Day in 1913, at the age of 37.

When he first arrived, Msgr. Watterson inherited a little church and a rectory. Holy Trinity’s other assets consisted of two lots on First Street known as the Dorsch and Michaels properties, as well as an additional lot on First Street donated during the pastorate of Father Peter E. Reilly (1893-1905). Msgr. Watterson had a parish debt of \$9,500, which he quickly erased, and then acquired additional property on First Street and New York Avenue (Trinity Place).

His vision was an enormous building project that would, upon completion, include a new church, a three-story brick school building, a convent to house the Sisters of Charity and a new and separate high school building.

The elementary school was built in 1916, at First Street and New York Avenue. In 1922, the new church was built at Westfield Avenue and First Street. While there have been renovations to the interior, the exterior looks the same as it did when it was constructed.

In 1926, a parish high school with a gymnasium/auditorium was built. In 1953, over a quarter-century later, a new school building was added to accommodate the growing population.

In 1959, there was a fire in the church basement, which spread up a stairwell into the altar boys’ sacristy. The sacristy, along with the rear of the altar and the artwork on the wall, were scorched. This occurred shortly after a redecoration of the church. Msgr. Watterson immediately commenced work to repair the damage.

During his retirement, Msgr. Watterson lived in Somerset, and then moved to the Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains, where he died in 1976.

He was the only priest in the Archdiocese of Newark to reach 100 years of age and 75 years in the priesthood. At the time of his death, he was the oldest living alumnus of Seton Hall University. Some 51 curates passed through the doors of Holy Trinity rectory during his pastorate.

Msgr. Watterson’s successor was Msgr. Charles B. Murphy. Not long after his arrival, a major renovation of the church’s interior took place, partly to accommodate liturgical changes emanating from the Second Vatican Council, and to prepare for the parish’s 100th anniversary. At this time, there were 6,500 parishioners.

The schools underwent major changes in 1976. Holy Trinity High School was closed, and the sixty-year-old elementary school building vacated. The high school

## Meet the Pastor



### Msgr. Joseph P. Masiello

**Age:** 59  
**Date of Birth:** March 1, 1945  
**High School:** Saint Aloysius, Jersey City  
**College/Seminary/Graduate School:** Seton Hall University, Immaculate Conception Seminary, North American College (Rome), Pontifical Gregorian University  
**Date of Ordination:** Dec. 19, 1969  
**Heroes:** Pope John XXIII, General Omar Bradley, President Jimmy Carter  
**Favorite Saints:** Joseph and Francis of Assisi  
**Favorite Sport:** Baseball  
**Favorite Food:** Pasta (in abundance!)  
**Favorite Subject in School:** Latin  
**Favorite Movie:** King Kong (original), A Christmas Carol, Cool Hand Luke  
**Last Book Read:** When You Come to a Fork in the Road, Take It by Yogi Berra  
**Proudest Moment:** Ordination to the Priesthood  
**Occupation if I weren’t a Priest:** Attorney or Accountant

building was converted to present-day Holy Trinity Interparochial School.

Msgr. Murphy retired from active ministry after forty-two years in the priesthood, and remained in residence at Holy Trinity Rectory until his death.

Father (soon to be monsignor) Robert T. Lennon became the thirteenth pastor of Holy Trinity in July 1976. He was a former military chaplain. Msgr. Lennon’s pastorate at Holy Trinity, lasting eleven years, was marked by the increased participation of the laity in both the parish and the finance councils, acting as advisory bodies to the pastor. Also, tithing was introduced into the parish.

Msgr. Joseph P. Masiello, the current pastor, came to Holy Trinity in 1995. Msgr. Masiello has made many improvements, such as a new sound system in the church, a new sign located outside the church with the anniversary logo, and many other repairs to the church and school.

Under his guidance, the restoration of the bell, which had been silent for years, was completed. Last May, Archbishop John J. Myers confirmed 48 young people there.



June 4

**The Knights of Columbus,** Washington Township, Friday Night Dinner June 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 79 Pascack Road. Cost \$8. Call (201) 664-0422.

June 6

**St. Anne Parish,** Fair Lawn, Healing Liturgy with Anointing of the Sick at 3 p.m. Wheel chair accessible, nurses on call to assist. Call (201) 791-1616.

**St. Stephen Parish,** Kearny, guided tour from 1:30 to 3:50 p.m. Call (201) 998-3314 or visit [www.ststephenchurch.com](http://www.ststephenchurch.com).

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish,** Wallington, 60th anniversary celebration of the Rosary Confraternity at the Wallington Exchange. Call (973) 778-7405.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish,** Nutley, Coffee and Conversation summer social each Sunday after 7, 8 and 9:15 a.m. Mass in the church

basement. Call (973) 667-2580.



June 7

**St. John the Baptist Parish,** Hillsdale, panel discussion and questions on the role of Catholics in public life, 7:30 p.m. in the parish center. Free. Call (201) 666-2707.

June 11

**St. Joseph Parish,** Lodi, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament through June 13, beginning with Mass at 8 p.m. Call (973) 779-0643.

**St. Anthony Parish,** Belleville, Italian Festival through June 13. Friday, from 6 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, from 3 to 11 p.m., and Sunday, from 3 to 10 p.m. Call (937) 481-1991.

**St. Helen Parish,** Westfield, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 2 to 4 p.m. Call (908) 232-1214.

June 13

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish,** Orange, Solemnity of the Lord’s Body and Blood, Corpus Christi. Noon Mass, procession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Solemn Vespers at 6 p.m. Call (973) 674-2052.



**Ascension Parish,** New Milford, parish picnic following noon Mass. Volunteers needed. Call Marguerite at (201) 385-0159 or Anna at (201) 387-2632.

June 16

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish,** Ridgefield Park, support group for separated and divorced, monthly meetings with trained facilitators at 7:30 p.m. Call (201) 641-6464.

Local Highlights

Spiritual

• The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, will host a healing service for those affected by sexual abuse, June 6 at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling. Call (908) 647-0208.

Concert

• *Schola Cantorum* on Hudson, a 32-voice choral ensemble based in downtown Jersey City, will present Carl Orff’s *Carmina Burana* at 4 p.m., June 6 at St. Michael Parish, Jersey City. Tickets sold at the door are \$15 each; \$10 for seniors and full-time students. For advance discount ticket and other information, call (201) 333-8429 or visit [www.scholaonhudson.org](http://www.scholaonhudson.org).

Forum

• The People’s Organization for Progress and New Jerseyans for a Death Penalty Moratorium will host “Examining the Death Penalty: Personal Perspectives,” June 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ethical Culture Society of Essex County, 516 Prospect St., Maplewood. Speakers include Ray Krone, who was falsely convicted and spent years on death row, and Eddie Hicks, whose daughter was killed in 2000.

Reunions

• Belleville High School, Class of 1958, will hold its 46th reunion on Oct. 16 at the Chandelier in Belleville. Contact Carol at (937) 751-0604 or Pat at (973) 667-7137.

• Holy Family High School, Union City, is having a reunion for graduates, students and faculty through 1975 on Oct. 16 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Scheutzen Park, 3167 Kennedy Blvd., North Bergen. Cost \$60. Call (201) 666-4174 or (201) 225-0505 or visit [www.hfreunion.org](http://www.hfreunion.org).

Health

• The Stress Management Series offered by Holy Name Hospital continues June 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., with “Aromatherapy for Stress Reduction,” in the Education Conference Room, Rosarii Hall. Cost \$20. Registration is required. Free blood pressure screenings are being offered on June 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. and June 4 and June 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. Call (201) 227-6250.

Live-in

• The Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth will offer a monastic live-in from July 9 to 16, open to Catholic women over 18. A Vocation Discernment Weekend will be held from July 9 to 11. Call (908) 353-3028.

Singles

• St. Phil’s Singles will go hiking at South Mountain Reservation, South Orange, and have dinner at 5 p.m. at Charlie Brown’s Restaurant, Millburn, on June 5. On June 12, they will play

volleyball at St. Philomena, Livingston’s school gym at 7:30 p.m., and softball at the field behind St. Joseph’s Hall on June 13 at 2 p.m. Call (732) 382-5242 or visit [www.homestead.com/stphilssingles](http://www.homestead.com/stphilssingles).

Fundraiser

• Baby Bottle Boomerang, a new fund raising project of the Bloomfield Knights of Columbus Council will take place the first weekend in June. Local Knights and a Respect Life representative will distribute baby bottles to parishioners as they leave Mass. The bottles will be returned filled with lose change. Proceeds will go to Birthright in Bloomfield.

Miscellaneous

• Family Life Ministries and the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark will sponsor an annulment information evening on June 9 at SS. Peter and Paul Parish, 404 Hudson St., Hoboken, 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.

• Caldwell College will provide an evening of fun and prizes at the 4th Annual Tricky Tray Gift Auction on June 18 in the Student Center. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the auction begins at 8:30 p.m. Cost \$20. Pre-registration is necessary. Call (973) 618-3411 or email [kbuse@caldwell.edu](mailto:kbuse@caldwell.edu).

• The 32nd Annual Polish Heritage Festival will be held at the PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, June 6. The day will begin at 11 a.m. with Mass concelebrated by Msgr. Josef Marjanczyk and Father Robert Antczak. From noon until 6:30 p.m., there will be festivities, including folk dancers and traditional music groups. The arts center is located at Exit 116 on the Garden State Parkway. Admission is free.

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A Look Back at Our History

149 years ago...

June 11. Most Rev. John J. O’Connor, fourth Bishop of Newark, born.

147 years ago...

June 7. Holy Family Parish, Union City, founded.  
June 10. First Mass celebrated in Hackensack by Father Louis D. Senez.

129 years ago...

June 4. Cornerstone for Our Lady of Grace Church, Hoboken, laid.

112 years ago...

June 13. Cornerstone for St. Anthony of Padua Church, Jersey City, laid.

105 years ago...

June 11. Cornerstone of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newark, laid by Bishop Winand Wigger.

103 years ago...

June 4. St. Anthony Parish, East Newark, incorporated.

102 years ago...

June 2. St. Brigid Parish, North Bergen, founded.  
June 3. First Mass for Italian community in Bayonne celebrated on West 21st Street.

84 years ago...

June 7. St. Casimir Church, Newark, dedicated.

81 years ago...

June 6. Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Verona, incorporated.

75 years ago...

June 9. Sacred Heart Church (Vailsburg), Newark, dedicated.

74 years ago...

June 12. Holy Trinity Church, Hackensack, consecrated.

73 years ago...

June 2. St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Cresskill, incorporated.

52 years ago...

June 6. Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, first Archbishop of Newark, died at age 78.

41 years ago...

June 14. Holy Spirit Parish, Union, canonically erected.

18 years ago...

June 3. Most Rev. Theodore E. McCarrick (later Cardinal) appointed fourth Archbishop of Newark.

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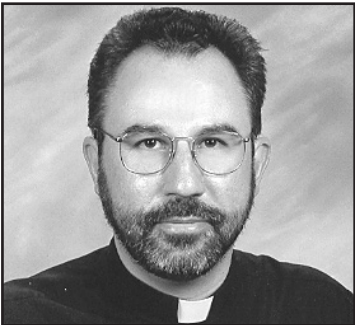


This column will commemorate important dates in the history of the Archdiocese of Newark, which celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. We welcome suggestions and anecdotes.

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

Correction

In the previous edition of *The Catholic Advocate*, we printed the wrong picture of Father Luis P. Gonzalez, the newly appointed pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Newark. This is the correct picture. We apologize for the error.



Father Luis P. Gonzalez





Ronald Hoffmann photo.

Archbishop Myers, center, and Bishop McDonnell with State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, James White.

## Knights' focus family life, education at convention

The Archdiocese of Newark was well represented at this year's 108th annual New Jersey Knights of Columbus convention which focused on legislative support for family life and non-public education.

Archbishop John J. Myers and Most Rev. Charles J. McDonnell, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, were among the concelebrants at the opening Mass at Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Wildwood Crest. Bishop McDonnell is the New Jersey State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus.

Several key resolutions were adopted by the Knights calling on the Trenton to act on several fronts.

Cited by the convention was the need to maintain fairness in the allocation of student transportation funds. This can be accomplished, said the Knights in their resolution, by removing from the proposed state budget the "notwithstanding language" which denies, say the Knights, an increase in the ceiling on transportation costs for non-public school students while allowing payments above the ceiling for students in public schools.

Another resolution calls for respect for human life by removing from the proposed 2005 state budget \$6.5 million earmarked for embryonic stem cell research.

The Knights also want lawmakers to "provide for real educational choice by providing tax relief for all parents" who send their children to non-public schools.

Also included in the resolutions adopted at the convention was for action to protect the family through a legislative ban on "so-called" same-sex marriages.

Delegates renewed their commitment to support life through all its stages. Strongly

endorsed was retention of "one nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance," a phrase the national Knights of Columbus were instrumental in having included in the pledge.

Noting the media criticism of the state's bishops for their proclamation of Catholic principles, the Knights reiterated their solidarity with the bishops and renewed their pledge of loyalty.

"We Knights took these actions because of our growing concern about the direction in which our society is moving," declared State Deputy W. James White.

All of the officers were elected for a second term including State Advocate Herbert Meer of Rutherford.

The opening Mass was celebrated in memory of the state council's deceased members and their families including James P. Burke, P.S.D. who passed away during the past year. Young people from local Communion classes took part in a Marian crowning. The gifts were presented by the wives of state officers.

The convention opened following Mass. Featured was the laying of a wreath in front of the Christopher Columbus Monument in front of Convention Hall.

### Pray for them

Catherine J. Feehan, mother Father Stephen S. Feehan, Pastor of Little Flower Parish, Berkeley Heights, died May 14.

Gumersinda Papica, grandmother of Father Edgardo Jocson, Parochial Vicar at Saint Michael Parish, Cranford, died May 24.

## Fourteen ordained as priests of Newark

BY WARD MIELE

Managing Editor

"The Spirit of the Lord is about to anoint you," Archbishop John J. Myers told the 14 new priests he ordained Saturday at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

With its 14 new priests, the Archdiocese shares with the Archdioceses of Chicago and New York the distinction of having the largest number of ordinations this year.

Ordained to the priesthood for the service of the Church of Newark were Father Yuvan Arbey Alvarez, Father Richard Joseph George Berbary, Father Michael Donovan, Father Eric Wolfgang Fuchs, Father Christopher Dominic Isinta, Father Basil Lek, Father Mariusz Grzegorz Luksza, Father Piotr Josef Maslanka, Father Titus Chukwudumeje Njoku, Father Manoel Jackson Guedes Oliveira, Father Jorge Ortiz Garay, Father Amilcar Benito Prado, Father Dave Thomas Sison and Father Jerzy Roman Zaslonka.

The ordination rite began with the election of candidates who were each called by a deacon. A priest then asked the archbishop to ordain them and testified to their worthiness. After questioning by the archbishop, the elect each promised to respect and obey him and his successors.

Archbishop Myers laid his hands on the head of each elect, as did all the clergy present at the Mass, then prayed the Prayer of Ordination.

"It is not so easy to run across shepherds these days," Archbishop Myers said, citing several vital attributes a good shepherd must possess.

"A shepherd should know joy, the joy of the Lord."

Faith is also crucial, said the archbishop, "Faith in Jesus Christ and the transforming power of God."

Generosity was included too, a generosity that must be given "day in and day out." It is a generosity, he went on, in which one "gives one's life to Jesus Christ and His Church. He called upon the new priests to "represent the Lord well, represent the Church well." He reminded them of their sacred duty to teach "in the name of Christ."

At the end of Mass, Archbishop Myers received the first blessing of each new priest. They then processed from the Cathedral Basilica to thunderous applause.

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Statements by Most Rev. John J. Myers,  
Archbishop of Newark

Two new Auxiliary Bishops

I am honored and happy to announce that our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, has appointed two new Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Newark: Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. Donato, spiritual director of Immaculate Conception Seminary and pastor-elect of St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, and Rev. Msgr. John W. Flesey, newly appointed pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes.

Both Monsignor Flesey and Monsignor Donato—now Bishops-elect—have broad experience in the Archdiocese and have the hearts of pastors. They have served well the people, priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese. We are blessed to have them in the various new roles that they will assume.

Two Auxiliary Bishops to retire

The Holy Father has accepted effective today the resignation from the Office of Auxiliary Bishop, Bishop David Arias of the Order of Augustinian Recollects and Bishop Charles J. McDonnell.

Bishop Arias has served us since 1983 in the Hispanic Apostolate, as Regional Bishop for Hudson County and as pastor of St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish in West New York. He plans to remain active in retirement.

Bishop McDonnell has served in diocesan offices, in the U.S. military as a chaplain, as Regional Bishop, and as pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Hackensack, a position in which he will continue.

Both Bishop Arias and Bishop McDonnell have served us long and well and, God willing, will continue to do so.

*Ad multos annos.*

Statement by Bishop-elect Thomas A. Donato

My appointment as Auxiliary Bishop to Archbishop Myers by Pope John Paul II has been an overwhelming and humbling experience. In accepting this appointment, I express my heartfelt thanks to Pope John Paul II, to Archbishop Myers, and to the priests of the Archdiocese of Newark who have been supportive of me through my years in priestly ministry.

As I take on this new position I pray that God is ever more compassionate with me. May God grant me an abundance of graces to provide for all God's People—clergy and laity, as I look forward to working with the archbishop in continuing to bring this local Church of Newark through exciting and challenging times.

Statement by Bishop-elect John W. Flesey

I humbly accept my appointment as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Newark, this local Church that it has been both a privilege and a joy to serve for 35 years.

I am deeply grateful to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, for placing this confidence in me. I will be honored to be working with Archbishop Myers as he leads this grace-filled Archdiocese in challenging times. I pray that the "Lord Who has done this great work in me will bring it to completion."

Donato and Flesey

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From 1990 until 1995, Father Flesey was the spiritual director of Immaculate Conception Seminary, then, in 1995, he was appointed rector/dean. In 1996, the Holy Father named Father Flesey a Prelate of Honor, with the title Monsignor.

He continued to serve as Rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary until 2001, when he returned to the post of spiritual director. In 2003, he was named director of ongoing formation for all priests in the Archdiocese of Newark. Recently Bishop-elect Flesey was appointed pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes.

Bishop Arias is a native of Mataluenga, Leon, Spain and a member of the Order of Augustinian Recollects. He was ordained a priest in 1952 in Barcelona and has spent most of his priesthood ministering in the U.S., with assignments in Mexico and Rome. He was director of the Spanish Apostolate for the Archdiocese of New York.

He was ordained in 1983 as the 14th Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, and has served as pastor of St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, since 1994. Bishop Arias will retire as pastor but continue his ministry among the half-million Hispanic Catholics of the Archdiocese.

This year Bishop McDonnell celebrates the 50th jubilee of his priestly ordination and 10 years as a bishop. He graduated from Our Lady of the Valley High School, Orange. After seminary and a decade of parish work he became a chaplain in the U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Berets) and served in combat in the Vietnam War.

He retired from military service as a brigadier general. He was ordained as the 18th Auxiliary Bishop of Newark in 1994 and is currently pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack. Bishop McDonnell has said he will continue his pastorship and some episcopal duties.

Bishop-elect Flesey is only the second rector of the seminary to be named a bishop. The first, in 1950, was Most Rev. George W. Ahr who became Bishop of Trenton.



Archbishop Myers, center, with, left to right, Bishop-elect Thomas Donato, Bishop-elect John W. Flesey, Bishop Charles McDonnell and Bishop David Arias, O.A.R. A news conference was held May 21 at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark.

Advocate photo-Ward Niele

Auxiliary Bishops of Newark

[First date is episcopal ordination]

(1) Thomas H. McLaughlin  
July 25, 1935 – Dec. 16, 1937  
Bishop of Paterson, 1938-47  
Died March 17, 1947

(2) William A. Griffin  
May 1, 1938 – May 21, 1940  
Bishop of Trenton, 1940-50  
Died Jan. 1, 1950

(3) Thomas A. Boland  
July 25, 1940 – June 21, 1947  
Bishop of Paterson, 1947-53  
Archbishop of Newark, 1953-74  
Died, March 16, 1979

(4) James A. McNulty  
Oct. 7, 1947 – April 9, 1953  
Bishop of Paterson, 1953-63  
Bishop of Buffalo, 1963-72  
Died Sept. 4, 1972

(5) Justin J. McCarthy  
June 17, 1954 – Jan. 27, 1957  
Bishop of Camden, 1957-59  
Died Dec. 26, 1959

(6) Martin W. Stanton  
Sept. 24, 1957 – April 17, 1972 (retired)  
Died Oct. 1, 1977

(7) Walter W. Curtis  
Sept. 24, 1957 – Sept. 23, 1961  
Bishop of Bridgeport, 1961-88  
Retired June 28, 1988; died Oct. 18, 1997

(8) John J. Dougherty  
Jan. 24, 1963 – Sept. 18, 1982 (retired)  
Died March 20, 1986

(9) Joseph A. Costello  
Jan. 24, 1963 – Sept. 22, 1978 (died)

(10) Jerome A. Pechillo, T.O.R.  
Jan. 25, 1966 (as Prelate Ordinary of Oronel Oviedo, Paraguay)  
March 6, 1976 – Jan. 1, 1991 (died)

(11) Robert F. Garner  
June 25, 1976 - June 11, 1995 (retired)  
Died Dec. 25, 2000

(12) Joseph A. Francis, S.V.D.  
June 25, 1976 – June 30, 1995 (retired)  
Died Sept. 1, 1997

(13) Dominic A. Marconi  
June 25, 1976 – July 1, 2002 (retired)

(14) David Arias, O.A.R.  
April 7, 1983 – May 21, 2004 (retired)

(15) John M. Smith  
Jan. 25, 1988 – June 25, 1991  
Bishop of Trenton, 1991 – present

(16) James T. McHugh  
Jan. 25, 1988 – May 13, 1989  
Bishop of Camden, 1989-99  
Bishop of Rockville Centre, 2000  
Died, Dec. 10, 2000

(17) Michael A. Saltarelli  
July 30, 1990 – Nov. 21, 1995  
Bishop of Wilmington, 1996 – present

(18) Charles J. McDonnell  
May 12, 1994 – May 21, 2004 (retired)

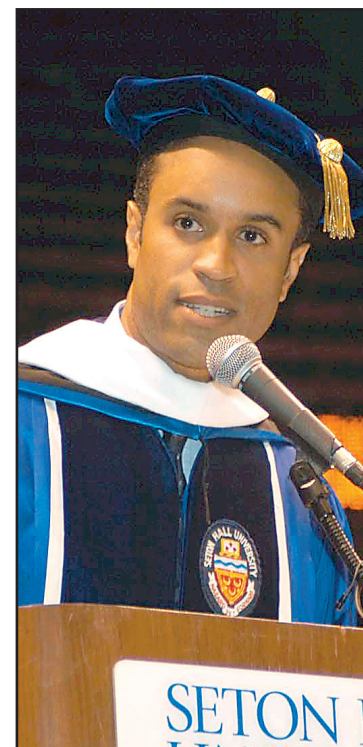
(19) Nicholas A. DiMarzio  
Oct. 31, 1996 – June 7, 1999  
Bishop of Camden, 1999 – 2003  
Bishop of Brooklyn, 2003 – present

(20) Paul G. Bootkoski  
Sept. 5, 1997 – Jan. 4, 2002  
Bishop of Metuchen, 2002 – present

(21) Arthur J. Serratelli  
Sept. 8, 2000 – present

(22) Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.  
Sept. 3, 2003 – present





Smiles abounded on college campuses throughout the Archdiocese of Newark as diplomas were awarded to the Class of 2004. In the top left photo, Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D., Caldwell College President, received the Cup of Honors award in recognition of her efforts benefiting the college and its students. In the center photo, the joy of the moment is shared by a graduate of Caldwell College and her family and, to the right, NewsChannel 4 anchor Maurice Dubois makes his keynote address at the Seton Hall commencement. In the bottom photos, Seton Hall students celebrate after receiving their diplomas outside the Continental Airlines Arena, while eagerly awaiting the beginning of commencement exercises at Felician College are, left to right, Elizabeth Demetrician, Susan Caruso-Hilger, Kristin Hughes and Stephanie Perrelli.



## Class of 2004 to receive high school diplomas

*Following is a list of high school commencement exercises in the Archdiocese of Newark submitted to The Catholic Advocate.*

**Bayonne** – Holy Family Academy will hold commencement exercises for 73 graduates on June 8 at St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, at 7 p.m. Valedictorian is Katherine Cannella and Salutatorian is Christina Tunnell. The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated the same day at 10:30 a.m. at St. Henry's by Msgr. Edward Hajduk, Pastor.

Marist High School will hold commencement exercises for 81 graduates on June 5 at Marist High School. Valedictorian is Ronan Calibuso and Salutatorian is Ron Marvin Alcantara. The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 3 at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, by Bishop Edgar da Cunha.

**Caldwell** – Mount St. Dominic Academy will hold commencement exercises for 66 graduates on June 13 at Caldwell College Student Center at 11 a.m. The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 12 at 4 p.m. at the Motherhouse Chapel of the Sisters of St. Dominic, Caldwell, by Father James Moran.

**Demarest** – Academy of the Holy Angels will hold commencement exercises for 148 graduates on June 5 on the school campus at 4 p.m. The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 3 at the school at 7 p.m. by Father Samuel Citero, O. Carm.

**Elizabeth** – Benedictine Academy will hold commencement exercises for 43 graduates on June 4 at Blessed Sacrament Parish at 7 p.m. Valedictorian is Andreia DaCosta and the Salutatorian is Laura Parente.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 3 at Saint Walburga Monastery, Elizabeth, at 7:30 p.m. by Father ST Sutton and Father James Worth.

St. Mary of the Assumption will hold commencement exercises for 68 graduates on June 3 at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish at 7 p.m. Valedictorian is Giselle Sedano and the Salutatorian is Stephanie Rengifo. The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 3 at St. Mary's at 11 a.m. by Msgr. Robert Harrington, Pastor.

**Hoboken** – Academy of the Sacred Heart held commencement exercises for 24 graduates on May 27 at SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Hoboken. Valedictorian was Kristen Tarabocchia and the salutatorians were Larua Rodriguez and Desiree Johnson. The

Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated on May 26 at SS. Peter and Paul Parish by Msgr. Frank Del Prete, Pastor.

**Jersey City** – The Academy of St. Aloysius will hold commencement exercises for 31 graduates on June 5 at St. Aloysius Parish at 11 a.m. The Valedictorians are Uruj Sheikh and Sejal Brahmabhatt. The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 3 at St. Aloysius Parish at 6 p.m. by Father Alexander M. Santora.

St. Aloysius High School will hold commencement exercises for 79 graduates on June 4 at St. Aloysius Parish at 7 p.m. Valedictorian is Patricia Sewak and the Salutatorian is Leah Cruz. The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 2 at St. Aloysius Parish at 7 p.m. by Father Richard Kelly and Father Jose Montes de Oca.

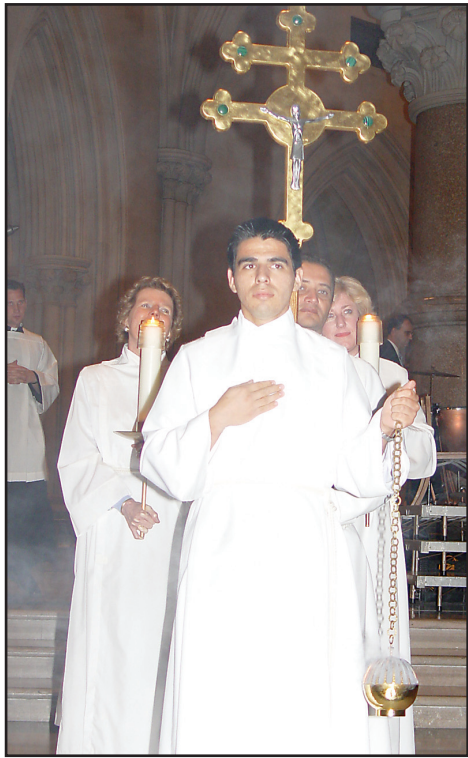
St. Anthony High School will hold commencement exercises for 59 graduates on June 5 at St. Anthony Parish at 2 p.m. Valedictorian is Todd Lawson and the Salutatorian is Ashley Morris. The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated on May 27 at St. Aloysius Parish by Father Patrick Mulewski.

St. Dominic Academy will hold commencement exercises for 113 graduates on June 6 at St. Aedan Parish at 3 p.m. The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated on June 1 at St. Aloysius Parish by Father Robert Antczak.

**Lodi** – Immaculate Conception High School will hold commencement exercises for 45 graduates on June 5 at Felician College-Breslin Auditorium, Lodi, at 11 a.m. Valedictorian is Danielle

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**The joy of ordination to the priesthood filled the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, on Saturday. The new priests participated in the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders and shared the spiritual moment with family and friends.**

Advocate photos- Ward Miele, Frank Wood







The 14 new priests ordained for the service of the Church of Newark received the laying on of hands from the bishops and fellow priests and bestowed their own first blessings on Archbishop John J. Myers.





# Class of 2004

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Delgiodice and the Salutatorian is Nicole Thessen. The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 4 at Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel, Lodi, at 6 p.m. by Father Thomas P. Nydegger.

**Montclair** – Immaculate Conception High School will hold commencement exercises for 70 graduates on June 6 at Immaculate Conception Parish at 3 p.m. Valedictorians are Anne Kasitaza and Abigail Go. There will be a prayer service on June 4 at 7 p.m. Msgr. Timothy J. Shugrue will be the celebrant.

**Montvale** – St. Joseph Regional High School will hold commencement exercises for 107 graduates on June 6 in the school gymnasium at 11 a.m. Valedictorian is Philip McCartin and the Salutatorian is Jesse Brawer. The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 5 at 4:30 p.m. by Father John G. Judge.

**Newark** – St. Benedict Preparatory will hold commencement exercises on June 6 in the Conlin Auditorium at 6 p.m. Valedictorian is Darrell Lopina and the Salutatorian is Movell Saran. The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated the same day at the adjoining St. Mary church at 4 p.m.

**North Arlington** – Queen of Peace High School will hold commencement exercises for 177 graduates on June 5 at Queen of Peace Parish at 1 p.m. Valedictorian is Jefferson Gee and the Salutatorian is Chistian Santamassino. The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 2 at Queen of Peace Parish at 4 p.m.

**Oradell** – Bergen Catholic High School will hold commencement exercises for 188 graduates on June 6 at Felician College, Lodi, at 11 a.m. Valedictorian is Peter Injoon Yi and Salutatorian is Paul Steven Unanue. The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 5 in the Hoehl Gymnasium at 5 p.m. by Father James White, Campus Minister.

**Paramus** – Paramus Catholic High School will hold commencement exercises for 307 graduates on June 7 at the Rothman Center of Fairleigh Dickinson University, Hackensack, at 6:30 p.m. The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 6 in the Paramus Catholic High School auditorium at 10:30 a.m. by Father Leo Butler.

**Ramsey** – Don Bosco Preparatory High School will hold commencement exercises for 164 graduates on June 6 on the school's campus at 1 p.m.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 5 at St. Paul Parish, Ramsey, at 7 p.m. by Director/President Father Steven Shafran, S.D.B.

**Scotch Plains** – Union Catholic High School will hold commencement exercises for 167 graduates on June 5 in the school gymnasium at 9 a.m. Valedictorian is Joseph Torella and Salutatorian is Brian Navoa. The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 4 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scotch Plains at 7:30 p.m. by Father John McCrone.

**Summit** – Oratory Catholic Preparatory School will hold commencement exercises for 50 graduates on June 5 at St. Teresa Parish, Summit, at noon. Valedictorian is Patrick Kennedy and Salutatorian is John Schlegel. The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 4 at Canoe Brook Country Club, Summit, at 5 p.m. by Father Nicholas Figurelli and Father Paul R. Manning.

**Washington Township** – Immaculate Heart Academy will hold commencement exercises for 199 graduates on June 6 in the school gymnasium at 10 a.m. Valedictorian is Laura Daniela Michelis and Salutatorian is Caitlin Hemmer. The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 5 in the school auditorium at 7 p.m. by Father Larry Evans.

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# Task Force for Schools preparing for the future

The New Energies Task Force for Schools, like its counterpart for parishes, has been working steadily for the past year to introduce, seek collaboration on and improve an extensive series of guiding principles for a vision for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark that it presented in May 2003.

In the past three months, for example, staff from the Office of the Superintendent of Schools have conducted meetings with all of the administrators of schools in the Archdiocese—the pastors, principals, Religious communities and private organizations that sponsor and operate the 170 elementary and secondary schools that educate some 56,000 children and young adults in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties.

The goal of these meetings has been to elicit additional information about the schools, gain reactions and comments on elements of the guiding principles, and to “test” the vision of the task force against the realities of Catholic education today.

According to Sister Dominica Rocchio, S.C., Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Schools of the Archdiocese, the feedback from these meetings has been most helpful in setting the stage for the next phase of the work of the Schools Task Force.

“All of the members of the task force have viewed this process as collaborative,” she said. “Through the meetings we held with principals and pastors this past April, we reaffirmed that all of us share the same idea—we serve families and form the minds of young people. We also reaffirmed that we are, and want to continue to be, a quality faith-based education program.”

## Principles Stress the Quality

In today’s competitive environment, however, the pressures of meeting and exceeding expectations for quality need to be continually addressed.

For that reason, the guiding principles which form the basis for strategic plan for schools to be center on the important areas of Catholicity, Program Quality, School Viability, Staffing, Administration and Faculty, Facilities, Enrollment, Finances and Governance.

Said Sister Dominica, “Throughout our presentations, we asked pastors and principles to consider such elements as ‘Who should serve on the local school board?’ and ‘What role should those individuals have in setting overall policy for the school?’ We also addressed other areas such as educating parents and other stakeholders on the true cost of education per pupil, and seeking to increase and develop income.”

Several areas of concern, such as class size and total enrollment of student body, the aging of facilities, and the potential for linkages and program sharing by schools, also triggered discussions. Most participants in the meetings in recent weeks felt that the schools in the Archdiocese can do more to market their services, share resources and be flexible so that the overall vision of quality education—of growing, healthy and excellent schools—can be a reality.

Said Sister Dominica, “Our approach for the schools calls for the Schools Office to take the con-

cerns, insights and ideas from these meetings and incorporate them this summer into an implementation document based on the strategic plan that will be a basis for operating schools in the future here in Newark. We will share that document with the people with whom we have already had discussions, and introduce the document throughout the coming school year to parent groups and other stakeholders.

“We will seek their support as we move to build upon the successes of our schools, and strengthen those whose programs need assistance. Unlike what we are seeing with the Parish Task Force, there are no specific schools identified for immediate attention. We can say, however, that several schools this past year took some beneficial steps based on their early review of the guiding principles.”

Those schools included St. Catherine School and Christ the King School in Hillside, which announced earlier this year that they will merge to form a new co-sponsored school, Hillside Catholic Academy, to serve all seeking a Catholic education in Hillside. St. John Nepomucene School in Guttenberg also announced earlier this year that, because of dwindling enrollment, it would cease operations at the end of the year. Students from this school were able to transfer to several Catholic schools in the vicinity.

Other principles have already been adopted in the Archdiocese as well. For example, Archbishop Myers implemented a new increased salary scale for teachers in Archdiocesan schools to provide a more competitive atmosphere in order to attract and retain quality faculty in schools. And the Archdiocesan Schools Office has already implemented a Task Force recommendation to completely rewrite the Archdiocesan Manual for Co-Sponsored Schools.



## Benchmarks for the Strategic Plan for Schools

In developing a vision for schools in the Archdiocese through the year 2013, the New Energies Task Force for Schools established a number of benchmarks, or guiding principles, by which schools will be examining themselves for the future. The benchmarks cover such areas as: maintaining Catholic identity and mission; quality and innovation in programs; teacher and administrator quality and education; study body size; cost of education, and quality and size of facilities.

### Catholicity

Each Archdiocesan, parish and co-sponsored elementary and secondary school will be distinctively Catholic and Christ-centered in its mission, faith-based values and program.

The Archdiocese affirms its obligation to provide opportunities for Catholic education to Catholic families and will encourage all Catholic families to enroll their children in a Catholic school. Non-Catholics will be welcomed to apply.

Students attending Catholic schools (and their parents) will be regularly challenged to follow the example of Jesus Christ and to develop a personal, life-long commitment to Him.

Administrators, school boards, faculty and staff of Catholic schools will be regularly encouraged to deepen their faith commitment, and to live their commitment on a daily basis.

Catholic elementary schools will be an integral part of parish education ministry.

### Program Quality

All Archdiocesan, parish and co-sponsored schools will be accredited by the Middle States Association.

All elementary and secondary schools will strive to develop curriculum based enrichment programs for high achieving students.

Elementary schools located geographically close to each other are strongly encouraged to share resources in math, science and world languages.

ESL programs to serve an increasing immigrant population will be expanded.

Schools will continue to take advantage of funding for updating technology in order to enhance teaching/learning strategies.

There will be an increase in training for teachers in order to integrate technology with curriculum more fully.

Catholic high schools will investigate and implement opportunities to offer advancement/enrichment programs to middle school students.

Catholic schools will use only religion textbooks that are in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

### School Viability

All schools will strive to meet the following criteria:

- a distinctively Catholic and Christ-centered program
- a minimum K-8 enrollment of 225 (assuming one class per grade), and average homeroom enrollment of 25 per class.
- a quality educational program accredited by the Middle States Association that is judged by parents to be a good value for the investment
- school facilities maintained in quality condition and providing an up-to-date and positive atmosphere for learning
- a consistently maintained balanced budget
- a qualified school board in place to advise the pastor and principal on policy issues and to assist with fund development and property maintenance

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- development and maintenance of a marketing and recruitment plan, development plan, tuition assistance plan, school improvement process plan, and long-range capital improvement plan
- evidence that all professional staff have appropriate state and religious educational certification, that professional and spiritual development plans are in place, and that the school follows Archdiocesan Administrative Manual policies and is accredited by the Middle States Association.

When only one school remains in a geographic area, special efforts will be made to ensure that the school remains viable so that all Catholic children in the Archdiocese have access to a Catholic school.

**Staff**

The Office of the Superintendent will be responsible for annually updating the Strategic Plan for Catholic Schools.

The Office of the Superintendent will create a position, in collaboration with the Archdiocesan Office of Development, that will work with individual schools to expand aggressively their institutional advancement programs.

The Office of the Superintendent will realign and expand its staff so that ample time can be invested with schools to help them become stronger and more self-sufficient.

**School Administration**

Principals will be compensated at a level that will attract and retain qualified persons in the position.

Selection of new principals will be carefully monitored.

The formation of new Catholic school leaders will be a priority.

Steps will be taken to strengthen the role of the Catholic School leader.

**Faculty**

The minimum teacher salary schedule for 2003 – 2007 will be implemented in each school.

Teacher selection and development will continue to be a high priority of the individual school and the Office of the Superintendent.

All teachers of religion will be practicing Roman Catholics qualified to teach religion.

**School Facilities**

The Archdiocese of Newark will conduct a professional analysis of many of the older school buildings.

The Office of the Superintendent will require that all schools have a deferred maintenance plan that is updated each year.

**Enrollment/Marketing**

The Office of the Superintendent will expand the Archdiocesan-wide marketing program.

Catholic schools that have less-than-capacity enrollment will develop an aggressive marketing program to bring the school to capacity.

Where possible, pre-kindergarten programs will be researched and opened as part of the elementary school, or in parishes that do not sponsor a school.

**Finances**

Schools will make an accurate calculation of their cost-per-pupil and communicate this cost figure to parents.

Each year, schools will move tuition rates closer to their actual cost-per-pupil, and simultaneously increase scholarship funding.

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# Types of schools in the Archdiocese of Newark

*In the Archdiocese of Newark, five types of elementary and secondary schools—parish, private or Religious community-owned, regional, incorporated, and co-sponsored—contribute to the teaching mission of the Church. Although each type of school has its own specific organization and purpose, all cooperate with the Office of the Superintendent of Schools in implementing general policies related to the teaching mission of the Catholic School.*

Here is a brief synopsis of each type of school:

**Parish School**

The parish elementary or secondary school is conducted and financed under the direct auspices of a parish in the Archdiocese of Newark. The parish establishes a local school advisory board to recommend to the pastor, through the principal, policies that will assist in advancing the educational mission of the parish school.

**Private School**

A private or Religious community-owned school—elementary or secondary—is established by and accountable to a local board of trustees and/or a Religious community. It operates within the Archdiocese with the

permission of the Archbishop. In educational matters, the private or Religious community-owned school cooperates with the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

**Regional Secondary School**

The regional high school is established by the Archdiocese of Newark and is directed by a principal or president. It is directly accountable to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools in both educational and fiscal matters.

**Incorporated School**

An incorporated school—elementary or secondary—is incorporated as an independent entity. It is directed by a board of trustees as defined in the governing documents of the corporation. By directive of the Archbishop, a representative of the Office of the Superintendent serves on the board of trustees of each incorporated school.

**Co-Sponsored School**

Co-sponsored schools are parish schools that are sponsored by one or more other parishes in addition to the “host” parish. The co-sponsors share in the governance and fiscal support of the sponsored school by means of a contract agreed upon by the pastors involved and filed with the Office of the Superintendent of Schools of the Archdiocese.





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The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children has been challenged to increase scholarships to \$3 million or more within the next three or four years, and to higher levels in future years.

The Archdiocese will investigate the potential of a parish subsidy program in which all parishes support Catholic schools.

Elementary and Archdiocesan secondary schools will increase development income substantially.

Schools will develop realistic budgets annually.

#### **Governance**

The Superintendent will establish the Superintendent's Pastors Advisory Council.

The Archdiocesan School Advisory Board will be restructured with more responsibility for developing policy, visioning and strategic planning.

Each Archdiocesan and parish elementary school and high school will be required to have a functioning consultative school board no later than 2008.

The Office of the Superintendent will have appropriate budget and staff to help individual schools achieve the objective of an active consultative school board by 2008.

Local school boards will be consultative and involved in policy development. They may also have a hands-on involvement in fundraising, development, marketing and facility planning. However, local boards do not become involved in areas of day-to-day school affairs, which remain the school administration's responsibility.

In addition to the current governance models, alternative governance models will be considered when appropriate.

#### **Restructuring**

Schools must meet the minimum viability criteria or have a plan to achieve the minimum on an agreed timeline.

In towns with multiple elementary school sites, schools will collaborate with regard to sharing resources and programs.

The Co-Sponsorship Manual will be rewritten to reflect the experiences of recent years.

The current alignment of schools and parishes in co-sponsorship relationships will be studied to determine if any current alignments should be re-evaluated, with a view toward adding parishes if appropriate.

#### **New Initiatives**

Parishes in growth areas that have schools with suitable acreage at the site (or the potential to acquire acreage) to expand the school will study the market to determine if there is enrollment potential to add another section of each grade.

Parishes that do not have schools and that are located in growth areas will participate in a regional study to assess the need for new schools.

When new parishes are started by the Archdiocese, sites will be acquired with enough acreage to include a school.

Alternative Catholic school structures will be studied to determine if there are any areas of the Archdiocese where they may be feasible.

Regional middle schools will be considered when their creation would be advantageous.



# Metropolitan Tribunal provides justice and healing in cases of marriage annulments

BY LIESL FORES  
Staff Reporter

An annulment, an official proclamation by the Catholic Church, declares that the essential element of sacramentality was lacking in a marriage from the very beginning. Members of the archdiocesan body which processes and rules on these cases—the Metropolitan Tribunal—consider this work their ministry.

This Church court or Tribunal, acting as the representative of Archbishop John J. Myers, the spiritual leader and “chief judge” in matters of the practice of the Catholic faith in the Archdiocese of Newark, “is ready to offer...the comfort of the Lord’s healing and reconciling presence,” to those seeking annulment, as stated in its “Explanation of the Annulment Procedure in the Roman Catholic Church.”

Made up of more than 30 people, including clergy, Religious and some lay persons, these full and part-time members and volunteers function in different capacities ranging from judges to advocates.

While the Tribunal handles others issues within the Archdiocese, such as dispensations for marriages of a Catholic and a non-baptized person, a Catholic marrying overseas or outside of a church building (with a non-baptized person), and preparing petitions for priests who wish to be laicized, its primary function at this point in time, said Msgr. Frank G. Del Prete, J.C.D., Judicial Vicar, is to decide upon annulment cases.

With the assistance of a Tribunal-appointed advocate, a petitioner embarks on the preliminary stage of the annulment process, which involves completion of a questionnaire and submission of a detailed written account of the courtship and marriage. Witnesses must be provided as well.

The Tribunal makes contact with the other partner of the marriage in question—the respondent—to inform him or her of the petition and ask whether he or she wishes to participate or petition against a pending annulment. Relevant medical records and Church and

legal documents must also be supplied.

A decision is then made by a staff judge as to whether there is a basis for annulment.

If the decision is favorable, the formal stage of the process begins. The Judicial Vicar, as presiding judge of the Tribunal, assigns a hearing date, one or more judges, and a Defender of the Bond. The Defender’s responsibility is to argue the validity of the marriage.

Testimony of the petitioner, witnesses and respondent (this is always sought, but he or she may not wish to be involved in the proceedings) takes place at this time.

After careful consideration of all evidence and testimonies presented, the judge or judges make a decision. If it is affirmative, the ruling must be—by Church law—reviewed by a

Declining to give actual percentages of how many petitions are granted, Sister Catherine commented that numerous factors go into the decision, and each case is assessed individually, with all the unique aspects of a particular marriage being taken into account.

And petitioners don’t always follow through on all the steps, Msgr. Del Prete observed.

This is why, noted Sister Catherine, the Tribunal coordinates with Family Life Ministries to give information sessions on the annulment process, so people understand everything that’s involved.

“It’s difficult for them to go back over the failure,” she said, but added that an annulment can provide for petitioners an extra sense of “closure and finality. ... It gives a sense of spiritual healing.”

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Court of Appeal. Affirmative decisions made within the Archdiocese of Newark are sent for evaluation to tribunals in other dioceses in the state.

Though sometimes the appellate court may need clarification on a particular point, Msgr. Del Prete noted that usually the original decision is upheld and therefore ratified and finalized.

Statistically, annulments are not on the rise. According to Sister Catherine Mary Raymond, J.C.L., a full-time judge on the Tribunal, the national numbers being reported have been down the past year.

However, Msgr. Del Prete pointed out, the reason for this is not known: it could be that Catholic marriages are staying together more often, or Catholics are getting divorced and just not seeking annulments.

Besides seeking closure to the prior relationship, people often request an annulment because they wish to remarry in the Church. Sometimes, a person has already remarried in a civil union and wishes to make that marriage binding in the Church.

These last two instances are “the majority of the cases we have right now,” noted Msgr. Del Prete, though Sister Catherine remarked that some people who petition may not be ready to remarry at that moment but are thinking ahead.

Grounds for granting an annulment can involve many different issues; however, the overriding factor is whether the marriage fulfilled the calling of being a sacrament.

“We have to see whether the marriage lived up to what the Catholic Church says marriage



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Members of the Metropolitan Tribunal, left to right, Msgr. Frank G. Del Prete, J.C.D., Judicial Vicar; Msgr. Robert J. Harrington, M.Div., Judge, and Sister Catherine Mary Raymond, J.C.L., Judge, hold proceedings for annulment cases in one of the hearing rooms at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark.

is as a sacrament. ... it has to be evident that there was something wrong or lacking from the beginning,” explained Sister Catherine.

“Immaturity,” said Msgr. Del Prete, “can often be a cause for a lack of understanding of marriage as a sacrament.”

In determining this, the written documentation of the marriage by the petitioner is crucial. “Some people can’t articulate” in writing why their marriage failed, said the Judicial Vicar, so it helps “to put a face to the person” during the proceedings and hear it directly from him or her.

Sister Catherine also advises petitioners regarding the written history, “Don’t write to prove one thing. ... Just tell the whole story.”

One of biggest challenges for the members of the Tribunal is balancing the spiritual side of this ministry—assisting in the healing and reconciliation of petitioners, who may be feeling alienated after the “heartbreak of an ended marriage,” in bringing them closer to God and the Church and helping them to attain peace of mind—and the legal aspects.

According to Msgr. Del Prete, people often do not realize the time element involved, firstly in that an annulment procedure is a legal process with rules and regulations that have to be followed, and secondly in that certain things are out of the Tribunal’s control and can hold up the progression, such as timeliness of petitioners’ responses to the requests for histories, records and other documentation.

People should wait until the

annulment process is taken care of before setting a date for a Church wedding, since the time frame can be prolonged and unpredictable—at least 18 months—insisted Msgr. Del Prete.

Another common misconception is that an annulment indicates that a marriage never existed and that children from that marriage therefore become illegitimate.

An annulment “doesn’t mean the marriage didn’t exist,” asserted Msgr. Del Prete. It means it didn’t live up to what the Catholic Church says marriage should be as a sacrament, he said, adding that it “has no impact on the status of children”—they are still in the eyes of the Church and law legitimate.

“There are two extreme things you hear,” said Sister Catherine: that annulments are only for the rich and famous, they cost a lot of money and almost nobody ever is granted one, or the opposite—the Church grants them freely.

“This confuses people” and is why they need to know as much as possible about the process beforehand, she emphasized.

In fact, the entire procedure costs a total of \$500, which includes a \$50 filing fee, and can be made over three payment installations.

Members of the Metropolitan Tribunal strive to arrive at the truth of the cases presented to them, with the aim of serving justice and enabling healing in the Lord.

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# Es Necesario Que Seamos Honestos

*Declaración Pastoral por Su Excelencia Reverendísima John J. Myers, Arzobispo de Newark*  
*(El original de esta Declaración Pastoral se publicó en la edición del 5 de Mayo de The Catholic Advocate. Esta traducción al español se publica en dos partes: la primera apareció en la edición del 19 de Mayo último y la segunda parte aparece a continuación.)*

Esta no es una nueva enseñanza de la Iglesia. Desde los primeros años se ha indicado que nadie puede alegar que es cristiano y sin embargo creer cosas distintas a las que la Iglesia enseña. En el segundo siglo, San Justin Martir describió la Eucaristía de esta manera: “Nadie debe compartir la Eucaristía con nosotros a no ser que crea que lo que nosotros enseñamos es la verdad, a no ser que haya sido bañado en las aguas regenerativas del bautismo para la remisión de sus pecados, y a no ser que viva de acuerdo con los principios dados a nosotros por Cristo”

Las leyes y las disciplinas de la Iglesia reconocen esto de varias maneras. Es necesario que seamos honestos. Yo les pido a los votantes católicos así como a los católicos en la vida pública que consideren cuidadosamente su posición a las enseñanzas de la Iglesia en estas materias. Lamentablemente, yo debo señalar que de continuar por este camino ellos se colocan en peligro de distanciarse ellos mismos cada vez más de Jesucristo y de Su Iglesia.

Quizás este es también un buen momento para recordarnos del significado y propósito de la comunión. Nadie tiene un derecho absoluto a la Eucaristía. Ella es un regalo dado a nosotros por un Dios misericordioso. De hecho, la Eucaristía es el regalo en que Dios se nos da Él mismo. Al recibirlo a Él nos hacemos una carne con Él. Esta recepción también simboliza y hace real nuestra unión con la totalidad de la Iglesia. Al recibir indignamente o sin las disposiciones adecuadas cometemos un pecado muy serio contra Nuestro Señor. San Pablo nos enseña esto explícitamente en su carta a la Iglesia de Corintio cuando escribió: “Esto significa que quien coma el pan o beba de la copa del Señor indignamente será reo del Cuerpo y de la Sangre del Señor. Examínese, pues, cada cual y coma así el pan y beba de la copa. Pues quien come y bebe sin discernir el Cuerpo, come y bebe su propio castigo.”(I Cor 11: 27-29). “Sin discernir el Cuerpo” se refiere tanto al reconocimiento de la presencia de Cristo en la Eucaristía como al reconocimiento del Cuerpo de Cristo, que es la Iglesia. Obviamente, esto significa que ningún católico debe acercarse a comulgar a no ser que esté propiamente dispuesto (sin pecado mortal no confesado en su conciencia, habiendo ayunado por lo menos una hora antes, de

acuerdo con la disciplina de la Iglesia, etc.).

Pero recibir la Eucaristía también significa que uno está de hecho en plena comunión con Cristo y Su Iglesia. Recibir la comunión cuando uno, a través de sus acciones públicas o privadas, se ha separado de la unión con Cristo y Su Iglesia, es objetivamente deshonesto. Es una expresión de comunión por las acciones de uno mismo, que objetivamente no concuerda con el corazón, la mente o las opciones de esa persona.

## La Comunión no es “privada”

Porque la Eucaristía es la fuente y la cumbre de nuestra fe, la más sagrada acción de nuestra Iglesia, el mal uso del simbolismo Eucarístico reduciéndolo a un “sentimiento” privado de comunión con Cristo y Su Iglesia mientras objetivamente no estamos en esa unión, es un desorden de la mayor gravedad.

Esto es particularmente así cuando venimos al área de la protección de la vida humana. El aborto y el infanticidio son, como declaró el Concilio Vaticano II, “crímenes abominables” (Gaudium et Spes, Constitución Pastoral de la Iglesia en el Mundo Moderno, 51). El hecho de que tantos ciudadanos de los Estados Unidos se sientan cómodos con la continua injusticia del aborto a petición es muy perturbador. El que algunos católicos, que declaran creer lo que la Iglesia cree, estén dispuestos a permitir que otros continúen matando directamente a los inocentes es un grave escándalo. La situación es mucho peor cuando esos líderes reciben la Eucaristía a pesar de no estar objetivamente en comunión con Cristo y Su Iglesia. Su falta de honestidad objetiva sirve para incrementar el escándalo.

Algunos podrían argumentar que la Iglesia tiene muchas enseñanzas sociales y que su enseñanza sobre el aborto es sólo una de ellas. Esto, desde luego, es cierto. Las enseñanzas sociales de la Iglesia constituyen una amplia y rica tradición de verdades morales y revelaciones bíblicas aplicables a los aspectos políticos, económicos y culturales de nuestra sociedad. Todos los católicos deberían formar e informar sus conciencias de acuerdo con esas enseñanzas. Pero los católicos pueden (y así ocurre) discrepar razonablemente sobre la manera de aplicar esas enseñanzas en distintas situaciones.

Por ejemplo, la opción preferencial por los pobres es un aspecto fundamental de esa enseñanza. Pero hay discrepancias legítimas sobre la mejor manera o maneras de ayudar a los pobres en nuestra sociedad. Ningún católico puede decir legítimamente “No me intereso por los pobres”. Y si así lo hace, esa persona no estaría objetivamente en comunión con Cristo y Su Iglesia. Pero tanto quienes proponen incrementos en la ayuda económica a los necesitados como los que proponen

reducción de impuestos para estimular la economía, pueden sinceramente creer que sus respectivos métodos son los mejores para ayudar a los pobres. Esta es una materia de juicio prudente hecho por quienes han recibido responsabilidad para atender al bien común. Es una materia de conciencia en el propio sentido.

## Las injusticias no son permisibles

Pero con el aborto (y por ejemplo con la esclavitud, el racismo, la eutanasia y el tráfico de seres humanos) no puede haber diversidad de opiniones legítimas. La muerte directa de los inocentes es siempre una grave injusticia. Uno no puede permitir que se mate a nadie injustamente de la misma manera que no puede permitir la propiedad de esclavos, acciones racistas u otras graves injusticias. Desde la perspectiva de la justicia, el decir “yo estoy personalmente opuesto al aborto, pero...” es como decir “yo personalmente me opongo a la esclavitud, pero no puedo imponer mi creencia personal a mis vecinos.” Obviamente, al reconocer la grave injusticia de la esclavitud, es necesario que aseguremos que nadie sufra esa degradación. De la misma manera, al reconocer que el aborto es muerte injusta, es necesario, en amor y en justicia, trabajar para superar esa injusticia.

Entre mis mas importantes responsabilidades están la de pastor y maestro. En vista de los recientes acontecimientos en nuestra nación, yo quiero afirmar una vez mas la enseñanza de la Iglesia. La vida humana es un regalo de Dios y como católicos tenemos la grave obligación de defender toda vida humana desde el momento de la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Dios nos ayude si fallamos en esta obligación fundamental.

# Los números no mienten

*(Editorial de The Catholic Advocate publicado el 5 de Mayo de 2004)*

Para el gran contingente de la Arquidiócesis de Newark y oponentes del aborto en toda la nación que viajan a la capital cada enero para protestar contra la infame decisión del Tribunal Supremo de hace 31 años que legalizó ese odioso procedimiento, tiene que ser una buena noticia el saber que una nueva encuesta muestra un cambio favorable hacia la posición “pro-life” (a favor de la vida).

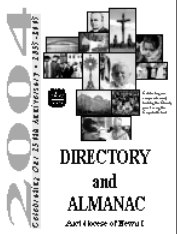
Mientras los proponentes de “pro-choice” (a favor del aborto) estaban realizando su marcha en Washington, DC el mes pasado (abril), los resultados de la encuesta mostraron que ellos estaban fuera de paso con la posición nacional sobre el aborto.

La encuesta de abril 15-17 por Zogby International encontró que el 56% de las 1,209 personas entrevistadas opinaban que el aborto no debía ser nunca legal o solamente en el caso de que la vida de la madre esté en peligro o en los casos de violación o incesto. Un 42% tomó la posición de que el aborto nunca debe de ser legal por ninguna razón durante el primer trimestre, el primero y el segundo, o en cualquier tiempo del embarazo.

Cuando se les preguntó si se consideraban “pro-life” o “pro-choice”, el 49% se declaró “pro-life” mientras que el 45% se declaró “pro-choice”. Por un margen del 61 al 34 por ciento los entrevistados dijeron que el aborto nunca debía permitirse después que el corazón del feto empieza a latir.

¿Será que el mensaje contra el aborto empieza a surtir efecto? Sí. ¿Terminó el combate? De ninguna manera. La opinión pública es muy cambiante.

A fin de cuentas los únicos números que cuentan serán los de la votación en el Tribunal Supremo cuando se revoque le sentencia de Roe v. Wade de 1973. Solamente entonces terminaremos los viajes en autobuses a Washington.



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Deacon Tom Pluta of Holy Trinity Parish with two young riders in advance of this year's Bike for Life, to be held Sunday, June 6 at Holy Trinity School, Westfield.

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For more information call (908) 389-9151 or visit <http://www.bike-for-life.org>.

## Golf, tennis outings slated

Monday, June 28 will be a busy day throughout the Archdiocese of Newark, with two golf tournaments and a golf and tennis outing scheduled.

• William F. Koonz, Sr. will be honored at the 24th annual Cornerstone Golf and Tennis Outing at the Essex County Country Club, West Orange.

The fundraiser for the Archdiocesan major seminary, Immaculate Conception Seminary (ICS), benefits the Honorable Roger W. Breslin, Sr. Fund for Seminarians. The fund provides non-academic financial aid for seminarians in need and has helped hundreds over the past two decades.

Registration is open now through the Cornerstone Golf and Tennis Outing committee. For information call Steve Vlasac at (973) 378-2661 or email [vlasacst@shu.edu](mailto:vlasacst@shu.edu).

• The second annual Catholic Campus Ministry Golf Outing will be held at Cedar Hill Golf and Country Club, Livingston.

"The Catholic Campus Ministry is sponsoring this event to bring together the corporate and

campus communities for a social occasion that promotes awareness, communication and cooperation," explains Father John B. Baron, Ph.D., Director of Campus Ministry for the Archdiocese of Newark.

Proceeds will be distributed to the 11 archdiocesan campus ministries. For more information call (973) 642-1613 or email [newmancenter@optonline.net](mailto:newmancenter@optonline.net).

• The Roselle Catholic Golf Classic will be held at the Roselle Golf Club.

Registration, putting green and complimentary range balls will be available at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. Shotgun play begins at 1 p.m. using the scramble format. At 6 p.m. a barbecue buffet awards dinner will be held.

Proceeds benefit the school's general fund which supports educational programs and scholarships.

Registration deadline is June 14. For additional information call the school at (908) 245-2350.

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Archbishop John J. Myers, second from left, and Father Brian Plate, far left, meet with incoming seminarians, from left to right, Michael Fitzpatrick, Michael Barone and Anthony Marcantuono.

## Filipino congregation sees holiness in Mother Ignacia

BY LIESL FORES

Staff Reporter

Mother Ignacia del Espiritu Santo was the foundress of the Congregation of the Religious of the Virgin Mary (R.V.M.), the first all-Filipino Catholic Religious order for women.

The daughter of a Chinese immigrant and a Filipino woman, Ignacia was raised in Manila, Philippines, during the Spanish colonial era. Her birth date is not known, but there are records of her Baptism: March 4, 1663—the date that members of R.V.M. commemorate her.

Though her parents wanted her to marry, Ignacia felt a call to the Religious life. After seeking direction from a Jesuit priest, Father Paul Klein, who gave her the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius to reflect upon, she subsequently decided to dedicate her life to God.

The 21-year-old took up residence alone in a house behind the

Jesuit College of Manila, living a life of prayer, penance and work to sustain herself.

Soon a few other Filipino women who also wished to live a Religious life joined her in the house, unofficially forming the first community, under the spiritual guidance of the neighboring Jesuits.

Mother Ignacia always attempted to be like the Blessed Virgin Mary and integrated her spirit into the rules and philosophy of the community.

The growing group extended its ministry to serving the outside community with charitable work and opened its House of Retreat—as it became known for the many days of recollection that it conducted—to women of all races, ethnic backgrounds and social classes.

The community was recognized by the Catholic Church in 1732 and was given full pontifical status as an official Religious order

on Jan. 12, 1948, the 200th anniversary year of the death of the foundress.

Today, with 123 independent communities, there are more than 700 members of the congregation, over 40 novices and almost two dozen pre-novices, all serving in the Philippines and in overseas missions. While they base their mission on personal holiness, their ministries focus on charity and working for the salvation of others, through education and catechetical instruction, facilitating spiritual retreats, running college dormitories for girls with emphasis on the spiritual life, and hospital work.

Another important date for the R.V.M. is that of the assumption of Mary. Since Our Lady of the Assumption is the congregation's patron saint, August 15 is its titular feast day, and all members renew their vows on this occasion every year.

A movement to beatify Mother Ignacia, whose life of devotion, service and piety has touched so many people throughout the world, has been under way since 1988, and the cause has been elevated to the Vatican.

Sister Mansueta Dolalas, R.V.M., who works at the Archdiocesan Center, came to the United States in 1987 as part of a Catholic education project. Shortly after, the Diocese of Metuchen requested the assistance of R.V.M. sisters to minister at Sacred Heart School, South Plainfield. Three members were sent, who formed a community with Sister Mansueta.

Having entered the convent in Manila in 1957, professed her first vows in 1960 and her perpetual vows in 1966, Sister Mansueta has spent almost half a century in the congregation.

Her advice to any girl or woman considering entering the R.V.M. is to “pray and discern whether God is leading her to the Religious life.”

She also suggested seeking guidance from a priest, and if she still believes that she wants to enter the congregation, “she should make a retreat for final discernment.

“She has to really have deep faith in God...Prayer is best to help her,” she asserted, noting that the order now has its first American novice.

For more information about the R. V. M. in the United States call Sister Mansueta at (908) 755-5907.

Some of the information used for this article was obtained from the website for the Congregation of the Religious of the Virgin Mary, [www.rvmonline.net](http://www.rvmonline.net).



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# Eminent authors make SHU a regular stop

BY LIESL FORES

Staff Reporter

Poetry-in-the-Round, featuring acclaimed poets and authors who read from their work, has been part of the culture of the arts at Seton Hall University, South Orange, for 21 years.

This semester David Stevens, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English at SHU, coordinated the participation of six eminent writers: Chang-rae Lee, Peter Ho Davies, Galway Kinnell, Grace Paley, Steven Gould Axelrod and Bret Lott.

Davies, raised in Great Britain and of Chinese and Welsh descent, is an award-winning author and faculty member of the University of Michigan's M.F.A. program.

Because writers are so often alone when they work, explained Davies, "to read to an audience, to hear their response (whether they laugh, or not...)—it's the most intimate form of publishing."

Davies was joined by 38-year-old Lee, who was born in South Korea and raised in Westchester, NY. Both writers explore a wide range of identity-related and other issues that extend beyond ethnic and racial boundaries.

Lee told *The Catholic Advocate* that events like Poetry-in-the-Round "take students out of a purely academic realm."

"Colleges are realizing how important it is" he said, to have interaction with artists, not just as subject material but as people. In this way, he added, "art makes more sense—let's people understand what art is about."

The second event featured the well-respected and widely known American poet Galway Kinnell.

Stopping in between poems to answer questions from the audience, Kinnell commented on his revision process, which he admitted can take years. "This is part of the process of composition," he pointed out. "Sometimes it takes years and years to get a poem the way you want it."

When asked what he wanted young people to know about poetry, Kinnell told *The Catholic Advocate*, "Poetry is the story of someone's life—inner as well as outer."

"The poems you like best are the ones in which you recognize your own experiences. We pick our own poets; they give us a sense of clarification of our feelings," he said.

Jeffrey Gray, Ph.D., Associate

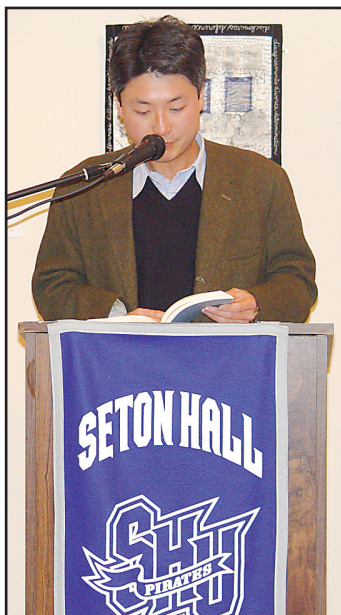
Professor of English at SHU and a former student of Kinnell, noted that Kinnell's poetry is "wonderfully rich, yet accessible—not too obscure," a fact that he remarked is not always the case with other poets. Gray called it a "wonderful combination" of the two styles.

Grace Paley, an acclaimed author in her own right, was the third guest of the series. A feminist and peace activist, Paley is known for incorporating these views into her writing, often using New York City, where she was raised, as a backdrop.

She told *The Catholic Advocate* that she loves to do readings "any place—I don't care where." Commenting that she had spoken with small group of students at SHU earlier that day, she asserted, "Young people educate me, and I educate them." She added that she does a lot of readings at schools.

The fourth event in the series was a break from the norm, though poetry was the topic of the discussion, titled "Homefront Poetry in the Vietnam War."

Steven Gould Axelrod, Ph.D.,



Advocate photo: Liesl Fores

Author Chang-rae Lee reads from his new novel *Aloft* to an audience gathered at Seton Hall for Poetry-in-the-Round, a series that features distinguished poets and authors reading from their works.

a literary scholar at the University of California, Riverside, covered four poets' response to the Vietnam War—Allen Ginsberg, Denise Levertov, John Ashbery and Elizabeth Bishop—providing

food for thought regarding the country's deployment in Iraq.

Because this was a lecture, noted the series director, "there was a great deal of question and answer. People really wanted to talk."

Lastly, Bret Lott came to the campus for the first stop on his book tour for *A Song I Knew By Heart*, just released.

Lott accompanied his readings—a short story and a section from the new book, which he explains is based on the story of Ruth in the Bible—with anecdotes about how his works came into existence, practically and artistically speaking, noting "God's hand in all things," in the unfolding of his career.

"There's not enough emphasis on the value of imagination...I thought: this is a single human being in a particular moment in time—what does this 'character' want?... I use my imagination as much as I can to

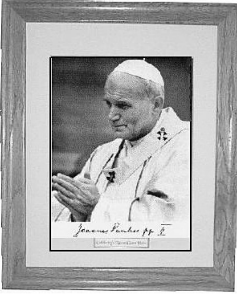
be that character," asserted Lott.

Stevens, who has directed the Poetry-in-the-Round program for the past four years, explained, "My ambition has been to spread out and reflect what's interesting around the country, not just regionally." He added that he has made an effort to bring in more Asian writers. Last year, Poetry-in-the-Round invited Amy Tan and Maxine Hong Kingston.

Kayla Rodriguez, a junior at SHU, attended all the readings this semester. She said she comes "to hear different works that I normally wouldn't hear and to broaden my scope of what's out there."

Peter Moccia, also a junior who attended all the events of this series, said, "As a freshman I came to one, and I thought it was great that they had authors come and speak."

For more information on future Poetry-in-the-Round events, visit [www.shu.edu](http://www.shu.edu).



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Albert King presents a Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA Award to Jorge Parra before the New Jersey Nets hosted the Detroit Pistons in the fourth game of the Eastern Conference Semifinals at the Continental Airlines Arena, East Rutherford.

# NBA cites coach for efforts with youths on and off court

The NBA and WNBA has selected Jorge Parra, a coach at Holy Trinity, Fort Lee, as one of the top youth league coaches.

Parra was selected from among nearly 50,000 Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA coaches in the United States and Canada.

The Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA Coach of the Year program recognizes member coaches who stand out, both on and off the court, and represent the hard work and dedication that make youth sports a rewarding developmental experience for players, parents, officials and other coaches.

Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA Coaches of the Year were chosen from member leagues in 30 NBA and WNBA markets.

Describing himself as "surprised," Parra called it a "great honor that I did not expect." He saw it as the result of "a long time working with the kids."

"Of the thousands of worthy candidates, Jorge stands out for his passion, commitment and excellence in representing the goals of the Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA," said Kathy Behrens Vice President NBA Community Relations. "He has instilled values in his players that will take them far beyond the basketball court."

As coach of Holy Trinity, Parra

led his team to the championship this past season for the first time in the school's history. Stressing academics to his team, and by also requiring them to volunteer their time to the community, he works hard to make his team better basketball players, and also better people.

"I was very impressed by the men and women who were nominated for the 2003-04 Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA Coaches of the Year," said Lenny Wilkens, New York Knicks head coach. "These coaches are creating the building blocks for success on and off the court, for all kids who take part in Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA."

Approximately 1,000 youth basketball leagues and about 50,000 teams (for boys and girls, ages 5-14 years-old) are 2003-04 Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA members. More than 50,000 coaches, 25,000 officials and 500,000 players and their parents will receive program support this year.

The cornerstone of the Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA is an instructional program provided free to all players, parents, coaches and offi-

cials from member leagues. The program components have been created by a distinguished group of experts, including nationally-recognized youth sports expert Rick Wolff, the National

Association of Sports Officials (NASO), nutritionist, Dr. Jackie Berning, and the Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA Advisory Council, which is made up of Ray

Allen (Seattle Supersonics), Mike Bibby (Sacramento Kings), Sue Bird (Seattle Storm), Danny Crawford (NBA Official), Lisa Mattingly (WNBA Official), Doc Rivers (ABC analyst), Tina Thompson (Houston Comets) and Bill Walton (ABC/ESPN analyst).

**"Jorge stands out for his passion, commitment and excellence."**

-Kathy Behrens  
NBA Spokesperson

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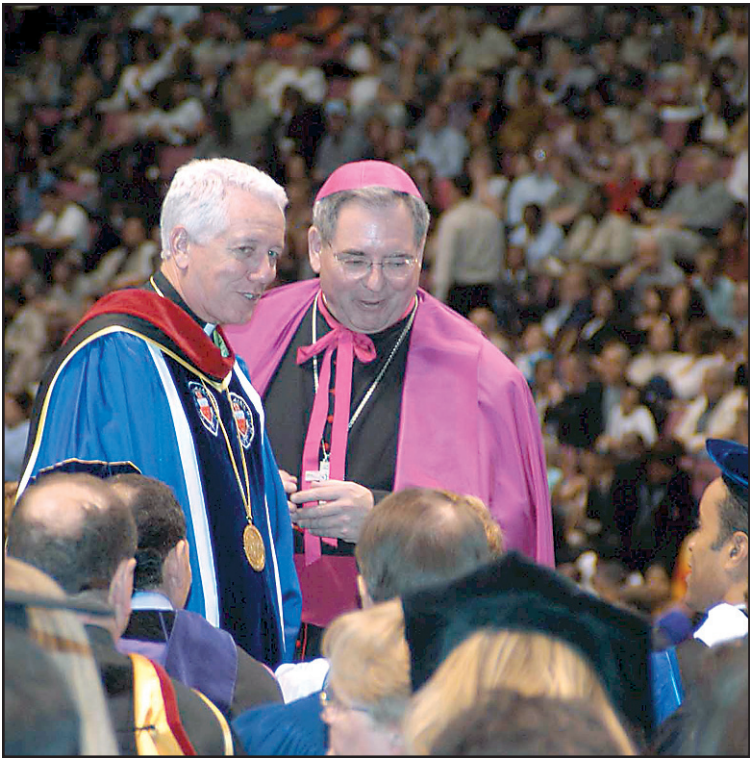


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A beaming Archbishop Myers and Msgr. Sheeran greet guests on the dias.

# SHU awards 2,052 diplomas

Seton Hall University awarded undergraduate and graduate degrees to 2,052 students at the Continental Airlines Arena, East Rutherford, on May 10.

University President Msgr. Robert Sheeran, S.T.D., bestowed an honorary degree to keynote speaker Maurice Dubois, anchor and reporter with NewsChannel 4, New York.

Msgr. Sheeran also awarded an

honorary degree to Sister Mary Raftery, president of the College of Saint Elizabeth, and winner of the National Catholic Educational Association's Outstanding Educator Award. Joseph A. Unanue, former chairman and CEO of Goya Foods, the largest Hispanic-owned food company in America, was also awarded honorary letters.

Valedictorian Michelle Dominy said "Seton Hall has been like a home for many of us over the past few years. Here we have gained insight into our goals and have acquired the knowledge and determination necessary to realize them. As a class we have become a community and we have fostered relationships that have made the time at Seton Hall successful and enjoyable."



Excitement is evident on the faces of three members of the Class of 2004.

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**Survivors share ovation**

Shawn Simons and Tom Pugliese, who were injured in the January 2000 Boland Hall dormitory fire in which three freshmen died, were honored. Both received their diplomas first from Father Paul Holmes, Vice President for Mission and Ministry.

As the two walked to the dias, they received a standing ovation. Father Holmes remarked on the strength of both young men explaining how they showed "courage and perseverance that has inspired us all. Both were graduated from the Stillman School of Business.

The College of Arts and Sciences included among its graduates Matthew McCue, an intern in the Newark bureau of *The New York Times*. For two years, McCue was a editor-in-chief of the Setonian. During his tenure the student run newspaper received numerous awards. The College of Arts and Sciences honored McCue with its Communications Achievement Award.

A highlight for the John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International was the accomplishments of graduate Nathan Bland. Bland has been chosen to participate in the Presidential Management Fellowship program. He is one of 700 finalists selected from a nationwide pool of 2500 graduate students. At the time of his graduation, Bland was president of the Graduate Diplomacy Council.

The weekend prior to commencement was filled with hooding ceremonies, academic awards receptions, barbeques, champagne toasts and a Mass of Academic Investiture, led by Msgr. Sheeran.

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# Reflections on future

**BY JULIE BURKEY**  
*Special to The Catholic Advocate*

Most of us think of graduations in either one of two ways: an ending or a beginning.

There's a great deal to warrant both views. The diploma itself speaks volumes about endings—of course work, of relationships with many teachers, and even of some friendships.

The realization of new beginnings also plays heavily at this time, with plans for the next level of education, or the start of what will most probably be a lifetime in the workforce, and with that, the prospect of new relationships, both personal and professional.

I say this with some authority on the subject as my recent graduation from the Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology led me to ponder my own past experiences and future expectations.

But, on the evening of the Mass of Blessing of Lay Students, I sensed something else was at play here, another view of this traditional rite of passage, a view that was well illustrated by the theme chosen for this event, "Sending Forth...in Praise and Thanksgiving."

The concept implied by a "sending forth" is that one has been equipped, prepared and readied, if you will, for the next step, for a specific purpose or mission. Fittingly, the word "mission" from the Latin, *mittere*, means to send with a purpose.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the origin of mission is found in the Trinity, in the Father's sending of the Son and the Holy Spirit for the purpose that all may share in the eternal love of that Trinity.

With that understanding we see that we have been uniquely charged to make a decided difference in our world, a difference that has been the hallmark of Christianity since its beginning. We are sent forth to do this in whatever arena our gifts and talents lend themselves—business, health care, family or religious life, or a myriad of other professions.

In Ephesians 6 Paul tells us to "put on the armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." We need sustenance for the mis-

sion and for all the journeys in a lifetime. This we have been given—our Catholic faith.

Along with the knowledge and know-how of our particular professions, we have faith. Graduating and moving on doesn't mean leaving behind what we have gained; it's not just looking back or forward.

Instead, we are enriched and equipped for the next stage in our life journey.

The reading at that Mass of Blessing was from Acts 13 and, along with Father Anthony Figueiredo's powerfully beautiful homily, said it all: "These are now His witnesses before the people."

So are we all.  
*Julie Burkley is director of Work/ Life Ministry at St. Peter the Apostle Parish, River Edge.*



Julie Burkley

# Living her life 'large'

**BY LIESL FORES**  
*Staff Reporter*

Catherine Large, graduating senior from New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), Newark, is a model student whose faith has led her to success.

As president for the past three years of the Newman Club, the student organization of the Newman Catholic Center, Newark, an international Catholic higher education association, the architecture major (who is minoring in philosophy and applied ethics) has incorporated spirituality and social outreach into her college career.

Large's involvement with the Newman Club, whose mission is based on prayer, faith formation, fellowship and community outreach, began when she was an underclassman through the Sunday night Mass that the Newman Catholic Center sponsored at the



Catherine Large

chapel in St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, Newark. Here the campus ministers would also discuss upcoming events and activities.

Because the Newman Center

serves as the campus ministry for the students, faculty and staff of NJIT as well as Rutgers University and Essex Country College, all secular institutions and all in Newark, Large noted that it is the presence of the Catholic Church on these campuses.

Stressing that schoolwork is very important—her faith, she says, allowed her to realize and focus on honing academic skills and "the talents God has given me"—Large pointed out that "getting involved in the community" is also crucial. As part of the Newman Club, Large and other members would work at the soup kitchen at St. John Parish, Newark, every Tuesday morning, just one of the many volunteer services the group carries out.

Besides helping manage the Newman Club, throughout the past several years Large has also

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## The Administration, Staff, Faculty and the Parish Family of St. Joseph of the Palisades High School

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# Inner-city scholarship fund gets A+

Scholarships totaling over \$1.6 million were awarded to 1,718 students at last month's annual Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) dinner.

Honoree at the 20th annual dinner was Msgr. Robert Sheeran, President of Seton Hall University, South Orange. Archbishop John J. Myers, one of the event chairmen, attended the dinner.

SFIC provides scholarships to needy children to attend private and parochial schools in New Jersey. Over the past two decades it has funded 35,000 elementary and high school scholarships costing \$19 million.

This year's dinner, with an attendance of 320, raised \$338,000. A matching agreement for Newark, Jersey City and Elizabeth with the nationwide Children's Scholarship Fund will result in some \$250,000 in additional funds.

Commenting on the success of this year's dinner, Kevin Moriarty, Executive Director of SFIC, called it "a wonderful event." He went on to explain the dinner will "enable SFIC to make the magic of a Catholic education available to hundreds of needy children."



Discussing the scholarship fund program are, left to right, Dinner Chairman James G. Spanarkel, First Vice President of Merrill Lynch and basketball analyst for CBS Sports; Ronald J. Mount, President of the SFIC Board of Trustees; Archbishop John J. Myers, the event chairman, and Msgr. Robert Sheeran, President of Seton Hall University and honoree at the 20th annual dinner.



A dinner guest and a student from Sacred Heart School (Vailsburg), Newark, enjoy a light moment.



Joseph B. Lomotey III, a junior at Seton Hall Prep School, addresses dinner guests.

## - Vir Fidelis -

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## Living faith

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been a member of the Architecture Student Union at NJIT, run on the school's cross country team, organized a Habitat for Humanity endeavor in South Carolina as an alternative spring break, and been a part of a national traveling evangelization team.

Not surprisingly, Large chose for her final project at NJIT a spiritual theme: she designed a "reredos," a decorative and carved or sculpted panel that goes behind and above the altar.

With the church of her home parish in mind, St. Mary Parish, Middletown, Large proposed a reredos made of wood, portraying the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.

She credits Father Mark O'Malley, Newman Center Chaplain and her spiritual director, with the idea of creating a reredos for the assignment, explaining that upon his suggestion she did research to learn more about these ancient architectural pieces.

Whether she will get to actually implement the proposal at St. Mary's is still uncertain, since there are plans under way to replace the existing church building. But for now, it has served her

well; she says she received a very good grade for the project.

Large's plans for the future are bright. She has accepted a position in an architectural firm in California after graduation. Though the company does mainly residential and commercial jobs, Large assures that she will integrate her faith into her work, especially through her "love for people."

When "working with clients to design a house—a home—for them," she explained she'll make it a point to "know what they love" and figure that into the plans.

She also noted that "caring for our planet and [being conscious of] the materials we use" will be important points of reference for her, spiritually and ethically. "To clear an entire forest to build a house," is something she has no intention of doing. "God wouldn't want that."

Looking back, Large says she is "grateful for the Newman Club—it was a huge support for me," naming in particular Father O'Malley and Maureen Madigan, Newman Center Campus Minister.

Commenting that it was sometimes difficult to live out her faith at a secular school, she asserted that the Newman Club helped her on her "spiritual journey in college" and laid "a foundation that I'll have for the rest of my life."

## Our Lady of Sorrows welcomes new principal

Msgr. John E. Doran, the pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, has appointed Valerie Oliva, the principal of Sacred Heart School, Bloomfield, to be principal of Our Lady of Sorrows School.

The 114-year-old grammar school (Pre-K through 8th grade) will welcome Oliva on July 1 for the coming academic year. Victoria Quinn, who has been principal of OLS School since 2001, has announced her retirement.

Citing the search committee and Msgr. Doran, Oliva said she has a "wonderful feeling" about her new job, adding she feels "welcomed and comfortable."

Oliva earned a B.A. in music education from Montclair State College (now University) and an M.A. in administration from Seton Hall University. She has been an educator for more than 25 years.

She has taught at St. Peter the Apostle School, Parsippany; Our Lady of the Lake School, Verona; Our Lady of Victories School, Jersey City, and since 1997 has been a teacher, then principal (since 2002), at Sacred Heart School, Bloomfield.



Valerie Oliva

As demonstrated at Sacred Heart School, Msgr. Doran explained, Oliva has particular strengths in parental involvement, school spirit, budgeting and "most importantly Catholicity."

Msgr. Doran also praised the tenure of the retiring principal, Mrs. Quinn.

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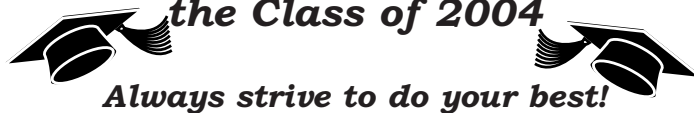
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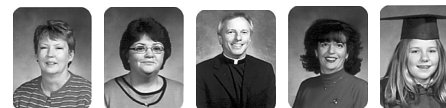
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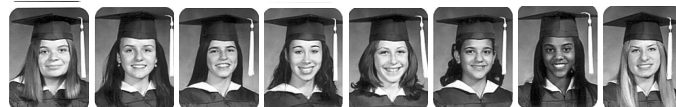
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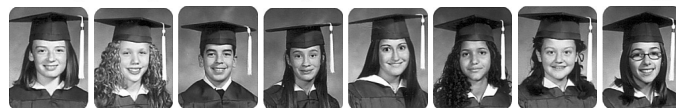
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Steve Forbes takes to the podium to address Caldwell's Class of 2004.

# 'Embrace life,' Caldwell College's Class of '04 told at commencement

Business and financial publisher Steve Forbes used a combination of humor and wisdom to convince over 400 graduates to embrace life and take advantage of every opportunity during his commencement speech at Caldwell College's 62nd graduation exercises May 16 in the George R. Newman Center.

College President Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D., awarded honorary degrees to Forbes, Doctorate in Communication Arts, Honoris Causa; Sister Maura Campbell, O.P., Ph.D., a Caldwell College Emeritus Professor of Theology/Philosophy, Doctorate in Humane Letters, Honoris

Causa, and Jean Yellin, a Distinguished Professor Emerita of English at Pace University, Doctorate in American Studies, Honoris Causa.

Forbes opened his speech with a few humorous quips. "It is a great pleasure to be here today," said Forbes. "It must be tough for graduates to listen to a speech given by someone two or three times their age. I hope this speech is shorter than most lectures you have sat through."

Turning serious, Forbes told graduates to take time to find out what they are good at, to find their passion. "If you find what you have a knack for, what you have a talent for,

you will be truly blessed," he said. "An industry that looks hot today, may not be hot tomorrow... and it's tough going through life living for the weekends."

Forbes said he always knew what he wanted to do, but working hard doesn't guarantee success. "Don't we all think we have to achieve success quickly, we think we have to be there by 35 or 40, but success sometimes comes late in life," he noted.

He said graduates should be convinced that their career will probably change several times over the course of their lifetime, which is why education is so important.

Sister Patrice conferred degrees on the Class of 2004. Individuals enrolled in the graduate studies program received either their Master of Arts or Master of Science degrees.

This year five graduate students were among the first to receive their MBA degree. The college president also presented undergraduates with their Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees.

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# Largest class ever receives Felician diplomas

Awarding 321 diplomas, Felician College graduated its largest class at commencement exercises May 23.

At the 40th annual graduation, the Class of 2004 received associate, baccalaureate and graduate degrees.

Degrees awarded included 110 B.A. in Management/ Marketing degrees, 11 B.S. in Business Administration degrees, 85 B.A. in Arts and Sciences degrees, 38 B.A. in Education degrees, 17 M.A. in Education degrees, 24 Associate in Applied Science degrees in Nursing, 14 A.A. in Liberal Arts degrees, 11 B.S. in Nursing degrees, eight M.S. in Nursing degrees, two B.S. in Clinical Laboratory Sciences degrees, and one M.A. in Religious Education.

Kristin Michael Hardin was the Valedictorian with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Art and Religious Studies. Joyce M. Gardner was the Salutatorian. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education as a double major in Elementary Education and English. Leading the Flag Salute was Brenda Marie Fortunato who graduated with a 4.0 grade point average and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics.

Receiving honorary doctorates and serving as commencement speakers were Steve Adubato, Ph.D., who served as New Jersey's youngest state legislator in the mid-1980's and is an award-winning broadcaster, author and motivational speaker and Sister Margherita Marchione, Ph.D., author of over 90 articles and 35 books, Fulbright Scholar, and Fairleigh Dickinson Professor Emerita who was inducted into the New Jersey Literary Hall of Fame in 1993 and is best known recently for her vocal defense of Pope Pius XII's role in protecting Jews and other refugees in Italy during the Holocaust.

Felician College, Sister Margherita told the graduates, has "changed your world by giving you a purpose, an intellectual challenge, knowledge of other cultures and other centuries: ultimately, self-knowledge. Here you

have learned to preserve moral and spiritual values that bind our cultures together. Above all, Felician College has taught you that religion should not lose its social dimension and its charitable action. You have imbibed the good news of redemption and eternity, of love and security, of forgiveness and everlasting joy!"

Explaining that during the past eight years she has worked to "counteract the inaccuracies of some historians" on the life of Pope Pius XII, Sister Margherita described the pontiff as "a saintly man, a man of peace and compassion. He strongly condemned anti-Semitic persecutions, the oppression of invaded lands and the inhumane conduct of the Nazis."

Commencement, she concluded, "is a beautiful time, a time when your heart is joyful, as are the hearts of members of your family and friends. Today you



Left to right, Albin Obal, President of the Board of Trustees, and Sister Mary Theresa Mary Martin, College President, with honorary doctoral recipients Sister Margherita Marchione and Steve Adubato.

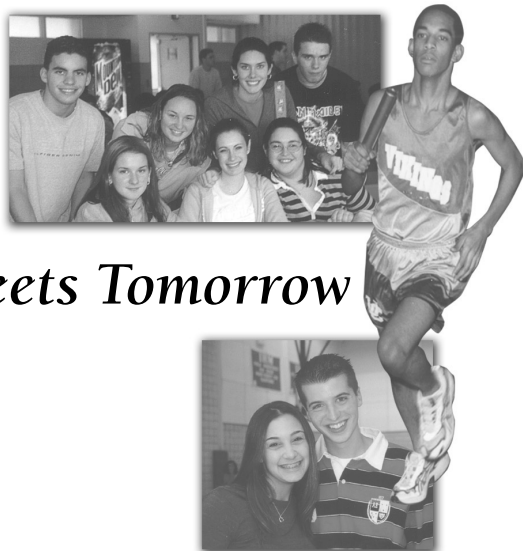
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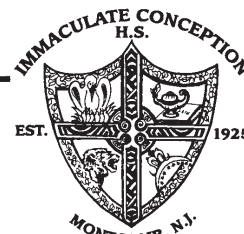
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Mrs. Tomeo teaches one of her final classes at Our Lady of the Lake School.

Advocate photo- Ward Miele

# Teacher ends 30 years in classroom

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

After three decades in the classroom at Our Lady of the Lake School, Verona, back problems have convinced a reluctant Claire Tomeo it is time to retire. Tomeo began her teaching career at Dickinson High School, Jersey City. She taught French and English literature. It was also where she met her husband who is already among the ranks of the retired. But it is in Catholic schools where the veteran teacher found her niche. Catholic schools are "so important," Tomeo explains, because they are "God-centered.... you can talk about God." Tomeo, who will be honored at a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. June 12 in the school auditorium, began her long OLL career at

what was then the new learning center. She stayed four years. The student body back then numbered about 400 with "bigger classes" than is the case today, Tomeo recalls. She then went on to the second, fourth and fifth grades. Since 1983 Tomeo has taught reading and language arts to the sixth through eighth grades. She also teaches Shakespeare to the eighth grade. "I always wanted to be a teacher," says Tomeo who as a youngster pondered becoming a nun. A good teacher, Tomeo explains, has to be "sympathetic, intelligent and love children." Looking back on the past 30 years she feels the challenges of being successful in the classroom include being able to "reach" each child understanding that students are each individuals in their own way. "Academically each child is different," she adds. Tomeo candidly admits she will "miss" her students. "Every day when I come to school, I always feel better."

# The Hall

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Families, friends and alumni came to Seton Hall for the entire weekend, spending time with each other and renewing an invaluable bond with the University.

On May 8 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, the College of Nursing Convocation honored over 130 students during the 47th nurse convocation and pinning ceremony led by Dean Phyllis Shanley Hansell.

As part of its nearly century and a half tradition of preparing committed Catholics to serve the Church, the Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology (ICSST) graduated its newest class of lay students.

Michelle Lynn Sheridan, who earned an M.A. in theology, is the new director of the Division of Volunteer Efforts, at Seton Hall University.

"Much of the work I do involves encouraging students to respond to God's call to serve those in need. ICSST has given me the theological background to help students make connections between faith and works, and to promote the Social Teaching of the Catholic Church."

For others, the master's program was a continuing journey of faith. Jane Callahan, who also earned an M.A. in theology, explains that her education is a result of "an insatiable desire for truth through a better understanding of God and His relation to the world through knowledge of Church doctrines—the cornerstones of our Catholic faith."



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