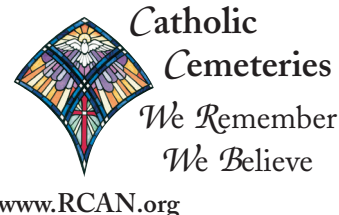


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US & World News

Bishops to support trade in hemisphere

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A free trade agreement between the United States and Central American countries must be part of an overall development program if it is to help the poor, said a statement by U.S. and Central American bishops.

"Trade agreements are not a panacea for deep-seated problems of poverty and social and economic exclusion," said the statement. "They must be part of a broader agenda of sustainable development that includes financial cooperation and migration policies and programs specifically designed to lift up sectors adversely affected by the agreement," it said. The 1,300-word joint statement was dated July 21 and released in Washington July 22 by the Department of Communications of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. It was drafted after a delegation of bishops from Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama visited Washington in late June.

The delegation briefed U.S. Church officials, legislators and independent organizations involved in trade and Latin American issues on their concerns about the Central American Free Trade Agreement, known as CAFTA.

Is blue blood bad for holiness?

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Even with Pope John Paul II's record number of canonizations and beatifications, one category of Catholics has been represented rarely in the past 400 years: monarchs.

According to the Vatican's "Index of Saints' Causes," since the modern process for declaring saints began in 1588, only four wore a royal crown before the Church officially recognized they wore the crown of sainthood. The four are all women: St. Kunigunde of Poland, St. Hedwig of Poland, St. Isabel of Portugal and St. Jeanne of Valois, queen of France. The "male monarch" category will receive its first entry of the modern era Oct. 3 when the pope beatifies Emperor Charles I of Austria, who also ruled Hungary as King Charles IV. He died in exile in Portugal in 1922.

The Catholic Church's calendar of saints does have a fair number of royal males, including: the Roman emperor St. Constantine, St. Stephen of Hungary, St. Louis IX of France, St. Henry II of Germany, St. Vladimir of Kiev and St. Edward the Confessor of England. The kings were declared saints before the 16th century when Pope Sixtus V centralized and codified the process. The numbers could lead someone to ask: Is blue blood bad for holiness, or does sovereignty decrease sanctity?

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Archbishop John J. Myers managed to stay relatively dry on his visit to the CYO Youth Retreat Center, Kearny, on a sweltering day last week. Father Richard R. Corbett, the executive director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, summoned the swimmers to greet the archbishop and the 2005 CYO business and labor honorees, (at left) Dr. Ralph Izzo, president and chief operating officer of PSE&G, and (center) Patrick J. Brennan, business manager of Painters and Allied Traders District Council 711.

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Documents for beatification sent to Congregation officials in Rome

BY WARD MIELE

Managing Editor

Whether or not Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, S.C., a Bayonne native, will be beatified is now up to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome.

In an historic ceremony July 8 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, Archbishop John J. Myers presided over the sealing of documentation that will present Sister Miriam's beatification cause to Vatican authorities, a first step toward possible canonization as a saint.

If she is beatified it will be the first time someone from New Jersey has been so recognized by the Church.

Sister Miriam, who died in 1927 at the age of 26, graduated with honors from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, in 1923.

Teresa Demjanovich then taught at Saint Aloysius School, Jersey City. Her brother, the late Msgr. Charles Demjanovich, was pastor of St. Mary Parish, Rutherford, for over two decades and also taught at Immaculate Conception Seminary. She entered the Sisters of Charity in February 1925.

Her special spirituality was soon recognized by those around her. Father Benedict Bradley, Sister Miriam's spiritual director, asked her to put her spiritual reflections on being a good Religious in writing.

With her permission he presented the contents of her writings as his own at talks to the sisters. Shortly after her death, Father Bradley revealed the source of his talks. Sister Miriam's writings were published in a now out-of-print book entitled Greater Perfection.

Near the end of 1945, a communication was received from Rome authorizing the Diocese of Paterson, in which the General House of the Sisters of Charity is located, to institute an ordinary informative process concerning Sister Miriam's life and virtues. The official investigation began in early 1946.

A year ago, in Convent Station, a tribunal met concerning an alleged miracle at the intercession of Sister Miriam that took place in the 1960s. The tribunal consisted of Msgr. Robert Furhman, Msgr. Frank Del Prete and Father James Sheehan of the Archdiocese of Newark along with Sister Marian Jose Smith, S.C., Vice Postulate for Sister Miriam's beatification case, and Mary Mazzarella, M.D., the medical investigative member.

Father Sheehan, who delivered the homily at a Mass following sealing of the documents, stressed that the entire process was an "inquiry into an alleged miracle" that took place at the intercession of Sister Miriam. Only Christ, he stressed, "brings us healing."

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New Energies initiative is well under way



“What about the poor, aged and handicapped in our parish?”
“How will we keep our ethic traditions alive?”
“Will we be able to provide transportation to our parishioners to get to church?”
“How will the administration be allocated?”
“Wouldn’t it make better sense if we were linked with a different parish?”

In the weeks since the New Energies Parish Initiative began this spring, parish transition teams have begun meeting with themselves and with our facilitators from the Reid Group and members of the Executive Committee. Together, they are assessing the original recommendations of the Parish Task Force to see how they can be implemented.

Teams from different parishes have also started to meet to discuss the challenges of merger or linkage. In some cases, we know these challenges are considerable. They are not insurmountable, however, if we keep talking and look to understand one another.

I understand that, in these initial discussions, and even though the discussions that are taking place in parishes as you read this column, some alternatives to the recommendations presented are beginning to surface, as well as new information that may affect how mergers and linkages of parishes will ultimately occur. These have all been good developments, and I am grateful to all who are participating in the process and offering constructive dialogue.

As you can see from the top of this column, participants have brought many questions to the dialogue to date. The questions are honest, direct, and heartfelt. Such

depth of feeling and concern for the future has arisen from these conversations because it is precisely through a combination of empathy, compassion and understanding that we will bring about the change that the New Energies Initiative is seeking. Equally important, many of the teams are beginning to understand that, in fact, change must occur throughout this entire local Church of Newark in the next few years.

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By Archbishop John J. Myers

They also are beginning to understand the difficulties of being a pioneer. It isn’t easy because no clear path exists. We have to forge it together

At this time, the process calls for each of the immediately involved parishes to talk about the elements of parish life that are important to them, to recognize and acknowledge the value that other groups place on these traditions and practices. They then must examine how, together, they can find ways to continue traditions in new circumstances.

I have met with a number of people and groups during this time as well, and I know that each of you carries a

special affection and reverence for your traditions. In the past couple of months alone, I have participated in Polish, Italian, Haitian, Spanish and Filipino celebrations of faith. Clearly, this is one of the strengths of the Archdiocese and it will continue to be so because of the spirit of the people involved in discussions now.

I have shared with many of the ethnic groups of this Archdiocese that the only decision we have made concerning any parish is to have dialogue, discussion and study. We still need to make decisions about the future of this local Church of Newark. We have a responsibility, as good stewards, to assure future generations of Catholics of a strong and vital Church.

I know you have accepted this responsibility, and will meet the challenges that the New Energies Initiatives will present in the months ahead. I know because of what transition team participants feel is possible:

“A renewed impetus toward evangelization.”
“Less duplication of effort”
“Opportunity to exchange ideas.”
“Opportunity for the Holy Spirit to influence the mind of the people.”
“Better relations with new parishioners.”
“Sharing diverse heritages.”
“Stable parish communities.”

The priests of the Polish Clergymen’s Society recently wrote to me after a meeting to thank me for “your genuine concern for us and our people.” I wish you all to know that my concern is genuine for all of the diverse nationalities and cultures who live the Gospel of Jesus Christ here in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Your energies are creating the New Energies.

Stewardship

Does your parish have the seven ‘signs’?



BY ANDREW KACZYNSKI
Associate Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese

In my travels around this archdiocese, I am often asked to describe the signs that a parish is properly promoting stewardship as a way of life. Clergy and lay leaders also often want to know if what they are doing is successful.

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), there are indeed key factors to address if a parish wants to answer these questions and put them into practice. I offer to you a summary of Chapter IV of “Stewardship and Development in Catholic Dioceses and Parishes,” a resource manual prepared by the USCCB.

The seven sign of a stewardship parish are:

1. **Hospitality**— All members, new and present, are welcomed and made to feel comfortable at all parish activities, including liturgies. All need a sense that they are contributing members and that their time and talents are valuable. The parish needs to present an image and a reality that they reach out to those in need.

2. **Prayer**— The sanctifying presence of Christ is a sign of stewardship, and it is manifested through prayer and the sacraments. The parish should present as many opportunities as possible for both community and individual prayer.

3. **Stewardship Committee**— A committee or council assigned the task of assuring the practice and ongoing renewal of stewardship as a way of life, is necessary. This committee organizes, identifies and provides formal gratitude to those who give of their time, talent and treasures.

4. **Renewal and Recommitment**— Stewardship is not a “program” but a process, and it needs to be renewed on an annual basis at the very least. This provides people an opportunity to recommit, inform, form, and transform on an individual and community basis.

5. **Outreach**— Stewardship parishes and institutions, just like individuals, need to set aside a portion of what they have and what they receive for the needs and uses of the poor and charities – for other parishes, dioceses and the Church as well. The more human interactions that result, the better.

6. **Lay Witnesses**— Personal witness by lay individuals, couples and families who have experienced the conversion of a stewardship way of life is essential to continue to build and maintain a parish foundation of stewardship.

7. **Accountability**— Accountability is a fundamental aspect of good stewardship. There must be a known and visible commitment to account for the full range of parish activities and efforts, which display the stewardship of what the parish has and does. All facets of the collection, management and use of gifts should be included.

The seven ingredients for measuring “success” are:

1. **Personal Witness**— Stewardship is a faith response. Clergy and laity need opportunities to express this aspect of their faith life. The stewardship message seems to spread most effectively through authentic witnessing.

2. **Commitment of Leadership**— The archbishop, pastor, priests and lay leadership must express their commitment and provide an environment of collaborative leadership. All gifts must be respected.

3. **Hospitality, Evangelization and Outreach**— Parishes that are serious about seeking the time, talents and treasures of their parishioners must be engaged in meaningful efforts of welcoming all, be deeply committed to preaching the Gospel and be serving to others.

4. **Communication and Education**— All aspects of media should be used to educate and communicate the stewardship message, use witness talks, videos, printed materials, letters, telemarketing, bulletins, websites, etc.

5. **Recruiting, Training and Recognizing Gifts of Time and Talent**— Active recruitment of volunteers for ministries should regularly occur. Formal training programs and continuing education should be provided.

6. **Stewardship of Treasure**— Within the context of the theology of stewardship and ethical fundraising, church leaders should not hesitate to ask for financial support of its membership. Members should reflect and give in a manner that is sacrificial, planned and proportionate to their means.

7. **Accountability**— Church leaders need to be committed to accountability in the way they collect, manage and use the time, talents and treasure of contributors. This includes how annual reports are presented, how personnel issues are handled and how properly and facilities are maintained.

Stewardship is not a “program.”

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House limits court jurisdiction

WASHINGTON (CNS) —The House passed legislation July 22 that would limit federal court jurisdiction over same-sex marriage questions, but approval of the bill in the Senate was considered less likely.

The Marriage Protection Act, adopted on a 233-194 vote, stipulates that "no court created by act of Congress shall have any jurisdiction, and the Supreme Court shall have no appellate jurisdiction, to hear or decide any question pertaining to the interpretation of, or the validity under the Constitution" of the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act.

The Marriage Protection Act is distinct from the Federal Marriage Amendment, which would change the U.S. Constitution to define marriage as the union of a man and a woman.

The Federal Marriage Amendment failed in the Senate on a procedural vote July 14, but the Marriage Protection Act has not been considered in the Senate.

The U.S. bishops were strong supporters of the Defense of Marriage Act, which defines marriage for federal purposes as a "legal union between one man and one woman" and bars partners in same-sex unions from receiving federal benefits that are available to spouses because of their marital status, such as spousal Social Security benefits.

Father Ward is assigned to St. Lawrence Parish

Archbishop John J. Myers this week announced the appointment of Father Gary C. Ward as pastor of St. Lawrence Parish, Weehawken, effective Aug. 10.

Father Ward, 49, comes to his new assignment from parochial vicar duties at St. Andrew Parish, Bayonne, where he has served the past four years.

Born in Newark and raised in Belleville, Father Ward attended grammar school in his home parish of Holy Family, Nutley. He went on to Belleville High School.

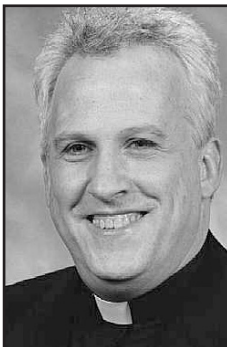
Ordained to the priesthood on May 31, 1980, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, Father Ward studied at Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary. His diaconate year was spent at Sacred Heart Parish, (Vailsburg), Newark.

His first assignment was to Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield.

He then moved on to Madonna Parish, Fort Lee, and St. Michael Parish, Cranford.

Father Ward served seven years at St. Stephen Parish, Kearny and was also assigned to St. Catherine Parish, Glen Rock.

In addition to parochial duties, Father Ward served as an advocate in the Marriage Tribunal Office of the Archdiocese of Newark.



Father Gary C. Ward



The Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership at Seton Hall University was founded in 2003 with a grant from the Lilly Foundation. Shown here at Presidents Hall on the University campus are David R. Foster, Ph.D., the director of the center; Esperanza Hernandez, graduate assistant; Msgr. Richard Liddy, board member; William J. Toth, Ph.D., board member; Rev. Paul A. Holmes, board member, and Carol Ann Koert, administrative assistant.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

Archdiocesan/Ministry

Most Reverend Thomas A. Donato, Auxiliary Bishop-elect of Newark, Regional Episcopal Vicar for Hudson County and Pastor of the Church of St. Henry, Bayonne, has been appointed a Consultor of the Archdiocese of Newark for a term of five years, effective July 6 and ending July 6, 2009.

Most Reverend John W. Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop-elect of Newark, Regional Episcopal Vicar for Bergen County and Pastor of the Church of Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes, has been appointed a Consultor of the Archdiocese of Newark for a term of five years, effective July 6 and ending July 6, 2009.

Very Reverend Robert E. Emery, V.G. has been appointed a Consultor of the Archdiocese of Newark for a term of five years, effective July 6, 2004 and ending July 6, 2009. He has also been appointed to the Finance Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a term of five years, effective July 6 and ending July 6, 2009.

Reverend Christopher J. Hynes, faculty member of Seton Hall University and Assistant to the Archbishop for Public Affairs, was appointed Senior Vice President for Development and Community Affairs at Catholic Health and Human Services, effective June 21.

Pastor/Hudson County

Reverend Gary C. Ward, Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Andrew, Bayonne has been appointed Pastor of St. Lawrence Church, Weehawken, effective Aug. 10.

Parochial Vicar/Hudson County

Reverend Monsignor Peter A. Cheplic, part-time parochial vicar of the Church of St. Lawrence, Weehawken, and part-time parochial vicar of the Church of St. Henry, Bayonne, has been appointed full-time parochial vicar of St. Henry Church, Bayonne, effective Sept. 1.

Parochial Vicar/Union County

Reverend Jorge Ivan Perez, S.D.B. has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Elizabeth, effective July 1.



Chaplaincy

Reverend Nerva W. Dugue, Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter, Roselle, has been appointed Chaplain at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, effective Aug. 1.

Reverend Monsignor Jose J. Agan, Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Andrew, Westwood, was appointed Chaplain of the St. Thomas More Columbiettes 2188, Westwood, effective June 25.

Reverend James A. Worth, Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. James, Springfield, was appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Union Council No.4504, Union, effective June 25.

Incardinations

Reverend Jan Krzysztof Lebdowicz, Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Plainfield, was incardinated in the Archdiocese of Newark, July 9.

Reverend Pawel Molewski, Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption, Elizabeth, was incardinated in the Archdiocese of Newark, July 9.

Summer Parochial Vicars

Reverend Jose A.K. Aricatt Kunjuvareed has been appointed Summer Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, Garfield.

Reverend Jose Ramon Rivera has been appointed Summer Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Mary, Plainfield.

Residence

Reverend Alejandro Lopez-Cardinale, RENEW Presenter was appointed to residence at Blessed Sacrament Rectory, Elizabeth, July 2.

Reverend Emmanuel N. Ogu, O.P., was appointed to residence at St. Leo Rectory, Irvington, July 2.

Statistical trends will have impact on Church in U.S.

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Each year the Official Catholic Directory gives a statistical snapshot of the U.S. Catholic Church.

The just-released 2004 directory shows several trends that will have a significant impact on the Church in coming years.

These include a growing number of retired priests in a shrinking pool of clergy, more parishes without a resident pastor and a steady decline in the number of Church marriages.

The 2,300-page directory lists every Catholic parish, school and hospital in the country as well as diocesan offices,

Religious orders and other official Church institutions. It also covers U.S. overseas territories.

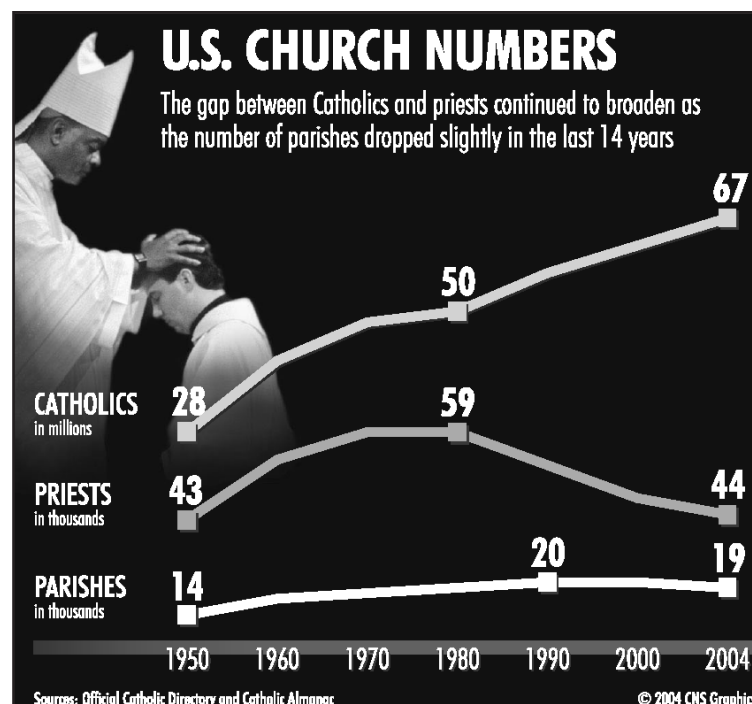
Excluding figures from Puerto Rico and the overseas dioceses that are not part of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic News Service found that the USCCB dioceses—covering all U.S. states, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands—had a total of 28,967 diocesan priests, of whom 8,302 were listed as retired, sick or absent. In other words, only 20,665 had official Church assignments.

This means that at the start of 2004 28.7 percent of U.S. diocesan

priests held no Church assignment—up nearly one percent from the 27.8 percent retired, sick or absent reported last year by the USCCB dioceses.

The increasing ratio of priests without an assignment reflects the aging of the U.S. Catholic clergy, as most of the men in that category are retired or relieved of duties because of age-related illnesses.

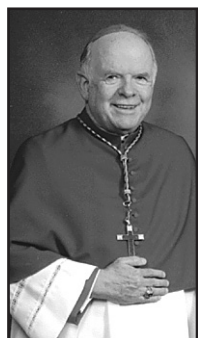
While the directory gives no retirement figures for religious orders, a 2000 study by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate found that the average age of priests in Reli-



The gap between the number of Catholics and priests in the United States continues to grow as the number of parishes decreased slightly in the past 14 years.

Obedient to Christ's command to, "pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38),

the Church makes a humble profession of faith. In praying for vocations, conscious

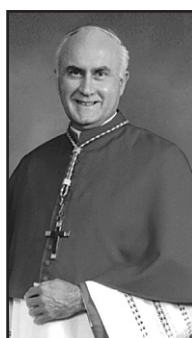


of her urgent need of them for her very life and mission, she acknowledges that they are a gift of God and, as such, must be asked for by a ceaseless and trusting prayer of petition.

C.f.: Pope John Paul II, *I Will Give You Shepherds*

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Bishop Flesey and Bishop Donato



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gious orders was four years higher than that of diocesan priests. The pool of Religious available for parish duties is also diminishing.

When CARA analyzed data in the directory in 2001, it found that 15.2 percent of parishes in USCCB dioceses—2,929 out of 19,305—were without a resident pastor.

By 2004, despite closing or merging of parishes in the intervening years, the figures for priestless parishes rose to 16.5 percent—3,157 out of 19,108.

Most of these parishes are administered by a nonresident priest, usually the pastor of a parish nearby. Nonresident priests administered 2,374 parishes in 2001 and 2,587 in 2004.

But the number of deacons, Religious, lay people or pastoral teams directing parishes continues to grow as well. In 2001 there were 555 such parishes; in 2004 there were 570.

Between 2001 and 2004 the number of deacons directing parishes rose from 123 to 144.

The number of Religious brothers in that position rose from 18 to 28. The number of nuns directing parishes dropped from 281 to 240, but the number of lay leaders rose from 93 to 149.

Forty parishes were listed as run by pastoral teams in 2001. That dropped to nine in 2004. Because the directory questionnaire to dioceses does not ask the composition of such pastoral teams, it is unclear from the data whether the primary team leader in those cases was a priest, deacon, Religious or lay leader.

A recent study on reorganizing parishes across the nation found that lack of priests to staff parishes is the primary driving force behind closing, merging or clustering parishes. It found that the primary Church goal in reorganizing is to ensure that the Eucharist will be celebrated every Sunday in every parish.

The decline in marriages recorded by the Church has been steeper than the decline seen in the general American population over the past two decades.

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RENEW answers the question, "Why Catholic?"

BY LIESL FORES
Staff Writer

People from all over the country and beyond arrived in New Jersey this month to attend the RENEW International Institute 2004, which took place at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel.

"Why Catholic? Professing, Celebrating and Living Our Faith" drew participants from the United States and numerous other countries, including England, Honduras, El Salvador, Venezuela, India, Tanzania, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, who wanted to share communally in the phenomenon that has taken root in so many parishes across the globe.

RENEW International, a Roman Catholic organization begun in the Archdiocese of Newark in 1976, "fosters spiritual renewal, evangelization and the transformation of the world through parish-based small Christian communities."

The Institute was organized to kick off RENEW's "Why Catholic?" campaign, an adult faith-formation program that looks closely at what makes up Catholic identity and practical ways to strengthen one's faith.

Sister Terry Rickard, O.P., coordinator of the new program, explained that one of the things it is meant to do is "break open the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Scriptures and connect their treasures with daily life, with family life and with the public sphere."

Featuring several keynote addresses, over 30 workshops, a one-day program in Spanish, Mass, prayer services and a choir that included music and instruments from around the world, the weekend conference brought together more than 400 people.

After the welcome, gathering prayer and keynote address given by Sister Beatrice Jeffries, S.B.S. on Thursday evening, Sister Terry spoke to participants on Friday morning on the topic "Scripture and Catholic Identity."

"The Word of God becomes the way we live and think and act in the world," Sister Terry noted.

She continued that there has been a revitalization of the Bible in the Church since the Second Vatican Council, which "exhorts us to promote a warm and living love for Scriptures in our fami-

lies and our parishes."

Pointing out that though the Scriptures don't belong to any particular group of people—"It's God's book," she said—Sister Terry indicated that the Bible is part of the Catholic heritage and can "change our lives" if we allow it to. It "only

address, R. Scott Appleby, Ph.D., a professor of history at Notre Dame University, IN, presented a comprehensive overview of the Catholic imagination and the foundations of the Catholic faith.

Dr. Appleby held attendees spellbound for nearly two hours,

unities is where we should be."

Three students from Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia were asked to the Institute by members of RENEW International as part of an effort to bring the movement to their country.

parishioner of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, said that after a recent presentation from Campus RENEW's Leah Thomas, the group was "pretty impressed." He and student Nick O'Sullivan, parishioner of Little Flower Parish, Berkeley Heights, also at the Institute, will be planning in the fall with their chaplain and other members to implement a RENEW program within the Catholic Student Association for the spring semester.

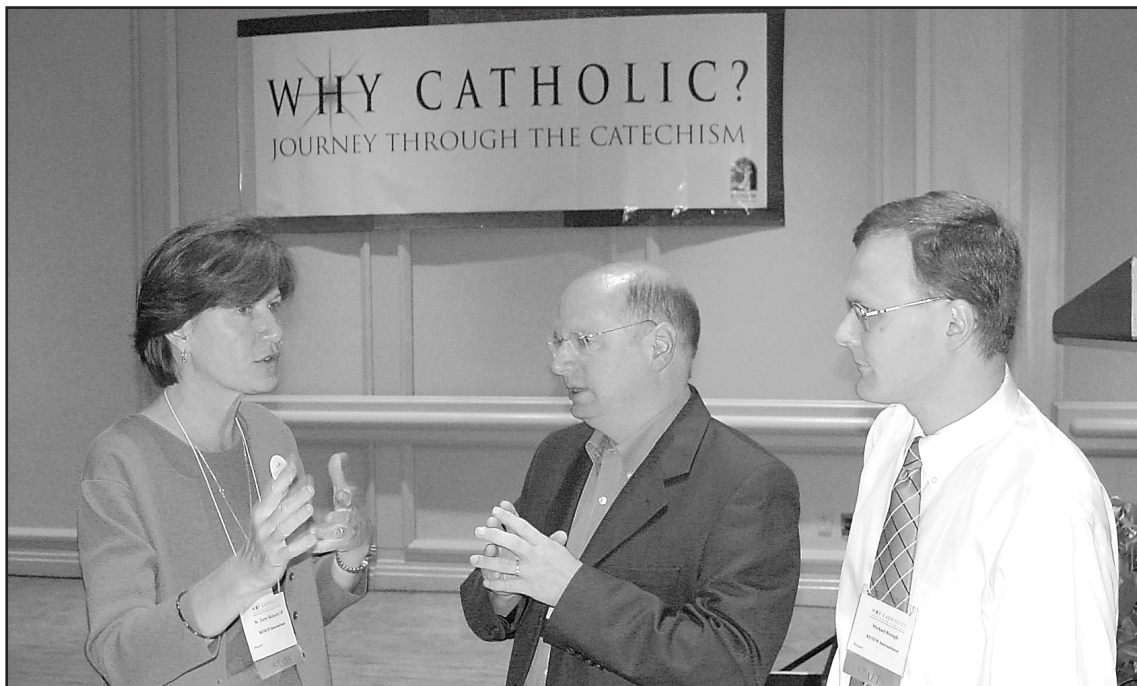
Six people (including two teenagers) from St. John the Evangelist Parish, Hondo, TX, held raffles, and tamale and bake sales in order to raise money to attend the Institute, driving 35 hours to reach their destination. They all agreed that so far it had "exceeded our expectations" adding, "We've had God's favor all the way here."

After a keynote address on Sunday by Sister Louise Alf, O.S.F. and Jamie Rickert on "Living Our Faith: Taking It to the Street," there was a closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter Rosazza of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Mark Nixon, member of RENEW International Services Team, noted that the weekend was a success, commenting that they have gotten back very positive feedback.

For more information on RENEW International call (908) 769-5400 or visit www.renewintl.org.

Greg Tobin, Editor and Associate Publisher of The Catholic Advocate, contributed to this article.



Discussing the program were, left to right, Sister Terry Rickard, O.P., coordinator of Why Catholic? for RENEW, R. Scott Appleby, the Saturday keynote speaker, and Michael Brough, the director of RENEW International.

becomes a living Word" if we can connect it to our faith and life.

Offering some means of putting this into practice, Sister Terry suggested daily reading of the Scriptures and discussing the Bible in small communities. She also observed, "As Catholics, we are gifted with both the Word and Eucharist. We are called to fully feast at the table of the Word of God, and to fully feast at the table of the Eucharist."

The second keynote address was an interactive presentation, titled "Building Community Through Song."

Donna Peña, a liturgist and nationally known composer and musician, played her guitar and had the audience sing songs of praise with her in English, Spanish, Korean, Arabic, Swahili and the Zimbabwe language.

Emphasizing that music and singing are "so much more powerful when you sing in proclamation," Peña described the pieces she had chosen as ones that "bring us together in courage and strength—we need that."

She also asserted that using global music "is a sign of solidarity" with our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world.

In the Saturday keynote

with questions and audience interaction, as he delved into the Institute's theme of "Why Catholic?" from a theological perspective—emphasizing the positive aspects of the apologetic tradition in Catholicism.

Some younger Catholics, he said, have a fragmented view of the Catholic tradition, while a number of older Catholics lack the vocabulary they need to form a truly Catholic identity. He explored ways in which all age groups can deepen their Catholic culture, faith and identity.

Craig Gibson, a leader at St. Mary Parish, Winchester, MA, in the Archdiocese of Boston, said he was eager to attend the RENEW Institute. "The time is so very right for clergy and lay leaders to consider and embrace the process of thoughtful and structured faith renewal," he remarked, adding that the archdiocese is encouraging parishes to participate in RENEW.

Sister Veronica Miller, O.P. from St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Jersey City, was invited by a friend to the Institute—this was her first contact with RENEW. "What's happening is excellent," she said. Reflecting on revitalization of the Church, she stressed, "Christian-based com-

The students will take back with them materials, ideas and their experiences to share with the campus ministry at their school.

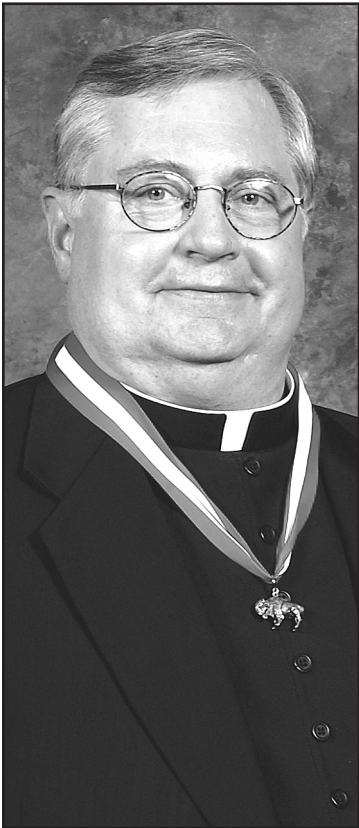
Similarly, two young men from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, will be talking about what they've gained from the Institute with fellow members of the affiliated Catholic Student Association. Joe Battinelli, president of the association and



A "Water of Life" ritual punctuated the Saturday morning prayer service.

Advocate photos: Greg Tobin

Archdiocesan pastor joins distinguished ranks as recipient of scouting's highest adult award



Father Hummel at the awards ceremony.

Father Donald K. Hummel, pastor of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Parish, Scotch Plains, has reached another pinnacle of scouting. As a youth he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Now Father Hummel, who has spent a lifetime with the Boy Scouts of America, has received the Silver Buffalo Award, the highest commendation for service to youth.

With the Silver Buffalo Award, Father Hummel joins a distinguished list of recipients that includes 14 U.S. presidents, artist Norman Rockwell, entertainment giant Walt Disney, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund Marian Wright Edleman and home run leader and Hall of Famer Hank Aaron.

The award was presented at the annual national meeting of the Boy Scouts of America in Chicago.

The Silver Buffalo Award has been awarded annually since 1925, explained a spokesman, "to civic-minded men and women who stand out for their invaluable contributions to the youth of America."

Ordained to the priesthood in 1978, Father Hummel is active in the local community. He counsels drug and alcohol addicts as well as women who have had abortions.

Father Hummel's efforts have been recognized at a variety of levels. He is a recipient of the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependency's Alan Augustine Award, the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award for Outstanding Service and Commitment and the Bronze Benemerenti Medal for Distinguished Service to Catholic Youth.

Five years ago he was honored as a Distinguished Eagle Scout.

Throughout his adulthood, Father Hummel has continued to participate in scouting. He is camp chaplain at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and has been chaplain at four national jamborees.

A lifetime member of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, Father Hummel was national chaplain in 2001.

Father Hummel is also a member of the National Federation of Priests' Council the American Counseling Association, and the New Jersey Traffic Officers and Paid Fire Chiefs Association.

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Father Thomas Butler, O. Carm to mark 60 years

Father Thomas Butler, O. Carm., who served in the Archdiocese of Newark at St. Cecilia Parish, Englewood, as both a teacher and parish minister, will celebrate 60 years as a professed friar with the Carmelite Order on Aug. 15.

Father Butler attended Bonaventure University, Olean, NY, and continued his studies at Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, and later the University of Arizona, Tucson.

He made his first vows on Aug. 15, 1944 and was ordained a priest six years later at the National Shrine, Washington, DC.

Bulletins sought

Parish bulletins are needed by *The Catholic Advocate*. The front cover rendition of church buildings will be used on the Around the Archdiocese page. Send a bulletin to P. O. Box 9500, Newark, NJ 07104-0500.

SESQUICENTENNIAL
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1853 - 2003

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

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

Novarcensis:
A Look Back at Our History

151 years ago...

July 29. Bl. Pope Pius IX (1846-78) established the Diocese of Newark.

130 years ago...

July 21. Most Rev. James R. Bayley, first Bishop of Newark, appointed Archbishop of Baltimore.

125 years ago...

July 26. Father Walter M.A. Fleming appointed first pastor of St. Aloysius Church, Newark.

103 years ago...

July 25. Most Rev. John J. O'Connor ordained as fourth Bishop of Newark.

95 years ago...

July 22. First baptism held in Holy Family Parish, Nutley.

86 years ago...

July 25. Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh ordained as third Bishop of Trenton

69 years ago...

July 25. Most Rev. Thomas H. McLaughlin ordained as Auxiliary Bishop of Newark.

64 years ago...

July 25. Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland ordained as Auxiliary Bishop of Newark.

45 years ago...

July 29. Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Washington Township, incorporated.

38 years ago...

July 23. Father Patrick F.X. Fitzpatrick appointed first pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Lyndhurst.

37 years ago...

July 23. Ground broken for Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Scotch Plains.

18 years ago...

July 25. Most Rev. Theodore E. McCarrick (now cardinal and Archbishop of Washington, DC) installed as fourth Archbishop of Newark.

3 years ago...

July 24. Most Rev. John J. Myers, Bishop of Peoria, IL, appointed fifth Archbishop of Newark.

Novarcensis means Newark in Latin.

Local Highlights

Spiritual

- The Ministry of Spiritual Direction at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, a summer directed retreat at Mount St. Francis, Ringwood, Aug. 15-21. Call Anna Graziano at (973) 338-9538.
- Carmel Retreat, Mahwah, "Retreat for Everyday Life: the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola." Contact Sister Eileen for details and cost. Registration closes Aug. 15. Call (201) 327-7090.
- St. Michael Parish, Cranford, Week to Honor Mary, with special Rosary services at 7 p.m., until the feast of the Queenship of Mary, Aug. 22. Call (908) 276-0360.

Health

- Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, a weight reduction program, Aug. 11, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Hospital Education Conference Room (Rosarii Hall). Cost \$60 includes an audio cassette tape, plus revisits to future seminars for up to a year. Registration and pre-payment required. The hospital will also offer free blood pressure screenings Aug. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m.; Aug. 6 and Aug. 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. Call (201) 227-6250.
- St. Mary's Hospital, Passaic, free pregnancy classes, in Spanish, Aug. 3 and Aug. 10, 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Aug. 5 and Aug. 12, 5:30 to 8 p.m.; in English, Aug. 4 and Aug. 11, 5:30 to 8 p.m. By appointment only, call (973) 470-3525.

Festival

- St. Valentine Parish, Bloomfield, will hold its annual Family Festival Sept. 10, from 6 to 10:30 p.m.; Sept. 11, from 4 to 10:30 p.m.; Sept. 12, from 2 to 9:30 p.m., on parish grounds, corner of E. Passaic and Hoover Avenues. Call Cathy at (973) 429-7567.

Spanish Classes

- The Office of the Vicar for Pastoral Life of the Archdiocese of Newark is offering Spanish classes in two levels: Beginners II, for those who have a minimum knowledge of the Spanish language, and Advanced II, for those who have a deeper knowledge of the Spanish language. One two-hour session weekly: 10 a.m. to noon; 12-week semester starts Sept. 8 for beginners; Sept. 9 for advanced, at the Archdiocesan Center, conference room 2018. Cost \$95. Maria de los Angeles Garcia will be the instructor. Call (973) 497-4013.

Flea Market

- An indoor flea market and crafts event, including a rummage room, Sept. 11, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Park Avenue and Rooney Road, Mount Arlington, around Lake Hopatcong. Rental space is \$15 per 8 foot table. Call (973) 729-3341.

Singles

- St. Phil's Singles will hike at South Mountain Reservation and then go to dinner on Saturday, Aug. 7. Participants should meet at the St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, parking lot at 1:30 p.m. Bring drinking water. Call (973) 696-1809.

The joy of Natural Family Planning

BY DAMON OWEN

Special to The Catholic Advocate

One of the greatest joys of teaching Natural Family Planning (NFP) is to witness the deepening conversions in the hearts of married, engaged and infertile couples.

Whether a year before or 20 years (and three children) after their wedding, modern NFP calls couples "into the deep water" of love, marriage, sex and family.

Much more than a method of fertility awareness to help achieve or postpone pregnancy, NFP is a way of life that promotes authentic marital love: free, full, faithful and fruitful.

My wife Melanie and I first heard about NFP from a witness couple at our Engaged Encounter weekend in 1992.

Whether it was the way the couple interacted that got our attention or the claims of 99 percent effectiveness, less than 5 percent divorce rate and moral acceptability, we wanted to know more.

Skeptically intrigued, we signed up for classes expecting to learn some updated "rhythm method." How wrong we were!

Modern NFP is a simple, scientifically based fertility awareness program monitoring each woman's unique fertility cycle, "regular" or "irregular."

NFP is not the decision to achieve or avoid pregnancy; it makes plain the specific window of days every cycle

where pregnancy can occur.

We used NFP for the first 2 and a half years to postpone pregnancy, then to help us conceive Naomi (1996), Leah (1997), Rachel (1999), Therese (2002) and Collette (2003).

Knowing what we know now, we would not have waited to have our first child. Our original "5-year plan" without children sounded good, logical, even responsible. But, in truth, it was rooted in our own fears and selfishness—not in any grave, just or serious reasons that sacramental love demands.



Damien Owen

Thankfully, NFP amplified our call from God to fatherhood and motherhood and cut "our" plans short. Our NFP charting, supportive pastor, developing prayer life and the other great NFP families were additional conduits of grace beyond the sacraments for our young marriage.

Indeed, before each of our children, Melanie and I can recount a clear discernment, a longing, a knowing, that someone was missing. These are lights that would have been dimmed or even extinguished had we been in the mortal sin of contraception. (By the way, someone is still missing!)

I know from my own marriage and from teaching hundreds of couples in the last ten years the joy the NFP lifestyle promotes. This is the apostolate that strengthens marriage. And, we need it now more than ever. *Duc in altum!*

Damon C. Owens and his wife Melanie are the coordinators of the Archdiocesan NFP program based at Saint Michael's Medical Center, Newark. For more information about the program, call (973) 632-3755, email nfp@rcan.org or visit their new website at www.njnfp.org starting Aug. 1.

Respect Life

The holy uniqueness of marriage

BY MSGR. RICHARD MCGUINNESS

Director of the Respect Life Office

In Genesis, we read, "To His own image and likeness He made them. Male and Female He made them." So every man and every woman is an image of God and bears a resemblance to the God who made them.

But men and women are different images of God. Their very bodies manifest God in different ways. Men's bodies are designed to produce sperm; women's bodies produce eggs and their breasts produce milk for their children.

When married couples show their love for each other in their marital embrace, they not only comfort and love each other, they help God to create

new images of Himself—children who are the fruit of their love.

Love in marriage and the marital embrace is thus designed by God to bring together in an exclusive relationship one man and one woman and involves them in a lifelong loving and faithful relationship that can care for their children who are born of their love.

This is what marriage is, it is built into our bodies by God Himself. No other relationship, no other kind of love, can be called "marriage."

Let us together work and pray to protect marriage as God intended it to be.

Issues of trust and faith paramount

Catholic News Service, which is utilized by nearly all the Catholic diocesan newspapers in the United States as a reliable source of news and information about our Church, has reported that a survey finds "Catholics skeptical of bishops' handling of sex abuse" cases.

The study was designed by sociologists from the Catholic University of America and Purdue University, and sponsored by the University of Notre Dame "as part of a larger initiative to serve clergy and lay leaders in the Church." Princeton Survey Research Associates conducted the survey.

Topics questioned included the level of individuals' financial contribution to the Church, the shortage of priests, core beliefs "such as Christ's presence in the sacraments and the need to be concerned about the poor," and moral issues.

We do not doubt the veracity of such a study, which found very high percentages of distrust and dissatisfaction with how our leadership has handled the sex abuse scandal, which washed over the American Church like a tsunami in 2002, with devastating after-effects.

However, it is important to emphasize that the Archdiocese of Newark instituted a review board to deal with abuse allegations more than 11 years ago. We have adhered to the letter and the spirit of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Vatican-approved norms, reporting procedures and programs, as well as canon law and basic Christian charity. In the coming year we will undergo a second audit and institute new youth protection training.

We urge all Catholics, especially here in the Archdiocese, to take upon themselves the responsibility to read, pray, reflect and discuss with their own parish priests exactly what is going on in our Church, locally, nationally and on the universal level—regarding any difficult or controversial issue.

The bishops, as teachers and leaders of the faithful, have put their credibility on the line and have given every indication that they understand the gravity of the situation past, present and into the future.

Yes, we, the Body of Christ, must always hold our shepherds—and ourselves—accountable for "doing the right thing." Yes, we must protect our children from harm from whatever source it may come. Yes, perhaps some bishops or some dioceses must become more open and responsible in this regard.

Pray for our families, our bishops, our clergy and Religious ministers, our lay leadership—that all may strive as one Church to be concerned and collaborative brothers and sisters of each other, and of Christ.

School funding cut cannot stand

Washington lawmakers deserve an "F" for eliminating crucial educational funding in the proposed 2005 federal budget cycle.

To the justified chagrin of the New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) and New Jersey ALLIANCE of Catholic School Families, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education axed Title V, Part A of the No Child Left Behind legislation for the 2005-06 school year.

Funding for this program affects both public and nonpublic school students. "It is the one program in No Child Left Behind that is available on a per-pupil funding basis, to all students regardless of income level and regardless of educational achievement," he stressed.

Now is the time to contact local members of the House of Representatives and both U.S. Senators calling upon them to retain this funding.

Letter to the Editor

'To defend life'

Editor,

The powerful and beckoning words of our Holy Father should ring in the ears of all faithful Catholics as they prepare to vote this November: "If you want equal justice for all, and true freedom and lasting peace, then, America,

defend life! All the great causes that are yours today will have meaning only to the extent that you guarantee the right to life and protect the human person."

On matters of faith and morals (which the life issue is), the Holy Father speaks for Our Lord.

Deanna Hohmann
West Caldwell

Affirmation Jesus had no brothers or sisters

Sometimes it is easy to write about current persons, places or things. Current events are the things that are of interest to most people. Human-interest stories are the type of things we can talk about all day long. But it is more difficult to touch on scholarly or theological issues that are more abstract. These are things that can give one “a pain in the brain.”

However, I would like to pass on to you an item that has come to my attention. It relates to our faith—specifically our Roman Catholic faith and our devotion to Our Lady, Mary the Virgin.

Perhaps you know that while we Catholics believe that Mary was a virgin before, during and after the birth of Jesus, many others—non-Catholic Christians and some Catholic scholars—have real doubts or deny this basic tenet of our faith.

The problem for the doubters rests primarily on three scriptural texts.

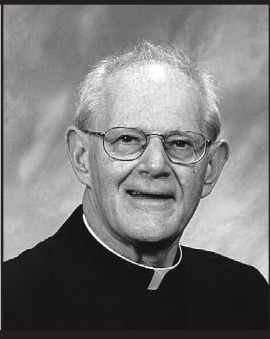
The first is Matthew 1:25 and “he (Joseph) did not know her until she bore him a son.” This text, however, does not confirm or deny the virginity of Our Lady. The Greek “until” (*heos ou*) implies nothing about what occurred after the birth of Jesus. It only refers to the fact that Joseph did not “know” Mary before the birth of Our Lord. It says nothing else.

The second text names the brothers and sisters of Jesus. “Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, and Joses, and Jude and Simon?” (Mark 6:3, also Matthew 13:55).

It's nice to know that Jewish experts support our Catholic point of view.

Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



Another group of texts concern James, “the brother of the Lord,” who was the leader of the Church in Jerusalem (Galatians 1:19). James the “brother of the Lord” is mentioned by a pagan historian named Josephus.

A group of Catholic and Protestant scholars wrote a small book entitled *Mary in the New Testament*. After studying these texts they came to the conclusion that

“the continued virginity of Mary after the birth of Jesus is not a question directly raised by the New Testament.”

I would like to address these last texts concerning James.

At the present time there is a huge controversy over an ossuary (a box for the preservation of human bones) that purports to be the burial coffin of a certain “James – son of Joseph, the brother of Jesus.” An unnamed epig-

rapher (an expert on ancient writings) writes the following in a magazine entitled *Biblical Archeological Review* in the May – June issue, 2004: “The specific relationship of James and Jesus in our ossuary is quite simply indeterminable. ... The term “brother” actually concurrently meant blood brother, half brother, husband, uncle, nephew, cousin, friend and companion.” As for the Biblical text, he says, “It was only popular hearsay that he (James) was thought to be the son of Joseph.”

The anonymous epigrapher elsewhere goes on to speak of John 19:25-27 where Jesus, as He hung upon the cross, entrusts His mother to the Beloved Disciple.” If Jesus had had brothers, it would have been difficult to entrust her to someone other than His genetic brothers for whom (since Joseph must have died before Jesus’ active public life) it would have been a duty of filial loyalty.”

Never, never, never would Jesus have consigned the care of His beloved mother to a disciple if Jesus had siblings. The brothers and sisters of Jesus would have had an absolute iron clad obligation and a duty to care for Mary their mother.

Therefore, we can agree wholeheartedly with the epigrapher and also with Herschel Shanks, the editor of *Biblical Archeological Review*: “Jesus had no brothers.” It’s nice to know that Jewish experts support our Catholic point of view.

Oh, by the way, the archeological experts are leaning to the common belief that the ossuary is from the time of the first century, but has been tampered with. The jury is still out.

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

Research and prayer are both necessary ingredients

Our grandson Isaac is five years old. He has huge blue eyes, blond hair that curls around his ears and skin the color of skim milk. If he had wings, he’d be a shoo-in as a model for a Botticelli angel. He’s small for his age, but his attitude is a combination of pit bull and Jackie Gleason. Isaac loves to make people laugh.

But none of us were laughing in early June when Isaac was diagnosed with Type I juvenile diabetes (JD). Only a few days after we had rejoiced over the birth of a beautiful and healthy new grandson here in Lincoln, I received a phone call from our son, Tom in suburban Bellevue, WA, telling me that Isaac was on his way to Children’s Hospital in Seattle where he would be staying for the next few days.

He had only moments before been diagnosed with JD, and as Tom raced across the I-90 bridge to join his wife Wendy and Isaac at the hospital, he instructed me, “Get on the internet and find out everything you can.”

As they say, we have good news and bad news. The bad news is that juvenile diabetes is for life. Right now there is no cure, and while the disease is not fatal it can destroy delicate organs in a child’s body, starting with the eyes and moving on to the liver, kidney and limbs.


The good news is that Isaac has supportive, loving parents who are doing everything possible to insure his future good health. They check his blood sugar at least six times a day, including once at 3 a.m. If his blood sugar is low, Isaac needs to get up and eat a snack. He receives two shots of insulin a day, one in the morning and one in the evening.

Isaac makes the shots less bothersome by shouting out the mantra his mom taught him, “We’re going to beat diabetes!”

The difficult part about beating diabetes (difficult for Catholics, anyway) is that much of the current research into a cure for JD comes through the use of

Over the Coffee Cup

By Mary Costello



stem cells. When many of us hear the phrase, “stem cell research,” we think, “Oh, no, we can’t have that. That’s against our faith!”

But there is absolutely nothing wrong with stem cell research in and of itself. It’s when we get to talking about embryonic stem cell research that we get into problems.

Embryonic stem cell research involves the use of human embryos, either those gathered from aborted fetuses or gathered using embryos created in the in-vitro fertilization process. (In that process, numerous embryos are created; the ones not selected for implantation are either discarded or used for research.) No matter how the embryos are created, there are basic problems in using them in any kind of scientific research.

They are, after all, potential human beings. However, there is no issue with the use of adult stem cells. Adult stem cells can come from virtually all tissues of the body. They can also come from umbili-

We should all be in favor of adult stem cell research.

cal cord blood and the placenta. No harm is done to the person from whom these cells are obtained.

Many Christians, inside and outside the Catholic Church, confuse embryonic stem cell research with all stem cell research, and many countries, including Canada, Portugal and Spain, are surpassing the U.S. in research due to the disagreements surrounding stem cell research in the United States.

We should all be in favor of adult stem cell research. Adult stem cells have shown significant progress in the treatment of diabetes, multiple sclerosis, restoring movement to patients with injured spinal cords as well as alleviating symptoms associated with Parkinson’s.

For more information on diabetes, adult stem cell research and links to the Catholic bishops’ statement on stem cell research, go to <http://www.overthecoffeecup> and click on diabetes. We also need to be very, very critical in our reading, and in our thinking, about these important human life issues.

Before June 15, I knew very little about stem cells, embryonic or otherwise. I knew the bishops had issued very strong statements against the use of embryonic stem cells, but I

confess I had never read those statements. Now I realize how important this research is; we need to educate more people to understand there are lots of different kinds of stem cell research going on out there.

Let’s not throw the baby out with the bath water. Please pray for Isaac and his family. Pray for a cure for JD. And let’s all do all we can to help Isaac and his Mom and Dad “beat diabetes!”

Mary Costello is a freelance columnist.



Pope John Paul II looks out at the view of Mont Blanc from northern Italy July 16. The pontiff described the area where he spent 12 days of vacation as an “enchanted place.”

Pope plans pilgrimage to Lourdes in August

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — With the recitation of the Rosary, watching a torchlight procession and celebrating Mass, Pope John Paul II will make an August pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France.

The pilgrimage on the weekend of the Aug. 15 feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary also is being billed as part of the Catholic Church’s celebration

of the 150th anniversary of the formal definition of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception.

On Dec. 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX solemnly proclaimed that the Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived without the stain of original sin.

Less than four years later, 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous had visions of Mary in a grotto at Lourdes. Mary told the girl, “I am the Immaculate Conception.”

The grotto, the church and the spring at Lourdes, famed as a place of healing, have become one of the most popular Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world.

Pope John Paul visited the shrine in 1983.

The struggle of faith versus greed

Readings: Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 95; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21.

In recent decades great progress has been made in the sophisticated ways that the business world uses to communicate as people respond to human needs and desires. But where are we going in our pursuit of happiness?

“In no other age has humankind enjoyed such an abundance of wealth, resources and economic wellbeing. Yet a huge proportion of the world’s people is plagued by hunger and extreme need. At no time have human beings had such a keen sense of freedom, only to be faced by new forms of slavery in living and thinking... There is a painstaking search for a better material world without a parallel spiritual advancement” (Vatican Council II, *The Church in the Modern World* No. 4).

The false goals of materialism and greed have plagued nations for centuries, but never as destructively with regard to human life and the environment as in our own time. Yet world and national political leaders fail to respond when their own personal and party interests conflict with the universal common good.

The pope and other spiritual leaders have proclaimed ceaselessly the Gospel truth that material goals must be ordered to a higher purpose. They have insisted that the world’s resources must be shared fairly so that all people have the means of achieving a decent livelihood. Few listen, yet everyone is dismayed when this same greed and selfishness become the occasion for violence and destruction.

The ordinary people of every society include many who possess the same short-term goals and stunted vision of human life. They too need to hear the challenge of the Gospel. Thus does the Church proclaim the biblical message day by day, week by week. Those who do not hear it in the context of worship should be able to notice what a difference God’s Word brings to our lives.

Sunday Readings

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 1, 2004)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



Around us we see people who pursue wealth, power and influence as the highest goal of their lives. Is there some way that they can hear the question of Jesus: “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life (in the process)?” (Mt 17:26) This same question is posed in the readings for this Sunday.

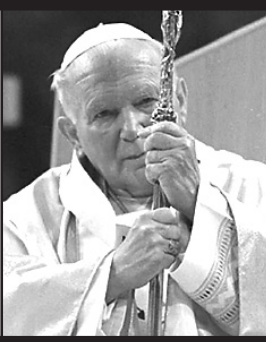
A respected teacher is expected to solve a great variety of problems. So a dispute about inheritance is brought to the attention of Jesus. Although Jesus would stand up for the poor, He refused to take on the role of arbitrator in this case. Rather He warned the crowd about the disruptions of family and community life caused by greed. Would they look upon this as having the importance of a life-and-death issue?

A parable puts the point dramatically before Jesus’ listeners, and the Church knows that we need this same lesson in our generation. “Eat, drink and be merry!” (Is 23:13) The invitation to a hedonistic approach toward life is pervasive in our culture.

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The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



‘The light of the world’

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we reflect upon verses 105-112 of Psalm 119 (118), which sing of the psalmist’s promise to keep God’s commandments.

This part of the psalm finds its dominant image in the very first line: “Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path” (v. 105). On the path of life, we often encounter moments of darkness, but the light of God’s word dispels that darkness, often quite unexpectedly. The perfect image of God’s light is Christ Himself, who proclaims: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life” (Jn 8:12).

Every Christian passes through this world amid dangers, cares and persecutions. We know that, for our part, we are called to take up our cross every day. If, however, we remain faithful to the Lord’s commands, we find in them our source of peace. To quote the psalm, the divine commands become our “heritage;” they are the “joy” of our hearts.

The great St. Augustine saw Psalm 119 as a profound invitation to happiness.

Let us share in this meditation with him, recognizing the unending joy promised to those who strive faithfully to do the will of God.

The ultimate folly is to ignore the true meaning and purpose of life. “You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you!” (Lk 12:20). How many people in every age are self-centered and so secure in their sense of control with regard to their destiny!

Of course, we all want to provide sufficiently for our needs and for our families. Important as this industrious, responsible attitude is, we must subordinate all desires and relationships to the primordial call of human beings to intimacy with God. “Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God” (12:21). Strive to avoid this indictment!

The ancient sages of Israel emphasized that God provides for our needs (Ps 127), but many had no clear insight into the mystery of eternal communion with the living God. Like some existentialist philosophers of our time, they bemoaned the ephemeral nature of human efforts. “Man, for all his splendor, does not abide; he resembles the beasts that perish” (Ps 49:13). Qoheleth (translated “Ecclesiastes” in Greek) designates an anonymous “preacher to the assembly,” a teacher burdened with the pessimism that accompanies a faith that did not yet include an insight into resurrection and immortality. His incessant queries were answered only by Pharisees

and Diaspora Jews of the first century B.C.

Focusing upon the person of Christ risen and ascended to the Father, Christians can prepare with certitude for the fullness of life (Col 3:1-4). Do we teach the younger generation that this faith is the greatest treasure that we can bequeath to them?

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St. Anthony of Padua, Belleville

Native son pastor leads diverse community

BY BRIAN FORES

Staff Writer

Whenever a priest is named pastor of a parish, the occasion is always special. For Father Joseph Ferraro of St. Anthony of Padua, Belleville, the occasion was doubly sweet. First, because Bishop Arthur Serratelli, whose first assignment was as parochial vicar for St. Anthony's, installed him as pastor, and moreover, because Father Ferraro grew up in the parish.

"My grandparents settled in Belleville in 1907. Their children were baptized and laid to rest at St. Anthony's. My nieces and nephews make up the third generation of children being baptized here, and my cousins, the fourth."

Father Ferraro attended the parish school, which closed in 1984, and though his family moved to Bloomfield when he was five, the Ferraros remained parishioners at St. Anthony's.

Father Ferraro said that the parish is currently conducting a census, but he believes there are approximately 1,100 families.

The parish, traditionally Italian, has a growing Filipino population, which began in the late '70's and early '80's. "I would say the parish is 60 percent Italian, and 40 percent Filipino. There are some Hispanics, Africans Americans and Indians, but the percentage is very small—less than 5 percent," Father Ferraro noted.

He suggested that while there are a substantial number of Hispanics in the area, many are absorbed by nearby St. Peter Parish, Belleville, and St. Francis Parish, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish, all in Newark.

"I truly see my community as a friendly, loving and welcoming place," the pastor commented. "Parishioners do their very best in developing their spirituality." He added that, within the parish, there are many devotions, to St. Anthony, the Sacred Heart, to the Blessed Virgin and others. He explained that they host a Holy Hour once a month in honor of the Sacred Heart and a novena in honor of St. Anthony every Tuesday morning, attended by 100-plus people, as well as other events.

One of the highlights of the year is the annual three-day St. Anthony Family Street Festival, held in front of the church with a Mass and procession through the local streets.

Another special event is the annual May Crowning, of which there are two. "We have a parish May Crowning on the first Saturday in May, which is run by



Advocate photos-Brian Fores

A major renovation of the church building took place over a three-year period and was completed in April. Archbishop John J. Myers blessed the church in June.

the Rosary Altar Society.

"The Filipinos have a traditional ceremony, 'Flores de Mayo,' with a devotion to the Blessed Virgin every Saturday during the month, culminating on the fourth Saturday of the month with a procession through the streets. They usually select a person from the Rosarians, the youth group, or a child making First Communion, to do the crowning—it's a very beautiful tradition," Father Ferraro explained.

On the third Sunday of every month, St. Anthony holds a Mass in Tagalog, the native Filipino language. After the Mass, there is a gathering with food, dancing and music.

Father Edito Gamallo, parochial vicar at St. Anthony for three years, came to the United States from the Philippines in 1987. He served at St. Aeden Parish, Jersey City, which had a large Filipino community, for five years, and then at St. John the Baptist Parish, Jersey City, before coming to St. Anthony's.

Father Gamallo said that a pivotal event for the Filipino community is the Feast of the Infant Jesus, or *Santo Niño de Cebo*.

"The occasion marks the conversion of King Humabon and Queen Juanna of Cebo, a province of the Philippines, to Christianity in 1521. The Spanish settlers presented the king and queen with the image of the infant Jesus. The occasion came to be known as the

Feast of the Santo Niño de Cebo," he said.

Another tradition that has carried over is the *Misa de Gallo*, traditionally, a nine-day novena held at 3 or 4 a.m. during the month of December. Father Gamallo said that because of the parishioners' busy work schedules, the Masses are held at 7 p.m. and run for three days, but the sentiment is still there. "As Filipinos, they feel a welcome sense of spirituality at St. Anthony's."

Filipino parishioners have even begun giving dance lessons at the parish, which are attended by between 25 and 40 people at a time.

Father Ferraro pointed out the

Filipino parishioners at St. Anthony's are not an island unto themselves. Many attend the parish's non-Filipino events, and many non-Filipino parishioners have begun attending some of the Filipino events at the parish.

He said the choir,

which is about half-Filipino, has learned hymns in Italian, and the Italian choir members have learned hymns in Tagalog. These hymns are sung during special liturgical celebrations and holidays as well as during the Sunday Mass, at which the choir normally sings.

Father Gamallo added, "I think that many Filipinos, as they have become more involved and inte-

grated, have realized that their traditions are the same as those already here. That is the strength of the Catholic Church—it is universal. At the same time, I think the presence of Filipinos at St. Anthony's has helped to bring new life to the parish."

Father Ferraro and the parishioners of St. Anthony's have been working hard on a major renovation at the church since the parish's 100th anniversary, which concluded in 2002. According to Father Ferraro, the church had lots of "band-aids," that only served a temporary fix.

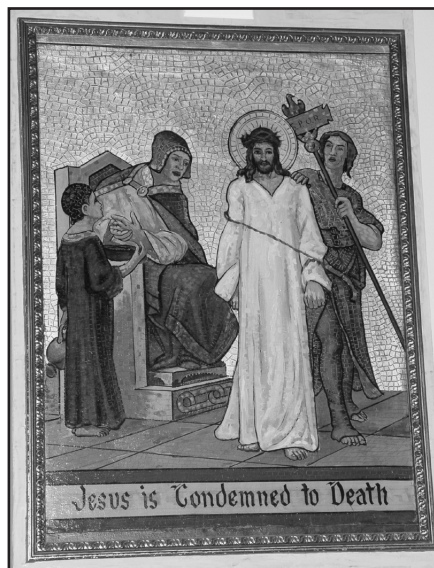
In November 2002, because of severe leaking and water damage, the slate tiles on the church roof were restored, and the building's brickwork was pointed and restored.

In June 2003, restoration and renovation began in the Sanctuary area of the church. A new marble floor was installed in the sanctuary. The marble altar frontal from the reredos was removed and was formed into a new altar. Steps into the pulpit were removed and the pulpit was modified to the floor level. This was accomplished with the help and support of dedicated parishioners including Angelo Ferraro (architect and brother of Father Ferraro), Pat Bilotti and Lebro Charles.

A new sound system was installed and a catwalk was added into the church attic for safer access to air conditioning units. Stations of the Cross were also refurbished. This phase of the work was completed last November.

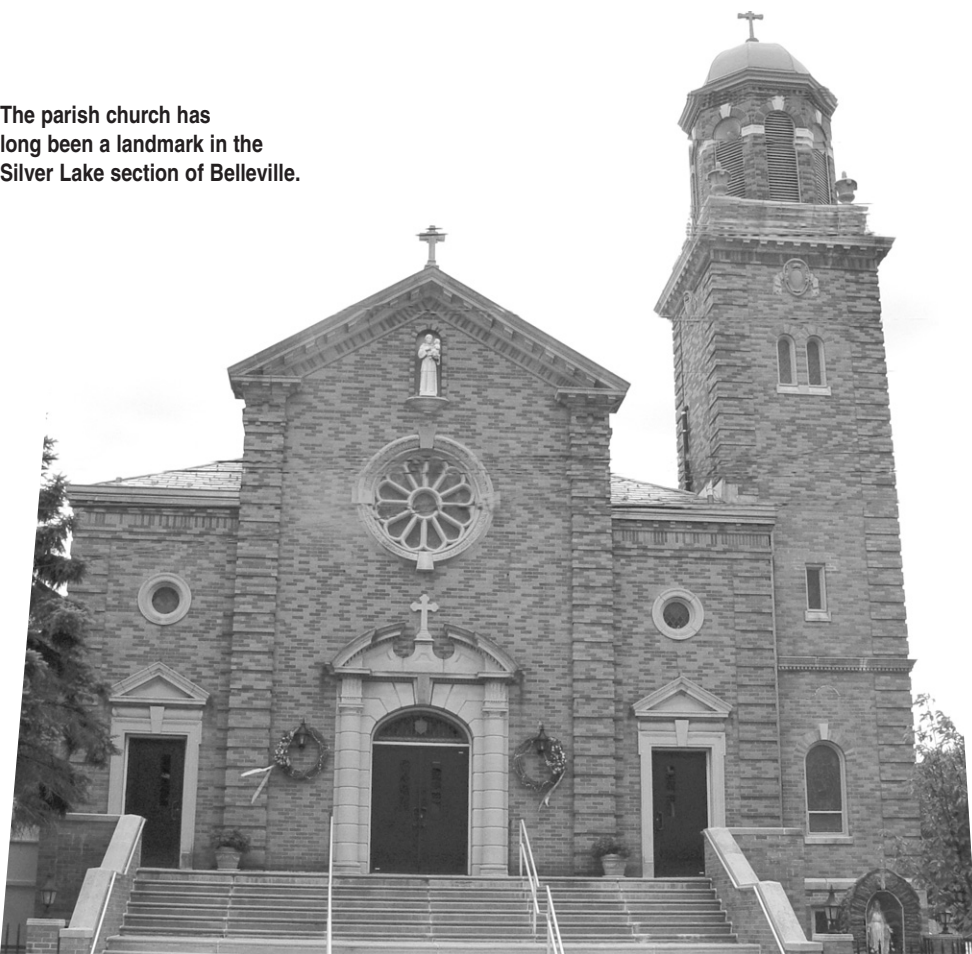
On Nov. 23, 2003, the Solemnity of Christ the King, Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli presided at the noon Mass at which he consecrated and dedicated

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The Stations of the Cross are a source of particular pride among parishioners.

The parish church has long been a landmark in the Silver Lake section of Belleville.



A century of faith, devotion and service

Before the parish of St. Anthony’s was established, people of Italian descent largely occupied the Silver Lake section of Belleville. It wasn’t until the 1890’s that St. Anthony’s began to develop.

Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield, was in existence in the early 1890’s. Father Vincenzo Sanzone would travel from Sacred Heart to serve the religious needs of the predominantly Italian population in Silver Lake.

He was a missionary, and, in effect, St. Anthony’s was founded as a mission of Sacred Heart, Bloomfield, in 1899, with Mass being celebrated in various homes. During that time, Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini ministered to the needs of this growing Italian community.

The first church of St. Anthony’s was built with the cornerstone being laid on Oct. 30, 1901. Father Sanzone served as the first pastor.

In 1905, Father Cataldo Alessi was assigned as pastor. He had previously been in charge of a mission of the Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park.

From the year 1922 to 1926, Father Alessi celebrated Mass at St. Anthony’s and then traveled to the mission church of St. Anthony’s, North Newark, where he would celebrate Mass for the Italian people in that area, which would later become Immaculate Conception Parish.

In 1936, Father Alessi realized the need for a new church as the population and number of houses had increased steadily from 1910 to 1935. In October

1936, he purchased the seven-room house at the corner of Lake and Franklin Streets.

In June 1937, a newly ordained Irish priest was assigned as an assistant to Father Alessi. Father Thomas A. Gillick arrived to a real challenge—an Irishman in an Italian neighborhood. He became acquainted with the people in the parish by taking walks and stopping to talk with them.

On Oct. 31, 1937, Bishop Thomas Walsh laid the cornerstone of the new church at an official ceremony. Construction continued with the first Mass being celebrated on June 19, 1938.

Father Gillick became familiar with all of the parishioners by visiting their homes and conducting a census of the Catholic families. He talked to them, listened to their complaints and problems. As a result, church attendance increased not only with the children, but with their parents as well.

Father Alessi died on Dec. 11, 1939, after serving as pastor for 34 years. His main accomplishments, outside of serving the parish in a spiritual way, was the founding of Immaculate Conception Parish, and the final realization of having the new church built.

Around 1940, several Sisters of the Maestre Pie Filippini were assigned to the parish. They lived in the convent behind the old church. The sisters were quite active, conducting Communion classes, visiting the sick, and assisting in taking the parish-wide census.

Father Gillick served alone in the parish until June 1940, when Father Titian Menegus was assigned as administrator of St. Anthony’s. There was a new church, but also a huge debt. Attendance at Masses had increased substantially since Father Gillick arrived, and there were many active societies. In June of 1942, Father Gillick was transferred to Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Orange.

On May 11, 1944, Father Menegus was raised to pastor by Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh. In 1946, Father Gillick returned to St. Anthony’s after a four-year absence. He remained for 10 more years.

During the 1930-1950 period, many societies were formed, among them the Holy Name Society, the Children of Mary Society, Altar Servers, Christian Mother’s Society, Our Lady of Sorrows Society, the Rosary Altar Society, CYO, CCD and scouting programs.

Constructing a school

In 1953, Father Menegus realized the need for a Catholic grammar school. With supplements from bingo and increased collections, the church debt of \$115,000 was paid off. He could finally see his way clear to actively seek land for the future school site. Father Menegus purchased a farm, which extended from Franklin Street south along North 7th Street to Honiss Street.

The school was completed and furnished in time for opening on Sept. 12, 1955. The parish was fortunate in having the Filippini Sisters agree to furnish teachers for the school.

But Father Menegus’ health was failing. At a retirement dinner on June 22, 1969, Father Menegus informed all of the parishioners that all of the debts inherited and acquired in his 29 years of service were paid off.

In June 1968, Joseph Ferraro (now pastor), graduated from St. Anthony Grammar School.

At that time, Father Joseph Cestaro of Immaculate Conception Parish was appointed administrator for St. Anthony’s. Then-Father Arthur J. Serratelli, a newly ordained priest, was assigned to St. Anthony’s as well; however, he left in 1970 to study in Rome.

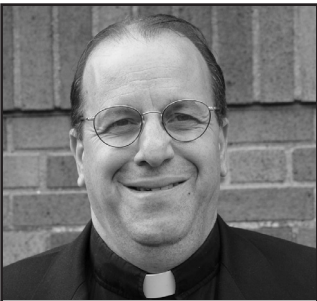
Father Cestaro was appointed pastor in 1971, and Father John Colabelli was assigned to the parish. Father John Tomalonic also joined the parish in September 1976.

In September 1980, Sister Claire Pisaneschi, M.P.F., was named the new principal of the school. Lay teachers replaced the Filippini Sisters. In September 1981, kindergarten classes were eliminated from St. Anthony’s School—there were 134 children in the school. In May 1982, Father Cestaro announced that the school would be closed the following year. The Mount Carmel Guild for the Handicapped would occupy the school building afterwards.

Father Menegus, pastor for 29 years,

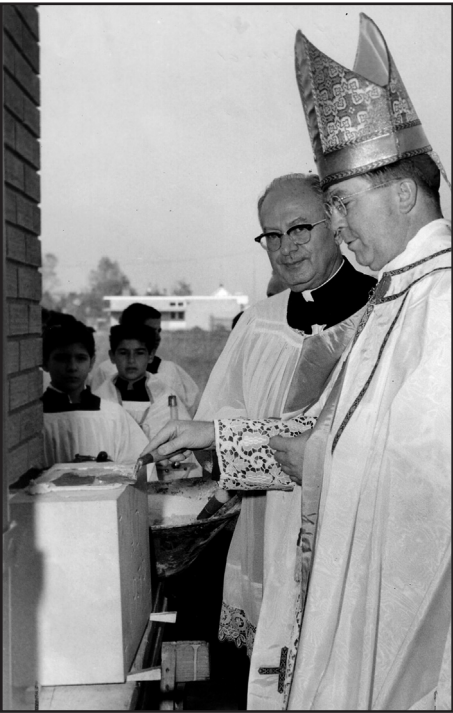
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Meet the Pastor



Father Joseph A. Ferraro

- Age:** 50
Date of Birth: March 22, 1954
High School: Bloomfield High School
College/Seminary/Graduate School: Montclair State University, SUNY New Paltz at Urbino, Italy, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall
Date of Ordination: Nov. 17, 1990
Heroes: Pope John Paul II and my father
Favorite Saints: Anthony of Padua and Francis of Assisi
Favorite Sport: Soccer
Favorite Food: Pasta
Favorite Subject in School: History
Favorite Movies: *The Quiet Man* and *A Wonderful Life*
Proudest Moment: Ordination to the priesthood
Last Book Read: *Red Rabbit* by Tom Clancy
Occupation if I Weren’t a Priest: Although I worked in graphic arts for 12 years, I cannot think of anything else than being a priest.



In the fall 1961, Bishop Walter W. Curtis lays the cornerstone for the new rectory as Father Titan Menegus, pastor, look on.

Church renovations

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the new altar. Teresa Mattia, president of the parish's Rosary Society, assisted at the Mass. "It was an awesome sight. The Rosarians dressed the altar for the service. We love our new altar—it's beautiful!" Father Fararro calls the Rosarians his "altar angels," for their care and skill in maintaining the altar and sanctuary area.

In January 2004, the next stage of the restoration began, which included a rewiring of the entire church, painting of the church and sanctuary, refinishing and modification of the pews to allow for wider aisles, restoration of chandeliers, and refinishing the confessional. The sacristy was also remodeled and reconfigured. The terrazzo floor was repaired and stripped to bare stone where major repair work took place. "The floor looked like there had been an earthquake," Father Ferraro said.

The major repair work was completed in April 2004, and Archbishop Myers presided at a Mass in June, when he blessed the entire church.

"During these three years—being a son of the parish, and a vocation of the parish—I've been touched by the warmth and love that our community has," Father Fararro commented.

He added, "What I've witnessed during the renovation—their patience at not being able to be in the main church [the church has a lower level], their willingness to help in any way, and not only with regard to the restoration, but in continuing to energize the parish with different celebrations and events throughout the restoration—was truly humbling. Witnessing their reactions upon seeing the completed church, how happy and proud they were, was inspiring to me."

Father Ferraro concluded, "Together with a great staff, including our parochial vicars, Father Paul Prevosto, Father Edito Gamallo, Father Dave Sison and Deacons Lou Acocella and Richard Searls, we look forward to many blessings and challenges which the future will bring to our community."



Meeting in front of the church at the conclusion of the 100th anniversary celebration in October 2002 were, left to right, Angelo Ferraro, Eva Serratelli, Archbishop John J. Myers, Flora Ferraro and Father Joseph Ferraro.

A century of service

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died on Feb. 11, 1984.

Father Dennis Cocozza was assigned to St. Anthony's as administrator in June 1993. During this time, bingo had a new resurgence. On Wednesdays, the center part of the cafeteria and two side rooms were often occupied by 260 people—some had to be turned away. The Feast in Honor of St. Anthony was started again in June 1995 on Heckel Street.

In December 1995, Father Cocozza was installed as the fifth

pastor of St. Anthony's. In January 1998, Father Cocozza became pastor of the Assumption Parish, Roselle, and Father Ray Francis, previously stationed at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Newark, was appointed the new pastor of St. Anthony's.

Father Francis suffered a fatal heart attack on Jan. 19, 2001 while visiting his family in the Philippines. A special Memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's.

The next month, Father John

Connor was appointed administrator. On June 15, Father Joseph Ferraro replaced Father Connor as administrator. Father Edito Gamallo was assigned to St. Anthony's as a parochial vicar.

Father Ferraro continued plans for the 100th anniversary. Oct. 28, 2001, marked the beginning of the yearlong celebration. Bishop Serratelli celebrated Mass.

Father Ferraro soon announced his appointment as pastor of St. Anthony's by Archbishop John J. Myers. He was installed as the seventh pastor of St. Anthony's on Jan. 6, 2002, with Bishop Serratelli presiding at the Mass.

Under Father Ferraro's leadership, the church building underwent major renovations. In order to raise money for a Parish Restoration Campaign, he secured the services of Trinity Consultants to organize the drive. In one year, the campaign committee was able to reach the goal of \$300,000 in pledges.

The culmination of the 100th anniversary was on Oct. 27, 2002, with Archbishop John J. Myers celebrating Mass, followed by a reception at the Appian Way, Orange.

Sisters meet to establish common ground

Leaders of Religious congregations from across North America met recently in New York to affirm the impact they can make if their approximately 5,000 members speak with one voice about issues they want to affect.

Seventy leaders from 14 women's Religious congregations across North America gathered for their annual meeting of the Sisters of Charity Federation in the Vincentian-Setonian Tradition at the College of Mount Saint Vincent, the Bronx.

The leaders represent about 5,000 women Religious from around the world and met to examine ways they can commit to partnering in service to the poor, especially internationally.

The federation voted to continue to make water their focus for advocacy, while integrating it into their efforts to address structures that keep people poor around the world.

Water is common and vital to all, and particularly in developing countries water supply and access is an important key to reducing poverty.

The federation's non-governmental organization (NGO) representative at the United Nations, Marie Elena Dio, S.C., will coordinate water, as well as other initiatives, to focus on education, advocacy and effecting systemic change globally.

"We chose resistance and transformation as this year's annual meeting theme," said Sister Elaine Owens, S.C., federation president and regional coordinator of the Sisters of Charity. "The action steps we committed to this weekend will help us use our combined

strengths to truly make a difference in people's lives—especially the poor."

During this year's meeting, participants elected federation officers for the year 2004-2005. Sister Joan Verner, S.C., was elected president; Sister Janet Lehmann, S.C., vice president; Sister Judith Fitzgerald, N.D.S.C., treasurer, and Sister Owens, secretary.

The NGO liaisons for each of the member congregations also held meetings in conjunction with the federation's annual meeting. Formation personnel those in each congregation responsible for helping women discern whether they have a call to Religious life, and for training new sisters—also held concurrent meetings on the Mount Saint Vincent campus.

CDA installs new officers

Court Patricia 1254, Catholic Daughters of America, Saint Joseph Parish, Maplewood, has installed its new officers.

The new officers are: Marie Jascur, regent; Joan Ahern, vice regent; Estelle DeMarco, recording secretary; Catherine Patania, financial secretary, and Ruth Fuest, treasurer.

Franciscan congregations in merger

Three Franciscan Religious congregations celebrated their union recently in Syracuse, NY.

Merging were the Sisters of St. Francis Third Order Regular of Buffalo, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin of Hastings-on-Hudson and the Sisters of the Third Franciscan Order of Syracuse.

The new congregation, the Sisters of St. Francis, is the first union of Franciscan congregations in the United States.

Sister Anne McNulty, of the Sisters of the Franciscan Order from Syracuse, is chaplain at St. Barnabas Hospice/Palliative Care, Millburn. Sister Louise Alff, from the Franciscan Order in Williamsville, NY, is on staff at RENEW International, Plainfield.

The new congregation brings together 500 sisters engaged in education, health-care, pastoral ministry, the missions, social services and retreat work in 27 dioceses and archdioceses in the United States and worldwide.



Among those meeting in New York were, left to right, Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, General Superior; Sister Margaret Welch; Sister Maureen Sullivan and Sister Mary Anne Rattigan, Assistant General Superior. All are of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station. Seventy congregation leaders attended.



Kevin Monaghan and Julie Ubriaco, co-presidents of the Student Council, label and prepare donated books for Operation Paperback, a national program.

Students donate books to U.S. soldiers overseas

The Student Council at Holy Family Interparochial School, Norwood, working with the eighth grade, has sent dozens of paperback books to United States soldiers serving overseas.

The school took part in Operation Paperback, a volunteer-based program that sends soft cover books in good condition to military personnel worldwide. In the six years since its founding, Operation Paperback has donated more than 150,000 books to troops in some 23 countries.

The books, which meet general standards for good taste and reader interest, include such topics as fiction, fantasy, mystery, true crime, horror, military his-

tory, thrillers and action/adventure stories.

Holy Family School will participate in Operation Paperback next year as well.

For additional information visit www.operationpaperback.usmilitarysupport.org.

Maryknoll missionary marks a quarter century of service

Father Michael James Snyder, M.M. of Rutherford, recently celebrated his 25th anniversary of ordination as a Maryknoll missionary.

He is among 45 Maryknollers who marked their ordination to the priesthood or oath as brothers in ceremonies at the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America headquarters in Ossining, NY.

A 20-year missionary to Africa, Father Snyder works as coordinator for vocation ministries at the Maryknoll Center, Ossining.

"Although the physical conditions are much different, since Tanzania is among the poorest countries of Africa, my work here in the States reminds me very much of my ministry there," reflected Father Snyder. "It is all about people and our attentiveness to their struggles, values, hopes and fears. It is our job to listen, to pray and to reach out a helping hand in God's name to each person who passes through our lives."

Ordained to the priesthood on May 19, 1979, Father Snyder was assigned to Tanzania, East Africa. He served as assistant pastor at Bunda Catholic Church in the

Diocese of Musoma (1979-85), vocation director for the diocese (1979-87), pastor of Tarime Catholic Church (1985-89) and superior for the Maryknoll fathers and brothers in the Tanzania Region (1989-95).

He then became founding pastor of Mtoni Catholic Church in Dar es Salaam (1995-96). Father Snyder was coordinator of the Overseas Training Program for Maryknoll candidates to the priesthood and brotherhood in the Tanzania Region (1980-89).

In 1996 he was elected to a six-year term as a member of the Maryknoll Society's General Council and returned to Ossining (1996-2002). During that time he began his work as coordinator of vocation ministries.

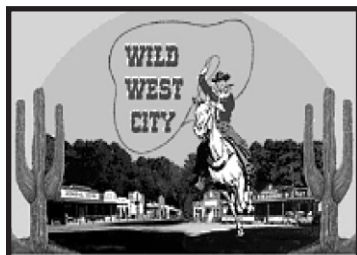
Father Snyder was born on Oct. 11, 1950. He attended St. Mary's School, Rutherford (1955-64). After graduating from



Father Michael James Snyder

De Paul Diocesan High School, Wayne (1968), he attended Maryknoll College, Glen Ellyn IL., (1968-71).

He holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI (1972), and a master's degree in religious education from Maryknoll School of Theology, Ossining (1979).



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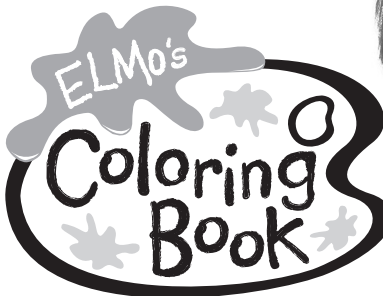
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IT'S ALL ABOUT BEING HERE

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Scholarship fund works to provide opportunity for inner-city youths to reach full educational potential

BY LIESL FORES

Staff Writer

"It's all about opportunity," says Kevin P. Moriarty, executive director of the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC).

This program, instituted by Archbishop Peter L. Gerety in 1983, has been giving K-12 children in the Archdiocese of Newark most in financial need a chance to attend a Catholic or private school for over two decades.

"At one time a child could go to any school, public or private, and advance as far as their talent and ability to work would allow them," remarked Moriarty.

"Somewhere along the line that stopped—it stopped for kids in the inner-city. We're helping by making opportunity available to them through Catholic schools," he stressed.

Every January through April, students can apply for a scholarship for the coming school year in a parochial school in the Archdiocese. Acceptance is based on financial need, plus a lottery drawing once all qualified applicants have been processed. They do not have to be Catholic to participate in the program. Recipients must reapply every year.

SFIC grants five types of scholarships. The original "basic" scholarship awards \$500 toward high school tuition, \$400 toward grammar school tuition. Applicants must already be attending a Catholic school for at least one semester before they can be considered. If they are approved, they must remain in a Catholic school in order to receive the scholarship money.

Three more of the scholarships are endeavors carried out with the Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF), a national organization based in New York. The alliance has existed since 1999 and awards an average of \$1,200 for each scholarship.

This "matching program," in which CSF proposed a given amount of money for scholarships to be raised by SFIC over a four year period and then matched it, assists students living in three of CSF's 43 national urban sites: Newark, Elizabeth and Jersey City. The selection process has already been completed.

A recipient of one of these

scholarships must attend a Catholic or private school. However, Moriarty noted that 75 percent have chosen Catholic schools, adding that CSF required that 70 percent of participants come from public schools.

"We learned a lot from the Children's Scholarship Fund," Moriarty asserted, explaining that SFIC began modeling its application process on CSF's, a transition that made selection of recipients more efficient.

"The quality, value-based education they receive in their schools gives them the tools to escape the cycle of poverty."

-Kevin P. Moriarty

"Putting together the partnership with the Children's Scholarship Fund" was one of his most rewarding experiences at SFIC, emphasized Moriarty, who has been with the archdiocesan department for the past 16 years. Recounting that they had "\$2.8 million offered to us and had the challenge of raising \$2.8 million," the director said, "We did that!"

"We took a quantum leap at that point," he continued, noting that the collaboration "excited donors who hadn't participated before, because their donation would be matched" by a major foundation.

"We started this [partnership]

five years ago. By the 2014-15 school year, we will have given more than \$11 million in scholarships," Moriarty pointed out, explaining that a few extensions to the program have been made since the original agreement.

The last scholarship is from the J.C. Kellogg Foundation, in which recipients must live in Elizabeth and attend an Elizabeth Catholic or private school. High school students receive \$1,000, and grammar school students receive \$500.

There are also a number of special endowments and funds from individual donors that are processed separately from the other scholarships.

Funds for all scholarships are raised through donations from individuals,

corporations and foundations. For the basic scholarship, SFIC has speakers—usually principals or teachers from inner-city Catholic schools—go to parishes to discuss the program and seek contributions. This effort brings in about \$400,000 every year.

There's also the annual dinner that raises a large portion of the program's yearly revenue. For 2004, the event earned \$338,000.

And a new tradition was started this year. The first Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children Basketball Festival took place at Saint Peter's College in January.



Kevin Moriarty, Executive Director, congratulates SFIC recipient Haniyfa Motin and her mother Odesa Parsons at the scholarship fund's annual dinner.

Over 3000 fans came out to see a triple-header featuring boys teams from "six top-flight high schools."

"There are two things Catholic schools do very well: educate poor children and play basketball. If you can use one to the benefit of the other and have some fun at the same time, everybody wins," commented Moriarty.

Besides bringing in money for the participating schools as well as the general fund, the event received media exposure, each game being broadcast live on MetroTV.

SFIC raises between \$2.1 and \$2.2 million every year. And about 1700 scholarships are awarded annually.

Moriarty and his staff, Mykelle V. Warren and Jennifer E. Hicks, both assistant directors, along the 33-member SFIC board of trustees, are reaping the fruit of their efforts.

"When you see [high school] graduation rates, as in 2003, cap-

ping off at 98 percent, it's exciting," said Moriarty. "It shows that our fund works, and that Catholic schools work."

He added that the lowest the graduation rate for recipients has ever been is 90 percent, which he points out is quite an accomplishment considering some of the disadvantaged situations these students are coming from.

"We fill that niche," Moriarty observed, stressing that by restoring "opportunities and options" to inner-city children, "the value to society as a whole is incredible. ... It's important for them and all of us."

"The quality, value-based education they receive in their schools gives them the tools to escape the cycle of poverty and join mainstream society as productive adults, free of government assistance," he said.

For more information on the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children call (973) 497-4281 or visit www.rcan.org/icsf.



Among those at the "launching" for the new convent were several children and, left to right, Sister Linda Klaiss, S.S.J.; Sister Teresa Shaw, S.S.J.; Sister Anne Marie Gass, S.S.J., and Sister Maureen Walsh, S.S.J.

Parishioners joins forces to provide a new convent

The move had to be made. It was just a matter of when and where.

Four Sisters of Saint Joseph, who minister at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish and School, Newark, recently moved into a new convent on nearby Oakland Terrace. The house was purchased with the help of what Father Philip Waters, O.S.B., the pastor, calls "generous benefactors." The pastor also cited the efforts of realtor Carolyn Williams.

Sister Teresa Shaw, Sister Maureen Walsh, Sister Ann Marie Gass and Sister Linda Klaiss, had been living at the neighboring Blessed Sacrament Convent. It was, however, a building with a capacity of 20 persons.

Sister Teresa is the school principal, Sister Maureen teaches eighth grade, Sister Anne Marie teaches first grade and Sister Linda is the pastoral associate.

Once the sisters had moved in, explained Father Waters, it was decided to hold a "launching," a Nigerian-style fundraiser.

Held on the Feast of Corpus Christi, the launching included Mass and a Corpus Christi procession followed by a gathering which included dancing, music and food.

Members of the parish and guests made pledges of support for the new convent. Both Father Waters and the sisters are pleased with the accommodations.

Area students excel at art festival

More than 500 students representing a total of 15 grammar schools participated in Bergen Catholic High School’s Youth Arts Festival. The festival, in its third year, is hosted annually by the Bergen Catholic National Art Honor Society (NAHS). Fifteen advanced placement art students from BCHS judged the hundreds of drawing and painting submissions from area students. The Youth Arts Festival is designed to benefit and recognize young art students and is not held to raise money. Entry into the festival, refreshments, ribbons for every participant, trophies and raffle prizes were provided free of charge. Art teacher Joseph Ditre, who moderates the Art Club and the NAHS at the school, was the chairman of the event. NAHS president Scott Pioli, a junior, was the master of ceremonies. In addition to awarding prizes for individual drawings and paintings, the panel of judges selected the winners in the school banner competition.

Best School Banner
First place, Holy Trinity School, Hackensack
Second place, Ascension School, New Milford
Third place, George G.White School, Hillsdale

Best Overall Boy’s Picture
Ryan Lamb, St. Joseph School, Oradell

Best Overall Girl’s Picture
Kelsey Cobourn, Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes

Awarded ribbons for their work were:
Ascension School, New Milford- Kevin Abuedo,
John Mayisoglu, Jerry Pallath, and Zachary Pergolizzi
Assumption Academy, Emerson- Isabella Skovira
Corpus Christi School, Hasbrouck Heights- Richard Cannici, Rebecca Pianese
George G.White School, Hillsdale- Katherine Artavia,
Dan Barber, Lauren Barbera, Jordan Lustig (two categories), Jillian Zito
Holy Angels School, Little Falls- Melissa Hoffman
Holy Trinity School, Hackensack- Kelly Bedrosian,
Marie Bolona, Robert Fraguada, Michelle Locke
Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes- Kayla Cobourn, Kelsey Cobourn
St. Francis Academy, Union City- Adam Dyckhouse, Kevin Saa, Steven Vargas
St. John’s Academy, Hillsdale- Chelsea Brennan, Lucy Reynoso
St. Joseph’s School, Oradell- Sara Diaz, Ryan Lamb (two categories), Mary Marsh
Kevin Walters (two categories) Steve Wexler
St. Mary Parish, Closter- Michelle Kim, Ji Sun Na



Jim Caviezel portrays Christ with his cross in a scene from *The Passion of the Christ*.

Religious belief, largely unchanged following ‘The Passion of the Christ’

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A telephone survey examining the attitudes of moviegoers who saw *The Passion of the Christ* found that while a solid majority liked the film, seeing the movie brought about few changes in individuals’ faith or beliefs. *The Passion* has become the eighth-biggest domestic-grossing film of all time, with receipts of \$370 million. Nine out of 10 viewers rated *The Passion* as either excellent or good, according to a survey conducted by the Barna Group of Ventura, CA. Barna called 1,618 adults chosen at random; of those, 646 respondents had seen the movie. But only 18 percent of the moviegoers said they had changed their religious behavior as a result of the film; 16 percent said they had changed

their religious beliefs because of the movie’s content, and 10 percent said they had done both. Only 6 percent of those surveyed said they had seen a movie in the past two years that led them to change something they believe about the Christian faith. Of that group, *The Passion of the Christ* was cited by 53 percent, while *Left Behind*, *A Walk to Remember* and *Joshua* all registered 7 percent or less. According to the survey report, when “pressed to describe specific shifts in their spiritual perspectives,” those who said their religious beliefs changed because of the film listed: the perceived importance of how they treat other people; more concern about the effect of their life choices and personal behavior, and a deeper understanding of, or appreciation for, what Christ

had done for them through His death and resurrection. Those who said their religious behavior changed said they prayed more often, attended church services more often and/or became more involved in church-related activities. Of those surveyed who saw *The Passion of the Christ*, 53 percent said they were born-again Christians. If those numbers are reflective of the moviegoing public, the Barna survey said, then 36 million born-again adults saw the movie, as did 31 million adults who do not define themselves as born-again. According to the survey, 68 percent of Catholics who saw *The Passion* rated it as excellent, as did 78 percent of born-again Christians. The movie was judged excellent by 67 percent of all surveyed who saw it.

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Bergen Catholic students mentor youngsters in literacy program

For the sixth consecutive year, Bergen Catholic High School (BCHS) students participated in the Partners in Literacy reading program.

Partners in Literacy couples

high school students with elementary school children.

The program, started six years ago by media specialist Eileen Layman, has been an effective tool in emphasizing the

importance of reading for both high school students and young children.

During National Library Week in April, students raised money through a ballot contest called Match the Teacher to the Book. Faculty photographs were posted in the library with titles of books dispersed among the photos. The challenge was to match each teacher with his/her favorite book.

Ballots were distributed to the students, with each of them offering a small donation. The money was used to purchase books to read and donate to an elementary school. Students with the highest percentage of correct matching "pairs" were chosen to visit an elementary school and to read to third-grade students there.

The six winners were sophomore Tim Bishop (for the second straight year), sophomore Kevin

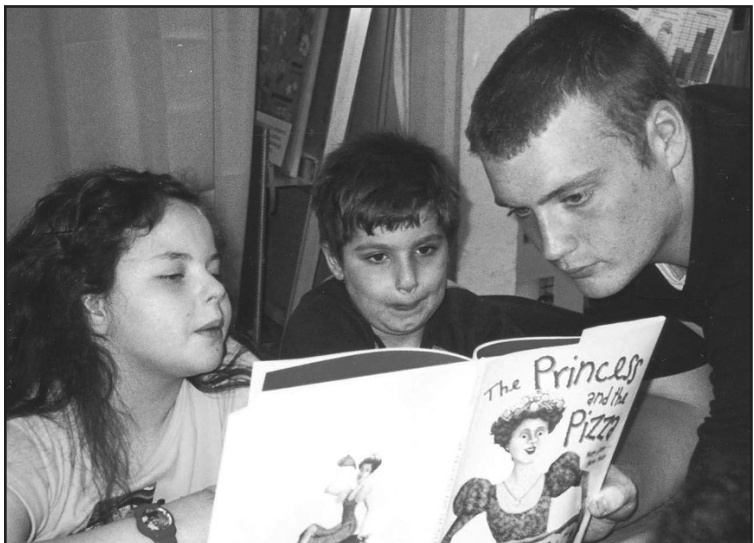
Heaney, freshman Eric Miller, freshman Peter O'Connell, sophomore Larry Otsuka, and sophomore Nick Vier.

This year, Bergen Catholic students once again visited Nicolaus Copernicus School (PS 25) in Jersey City, and brought with them 22 new books.

Third-grade teacher Maureen Flannery noted, "I am always grateful for the generosity of the Bergen Catholic school community. For the past five years, Partners in Literacy has been the program my third graders look forward to in the spring. It is a very big deal for a teenage boy to spend his day reading to a nine-

year-old child."

Flannery noticed the positive effect that the visit had on her students. "The Bergen Catholic boys made the third graders feel very important with the individualized attention. My reading curriculum is energized with the enthusiasm that the BCHS students always bring with them. My students can't wait to read and share the new books with the five other third-grade classes. I heard one student telling another that 'reading is very important and will help me become a better student. I know that because my high school friend Larry (Otsuka) told me that today.'"



Sophomore Tim Bishop with students at Nicolaus Copernicus School, Jersey City.

Flooding in Haiti leaves devastation

BY CATHERINE EPP

Special to The Catholic Advocate

Wonderful things can happen when dedicated and compassionate people take action!

Everyone has been aware through news reports of the devastating effects of flooding in Haiti. What has not been too well covered is how many people no longer have any homes. They were swept away with many of their bodies!

Father Rick Frechette, C.P., who is also a physician, has seen

this damage firsthand. Note this diary entry: "Today (May 29) we made a harrowing trip to the flood areas to bring food and medicine. Now that a week has passed, food shortages are becoming severe. The roads were perilous cliff-hangers—unbelievable passages. In fact we never made it to our destination."

Father Frechette, a member of the Passionist order, works out of Union City and serves the Archdiocese of Newark as well

as Trenton, West Virginia, New York and Pennsylvania.

My prayer is that whoever among you can do just a little more to help with this humanitarian effort to build shelter for the people of Haiti, please contact me at our office in Union City at (201)-867-6400 ext.31 or email cepp@cprov.org. Our mailing address is Att: Mrs. Catherine Epp, Congregation of the Passionists, 526 Monastery Place, Union City, NJ. 07087.

Obituaries

Sister Anna Zippilli, principal, musician

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 2 for Sister Anna Zippilli, 86, who died June 29.

Sister Anna entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1932. She was a graduate of the New York College of Music as well as the Julliard School of Music, studying violin and piano. She received a B.A. in

English from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown; an M.A. in English from Seton Hall University, and took doctoral courses at St. John University, NY, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, and the University of Toronto.

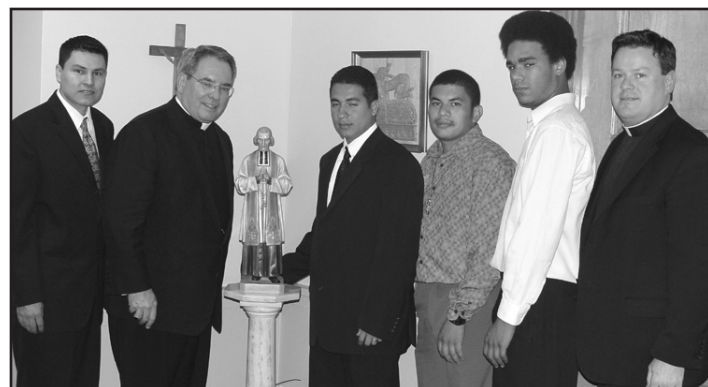
Besides ministering as a musician by teaching children's choirs and performing in con-

certs at Villa Walsh, Morristown, her assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included serving as principal at Our Lady of Sorrows School, Jersey City; St. Michael School, Cranford, and St. Bartholomew School, Scotch Plains. Among her many education and administrative positions, she also taught English at Seton Hall University. She retired to Villa Walsh in 1993 and was residing in its infirmary at the time of her death.

Pray for him...

John Groncki, father of Msgr. Richard F. Groncki, Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, died July 18.

Chancery News



Archbishop John J. Myers, second from left, met recently in his offices with newly recruited seminarians, left to right, John Prada, Hector Galvis, Jeivi Hercules and Jonathan Gordon. At the right is Father Brian Plate, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark.



St. Andrew Kim Parish, Orange, which has a dozen districts in the area, recently presented Archbishop John J. Myers with a handwritten, Korean language Old and New Testament Bible. Making the presentation at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, are, left to right, Steven Kim; Lee Jimmy; Hoon S. Chanj; Father Sae W. Oh, parochial vicar, and Father Minhyn Cho, pastor. This Bible, the first completed copy, is part of the 12 districts' 30th anniversary celebration two years ago, which included activities such as charismatic seminars for adults, young adults and youths.



Employees of the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, gathered for a blessing by Archbishop John J. Myers of the new artwork in the cafeteria. Deacon Joseph Dywer, Jr. (left), Vice Chancellor for Administration, assisted the archbishop. John Miller (far left), Director of the Cathedral Music Ministries, provided music for the service.

Sister Mary Ambrosia, 97

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 23 for Sister Mary Ambrosia Vasgold, 97, who died June 20.

Sister Ambrosia entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1926. Besides teaching in Maryland, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, her assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included teaching third grade at the St. Peter Orphanage and Day School, Newark, from 1929-1934. She was residing at the congregation's motherhouse in Baltimore at the time of her death.

Sisters of Charity to end work with elderly after 113 years

Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, was the surprise guest at a celebration of the work of Sister Joann Bromely and the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth in caring for the elderly at the Mount Saint Andrew Villa, Paramus, which will close in the fall.

Sister Joann was administrator at Mount Saint Andrew's for two decades. The local landmark, which has been declared a historical site, has been operated by the Sisters of Charity for 90 years.

At a Mass in celebration of Sister Joann's service, a reflection was presented. The event, it was noted, was to mark "the life she has committed to serve, the life as a Sister of Charity, the life of a woman who gives tirelessly for others, never asking anything for herself."

ing anything for herself."

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Mount Saint Andrew Villa presents a striking example of the transitional stylistic phase of the last century both in its architecture and history.

Colleges ink joint nursing pact

The College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown, has signed a nursing articulation agreement with Trinitas School of Nursing/Union County College that begins in the fall.

Most of the courses will be offered at Union County College while program participants will be enrolled at the College of Saint Elizabeth.

Typically, nursing alumni from the Trinitas/Union County program graduate with approximately 70 credits. In the new program, at College of Saint Elizabeth, up to 96 credits can be transferred from Union County College to Saint Elizabeth.

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Hospital will receive full tuition payment by the hospital and graduates of Trinitas and Elizabeth General School of Nursing, who are employed elsewhere, will receive 50 percent tuition reduction for Saint Elizabeth college courses.

"For the College of Saint Elizabeth, this program is a way to join with our 'sister' institutions and bring our excellent education and highly valued program to nurses in the Union County area," said Dr. Ellen Ehrlich, chair and associate professor of Nursing at the College of Saint Elizabeth.

"Nurses will benefit from our new accelerated program which provides excellence in education on their home front," she continued.

Two open houses have been scheduled. The first is Aug. 3 at Union County College, 12 West Jersey Street, Elizabeth, and the second Aug. 10 at Trinitas Hospital, 225 Williamson St., Elizabeth. Both are from 4 to 6 p.m.

Those unable to attend either open house can call (973) 290-4124 or go to www.cse.edu. Applications for all areas of study are being accepted.



Sister Joann Bromley is congratulated by Bishop Edgar da Cunha.

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Saint Michael's is the only Essex County hospital offering Enteryx.

According to Dr. De Pasquale, patients undergoing the procedure have been extremely pleased with the outcome and are often surprised by the substantial improvement in their quality of life.

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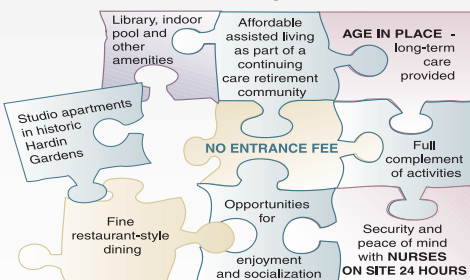
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Survivors of cancer display a quilt they made with their names and messages of hope.

Cancer survivors celebrate

Columbus Hospital, an affiliate of Cathedral Healthcare System, recently celebrated its third annual Cancer Survivors Day with more than 40 participants.

Highlighted by a visit from the executive director of the hospital, Dina Matos McGreevey, the day featured inspirational stories from survivors. Mrs. McGreevey presented carnations and special gifts to each survivor in recognition of their journey and accomplishment.

The more than 100 people in attendance enjoyed food and refreshments, and massage therapy services, compliments of Upper Hand Therapeutics, Totowa.

"This weekend, there are more than 700 similar celebrations under way as part of the world's largest cancer survivor event," said Mrs. McGreevey. "Today, we celebrate the upward trend in the number of survivors, with more than

350,000 New Jerseyans as cancer survivors. This event at Columbus Hospital is also very special to me because I consider many my friends and members of my Columbus family."

Cancer Survivors Day is an annual, worldwide celebration of life held in hundreds of communities throughout the United States, Canada and other participating countries. Participants unite in a symbolic event to show the world that life after a cancer diagnosis can be a reality.

Celebrating its 17th year, National Cancer Survivors Day is the world's largest and fastest-growing annual cancer survivor event.

"As one of the many hosts around the state today, Columbus Hospital celebrates life with all its cancer survivors and their families after 70 years of dedicated service to this community," said Richard Giorgino, administrator of Columbus Hospital.

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Emergency appendix surgery at Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, caused 14 year-old Brian Lopez to miss his eighth grade graduation from Elizabeth School 25. When they learned of his plight, the pediatric unit nurses organized a special reception to congratulate Brian on this milestone. With him are, left to right, Christine Zuttah, RN; Margaret-Ellen Kayser, RN; Irene Ssentongo, CNA; Aurora Cornelia, pediatrics unit secretary, and Carol Ozarraga, RN, maternal/child health nurse manager.

Discount card options vary

Discount card programs get the full support of seniors because they help them cut health care costs, but many seniors are finding all of these cards are not the same.

Some card programs only cover medicine the card issuer manufacturers while others only work at one pharmacy or chain of pharmacies. Others cover a wide range of medical and health expenses at more than one pharmacy, at doctors' offices and dental offices and for the whole family.

Pertinent questions for seniors to ask include:

- Does the card cover preexisting conditions?
- Does the card provide unlimited coverage?
- Does the card cover eye care?
- Does the card cover hearing

and hearing aids?

- Does the card have a toll free number and a web site to provide customer service?

Health care experts suggest that seniors use recent medical and health care expenses to see how much money they can save with different discount cards. Some programs also offer discounts on products and services not usually covered by health insurance such as vitamins, weight loss programs, dietary supplements and anti-smoking products.

Record \$225,000 is raised at Trinitas foundation gala

"Miracles in Bloom," the Trinitas Health Foundation's annual gala raised a record \$225,000.

Honored were Trinitas Hospital's donors, physicians and employees, with special recognition for Fleet Insurance Services, LLC, Elizabethtown Healthcare Foundation and Senator Raymond J. Lesniak.

Held recently at the Hilton at Short Hills, the gala was attended by 350 guests.

"Through a video and poster presentation, attendees learned of the many 'miracles' that take place every day at Trinitas in such services as wound healing, cardiology, emergency, behavioral health, physical medicine and oncology," explained Nadine Brechner, Executive Director of the Trinitas Health Foundation.

"Fleet Insurance has been very generous to Trinitas. They played a leadership role in the capital campaign, and have furnished the Trinitas Health Foundation with both funds and guidance to help the campaign meet its goal," Brechner said.

"The Elizabethtown Health-

care Foundation has been a true partner in their support of the capital campaign and their purchase of needed equipment for the hospital," she noted.

State Senator Raymond J. Lesniak, according to Brechner, "has been instrumental in our ongoing efforts to sell the former Elizabeth General Medical Center property, and he has also given of his time to help make

the holidays brighter for the residents of Trinitas Hospital's Brother Bonaventure Extended Care Center."

"We are so grateful for all of their assistance, which has resulted in improved healthcare services for our community," Brechner said. For more information about the Trinitas Health Foundation call (908) 994-8249 or visit www.trinitashospital.org.



Trinitas Hospital's many "miracle makers" were honored at the Trinitas Health Foundation's annual gala. Among them were, left to right, Victor M. Richel, Vice Chairman of Independence Community Bank and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Trinitas Hospital; Andrea Richel; Thomas J. Sharkey, Sr., Chairman of Fleet Insurance Services and member of the Board of Trustees of Trinitas Hospital, and Ruth Sharkey.



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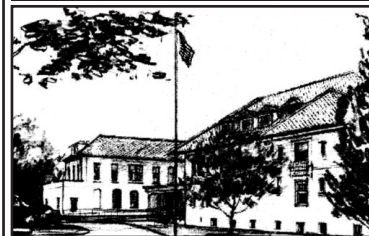
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Debe buscarse la reconciliación entre el oriente y el occidente

POR MONSEÑOR JOHN GILCHRIST
Párroco de Holy Cross, en Harrison

Habíamos llegado a Atenas en nuestro peregrinaje el 4 de Mayo del 2001. Llegamos bien tarde a nuestro hotel, situado al pie de la Acrópolis, debido a que el tráfico se había hecho difícil por la inminente llegada de Su Santidad el Papa Juan Pablo II. Justamente a dos cuerdas del hotel se había construido un escenario y se habían colocado sillas para una ceremonia papal.

A ambos lados de la calle se habían alineado policías con rifles. Las tiendas permanecían abiertas, pero había pocos turistas. Cuando el Papa pasó frente a nuestro hotel en su caravana de limosinas, nosotros, una pequeña banda de peregrinos de Harrison, éramos casi los únicos que lo saludamos con aplausos de bienvenida. Una hora más tarde la misma caravana regresaba, y el pontífice nos saludaba.

Al día siguiente nuestro autobús se demoró de nuevo en el tráfico al pasar por una de las plazas centrales de Atenas, la que estaba llena de jóvenes que protestaban por la visita del Santo Padre a su ciudad.

La historia antigua del Cercano Oriente parece ser cosa de sólo ayer. En el año 1054 la “vieja” Roma, bajo el Papa León IX (1049-54), y la “nueva” Roma, es decir, Constantinopla, estaban encaminados a chocar de

frente. La Iglesia Ortodoxa Oriental resentía el poder militar y político del papado, así como su autoridad espiritual. Roma, bajo un papa guerrero, ascendía cada vez mas. Constantinopla, bajo el sitio de los musulmanes en el Oriente, y de las fuerzas militares Católicas hacia Occidente, estaba declinando.

El Patriarca de Constantinopla en esa época, Michael Cerularius (1043-58), era un hombre orgulloso, impetuoso y arrogante. Él había acusado a la Iglesia de Roma de 33 herejías. El Papa había enviado un Cardenal-legado igualmente impetuoso y arrogante a Constantinopla, Umberto da Silva, quien tenía en su bolsillo un decreto condenando 90 errores de los griegos.

Los dos se enfrentaron. El 16 de julio de 1054 Umberto entró en la gran Iglesia de Hagia Sophia y lanzó el decreto de excomunión sobre el altar mayor. Al día siguiente Michael respondió con su bula de excomunión contra los legados de Roma. Aunque los dos principales solamente se habían excomunicado el uno al otro, la santa Iglesia Romana estaba ahora irrevocablemente separada de la Iglesia Oriental. Estaban en cisma, que ahora empeoraría.

Cuando el Papa Urbano II (1088-99) lanzó la Primera Cruzada en 1096, se estima que el Occidente perdió 600,000

hombres, aunque ellos conquistaron lo que hoy es Israel y partes de Siria y el Líbano.

Sin embargo, los latinos, al igual que los griegos, tuvieron que enfrentar oleadas tras oleadas de invasores musulmanes. Otras dos cruzadas, en 1147 y 1189, causaron enormes pérdidas. Los latinos culpaban a los griegos de Constantinopla por no haber ayudado al esfuerzo cristiano. Una Cuarta Cruzada salió de Venecia en 1202. El Dogo ciego de Venecia, Dandolo, dió libertad a los cruzados para atacar Constantinopla. Ellos conquistaron la ciudad el 12 de abril de 1204. A ello siguió una orgía de destrucción y saqueo. Los tesoros de Bizancio fueron llevados a Venecia. La Iglesia Oriental nunca ha olvidado ni perdonado ese ultraje, hasta el día de hoy.

Los Papas Pablo VI y Juan Pablo II han hecho todo lo posible para sanar la herida. Cuando nuestro grupo vió a Juan Pablo II aquel día de mayo en Grecia, él estaba allí precisamente para ofrecer una apología o disculpa a la Iglesia Oriental y a Grecia por lo que había ocurrido en el 1204. La Iglesia Griega lo recibió cortesmente pero de manera muy reservada. De hecho, el Papa había sido invitado por el gobierno de Grecia, pero no por la Iglesia Ortodoxa. La apología no fue aceptada.

Nuestro viejo y encorvado

Pontífice ha hecho todo lo posible por reparar el rompimiento entre las dos iglesias: él ha tratado de animar un diálogo; desde 1994 él ha ofrecido disculpas una y otra vez por los pecados cometidos por nuestra Iglesia contra el Oriente, y recientemente ha donado una iglesia en Roma a la Iglesia Ortodoxa Ucraniana.

En 1995 él publicó una encíclica de reconciliación: “Ut unum sint” (Que ellas sean Una) y una carta apostólica pidiendo apreciación por parte del Oriente: “Orientale lumen” (Luz del Oriente).

De cualquier manera, el 15 de

abril de 2004, el Patriarca Bartholomew finalmente aceptó la apología del Papa de 2001. El Patriarca dijo: “El espíritu de reconciliación es más fuerte que el de aborrecimiento.” Yo pienso que en términos de la iglesia tres años es como la velocidad de un rayo. Y todos debemos contestar “Amén” en respuesta al patriarca. También, él planea visitar a Roma en la fiesta de San Pedro y San Pablo, el 29 de Junio.

Hay esperanza para el futuro. Oremos todos para que al Papa Juan Pablo II se le conceda su más caro deseo: la reconciliación entre las Iglesias Orientales y Occidentales.

El poder sanativo de Su amor y Sus sacramentos

POR LISA HADDOCK

“Tengo malas noticias. Usted tiene cáncer. Ha hecho metástasis” Así me dijo la enfermera practicante en mayo de 2003 mientras estaba sentada en la oficina del médico que me atendía.

Inmediatamente, supe que tenía necesidad de ver a dos especialistas: uno espiritual y el otro médico.

En mi parroquia, recibí el sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos. El sacerdote colocó óleo en mi frente y en mis manos y rezó por mí. A través de ese sacramento, Dios nos da fuerza y coraje para enfrentar enfermedades, poder para resistir tentaciones, perdona nuestros pecados, une nuestro sufrimiento con la Pasión de Cristo y, si el Todopoderoso así lo desea, nos da la curación del cuerpo (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, 1520).

Yo me entrevisté con un especialista altamente recomendado, quien ordenó algunas pruebas de laboratorio. Él me dijo que probablemente yo no tenía cancer, pero tendría que sufrir una operación mayor para poder eliminar un enorme crecimiento en mi abdomen.

Poco antes de la operación, me reuní con el mismo sacerdote para el sacramento de la Reconciliación, un sacramento que limpia nuestros pecados. Dijo el sacerdote: “Por el ministerio de la Iglesia, que Dios le de perdón y paz, y yo le perdono de sus pecados en nombre del Padre, y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.”

Nunca me parecieron esas palabras tan poderosas y tan personales, cuando mi vida iba a quedar en manos de los médicos.

“Al unirse a Cristo a través de la penitencia y la fe, el pecador pasa de la muerte a la vida” (Catecismo, 1470). Mi sacerdote me dió un abrazo y me prometió sus oraciones.

El día antes de la operación, recibí la Eucaristía. Al recibir “La Sagrada Comunión se hace una íntima unión con Jesucristo” (Catecismo, 1391). Jesús, en forma real, estaba conmigo.

La mañana siguiente, en el Holy Name Hospital, yo estaba unida a una línea intravenosa cuando un capellán me ungió una vez más.

Al fin vino un ayudante que me transportó al salón de operaciones. Cuando pasé por frente a la estatua de la Santísima Madre yo la miré y me dije: “Ahora todo está en las manos de Dios”.

Después de la operación, el cirujano me dijo que el crecimiento era benigno. A la mañana siguiente, un ministro extraordinario de la Eucaristía me trajo la Sagrada Comunión. Nunca me sentí más agradecida de recibir la Hostia.

De vez en cuando, contemplo el brazalete que me pusieron al ingresar en el hospital para recordarme cómo Dios me sostuvo a través del miedo, la enfermedad, el dolor y la recuperación. Él me orientó hacia una buena parroquia y un dedicado sacerdote, a un talentoso cirujano y a un hospital como el Holy Name Hospital. Él me ofreció una familia, amigos y una parroquia que literalmente me “levantaron” con sus oraciones y su presencia. Y Él manifestó Su amor por mí a través de Sus sacramentos de sanación.

Al terminar mis exámenes médicos, el cirujano me dijo: “Usted ha quedado completamente curada, gracias a Dios”. Yo dije: “Amén”.

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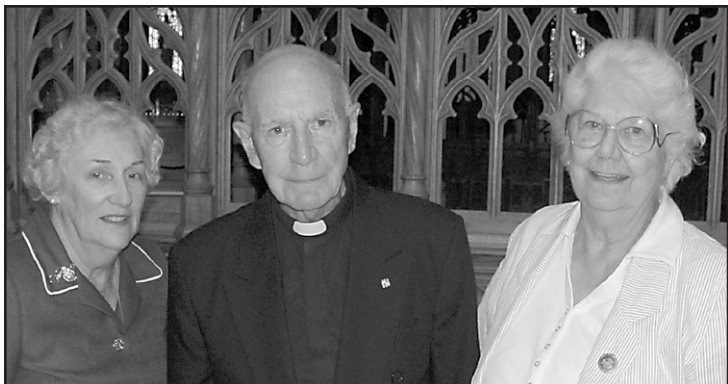
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Sister Marian Jose Smith, S.C., Vice Postulate for Sister Miriam's beatification case, formally seals the documentation packets. Looking on are, left to right, Dr. Mary Mazzarella, medical investigator; tribunal members Msgr. Frank Del Prete and Father James Sheehan and Msgr. Richard Groncki, Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.



Anne McCormack, representing the parishioners of St. Mary Parish, Rutherford; Father Joseph L. Casidy, representing St. Mary Parish pastor Father Michael J. Kreder and Sister Francis Maria Cassidy, who worked on preparation of the documents. Sister Miriam's brother, the late Msgr. Charles Demjanovich, was pastor of St. Mary's for over two decades.

Procedure requires study, authentication of miracles

In the process that may eventually lead to the canonization of a saint, being called "Blessed," or beatification, is the next to the last step. Before a person is canonically considered a saint, there are several steps, outlined in simple terms as follows:

1. A postulator is appointed to attack all evidence in favor of the candidate for sainthood and to conduct an investigation into his or her life. A positio, prepared by a relator, is presented to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

2. The person's heroic virtues are said to be recognized, and the Holy Father declares the individual a servant of God, at which time he or she is called "Venerable."

3. In the case of martyrs, sometimes the necessity of a miracle is waived by the pope, who in any case may do so *ad libitum* if he so chooses for any person whose cause has been introduced. However, miracles are of great importance and

must be of major proportions and proven to be an intervention of the supernatural order into the natural order. Detailed authentication of a miracle must be provided.

(For beatification, one miracle is required and for canonization, two.)

4. Once the required miracle has been performed through the intercession of the Venerable in question and recognized as such, the way is open for beatification. The pope grants the newly elevated "Blessed" a Mass and Office of his or her own and a particular feast day to be celebrated in the places related to the individual's life. Sometimes the Blessed is of such popularity or importance to the whole Church that he or she is honored with a universal cult (e.g., Blessed Pope John XXIII).

Sources for this article: Our Sunday Visitor's Catholic Encyclopedia and Sister Margherita Marchione, M.P.F., Ph.D.

Beatification

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The tribunal met with three persons directly connected with the alleged miracle along with four physicians.

Sister Marian Jose stressed the "message" of Sister Miriam which was "everyone is called to holiness."

Five years ago, she explained, an account of the "life and virtues" of Sister Miriam was forwarded to Rome. What was sent last week, noted Father Sheehan, was documentation consisting of testimony and "pertinent" records concerning the alleged miracle attributed to the intercession of Sister Miriam Teresa.

The information sent earlier this month, Sister Marian said, will be evaluated by five theologians and three physicians who will determine if the case should be recommended to Pope John Paul II.

Dr. Mazzarella said she presented the case to four physicians she knows; all of whom determined the situation deserved to be pursued further.

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FM radio vote hailed

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Senate Commerce Committee's vote July 22 to expand low-power FM radio service was lauded by Federal Communications Commissioner Michael Copps and by Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Communications.

"Low-power radio offers diverse programming that reflects the needs and interests of local communities," Bishop Kicanas said in a July 22 statement. "It can connect the home-bound to their churches, parents and students to their local schools, youths to outreach programs, citizens to town meetings. 'It can ensure that the public interest is better served by allowing local organizations to broadcast local information in their communities,' he added.

"I'm a big booster of low-power FM. I think it can be a tremendous advancement to localism and diversity," Copps, a Catholic, said in a July 23 interview with Catholic News Service. "It's even more important right now in the consolidated media environment in which we live, and so many of the local stations have been taken over by big conglomerates that cut back on local resources," Copps added.

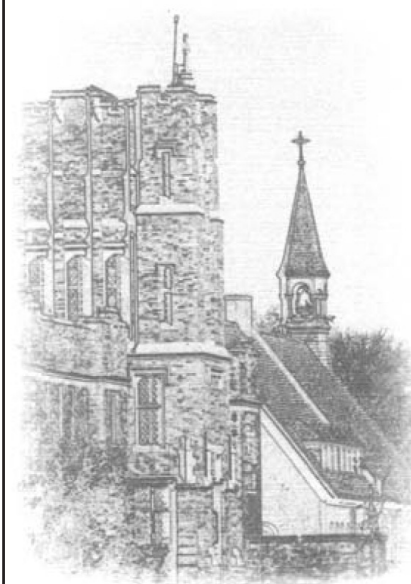


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The summer camp program at the CYO Youth Retreat Center, Kearny, features a variety of activities for the 150 or so children registered, including basketball and swimming. Pictured is one boy prepared for a swim. See related picture on Page 1 of this issue of *The Catholic Advocate*.

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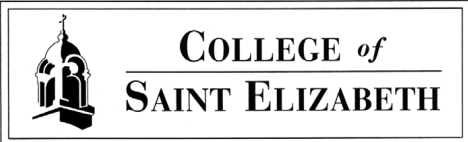
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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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

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Oh, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. (make request). In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glorias. St. Jude pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena must be said for 9 consecutive days. Thank you for answering my prayer.

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J.P.T.

OLS defends championship title

Our Lady of Sorrows School (OLS), South Orange, defended its title at the seventh annual Assumption School Track and Field Championships held at Morristown High School. Rounding out the top finishers were Saint Patrick, Chatham, second, and Assumption School. Competing too were Saint Agnes, Clark; Holy Family, Florham Park; Saint Michael, Newark; Holy Trinity, Westfield; Aquinas Academy, Livingston; Saint Bartholomew, Scotch Plains; Saint Cassian, Upper Montclair; Saint Elizabeth, Bernardsville and Saint Vincent dePaul, Stirling. Featured first place finishes included:

100 Meters, boys' third and fourth grade, Jack Brennan, Holy Family, 16.01. 100 Meters, girls' third and fourth grade, Kelsi Burgess, Aquinas Academy, 16.55 seconds.	800 Meters, boys' seventh and eighth grade, Robert Dawson, St. Agnes, 2:30.43. 800 Meters, girls' seventh and eighth grade, Margarte Poulain, 2:48.93.
100 Meters, boys' fifth and sixth grade, Nigil White, Our Lady of Sorrows, 13.22. 100 Meters, girls' fifth and sixth grade, Shanice Johnson, Our Lady of Sorrows, 14.13.	Open 1600, Dylan McMahon, Saint Bartholomew, 5:45.89.
100 Meters, boys' seventh and eighth grade, Kyle Rollins, Saint Agnes, 14.05. 100 Meters, girls' seventh and eighth grade, Margaret Polanin, St. Patrick's, 13.65.	Long jump, boys' third and fourth grade, Drew Higgins, Saint Patrick, 11 feet. Long jump, girls' third and fourth grade, Cate Chambers, Saint Patrick, 7-11.
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200 Meters, boys' fifth and sixth grade, 27.94. 200 Meters, girls' fifth and sixth grade, Shanice Johnson, Our Lady of Sorrows, 30.02.	Shot put, boys' third and fourth grade (four pound shot), Philip Udeogu, Our Lady of Sorrows, 24-4 1/2. Shot put, girls' third and fourth grade, Tatiana Johnson, 28-3.
200 Meters, boys' seventh and eighth grade, Kyle Rollins, Saint Agnes, 27.34. 200 Meters, girls' seventh and eighth grade, Marion Burns, Our Lady of Sorrows, 29.67.	Shot put, fifth and sixth grade, Nigil Whyte, Our Lady of Sorrows, 27-9.
400 Meters, boys' third and fourth grade, Paul Shellfo, Our Lady of Sorrows, 1:26.07. 400 Meters, girls' third and fourth grade, Kristen Ulrich, Holy Trinity, 1:22.0.	Shot put, boys' seventh and eighth grade, Chris Cahill, Our Lady of Sorrows, remained unbeaten with a 44-4 1/2 victory. Shot put, girls' seventh and eighth grade, Kelsey Musselman, Saint Patrick, 31-6 1/2.
400 Meters, boys' fifth and sixth grade, Matt Delaney, Saint Agnes, 1:06.37. 400 Meters, girls' fifth and sixth grade, Kerry Ann Prime, Assumption Academy, 1:14.6.	4x100 Meter Relay, boys' third and fourth grade, Joseph Esposito, Daniel Mitchell, Michael Manna and James O'Connor, Holy Family.
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800 Meters, boys' third and fourth grade, Andrew Kelly, Our Lady of Sorrows, 3:02.38. 800 Meters, girls' third and fourth grade, Cate Chambers, 3:16.49.	4x100 Relay, boys' fifth and sixth grade, James Kelly, Mallory Pierre, Chris O'Neal and John Landi, Our Lady of Sorrows, 1:02.2. 4x100 Relay, girls' fifth and sixth grade, Averi Serrette, Nijla Mingo, Domonique Wilcher and Landy Pierre, Our Lady of Sorrows, 1:04.8.
800 Meters, boys' fifth and sixth grade, Matt Delaney, Saint Agnes, 2:29.19. 800 Meters, girls' fifth and sixth grade, Kelly Ann Prime, Assumption Academy, 2:53.29.	4x100 Relay, boys' seventh and eighth grade, Marlo Deleon, Isaac Cruz and Pedro Guzman, Saint Michael. 4x100 Relay, girls' seventh and eighth grade, Erin Froelich, Kasia Janik, Alison Tyms and Tara Ounan, Our Lady of Sorrows, 2:19.41.



Three members of Caldwell College women's softball team received their diplomas in a special graduation ceremony because they were competing in the NCAA Division II World Series National Championship during the college's 62nd commencement ceremony. From left, pitcher Corinne Reiser, catcher Danielle Guerra, outfielder Candice Collins and Caldwell College President Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D.

Felician golf 'classic' set

Felician College will tee off its 19th Annual Golf Classic to benefit student scholarships on Oct. 4 at the Arcola Country Club, Paramus. The annual tourney begins with a 7 a.m. breakfast followed by an 8 a.m. tee time. A buffet lunch will be served on the patio at 11 a.m., and the afternoon tee-off will be at 1 p.m. The day wraps up with a 6 p.m. cocktail reception followed by a sit-down dinner, silent auction and awards presentation. Participants will have a chance to win a variety of prizes located at different holes on the course during the day. This is a popular event with golfers throughout New Jersey. The Classic benefits student scholarships. Golfers should respond early and call (201) 559-3314 to sign up.

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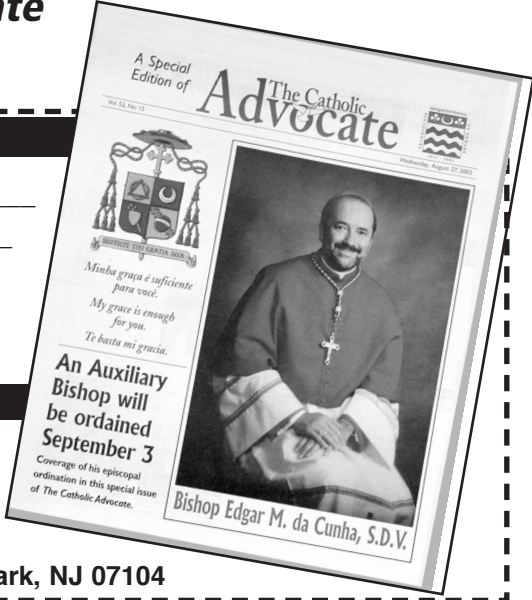
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Beijing hears the call for religious freedom



Father Lawrence Porter of the seminary faculty, Seton Hall University, was part of a delegation of three American religious leaders sent to China June 20-30 to lobby for religious freedoms. The Manhattan-based Appeal of Conscience Foundation sent along with Father Porter, Rabbi Arthur Schneier of the Park East Synagogue and Pastor Fred Anderson of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. They met with Buddhist, Daoist, Muslim, Jewish, Catholic and Protestant religious leaders in Beijing and Shanghai as well as with representatives of the People's Republic of China. They are shown, along with the rabbi's wife Elizabeth, meeting with the vice premier of China, Hui Liangyu.



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Students participating in the American Life League's pro-life walk through the northeastern U.S. stopped for Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the chapel of St. Michael Church, Newark, on July 13, and visited the office of *The Catholic Advocate*. A dozen college-age students have given up their summer break to travel 1,300 miles as part of ALL's Crusade for the Defense of Our Catholic Church. They began in Portland, ME, on Memorial Day weekend and will end in Washington, DC on July 31.

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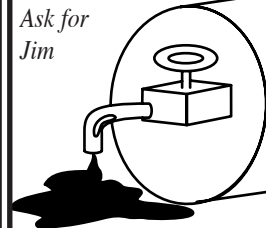
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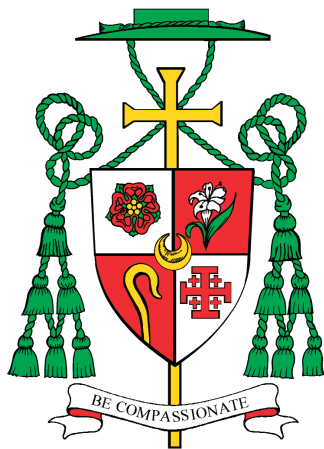
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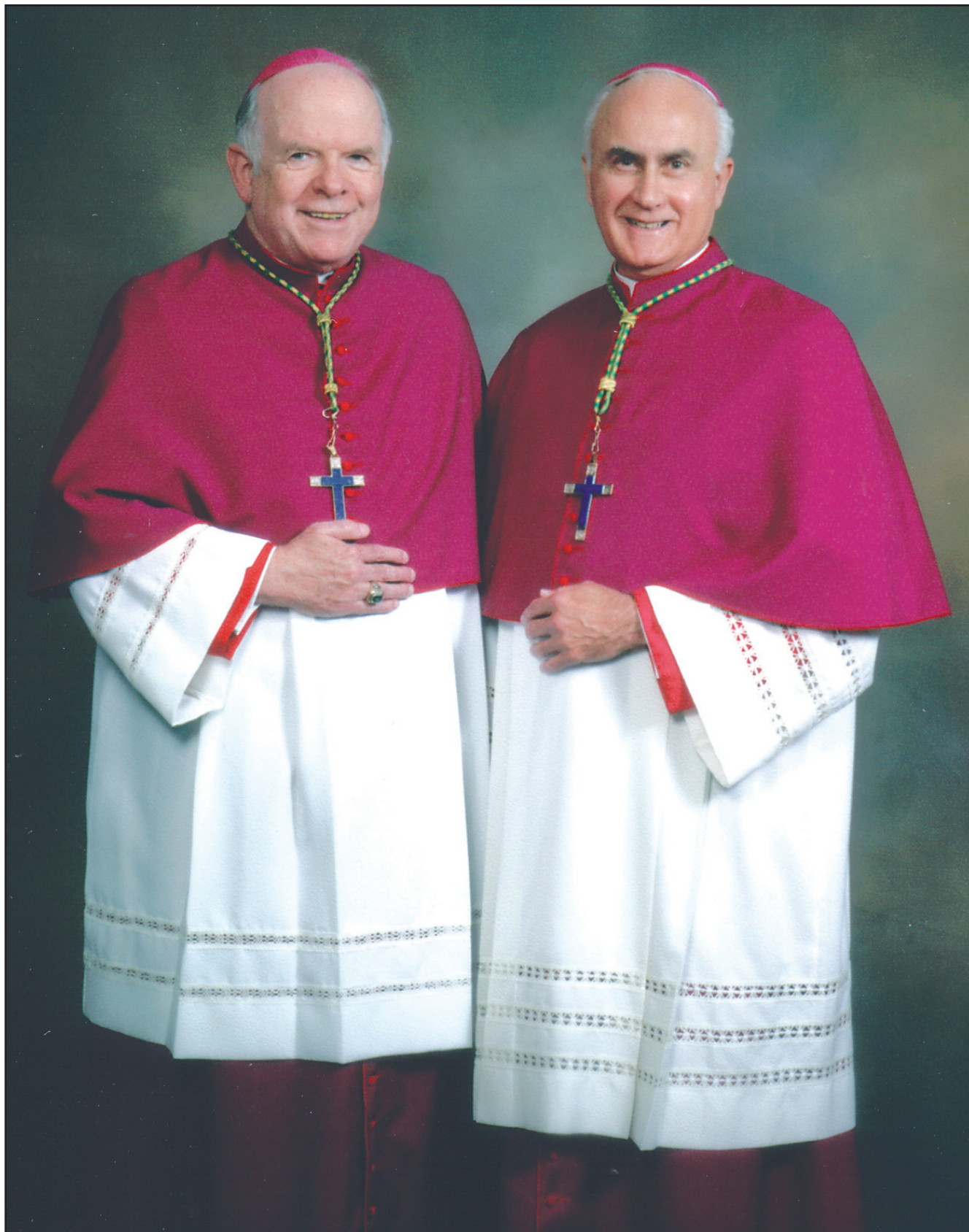


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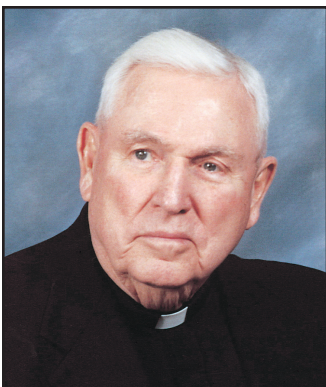
Bishop Thomas A. Donato
Bishop John W. Flesey



Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick

Archbishop of Washington, DC

Our Holy Father has once again blessed the Church of Newark with the gift of two extraordinary priests as Auxiliary Bishops to Archbishop Myers. I have known both Bishop Flesey and Bishop Donato for more than 20 years and have always been edified and impressed with their priestliness, their pastoral zeal and their love of people. May they serve happily and lovingly in this local Church.



Most Rev. Peter L. Gerety

Archbishop Emeritus of Newark

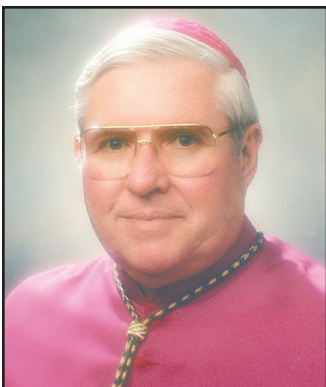
It was with great enthusiasm that I greeted the appointment of our new Auxiliary Bishops. Both Bishop Thomas A. Donato and Bishop John W. Flesey are natives of the Archdiocese of Newark and have served our people with great distinction for many years. Their long pastoral experience has made them well qualified for their future episcopal ministry. In addition, we know that they are both exemplary priests. Surely God has blessed us in these two appointments. We must all be grateful to our Holy Father for having given us two such wonderful priests to serve us as Auxiliary Bishops. May the Lord grant to them good health and many years with abundant fruit in their future ministry.



Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli

Bishop of Paterson

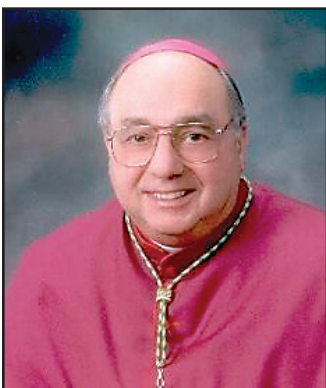
It is with great joy that the Diocese of Paterson joins with all the people of the local Church of Newark in celebrating the ordinations of Most Rev. Thomas Donato and Most Rev. John Flesey as Auxiliary Bishops. For many years, Bishop Flesey prepared men for the priesthood. He has been a respected professor and sought-after spiritual director of clergy and laity. His own priesthood is marked by a deep spirituality, and he is an example to all who have been called to serve Christ and His Church. Bishop Donato's experience in urban and suburban parishes, his pastoral vitality and reverent concern have helped many Catholics reach a deeper understanding of their gift of faith as well as their vocation to imitate Christ in everyday life. His leadership sustains the faithful in that calling. Both priests truly exemplify the role of the servant-leader to which all bishops are called. May the Lord bless each of them with the joy of serving God's people as successors to the apostles.



Most Rev. John M. Smith

Bishop of Trenton

I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Bishops Thomas A. Donato and John W. Flesey upon their elevation as Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Newark. Through their ministry and service, they will continue to touch the hearts and minds of the people of the Archdiocese of Newark. Their fidelity to Our Lord and generosity to the community will serve the people well towards a deeper understanding of God's love and salvation. I, along with all of the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton, offer our prayers and support to Bishops Donato and Flesey upon this joyous occasion. I also offer my fraternal love and gratitude for their service to God and the faith community. They will no doubt serve with distinction and zeal for many years to come.



Most Rev. Joseph A. Galante

Bishop of Camden

It is with great joy that I join the faithful of the Diocese of Camden in congratulating you both on your appointment as Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Newark. The Holy Father's Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, Pastores Gregis, which was released on the 25th anniversary of his election to the pontificate, notes that the Bishop is called in a particular way to be a prophet, witness and servant of hope. I pray that you will have God's grace in abundance as you carry out your ministry to the people of the Archdiocese as "servants of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the hope of the world." I know that your episcopal ministry will radiate this hope and be a blessing for the people you will serve!

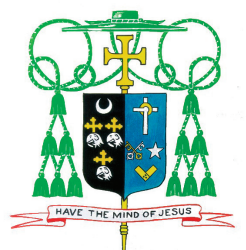


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A note to our readers:
To comemorate the historic
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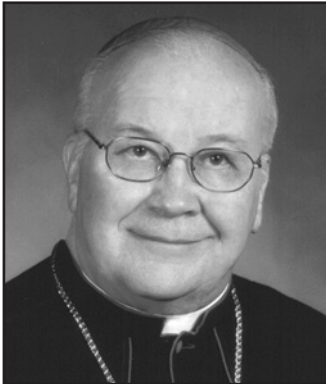
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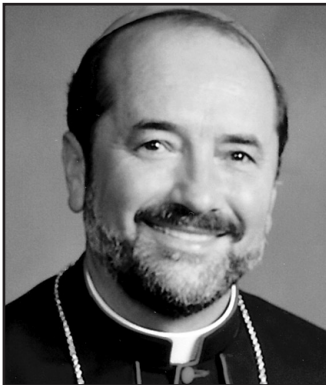
Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski
Bishop of Metuchen

It is with great joy that I heard the announcement by Archbishop Myers that our Holy Father had named two new Auxiliary Bishops to the Archdiocese of Newark. Both Bishop Donato and Bishop Flesey are priests who are well respected and loved by all who encounter them.
I had the privilege of studying in the seminary with both of them and admired them for their zeal and love of the priesthood. Both will certainly be of great help to the Archdiocese of Newark and its mission.
I pray that God will bless these good priests abundantly as they assume the fullness of Christ's priesthood in the episcopacy. May God guide them, and grant them wisdom, understanding and great compassion.
Ad multos annos!



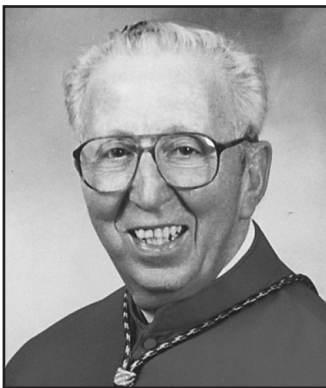
Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.
Auxiliary Bishop of Newark

When I heard that Msgr. Thomas Donato and Msgr. John Flesey had been appointed Auxiliary Bishops of Newark, I was not only filled with joy to welcome the two new brothers into the episcopal ministry, but I also rejoiced in the certainty that the Holy Spirit was at work once again.
Bishops-elect Donato and Flesey are men of God. That is why they were called to this noble yet challenging ministry as bishops. I am delighted to have as partners in the episcopal ministry here in the Archdiocese of Newark, such dedicated men. I look forward to working closely with them in this diverse and multi-cultural Archdiocese serving the wonderful people God has entrusted to us.
Congratulations, Bishop Donato and Bishop Flesey, and prayerful best wishes!



Most Rev. Dominic Marconi
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark

The Archdiocese of Newark is especially blessed with the episcopal ordinations of Bishops Donato and Flesey. Their many years of pastoral and theological experience will be valuable in their ministry to the people of Hudson and Bergen Counties as well as the Archdiocese.
From my many contacts with them in the past, I know that Bishops Donato and Flesey will continue to implement the directions of the Second Vatican Council. As they begin to minister in their respective counties, they will be edified and impressed with the faith, devotion and commitment of the clergy, Religious and laity to the proclamation of the Good News of God's love as well as the mission of the Archdiocese of Newark.
I look forward to collaborating with them in their new pastoral responsibilities. May our Loving God grant them many fruitful years in their episcopacy.



Most Rev. David Arias
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark

I thank God for my 21 years of pastoral service as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark. At the same time I rejoice in the appointment by the Holy Father of two wonderful priests as new auxiliary bishops, Bishops-Elect Thomas Donato and John Flesey. God has endowed them with precious gifts for this ministry. For many years they have served the people of this local Church with zeal and dedication in different fields.
On Aug. 4, they will receive the fullness of the priesthood as they are consecrated bishops. Not only will they be enriched with the gifts of the Lord, but also the people of the Archdiocese and the Church in general will be refreshed with their ministry.
On this special date, one that they will always remember, I wish to congratulate Bishop Thomas Donato and Bishop John Flesey, while at the same time praying that their ministry be both joyful and fruitful.



Thomas A. Donato prepared for the episcopacy through pastoral service, with family's support

BY LIESL FORES

Staff Writer

The journey to episcopal ordination began for a young boy from Jersey City when he was given an oral composition assignment by his second grade teacher to answer the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

Thomas Donato's response to Sister Jeanette DeSena, M.P.F. was that he wanted to be a priest, just like his older brother Nino was going to be.

It turned out Nino did not become a priest, but Thomas did. And he considers this moment, as well as the love, values and support given to him by his family and the community of Holy Rosary Parish, Jersey City, the crucial first stepping stones on a path that has led to his being appointed an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Bishop-elect Donato was born in 1940 to Antonio and Rosa Donato, Italian immigrants who made their way to the United States in 1923. He is the fifth of six children, starting with Mary, Rose, Constantino (Nino), John and, the youngest, Robert.

His close-knit family has grown to include sister-in-law Christine, wife of Constantino; nephew Anthony and his wife Donna; niece Toni Ann and her husband Mike, and two grandnieces, Gianna and Nicole.

Though his parents have passed away, all of his siblings, except Constantino, live together in a house in Cliffside Park.

Named Gaetano for his paternal grandfather, Bishop Donato has always gone by Thomas. He was baptized at Holy Rosary by Father Gerard M. Santora, who ministered at the parish from 1939 to 1968, 14 of those years as pastor.

Msgr. Santora, who has been pastor emeritus of Holy Rosary since 1968, recalls the young Thomas as "always with the school and the Church," serving as altar boy among other things.

He explained that he knew Thomas would one day become a priest by "his piety and his service to the Church."

Having celebrated many of Bishop Donato's childhood and priestly milestones, including his First Holy Communion, his first Mass after ordination at Holy Rosary, and numerous others, the senior priest said of his accomplishments throughout the years, "We expected it," adding that he was proud of his former parishioner—someone he's known since he was a baby.

After attending Holy Rosary Elementary School and St. Michael High School in Jersey City, Thomas Donato entered the College Seminary at Seton Hall University, graduating in 1961 before beginning major seminary studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington.

Reflecting on that day in Sister Jeanette's class in the second grade, the bishop-elect says, "From that point, I always felt that was God's calling to me, and this was con-

firmed more and more through my affiliation with the parish community, priests, Religious and laity."

His six years at Immaculate Conception were tough—much different from the post Vatican II approach to seminary training—but Bishop Donato describes himself as someone who adapted easily to seminary life. "I enjoyed it very much. ... I was very happy there."

Speaking of faculty role models, he mentioned in particular the late Msgr. William F. Hogan, who was the spiritual director for the seminary as well as his personal spiritual director. He also worked with Msgr. Hogan for nine years as his parochial vicar at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Bayonne (his second assignment after ordination), where Msgr. Hogan was pastor.

Bishop Donato still maintains some of the friendships he formed at the seminary.

Father James M. Cafone, professor in the Religious Studies department at Seton Hall University and head of the priest community there, knows Bishop Donato from their college days at Seton Hall. They entered Immaculate Conception Seminary the same year and have been friends ever since.

During their time at the seminary, they would take long walks and talk a lot, recounted Father Cafone, adding, "He has a gift for friendship. That's why he has so many friends. ... He's very trustworthy and can keep a secret. ... Honor is very important to him."

Upon ordination in 1965, the two gave each other crucifixes. When Father Cafone learned of his former classmate's recent appointment, he had the crucifix that his old friend and fellow seminarian had given him nearly 40 years ago set in wood and made into a pectoral cross as a gift to the new bishop.

Another friend from seminary days is Msgr. Joseph Ciampaglio, now a retired priest from the Diocese of Paterson.

Remembering when they first met, Msgr. Ciampaglio,

who was three years ahead of the new seminarian Donato, says he was impressed by his "combination of shyness and friendliness."

"We struck up a friendship that has lasted 46 years," commented the monsignor, noting the various trips they have taken together and the sharing of special milestones. "I preached at his first Mass at Holy Rosary, and when both his parents died, I concelebrated those liturgies," he said.

Taking into consideration the breadth of his friend's ministry, Msgr. Ciampaglio asserted, "He has a wonderful pastoral sense and a very gentle and caring way with people. ... People seem to naturally take to him." He observed that because the man was so approachable, parishioners felt they "could come in and discuss their problems and concerns."

He continued that the bishop-elect is "a good liturgist and celebrant" and has an "artistic sense" for church environment.



About the Bishop

Age: 63

Date of Birth:

Oct. 1, 1940

Childhood Parish:

Holy Rosary, Jersey City

High School:

St. Michael, Jersey City

College/Seminary/

Graduate School:

College Seminary at Seton Hall University; Immaculate Conception Seminary;

Immaculate Conception

Seminary School of

Theology, M.Div.

Date of Ordination:

May 29, 1965

Date of Episcopal

Ordination:

Aug. 4, 2004

Experience that led you to become a priest:

Oral composition assignment in second grade in which I had to discuss what I wanted to be when I grew up; experience of faith in my family and parish

Heroes:

Msgr. William F. Hogan, my spiritual director; Pope John XXIII; Cardinal Joseph Bernardin

Favorite Saints:

Thérèse of Lisieux, St. John Vianney

Favorite Scripture

Passage or Book:

Mark 2:1-6

Longest Pastoral Assignment:

12 years as pastor of St.

Paul Parish, Ramsey

Proudest Moment:

Being able to share the joy of my priesthood ordination with all my family, including my parents (who are now deceased)

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The Coat of Arms of Most Reverend Thomas A. Donato

Titular Bishop of Jamestown Auxiliary Bishop of Newark

Blazon: Quarterly argent and gules, a crescent or; in the quarters I: a rose gules seeded vert, centred or; II: a lily argent, stemmed and leafed vert; III: a shepherd's crook upright, or; IV: a Jerusalem Cross gules.

Significance: The coat of arms of a bishop in the Roman Catholic Church is composed of a shield which is augmented by a processional cross placed behind the shield and surmounted by an ecclesiastical hat and tassels. A scroll bearing the motto of the bishop is placed below the shield in the full achievement (depiction) of the arms.

These external ornaments are governed by heraldic rules established over the course of centuries and modified after the Second Vatican Council by Pope Paul VI in 1969. The **processional cross** is gold and is reminiscent of the cross carried before a bishop whenever he officiated at the liturgy. In various forms, it has been used in ecclesiastical heraldry since the fourteenth century. The hat and tassels, called a gallero, began as a pilgrim's hat conferred upon the cardinals by Pope Innocent IV. From there it was adopted by all ranks of the clergy; its color and number of tassels denoted the rank of the wearer.

As a heraldic device, it was used in place of the helmet and crest of secular arms. In this case, the hat is green, denoting the episcopal order; the twelve tassels, arranged six to a side, indicate the rank of bishop.

The shield itself forms the most personal part of the bishop's coat of arms. It developed from the shield carried by the knights of the Middle Ages which were painted in such a way as to enable easy identification of the bearer in the heat of battle. As time went on, conventions regarding the design of the shield were monitored by scholars called heralds. From these martial origins, the Church adapted the principles of heraldry for its own purposes such as seals used in the authentication of documents.

The shield bearing the personal arms of Bishop Donato has been designed to indicate his personal history and makes a progression from past through present to the future. The colors of the shield itself are **red** and **white** which when combined with the **green** hat and tassels of a bishop hark back to the national colors of Italy, the bishop's ancestral homeland. The **red rose** recalls his mother Rosa and the bishop's home parish of Our Lady of the Rosary in

Jersey City where he first was taught the faith. The **lily** is used here to honor Antonio Donato, the bishop's father with a symbol of his patron saint.

The **crescent moon** in the center of the shield is taken from the Arms of the Archdiocese of Newark for whose service Bishop Donato was ordained a priest in 1965. The crescent moon, a heavenly object having no light of its own, is an ancient symbol of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who reflects the grace of God poured into her life. Its use here also recalls Mary as the patroness of the Archdiocese and the Immaculate Conception Seminary where Bishop Donato studied and has most recently served as Spiritual Director. The two lower symbols of the shield look both to the priestly ministry and to the episcopal ministry of the future.

The **shepherd's crook** stands for the bishop's charge to be a good shepherd, caring for his sheep after the heart and mind of Jesus. It also reminds us of the many years of pastoral ministry which Bishop Donato enjoyed since his priestly ordination. The Jerusalem Cross is a symbol for preaching the Gospel of Christ Crucified.

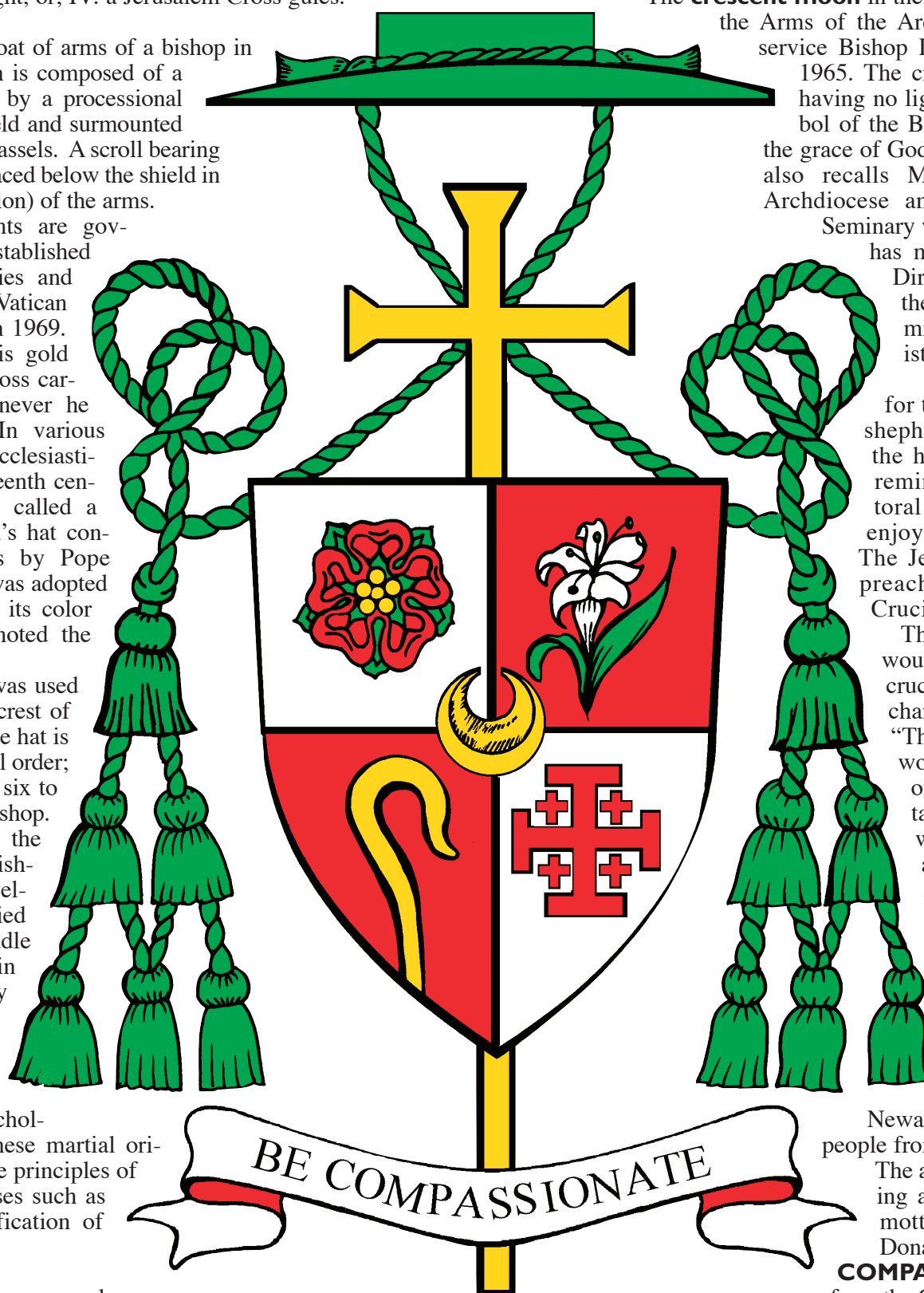
The **five crosses** stand for the wounds of Jesus received during the crucifixion. They also stand for the charge that Jesus gave to the apostles, "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem" (Luke 24:46-47). In his pastoral assignments, Bishop Donato ministered to the diverse peoples of his parishes, now, as he assumes a new responsibility as a teacher of the faith he is called to minister to an even more diverse community of faith that is the Archdiocese of

Newark, which literally encompasses people from the four corners of the earth.

The achievement is completed by placing a scroll bearing the new bishop's motto beneath the shield. Bishop Donato has chosen as his motto "**BE COMPASSIONATE**" which is taken from the Gospel of Luke (6:36) where Jesus

tells His disciples to be compassionate as their Father is compassionate. These words remind us that ministry, especially the ministry of a bishop, is to give witness to God's mercy and compassion for all His people.

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New Bishop John W. Flesey known as scholar, administrator and a beloved spiritual mentor

BY BRIAN FORES

Staff Writer

When Msgr. John W. Flesey was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, friends, family and his fellow-priests cheered.

It became clear that he, with his unassuming nature and contagious sense of humor, had won the hearts of so many seminarians he had ushered through Immaculate Conception Seminary as rector, spiritual director and director of formation, as well as all those whose lives he has touched outside of the seminary.

"It's sort of like a train-crossing," he later said of the appointment. "Every day you cross those tracks, you know a train might come, but it never does. Then, one day—boom—you get run over! I'm still surprised," he said with a laugh.

At a May press conference, Msgr. Flesey regaled reporters and onlookers with an account of the day he received word that he would be one of two new auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Newark, entirely without the aid of notes, a practice he is known for. More than once, the room burst with laughter as he recounted the day's dizzying events.

"He has a great sense of humor," commented Father Anthony Randazzo of Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell, where Bishop-elect Flesey has been weekend assistant for the last nine years. "We had an event here called Holy Laughter, to provide people with an evening a fun and humor. Msgr. Flesey did a great impersonation of Satchmo [Louis Armstrong]. By the end, the crowd was on their feet," he said.

His older sister, Connie Coyle, a retired English professor at Essex Community College, MD, agrees. "He has a wonderful sense of humor. He loves to tell stories and give humorous insights into everyday situations. He likes to sing and dance—he does a great version of *Hello Dolly* and an impersonation of John F. Kennedy," she commented, adding, "I think his humor has helped him to be a good priest and bring a sense of lightheartedness to things that are otherwise serious."

Bishop-elect Flesey's easygoing demeanor belies a deeply prayerful life, one centered on his relationship with Christ. In speaking of the transition, Bishop-elect Flesey said he would rely on "time and prayer," and ask, "What does this mean for me?" He said he believes in the "power of prayer to transform one's own experience, to digest life. Prayer enables me time for questions to be answered, to have a relationship with Christ."

His eldest sister, Barbara Eberly, a retired library clerk at William Paterson University, Wayne, noted, "Whenever he was in a group, there was always a time when he would step away, or go for a walk. He was always reconnecting with the Almighty."

John Walter Flesey was born in Jersey City, on Aug. 6,

1942, the son of Joseph Flesey and Mary MacIsaac. He is the youngest of three siblings, the others being Constance and Barbara. The bishop has two nephews (Arthur and Douglas Eberly), three nieces (Suzanne Franey, Eileen Sien and Kate Coyle), a brother-in-law (Tony Coyle), as well as six great-nephews and two great-nieces.

Eberly noted, "I remember pushing him in a carriage. He was never any trouble, and was always an even-tempered person. As youngsters, once in a while we'd have a go at it, but for the most part, he's always had this same,

very calm temperament." She added, "He was no different from any other kid at St. Aeden's, apart from the fact that he never gave my parents any trouble."

"My mother, who passed away in 1970, was a fifth-grade school teacher at P.S. 24, Jersey City, for 25 years," Bishop-elect Flesey said. "Later, the name of the school was changed to Maj. Charles J. Watters School—he was a Catholic priest. I attended the dedication, and was able to visit the room that had been my mother's 5th grade for so many years," he noted.

"My mother was originally from Lynn, MA, where the people have a very strong New England accent. She would often visit her family there, and she would regain her accent. Upon her return, I was always befuddled by her new accent, but my sisters reassured me that it would pass," he noted with a smile.

Bishop Flesey said that his father, who passed away in 1988, was a New Jersey native, and worked for 14 years as principal housing manager for Jersey City's Curries Woods Housing Project.

He, along with his sisters, has been tracing the family's lineage, and explained, "We're half-Irish on both sides, with some German, Scottish and Welsh."

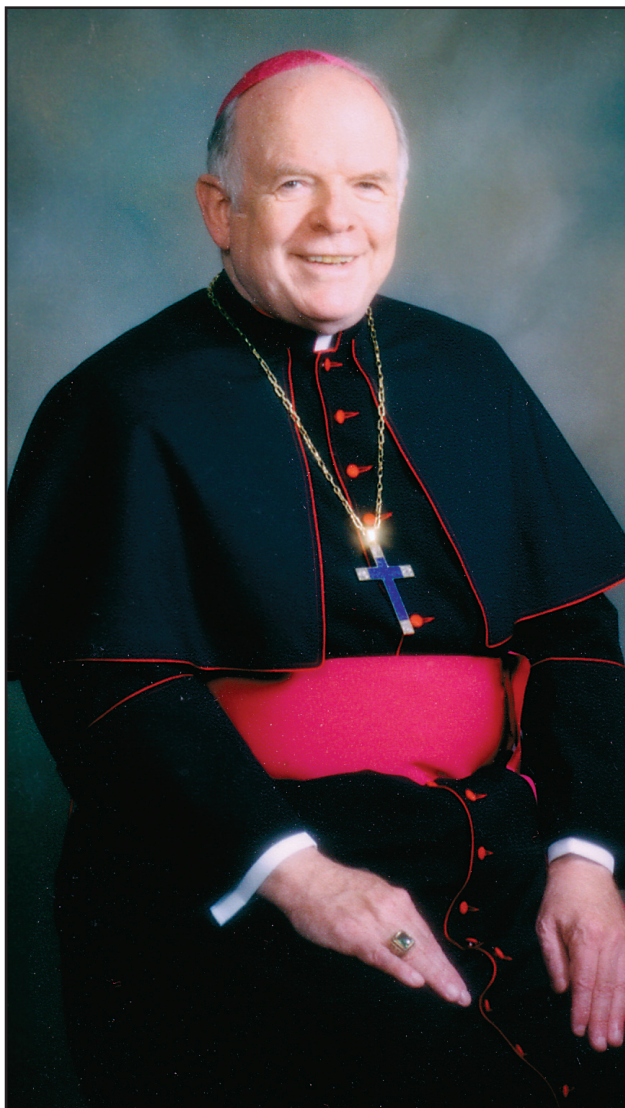
As a child, Bishop Flesey and his parents and sisters were members of St. Aedan's Parish, Jersey City. He also attended St. Aedan's grammar school.

"He was always religious and connected to the Church," said Coyle, "He was an altar boy when he was little, and remained one until high school." Bishop Flesey said that he taught CCD and would help with liturgies there while he was in high school at Saint Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey City.

His sister Barbara said that it was while studying for a B.A. in history at St. Peter's College, Jersey City, that he made the decision to become a priest, "It had been on his mind for a long time, and he had to say yes. My guess is that somebody not visible thought he would be good at this," she commented.

Coyle added, "My brother has a deep love of God, and a conviction that he was meant to be a priest. He is dedicated to serving people—he never turns down a request to do a wedding, baptism, funeral, or to visit the sick."

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About the Bishop

Age: 61

Date of Birth:

Aug. 6, 1942

Childhood Parish:

St. Aedan Parish, Jersey City

High School:

Saint Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey City

College/Seminary/

Graduate School:

Saint Peter College; Immaculate Conception Seminary; Iona College, New Rochelle, NY, M.A. in Counseling; Gregorian University, Rome, S.T.L.; University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome, S.T.D.

Date of Ordination:

May 31, 1969

Date of Episcopal Ordination:

August 4, 2004

Experience that led you to become a priest:

As a child, the example of parish priests.

Hero:

Blessed Pope John XXIII

Favorite Saint:

Same

Favorite Scripture

Passage or Book:

The Gospel of John

Longest Pastoral

Assignments:

14 years at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Plainfield; 16 years at Seton Hall University (as seminary faculty member and administrator)

Proudest Moment:

Ordination to the priesthood

The Coat of Arms of Most Reverend John W. Flesey

Titular Bishop of Allegheny Auxiliary Bishop of Newark

Blazon: Azure, a winged lion passant gardant, its forepaw on a book inscribed Pax Tibi Marce, Evangelista Meus, all or, with a nimbus argent; in base a crescent or; on a chief gules, a dove descending argent with a tri-radiant nimbus or and gules.

Significance: The coat of arms of a bishop in the Roman Catholic Church is composed of a shield which is augmented by a processional cross placed behind the shield and surmounted by an ecclesiastical hat and tassels. A scroll bearing the motto of the bishop is placed below the shield in the full achievement (depiction) of the arms.

These external ornaments are governed by heraldic rules established over the course of centuries and modified after the Second Vatican Council by Pope Paul VI in 1969. The processional cross is gold and is reminiscent of the cross carried before a bishop whenever he officiated at the liturgy. In various forms, it has been used in ecclesiastical heraldry since the fourteenth century. The hat and tassels, called a **gallero**, began as a pilgrim's hat conferred upon the cardinals by Pope Innocent IV. From there it was adopted by all ranks of the clergy; its color and number of tassels denoted the rank of the wearer.

As a heraldic device, it was used in place of the helmet and crest of secular arms. In this case, the hat is green, denoting the episcopal order; the twelve tassels, arranged six to a side, indicate the rank of bishop.

The shield itself forms the most personal part of the bishop's coat of arms. It developed from the shield carried by the knights of the Middle Ages which were painted in such a way as to enable easy identification of the bearer in the heat of battle. As time went on, conventions regarding the design of the shield were monitored by scholars called heralds. From these martial origins, the Church adapted the principles of heraldry for its own purposes such as seals used in the authentication of documents.

The shield bearing the personal arms of Bishop Flesey has been designed to reflect his personal history and ministry. The principal colors are **blue** and **red**, which when combined with the charges upon the shield in **white**, recall the colors of the shield of the Archdiocese of Newark. A further connection with the Archdiocese is made by the insertion of the **crescent** at the base of the shield which represents Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, the principal patroness of

the Archdiocese and Immaculate Conception Seminary where Bishop Flesey studied and taught for many years.

In the center of the shield is the **Lion of St. Mark**, one of the four living creatures of the Book of Revelation (Revelation 4:7), which from earliest times has been associated with St. Mark, the author of the oldest Gospel. In this context, the Lion is drawn to recall the Lion on the coat of arms of Blessed Pope John XXIII who borrowed it from the City of Venice where he served as Patriarch (Archbishop). It was Pope John who summoned the bishops of the world to the Second Vatican Council; the changes in the Church (aggiornamento) brought about by the Council have established the context in which Bishop Flesey has exercised his priestly ministry. The Lion also recalls Bishop Flesey's home parish, St. Aedan in Jersey City where the symbols of the Evangelists are carved on the façade (but he did develop a fondness for Venice during the years he spent in Rome).

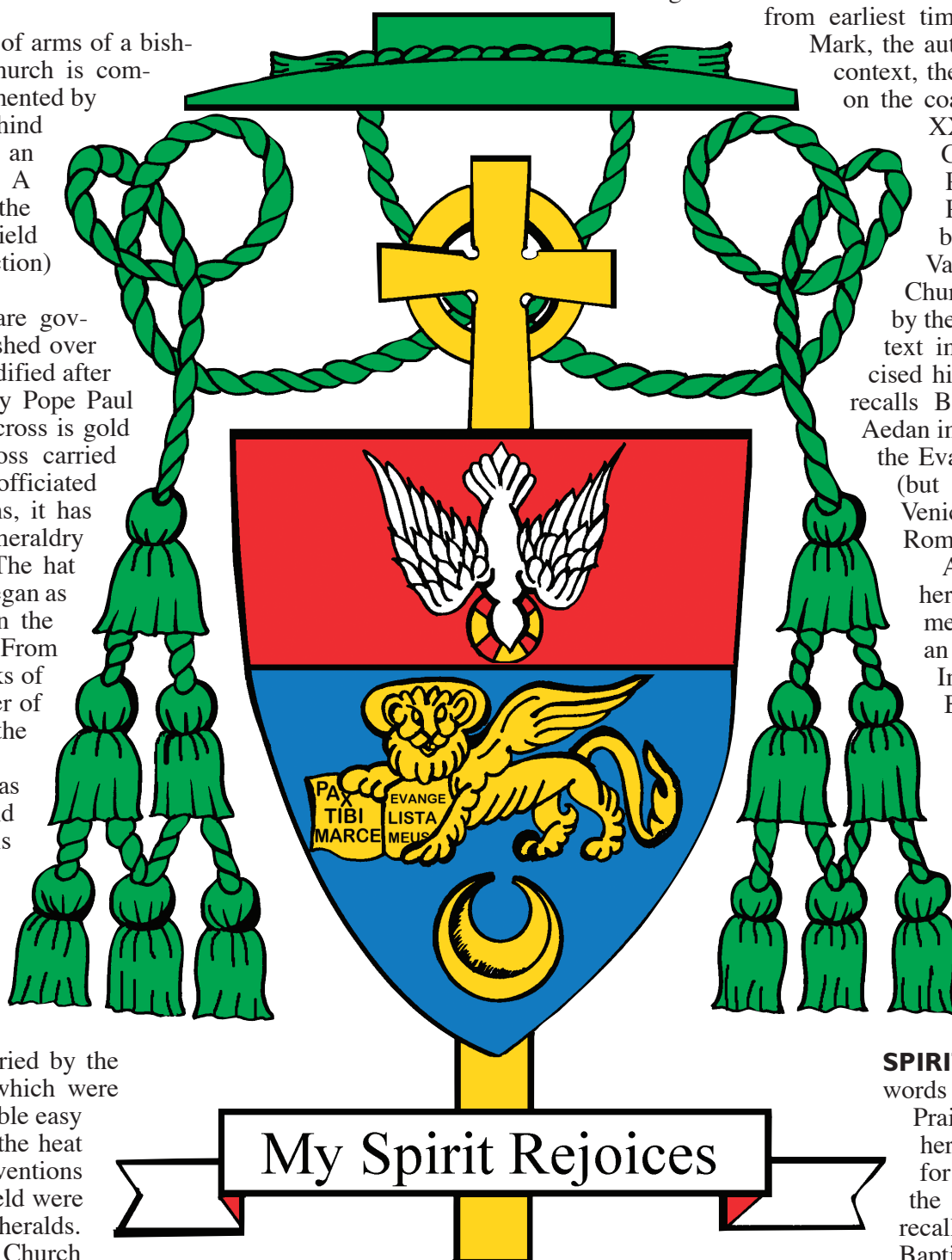
At the top of the shield is a **chief**, a heraldic device often used as an augmentation to personal arms denoting an honour or membership in a group. In this case, the chief refers to Bishop Flesey's doctorate in spirituality. It depicts the Holy Spirit descending with Wisdom and Grace fulfilling the promise of Jesus given to the Apostles that he would send the Spirit to instruct them in all Truth (John 16:13).

The achievement is completed by placing a scroll bearing the new bishop's motto beneath the shield. Bishop Flesey has chosen **"MY SPIRIT REJOICES"** as his motto. The words are taken from Mary's Song of Praise, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46). In her Song, Mary gives praise to God for the wonders that he has worked in the world and in her own life. In recalling the moment when John the Baptist leapt for joy in the womb of his

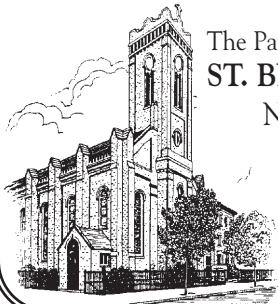
mother, St. Elizabeth, Bishop Flesey wishes to honor the Sisters of St. John the Baptist with whom he has served as colleague and friend for the past 35 years.

In a sense, the Magnificat is the song of every Christian who has experienced the mighty power of God through the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ. Called to unity with the Lord Jesus, our spirit rejoices that he has saved us and set us free.

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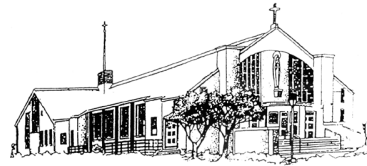


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God bless you
with peace and good

*Best Wishes to
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Thomas A. Donato

*May God bless you
as Regional Bishop for
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You are in our prayers.

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May the good Lord bless
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*Best Wishes to
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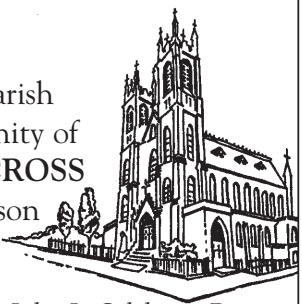
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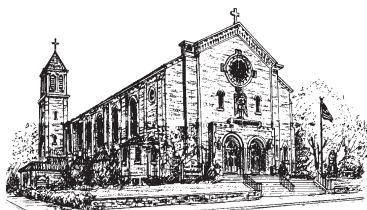
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The Priests and People
of
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Berkeley Heights, NJ
rejoice and give thanks on
the occasion of the
Episcopal Ordination of
**Bishop Thomas A. Donato
and
Bishop John W. Flesey**

The Parish Family of
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extend our
best wishes to
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**God Bless You
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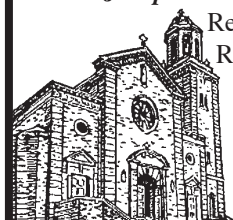
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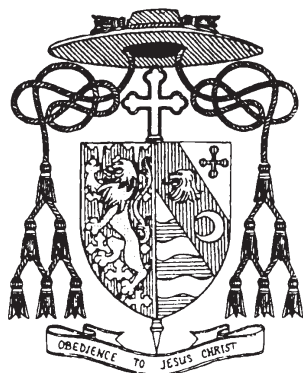
**Bishop-elect Thomas Donato &
Bishop-elect John Flesey**

Ad Multos Annos!

Rev. Joseph A. Ferraro, Pastor

Rev. Edito Gamallo
Rev. Paul Prevosto
Rev. Dave Sison
Deacons
Lou Acocella
& Richard Searls





With gratitude to God
I joyfully welcome and embrace
Bishop Donato and Bishop Flesey
As they join a long line of servant Bishops
From the ranks of the great Presbyterate of
the Archdiocese of Newark.

Ad multos annos!

Most Reverend Michael A. Saltarelli
Bishop of Wilmington

*Congratulations
and
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Bishop Flesey
and
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Holy Family Church
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*Brother Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C.,
Province Leader,
On behalf of the Christian Brothers*

*Congratulates
Bishop-elect Thomas A. Donato
and
Bishop-elect John W. Flesey*

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Prayerful Best Wishes
to
The Most Reverend Thomas Donato
&
The Most Reverend John Flesey
on their Episcopal Ordination

Bishop John M. Smith,
Retired Bishop John C. Reiss,
The priests, deacons, religious
and lay people of the
Diocese of Trenton



Auxiliary Bishops of Newark

[First date is episcopal ordination]

(1) **Thomas H. McLaughlin**

July 25, 1935 – December 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**

October 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**

September 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 Pensacola-Tallahassee, 1991-95

Co-adjutor Bishop of Trenton, 1995-97

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 – June 1, 2004

Bishop of Paterson, 2004 – present

(22) **Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.**

Sept. 3, 2003

2003 – present

(23) **Thomas A. Donato**

Aug. 4, 2004

(24) **John W. Flesey**

Aug. 4, 2004

Rite of Ordination for newest Auxiliary Bishops

Bishops-elect Thomas A. Donato and John W. Flesey will be ordained as the newest Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Newark at a 2 p.m. Mass of Episcopal Ordination on Wednesday, Aug. 4 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

Archbishop John J. Myers, who announced at a May 21 news conference that Pope John Paul II had named the two men to be bishops, will be the principal celebrant and the principal consecrator of the new bishops.

Following last year's ordination of Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., these will be the second and third times that Archbishop Myers has been the principal consecrator of an Auxiliary Bishop to the service of the Newark Archdiocese.

this priest for service as a bishop.

Reading of the apostolic letter from the Holy Father, calling the bishop-elect to episcopal ministry, follows. After the letter is read, the people show their acceptance and approval with applause.

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

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

Next is the litany of the saints as a prelude to a key moment during the Mass—the Laying on of Hands. In silence, the ordaining bishop imposes



At last year's episcopal ordination of Bishop da Cunha as Auxiliary Bishop of Newark.



Bishop John M. Smith congratulates Father Thomas Donato on his 25th jubilee.

This will be the fifth time that more than one bishop is to be ordained by the Archbishop of Newark: In 1957, 1963 and 1957 dual ordinations were held, and in 1976 a triple ordination was held.

As metropolitan ordinary of the Province of New Jersey, Archbishop Myers has installed three new bishops: Most Rev. Paul Bootkoski of Metuchen (2002), Most Rev. Joseph Galante of Camden (2004) and Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli of Paterson (just three weeks ago). All had been previously ordained as bishops.

At the Mass, the Rite of Episcopal Ordination follows the Gospel. (The description that follows is in the singular, but note that two bishops-elect will be ordained.)

After the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the bishop-elect is presented to the ordaining bishop. One of the assistant priests asks the bishop to ordain

hands on the bishop-elect, thereby conferring the power of the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit given by Christ to the apostles.

The bishops in attendance also impose hands, signifying that the ordination of a bishop is a collegial act of the Order of Bishops.

The imposition of the Book of the Gospels is next. The ordaining bishop places an open Book of the Gospels upon the head of the bishop-elect.

The ancient rite reminds the new bishop that one of his main responsibilities is to preach the Good News.

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

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

At the anointing of the bishop, chrism is used, signifying the full share in the priesthood of Christ, which he has received through the laying on of hands and the prayer of consecration.

As a symbol of the new bishop's special relationship with the Word of God, the Book of the Gospels, which was held above his head, is presented to him.

Symbols of his office, investiture with ring, miter and pastoral staff, are presented to the new bishop. All signify his bond of unity with the Church community and his responsi-

bility to watch over and lead the Body of Christ.

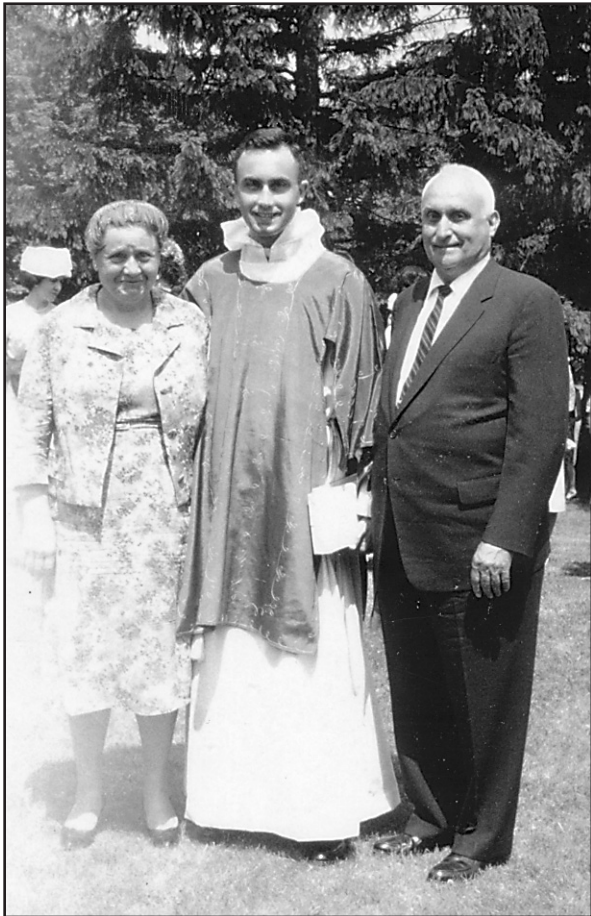
The newly ordained bishop is then invited to take the first place among the consecrated bishops. As a sign of welcome into the episcopacy, the bishops will exchange a sign of peace with the new bishop as the assembly joins in song.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist is then celebrated.

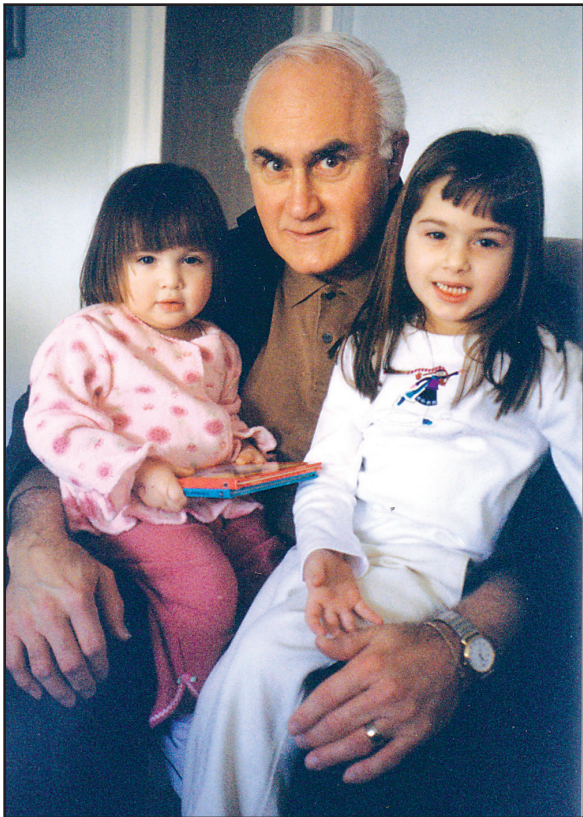
During the concluding rite, the new bishop is led through the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, blessing the congregation. At the same time, all join in a hymn.



Father John Flesey baptizes one of his nieces, Kate Coyle, in October 1974.



Throughout his life, Bishop Thomas Donato has remained close to his family. Pictured here are scenes and special occasions from various times in his youth, his early priesthood and recent years, with family members and close friends.



Donato: Has touched many lives in nearly 40 years as a priest

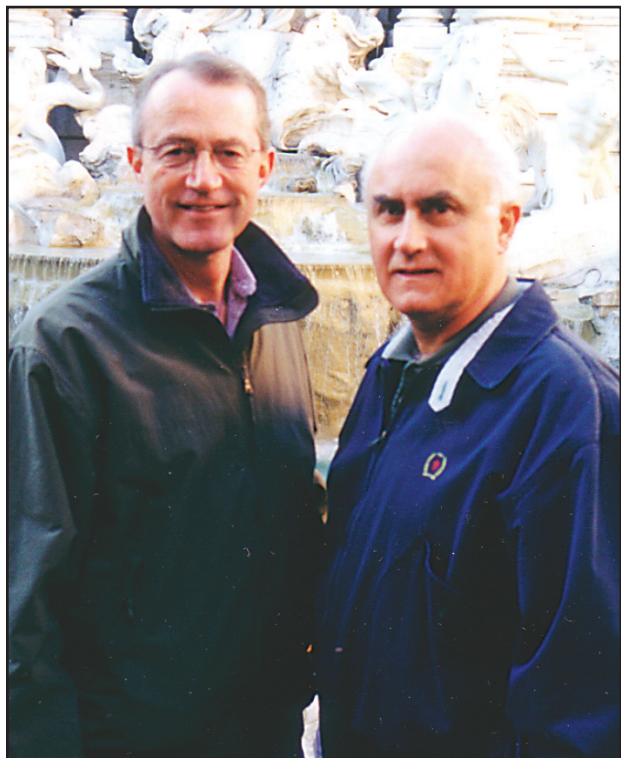
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"There's a dignity about him that speaks of one being [named] a bishop," concluded Msgr. Ciampaglio.

On May 29, 1965, the seminarian was ordained Father Thomas A. Donato by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland. His first assignment was as parochial vicar at St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, where he served from 1965 to 1973.

Judi D'Andrea, a parishioner at St. John's formed a close friendship with the new priest that would last 38 years and still counting.

D'Andrea and her husband had a son with mental and physical disabilities. Then-Father Donato baptized him and eventually buried him, she reflected.



Father Donato would visit her home on a regular basis and "was always there" for her family. "He was a great comfort," she said, noting that even after he left St. John's, he always sent her son a birthday card—for 23 years.

When asked what she thought of his being named bishop, she remarked, "I just knew there was no way but up for him."

Father Donato's next assignment was at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Bayonne, also as parochial vicar. He was there from 1973 to 1982.

Rosemary and Arty Olvesen were parishioners at St. Vincent's when they met Father Donato. They remain dear friends today.

He was "always a people's priest," says Rosemary Olvesen. "He reached out, made himself available, made time for people."

She continued that evangelization was very important to the parochial vicar, as well as building "a strong parish community."

Arty Olvesen explained that the Cursillo movement at the parish got started through Father Donato, and Olvesen's wife worked with the priest in the CCD program.

Remembering the first time he saw him, Mr. Olvesen described a scene outside the church where a young man was directing traffic. Not recognizing

him as a priest, he thought Father Donato was a crossing guard.

"He was always interested in helping, no matter where the help was needed," Mrs. Olvesen pointed out.

Father Donato received his first assignment as a pastor in 1982 at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Bayonne.

Reflecting on the leadership experience of the first-time pastor, parishioner Christina LaGatta indicated that Father Donato started ministries that still exist in the parish, mentioning in particular his bringing extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist and lectors into the Mass. He brought "a new outlook to the liturgy," she said.

LaGatta has a fond memory of the bishop-elect and group of parishioners that would meet up to celebrate birthdays. One year, on her own birthday, he drove them to an unknown destination. "To our surprise, we arrived at his family's home, where we were warmly greeted by his family and a delicious Italian birthday cake. ... This little story is so typical of Father Tom's warmth and personality," she noted, adding that they all became fast friends and still get together.

Stephen D'Alessio, another parishioner from Our Lady of the Assumption, described his former pastor in this way: "First with him is God—God is number one."

Pointing out that Bishop Donato is "very spiritual" and "sensitive," D'Alessio also observed his openness to everyone. "He was available to the young and old. ... He was friends with everyone." He remained at the parish until 1988. D'Alessio still keeps in touch with him.

In 1988 Father Donato received a new congregation to head: St. Paul Parish, Ramsey, where he ministered until 2001.

Bertha Stronach, parishioner since 1972 and the interim secretary at the rectory when the new pastor arrived, recalls speaking with him for the first time on the phone.

"From the minute he said hello, I made an immediate friend," said Stronach, explaining that she could perceive his sense of humor, warmth, and enthusiasm for his new job. "That's hard to tell over the phone."

"When we met for the first time, I knew my first impression was right," she stressed.

"Everyone that came into the rectory was important," she continued, adding to that list every caller and every person who wrote. He made sure he followed up with all of these people, she pointed out.

She claims her most important job was to make sure the lollypop jar was always full for the children who would come to the rectory. On the opposite end of the spectrum, "the elderly and sick were so much



of his concern," Stronach emphasized. "He visited and called them, and followed up with any problems they had. This was really appreciated."

She also discussed Father Donato's "very special interest" in the RCIA program, recounting his involvement in meetings and lessons. "He wanted to get to know each person," she said, adding that after they were received into the faith, he always "followed through to make sure everything was all right."

Stronach still speaks with the bishop-elect.

"On my birthday, I can always count on a call from Father Tom. And when you're 79 years old, that is very important."

In 1996, Pope John Paul II named Father Donato Prelate of Honor with the title of Monsignor.

After 35 years working in parishes, Msgr. Donato was granted a six-month sabbatical to attend the Institute for Continuing Education of Clergy at the North American College, Rome. Throughout the years, he has had other academic achievements, including earning a master's degree in divinity at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology,

participating in various workshops and doing his own theological reading for personal and spiritual enrichment and education.

Upon his return from Rome in 2001, Msgr. Donato was appointed administrator, then pastor, of St. Raphael Parish, Livingston. There, according to

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Bishop John W. Flesey's family has always been especially close-knit, as seen in these photographs dating back to his childhood. In photo below, he is pictured, before his own ordination, with then-Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.



Flesey: Committed to relationship with Christ and 'time and prayer'

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"No matter how far, he says he is going to be there, because of his strong conviction that this is what he should be doing, and, this is what he loves to do.

"What people really have to know about my brother," she added, "is that he is an ardent baseball fan. The Yankees hold a special place in his heart. He can quote scores, and one of his goals in life is to visit every baseball stadium in the country. One of his proudest moments was when he caught a ball bare-handed from the stands."

While the final decision to become a priest did not come until his college years, Bishop Flesey said it was the early example of the parish priests at St. Aeden's who inspired him. "It was what they did, and

to address the needs of his parishioners adequately.

"When your preaching is effective, people come and talk to you, and often they disclose the secrets of their hearts. I felt I didn't have the necessary skills to answer them. For example, when you understand the dynamics of depression, you realize someone might be mildly or even clinically depressed.

"The same is true of those experiencing loss, whether dramatic or subtle. Someone may be mourning and not even know it. I myself, after 16 years at Seton Hall University, feel sadness at leaving. It was more intense than I had thought, because I had no time to anticipate or understand the loss."

Determined to gain a deeper insight into human

emotions and himself, Father Flesey pursued an M.A. in counseling from Iona College, New Rochelle, NY, graduating in 1974. He said the degree "Had a big effect on my preaching and counseling."

While at St. Bernard Parish, Father Flesey also participated in marriage encounter, out of which grew a Pre-Cana team. The group met once a month for nine years. The experience would pique his interest in intimacy needs, a topic he would later study in depth and write about.

Frank and Gail Mertz got to know Bishop Flesey 30 years ago, when they began attending marriage encounter retreats. Frank, a former president of Fairleigh Dickinson University, said that Father Flesey is close to the Mertz family, having officiated at funerals, been witness at marriages and having baptized his grandchildren.

how they did it; essentially, their care for people."

He continued, "Msgr. Robert Duffy came to the parish in 1948, when I was six, and remained there until 1970. As director of altar servers, I worked closely with him. Father John Sullivan was also a priest there. Years later, his sister, Margaret, donated a small chapel to the seminary, and we named it in honor of him. She told me, 'I wish you knew him,' and I responded, 'I do know him, and have known him for many years.' She was stunned.

"Father Frank Hennessy and Father John Van Wie were other priests at St. Aeden's. They really formed an effective team together—that impressed me.

"The other special thing about St. Aeden's was the atmosphere of church life and liturgy, and the sense of your relationship with Christ," he explained.

After graduating from Saint Peter's College in 1964, he attended Immaculate Conception Seminary from 1964 until 1969, and under a reciprocal academic arrangement, graduated with an S.T.B. from Catholic University of America.

He was ordained to the priesthood at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark on May 31, 1969, by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland.

In June of that year, Father Flesey was assigned to St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Plainfield, where he would serve for 14 years. There, he began celebrating Mass, giving homilies, and hearing confessions. But the new priest, young and inexperienced, worried that he would not be able



"In the fullness of our spiritual life, he has been present," Mertz commented.

"If I were to sum it up, the one thing that hits me is that John is a servant of God to his people. The person and priest remain the same, though his positions have changed. Oftentimes, a person's identity gets tied into their job. That is not so with him, he's brought his own person to all the positions he has held.

"He's a good listener, and is present to the individual—it's not all about himself. He will learn more about you than you about him, because he is aware of you and your needs, whether it's at a family event or a baseball game.

"I also see in John a sense of awe. He can get excited about so much; he never takes anything for granted. By sharing his gift of humility, he's been a good example and a source of support, for myself and my family, in both sorrow and joy. He's been a real part of our lives," he concluded.

Gail Mertz added that he has a special way with children. "We would have him over for dinner, he had a St. Bernard at the time, and he would pretend to be the St. Bernard and play with the children. Once, he said a prayer with the children, which was so simple and from the heart, it touched me deeply. That encouraged me, when I have been asked to say a prayer at a gathering or social event, not to worry about someone judging me as long as my prayer was from the heart. That's what he taught me."

Sister Loretta Florio, who was principal of the grammar school while Father Flesey was pastor at St. Bernard Parish, also witnessed his special way with children, "He was so approachable to anyone and everyone. He was not officious or judgmental. With the students, he was able to speak on their level, to joke with them, and do silly little things. He always had a way of getting to them. He was well loved by the people of the parish," she noted.

berly said that her children had also benefited from their uncle's good nature, "When you have a problem, he listens very carefully, and then says, 'What do you think you should do?' He's not running around solving problems, he's basically telling you that you already know the answer." Coyle added, "I would say, as a priest, his most important quality is that he is very non-judgmental. He understands the complexity of human nature, and understands people's problems."

Part of his success has been his ability to communicate so effectively, "He was a great homilist," said Sister Loretta. "He always seemed to touch

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&
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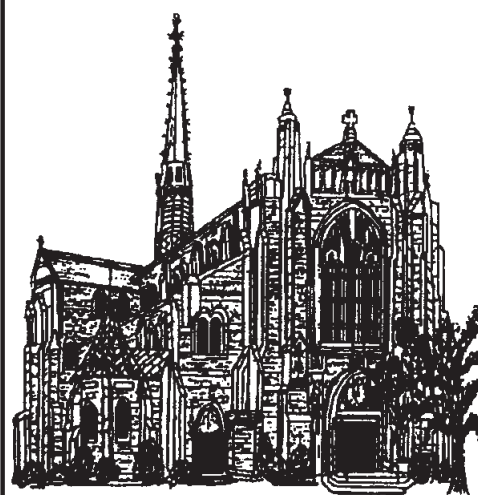
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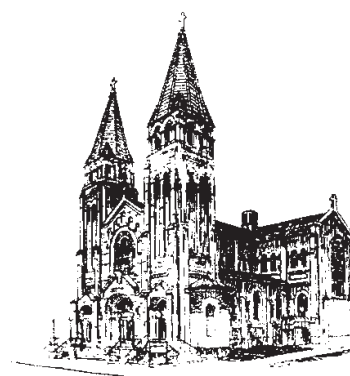
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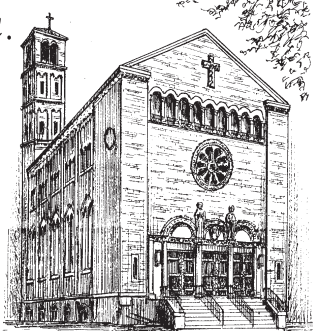


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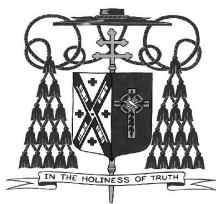
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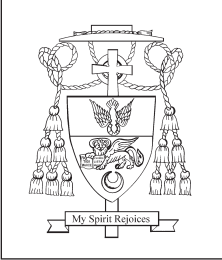
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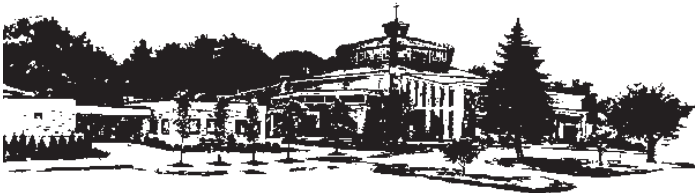
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Flesey: Brings perspective, dedication

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upon the people's experience at the time, even during difficult experiences, such as death and suicide. I always say that he's moved by the Holy Spirit when he speaks, because he never has notes, the words just come to him."

Bishop Flesey also has a deep love of travel. In January 1983, he requested a three-month sabbatical to study spiritual direction. Archbishop Gerety responded by offering him the opportunity to study for a doctorate in spirituality while living at the Casa Santa Maria in Rome, what the Bishop-elect called, the "perfect spot."

In 1985, Father Flesey received his S.T.L. degree in spiritual theology from Gregorian University, Rome. His thesis topic was Merton's Concept of Freedom in the Seven Storey Mountain. In April 1990, he was awarded a doctorate of sacred theology from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome. He wrote a 400-page thesis, and successfully defended his topic—"Intimacy and Spiritual Development: The Dynamics of Authentic Intimacy." Father Flesey received both degrees magna cum laude.

"In Italy, the doctoral defense is always a public event, there were somewhere between 70 and 80 people at mine. I was hoping my sisters could attend, so I bought them both round-trip tickets to Rome, and told them that the tickets would be their Christmas presents for the next ten years.

"The oral presentation was often read, but I chose not to read, because I thought it would be more personal. I'd had lots of experience with public speaking, and it turned out to be effective. The funny part in all of this is that they were very strict about time.

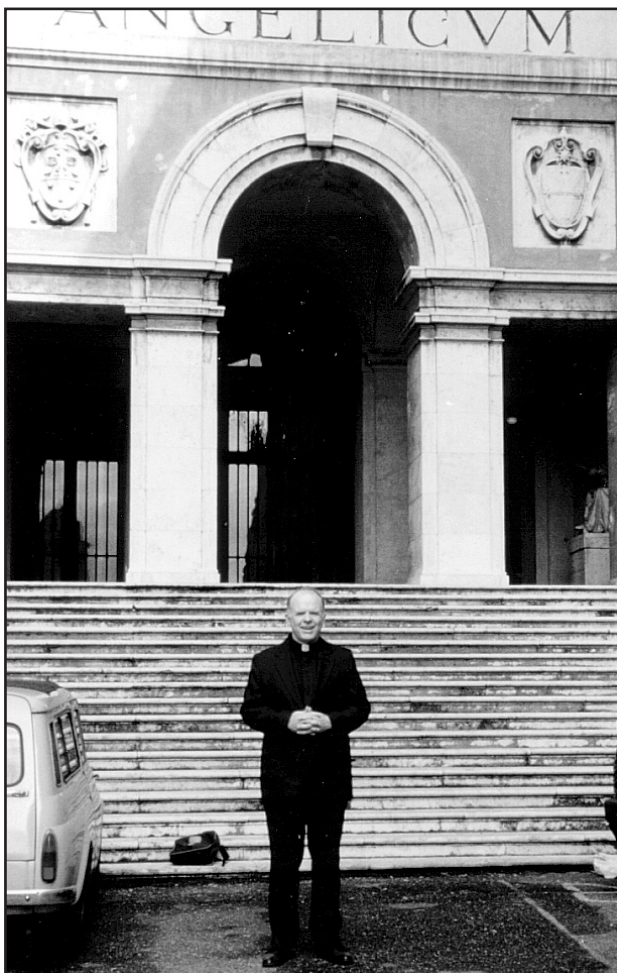
"I asked my sister to bring a stopwatch, and, when there was one minute left, to fold her hands. Then I would know to wrap things up. It worked perfectly. Later, a professor approached me and asked how I did it—I simply told him it must have been the work of the Holy Spirit."

After completing his studies, Bishop-elect Flesey was assigned to the faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary of Seton Hall University. In 1990, Father Flesey was named spiritual director of the seminary by Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick. In 1995, the archbishop appointed Father Flesey to a five-year term as rector and dean. In 1998, he was named a Prelate of Honor (Monsignor) by His Holiness Pope John Paul II.

"When you're involved in an ordination, it's a very powerful thing," Bishop Flesey commented. "When you lay hands, or exchange the sign of peace, you remember all that the seminarian went through to get to that point. More than any other person,

you know their story, their struggles, challenges and growth. It's really the justification of your work in the seminary—the bond you form with a future priest."

After completing his term as rector and dean,



Msgr. Flesey spent a sabbatical year in Italy, where he prepared material that was used in conferences given for the International Institute for Clergy Formation. These conferences have been published in two series by a Catholic publication, Alba House.

In 2003, Msgr. Flesey was appointed director of ongoing formation for the priests of the Archdiocese of Newark. He served in this capacity until June 1, 2004, when he was named pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes.

Bishop Flesey said that the next year will be one of transition, and he intends to consult with his predecessor, the newly retired Bishop Charles McDonnell, former Regional Bishop for Bergen County.

In terms of his long-range plan, Bishop Flesey noted, "Often times, large organizations become problem centered. They develop money to deal with these problems and manage their people. I believe they should develop their people, who will then be more equipped to solve problems, and manage their money. A saying of Pope John XXIII comes to mind, 'Observe all, praise much, correct a little.'"

Msgr. John W. Flesey's appointment as Titular Bishop of Allegheny and Auxiliary Bishop of Newark was announced by the Holy See on May 21.





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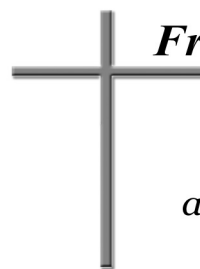
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Col. 1:9*

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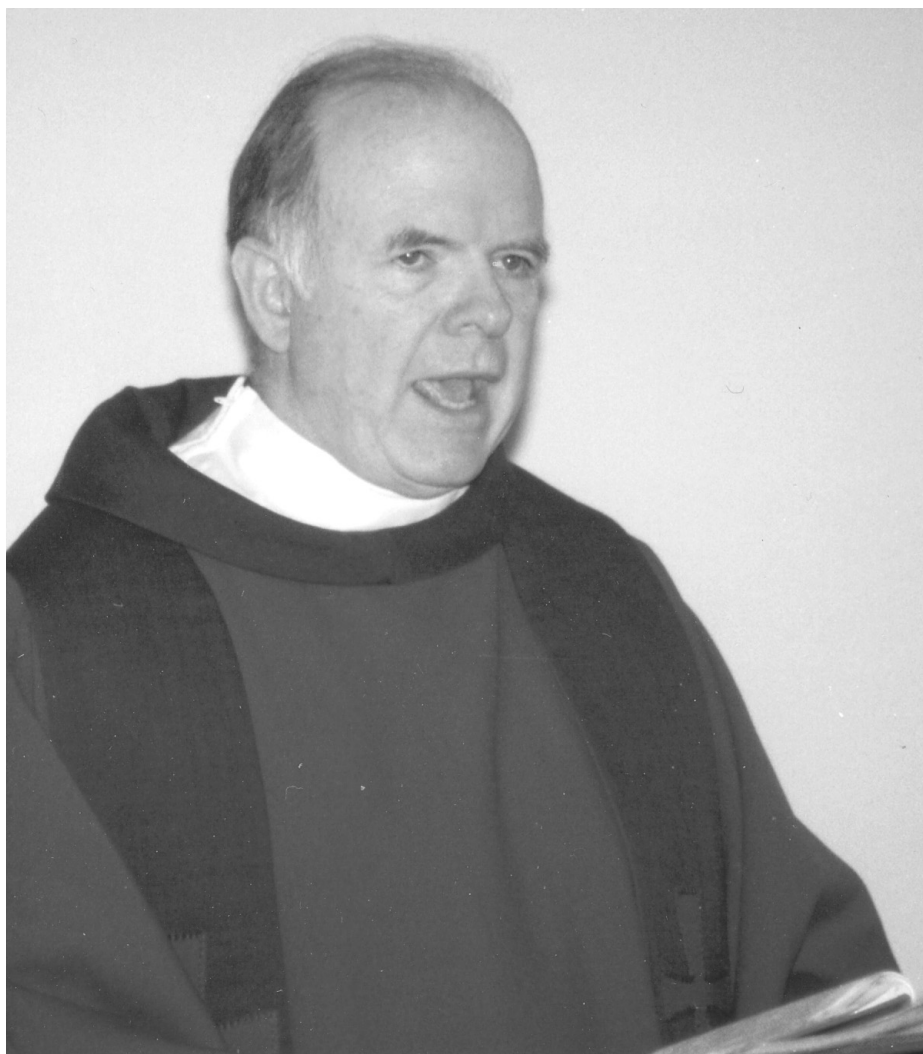
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Father John W. Flesey celebrates the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary on March 20, 1994 (10 years before episcopal appointment).

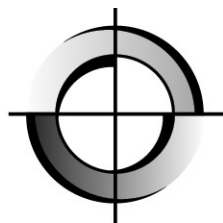
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Donato: Lifetime of doing God's will

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parishioner Catherine Martin, Ph.D., he was dedicated to developing and fostering ministries in the parish.

"He was a true leader with a vision for the parish as a place of Gospel value, and he could get things done," Martin asserted.

"Secondly, in line with his vision, he was very collegial," she continued, explaining he used a team effort approach and "the role of laity whenever possible.

"He was very appreciative of people's talents and gifts and was able to call forth those gifts to coordinate ... so the parish could grow as a community," she said, citing herself as an example.

Martin was the director of religious formation when Msgr. Donato was sent to St. Raphael's. "Not too long after he came, he invited me to rethink my position," she remarked. He encouraged her to develop her talents and skills to help form small church communities in the parish.

Martin says she was impressed with Msgr. Donato's insight into how these sharing groups would help people develop their faith and build relationships with each other—something, she stressed, that is "so important at a large parish."

Martin, who is now chairperson of the Department of Theology and Philosophy at the College of Saint Elizabeth College, Morristown, is still in contact with the bishop-elect. "He's a wonderful friend," she declared.

Other duties that Msgr. Donato has carried out during his time ministering in parishes include serving as the regional director of religious education for Bergen County North; serving for three terms as a member of the Archdiocesan priest personnel board; working as a member of several committees in the archdiocesan offices of Catechetics and Divine Worship, and serving as Episcopal Vicar of Bergen County West. He is currently the Episcopal Vicar in Hudson County.

In 2003, Msgr. Donato was asked to take a position that was completely different from the work he had been doing since he was ordained. He was appointed spiritual director at Immaculate Conception Seminary.

"I was so happy in pastoral work that it was hard to accept the invitation from Archbishop Myers to become spiritual director at the seminary," confessed Bishop Donato.

"I said yes because I thought this is what I could offer to priests," he observed, pointing out that his years of experience working in parishes could help seminarians in their formation.

In using this "pastoral approach," Bishop Donato says he received "great affirmation from the formation faculty and the seminarians." He admitted that it will be difficult to leave this ministry and the people with whom he has worked for the past year.

Now the bishop-elect awaits his episcopal ordination, to take place Aug. 4. Recalling the recent day he was informed of the Holy Father's decision to name him a bishop, Bishop Donato acknowledges he was completely overwhelmed and shocked. "I couldn't say yes immediately."

He took 36 hours to discern whether "God was calling me to this." Relating that he prayed and



as a pastor and as a bishop, he will "work with the people in the county as well as the parish, to continue to move forward."

Friend for 43 years, Father Michael A. Hanly, Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Verona, believes Bishop Donato will bring a true pastoral awareness to his new role. "He was always present to his people, and he was always patient," he said, explaining that these essential qualities will serve him greatly as a bishop. "He'll be very pastoral as a bishop. He'll be a parish priest bishop—that's what we need."

And so now begins a new adventure for this boy from Jersey City, this son, brother and uncle, this priest and pastor, this leader of seminarians, this friend to so many, and soon to be Auxiliary Bishop of Newark.



sought spiritual advisement during this time, he says he finally came to the decision that this was what God wanted for him, and he accepted the honor.

Looking toward the future, Bishop Donato will have many new responsibilities, again as a pastor—this time around at St. Henry Parish, Bayonne—and also as Regional Bishop for Hudson County. But he is "happy for the challenge."

Having served 15 years in Bayonne in two different parishes, he expressed his love for the city, saying, "I'm happy to be back."

However, he noted that in his 16-year absence, "things have changed." One of these changes, he explained, is a decrease in the number of active Catholics in the area and the reconfiguration of parishes, which is being addressed by parish leaders and the archdiocesan-appointed New Energies Task Force.

As the spiritual leader of Hudson County, Bishop Donato will have to provide guidance and support for his flock during this trying process in which 18 parishes will be affected.

However, he trusts in God that everything will work out. Bishop Donato says he will pray for inspiration and wisdom "to know in what ways the Church of Hudson County can make progress in the third millennium," adding that



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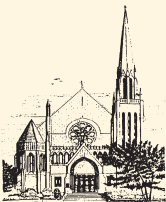
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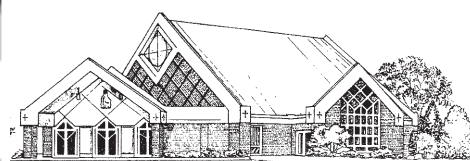
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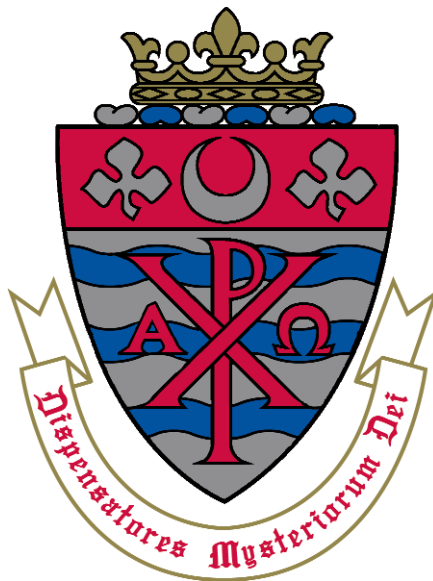
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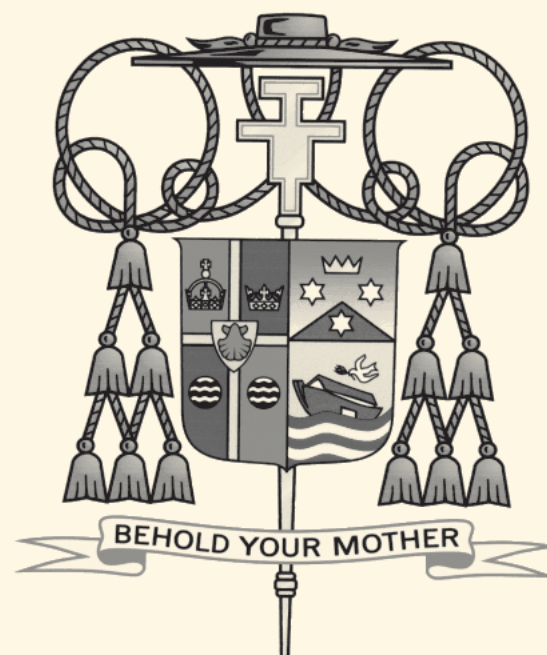
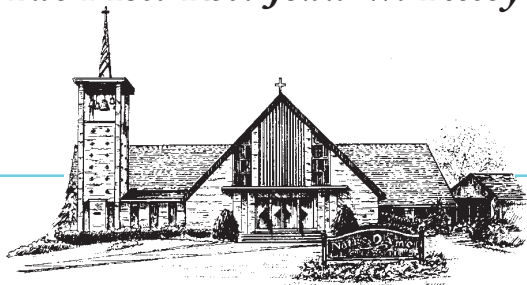


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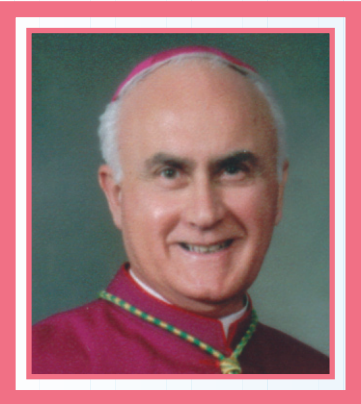
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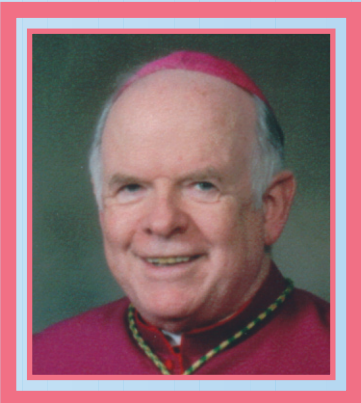
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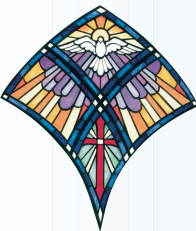
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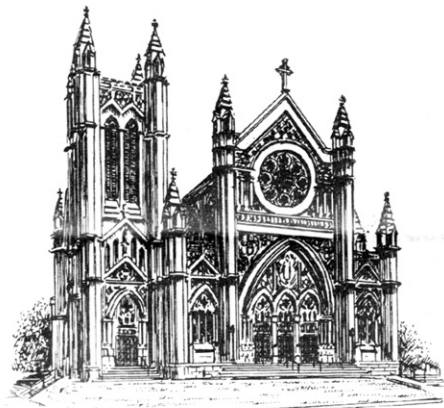

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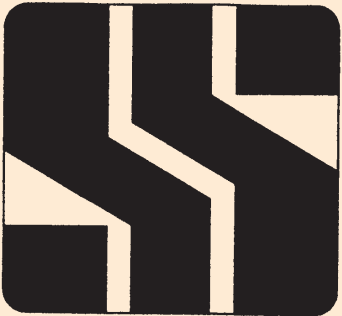
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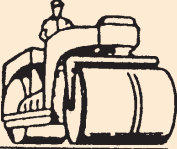
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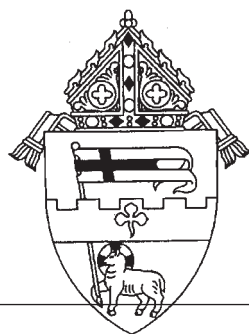
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prepared to endure everything with patience, while
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you to share the inheritance of the saints in light."*

—Saint Paul to the Colossians (1:11-12)



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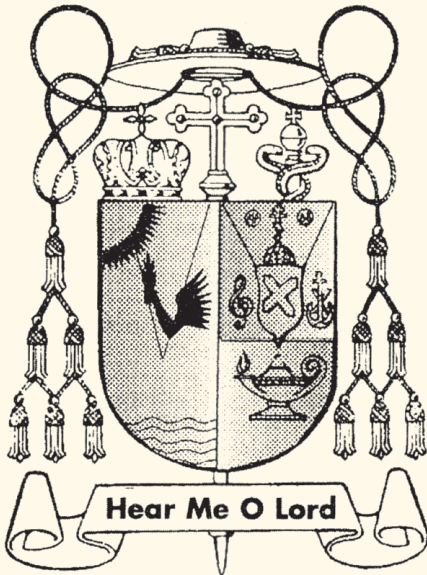
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*May God grant Bishop Donato and Bishop Flesey
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Bishop Donato nurtures the 'culture' of his childhood parish in Jersey City

BY COSMO F. FERRARA

Special to The Catholic Advocate

The parish in which Bishop Thomas A. Donato and I grew up back in the 1940s and 1950s—Holy Rosary, Jersey City—was in many ways the center of life. So much of what people did revolved around the church.

Family get-togethers often began in church—at a Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, weddings, anniversaries. You knew a girl and guy were serious about one another when they began attending 10 o'clock Sunday Mass together.

The church made it possible for us to play sports in CYO leagues. As teenagers we danced in the parish hall. We sang in the choir and put on stage shows—all under the watchful direction of a parish priest.

I have fond memories of one priest or another loading a bunch of us altar boys into his car—young Tom Donato among us—for an all-day outing at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington. For city kids, spending a day in the spacious, natural beauty of the seminary was a real treat. We swam with the "sems," shared meals with them and knelt in awe in the chapel as they prayed and sang hymns to the Lord.

Closer to home, the parish rectory was often a meeting place. Our priests welcomed our visits and always made time to sit and chat with us. Only years later did I realize a bunch of noisy kids could be an intrusion, but our priests never made us feel that way. We were welcome, and I'm sure that open invitation came from the top—from our pastor, Father Gerard M. Santora.

Growing up in such a warm, inviting atmosphere makes an impression on kids. That atmosphere, I'm sure, had much to do with the fact that so many Holy Rosary girls and boys entered Religious life. In a period of about seven years I had the privilege of attending no fewer than six first Masses celebrated by newly ordained priests from our parish.

Years earlier as seminarians, these same men planned the parish's annual fall picnic as a way of giving back for the support they received. I say "planned" because the seminarians themselves did not actually attend. The date of the picnic usually coincided with their annual retreat. So, after

making all the arrangements, off to the seminary they would go, not far from the picnic site.

But the people of the parish did not forget them. At a designated time, men of the parish set off some firecrackers. At the same time, the Holy Rosary "sems" stood on a hill listening to the boom, knowing they were one in spirit with their families and friends.

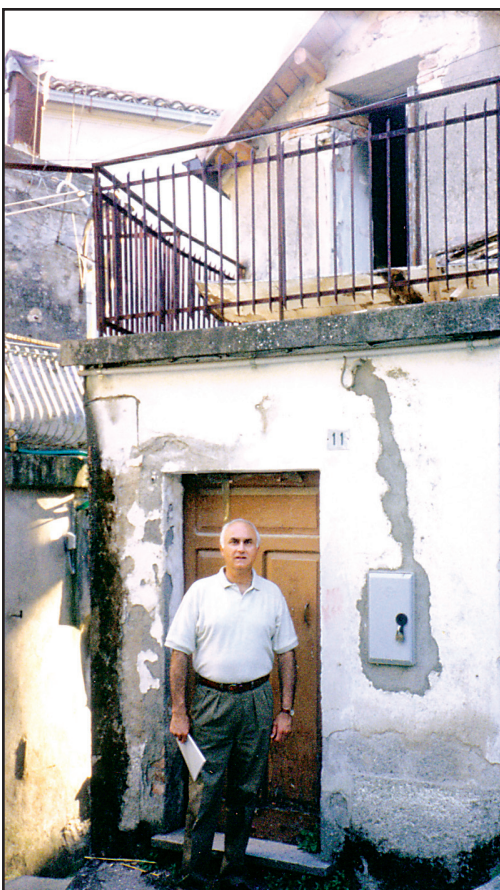
What was it about the culture in that blue-collar parish that had such an impact on so many? It was a culture that blended the pageantry of feast day celebrations in a packed church with the quiet solemnity of pre-dawn Holy Week services. It was a culture that gave prominence to community, to people working side by side, Religious and lay, young and old, on everything from carnivals to neighborhood processions. It was a culture that fostered a sense of giving, of sharing, of helping—all in the name of Jesus.

Father (now Bishop) Donato has carried that culture throughout his career. In all of his assignments he has won over parishioners with his caring, his warmth, his devotion to people. And that devotion knows no bounds.

It was through young Tom Donato that I met Frances, the woman I eventually married. He officiated at our wedding and was there for the christenings and weddings of our children. As he moves from one assignment to the next and makes new friends along the way, he officiates at dozens of such "non-parish" services a year. He does not forget his friends.

It doesn't take long to realize that Bishop Donato is "genuine." No pretension or sanctimony here. In Tom's family, anything "phony" gets cut down quickly, and his family has had a major influence on his being the priest that he is.

And much of who he is, I'm sure, comes from the experiences he had as a boy and young man immersed in a culture of giving that was Holy Rosary.



In front of the house where his father was born in Calabria, Italy.

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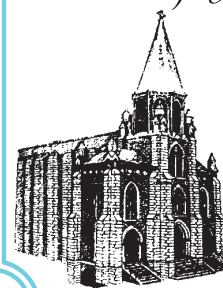
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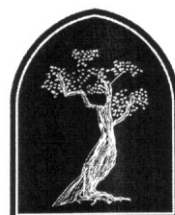
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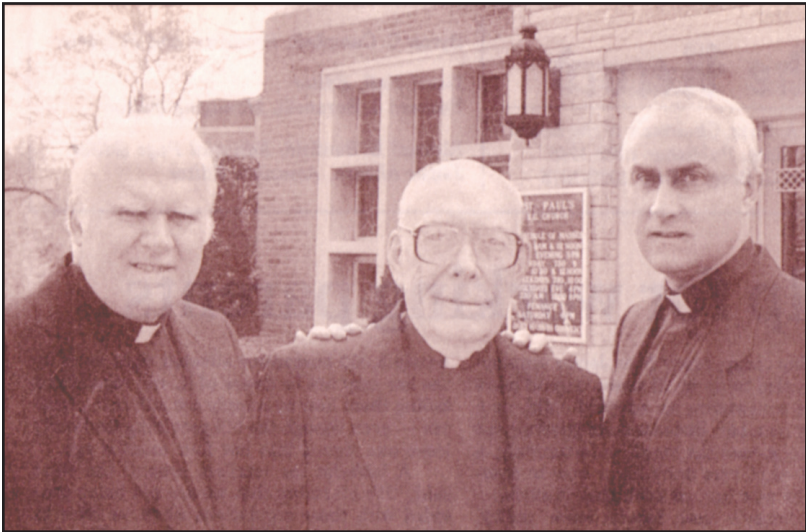


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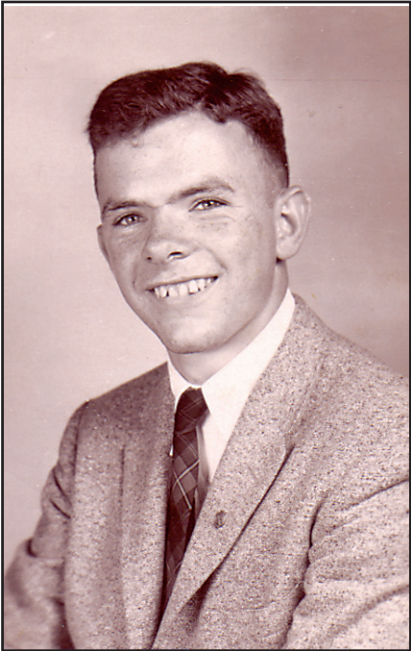
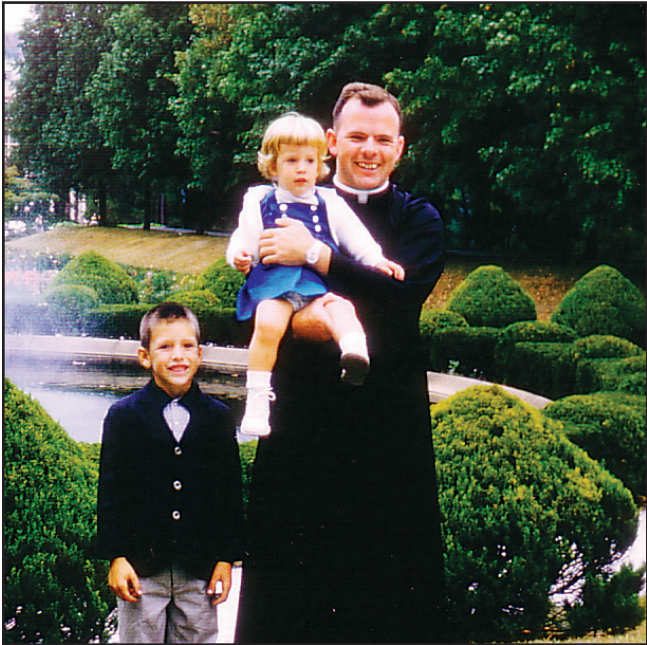


The sacraments, pastoral duties, prayer and reflection, fraternity with priests—have all marked Bishop Thomas A. Donato's life as a priest of the Church of Newark.





His warm smile and pastoral heart have always set Bishop John W. Flesey apart—from his earliest days, through his formation as a priest and in all his assignments.



The responsibilities of an auxiliary bishop

A bishop is assigned by the Holy See to assist a resident bishop or archbishop in the pastoral care and administration of a diocese.

Although an auxiliary has the fullness of Holy Orders, he does not have the same degree of jurisdiction or governing power as the residential bishop.

The auxiliary bishop must be appointed at least an episcopal vicar. He does not have the automatic right of succession when the residential bishop dies, is transferred or retires.

Auxiliary bishops assist the residential bishop in the administration of the sacraments, especially Confirmation, and often represent him at various types of functions.

In some dioceses, auxiliary bishops are given charge of either specific territories within the diocese or special areas of ministry, such as ministry to ethnic groups.

All auxiliary bishops are given what is called a "titular diocese" or see. This is a diocese that once existed but has since been suppressed by the Holy See. Thus the auxiliary is a bishop of a diocese in title only.

The reason for this is that historically a bishop is supposed to be the head of a diocese. Yet the pastoral and administrative needs of many large dioceses are such that one bishop cannot adequately meet all of the demands. If assistance is needed in the form of one with the episcopal character, then auxiliary bishops are appointed (cf. Canons 403-411).

From the Greek *episkopos* (overseer), the bishop is a successor of the apostles, in the highest order of the threefold ministry with the fullness of Christ's priesthood, having the power and authority to administer all the sacraments, including ordination.

Immediately before His ascension, Christ commissioned the apostles to "make disciples of all nations" (Mt. 28:19), and promised that He would be with them "until the close of the age (end of the world)" (Mt 28:20).

As St. Peter and the other apos-

ties faced martyrdom, and with the growth of the Church, it became apparent to them that they must choose successors to carry out Christ's mandate.

In approximately the year 96, in his Epistle to the Corinthians, St. Clement of Rome wrote that the apostles "laid down a rule once for all to this effect: When these men die, other approved men shall succeed to their sacred ministry."

These bishops, succeeding the Apostles, were recognized as shepherds who acted in the name of Christ, and loyalty to Christ was manifested by loyalty to the bishops.

St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote in about A.D. 106, to the Church in Philadelphia, stating that it is "a source of everlasting joy, especially when the members are one with the bishop and his assistants, the presbyters and deacons, that have been appointed in accordance with the wish of Jesus Christ, and who He has, by His own will, through the operation of His Holy Spirit, confirmed in loyalty."

The Catholic Church is comprised of many "particular churches" (that is dioceses), each of which is under the care of an individual bishop, although he may have auxiliary bishops to assist him.

He is the authentic teacher of the Faith in his diocese; he is the center of unity; and he is among the "stewards of the mysteries of God" (1Cor 4:1) for the faithful under his care.

The bishop carries out his ministry in cooperation with his priests and deacons who have been made coworkers with him by ordination.

However, no bishop is a shepherd in isolation. All the bishops, in union with the successor of St. Peter, constitute one college, and his collegiality has been evident from the earliest years of the Church, as the bishops have gathered together in councils to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in directing the Church (Acts 15:6ff). (Cf Christus Dominus; Ordination)

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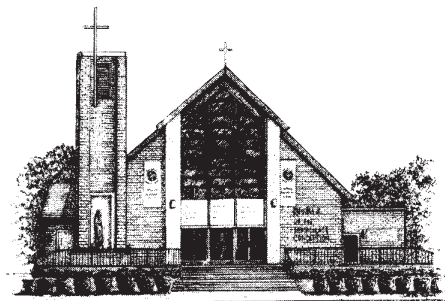


Among the most joyous of Bishop Flesey's duties is presiding at the baptism of new family members.

Congratulations and
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May God continue to bless you abundantly!



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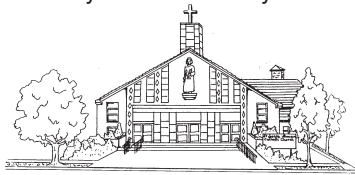
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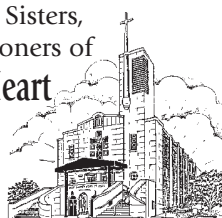
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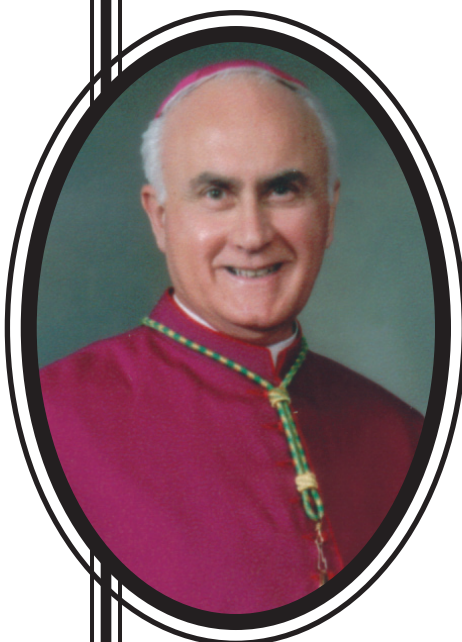
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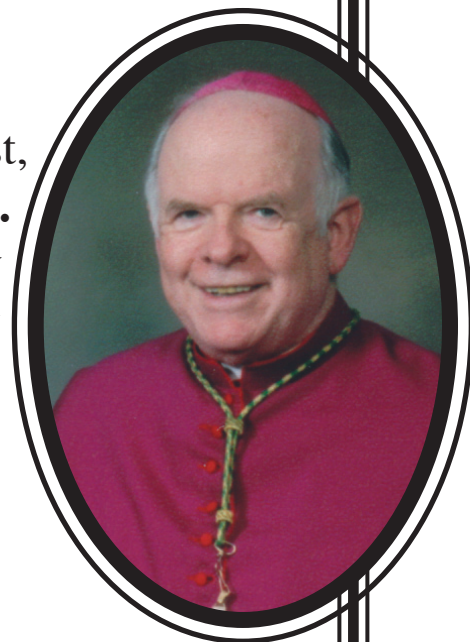
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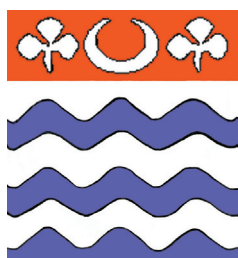
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Regional Bishop for Bergen County



*You are successors of the Apostles,
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the sacrifice of the Son,
and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit*