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Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark and the principal ordaining bishop, lays hands on Most Rev. John W. Flesey during the Mass at which Bishop Flesey and Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato (foreground) were ordained as bishops. At left is Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, and at right is Most Rev. Michael A. Saltarelli, Bishop of Wilmington, the principal co-ordinating bishops. At far right is Msgr. Richard F. Groncki, the rector of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

Two native sons are ordained bishops

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, ordained two new Auxiliary Bishops, Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato and Most Rev. John W. Flesey, on Aug. 4, the memorial of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests. The archbishop was the principal celebrant of the liturgy, which took place in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, as well as the principal ordaining bishop.

Most Rev. Michael A. Saltarelli, Bishop of Wilmington, and Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, were principal co-ordinating bishops. Both are former Auxiliary Bishops of Newark themselves.

It was the perfect summer day—clear, bright and dry. The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, fully decorated, was bustling with the energy of 1,500 worshippers, including the former Archbishop of Newark, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick; 21 archbishops and bishops, (including all ordinaries of the four New Jersey dioceses), and 400 priests and deacons.

The long procession of concelebrants, accompanied by a stirring version of Bruckner's *Ecce Sacerdos*, sung by the Cathedral Choir, was marked with all the pageantry and splendor that denotes a rare and special celebration within the life of the Church of Newark, a dual episcopal ordination. All were present to show their esteem

and prayerful support for the Archdiocese's two newest auxiliary bishops.

Archbishop John J. Myers began by welcoming all to the Cathedral Basilica, and by reminding the congregation that "God is acting in our midst... through the Eucharist and the Rite of Ordination."

In his homily, Archbishop Myers noted, "God formed his Church by sending Jesus, His Word, who in turn sent apostles who chose other men by the laying on of hands. The message we proclaim and the mysteries we celebrate are not of our own creation—they are not of man, but of God. They call us, assist us, and prepare us for eternity.

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Advocate photo - Greg Tobin

Busy streets, joyous throng, pastoral responsibilities

Behind the scenes of an episcopal ordination, there are dozens of people, hundreds of hours of preparation, and two millennia of tradition and Church teaching. When you multiply the ordination of a bishop by two, you most certainly must ratchet up those figures—and the result of such divine mathematics is at least double the blessing upon the people of this Archdiocese of Newark.

Last week’s ordination of two new Auxiliary Bishops of Newark, Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato and Most Rev. John W. Flesey, by Most Rev. John J. Myers, the Archbishop of Newark, is a case in point. In this issue of *The Catholic Advocate* we publish the story of the event along with as many pictures as we could fit inside.

The Mass of Ordination was a truly glorious pageant of worship, Word, music, doctrine and tradition. In addition to the principal celebrant, Archbishop Myers, two former Auxiliary Bishops of Newark, now ordinaries of their own dioceses, Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson and Bishop Michael A. Saltarelli of Wilmington, were co-ordinating bishops. More than a score of archbishops and bishops from our region concelebrated the Mass, with priests and deacons of the Archdiocese and neighboring dioceses assisting.

One of the interesting roles is that of master of ceremonies, whose task is to be ubiquitous, helpful and liturgically correct but never to “get in the way.” The chief “emcee” at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, is Msgr. Richard F. Groncki, the rector. For the Aug. 4 liturgy, he was joined by two dozen clergy and Religious.

Seminarians, Knights of Columbus, ecumenical guests, the bishops’ family members and friends, chancery staff and media representatives attended and helped in various ways, and more than 1,000 worshipers from all over the Archdiocese joined their voices and hearts in a ceremony that surely

On the Table

By Greg Tobin



uplifted all present into the divine realm for two and one-half hours.

Then many of the throng hopped across a busy street to the Archdiocesan Center for fellowship and refreshments, and to greet the newly ordained members of the episcopacy.

The ordination of a new bishop as a successor to the apostles is about as exciting as things get within the Catholic Church; it compares to the baptism of a child or an adult convert, to the marriage of a young couple, to a first Confession or first Holy Communion. It represents the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders, and thus is a sacred occasion, an occasion to rejoice for all of us within the four counties that comprise the Archdiocese of Newark.

Within the past 11 months, this archdiocese has “lost” three auxiliary bishops and welcomed three new ones. That balances the scales pretty neatly, but it doesn’t resolve all the pastoral needs of this burgeoning local Church.

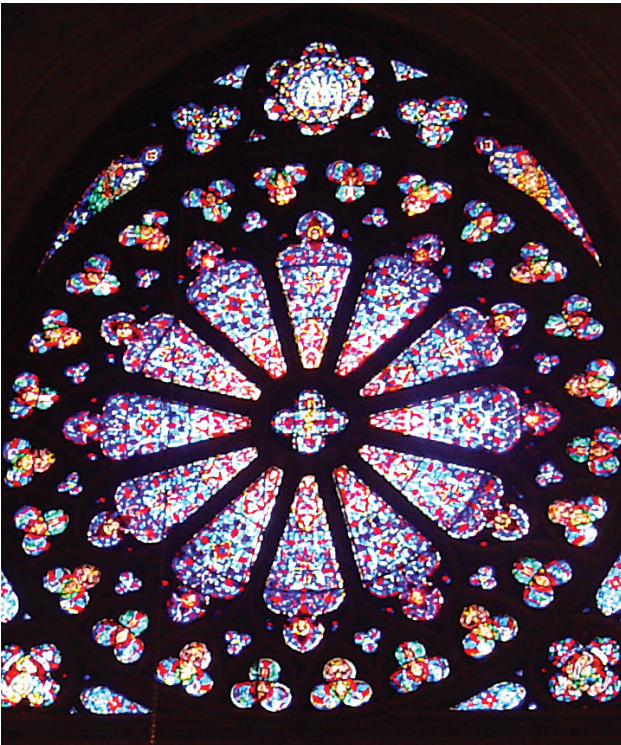
Our retired auxiliaries, Bishops Marconi, Arias and McDonnell are, thank God, still with us and still very active. They continue their episcopal ministry, sharing the joy of pastorship but not the day-to-day duties required of younger bishops.

The “new guys” have a lot of work ahead of them.

They’ve both taken on responsibilities as pastors, as well as regional bishops (episcopal vicars assigned to county-wide duties). Now Bishop Edgar da Cunha, Regional Bishop for Essex County, is the most senior of the active auxiliaries, assisting Archbishop Myers in the nurture, teaching and governance of the seventh-largest archdiocese in the United States.

“Do not be afraid,” the angel said to Mary upon the Annunciation of the Savior who was to stir within her womb (Luke 1: 30). The Holy Spirit was promised, and the power of the Father, to help her carry the Son who founded and bequeathed the Church to us. Now, in a later generation, we pray that our bishops lead us, unafraid, into the light of a new day that has been promised to us, as long as we remain faithful.

*“Do not be afraid,”
the angel said to Mary.*



Rose window in Cathedral Basilica, in an Aug. 4 photo.

Stewardship

Comparing the Exodus journey to our own

BY ANDREW KACZYNSKI
Associate Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese

As Catholics, we journey together as a community, just as the Israelites did in the Book of Exodus. In the Old Testament, God chose the people of Israel to be His people and He to be their God. Likewise, through the coming of Jesus, God has chosen the faithful to be the New Israel to ultimately lead people to Him.

The story in Exodus is well known. God chose Moses to lead His people out of slavery, through the desert, and into the Promised Land. Pharaoh wouldn’t free them. He wouldn’t let them worship their God. So, God gave both the Israelites and Pharaoh signs and wonders: staffs turned into serpents; the ten plagues; the crossing of the Red Sea; the cloud that lead them on their journey; manna and quail; water from a stone—all miracles.

Yet the Israelites didn’t trust God; they would not obey. They griped and complained the entire journey. They ended up staying in the desert and wandered for 40 years. Only Joshua and the descendants of the original Israelites who went into the

desert crossed over into the Promised Land.

I believe the message is clear. If they had trusted and obeyed God it would have been a quick journey, as God had desired. Instead, they wasted away in the desert. There was no earthly reward.

Today we also journey as a community. Today the faithful wander through a spiritual desert. We too witness miracles, both directly and indirectly in our lives. Every week, and every day for some, we receive the Eucharist. Like the Israelites, God is with us throughout our journey. Yet we too complain and disobey.

At the 1996 International Catholic Stewardship Conference, Archbishop Thomas Murphy of Seattle told the attendees that the U.S. bishops anticipated it would take 40 years to instill the stewardship mentality into the consciousness of the Catholics in the United States. 40 years—just like the Israelites.

At the same conference, Bishop Robert Morneau

*Living stewardship
is a holy way of life.*

of Green Bay said, “The Catholic Church does not have a money problem, we have a faith problem.” I agree. When we talk “stewardship,” people hear money. But, as I have written so many times before, it’s really about conversion and putting God first in our lives above everything else. God must be the

God of our time, our talent and our treasure. Our lives must be directed to Him, not to possessions and securities, which in the end mean nothing.

Living the stewardship way of life is our way out of the desert. It is about conversion and being faithful to what we teach and believe as a Church. We can find our way out of the desert any time, but the same rules apply. We must trust and obey God. Though our ways change, God’s ways don’t.

Living stewardship is a holy way of life. It is the right path down which God wants to lead us into the Promised Land.



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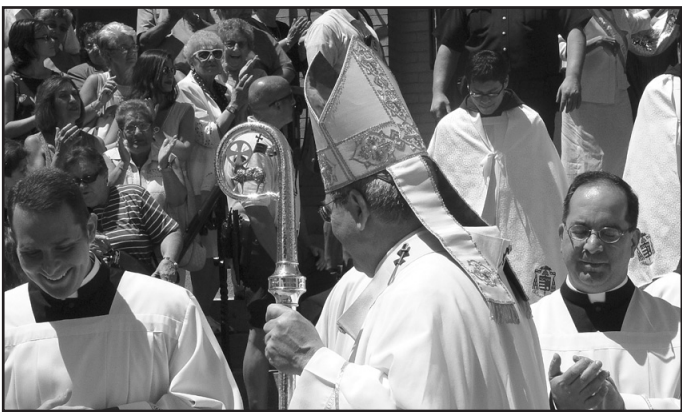

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Archbishop John J. Myers celebrated Mass at St. Ann Church, Hoboken, on the feast day of the parish's patron saint, July 26, which happens to be the archbishop's birthday as well. (See Page 13 for photos of the archbishop's birthday.) The Mass was the culmination of the parish's 94th annual Italian festival, which took place from July 22-26. Archbishop Myers delivered his homily in Italian to a full church, which included members of the parish's all women's St. Ann's Guild and the Padre Pio Prayer Group. He concelebrated with Father Thomas A. Crangle, O.F.M. Cap., pastor, and Father Vincent Fortunato, O.F.M. Cap, provincial minister, Union City. Other parishioners and attendees participated in the liturgy outside the church as it was transmitted on a large screen. After the Mass, the archbishop led a procession with the adorned statue of St. Ann, carried by members of St. Ann's Guild, through the neighborhood.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

Archdiocesan/Agency/Ministry

Most Reverend Thomas A. Donato, D.D.,
Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, Episcopal Vicar for Hudson County and Pastor of the Church of St. Henry, Bayonne, has been appointed Regional Bishop for Hudson County, effective Aug. 4.

Most Reverend John W. Flesey, S.T.D., D.D.,
Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, Episcopal Vicar for Bergen County and Pastor of the Church of Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes, has been appointed Regional Bishop for Bergen County, effective Aug. 4.

Reverend Joseph S. Bejgrowicz,
Pastor of the Church of St. Theresa, Kenilworth, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three year term, effective Sept. 16 and ending Aug. 31, 2007.

Reverend Mariusz Casimir Koch, C.F.R.
has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three year term, effective Sept. 16 and ending Aug. 31, 2007.

Very Reverend Anthony J. Kulig, V.F.,
Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bayonne, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three year term, effective Sept. 16 and ending Aug. 31, 2007.

Reverend Monsignor Robert H. Slipe,
Pastor of the Church of St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three year term, effective Sept. 16 and ending Aug. 31, 2007.

Reverend Edward P. Szpiech,
Pastor of the Church of St. Stanislaus Kostka, Garfield, has been appointed to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board, effective July 26, and ending Sept. 1, 2006.

Pastors

Reverend Monsignor Robert M. Chabak, V.F.,
Pastor of the Church of St. Valentine, Bloomfield, has been appointed to a second six-year term as pastor, ending Sept. 1, 2009.

Very Reverend Stephen S. Feehan, V.F.,
Pastor of the Church of the Little Flower, Berkeley Heights, has been appointed to a second six-year term as pastor, ending July 1, 2010.

Reverend Monsignor George R. Trabold
Pastor of the Church of St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills, has been appointed to a second six-year term as pastor, ending July 1, 2010.

Retirement

Reverend Monsignor Hugh A. O'Donnell,
Pastor of the Church of St. Genevieve, Elizabeth, has been granted retirement, effective Sept. 1.

Sabbatical

Reverend Pedro Navarro,
Administrator of the Church of St. Augustine, Union City, has been granted a sabbatical, effective Sept. 1 and ending Feb. 28, 2005.

Summer Parochial Vicars

Reverend Kazimierz Torla
has been appointed summer parochial vicar of the Church of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Linden.

Releases

Reverend Richard J. Mroz,
Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Joseph, New Milford, has been released from pastoral service in the Archdiocese of Newark to service in the Diocese of Superior, Wisconsin, for a three year period, effective June 19 and ending June 19, 2007.

Chaplaincy

Reverend Steven Conner,
Pastor of the Church of Holy Trinity, Fort Lee, has been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Unity Council 8103, Fort Lee, effective July 13.

Reverend John F. Corbett
has been appointed Associate Chaplain of the Apostleship of the Sea, Stella Maris Chapel, Port Newark, effective Aug. 1.

Reverend Joseph A. Mancini,
Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Stephen, Kearny, has been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Mountains Council No. 3533, Livingston, effective July 20.

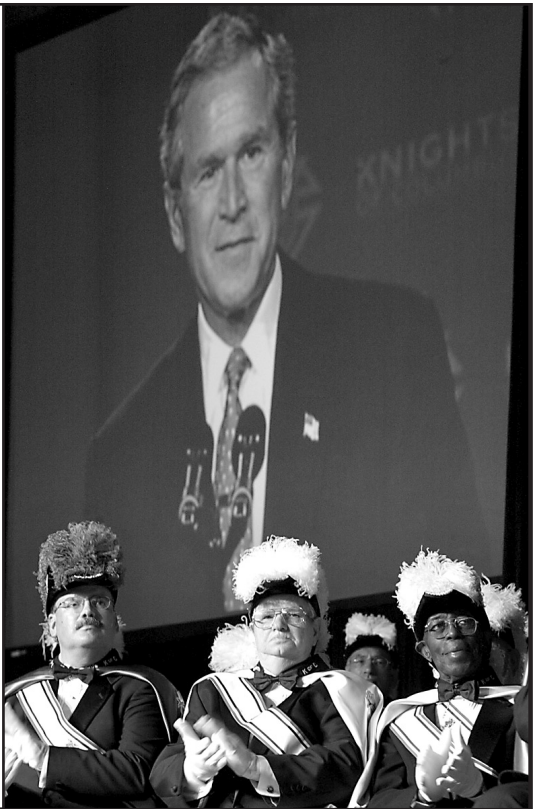
Reverend Ernest G. Rush,
Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Philomena, Livingston, has been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Mountains Council No. 3533, Livingston, effective July 19.

Reverend Paschal B. Tsiquaye,
Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Luke, Ho Ho Kus, has been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Immaculate Conception Council #9021, Norwood, effective July 1.

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Members of the Catholic fraternal order, the Knights of Columbus, listen as President George W. Bush addresses the groups 112nd annual convention Aug. 3 in Dallas. The president lauded the group's pro-life efforts and pushed faith-based programs.



CNS photo

Pope ‘deeply struck’ by bombings

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Deploing a string of deadly car bomb attacks on five Catholic churches in Iraq, Pope John Paul II called on Muslims and Christians to unite against “all forms of violence” and to work together to bring peace and stability to the country.

In a telegram released Aug. 2 by the Vatican, the pope said he was saddened and “deeply struck” upon hearing the news of the Aug. 1 attacks that left at least 11 people dead and 50 others wounded.

A wave of explosions ripped through churches in Baghdad and the northern city of Mosul early Aug. 1 just when parishioners were attending or leaving their places of worship.

“At this time of trial, I am spiritually close to the Church and the

Iraqi people,” read the pope’s message, which was sent to the head of the Assembly of the Catholic Bishops of Iraq, Chaldean Patriarch Emmanuel-Karim Delly.

The pope renewed his “heartfelt solidarity with priests and the faithful,” assuring them of his prayers and “constant commitment to a climate of peace and reconciliation being established in this beloved country, as soon as possible.”

He called on Muslims and Christians, “all believers in the one compassionate and merciful God, to unite and deplore every form of violence and to cooperate for the return of harmony on Iraq’s tormented soil.”

The five Catholic church complexes were the target of a string of bombings Aug. 1. The explosions occurred between 6 and 7 p.m., when most parishioners were attending evening Sunday Mass or just leaving their churches.

Iraq accused a terrorist group linked to al-Qaida with the attacks.

The first blast struck outside an

Armenian Catholic church in Baghdad; it was followed by another explosion a quarter-mile away at a Syrian Catholic church.

Two Chaldean Catholic churches were hit elsewhere in the capital by car-bomb blasts, with the largest number of casualties coming from the Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral and its adjoining seminary. At least five people and maybe as many as 13 were killed there, according to reports Aug. 2 by the Rome-based missionary news service, MISNA, and Caritas Internationalis.

In the northern city of Mosul, a car bomb went off outside a Chaldean church, leaving at least two people dead. At least one other unexploded car bomb was found outside another Chaldean church in Baghdad.

The targeted explosions marked the first time Christian churches were attacked since the start of the 16-month conflict in Iraq.

Vatican and Iraqi church leaders condemned the latest attacks.

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HCA coordinator to mark half century as Religious

Sister Arline Zurich, O.S.B., mission coordinator for the Holy Childhood Association (HCA) in the Archdiocese of Newark, will celebrate her fiftieth anniversary as a Religious on Sept. 18 at the Walburga Monastery, Elizabeth.

Sister Arline entered the Order of St. Benedict in Elizabeth on Jan. 6, 1954. The rule of St. Benedict (480-583), who is considered the father of Western monasticism, fosters a family spirit within its Religious communities and establishes moderation as an ideal. As stated in their mission, the Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth balance contemplation and monastic living with community, hospitality and service in education, health care and spirituality.

Sister Arline received a bachelor's and master's degree in education and school administration from Seton Hall University. Before entering Religious life, she worked as secretary to athletic director Father James Carey at Seton Hall.

Since joining the Benedictine community, Sister Arline has taught at the elementary level and was principal at schools run by her community in the Archdiocese. She also worked in Washington, DC for ten years, where she lobbied in support of federal programs for national and diocesan funding for programs in the Catholic school



Sister Arline Zurich

system. She also ministered in school administration in the Diocese of Madison, WI.

Before taking on her current position, Sister Arline was instrumental in starting a senior citizens travel club at St. Agnes Parish, Atlantic Highlands, Diocese of Trenton.

As HCA mission coordinator Sister Arline speaks to children in schools throughout the Archdiocese to educate them on what HCA is and how they can help poor, orphaned and abandoned children all over the world by raising mission money at their school.

"I am grateful to God for my Benedictine vocation and for the love and support that I have received from my community, family and friends along this journey," said Sister Arline.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 11 a.m.

Nursery closes doors after almost 50 years

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

A nursery sponsored by Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Elizabeth, and run by the Religious Teachers Filippini (M.P.F.), closed in June after nearly 50 years of service.

"We had up to 100 children about three years ago," said Sister Olimpia Picano, who, along with Sister Genevieve Corallo, and Sister Marianna Perrella, ran the nursery the last 12 years. She said that, at its height, the nursery cared for 120 children.

Sister Olimpia was at the parish during the nursery's beginning, in 1956. "Sister Margherita Pecorini, M.P.F., started the nursery. Through her initiative and foresight, we visited the homes of the poor, and she saw the need for families to have a place to send their small children. When we first started, there were no nurseries or kindergartens," she said. Sister Olimpia added that the nursery was busiest serving the needs of Cuban exiles during late-50's and early-60's.

In recent years, the nursery's numbers began to dwindle, as local public schools began providing early-childcare and many daycare centers opened in the area. According to Sister

Olimpia, when the nursery closed its kindergarten two years ago, the number of Pre-K students dropped to 30.

"We were supposed to close last year, but that would have been traumatic for the people here, and the Religious. Our provincial had the kindness, for the sake of the people, to give us an extension of one year," she noted.

"The year we started, there were 13 children, then 25, then,

every year after, the number increased dramatically. That kind of need no longer exists," she explained, adding, "I believe we did the best we could with the situation at hand, with the help of God."

"We did the best we could with the situation at hand, with the help of God."
— Sister Olimpia Picano

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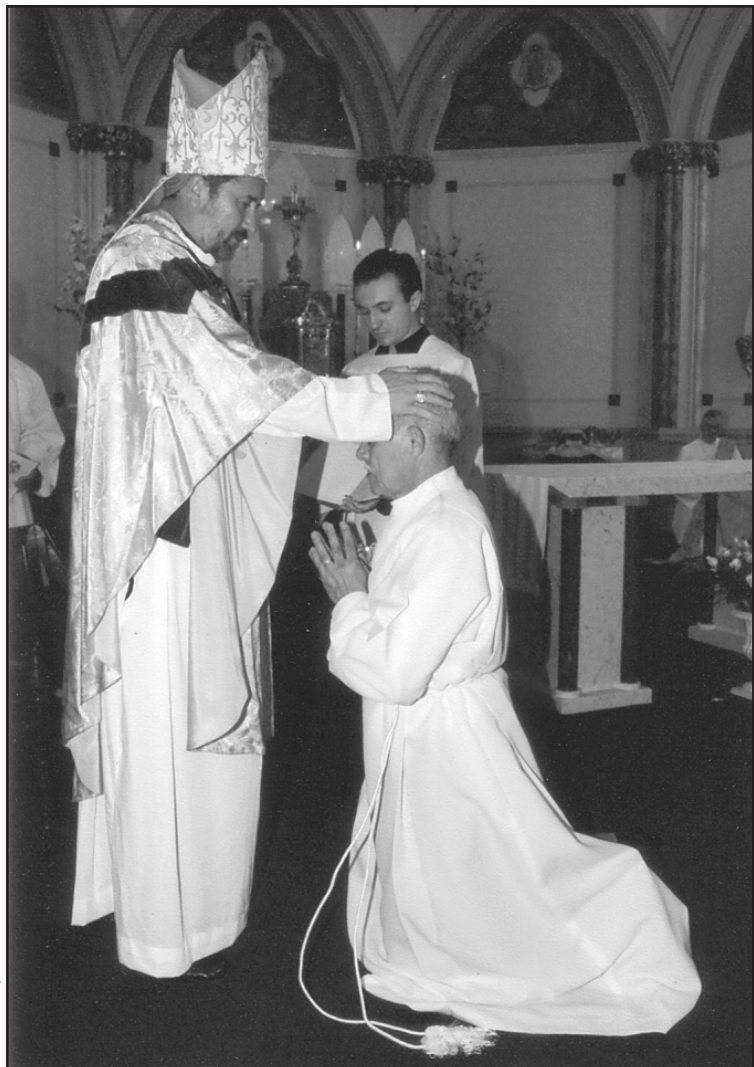
When **Jesus** turned around and noticed them following him,

He asked them,
"What are you looking for?"

They said to him, Rabbi, where do you stay?

"Come and see,"
He answered.
John 1:38-39

Have you considered following after Jesus as a Priest, Sister or Brother...?



Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, last month ordained Leo Aponte to the permanent diaconate at St. Patrick Pro-Cathedral, Newark. Deacon Aponte completed his preparation courses six years ago. After retiring from the U.S. Post Office, he joined the St. Patrick parish staff where he remains today.

Immigrants detention plight protested

BY BRIAN FORES

Staff Reporter

Father Eugene Squeo, J.D., helped organize a peaceful gathering of about 40 people last month in front of the Elizabeth Detention Center, a converted warehouse, to protest immigration policy which allows for the indefinite detention of immigrants seeking asylum, and in particular, the continued holding of Salim Yassir.

Father Squeo is a member of the Jubilee Interfaith Organization (JIO) of Northern New Jersey, a group consisting of 30 congregations and labor unions, which work to fight injustices in the immigration system. JIO, along with the Gamaliel Foundation, a like-minded institution, sponsored the gathering.

"It was a powerful event that included the strong participation of Arab and Muslim advocacy groups," Father Squeo noted.

The 28-year-old Yassir, a native of Gaza City, in the Gaza Strip, arrived in the United States as a stowaway in August 2000, and has been detained at the center since then.

"If you didn't know what the building was, you'd assume it was a warehouse," Father Squeo said.

"The sad thing is, aside from the wrongness of the detention policy itself, how these people are victimized for a second time. Most have come to the U.S. and applied for political asylum because there is some tragedy in their past, whether they were fleeing war, political instability,

persecution or physical threat. When they've arrived here, they feel they're safe at last, only to be detained in a warehouse," Father Squeo explained.

According to Father Squeo, Yassir spent 14 years in a refugee camp in Northern Africa, arriving there at age nine. He was denied a formal education and work privileges. He refused to name the country he was in, because he has relatives still living there. "With no lawyer representing him, he worked on his own application for political asylum, but the immigration judge rejected his claim," Father Squeo said.

The outcome of the rejection was deportation. But because the United States does not have a repatriation agreement with Israel for Palestinians, the U.S. has been unable to deport him.

Since that time, Yassir has received legal representation from Teresa Woods, of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, under the auspices of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB), and Joshua Bardavid. They have argued that Yassir does not have a criminal record, has been the model of good behavior, even learning English, and even the U.S. admits that he is not a danger to the community.

The JIO argues that despite his good behavior, he has been harassed, held in solitary confinement, subject to frequent

searches and frisked, and denied access to reading materials. Because the Elizabeth Detention Center has no outdoor facilities, Yassir has not stepped outdoors in four years.

Yassir's lawyers have petitioned 15 different countries, including Syria, Morocco and Lebanon, to offer him political asylum. All have rejected the request. "The first year, he was trying to get political asylum, but he's become so desperate, he's said he would accept depor-

tation, even back to Gaza City, just to get out of the detention center," Father Squeo commented.

Christ House in the Bronx (a home for refugees) and an individual from First Friends of Riverside Church, have offered to provide Yassir with housing and job training if released. Father Squeo noted, "Their [Immigration] position is—they know that he poses no threat—but it is the lawyers who should be trying harder to find another country to take him."

On July 15, Yassir's lawyers petitioned the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia for his release. The decision could take up to two months or more, according to the attorneys.

"He felt that by coming to the United States, he could start a new life, and then start helping his family. Instead, it's turned into a nightmare...he's a victim of circumstance," Father Squeo asserted.

"...it's turned into a nightmare..."

—Father Eugene Squeo

Around the Archdiocese



August 11

Holy Rosary Parish, Jersey City, annual parish festival, La Festa Italiana, through Aug. 15, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Sixth Street, between Brunswick and Monmouth Streets. Call (201) 795-0120 or visit the festival website www.lafestaitaliana.com.

August 22

St. Casimir Parish, Newark, parish picnic after 11 a.m. Mass, 93 Pulaski St., Newark. Contact Thad Zjawin at (201) 997-0462.

September 3

St. Bartholomew Parish, Scotch Plains, 30th annual UNICO/Labor Day Italian Festival through Sept. 6, from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. each day, at 2032 Westfield Ave. Call (908) 322-5192.

September 4

St. Rose of Lima Parish, Newark, flea market—shop or sell—from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$12 or \$15 at the door. Call Helen at (973) 482-0682.

September 9

St. Leo Parish, Elmwood Park, annual family festival through Sept. 12; Sept. 9, 6 to 10 p.m.; Sept. 10, 6 to 11 p.m.; Sept. 11, 1 to 11 p.m., and Sept. 12, 1 to 9 p.m. Call (201) 796-3521.



September 26

The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, Mass and rite of commissioning for 216 graduates of Christian Foundations for Ministry (CFM) program at 3:30 p.m. The Most Rev. Dominic A. Marconi, D.D., retired auxiliary bishop, will be the celebrant.

Local Highlights

Voter Registration

• Voter registration will be held on Sept. 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sept. 19 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for all those living in Bergen County. A bilingual Spanish-English staff will be available. Call Deacon Michael J. Fitzgerald at (201) 342-8923 or (201) 982-1246.

Fundraisers

• The Center of United Methodist Aid to the Community is sponsoring a garage sale Aug. 14 to benefit CUMAC/ECHO Food Pantry, Paterson. New and gently used clothing plus food and fun. Call Julie Jahn at (973) 742-5518 or visit www.cumacecho.org.

• The Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling, will hold its 12th Annual Fun Festival on Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The flea market opens at 9:30 a.m. Rain date: Sept. 25. The Shrine will collect items for sale on Aug. 15, 22 and 29 and Sept. 5 and 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the

Quonset Hut on Shrine grounds. All items must be in good, resaleable condition. Call (908) 647-0208.

• Columbus Hospital will conduct mammography screenings on Aug. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the hospital, 495 North 13th St., Newark. The screening is open to women 35 or older who may qualify for a reduced rate or a free mammography. Space is limited and appointments are required. Call (973) 268-1400, ext. 2193.

• Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, is offering a two-hour program on Aug. 18 to help participants stop smoking, from 7 to 9 p.m. at 718 Teaneck Rd. Fee \$60. Call (201) 227-6250. The hospital is also offering CPR training and basic first aid on Aug. 21, as well as other courses. Costs range between \$35 and \$70. Call (201) 227-6254. Registration and pre-payment are required for both.

Singles

• On August 22, the Catholic Alumni Club of North Jersey will attend noon Mass at Immaculate Conception Parish, Secaucus, followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. Call Kathy at (201) 288-4187 by the 21st.

• St. Phil's Singles of St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, will go to a Film Café at the Grace Bible Church, Pompton Plains, on Aug. 14, and will meet in the parish parking lot at 6:45 p.m. Call (973) 340-4001. The group will go swimming at the Centennial Avenue Indoor-Outdoor Pool, Cranford, on Aug. 15 at noon. Call (908) 272-0603. They will also play softball at the field behind St. Joseph's Hall, Livingston, at 2 p.m., followed by dinner. Call (732) 382-5242 after 6 p.m. For further details on all events, visit www.homestead.com/stphilssingles.

‘Old debate’ on Pope Pius XII’s beatification cause is rekindled

BY SR. MARGHERITA MARCHIONE
Special to The Catholic Advocate

This is the 40th anniversary of Nostra Aetate, the Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions (Oct. 28, 1965). While claiming that Jews and Catholics have come a long way since it was issued at the end of the Second Vatican Council, an article in the Jewish publication, *Forward*, by Seymour Reich and George Spectre has rekindled the old debate about Pius XII’s cause for beatification.

Reich is a former chairman of the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations. Spectre served as associate director of the B’nai B’rith Center for Public Policy. Are they not aware that there are 900 pages of sworn depositions in defense of his beatification? These testimonials make it perfectly clear that the Pope was not anti-Semitic or indifferent to the fate of the Jews and that he did everything possible to help them.

The contradictory statements and the contempt expressed by some contemporary writers is disturbing. These authors make no mention of the evidence presented at the Nuremberg Trials demonstrating the Vatican’s repeated protests, nor do they describe the anger these protests provoked within Nazi ranks. There are explicit statements in defense of Jews and against “Hitler,” “Germany,” and “Nazism,” published in *L’Osservatore Romano*

and used by the Vatican Radio. These statements were often written by Pope Pius XII himself. By refusing to grant Pius XII credit for his leadership during World War II, by ignoring the testimony of contemporary witnesses and the innumerable statements in the media that acknowledge his words and actions on behalf of the Jews, by denigrating the many Catholic leaders who endangered their own lives to protect Jews, these writers clearly expose their prejudices.

If Pius XII did not speak out against the Nazis, why did newspapers in Germany condemn him for speaking out? Why did *The New York Times* and the media throughout the world praise him? If indeed the pope had been “silent,” why did past historians claim that he had condemned racism and totalitarianism?

No one deserves the title of “a righteous gentile” more than Pope Pius XII. In the Feb. 26, 2001 issue of *The Weekly Standard*, Rabbi David G. Dalin writes about the vilification of the Pontiff and defends him against his detractors in an article entitled “Pius XII and the Jews: A Defense.”

A ‘righteous gentile’

Rabbi Dalin rightly states: “To make Pius XII a target of our moral outrage against the Nazis, and to count Catholicism among the institutions delegitimized by the horror of the Holocaust, reveals a failure of historical understanding. Almost none of the recent books about Pius XII and the Holocaust is actually about Pius XII and the Holocaust. Their real topic proves to be an intra-Catholic argument about the direction of the Church today. . . .

“A theological debate about the future of the papacy is obviously something in which non-Catholics should not involve themselves too deeply. But Jews, whatever their feelings about the Catholic Church, have a duty to reject any attempt to usurp the Holocaust and use it for partisan purposes in such a debate—particularly when the attempt disparages the testimony of Holocaust survivors and spreads to inappropriate figures the condemnation that belongs to Hitler and the Nazis.”

In conclusion, Dalin quotes the Bible: “The Talmud teaches that ‘whosoever preserves one life, it is accounted to him by Scripture as if he had preserved a whole world.’ More than any other 20th-century leader, Pius XII fulfilled this Talmudic dictum, when the fate of European Jewry was at stake. No other pope had been so widely praised by Jews—and they were not mistaken. Their gratitude, as well as that of the entire generation of Holocaust survivors, testifies that Pope Pius XII was, genuinely and profoundly, a righteous gentile.”

In very good company

Father Donald K. Hummel, pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish, Scotch Plains, joined the ranks of U.S. presidents and other national figures when he was honored recently with scouting’s highest commendation for service to youth, the Silver Buffalo Award.

In addition to 14 occupants of the White House, the award has gone to artist Norman Rockwell, entertainment giant Walt Disney, president of the Children’s Defense Fund Marian Wright Edelman and home run leader and Hall of Famer Hank Aaron.

Now the Church of Newark is represented on that rarified list. The Silver Buffalo Award, presented recently at the national meeting of the Boy Scouts of America, held this year in Chicago, is given to what a spokesman explained are “civic-minded men and women who stand out for their invaluable contributions to the youth of America.”

Father Hummel is camp chaplain at Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico, and has been chaplain at four national jamborees. A lifetime member of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, he was national chaplain three years ago.

Anyone who has spoken with Father Hummel about his lifetime in scouting cannot help but feel his infectious enthusiasm. As a young man, Father Hummel also reached the pinnacle of scouting when he made Eagle Scout, the highest rank available.

He has been touched by scouting and now Father Hummel is imparting that wonderful value-based life to a new generation. Perhaps his example will result in a vocation to the priesthood.

Congratulations Father Hummel, the Archdiocese of Newark is indeed proud of you.

Respect Life

We are not a ‘one-issue’ people!

BY MSGR. RICHARD MCGUINNESS
Director of the Respect Life Office

Many people think that those who believe in right to life are one issue people. In fact sometimes the media refer to them as “anti-abortion”—as though this is their only concern.

Actually, pro-lifers are interested in protecting all human life, especially those who are too weak to defend themselves. They are interested in protecting the lives of the handicapped, the elderly—even the lives of those who themselves have shown no respect for human life.

This respect for all human life extends to opposition to the death penalty. Pro-lifers believe that killing people is not the way to teach people not to kill. There is a big difference though, between being opposed to abortion and being opposed to capital punishment.

Abortion is always wrong! It is the killing of an innocent child before birth.

Capital punishment might rarely, in some specific cases, be permissible if that is the only way in which society can protect itself against a criminal who has killed another. This would be a reason that would rarely, if ever, be necessary in a civilization such as ours.

There are many other reasons pro-

posed by those who are in favor of capital punishment. For example, that it might be a deterrent to those planning to kill others—but statistics show that most murders are crimes of passion—not planned killings.

Statistics also reveal that the elimination of the death penalty does not result in a greater number of murders. In addition, we have to admit that many who were found guilty of murder were later shown by new evidence to be innocent—a mistake that cannot be rectified after the person has been executed.

A further consideration, is the fact that juries tend to vote for capital punishment more often for African-Americans than for other citizens, a proportion that seems inconsistent with true justice. Substituting life in prison without parole, instead of the death penalty, enables society to protect itself and also provides an opportunity for reflection, remorse and genuine conversion on the part of the criminal.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, our Holy Father Pope John Paul II and our bishops have spoken out against the death penalty.

No, pro-lifers are not a one issue people! They will work untiringly to respect the right to life of all human beings.

Saint overlooked

Editor,
In your list of “blue blood” saints, you overlooked a man whom we celebrate on July 29: St. Olaf of Norway. He was canonized in 1164 and is patron of Norway. He was slain in 1030 and miracles were reported at his tomb. He was king.

He is a hero to people whose parents and other family members came from Norway.

Thomas Richards
Ocean Beach

‘Good examples’

Editor,
When I read your article on royal saints, I couldn’t help but also think about St. Helen, the mother of Constantine. There also was St. Ferdinand of Castile, who fought the Moors. In Germany, St. Matilda was queen. England had several martyr kings, including St. Edward and St. Edmund.

They are all good examples for rulers today.

Father Tom McLaughlin
Elizabeth

Sometimes you ask the Lord to ‘give him the hook’

Years ago in the days of Vaudeville (or burlesque—as you will) a singer, dancer, comedian or an acrobat—even a guy with a dog or pony show—had to be pretty good. If he wasn’t good, various types of fruit or other missiles would come out of the audience along with boos and cat calls.

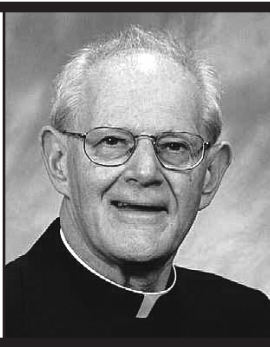
If an act was really bad some customer would start yelling out, “Give him the hook!” And sure enough, a stage manager would reach out on stage with a pole that had a hook on the end. He would catch the actor by the neck and off he would go.

Those days are long gone. But I have to admit that there are times in my life when I have wanted to call out, “Give him the hook!”

“When?” you might ask. Well, let me tell you. There is something about a microphone that holds a fatal fascination for some people. A mike can be as seductive as any physical desire—like chocolate to a person on a diet—or a drink to an alcoholic. Some people at the sight of a microphone find their very fingers curling up in anticipation of grabbing the instrument. They almost salivate as they contemplate their moment in the spotlight.

Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



There are different situations but the result is usually the same. For example, sometimes people come to a public event prepared to speak but unfortunately they have over prepared. The talk resembles a Ph.D. thesis. The eyes of the audience glaze over and you can sense that they are in a state of rigor mortis. Others who are overconfident arrive at the dais completely unprepared and they ramble on dishing out platitudes and stale jokes while one can almost sense the crowd groaning inwardly. However, some of the worst offenders are priests,

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ministers and rabbis who are listed on the program to give the “invocation” or the “benediction.” Those who invite them to speak expect to hear a brief prayer or a meaningful invocation that asks the deity to bless the occasion. But often the only resemblance to a prayer are the words “Let us pray” at the beginning and “Amen” at the end. The middle is a speech or a sermon thinly disguised as a prayer. It can be on any subject whatsoever that appeals to the clergy person. Meanwhile the gathered community is forced to stand there.

Years ago, people who had a function would deliberately invite a Catholic priest to give the invocation because the priest would usually say a little prayer, “Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, etc.”

But no more! Especially since Vatican II many priests are as guilty as anyone else of taking advantage of a captive audience.

As for me, during long-winded speeches or seemingly interminable prayers, like everyone else I listen attentively. However, on a charitable day I am praying in my heart with the psalmist, “*Quousque, Domine, quousque—How long, O Lord, how long?*” But on a bad day I am often calling in my heart, “Give him the hook, O Lord, give him the hook!” From long-winded prayers, sermons and speeches deliver us, O Lord.

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

Arianism, plagued Church, but inevitably faded

At Mass, when the celebrant leads us in the recitation of the Creed, we are participating in a ritual that is rooted in the early fourth century.

Around the year 318 the Church, especially in the east, was confronted with a dangerous heresy initiated by Arius, a Libyan-born priest of Alexandria, Egypt. The brash, brilliant clergyman took issue with the newly elected bishop, Alexander, on the question of whether one should conclude that since Christ was begotten in time, there was a time when He did not exist. Arianism was the first among many doctrinal disputes that were to menace Christian unity in the early centuries.

Arius maintained that the Son of God, manifested in Jesus Christ, was not God but the highest creature of God. He supported his argument with a number of Bible passages: 1) “...the Father is greater than I.” (John 14:28) 2) “As to the exact day or hour, no one knows it, neither the angels in Heaven nor even the Son, but only the Father.” 3) Mark 13:32 4) “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mark 15:34)

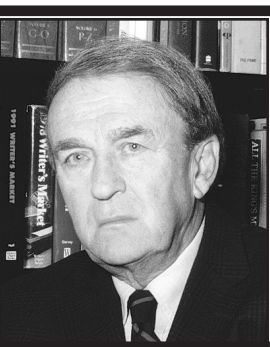
The Alexandrian priest Arius insisted that the Son was not of the same substance as the Father, hence not one in being with the Father. Thus, in short, he denied the divinity of Christ.

Such a view was clearly at odds with the proclamations of Christ Himself. In Matthew 11:27, Jesus says, “Everything has been given over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son but the Father; and no one knows the Father but the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal Him.” In John 10:36, Jesus states, “I am God’s Son.”

The heretical priest further denied the eternity of both the first and second persons of the Trinity. In his words: “God was not always Father. There was a time when He was not yet Father; then he became Father. The Son was not always; for all things were made from the non-existent, and all existing creatures and works were made; so also the Word of God Himself was

A View from History

By Frank J. Korn



made from the non-existent, and there was (a time) when He did not exist, and He existed not before He was made. The nature of the Son does not proceed from that of the Father and the Word made flesh is subject to change, physical and moral.”

These claims were vigorously rebutted one by one by Alexander, Arius’ local bishop. This denunciation, however, did little to calm the storm. Rebuffed and excommunicated by a local synod, Arius tried to gain favor with other bishops and, in some cases, succeeded. With Arianism spreading like wildfire, the Emperor Constantine in 325 decided to intervene. Though convinced that the differences between the two sides was largely a matter of semantics, he nonetheless thought it necessary to address the crisis.

With the assent of Pope Sylvester, he convoked a conference of all the bishops of the Church at his summer residence in the city of Nicea, located in what is modern-day Turkey.

This august gathering was the first ecumenical (i.e. universal or general) council of the Church. Its mission

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was to refute Arianism by defining absolutely the stance of the Church with respect to the divinity of Jesus Christ.

After declaring anathema Arianism and all its adherents, the episcopal assembly, virtually unanimously, approved the draft of a document containing unambiguous rebuttals to all the tenets of Arianism. This profession of faith explicitly asserted that Christ is “...God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consisting of the same substance as the Father, by Whom all things were made.”

These lines formed the nucleus of a creed that would be adopted and promulgated by a later council (in 381) held in Constantinople. We know it today as the Nicene Creed.

Despite the efforts of the Council at Nicea, however, Arianism continued to plague the Church. In A.D. 361 St. Jerome wrote, “The entire world awoke and groaned to find that it had become Arian.”

But in due course the movement began to fade. This was due to the tireless writings and teachings of Athanasius, a bishop in Egypt, and three great theologians from Cappadocia in Asia Minor: Basil of Caesarea, Gregory of Nyssa, and Gregory of Nazianzus (all three saints and doctors of the Church). As Athanasius put it, “In His being, the Son is fully God; in His incarnation, He is fully one with humanity.”

The Council of Constantinople in 381 reaffirmed that the Son is (*homoousius*) “one in being” with the Father and added that the Holy Spirit is also fully God.

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Victims of Paraguay shopping center fire receive pope's condolences

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II offered his prayers and condolences for the more than 300 people left dead after a fire in a shopping center in Asuncion, Paraguay.

A telegram sent Aug. 2 on the pope's behalf by Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Vatican secretary of state, offered prayers for the deceased and injured. The pope also prayed "that the Lord would give comfort and spiritual serenity to those mourning the loss of their loved ones."

The telegram was sent to Archbishop Eustaquio Cuquejo Verga of Asuncion.

According to news reports, the Aug. 1 fire trapped hundreds of people in the multilevel Ycua Bolanos supermarket on the outskirts of Asuncion. Many survivors said that supermarket employees locked them in to prevent others from looting once the fire start-

ed. Supermarket officials denied this. Police said they are investigating the allegations.

Besides the dead, about 300 people were injured, including about 70 with critical burns or breathing problems.

Paraguayan President Nicanor Duarte declared three days of national mourning as relatives and friends searched morgues for the missing. The day after the blaze, firefighters and police continued pulling charred bodies from the rubble.

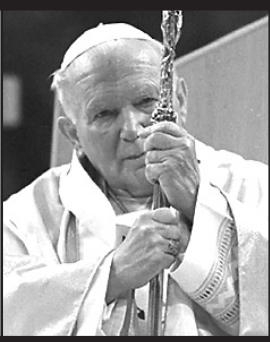
Investigators said that the blaze was started by a gas explosion in the food court around midday when the shopping center was filled with Sunday shoppers.

Paraguay, one of South America's poorest countries, saw its emergency public services stretched in the aftermath of the fire, and neighboring countries sent in medical supplies and personnel.

The Lord would give comfort and spiritual serenity to those mourning.

The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



Holy Father's best wishes to vacationers

Dear brothers and sisters,

I offer a warm welcome to all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors present at today's audience. I greet particularly the groups from Ireland and Japan. Wishing you a pleasant stay in Rome, I cordially invoke upon you joy and peace in Our Lord Jesus Christ. Happy vacation.

The triumphs of Christ and Mary are our hope

Readings: Revelation 11:19-12:10; Psalm 45; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

Thinking people in every culture ask questions about human destiny, the purpose of our existence, so filled with potential yet so fragile and limited. The Greek philosophers postulated that the immortal soul dwells for a time in a mortal body. At the end of this existence the soul bursts forth, as from a cage or a tomb, into the experience of the good, the true, the beautiful in the one God.

Christian teachers built upon these insights but corrected certain inadequacies in the light of Israel's faith as expressed by the Pharisees. One should not disparage the body because all of material creation, coming from the power of God, is good (see Gen 1:10, 31). The Hebrew words translated as soul, body (flesh-and-blood) and spirit refer to the entire human person in each case.

"Soul" places an emphasis on the life principle which permeates the entire being; "body" stresses human limitations and weakness; "spirit" relates the person to the Spirit of God.

Rather than consider soul and body as form and matter, as parts joined only for a brief span of years, Jewish and Christian faith declares that every human being is a unity and is destined for the fullness of life in the new creation. Belief in the resurrection of the body completes the understanding of immortality. Preparation for this new and fuller life begins now, with divine gifts to orient each person toward service of God and a human response consisting of deeds of right living and charity.

In Christian faith the exemplary model for this response is offered in the life and death of Jesus. As God's Messiah (Christ in Greek) or Anointed One, "He has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Cor 15:20).

The solidarity of the human race is rooted in being created in God's image and likeness (Gen 1:26-28) and in the continuing effect of the sin of Adam, disrupting the intimacy with God which lays the foundation for eternal life. Death in both spiritual and physical orders came through the sin of pride and disobedience of our first parents. As the new

Sunday Readings

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary (August 15, 2004)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



Adam, Christ restored spiritual life for all who are open to divine grace, and his resurrection became the paradigm for our hope.

"First fruits" refer to the best portion of the harvest offered to God in the Temple. By analogy Christ as risen Lord became the guarantee that God the Father will destroy all forces showing enmity toward his plan. "The last enemy to be destroyed is death..." (1 Cor 15:28). This reflection is a necessary foundation for appreciating this feast of Mary's Assumption into heaven.

Each of the Church's teachings about Mary is grounded in her Motherhood, in her unique relationship with Jesus which began in Nazareth and continued beyond Calvary to his resurrection. The faith of the Church matured over the centuries, culminating in the solemn proclamation by Pope Pius XII in Nov. 1950, "that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

This dogma does not answer the question: Did Mary die or was she exempted from death? Either way is possible, but Church teachers from early centuries spoke of her "dormition," sleep being a euphemism for death. The Church's faith focuses upon God's care that Mary's body did not undergo corruption.

"Who could believe that the Ark of holiness, the dwelling place of God's Word, the Temple of the

Holy Spirit, could be reduced to ruin?" (St. Robert Bellarmine, 1542-1621).

Just as all Mary's privileges flow from her call to be Mother of Christ, so she is "clearly the Mother of the members of Christ... since she has by her charity joined in bringing about the birth of believers in the Church, who are member of her Head" (Vatican Council II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church §53, quoting St. Augustine).

The reading from the Apocalypse (Revelation) celebrates Mary as the type of the Church, who is Mother of the faithful yet a Virgin preparing for the eternal nuptials with the Lamb (Apoc 19:6-9). Symbols relating to the dream of Joseph (Gen 37:9) link the Woman to the descendants of Abraham.

The Church, epitomized by Mary, gives birth to Christ in the faithful, for whom she is in labor until Christ be formed in all (see Gal 4:19). Like Mary, the Church is under God's protection in the face of trials and persecution, not merely by human forces but by "the huge dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the devil or Satan" (Apoc 12:9).

The conflict that began with the temptation in the Garden of Eden ends in ultimate defeat for Satan because the Lamb and the Maid have shown the way through the mystery of bodily death to the risen life that we hope to share.

The hymn of Mary in the Gospel celebrates the divine blessings that come to all humanity through her. She acknowledges with gratitude that God's magnificence, holiness and power work wondrous surprises in favor of those who are poor, empty and in need. Enriched in the mystery of the Incarnation, Mary proclaims that she is part of Israel, God's servant and a daughter of Abraham, in whose name blessings will come upon all the families of the earth (see Gen 12:3).

Indeed all generations have celebrated her name as blessed because God the Father has manifested his gift of salvation in her Son.

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Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scotch Plains

Working to make Jesus better known so that He might be better loved

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Reporter

Tucked away in the forested hills of Scotch Plains, directly across the street from Union Catholic Regional High School, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish quietly serves as the spiritual home for some 1,865 families, of mostly Irish, Italian and Polish descent.

The medium-sized church is of the cruciform plan and features modern architecture, with long straight lines and a triangular façade. The interior is wide, bright and airy, with plenty of sunlight passing through.

In addition to traditional stained-glass windows depicting scenes from the bible and saints, there are stained-glass windows depicting the crucial professions that help society thrive, such as doctor, policeman and fireman, as well as others. The sanctuary is at ground level, adding to the church's informal and cozy feel.

When asked what makes Immaculate Heart of Mary special for him, Father John F. Kennedy, pastor, commented, "We're starting to grasp our mission statement, which is very simple—to make Jesus better known so that He might be better loved."

Describing how that mission statement has been put into action, Father Kennedy noted, "We went through a painful period where two of our children had leukemia and one young child had ALS [Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease]. To watch our parishioners care for those children and their parents and families

was a humbling experience.

"The youngest of them was Robert Cleary, age 6. There was a little girl who would come to their home everyday and hold Mrs. Cleary's hand. There was never a time when someone from the parish wasn't at the home of one of the families of these children. We didn't think Robert was going to make it to his birthday, but he did, and we had a special Mass for him on that day, March 17—the church was packed.

"Our parish does hundreds of things like that every year. People here take seriously the call to bring Christ to others," Father Kennedy said.

"One of our parishioners, a man who is 85, has lost most of his sight. Parishioners bring him to Mass every day, others help him with his bills and take him shopping—I'm constantly amazed by them," he noted, adding, "These things simply blossom, we're just good soil for it. I think the pastors who were here before me must have been great; the people have continued to respond because of their example."

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is also one of 14 congregations that participate in an inter-faith housing program, in which the parish takes in a number of homeless for a week to live there. According to Father Kennedy, the program requires roughly 100 volunteers to prepare meals, set up and break down beds, and others tasks. "All I have to do is say, 'Christ is coming in two weeks,' put out a sign-up sheet, and in two weeks, all the slots are filled," he noted.



Stained glass is a dominant feature of the church building's interior and exterior.

Advocate photos-Brian Fores

He also pointed out that the parish's seniors are extremely helpful and active. "There isn't anything they can't do," Father Kennedy said of their senior volunteers, who go out and visit the sick weekly.

The parish also has a successful religious education program, which runs in two sessions. The more traditional program runs once a week during the school year. The other is an intensive 8-day, 3 hour-a-day summer program, which uses music and art projects to help children develop their spirituality and better understand the messages of the Gospel. Three summer sessions are run each year.

Jeanne Fox, Director of Religious Education at Immaculate Heart of Mary for 5 years, said there are a total of 800 children in the program. "Because

the summer program is more intensive, we use a different theme each year. This year is 'Seasons of the Church.'

According to Fox, the music and art projects help keep the children engaged and help them to make a connection with their faith. "There are 15 women volunteering in the art room alone. With the music, I have parents—especially of the younger children—telling me that their children sing the songs they learn here, at home. Recently, some of the older students formed a band, which played at a Mass—they were good," she noted.

Fox also mentioned a new program set to begin in the fall, "We're trying to reach parents of children who are the age between baptism and pre-K. There will be a social aspect to the meetings, however, the primary focus will be to discuss what it means to raise Catholic children," she commented.

Father Antonio Kuizon, a native of the Philippines, has been parochial vicar at Immaculate Heart of Mary for the last year and a half. Father Kuizon, who studied ecumenical studies at the University of St. Thomas Aquinas and ecclesiology at Gregorian University, both in Rome, ministers to the parish's small Filipino community and teaches in the religious education program.

In his ministry, he works to foster the notion of integration, for both Filipino and non-Filipino parishioners, as an important



Father Kennedy addresses young people during a Children's Liturgy of the Word service. Youth programs are plentiful.

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Growth marks the first five decades

On June 16, 1964, the Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, Archbishop of Newark, by registered mail to Saint Joseph’s Village, Rockleigh, New Jersey, to Father George E. Byrne, chaplain, assigned the priest to establish a new Roman Catholic parish in the township of Scotch Plains—the south side area.

Father Byrne visited Msgr. John J. Cain, pastor of Saint Bartholomew’s Parish, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, on June 17, 1964, and informed him of the assignment. Msgr. Cain was most gracious.

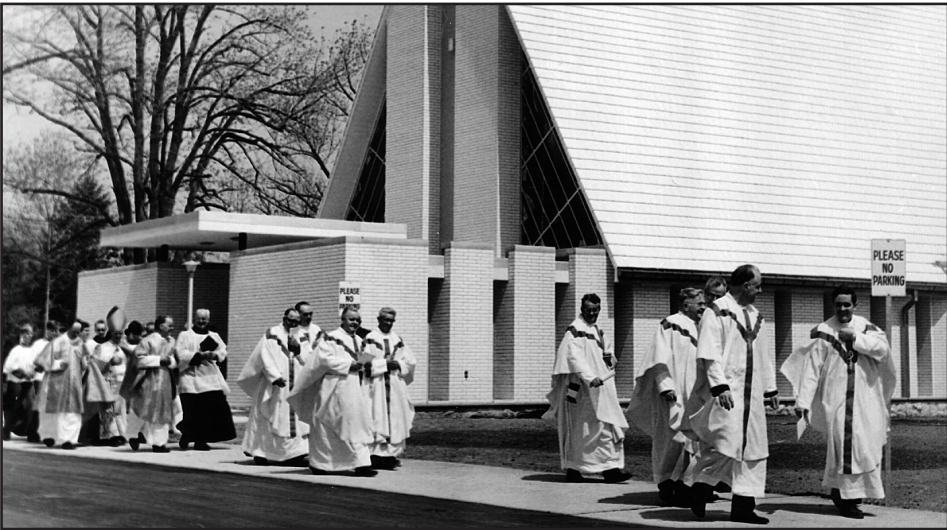
Father Byrne proceeded to the house, which was to be his rectory (formerly occupied by the Caldwell Dominican Sisters teaching at Union Catholic Girls High School), and observed that it was an old dilapidated structure. The house had not been occupied for two years. At the time, he described it as looking like Kilmer’s “House With Nobody in It” from the outside, but quite comfortable inside. He moved into the rectory on June 20, 1964.

The first Mass was held Sunday, June 21, 1964, in the auditorium of Union Catholic High School. The first meeting with parishioners took place on June 23, 1964.

On the Feast of St. John Vianney, Aug. 8, 1964, the parish received from Archbishop Boland the official name and title, “The Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scotch Plains, New Jersey.” The name had been suggested to Archbishop Boland by Father Byrne.

Archbishop Boland appointed Father Byrne as the first pastor as of Aug. 8, 1964. The first associate pastor, Father Richard J. Garcia, was appointed on June 22, 1965.

After various deliberations, consultations, studies of plans and a fund drive, the Building and Sites Commission and Archbishop Boland approved the con-



The church currently occupied by the parish was dedicated in May 1969.

struction of a new church at 1571 S. Martine Ave. In February 1967, a new priest, Father John D. Sweeney, was assigned to assist Fathers Byrne and Garcia.

The ground breaking for the new church took place on July 23, 1967; the first Mass in the new church, June 18, 1969. On May 3, 1969, Archbishop Boland dedicated the new church and laid the cornerstone.

A parish lay council was officially established on March 1, 1969, it was one of the first of its kind in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Plans for a new rectory were approved by Archbishop Boland on March 17, 1970, and approved by the Building and Sites Commission, Jan. 19, 1971. The rectory was completed on June 16, 1972.

In 1972, Father Byrne was appointed to the Building and Sites Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark. He celebrated his 35th anniversary on Feb. 9, 1974. His cousin, Brendan T. Byrne, the newly elected Governor of New Jersey, attended the celebration. In March 1974, Father Byrne was elected to the Priest

Senate of the Archdiocese of Newark for a term of three years.

Father Byrne remained at Immaculate Heart of Mary until 1983, when he retired. He passed away in December 1992. During his priesthood, he also served as chaplain to the Newark Fire Department and as a charter member and chaplain of the Father Nelligan Council 5730 of the Knights of Columbus, Scotch Plains.

More adaptation has taken place since then, including additions to the rectory and the construction of the Nazareth Center. The center includes 10 instructional and meeting areas, a gymnasium, library and consultation room, administrative offices and rooms planned to accommodate various church and social programs. Later, additional instructional and meeting areas were added.

The parish’s current pastor, Father John F. Kennedy, was assigned to the parish in March 1995.

Since 1964, the parish has grown to more than 1,800 families who are bound together by common beliefs and who journey together toward lasting peace with the Lord.

Meet the Pastor



Father John F. Kennedy

- Age:** 68
Date of Birth: June 21, 1936
High School: Saint Peter’s Preparatory, Jersey City
College/Seminary/Graduate School: Seton Hall University, South Orange; Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, and Mary Wood University, Scranton, PA
Date of Ordination: May 26, 1963
Hero: Jesus
Favorite Saint: Aloysius
Favorite Sport: Racquet Ball
Favorite Food: Yes
Favorite Subject in School: Classic Koine Greek
Favorite Movie: Don’t do movies
Proudest Moment: Ordination
Last Book Read: I read several at a time: *What Makes Us Catholic: Eight Gifts for Life* by Thomas H. Groome, *Safe At Home* by Bob Muzikowski; *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation* by Cokie Roberts, *The Five People You Meet In Heaven* by Mitch Albom, and *Father Joe* by Tony Hendra
Occupation if I Weren’t a Priest: Teacher

Spiritual home

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component to healthy parish life.

Father Kuizon, who works with the children in the summer session on art projects, reached behind his desk and produced a 3-dimensional star, hollow in the center, made of thin wooden sticks and tied together with yarn.

“As the children make the star, we use the opportunity to teach them about the star guiding the three kings. In my language, this type of star is called Bituon.

“In the Philippines, these had a practical use—a candle was placed in the center. Before there was electricity, early Catholic Filipinos, who often attended Mass in the early, early morning—because it was a farming and fishing culture, and this was the only time people could spare—would use these stars, or Bituon, to light their way to the church.”

Father Kuizon said there is not a Mass

said in Tagalog, the official language of the Philippines, at Immaculate Heart of Mary. “I resisted this because there are not enough Filipinos at the parish. More importantly, though, I would like them to go to the mainstream Mass. However, if they would like to sing songs in Tagalog, that is always encouraged.”

Masses said in Tagalog are offered at nearby St. Mary of the Assumption, Elizabeth, for those—especially of the older generation— who wish to attend.

“I think it’s more important to preserve and integrate the Filipino traditions here at Immaculate Heart of Mary,” he noted. Among them are the Misa al Canto de Gallo (a tradition brought to the Philippines by Spanish missionaries which includes a novena, reconciliation and Mass), Simbang Gabi, an evening Mass during the Christmas season, and a devotion to St. Michael held on his feast day (Sept. 29), which in years past has attracted up to 500 people.

Father Kennedy also touted the

parish’s bereavement program, which he said, has been expanded to include what is called a “caring community.”

The program is run by Sister Elizabeth Cahill, who is also head of RCIA at the parish. Sister Elizabeth said that the bereavement ministry is among the most rewarding aspects of her work. She explained the concept of a caring community, “We prepare meals for the family during the time of the wake, and we have one of our team members regularly keep in touch with family members long thereafter.” She said that support groups are run three times a year for six weeks each, but usually people do not attend until at least 6 months after the death of a loved one.

The adult education program includes the book study group, which meets once a month. Father Michael Patete, parochial vicar, presents “Saturday With the Prophets,” one of the Bible study courses that occur periodically throughout the year as part of

the adult education effort.

Father John E. Basil has been parochial vicar at Immaculate Heart of Mary for a year. He focuses on hospital ministry at nearby Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, and Overlook Hospital, Summit, assisting with Mass, and “anything that needs to be done.”

Describing his first year at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Father Basil commented, “The parish is friendly and welcoming. There are many hard working groups and volunteers. Everything I could say about Immaculate Heart of Mary is positive.”

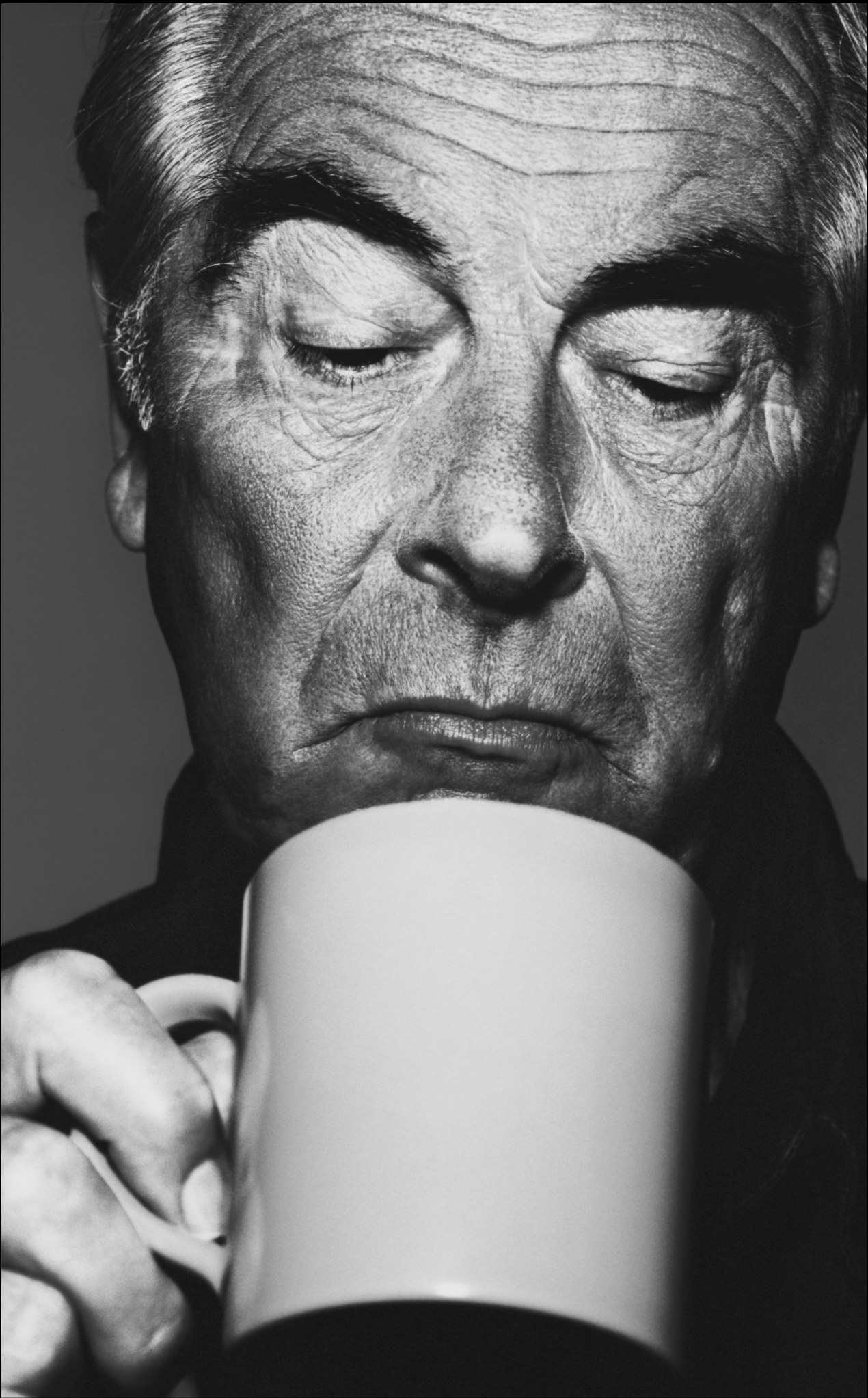
Father Kennedy added, “If a pastor could be spoiled, I’m in a parish that could spoil you! The people are so great, you just have to have hope for the future—they’ve got a spirit that makes you grateful for rising each day.”

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R.V.M. sisters to renew vows

Sister Mansueta Dolalas, a member of the Congregation of the Religious of the Virgin Mary (R.V.M.), the first all-Filipino Catholic women's Religious order in the Philippines, will renew her vows on Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption of Mary, at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth, during the noon Mass. All R.V.M. sisters renew their vows annually.

Sister Mansueta does administrative work for *The Catholic Advocate* and resides at St. Mary of the Assumption Convent. She is the only R.V.M. sister on the east coast of the United States.

Joining Sister Mansueta to renew her vows also will be Sister Marlene Dolalas, R.V.M., Sister Mansueta's niece, who is visiting from the Philippines. Sister Marlene is the superior principal of one of the congregation's high schools in the Philippines.

Sister Mansueta commented, "I'm very happy that my niece is here!"



Archbishop John J. Myers was surprised with birthday gifts at several stops through the Archdiocese late last month. At St. Ann Parish, Hoboken, left, photo, Father Michael Andreano, parochial vicar of Holy Family Parish, Nutley, and Father James Sheehan, the Archbishop's secretary, did the honors. In the top right photo, at St. Anne Parish, Jersey City, Deacon Kevin Carter and Father Victor P. Kennedy, pastor, offer congratulations. After speaking to young people at the Youth Center, Kearny, Archbishop Myers was presented with a birthday card and rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday."



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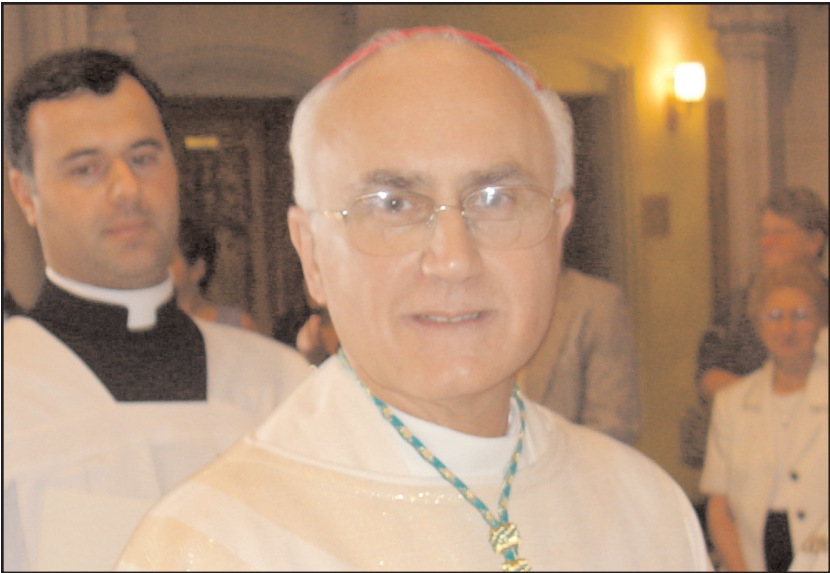
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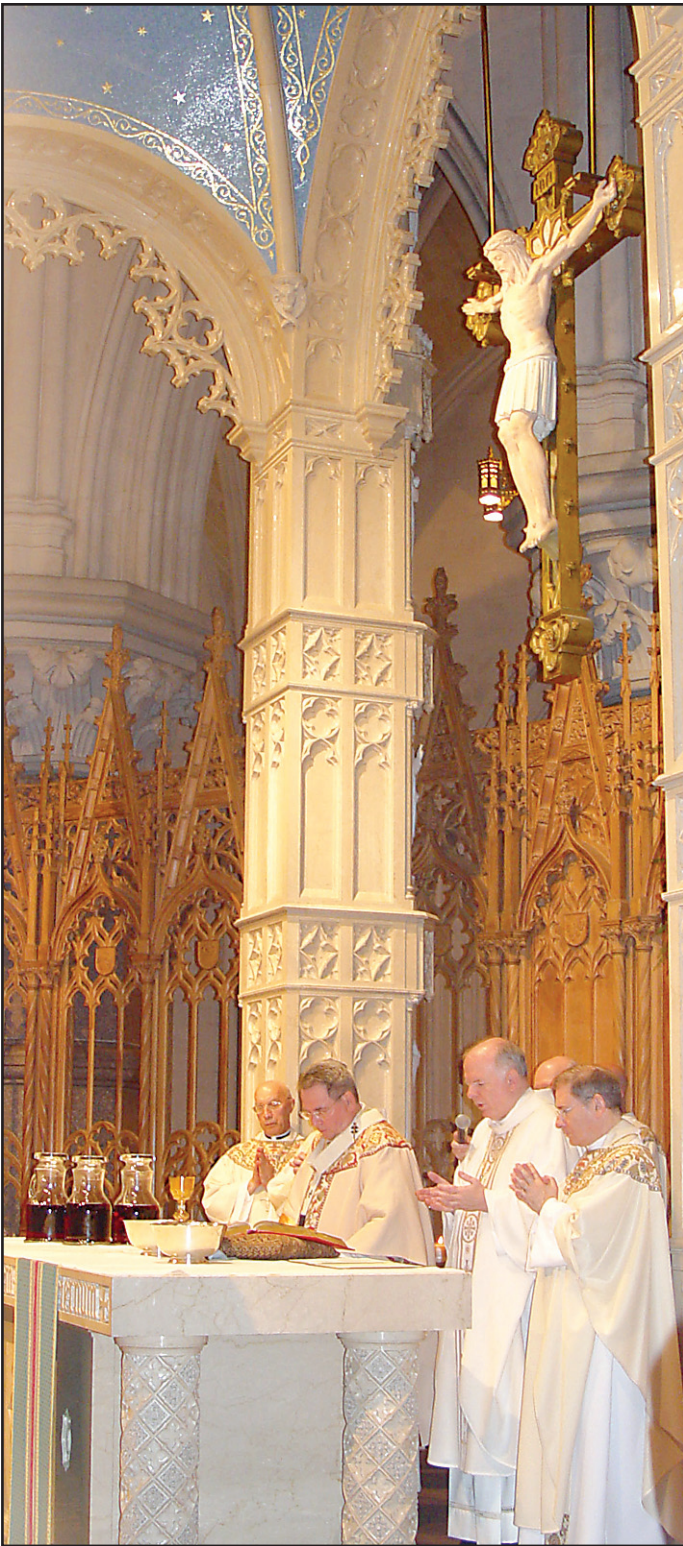
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The Mass of Ordination of Bishops was held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, on Aug. 4. Archbishop John J. Myers was the principal ordaining bishop. On these pages are photographs from before, during and after the liturgy.

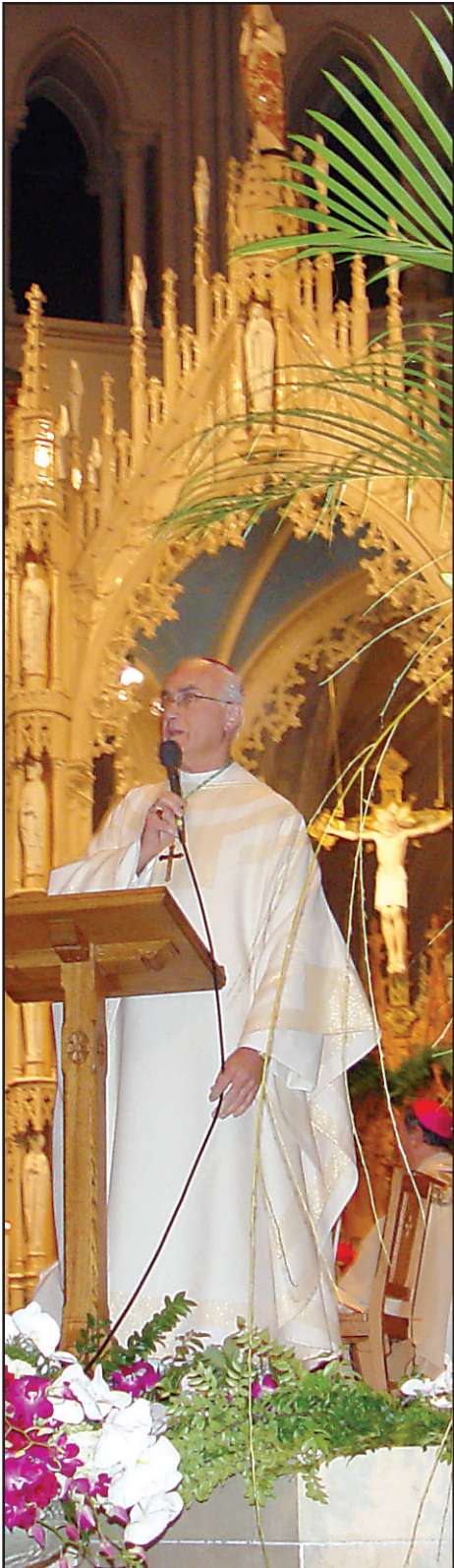


Advocate photos-Greg Tobin and Ward Miele





The episcopal ordinations of Bishop John W. Flesey and Bishop Thomas A. Donato were held on a clear, very warm day and attended by members of the hierarchy, clergy and Religious communities, as well as over a thousand lay faithful.





A unique perspective of the ordination is provided via a Port Authority of New York and New Jersey helicopter.

New bishops

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"This is why we must attend to them and welcome them, for therein is our salvation. And that is why we welcome the bishops and their cooperators, the priests and deacons, who are charged with handing on the divine tradition from generation to generation. The Holy Spirit has blessed us in the selection by Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, of bishops-elect Donato and Flesey, as bishops to share the ministry here in the Archdiocese of Newark."

Speaking directly of the two priests whom he asked the Pope to name as bishops, Archbishop Myers said, "They are wonderful priests, rich in experience, each with the heart of a pastor. They care tenderly for people, knowing that mercy and gentleness are properly placed in service of the truth of the Gospel... They know well, as did the Blessed Virgin Mary, that the story is not about them or any one of us, but about God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We offer glory and praise to the Trinity for the goodness that surrounds us."

During the most solemn

moment of the ordination, the laying on of hands, each bishop in attendance, beginning with Archbishop Myers, imposed his hands on the head of each bishop-elect. Then they offered the Prayer of Ordination, which invokes the power of the Holy Spirit upon the new bishops.

Archbishop Myers then anointed the head of each new bishop with chrism, signifying his consecration into the fullness of the priesthood of Christ. He then presented the new bishops with the Book of Gospels, which was held by deacons above their heads during the Prayer of Ordination, reminding them that one of their responsibilities is to preach the Good News. He also gave each a ring, symbolic of the seal of fidelity; a miter, saying, "may the splendor of holiness shine forth in you..." and a pastoral staff (crosier), "the sign of your pastoral office: and keep watch over the whole flock..."

At this point the new bishops were seated prominently before the assembly and the congregation erupted into applause as some strained for photos.

Then all the co-ordinating bishops present formally welcomed Bishops Donato and Flesey into

the heart and climax of the celebration, followed. Following the prayer after communion, the newly ordained bishops blessed the assembly, as the worshipers joined in a rousing hymn of thanksgiving, *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*, and further applause.

In remarks to the gathered assembly, Bishop Donato spoke of the many people who influenced his decision to respond to the call to serve the Church. "Little did I know the road that I would take as I made a response to my second grade teacher, Sr. Jeannette, that I was going to be a priest when I grew up," he said. "That journey began from seeds of faith planted within me by my mom and dad and my sisters and brothers, united with the neighborhood that was Holy Rosary Parish (Jersey City)." Spontaneous applause echoed through the Cathedral at the mention of Sister Jeannette De Sena, M.P.F., who proclaimed the first Scripture reading, and Holy Rosary Parish.

Reflecting on Blessed John XXIII's comment, "At my window a light will be burning. All may come in, the arms of a friend will always be waiting," Donato, visibly moved, said, "These words have enabled me to move from one parish to another as I responded to the diocesan call to minister to peo-

ple minister and embrace the needs of all God's people."

He also shared perspective on his most recent service as Spiritual Director at Immaculate Conception Seminary, "I realized that, in helping men in their formation in priestly ministry, I remembered that I am called not to be successful, but rather faithful to the call, no matter what the cost of discipleship."

Bishop Flesey spoke of the need to listen for the call of the Lord. Recalling a near-fatal accident shortly after he was ordained as a priest, Flesey said, "As I stared at the tree facing the windshield I realized how lucky I was... Later, as I opened the Liturgy of the Hours and started to pray, a voice inside of me said, 'Unless you slow down and pray more, you will crash and ruin the priesthood that you value infinitely more than that car.' I think from that moment forward," he continued, "I really became a priest of prayer."

He also spoke of a revelation while on retreat. "Outside there was just the rolling hills, the dark, the stars, the moon, the cows and the silence. Inside there was room for only two kneelers in the chapel, and of course, the small flame flickering by the tabernacle door. As I sat in the quiet, an insight came clearly to mind almost as if the words were written on the wall: a priest is a man of prayer."

"In the more than 30 years that have passed since those two events," he said, "I have discovered that prayer changes things not through magic, but through perspective. It reminds us of what we need to be grateful for, and it gives us a confidence in Christ that can diminish our fears for the future."

"Some people say this is a time of darkness for the Church," Flesey said, "and especially for bishops and priests. But as Archbishop Fulton Sheen once observed, if you want to get out of the darkness, walk into the light. When we pray, that is just what we do."

Following the liturgy, the two new bishops met with parishioners from throughout the Archdiocese who had gathered in the Archdiocesan Center across the street from the Cathedral Basilica to share the joy of the occasion.

Bishop Donato, who recently was named pastor of St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, will serve the Archdiocese as Regional Bishop for Hudson County. Bishop Flesey, who recently was named pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes, will serve as Regional Bishop of Bergen County.



The two new auxiliaries, Bishop Thomas A. Donato and Bishop John W. Flesey at the Holy Hour vigil, held in the Chapel of Christ the Good Shepherd at Immaculate Conception Seminary, before their episcopal ordinations.

ple in the different counties of our Archdiocese. To those of you who share this special day with me, I pray that our friendship may grow stronger and deeper as

The liturgy of the Eucharist,

Advocate photo: Greg Tobin

Fulfilling their mission: prepare laity for ministry

BY LISA HADDOCK

Special to The Catholic Advocate

"On all Christians ... rests the noble obligation of working to bring all men throughout the whole world to hear and accept the divine message of salvation."

That mandate—from Vatican II's 1965 Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People—prompted the Church throughout the world to prepare the laity for ministry. Here in the Archdiocese of Newark, Christian Foundations for Ministry (CFM) has fulfilled that mission since 1984.

"We give them the basics, so they have some knowledge of Catholic theology, of Scripture, of evangelization, of liturgy and the sacraments, of morality," explained Sister Virginia Stanton, C.S.J.P., who has run the program since 1991 as director of the Ministerial Development Center.

The nine-course, three-year program (offered in Spanish, English and Portuguese) is educational and spiritual. Participants study Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and various Church documents; they also examine their lives to make sure they are

working to follow Christ's example. Retreats are part of the curriculum, which is accredited through the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

CFM urges each student to focus on the Christian's role in the everyday world. "How do I bring the Gospel to wherever I am today, to the marketplace, to my family, wherever?" asked Sister Virginia, who has an M.A. in holistic spirituality.

The courses, offered at 49 locations throughout the Archdiocese, served approximately 600 students throughout the 2003-2004 school year; more than 200 completed the program. Each of the 43 instructors who took part last term has a master's degree in theology, religious education or spirituality. More than 2,000 candidates have graduated over the last 20 years. And CFM has been used to help prepare men seeking ordination to the permanent diaconate; that policy is now under review.

Paul Carris is a lifelong Catholic, active in Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights. The upheaval of 9/11 led him toward a deeper faith and CFM.

On 9/11, the Port Authority

engineer was in the World Trade Center's North Tower, the first to be hit but the last to fall. On the 71st floor, Carris met a woman weakened by a heart condition. He helped the stranger to safety, refusing to leave her, even when she begged him to do so. The two are now good friends.

In the months that followed, Carris faced emotional turmoil. With the help of his pastor, nine months of sessions with a priest-psychologist and a men's Cursillo retreat, Carris experienced a new calm and a deeper sense of spirituality. A fellow retreatant recommended CFM, and Carris began the program in January 2003 with Sister Virginia at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark.

Carris said that each CFM course becomes a community. "You're praying with a group of people, and you're bonding with them," said Carris, who is halfway through the program. "It is a group of people ... sharing their life experiences with the background of the Bible or some other aspect of religious study that we were talking

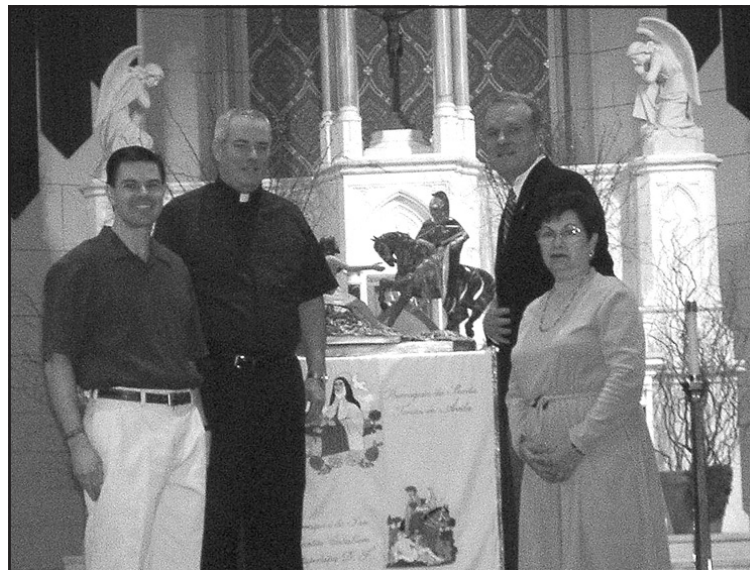
about. And I have never had an educational experience like that. I find it enlightening and motivating."

Carris now finds that sharing his faith comes naturally. Prayer is part of his daily life, and he freely talks about his experiences on and after 9/11.

"I just feel like I am a totally different Catholic now,"

Carris said.

Fall courses begin the week of Sept. 13, and the cost is \$50 per course. Typically, your parish will pay half. Scholarships are available. You may register at the first session. For more details, contact Sister Virginia Stanton at (973) 497-4350 or visit www.rcan.org/mindev.htm.



Msgr. Robert Harahan and David O'Brien (both on left) of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, accept the transfer of the "Somos Familia - We Are Family" child sponsorship program from Cathy Spina and Joe Duffy (both on right), Executive Director of Catholic Charities for the Paterson Diocese. Somos Familia began as an outreach of Catholic Charities to poor children in Iztapalapa, Mexico, a city built on a garbage dump. But after Msgr. Harahan initiated a sister parish relationship with San Martin de Caballero, the local parish in Iztapalapa, parishioners from St. Teresa became the main supporters of the program. Presently, more than 200 children are sponsored, which provides for their schooling, a monthly food bag and some medical care for young people of all ages.



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The Most Reverend John W. Flesey



Bishop Czeslaw Kozon of Copenhagen, Denmark, was the main celebrant and homilist at a Polish Mass last month at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Harrison. Born in Denmark, Bishop Kozon speaks fluent Polish and four other languages. He makes it a practice to meet with Polish communities around the world. Children in traditional costumes welcomed the bishop. While in the United States, Bishop Kozon met with Archbishop John J. Myers, Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety and other leading Church figures.

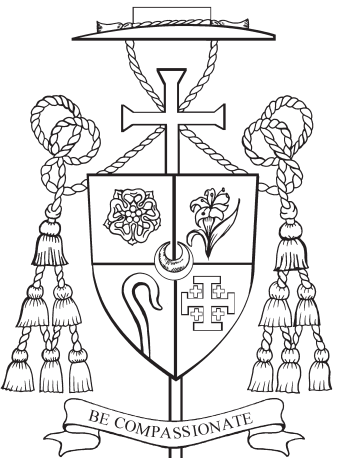


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Advocate photos - Liesl Fores

Students, faculty and staff of Saint Vincent Academy, Newark, were joined by benefactors, alumnae, family and friends for the dedication and blessing of the new \$8.5 million wing, Providence Hall. Father Edwin D. Leahy, O.S.B., headmaster of brother school St. Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark, gave the blessing after each room and materials of Providence Hall were dedicated in honor of corporate, foundation and individual donors as well as members of the SVA family. Among program participants and attendees were Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, general superior of the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, and Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety. Funded entirely through donations, a total of 1700 organizations and individuals, including 700 alumnae, contributed to the cost of the 46,000 square-foot construction. The addition includes a library and media center, flexible classrooms, offices, a guidance and counseling center, an art studio and a combination gymnasium and auditorium.

School year extended

The school year was extended with a four-week summer program at Garfield Catholic Academy.

For four hours each morning, a small group of students took part in reading and mathematics remediation and enrichment.

Each day began with a prayer circle focusing on weekly themes—the Bible, the saints,

Mary and the prophets of the Old Testament.

Each session ended with a prayer circle of songs and reflection. Friday's students took part in a special art project.

Citing the extra study, Principal Terri Suchocki said, "This added time of individual help and continued practice has definitely been a gift."



Orlando Abrugha who will enter the second grade at Garfield Academy.

Statewide school choice petition drive in Archdiocese Oct. 9-17

The Archdiocese of Newark has thrown its full support behind a school choice petition drive this fall calling upon lawmakers to make "viable options" available to students in the Garden State.

At the parish level throughout the Archdiocese, petitions will be available the week of Oct. 9-17 which has been designated School Choice Week.

The petition drive is sponsored by the New Jersey School Choice Alliance (NJSCA) whose membership includes the New Jersey ALLIANCE of Catholic School Families, the New Jersey Catholic Conference, and the New Jersey State Council of Knights of Columbus.

Options cited in the petition include the opportunity to attend traditional public, charter, nonpublic or home schools according to a student's "needs." The petition also states that parents are "best suited to determine the most effective option for educating their children" adding "funding for education should follow children to the school of their parents' choice."

English, Spanish versions

In addition to Schools Choice Week, Sister Dominica Rocchio, S.C., Ed.D., Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Newark, has asked that all elementary and high schools conduct the petition drive at their Back to School Night programs as well as other appropriate functions that take place early in the school year.

The petition, available in English and Spanish, will have space for a signature and address. No other information will be requested.

Mary McElroy, Diocesan Director of the New Jersey ALLIANCE of Catholic School Families, is coordinating the petition drive at both the schools and parishes.

According to McElroy the "goal" of the petition drive is to "present state legislators with an indication of the support of the general concept of school choice within their districts."

School choice, she stresses, is the "primary mission" of the New Jersey ALLIANCE of Catholic School Families and is a "critical goal" of the New Jersey Catholic Conference because it "offers parents an opportunity to select the schools that are best suited for their children's needs but which many cannot afford." The Knights of Columbus, McElroy adds,

"have always been strong supporters of our Catholic schools and particularly have helped parents be able to choose Catholic education through local council scholarship programs."

The intent of the petition drive, McElroy explains, is threefold: educate parents and supporters of Catholic education "who wish to read more about school choice and to learn about the myths that are perpetuated by opponents of school choice;" provide a forum "for families' voices to be heard regarding their need for school choice, and "alert" legislators to the support for school choice among their constituents.

McElroy emphasizes the educational component of the drive saying, "There is no attempt to pressure anyone to sign the petition which will be used to show legislators the need of their constituents for school

choice. Schools and parishes will have short inserts that can be published in their parish bulletin and sent home in school communications that outline what we mean by school choice. It is important to dispel the misconceptions clung to by opponents of school choice so that families and concerned individuals can form their own opinions and be willing to let their elected officials know what they need."

As a NJSCA project, the petition drive is not limited to schools and parishes of the Church of Newark. Petitions will also be signed by other nonpublic school families and members of other churches, synagogues and civic groups statewide.

At the conclusion of the drive, the petitions will be delivered to Trenton. For additional information contact McElroy at (973) 467-9396 or alliance@rcan.org.

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The impact of recent corporate scandals was explored by 23 Catholic business leaders at a forum focusing on how their faith works in the business world of today.

Catholic CEO's explore impact of the recent corporate scandals

In the aftermath of Enron and its "off balance sheet" financial structures that allegedly served to enrich top executives at the expense of millions of shareholders, what do Catholic business leaders have to say about the nature of contemporary corporate values, ethical leadership and the ways in which their Catholic faith influences their work?

These were among the many topics addressed at a recent gathering of 23 business chief executives at the North Maple Inn.

Co-organized by Seton Hall University's Center for Catholic Studies and the Jesuit Woodstock Theological Center, and funded by Seton Hall's Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership, the conference gave Catholic CEO's an opportunity to share experiences, to analyze more closely the roots of the ethical problems confronting business today and to pinpoint key moral values drawn from their faith that can make a positive and lasting contribution to the ethical climate of the corporation and society.

In four interactive seminars facilitated by Msgr. Richard Liddy, Director of the Center for Catholic Studies at Seton Hall, Father Gasper Lo Biondo, S.J., Father John Haughey, S.J. and Terry Armstrong of the Woodstock Center, Mr. Andy O'Connor, CEO of O'Connor Associates, and William Toth, Ph.D., associate professor of Christian ethics at Immaculate Conception

Seminary, Seton Hall University, participants reflected upon their personal vocation to become business leaders, as well as the glory and the pitfalls of executive leadership.

A major consensus that emerged from the conversations was the conviction that the cause of ethical failure in organizations is directly related to the failure of leaders to promote ethical ideals.

The influence of top management is the single most important factor in setting the tone for the ethical climate of the corporation. Lower level managers and employees take their cues for appropriate behavior from the actions and rhetoric of superiors that will suggest the expectations that managers have for subordinates.

Leadership initiatives to improve the corporate ethics are best achieved through consensus, which entails shared language, and interpretation of values, clarity, and commitment that extends to a concerted alignment of all internal and external procedures with core values. Many of the participants expressed a desire to learn more about Catholic social teaching as it relates to their corporate activity.

The organizers of the conference are making plans to continue the conversations that surfaced during the conference. As one participant put it: "I never realized how much of a resource my Catholic faith is to my work. This conference definitely helped me to re-position some of my priorities. I'm looking forward to the next round."

Evangelization a necessity and challenge

Father Robert J. Hater, a professor of systematic and pastoral theology, spoke recently to 65 catechetical leaders at Xavier Center, Convent Station.

Father Hater spoke on catechesis and evangelization. A-

mong those in attendance was Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., Auxiliary Bishop for Essex County.

Father Hater, who teaches at the Athenaeum of Ohio, said the three aspects of evangelization

are word, worship and service. He noted too that the with great mobility of today's society, evangelization is "a necessity and a challenge." As Father Hater sees it, the focal points of any evangelizer should be "the family, the parish and the world or marketplace."

He noted, too, "As Catholics we need to recognize that we have something that is worth having and worth sharing. We should, therefore, extend the hand of welcome and hospitality for others to join us."

Such an approach, he added, should be "optimistic, radically communitarian and the heart and soul of Christian life and ministry."



Father Hater speaks to parish catechetical leaders.

HIV/AIDS awareness goal of Good Shepherd ministry

For the past seven years, the Good Shepherd Ministry at St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, has worked primarily with raising awareness of and helping those afflicted with HIV/AIDS.

Founded at the request of the pastor, Msgr. Philip Morris, and with Father Thomas Dente, parochial vicar, as its spiritual director, the ministry has reached out in a variety of directions.

Each year at an AIDS Compassion Sunday, funds are collected and sent to organizations working with HIV/AIDS patients. On AIDS Compassion Sunday, parishioners are given a special prayer card and red ribbon to wear and the priests deliver a special homily. For the past two years, a special quilt, made by ministry members, that contains the names of those who have died of the disease. A memory book is also available for the names of loved ones.

During the years, ministry members go to University Hospital, Newark, to nurture and rock so-called "border babies." To date the parish ministry has donated close to 100 baby afghans which become the property of each baby. Members of the community knit, crochet or sew the afghans.

A ministry committee takes food to Harrison House at North Bergen Community Hospital, a facility that treats AIDS patients.

The parish ministry is a member of the National Catholic Aids Network.



Father Dente with several ministry members admiring several of the afghans. Seated on the floor is chairman Terri Gantor next to Armalia Jens. Standing, left to right, are Julie Zaninni, Rose O'Shea and Mary Marin, Ginny Greene.

Obituaries

Father McDyre, 88, pastor

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 14 for Father Cajetan McDyre, S.T., 88, who died July 11.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Father McDyre was a graduate of Marist College, Washington, DC. He entered the Trinity Missions Novitiate in 1936 and was ordained in 1945.

Serving in many missionary

churches and then as pastor in parishes in North Carolina and Georgia, Father McDyre spent the last 34 years on staff at the Shrine of Saint Joseph, Sterling. He was a spiritual director, particularly for the Missionary Servant Guilds in Hoboken and Maplewood. Father McDyre became known for his powerful prayer ministry.

Sister Raymond, educator

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 15 for Sister M. Raymond Head, S.S.N.D., 81, who died July 12.

Sister Raymond entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1942. She graduated from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in education. She also earned a master's degree in history from Fordham University, NY.

Ministering as a high school teacher and principal for close to 60 years, her assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included serving at Holy Angels Academy in both Fort Lee and Demarest for 34 years. She assisted as receptionist at the School Sisters of Notre Dame motherhouse in Wilton, CT, from 1999 until 2001, when she retired.

Church to honor a saint whose life was one of love

BY LISA HADDOCK

Special to The Catholic Advocate

On Aug. 14, the Church honors St. Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941), named by Pope John Paul II as the patron saint of the 20th century and a prophet of the civilization of love.

Indeed, St. Maximilian's life was all about love.

"Pray that I will love without any limits," Father Maximilian Kolbe, O.F.M. Conv., wrote to his mother, Maria, while he was in his twenties.

As a boy in Poland, Raymond (his given name) told his mother that the Blessed Virgin Mary had offered him two crowns: one white and the other red. The white meant that he would remain pure. The red meant he would be a martyr.

He accepted both.

After the Nazi invasion of September 1939, Poland suffered greatly—eventually losing nearly its entire Jewish population. The Church was persecuted as well. More than one third of Poland's priests wound up in the camps.

As a well-known intellectual,

editor, publisher and missionary, Father Kolbe could inspire a nation the Nazis wanted to



St. Maximilian Kolbe

crush. He was a marked man.

Father Kolbe was imprisoned, freed and arrested again. On May 28, 1941, he arrived in Auschwitz. Over the next few months, he heroically shared his meager rations and plentiful faith with all around him.

In July, a prisoner from Father Kolbe's block escaped. In retribution, the SS demanded that 10 men die. Francis Gajowniczek, who was marked for death, begged that his life be spared for the sake of his family. And then, a miracle of "love

without any limits" happened. Father Kolbe offered himself in place of this stranger, who went on to survive the war.

Father Kolbe willingly embraced a one-way trip to a wretched, stinking starvation block. There, he spent the next two weeks comforting fellow prisoners, who were deprived of food, clothing and water. On Aug. 14, the SS ordered all surviving prisoners in the bunker killed. St. Maximilian was injected with lethal dose of carbolic acid. His earthly remains went to the ovens.

One witness stated, "We were stunned by his act, which became for us a mighty explosion of light in the dark camp night."

Maximilian Kolbe was beatified in 1971 and canonized in 1982.

Details of this story were taken from *A Man for Others: Maximilian Kolbe, the Saint of Auschwitz* by Patricia Treece, Marytown Press. For more information about St. Maximilian, visit www.consecration.com and www.marytown.com.

Student volunteers go above and beyond

Juniors at Immaculate Conception High School, Montclair, are required to volunteer a minimum of 36 hours at local organizations. Don't tell that to Alessandra Daley, Vanessa Carbalho and Valeriya Tsekhanovich.

By the time the three had met that requirement, however, they were barely getting started. When done, they had logged 160.5, 119, and 100 hours respectively—from three to four solid weeks of total service in the four-month program.

Tsekhanovich worked at the

Salvation Army, Montclair, where she organized and stocked food, clothes, and toys, and helped organize a picnic for needy clients. At a nearby residential facility for the elderly, she visited and aided a disabled senior citizen, finding time to look after the resident's cat as well. At her third job, she returned to Sacred Heart School, Bloomfield, where she attended grammar school. There, Tsekhanovich handled such duties as filing, answering phones, copying and collating.

Entering her senior in the fall,

Tsekhanovich is planning to study business in college.

Carbalho put in her hours at the gift shop of the Montclair Art Museum helping out with computer work, filing, and inventory. She was also charged to help ensure that the gift shop had merchandise that reflected the museum's shows and appealed to its clientele. Carbalho tripled the hourly requirement, "because I wanted to," she says. "I like the people." And with an intended college major in art history, Carbalho benefited from being "in and around art."

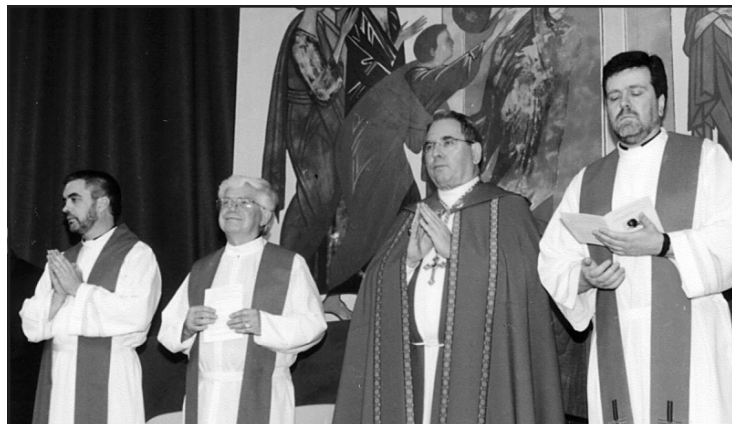
Daley volunteered at the Montclair Child Development Center, a Head Start program. She worked with the youngest children: three-to 18-months old.

A member of Immaculate's dance troupe, Daley would like to study dance at Montclair State University.

The program is supervised by teacher Grace Kern, who, along with her husband Doug, is a parishioner at Immaculate Conception Parish.



Left to right, Alessandra Daley, Vanessa Carbalho and Valeriya Tsekhanovich.



Advocate photo-Frank Wood

Members of the Neocatechumenal Way, a faith formation movement, attended a recent prayer service with Archbishop John J. Myers at St. Mary Parish, Plainfield. With Archbishop Myers are, left to right, Father Sean Manson, parochial vicar; Father Kenneth Jones, pastor; and Father Renato Grasselli, rector of Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Seminary, Kearny.

Knights' state council installs officials, deputies

Most Rev. Charles J. McDonnell, Retired Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, installed the 2004-2005 officers and district deputies of the New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus last month in the renovated Church of the Holy Cross, Trenton.

Following his own installation as state chaplain by Most Rev. John M. Smith, Bishop of Trenton, at a Mass, concelebrated by Bishop Smith, Bishop McDonnell and Msgr. Edward J. Arnister, pastor of Holy Cross Parish, the five officers, each representing a diocese within the state, received a jewel from Bishop McDonnell, representing their respective office.

Installed were W. James White, Trenton, state deputy; Reginald F. Beckett, Haddon Heights, state secretary; Thomas

P. Ciborski, Budd Lake, states treasurers; Herbert C. Meyer, Rutherford, state advocate, and Wayne J. McCormack, Sayreville, state warden.

Also installed were 71 district deputies who serve as lieutenants. There are over 65,000 Knights within New Jersey alone.

Following the ceremony, Bishop Smith commended the Knights of Columbus and its leaders, "for your continued dedication to Jesus Christ and the Holy Mother Church, especially in these troubling times."

At a luncheon following Mass, Bishop McDonnell was honored by the Knights of Columbus for his 50 years of priesthood. Bishop McDonnell served many years as a U.S. Army Chaplain, rising to the rank of Brigadier General.



In the photo at the left, Bishop McDonnell is installed by Bishop Smith, and, right photo, Bishop McDonnell installs Herbert C. Meyer of Rutherford.



CNS photo

Jack Valenti inside the association's theater in Washington, DC.

Movie ratings are his legacy

WASHINGTON (CNS) — If anything, Jack Valenti will be remembered as the man behind movie ratings.

Valenti, a Catholic, is stepping down Sept. 1 as head of the Motion Picture Association of America after spending 38 years at the helm of a fractious industry that has survived not only occasional congressional and consumer revolts over content and regulation, but plenty of infighting from its member studios.

The ratings took shape in 1968. "There was rebellion in the creative community" at that time, Valenti recalled. Some of that may have been stirred two years before. One of his first actions upon taking the job, he added, was dumping the Hays Code regulating movie content "which I

thought was abominable censorship and could not last."

"But when I discarded it, I found out that nature, politics and Hollywood do not care for vacuums," he said. "I had left a vacuum. And the more and more I thought about it, I thought I could come up with some design that freed the screen, allowed filmmakers to tell their stories the way they choose to tell it — but with the potential downside that some of their films would be restricted for viewing by children."

The concept of ratings, Valenti said in an interview with Catholic News Service, was "to put the authority of which kid goes to which movie in the hands of parents, and not anyone else, because parents are responsible for the behavior of their children, not the government. I think the school and the Church have a lot to do with that, but in the end parents make that decision."

African culture celebrated

The Society of African Missions (SMA) and its African Art Museum will hold the second SMA African Festival on Saturday, Aug. 28 from noon to 5 p.m. at the American Province headquarters: 23 Bliss Ave., Tenafly. Admission is free.

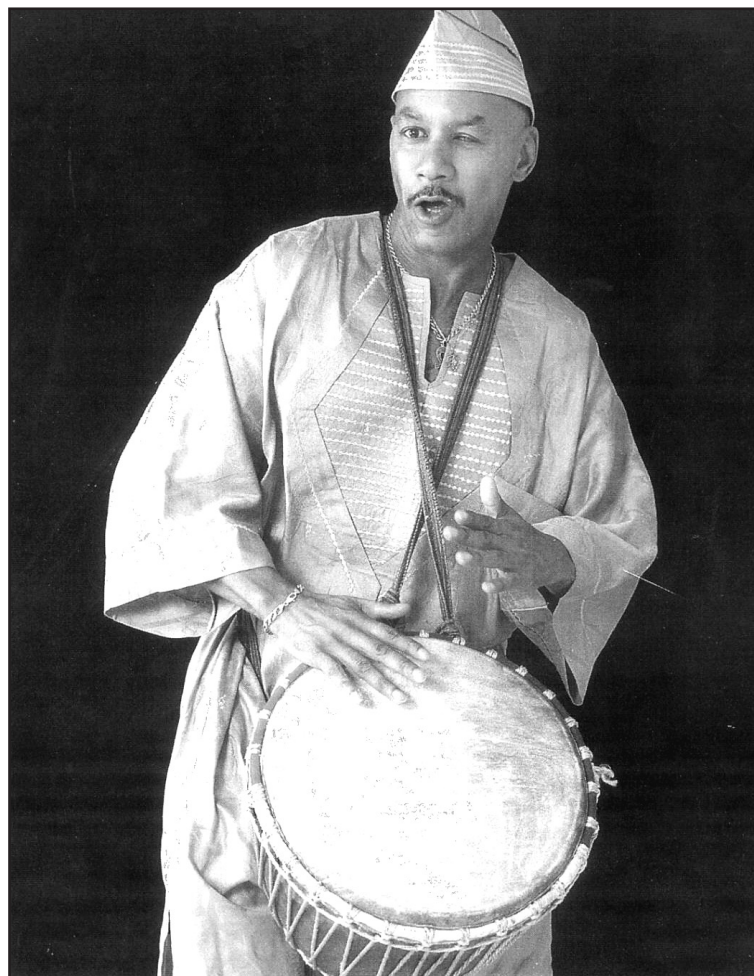
An African-style Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in the SMA Chapel.

"We want to celebrate the beauty that is Africa and the great contributions Africa has made to arts and culture in our society," said Father Thomas Wright, SMA provincial superior and a festival coordinator.

Visitors will be able to see African music, dance, storytelling, workshops and other entertainment presentations throughout the day. Vendors will sell African themed clothing, artwork, jewelry, and much more. SMA's popular African Art Museum will be open for viewing of its collections and special exhibits.

The African Festival presentations celebrate the various arts and cultures of African as well as the ways in which traditional African arts have evolved and have influenced other cultures. Presenters include:

- Adisa Bankole, storyteller and drumming workshop leader—storytelling with movement, music, and audience interaction.
- Leonard Byrd, musician—a children's musical instrument workshop. Participants will create their own "mbari" or African thumb pianos.
- Gina Ferrara, musician and vocalist— Ferrara who has stud-



Adisa Bankole will present a drumming workshop during the festival.

ied her instrument in Ghana, plays the West African "Gyil" (a xylophone-like instrument).

• Five Star Dance Center—a Teaneck-based youth company of dancers and drummers, will present a program of African and contemporary dances.

• Garden State Chorale Chapter—based in Teaneck, the choir will offer a program of Gospel songs.

• Willie Mack & Ensemble — This jazz band will offer

"MusArt" featuring music, paintings, and interactive audience participation.

• Father Frank Wright, musician—an SMA priest who serves in Nairobi, Kenya, is a musician, vocalist and founder of several music groups in Nairobi.

On sale too will be African ebony art, carvings, Kente cloth goods, quilts, jewelry, Kwaanza products, millinery and samples of African food.

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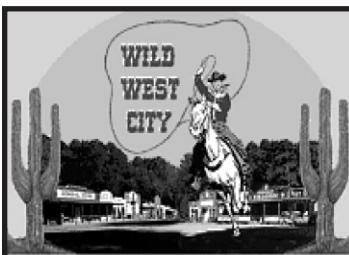
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O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me that you are my mother. O Holy Mother of God, Queen of 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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PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

Oh, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. (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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Foundation honors BCHS graduate

Christopher Solga, a recent graduate of Bergen Catholic High School, has been honored by the Bill Tierney Foundation as one of the 12 winners of its annual scholar/athlete award.

Solga, who was a standout safety and receiver for the 10-2 football team last fall, will attend Yale University.

He tied for the team lead with four interceptions in 2003, and finished in a third-place tie with 80 tackles. He also scored two touchdowns on defense (tying a school record) and caught one touchdown pass on offense.

Solga was inducted into the National Honor

Society and the Italian Honor Society, was named as an Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, and received the Victor Liggio Award as the Outstanding Scholar/Athlete, the Creative Living Counseling Center Humanitarian Award, the Leonardo Da Vinci Society Award for Outstanding Achievement in Italian Studies, and the Traffic Club of New York Scholarship Award.

Tierney was an outstanding two-way starter for the Crusaders in 1992 and 1993, when Bergen Catholic won back-to-back state championships. He moved on to Fordham University, where he passed away just prior to a game there in 1996.



Father Leo Butler blesses the new air bubble that will house a temporary practice gym which will be used October through April.

Paramus Catholic gets needed practice gym

Ceremonies were held recently at Paramus Catholic High School to mark progress on an ongoing facilities expansion plan.

Father Leo Butler, school chaplain, blessed a new air-bubble structure.

The school has been in need for years of a practice gym. A plan was developed to add four practice gyms at 10 percent the cost of a permanent structure. The 35-foot high, 22,000-square foot bubble will be placed over the school's tennis courts from October through April. It will be used for winter practice by the basketball, cheerleading, wrestling and track teams.

A blessing and ground-breaking was also held for the

site for a new addition.

With an enrollment that has grown from 838 in June 1998 to a projected 1,525 in September, the addition became essential.

The last phase of accommodating the student body's growth will be a 5,000-square-foot addition housing four classrooms, an elevator, outdoor amphitheater and prayer chapel.

The chapel will feature a specially commissioned stained glass window which will be seen from the school grounds. It will depict the Blessed Virgin Mary with Paramus Catholic students along with symbols and imagery of the school's history and culture.



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Shea Mulcahy

St. Agnes
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Shea Mulcahy, a 2000 graduate of St. Agnes School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 330, recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in scouting.

Mulcahy, a parishioner and altar server at St. Agnes Parish, chose to clean, organize and refurbish the parish picnic shed and storage facility located in the back of the school property.

Under the supervision of Msgr. James Choma, pastor, and Father John Chadwick, parochial vicar, Mulcahy and his team of fellow scouts, some members of St. Agnes' Youth Program, parishioners involved with St. John's Soup Kitchen and his high school friends, worked some 130 to completed the project.

Upon final review, Father Chadwick signed off on the project certifying, "Shea has completed the project as described. The shed is clean, well organized, and much more suitable for future parish outdoor events."

When Mulcahy's Scoutmaster received word that he had achieved "Eagle Scout" status, he told him his honors included an all-expense-paid vacation at New Jersey's Camp Winnebago this summer.

"Little did he know that 'all-expenses-paid' meant he was going up as an assistant scoutmaster and the leader of his troop for one week" explained Mulcahy's mother.

Mulcahy graduated cum laude from St. Joseph High School, Metuchen, on May 27. A high honors student during his four years at St. Joseph's. He will attend The American University, Washington, DC.

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***I**t's that time of year for Catholic school students and their parents throughout the Archdiocese of Newark!*

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Turn this page to learn more about the elementary and secondary schools in your area.

A Supplement to *The Catholic Advocate*

Archdiocesan students excel in national testing

Students in all grades throughout the Archdiocese of Newark continue to excel in standardized testing.

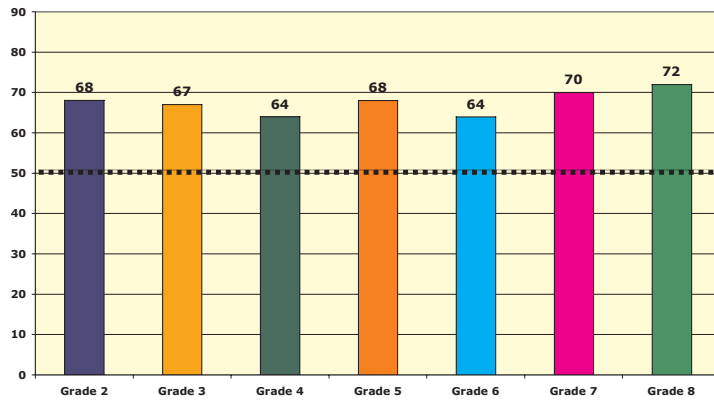
During a week in March, standardized testing takes place in 127 Catholic elementary schools within the Church of Newark. This year approximately 19,560 students (Grades 2 through 8) in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties were administered the tests.

All students took achievement tests in reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science.

Grades 2, 4 and 6 were tested in spelling; and in Grades 2-7 the students took an aptitude test called *InView*.

Archdiocesan schools adopted

Archdiocese of Newark 2004 TerraNova Percentiles Scores Grade 8



ed the CTB McGraw-Hill's TerraNova achievement assessment in the fall of 1998. Every ten years standardized tests are updated. This year the second edition was used.

TerraNova is a standardized achievement test that measures how much students have already learned about a school subject. Results help teachers develop programs that suit students' achievement levels in each subject area.

In Archdiocesan schools, this year's students' composite achievement score was 14 to 22 points above the national median of 50th percentile. The composite score includes reading, language, and mathematics.

Standardized results are expressed in terms of median national percentiles. The national percentile is a measurement of a student's (or group of students') performance that can be compared to the results achieved by other students who

have taken the same test.

Used as a representation of test performance achieved by a group of students, the median national percentile shows how the middle student of the group compares to the middle student in the nationwide norm group that took TerraNova.

For example, the median national percentile for Composite score for Grade 5 students in the Archdiocese is 68, or 18 points above the median national percentile of 50 for the TerraNova norm group.

Sister Louise Cababe, O.P., Ph.D. announced, "For the past eight years language arts scores continue to be well above national median percentile at

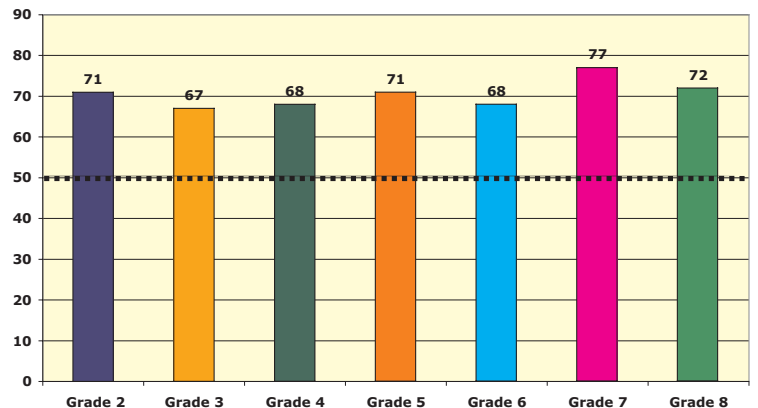
every elementary grade level."

The language arts test identifies a student's ability to demonstrate an understanding of conventions for writing complete and effective sentences, including treatment of subject and verb, punctuation, and capitalization; to focus on an assigned topic and write a well developed response. How to analyze a paragraph for coherence, students use of editing skills and writing strategies, i.e., relevance, sequence and organizing information.

Below a graph depicts the 2004 median national percentile scores for grades 2 - 8 for language arts.

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Archdiocese of Newark Language Arts TerraNova 2003-2004 Percentiles Scores

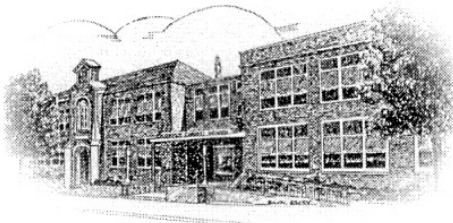


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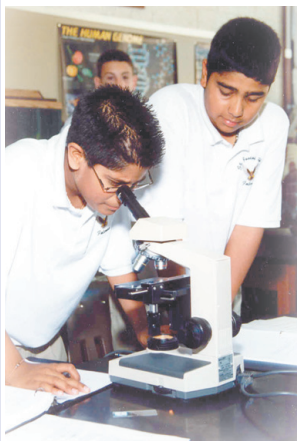
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The announcement was made by the National Marketing Campaign For Catholic Schools, a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The campaign will feature ads, posters, billboards and turnkey marketing kits for school use.

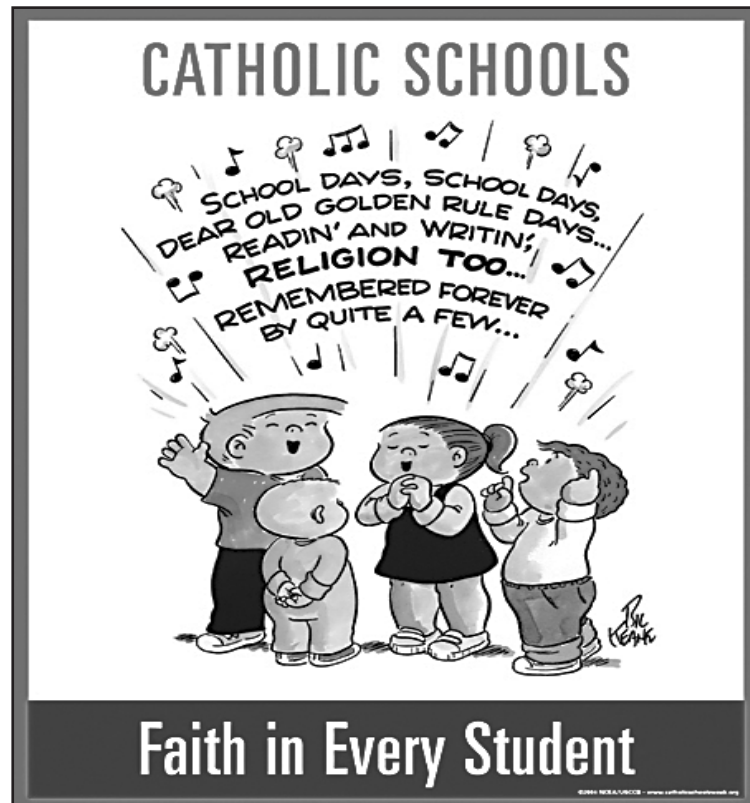
The Catholic Schools Week theme reflects the anniversary theme of NCEA, which is celebrating its centennial year with the message, "Faithful Past, Faith-Filled Future." Catholic Schools Week will be observed Jan. 30 through Feb. 5, 2005. National Appreciation Day For Catholic Schools is Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Citing the new theme, Sister Dominica Rocchio, S.C., Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Newark, noted that the emphasis on faith is the cornerstone of Catholic schools. "Catholic schools provide students with an excellent academic foundation which emphasizes the basics but also takes advantage of the latest technology to prepare for the future. Fine academics combined with the Gospel mission and the development of faith enable us to produce future leaders for our society. We do have

faith in every student and our impressive standardized test scores and graduation rates reflect this faith."

The logo for the new cam-

paign features a student whose stance and outstretched arms cast the shadow of a cross. The message "Faith in Every Student: Catholic Schools" is



featured on the design.

The 2004-2005 campaign will introduce a new illustration by Bill Keane, creator of the "Family Circus."

For ten years Mr. Keane, a product of Catholic schools, has designed a cartoon celebrating Catholic schools. This year's illustration is titled "Catholic schools" and shows Billy, Dolly, Jeffy and P.J. singing, "School days, school days, dear old golden rule days...readin' writin', Religion too...remembered forever by quite a few."

Posters play a prominent role in each campaign. This year they include an illustration featuring a group of joyful Catholic high school graduates with the headline, "Learn Well. Live Well. Serve Well." Another group of elementary school students sport sunglasses under the headline, "Look at the World in a New Way. Catholic School Gives You the Right Perspective." Finally, an ocean scene features a sweeping wave and a message forms an arc around the surf: "Catch the wave of inspired learning at a Catholic school." Additional marketing items include T-shirts, buttons, banners and bumper stickers. Schools purchase them to promote their work and raise money through fund raising.

Benedictine students shine

The president of Benedictine Academy, Sister Germaine Fritz, O.S.B., and Kenneth Jennings, assistant principal, announced this week a member of the Class of 2005 and nine members of the Class of 2004 of the Elizabeth school performed well on the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) exams administered this spring.

The ten young women earned grades of 3 to 5, meaning they exhibited proficiencies in the "qualified/well qualified/extremely well qualified" range.

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Students and the AP examinations in which they excelled are: English literature/composition: Andreia DaCosta, Ebony James, Kamaljit (Kay) Kaur, Megan Paolercio, Laura Parente and Cristiana Santos. Spanish: Dulce Escano, Ana Sousa and Viviana Villalobos U.S. History: Alexis Gonzalez (Class of '05) and Laura Parente; biology: Kay Kaur chemistry: Laura Parente.

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Immaculate Conception High School Lodi www.ichslodi.com	24 2	October, 1-3 PM February, 7-9 PM
Saint Joseph Regional High School Montvale www.saintjosephregional.org	26 3 30	September, 12-3 PM November, 7-9 PM January, 12-2 PM
Queen of Peace High School North Arlington www.qphs.org	26 27	September, 1:30-4 PM October, 7-9 PM
Bergen Catholic High School Oradell www.bergencatholic.org	19 13	September, 1-3 PM October, 7-9 PM
Paramus Catholic Regional High School Paramus www.paramuscatholic.org	26 20 26	September, 1-4 PM October, 7-9 PM January, 7-9 PM
Don Bosco Preparatory High School Ramsey www.donboscoprep.com	26 24	September, 1-3 PM October, 1-3 PM
Saint Mary High School Rutherford www.stmaryhs.org	26 19	September, 2-4 PM October, 7-9 PM
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Benedictine Academy Elizabeth www.benedictineacad.org	16 26	October, 10 AM-12 PM October, 7-9 PM
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Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child Summit www.oakknoll.org	24 13	October, 1-3 PM November, 10 AM
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Mount Saint Dominic Academy Caldwell www.msdacademy.org	17 27 4	October, 1:30-3:30 PM October, 6:30-8:30 PM May, 6:30-8:30 PM
Immaculate Conception High School Montclair www.ichspride.org	3 9 1	October, 1-3 PM January, 1-3 PM May, 1-3 PM
Our Lady of Good Counsel High School Newark www.ologc.org/HighSchool.html	24 30	October, 12-3 PM January, 12-3 PM
Saint Benedict's Preparatory School Newark www.sbp.org		Call school for information
Saint Vincent Academy Newark www.svanewark.org	29 26	September, 6:30-8 PM October, 6:30-8 PM
Marylawn of the Oranges Academy South Orange www.marylawn.org	20 12 26	September, 7-8:30 PM October, 7-8:30 PM January, 7-8:30 PM
Lacordaire Academy Upper Montclair www.lacordaire.net	23 3	September, 7 PM October, 1 PM
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Holy Family Academy Bayonne www.hfa.bayonne.net	26 27 30	September, 12-2 PM September, 6:30-8:30 PM January, 12-2 PM
Marist High School Bayonne www.marist.org	3 30	October, 1 PM January, 1 PM
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Changes await archdiocesan students with new school year

With the start of another academic year only a few short weeks away, schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark are busy preparing to welcome students.

From freshman orientation at the high schools to a new campus ministry team, integration of music programs and getting ready for the arrival of the Middle States Evaluation Team, the schools and staff will be ready when the school bell rings.

A thumbnail look at representative schools illustrates what has been happening during the summer shows.

At Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi, classes begin on Sept. 7 with orientation for the Class of 2008.

Freshmen will spend the day with student ambassadors who will help them acclimate to their new surroundings, explain school policies and introduce

them to school procedures.

Routine maintenance marked the summer months. The gym and bathrooms in the locker area were refurbished.

In partnership with nearby Felician College, Immaculate students will have access to the college library, state of the art science and computer labs, visual arts, athletic facilities, a variety of programs and symposia.

Project Forward, established two decades ago, has expanded over the years. Juniors and seniors now have the opportunity to receive college credit in addition to their high school curriculum at both the Lodi and Rutherford campuses of Felician College.

The fall will also be marked by the school community joining forces in establishing a strategic plan to establish the school's overall direction over the next decade.

With the new school year will

come a faculty campus ministry team at Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains. The team will work with peer ministry executives to plan class days of recollection, retreat and school Masses.

The campus ministry program is one of many programs offered at Union Catholic. Among them is Big Brother, Big Sister which helps new students, whether freshmen or transfer students, make the adjustment to Union Catholic.

Not too long after the school year begins will be Out of the Box Night, when students receive new laptops as part of the "Anytime Anywhere" laptop learning program.

Students at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus School, Wallington, explains Sister Lisa Marie, principal, can look forward to "a brighter future." Says the principal, "we are taking the torch of knowledge and passing it on. We

will share our flames of ten virtues that we will practice each month hoping to make the future brighter for those we meet along the way."

Students can also look forward in the new school year to a musical time with initiation of a new band program. Now that the school kitchen has been renovated, students will be able to have hot lunches. The new school year will also see Most Sacred Heart of Jesus School undergo a Middle States Evaluation in November.

Students at Assumption/All Saints School, Jersey City, will soon discover music and movement are part of every subject.

In July, under the leadership of co-principal Anna Maria Padilla, the faculty created a musical "hot house" around activities of the annual summer enrichment program.

The program provides four weeks of learning and fun for students and neighborhood children.

Activities revolve around a theme. This year it was "Blooming with Music." The 50 participants learned to use values and rhythms as part of math problems, reading

and writing assignments. The physics of sound and music were explored. Afternoons were spent singing, dancing and playing simple instruments.

To prepare for the school year, faculty members took part in a three-day seminar provided by Beth Cohen of the non-profit Youth Music Group based in Jersey City. The teachers were taught basic terms and principles of music and given the opportunity to develop their skills on the Orff xylophones, recorders and hand percussion instruments.

Principal joins educators

Joseph Agostino, principal of Paramus Catholic High School, was among a select tri-state group who traveled to Japan for two weeks as part of the U.S. Educators Program.

"The program strives to have West to meet East for mutual enlightenment. The hope is that exposure to Japanese instructional techniques and various cultural sites will give participants a deeper understanding of Japanese traditions and the country's educational system," explained spokesman Stacy Smith.

Established in 1989 by the Community Affairs Committee of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of New York, Inc., the U.S. Educators Program was created in response to the sharp rise in the number of Japanese children studying in tri-state area schools.

The trip included school visits, forums with Japanese leaders in government, business and education and the opportunity to see various historical sites in Japan.

This year's delegation visited Osaka, Kyoto, Kanazawa and Tokyo.

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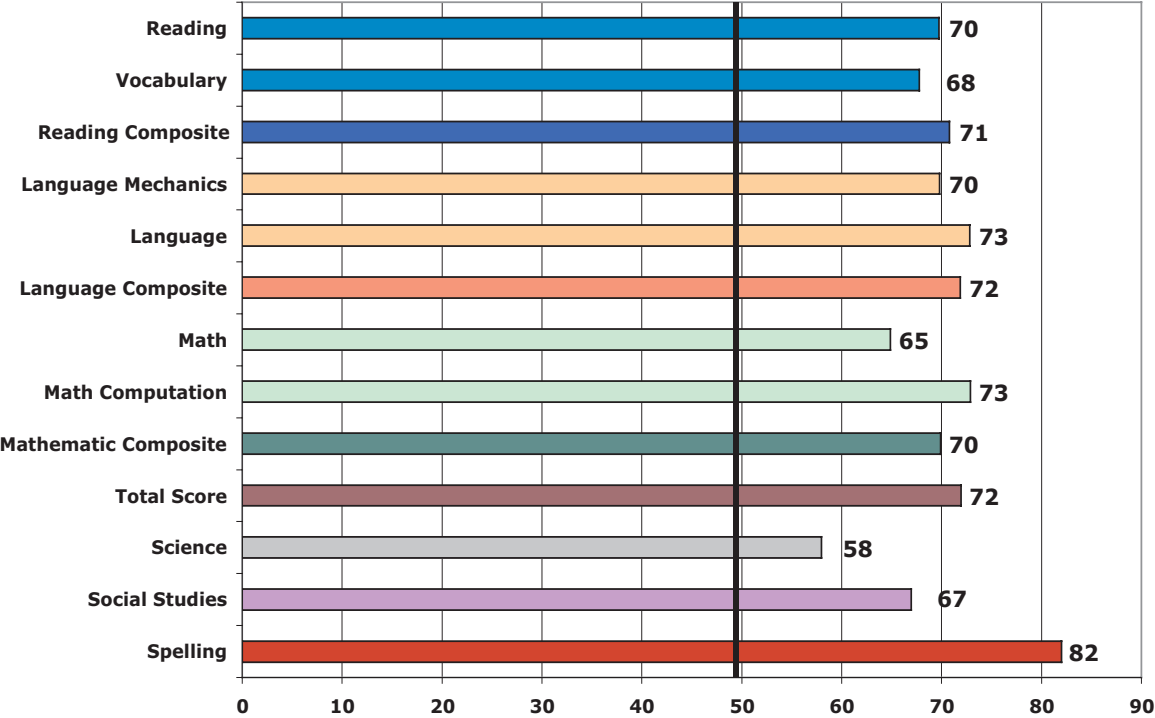
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Testing

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The best two year gain among all students in the Archdiocese was shown by third-graders in the social studies test, where their scores showed a gain of 10.8 percentile points (about 19 percent) over their score in spring 2002.

The largest one-year increase in test results reported for the Archdiocese was achieved by third-graders in the Social Studies test. Students' score in Spring 2004 increased by 10.5 percentile point, or by about 18 percent, over their spring 2003 score.

Eighth grade students showed the highest scores of all grades in reading, vocabulary, reading composite, language composite, math computation, math composite, spelling and total score.

For each grade level, the list of test results below highlights the greatest strengths.

Grade 2 - language, language mechanics, and spelling

Grade 3 - language, math and social studies

Grade 4 - language, language mechanics, math computation and spelling

Grade 5 - reading, language and social studies

Grade 6 - reading, language, language mechanics, and spelling

Grade 7- reading, language, and social studies

Grade 8 - language, math computation, and spelling

"Although students in math are above the median national percentile" Sister Louise explained, "It is one area that we continue to watch. In each school, teachers identify the specific topics in math that need improvement and devise activi-

ties and action plans for progress. Word problems are particularly difficult since not only do students need to know how to do the math they must read and comprehend the question and information."

Sister Dominica Rocchio, S.C., Ed.D. Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Schools said, "Yearly, we monitor the progress of the students

in our elementary schools in order to maintain excellence in academics. The results help us evaluate where the strengths and needs are in the curriculum."

Sister Patricia Butler, S.C., Associate Superintendent, added, "Annual national tests are only one piece of an integrated system of ongoing classroom-based assessment... targeted where the need is greatest. The student is



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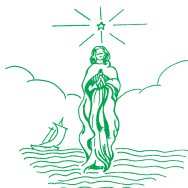
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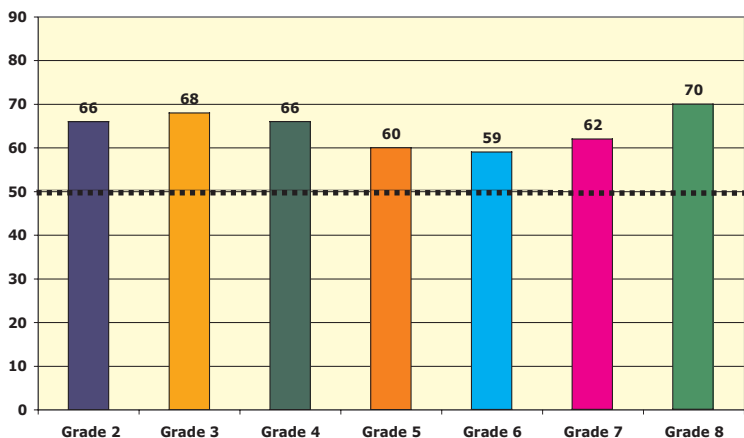
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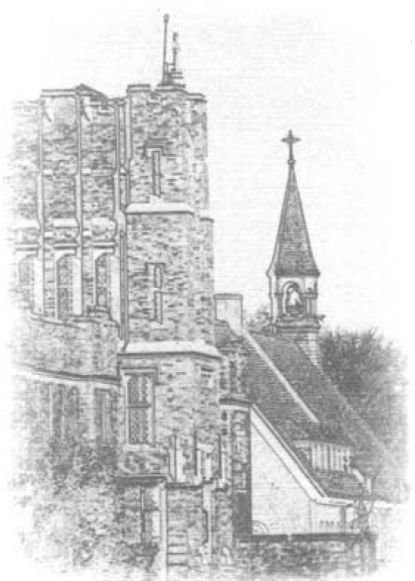
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test results, and the principal is able to explain the strengths and areas in the curriculum that the faculty have plans to improve,” Sister Louise suggested.

“Standardized test results are important but they are only one way to assess student progress and the excellence of an academic program. It is essential to visit the school and meet the faculty to give parents a feel for the academic atmos-

phere and social environment of the school,” Sister Patricia explained.

Sister Dominica emphasized, “The Catholic school is in partnership with parents who are the primary educators. The mission of the school is to provide not only an excellent academic program but more importantly, to help instill moral ethical principles, to pass on gospel values and the Catholic faith to the next generation of young people.”

Web sites with information about standardized testing results:

Commonly Asked Questions About Standardized Testing:

<http://www.ets.org/letstalk/faq.html>

What should parents know about standardized testing in schools?

<http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/content/standardized.testing.html>

Parents guide to Standardized Testing:

<http://www.familyeducation.com/topic/front/0,1156,63-9028,00.html>

About Assessment: <http://www.ctb.com/>

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The long-term trend reading assessment measures students’ reading skills and comprehension abilities, primarily with expository, narrative, and document texts. The long-term trend mathematics assessment measures students’ knowledge of basic mathematical facts and measurement formulas, and the ability to apply mathematics to daily living skills.

In addition, a pilot test in long-term reading and mathematics was administered at the school. Some students were asked to respond to questions that may be used in future NAEP long-term trend assessments.