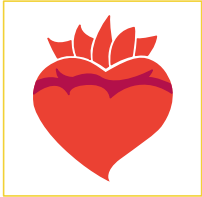


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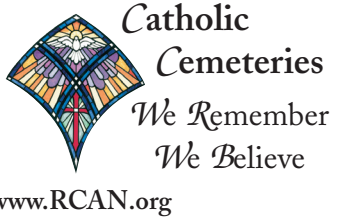
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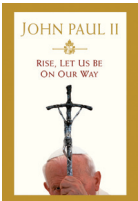
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Commitment to life march in Trenton Oct. 18

Some 1,500 New Jersey men and women will march to the Statehouse in Trenton on Monday, Oct. 18 to demonstrate their commitment to carrying the Gospel of Life into the public square.

"It shows we have a tremendous grasp of what's going on," said Msgr. Richard M. McGuinness, director of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Faithful Citizenship and Witness for Life will bring Catholics from each of the more than 725 parishes within the seven Catholic dioceses in New Jersey together for the first time in an effort to urge the state's legislators to incorporate concern for the sanctity of life for everyone—from conception to natural death—in their deliberations for fair and just laws.

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The event will start at 10 a.m. with a Mass concelebrated by the Catholic bishops of New Jersey at St. Mary's Cathedral, 151 North Warren St., Trenton. Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, will preside. Most Rev. Joseph Galante, Bishop of Camden, will be the homilist.

Following Mass, the participants will march from the cathedral to the steps of the Statehouse.

In addition to adults from around the state,



Above is pictured the Chapel of St. Stanislaus, one of the chapels in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Next week *The Catholic Advocate* will publish a special commemorative issue celebrating the golden jubilee of the dedication of the Cathedral Basilica. The official archdiocesan celebration takes place Sunday, Oct. 17, with Mass at 3 p.m.

students from Catholic high schools and parish youth groups are also expected to witness to the sanctity of life.

At approximately noontime at the Statehouse, participants will hear from, among others, Cathleen Cleaver Ruse of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, who will discuss recent successes in incorporating the sanctity of life

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Black Catholic leaders' annual meeting in Newark

For three days last week, the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators (NABCA) held their annual meeting at the Hilton Newark Gateway Hotel. This was the first time the Archdiocese of Newark has hosted a NABCA conference.

Archbishop John J. Myers welcomed the meeting delegates before official business began. He said, "This is the diocese of Bishop Joseph Francis, whom we honor by being the first diocese in the country to open a center for victims of human trafficking—just a few blocks from here," and naming the center for him.

"We call ours the Office of Black Catholic Affairs because not all are African-American, but many are recent immigrants from different countries and cultures," the archbishop added. "We have to be broad in our vision and try to incorporate everyone into the life of the Church."

Ralph McCloud, of the Diocese of Fort Worth, vice president of the organization, said, "The annual meeting provides the opportunity to pray and share our joys and pains. We look at signs of the times as they affect the African-American community and the Church as a whole."

He noted, "Our agenda will look at offices that have had to consolidate, close or shift focus because of economic considerations in dioceses across the country."

Tracey G. Battles, the director of the Office of Black Catholic Affairs of the Archdiocese of Newark, is treasurer of NABCA.

Of the NABCA McCloud said, "We ask the question: How can we be of support to sister dioceses. Our aim is to strengthen faith in the African-American community."

Development Office garnishes national recognition

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

The Development Office of the Archdiocese of Newark was recognized at the recent International Catholic Stewardship Conference, which took place Sept. 11-15 in New Orleans, LA. The office captured the first place spot in the poster category and placed in the top five for its brochures—materials from its Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA) campaign.

Representatives from archdioceses and dioceses throughout the United States, as well as Canada, attended the event.

The poster features the AAA's logo at its center, surrounded by superimposed images depicting archdiocesan life: Archbishop John J. Myers ordaining Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. as bishop; a Religious sister

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With an award from the recent International Catholic Stewardship Office are members of the archdiocesan Office of Development, from left to right: Raymond Quintana; Gesenhia Lopez; Isabel

Kitzman; David Osborne; Helen Schaefer; Deacon Robert Baker; Carla Gonzalez (with plaque); Joseph Vancio; Maria DePaula; Andrew Kaczynski; Theresa Lynch, and Brunilda Matos.

Advocate photo-Brian Fores

The true moral choices faced by Catholic voters

Amid today's political jostling, Catholic citizens are wondering whether they can, in conscience, vote for candidates who support the legalized killing of human beings in the embryonic and fetal stages of development by abortion or in biomedical research.

Responding to requests to clarify the obligations of Catholics on this matter, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome, under its Prefect, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, released a statement "On Worthiness to Receive Holy Communion." Although this statement dealt primarily with the obligations of bishops to deny Communion to Catholic politicians in certain circumstances, it included a short note at the end addressing whether Catholics could, in good conscience, vote for candidates who supported the taking of nascent human life in the womb or the laboratory.

Cardinal Ratzinger stated that a "Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in evil, and so unworthy to present himself for Holy Communion, if he were to deliberately vote for a candidate precisely because of a candidate's permissive stand on abortion." However the question of the moment is whether a Catholic may vote for a pro-abortion candidate for other reasons. Ratzinger's next sentence answered that question: a Catholic may vote for a pro-abortion Catholic politician only "in the presence of proportionate reasons."

What are "proportionate reasons"? To consider that, we must first repeat the teaching of the Church: the direct killing of innocent human beings at any stage of development, including the embryonic and fetal stages, is homicidal, gravely sinful, and always and everywhere profoundly morally wrong. Then, we must consider the scope of the evil of abortion today in our country. America suffers 1.3 million abortions each year. That is a tragedy of epic proportions. Moreover, many supporters of abortion propose to make the situation even worse by creating a publicly funded industry in which tens of thousands of human lives are produced each year for the precise purpose of being "sacrificed" in biomedical research.

Thus, in order for a Catholic citizen to vote for a candidate who supports abortion and embryo-destructive research, one of the following circumstances would have to obtain: either (a) both candidates were in favor of

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BY ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. MYERS

embryo killing on roughly an equal scale, or (b) the candidate with the superior position on abortion and embryo-destructive research was a supporter of objective evils of a gravity and magnitude going beyond that of 1.3 million yearly abortions plus the killing that would take place if public funds were made available for embryo-destructive research.

Frankly, it is hard to imagine circumstance (b) in a society such as ours. No candidate advocating the removal of legal protection against killing for any vulnerable group of innocent persons other than unborn children would have a chance of winning a

major office in our country. Even those who support the death penalty for first-degree murderers are not advocating policies that in practice result in more than one-million killings annually.

As Mother Teresa reminded us on all of her visits to the United States, the grave evil of abortion tears at our national soul. It is a betrayal of our nation's founding principle that recognizes all human beings as "created equal" and "endowed with unalienable rights." The evil is staggering. What evil could be so grave and widespread as to constitute a "proportionate reason" to support candidates who would preserve and protect the abortion license and even extend it to publicly funded embryo-killing in our nation's laboratories?

Certainly, policies on issues such as welfare, national security, the war in Iraq, social security, or taxes, taken singly or any combination do not provide a "proportionate reason" to vote for a pro-abortion candidate.

Consider, for example, the war in Iraq. Although Pope John Paul II pleaded for the world to find an alternative to the use of military force to meet the threat posed by Saddam Hussein, he did not bind the conscience of Catholics to agree with his judgment of the matter, nor did he say that it would be morally wrong for Catholic soldiers to participate in the war. In line with the teaching of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on "just war," he recognized that a final judgment of prudence as to the necessity or resort to military force rests with statesmen, not with ecclesiastical leaders. Catholics may, in good conscience, support the use of force in Iraq or oppose it.

Abortion and embryo-destructive research are different. These are intrinsic and grave evils; no Catholic may legitimately support them.

In the context of contemporary American social life, abortion and embryo-destructive research are disproportionate evils. They are the gravest human rights abuses of our domestic politics. They are to our time what slavery was to the time of Lincoln. Catholics are called by the Gospel of Life to protect the victims of these human rights abuses. They may not legitimately abandon the victims by supporting those who would further their victimization.

(Note: This column originally appeared in the Sept. 17, 2004 edition of The Wall St. Journal.)

Stewardship

Trust the Lord to avoid unnecessary worries

BY ANDREW KACZYNSKI

Associate Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese

Trust is a key element for people who decide to live a life of good stewardship. The decision to give back to the Lord a portion of all His gifts represents, especially at the start, an enormous act of faith.

Most people judge that they do not have sufficient time, talent, and especially treasure, to give a portion of them away in thanks to the Lord. Doing so requires a certain confidence that God will somehow care for one's needs both now and in the future.

One who wishes to be a good steward often becomes anxious about taking the necessary steps to be a true disciple. Fortunately, the inspired words of Scripture offer explicit encouragement in this regard. We have a promise from God that if we are generous, if we step out in faith, we will never want and will be blessed in countless ways.

I offer to you, as the heart of this article, Jesus' words, reproduced here in Matthew's Gospel (6: 19-34):

"Do not lay up for yourselves an earthly treasure. Moths and rust corrode; thieves break in and steal. Make it your practice instead to store up heavenly

treasure, which neither moths nor rust corrode nor thieves break in and steal. Remember, where your treasure is, there your heart is also. The eye is the body's lamp. If your eyes are good, your body will be filled with light; if your eyes are bad, your body will be in darkness. And if your light is darkness, how deep will the darkness be! No man can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be attentive to one and despise the other. You cannot give yourself to God and money. I warn you, then: do not worry about your livelihood, what you are to eat or drink or use for clothing. Is not life more than food? Is not the body more valuable than clothes?

"Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Which of you by worrying can add a moment to his lifespan? As for clothes, why be concerned? Learn a lesson from the

way the wild flowers grow. They do not work; they do not spin. Yet I assure you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was arrayed like one of these. If God can clothe in such splendor the grass of the field, which blooms today and is thrown on the fire tomorrow, will he not provide much

more for you, O weak in faith! Stop worrying, then, over questions like, 'What are we to eat, or what are we to drink, or what are we to wear?' The unbelievers are always running after these things. Your heavenly Father knows all that you need. Seek first His kingship over you, His way of holiness, and all these things will be given you besides. Enough, then, of worrying about tomorrow. Let tomorrow take care of itself. Today has troubles enough of its own."

This trust teaching could be summarized, in stewardship terms: first give back to the Lord an appropriate share of the time, talent and treasure you have received, then retain the rest for your own needs, confident God will supply the necessities of life.

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NJCC decries ‘quick fix’ on needle exchange

BY LIESL FORES
Staff Writer

In an effort to stem the spread of HIV/AIDS in New Jersey, two divisive bills regarding access for intravenous drug users to clean needles and syringes were heard by the state Assembly Health Committee Sept. 23. Both bills were approved.

A-3256, the “Blood-Borne Disease Harm Reduction Act,” would allow municipalities to run needle exchange programs, in which intravenous drug users may obtain sterile syringes or needles, and then must turn them in in order to receive new ones.

A-3257 would permit limited pharmacy sale of syringes and needles without a prescription.

Governor James McGreevey has indicated his commitment to pass the legislation before he leaves office Nov. 15.

In a statement issued by the New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC), the public policy branch of the state’s Catholic bishops, opposition to the bills was declared.

“Such a response fails to treat people who are addicted to drugs in a compassionate, dignified, and comprehensive manner. These ‘quick-fix’ resolutions will have severe ramifications for the addict, who will continue to abuse drugs with the help of the state, for the addict’s family and for society,” the statement read.

Expressing particular concern for pregnant women and their babies, the NJCC noted the dangers of exposing babies in utero to the effects of narcotics. Studies have shown that it could result in an array of physical and neurological deficits and abnormalities.

The statement also pointed out, “Substance abuse by parents brings an increased risk of their children becoming victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect. ...

“The only way to stop the abuse of children is to stop the abuse of drugs. Providing clean needles to addicts does neither.”

The NJCC cited apprehension over the effect on neighborhoods where potential programs would be housed, claiming that the presence of drug users and possibly dealers in areas nears schools, parks and city streets could place children in particular in harm’s way.

Recognizing the crisis in New Jersey—the state has the fifth highest rate of AIDS

cases in the country—the NJCC asserts that what is needed to help curtail the spread of the disease is “more drug treatment programs, educational programs in preventing HIV and increased efforts to eliminate causes of addiction.”

It points out that Catholic hospitals and social service agencies throughout the state have been involved in helping those addicted to drugs and/or diagnosed with HIV/AIDS for years. However, the statement noted, “resources are sorely lacking, and the suffering of people addicted to drugs deepens. Increased government support for outreach and drug treatment programs is urgently needed.”

According to state officials, more than half of the HIV/AIDS cases in New Jersey have been contracted through intravenous drug use. The state also ranks third highest for pediatric AIDS cases.

New Jersey and Delaware are the only two states in the nation that do not allow legal access to needles or syringes without a prescription.

In June, Atlantic City and Camden, both with a high rate of residents with HIV/AIDS, passed their own laws, under the leeway of the 1987 drug reform act, that would allow operation of needle exchange programs. The laws were challenged by Atlantic County Prosecutor Jeffrey Blitz, who said the municipalities had no legal standing on which to pass the laws. A Superior Court judge agreed with Blitz in September and ruled against

allowing the programs to be established.

This has spurred proponents of the bills to push harder. NJ Health Commissioner Clifton R. Lacy, along with Senators Joseph Vitale and Nia Gill, and Assembly Majority Leader Joseph Roberts and Assembly Majority Conference Leader Loretta Weinberg, among others, are in support of the bills. They have cited statistics, reports and studies that uphold the argument that needle exchange programs reduce the spread on HIV/AIDS through intravenous drug use.

The bills include measures for programs to provide addicts with opportunity for healthcare treatment and counseling.

Opponents have their own research to back their position—that these programs are detrimental to drug users, in that they enable their continued drug abuse, and that larger problems are created as a result. Sen. Ron Rice has been outspoken in his criticism of needle exchange programs, reiterating the pitfalls of facilitating drug use, especially within inner-city communities.

“We don’t believe there is any credible evidence that proves needle exchange programs reduce the spread of HIV,” said Marlene Lao-Collins, Associate Director for Social Concerns, NJCC. “We don’t believe it’s helpful to drug users.”

Both bills are now subject to further consideration by the Assembly.

To see the full NJCC statement and the action alert visit www.njccathconf.com.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

Archdiocesan Agency/Ministry

Very Reverend Joseph F. Ambrosio, V.F.,
Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Newark, has been appointed to the Priestly Vocations Board of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three year term, effective Sept. 15.

Pastors

Reverend Stephen J. Cinque,
Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Maywood, has been appointed pastor of the Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter, Roselle, effective Oct. 1.

Reverend Jose I. Gamba,
Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Jersey City, has been appointed Pastor of the Church of St. Peter Claver, Montclair, effective Oct. 1.

Reverend George D. Gillen,
Pastor of the Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter, Roselle, has been appointed pastor of the Church of St. Genevieve, Elizabeth, effective Oct. 1.

Chaplaincy

Reverend Monsignor Peter J. Zaccardo,
Pastor of the Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Maywood, has been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Our Lady Queen of Peace Council, Council 3426, Maywood, effective Sept. 13.

Release

Reverend Peter West,
has been released for another three-year service with Priests for Life, effective April 1.

Retirement

Reverend Monsignor Edmundo A. Surban, Chaplain at Jersey City Medical Center, Jersey City, has been granted retirement, effective Nov. 1.

Parochial Vicars

Reverend Devis Chenginiyadan
has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Maywood, for September and October.

Reverend Tadeusz Jank
has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Linden, effective Oct. 1.

Reverend Felipe Lopez,
Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Augustine, Union City, has been appointed parochial vicar of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Jersey City, effective Oct. 1.

Reverend Nigel R. Mohammed,
Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Paul of the Cross, Jersey City, has been appointed parochial vicar of the Church of St. Teresa of Avila, Summit, effective Oct. 1.

Reverend Salvador Terra
has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Lady of Fatima, Newark, effective Sept. 21.



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Corrections

The Sept. 22 article in *The Catholic Advocate* about Eileen M. Ballone being named president of the Music Education Division of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians did not mention that she is director of music/ organist/ choir director at St. Margaret of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry.

In the same issue, the name of actress Celeste Holm was misspelled. Also, Donald M. Daniels is chairman and chief executive officer of Catholic Health and Human Services Corp. We apologize for these editing errors.



CNS photo

A woman stands with her belongings by the roadside in Gonaives, Haiti, after devastating floods from Tropical Storm Jeanne killed 1600 people in the impoverished Caribbean nation.

Church helps Haiti relief effort

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II dedicated \$100,000 to fund relief efforts in flood-stricken Haiti.

Through the Vatican’s charity arm, Cor Unum, the pope earmarked the money to help Caritas Haiti purchase drinking water, food and medicine after the string of powerful tropical storms and hurricanes that recently hit the Caribbean.

The pope’s gift was announced by the Holy See Sept. 27 after Caritas Internationalis launched a major appeal for funding relief efforts in Haiti.

Caritas is seeking \$900,000 in funding and donations to provide supplies to tens of thousands of people left homeless by Tropical Storm Jeanne.

Mudslides triggered by heavy flooding killed more than 1,600 people and injured 100,000 more in Haiti after the storm hit the island in mid-September.

At least another 1,000 people are reportedly still missing and feared dead.

“The hardest-hit region is the city of Gonaives and the surrounding area... The damage was catastrophic for residents, all of whose homes and buildings were flooded, some beyond

repair,” the Caritas appeal said.

The U.N. World Food Program estimated some 175,000 people in Haiti have been left without food, water and electricity.

Caritas said the emergency funding would supply kitchen utensils, sleeping bags, tents, medicine, chlorine and clean drinking water to 2,000 families in three different parts of Haiti.

A Caritas emergency response team also has been dispatched to help local Caritas officials assess further needs.

Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops’ international relief and development agency, has provided \$500,000 to purchase food and health and hygiene supplies, said Sheyla Biamby, CRS spokeswoman in Haiti.

Water and hunger also were issues as a result of the lack of security and poor condition of the roads.

Haiti has been especially hard hit this year; in May, floods killed more than 1,000 people and destroyed many towns and villages. Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere; 80 percent of the nation’s people live below the poverty line.

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The power, pressure and personalities of presidency explored

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

“The history of the presidency of the United States should be a source of strength,” declared noted author David McCullough during a special election year lecture program at Seton Hall University.

McCullough, the author of *John Adams* and *Truman*, came to South Orange last month under the auspices of the Philip and Mary Shannon Seton Hall Speaker Series “Examining the Role of Values in Shaping the Presidency.”

Speaking to an audience of over 500 in the Bishop Dougherty Student Center, McCullough bluntly stated, “The chips are always down in the presidency.”

Calling it “an impossible job,” he said there is no way to predict how someone will do in the White House. McCullough said Herbert Hoover, successful in all he had done, was “not the right man” as president.

Harry Truman, by contrast, was “surprising.” He felt too “a good measure” of a president is how he handles failure. Describing failure as “part of life,” McCullough said Truman “could take failure.”

A president, he added, needs

“a thick skin and a sense of humor and of history.”

He drew a chuckle from the audience when he said, “Exceptional presidents are the exception.” Only a few occupants of the White House, McCullough declared, have been “standouts.”

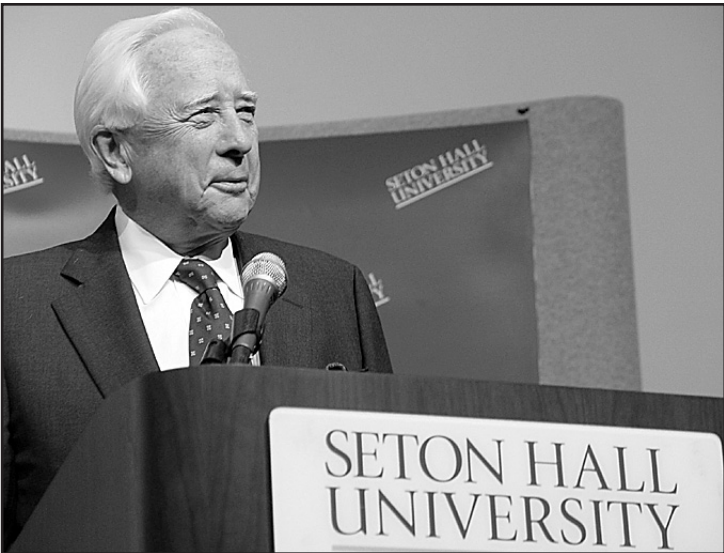
It is “largely true that crisis makes a president great.” An exception, McCullough added, was Theodore Roosevelt who “put his stamp all over the presidency.”

It is important to understand not only what a president does but what he does not do in office. As an example he cited John Adams, who did not go to war with France.

In his lifetime, McCullough said, Franklin Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower were great presidents.

It is his feeling that “words count in the presidency.” Abraham Lincoln, who wrote his own material, was the best of them all, said McCullough. Now, he noted, everyone in Washington has a speechwriter.

“Presidents make decisions every day large and small, they have to” McCullough remarked, adding, “You are president every



David McCullough acknowledges applause from the Seton Hall audience.

hour of every day.” McCullough has known every president since Ford and even worked in the Kennedy administration.

The presidency, he went on, has undergone vast change due to money and television. McCullough worried about the impact today of perception versus reality due to television.

Admitting he does not enjoy “rating” presidents, McCullough did say that George Washington was “the greatest president and greatest person to be president.” He called Washington the coun-

try’s “symbol of unity. ...Washington and the Army gave us our country.” McCullough especially noted Washington’s “strength of character.”

Right after Washington, McCullough said, is Lincoln, whose “greatest contribution” to the presidency was his “depth of soul.” Lincoln, he added, was someone “who would not cave, would not give up.”

Franklin Roosevelt, McCullough pointed out, led the country through the two great crises

of the last century—the Great Depression and World War II. Truman, he said simply, “had the courage of his convictions.”

As he sees it, Americans “forgive” their presidents if they are wrong: “We want the best of their ability, not perfection.” Americans also want in the White House, McCullough said, “a true patriot with a deep love of country and what the country stands for.”

McCullough took several questions from the audience. Ronald Reagan’s “great gifts” to the country were his confidence and optimism. Reagan, McCullough stressed, “never belittled anyone; the joke was always on him.”

Responding to another question, McCullough lamented, “Money is poison in politics.” Elaborating on that point he expressed the concern that “the fortunes of party are becoming more important than the fortunes of the country—that is something Washington and John Adams feared.”

The final question dealt with religion. McCullough said religion and the presidency are important to Americans. “We are a religious people.”

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October 7

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, Living Rosary (Joyful Mysteries), 7:30 p.m. Call (201) 332-2237.

October 9

St. Peter Parish, Belleville, pasta supper, 6:30 p.m., school cafeteria, 152 William St.; bring your own wine. Cost, \$6 adults; \$3 children, under 5, free. Tickets on sale at rectory until Oct. 6. Call (973) 751-2002.

St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, hymn fest with a choir prelude, concert and Mass, 4:30 p.m., free. Call (973) 992-0994.

St. Andrew Parish, Bayonne, Rosary Altar Society cake, new toy and plant sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (201) 436-1975.

October 10

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, Rosary Altar Society, annual family Communion breakfast after 9:30 a.m. Mass, at L’Affaire Fine Catering, 1099 Rt. 22 East. Cost, \$14 adults; \$7 children 12 and under. Call Julie Spinelli at (908) 233-9684 or Jane Lape at (908) 317-0444.

St. Adalbert Parish, Elizabeth, Living Rosary, at 2:30 p.m. Call Sophia at (908) 486-5948.



Our Lady Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, Communion breakfast after 9 a.m. Mass. Cost \$10. Call Betty Stein at (201) 444-5932.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, career workshop for the recently unemployed, noon. Call Carol at (201) 447-4215 or Ed at (201) 652-3130.

October 11

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Irvington, night of prayer with Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Maplewood, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Email mtauriel@drew.edu.

October 14

St. Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick, 8 p.m. Call (201) 891-1122.

October 17

Ascension Parish, New Milford, Communion breakfast after 9 a.m. Mass, at Vic’s Maywood Inn, 122-124 West Pleasant Ave., Maywood. Cost \$15. Call (201) 384-8791.

St. Paul Parish, Ramsey, candlelight Living Rosary with one of the oldest pilgrim statues of Our Lady of Fatima. Call (201) 891-9237.

October 18

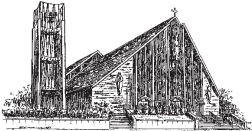
Annunciation Parish, Paramus, National Pastoral Musicians (NPM) Newark chapter meeting, “An Evening of Reflection for Music Ministers,” 7:30 p.m. Free-will offering, no reservations.

St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, adult enrichment series, “A Multi-Cultural Church,” 7:30 p.m., in St.

Joseph’s Hall. Call Deacon Joe Francione at (973) 992-0994.

October 24

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ridgefield Park, prayer service for Our Lady at 4 p.m., celebrating 150th anniversary of the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Guest speaker: Father Francis Gargani, C.Ss.R. Call (201) 440-4773.



October 25

Holy Family Parish, Nutley, Rosary Altar Society membership drive, explaining the group’s mission and charitable works, St. Joseph’s Center, 7:45 p.m. Call Debbie Riccio (973) 667-4240 or Nancy Pugliese (973) 661-3890.

Local Highlights

Respect Life

- An Archdiocesan Pro-Life Seminar will be held Oct. 9 in the St. John the Apostle Parish auditorium, Linden, from 11 a.m. (Mass) to 4:30 p.m. Registration required; lunch served. Call the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office at (732) 388-8211.
- There will be a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat for men and women hurt by abortion, at St. John the Apostle Parish, McGuinness Center, Linden, Nov. 19 to 21. Limit 12 per weekend. Call the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office at (732) 388-8211.

Annulment Information

- An annulment information evening is scheduled for Oct. 13. A canon lawyer from the Archdiocese of Newark will discuss the most recent theology, guidelines and requirements for obtaining a Church annulment. A question and answer period will conclude the session. Pre-registration is not required. This evening will be held at St. John the Baptist Parish Center, 69 Valley St., Hillsdale, 7:30 p.m. Call (973) 497-4327.

Workshop

- An introductory workshop to Just-Faith—Putting Faith into Action, sponsored by St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, and the Office of Human Concerns of the Archdiocese of Newark, will take place in the parish hall, 306 Morris Ave., Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Presenter Jack Jezreel. Call (908) 273-6098 or email daveo-brien@st-teresa.org.

Health

- Catholic Health and Human Services Corp. and its affiliates will hold free health screenings and health education on Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, and the Archdiocesan Center, Newark. Call (973) 877-5191.

Leave name and telephone number and your call will be returned.

- Members of the cardiology staff at Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, will hold a free seminar on enhanced external counterpulsation (EECP), a non-surgical alternative to treat angina pain and coronary blockage, Oct. 8 at 8:30 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. Register by calling (908) 994-5138.

- Applications are being accepted for the Gennesaret weekend retreat for the seriously ill on Oct. 22-24 at Vincentian Renewal Center, Princeton. Call Hilare Reinold at (732) 566-7237.

Open Houses

- Bergen Catholic High School invites all boys and their parents to an open house Oct. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be presentations and student guided tours. Call (201) 634-4151.

Seminars

- Bergen County Sheriff Joel G. Trella will address members of the Knights of Columbus, St. John’s Council, on Oct. 18 at 8:30 p.m. at K of C Hall, 61 Armor Place. Trella will speak on the scope of the sheriff’s department and on local homeland security issues.
- On Oct. 9, a pre-election conversation facilitated by Sister Janet Lehmann, S.C., and Sister Mary Anne Rattigan, S.C., will be offered at Xavier Retreat and Conference Center, on the grounds of the College of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, from 1 to 4 p.m. Call (973) 290-5100 or email xaviercnt@aol.com to register.

Luncheon

- The Annual Fall Luncheon of the Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa will be held Oct. 30 at Casino in the Park, Jersey city, at noon. Reservation must be made by Oct. 22. Call Maureen at (201) 433-6835 or Katherine at (201) 689-1421.

Retreats

- Carmel Retreat, Mahwah, offers “Exploring the Interior Castle of Teresa of Jesus,” Oct. 10, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., based on her work of the same name. Presenter Father Paul Schweizer, O.Carm. Cost \$25, includes lunch. Carmel Retreat offers an autumn day of reflection, “And All Creation is Shouting for Joy,” on Oct. 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. “Mornings with Mary: Dispelling the Myth,” will be offered on Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cost \$25, includes lunch. Call (201) 327-7090 to register.

- St. Rocco Parish, Newark, will offer a Spanish-language retreat/concert Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., featuring the music of Wilfredo Ortiz and For the Love of Jesus. Call (973) 824-1652.

Theatre

- Corpus Christi Community Theatre, Hasbrouck Heights, presents the Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, a comedy whodunit, Fridays, Oct. 8 and 15 at 8 p.m.; Saturdays, Oct. 9 and 16 at 8 p.m.; and Sundays, Oct. 10 and 17 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Call (201) 288-5986.

Singles

- The Catholic Alumni Club of North Jersey Singles’ Dinner Dance will take place Oct. 16 from 7 to 11 p.m. at Charlie Brown’s Steakhouse, Carlstadt. Cost \$40 for CAC members by Oct. 6; \$45 for non-members and all payments after Oct. 6. Call Christine at (201) 384-9748.

Fundraisers

- Ascension Parish, New Milford, will hold a flea market and classic car show Oct. 23 from 9 to 4 p.m. on school grounds. Dealers and vendors wanted for \$35. Call Barry (201) 385-8770 or email hidolly97@aol.com.
- The Ministry of Motherhood (MOM) group of St. Michael Parish, Cranford, is

looking for high quality crafters and vendors to participate in its first annual Christmas craft fair Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., to be held in the school cafeteria. The deadline for applications is Oct. 15. Call Celeste Kirkikis (908) 931-9723.

- Josephine’s Place, Elizabeth, sponsored by the Sisters of Charity, which provides a safe environment for women, will celebrate its first anniversary with a reception at the Mediterranean Manor, Newark, Oct. 15. Cost \$125; \$1000 for a table of ten. Call (908) 436-0099.

- St. Joseph School, Bogota, a Night at the Races, Oct. 16, 7 p.m. in the school gym. Cost \$10, and includes food. This is a BYOB event for adults 21 and over. Call Mike (201) 489-6734. Tickets sold at the door.

- St. Rose of Lima Parish, Newark, and school will host a flea market on Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the school/parish grounds. Rent a table for \$12 or \$15 at the door. Call Helen at (973) 482-0682.

- Bergen Catholic High School will present its 11th annual juried craft

show on Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Handmade crafts from more than 65 artisans will be present. Cost \$2 for adults, \$1 for seniors, children under 16 are free. Call (201) 261-1844.

- The Missionary Franciscan Sisters, Tenafly, will host a garage and bake sale on Oct. 10-11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds benefit the young survivors of the recent Russian school bombing. Call Sister Trinity at (201) 568-0478.

- The Ridgewood Knights of Columbus Council 1736 present their annual Columbus Day dinner dance Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mount Carmel School auditorium, featuring entertainment and a 6-course Italian buffet. Cost \$40. Call (201) 447-8985.

- St. Luke’s Knights of Columbus Council 5257 will hold their annual golf outing Oct. 18, at the Meadows Golf Course in Lincoln Park. Prizes include a hole-in-one giveaway (2005 Pontiac Grand Prix GT), weekend getaways, golf clubs and more. Dinner to follow. Cost \$110. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund for high school seniors in Waldwick. Call John Grill (201) 444-0660.

How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all credible complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Office of the Chancellor of the Archdiocese at (973) 497-4009.

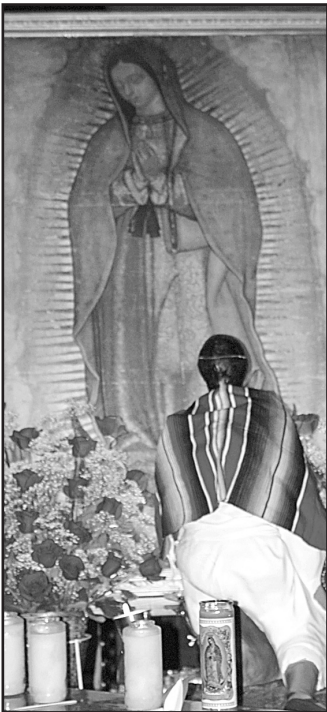
Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe urged

Editor,

On two or three occasions, in connection with his visits to Mexico, Pope John Paul II has encouraged the bishops of the Church to promote devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe as Queen of All the Americas. I am hoping that the faithful in the Archdiocese of Newark will respond to the Holy Father in this regard.

I became interested in Our Lady when I witnessed this devotion to her at a Spanish-language Sunday evening Mass at St. Andrew Parish, Westwood. After Mass the people gathered for private prayer at a portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe that stood near the tabernacle housing the Blessed Sacrament. I learned that they shared the portrait among the families for a few weeks or month at a time.

So I began searching for more informa-



tion about Our Lady of Guadalupe, then joined the Queen of the Americas Guild.

She came to end the appalling practice of human sacrifices and to inspire the native Indians to convert to belief in her Son. Within a decade of her appearance to St. Juan Diego, both aims were achieved and nearly all the people became Christians.

I believe very strongly that we are called by Our Lady to use her as a bridge between the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking cultures and to counteract the friction or lack of communication that sometimes arises between the two. Her intercession, too, can aid us in the struggle for the sanctity of life in our time.

I hope that someday soon we will have novenas to Our Lady of Guadalupe in as many parishes as we can, perhaps after weekday Masses (as with other saints), or even after the last Sunday Mass.

John Reynolds
River Vale

Comments ‘refreshing’

Editor,

I have never been a great fan of *ad limina* visits (most corporations today would do these via conference calls to save money), but I was very impressed with the lead story in your Sept. 22 issue.

I found the following statements most refreshing:

“U.S. bishops should be open to a more collaborative style of governance that shares responsibility with lay Catholics.”

“A consultative approach should not be seen as an abandonment of episcopal authority... but as a necessary way of strengthening a bishop’s effectiveness.”

“The bishops should be willing to critique certain styles of governance, that... ‘can run the risk of distancing the pastor from the members of his flock.’”

“Although bishops remain responsible for making authoritative decisions, this presupposes participation in decision-making by ‘every category of the faithful’ [the pope] said.”

I then encountered your editorial, which either didn’t get the big picture from the statements quoted above, or found it necessary to interpret for the good people of this archdiocese what the Holy Father was trying to say:

“As we have previously stated in these pages, we must listen to our bishops, the authentic successors of the apostles, and discern from their life and witness the Way of the Good Shepherd who calls us, always, to Him.”

Although the pope would hardly disagree with these words, or from other quotes taken accurately from his address, the editorial clearly missed the point. The

collaboration, consultation and participation that the pope speaks of at great length can simply not be reduced to the editorial punch line “...we must listen to our bishops.”

Peter V. Marchesani
Hackensack

Honoring Creator

Editor,

Exactly 228 years ago this nation was founded on the principle that humanity was free because there was a Creator of all life who made us to be free.

Life was understood to be a gift. As a nation we understood that in honoring life we honored the Creator of life. We were individuals, yet united to our one Creator (God) through the acceptance of His ways. We worshiped God—not self-showed appreciation for our life by respecting others.

By accepting and honoring the gift from the Giver, grace was shed upon this nation and we became a very strong nation.

The basic rules of honoring the Creator would become our nation’s pledge and our nation’s laws.

Though Roe v. Wade was passed in 1973, God continued to send the gifts of life to our nation.

“We the people” of this nation under God, however, became more consumed by our own needs—and many since 1973 have tossed back the Creator’s gifts of life.

When we the people again honor God by honoring the gift of life He sends our way, I believe everything else will fall into its rightful place and order.

Betsy Ambielli
Union

Title V battle continues

Hoping to keep a bad situation from getting worse, the New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) has opened a new front in the battle to prevent further shrinkage of valuable educational funding at the national level.

The latest assault on Title V, Part A funding, the innovative programs section of the much heralded No Child Left Behind legislation, came recently when the Senate Appropriations Committee approved a 2005-06 spending bill for education that eliminates innovative programs’ dollars. This action was taken in spite of a five percent overall increase in educational spending. But bear in mind the House has already reduced Title V spending from \$296.5 million to a paltry \$20 million in its version of the spending package.

NJCC and the New Jersey ALLIANCE of Catholic School Families have supported Title V and other appropriate titles of No Child Left Behind when there was equitable participation of nonpublic school teachers and students.

As NJCC sees it, Title V is a “critical” program. It is difficult to argue with that position. Over the years, Title V has provided materials, equipment, and services to meet the legitimate and necessary educational need of students in both public and nonpublic schools.

With this latest lapse in judgment on the part of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the NJCC’s intent is to have the senators reverse the action of their own committee and restore the Title V funding.

The NJCC has called upon the public to contact the state’s two senators and demand restoration of the vital Title V dollars. Underscoring the importance of taking immediate action is that the NJCC wants the public to follow up on the issue.

This is no time for a collective wringing of hands, it is time to join forces and take action. If not, a lot of children will be left behind.

USCCB presidential questionnaire unanswered

During each presidential election cycle, *The Catholic Advocate* has provided readers with a summary of a questionnaire that the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) sends to each of the major candidates. The purpose of the questionnaire is to familiarize readers with the positions that candidates hold on public policy issues of importance to Catholics. Although the USCCB sent its questionnaire to the candidates of the two major parties earlier this summer, neither has provided the USCCB with responses. As a result, *The Catholic Advocate* will not be able to provide you with this important information tool as you consider whom to elect this year.

What’s the Matter?

A question box about faith and practice

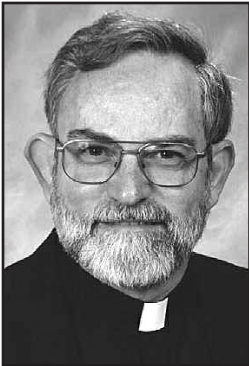
BY MSGR. RICHARD J. ARNHOLS
Vicar for Pastoral Life

The Catholic Advocate welcomes questions from its readers about our Catholic faith and how it is practiced. Occasionally, this column will also address current stories in the media.

Today’s question:
“What specifically is the Church’s position on what constitutes the ‘matter’ of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist?”

Catholic Tradition holds that the bread that Jesus used in instituting the Eucharist at the Last Supper was wheat bread, and the wine was grape wine. Being, then, of divine institution, these elements may not be changed by the Church.

Persons who suffer from Celiac Sprue Disease or alcoholism have some limitations in what they can ingest, and the Holy See has approved the use of “low gluten” hosts and “mustum” wine in exceptional circumstances. Unfortunately, even these



low levels do not accommodate those who cannot tolerate any level of wheat or alcohol.

To use hosts without at least the trace of wheat, or wine without at least the trace of alcohol, while seemingly practical in the minds of the “sufferers” noted above or their families, is not being faithful to the matter of the sacrament as Christ gave it to us.

The aspect of spiritual communion for those unable to receive sacramentally should not be overlooked.

For further information, consult the website of our Archdiocesan Worship Office at www.rcan.org/worship.

The Vatican and the U.S. in global politics

John Allen is my friend, so I'm a suspect witness in his case. Still, like FDR at his first inaugural, "let me assert my firm belief" that Allen, the *National Catholic Reporter's* man in Rome, is the best English-language Vatican reporter ever.

Allen may not have the theological sophistication of the late "Xavier Rynne," Father Francis X. Murphy, C.S.S.R.; but neither does he spin everything in the liberal/conservative terms that Rynne/Murphy ruinously invented. And Allen is immeasurably superior to the late Peter Hebblethwaite, the Englishman who did more to distort the meaning of John Paul II in the Anglosphere than anyone else.

His new book, *All the Pope's Men: The Inside Story of How the Vatican Really Thinks* (Doubleday), is an interesting read for Vatican amateurs and veterans alike; it's particularly effective in dispelling what he calls the "top five myths about the Vatican."


The first of these is that there is, in fact, one entity that can be understood as "the" Vatican. The second myth is that "there is a computer terminal deep within the Apostolic Palace and whoever's at the keyboard is running the Church."

The third myth is that an ultra-secretive Vatican is impenetrable to reporters and scholars. The fourth is that the Vatican is fabulously wealthy. And the fifth myth is that the Vatican is dominated by careerists who live by the motto, "Have ladder, will climb."

Absent American leadership, the world will not be calm and orderly; the world will be chaotic.

The Catholic Difference

by George Weigel



As helpful as this demythologizing is, though, it was the tail end of *All the Pope's Men* that really caught my attention. After reviewing the difficult period in U.S.-Vatican relations in the year or so

before the Iraq War, John Allen offers this arresting paragraph:

"Though no pope and no Vatican diplomat will ever come out and say so, the bottom line is that despite great respect for the American people and their democratic traditions, the Holy See simply does not think the United States is fit to run the world. As a country it is too rich, too narcissistic, too shortsighted and voluble, too young, to be entrusted with the quasi-unfettered power that twentieth-century history entrusted to it. To be sure, there aren't many countries around that the Holy

See would approve for such a role...[and] if the Vatican had to choose between a world run from Washington, DC., and one run from Islamabad, or Beijing, there's little doubt they would opt for Washington. Yet that doesn't strike most Vatican thinkers as an especially appetizing choice. Thus the Holy See's diplomatic energy in coming years will have as a central aim the construction of a multilateral, multipolar world..."

That strikes me as about right: the general view in the Holy See is that the U.S. isn't fit to run the world. What some Vatican diplomats and thinkers might not realize, though, is that most Americans agree: moreover, most Americans aren't terribly interested in running the world. But Americans have come to understand, however reluctantly, that power, like nature, abhors a vacuum.

Perhaps no one can, or should, "run the world." But someone will take the lead in shaping world politics. That someone can't be the United Nations as presently configured. And it can't be those western European countries who are reviving the failed appeasement strategies of the 1930s. Absent American leadership, the world will not be calm and orderly; the world will be chaotic—lethally chaotic.

John Allen concludes by arguing that "despite strong agreement on a host of issues, the relationship between Rome and Washington seems destined to be complex and sometimes strained." That, too, is probably right, and it raises yet another question for Catholic voters this year.

George Weigel is a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, DC.

Christian values proclaimed in the heart of NYC

I am happy to live where I do right here in New Jersey. After all, the fact of my birth into my particular family, and in this area of our great country may seem to be an accident to some—but in my eyes it is really a great act of God on my behalf. And I am grateful.

I have spent a lifetime in the great metropolitan area with its traffic and its demographic congestion. But where else on earth does anyone have that gorgeous New York skyline? There is a beat to the city. Its vast multitude of ethnic groups adds a touch of spice to an exotic mix of races, religions and cultures. The educational and cultural delights of our area are beyond calculation.

I thought of all this last week as I stood in the plaza of Rockefeller Center. "Surely," I thought, "there's nothing quite like this." The soaring buildings kiss the cloud-filled sky. The huge flags flap around the sunken ice rink, now a tree-filled restaurant area until winter comes.

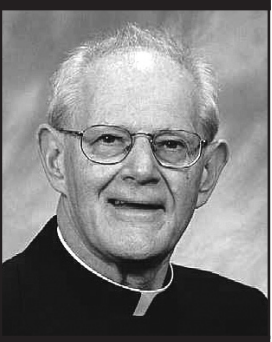
Prometheus stretches his golden body in front of the playing fountains. The sculptured flying fish spill their water into the pools between the flowerbeds that lead to Fifth Avenue.

This is the center of New York City. For some it is the center of the universe. How fitting that our St. Patrick's Cathedral should be an integral part of it all. Rockefeller Center is an art deco cathedral to the dreams of man. St. Patrick's is the living testimony to the faith of millions of poor immigrants who came to this country with little else but their trust in God.

Likewise, millions of tourists come to Rockefeller Center every year. They look, admire and leave. I wonder how many of them take the time to read the great stone slab that faces the

Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



Prometheus fountain across the sunken plaza. On that stone is written the creed of the financial giant who produced this temple of man.

Though he was not a Catholic, Rockefeller was certainly a Christian. And though he was wealthy, he expressed the worthy creed of all Americans—rich and poor. I reproduce that statement as it is written:

"I believe in the supreme worth of the individual and in his right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness

"I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession a duty

"I believe that the Law was made for man and not man for the Law; that government is the servant of the people and not their master

"I believe in the dignity of labor whether with head or hand; that the world owes no man a living but

Though he was not a Catholic, Rockefeller was certainly a Christian...He expressed the worthy creed of all Americans.

that it owes every man an opportunity to earn a living

"I believe that thrift is essential to well ordered living and that economy is a prime requisite of a sound financial structure, whether in government, business or personal affairs

"I believe that truth and justice are fundamental to an enduring social order

"I believe in the sacredness of a promise, that a man's word should be as good as his bond; that character—not wealth or power or position is of supreme worth

"I believe that the rendering of useful service is the common duty of mankind and that only in the purifying fire of sacrifice is the dross of selfishness consumed and the greatness of the human soul set free

"I believe in an all-wise and all-loving God, named by whatever name, and that the individual's highest fulfillment, greatest happiness and widest usefulness are to be found in living in harmony with His will

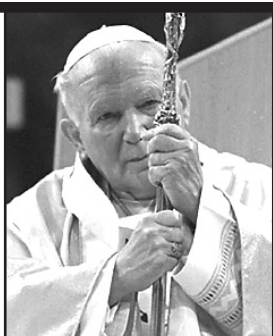
"I believe that love is the greatest thing in the world; that it alone can overcome hate, that right can and will triumph over might."

It is certainly not the Nicene Creed, which we Catholics profess every Sunday—but it is definitely a code befitting both Rockefeller Center and St. Patrick's Cathedral. John D. Rockefeller was a good person.

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

The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



The ugliness of sin

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Here is the Vatican's English-language summary of Pope John Paul II's talk at his weekly general audience Sept. 29 and his greetings to English-speakers present.

The psalmist describes a magnificent wedding feast at the court of the king. By tradition, the psalm (45) has been interpreted as referring to the messiah-king, and so, of course, to Christ Himself. Our attention is drawn to the beauty of the royal bridegroom: "You are the fairest of the children of men." Our contemplation of the beautiful face of Christ should help us to leave behind the ugliness of sin and begin our ascent toward divine perfection. But the king is also just. "Your love is for justice, your hatred for evil."

When beauty is joined with goodness and holiness of life, heavenly radiance shines out upon the world, and we catch a glimpse of the goodness, the wonder and the justice of God.

John Paul II's newest book: His reflections on the episcopacy

Composed in six sections, *Rise, Let Us Be on Our Way* begins with the Karol Wojtyla's Sept. 28, 1958 episcopal ordination as Auxiliary Bishop of Krakow, Poland. John Paul II vividly describes the day in Wawel Cathedral, which was a historic moment in the history of the Catholic Church.

In the chapter, "The Ministry of the Bishop," John Paul II defines the role of a bishop, both as leader in the Church and community. The Holy Father explains that being a bishop is akin to being a shepherd, and that "the shepherd is for the sheep, not the sheep for the shepherd." A bishop's life should be centered not only on the administration of his local Church, but his lay faithful as well.

The pontiff explains that "it is very important for a bishop to have a rapport with his people" and believes this openness has greatly helped him throughout his ministry. Personal involvement, pastoral visits and support for religious

freedom are all responsibilities that must be upheld in order to better serve the community.

The "Intellectual and Pastoral Responsibilities" chapter sheds light on the impact reading has had on his life. From his earliest childhood the Holy Father has loved books (and has written several volumes of poetry, plays and non-fiction).

He writes, "In my studies I always tried to achieve a harmony between faith, reason, and the heart. These are not separate areas, but are profoundly interconnected, each giving life to the other."

The pope notes the role of the bishop should be that of a father. Not only is cooperation with Religious orders of the utmost importance, so is that of the bishop's residence and it's accessibility. Bishops must "be with the people, for the people, and at the service of the people."

Lastly, the Holy Father discusses the value of travel and working with colleagues in order to spread the Gospel message, as well as the imperative of having courage in your faith.

Rise, Let Us Be on Our Way is inspirational, reflective and instructive, and the book might serve as a valuable aid in helping others to discern their own personal vocations.

Rise, Let Us Be on Our Way by Pope John Paul II, Warner Books, \$22.95, ISBN 0-446-57781-2

JOHN PAUL II

RISE, LET US BE
ON OUR WAY



Healing of dreaded diseases a sign of the kingdom

Readings: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

"Miracle at Carville." Forty years ago the true story of a young American woman described how her life was shattered by the diagnosis of Hansen's disease. Leprosy! Until 1960 it was incurable and the stigma of millennia hung over those afflicted.

Today many in our society manifest the same fear and rejection of those suffering from AIDS. So the readings in today's liturgy are pertinent for all; especially important is the message of divine mercy for the people who feel unloved because of personal tragedy in their lives.

The great prophet Elijah and his disciple Elisha shared God's teaching with the people of Israel and its neighbors during the ninth century B.C. The lessons contained in the text about Naaman cannot be appreciated fully unless the entire episode is recalled (2 Kgs 5:1-27). He was a general in the army of Aram, whose principal city was Damascus. Rank or valor did not exempt him when leprosy struck.

An Israelite slave girl in his household praised the wonderful powers of Elisha. When Naaman came, the prophet instructed him to bathe seven times

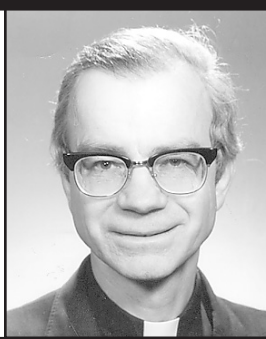
in the Jordan River in order to be healed. Naaman was insulted! Elisha had not even deigned to see him personally, and the rivers of Damascus were much more impressive than the Jordan.

His servants argued for humility and common sense. "If the prophet would have told you to do something extraordinary, would you not have done it?" So the general was cured and acknowledged the God of Israel to be

Sunday Readings

28th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
(October 10, 2004)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



the only God. He returned to thank and reward the prophet, but his gifts were not accepted. Elisha would not seek gain from the exercise of spiritual powers; his servant Gehazi sought to enrich himself, however—and he was struck with leprosy.

Naaman's faith would be expressed in sacrificial worship, so he asked to take earth back to Damascus, probably to construct an altar (see Exodus 20:24). The symbolic redemptive efficacy of soil from the Holy Land became important to Jews in the Dispersion (see Deuteronomy 32:43); Naaman's request probably indicates a desire to unite with the place where the true God is revered.

Leprosy and other skin ailments were scrutinized by the priests who had the authority to declare whether a person had been healed (Lv 14:1-9). Until that "certificate of good health" was given the individual would be under quarantine, living apart from the community (Lv 13:45-46).

Understandably, such unfortunate people would

band together, without the usual distinction between Jew and Samaritan.

Jesus' reputation had reached even such an isolated group (see Luke 5:12-16) so they implored Him for mercy. Although Jesus would touch a leper to heal the person, in this case He merely commanded that they seek out a priest. This demanded an act of faith, which was elicited without questioning. The Jews continued to seek a "health certificate" but the Samaritan returned to Jesus rather than go to Mount Gerizim where his priests presided.

The Jews would offer the prescribed sacrifices in the Temple in gratitude for their cure (see Lv 14:4) and then return home to their families. Would they not recount the miracle of their cure? Probably. But they would not come to know Jesus or see the meaning of His works and teachings. "The blind gain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Mt 11:5).

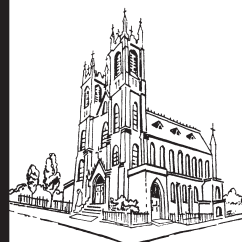
The purpose of Jesus was to bring healing to people so that they would recognize that the kingdom of God was in their midst (Lk 17:21) and come to know that the Messiah had come.

Christians today may ask whether they cannot learn from the example of people around them. Do we take the privileges of our intimacy with God for granted? On hearing what Catholics believe about the Eucharistic presence of Christ, a Hindu remarked: "If I believed that, I would come into the church on my knees!"

Do we express heart-felt gratitude for the healing presence of Christ with us? Do we bring the hope and friendship of Jesus to those ostracized by our society?

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

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Holy Cross Parish, Harrison

Remaining steadfast in the face of change

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Reporter

Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, founded in 1868, is firmly rooted in its local community, with parishioners spanning back generations. But Msgr. John Gilchrist, pastor since 1993, said that for the past several years the parish has been in a pivotal stage of transition, mirroring the town of Harrison itself.

"This is the greatest place in the world for transportation," said Msgr. Gilchrist of the town, which measures one square mile in size. "You pay \$1.50, and you're in downtown [Manhattan]."

"It's a hidden place, but I'm certain its future is going to be tremendous. 6,500 new homes are being built along the waterfront. It's a painful struggle for the parish—many of the new people are not Catholic—but the future of the town is absolutely bright. Hopefully Holy Cross will benefit from that," he said.

Msgr. Gilchrist said that Holy Cross Parish consists of 1,200 to 1,400 families, with about 40 percent Irish and Polish, a third Portuguese, a third Hispanic and most recently, an influx of Peruvians and Chinese. "We have a Chinese Mass twice a month, usually attended by some 40 to 60 people, who come from different nearby parishes," Msgr. Gilchrist noted.

Throughout difficult times, Msgr. Gilchrist is bolstered by the support of a core of long-time parishioners who demonstrate affection, admiration and unflinching devotion for their pastor.

Anne Rice, a parishioner of almost 21 years along with her husband George, who serves on the finance council, noted, "I think our faith is stronger because of Monsignor. His love of God, the Church, the people here, and his ability to turn pennies into dollars to fix this parish up, amazes me."

Richard Hughes, a parishioner since 1951, and a trustee, commented, "The bells in the tower were not fully functional—he had that fixed. The school received a new roof. He converted the heating system from oil to gas and put in a new air conditioning system in the church. The gym floor was extremely damaged by water. He saw to all these things and more."

The group gathered in the rectory, consisting of trustees, finance council and pastoral council members, could not contain their enthusiasm when talking about Msgr. Gilchrist's contributions. From keeping the

parish school afloat, to having the school windows repaired, to serving as liaison to the organized labor community for the Archdiocese, to performing the humblest of tasks, such as sweeping water out of a flooded basement, they all chimed in with praise.

One thing they all seemed to agree on was that—with all the

Barreiros, school principal.

Msgr. Gilchrist calls Sister Doris the parish's de facto business manager, taking care of finances and resolving issues pertaining to the school building's maintenance and upkeep.

She played an active role in the renovation of the school building, which included the installation of a computer lab, as well as repairs

minister. She plays the organ, sings, and directs a children's choir, an adult-English choir and an adult-Portuguese choir.

She said there are roughly 180 students in the CCD program. About 30 English-speaking and 30 Spanish-speaking students will make first communion this year. She

explained that the Spanish-speaking group is a few years older, as many are new immigrants from South America, "where the children tend to make their sacraments a bit later."

Sister Barbara said that the preparation meetings for first communion and other sacraments offer a good opportunity for different parishioners and parents from the school—who often work in the area, and come from as far away as Kearny, Belleville, Newark and even Union—to interact and get to know one another.

She added that on special occasions, the English and Portuguese choirs sing together, sometimes singing in Latin as a compromise. "It's not easy, but there's no opposition. The opposition is from the

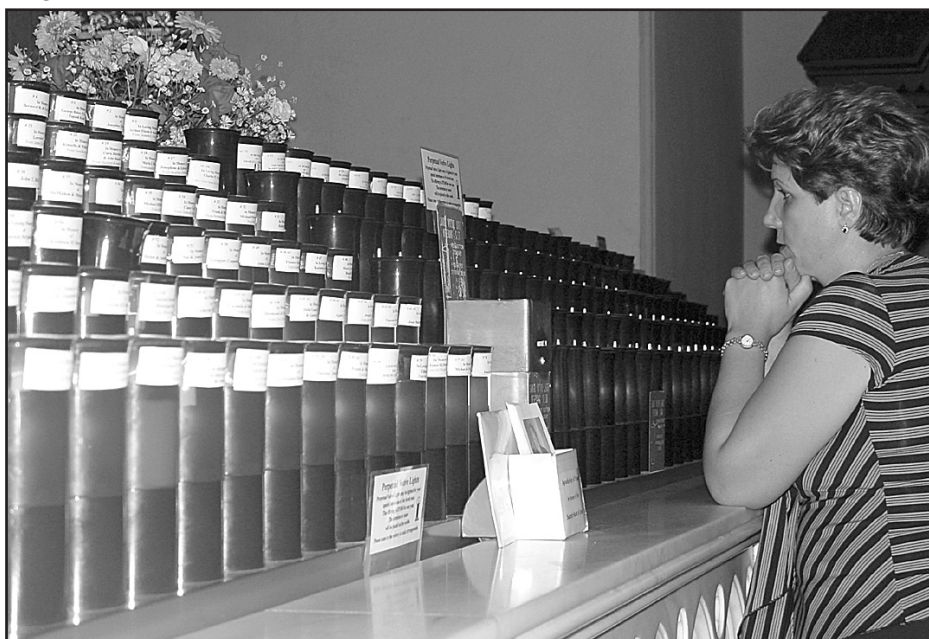
people who are not there."

Other special events in the life of the parish are the weekly televised Mass on Sunday mornings, which air on a local Comcast cable channel, and a St. Jude novena.

"I'd wanted to have a St. Jude novena since I was at St. Cecilia's, Kearny. In '78, on the first night, there was a blizzard—yet, when I got there, the church was packed! Before then, there was only one St. Jude novena in the Archdiocese, in Jersey City. Afterwards, they started popping up everywhere," he said proudly.

Kathleen Shardlow, a fifth generation parishioner at Holy Cross and member of the parish council, summed up the spirit of the parish, "It's a hometown parish. If I walk in, and I hear that someone has been buried—if I don't know who the person is—I'll sit there with Fran [Farrow, pastoral council] and trace the connections; same thing with weddings and baptisms." Farrow chimes in, "We know everybody." Shardlow continued, "You can't separate the parish from the town."

Msgr. Gilchrist concluded, "It's a family affair. There are people who might not appreciate my style. People are here, in and out of the rectory all the time; the doorbell is always ringing. It's an open door, and an open rectory, a family... I try to make it a family."



A parishioner offers special intentions during quiet lunch hour prayer at the church.

Advocate photos-Brian Fores

new homes going up in Harrison—their pastor's charisma and faithfulness was sure to bring new blood to the parish. Anne Rice seemed to say it best, "Because of him, this parish is a better place."

In typical fashion, Msgr. Gilchrist credits his volunteers and staff for the parish's continued success, including Father Manoel Oliviera, parochial vicar; Father Charles McTague, in residence; Sister Doris DeLotto, S.S.C., pastoral associate; Sister Barbara Graziadei, S.F.C.C., director of religious education, and Maria

made to the cafeteria.

Msgr. Gilchrist noted, "The school is our jewel."

The school, which has about 170 students, runs from Kindergarten through Grade 8. Msgr. Gilchrist said that one of the challenges has been that, because the school is in an Abbott District, the government gives parents vouchers to send their children to any local daycare and Pre-K, but not Holy Cross, precisely because it is a church-based institution.

To survive, Msgr. Gilchrist leases the third floor of the building to the town of Harrison, which uses it as an annex to one of their public schools.

Nonetheless, Msgr. Gilchrist beams when he talks about the students. "Every single morning at 8:20 a.m., they march into the gym, they salute the flag, they sing 'America the Beautiful,' say prayers, and make daily announcements, including the day's birthdays. They stand rank and file, they stand at attention, then at ease. It's incredible. Those 12 minutes spent together everyday bonds them as a school—it's a happy place."

Sister Barbara Graziadei, director of religious education, and who teaches music in the school, added, "There are a wonderful group of teachers here. It's a good school."

Sister Barbara, who Msgr. Gilchrist calls one of his two "pillars," along with Sister Doris, came to the parish 10 years ago as music



An authentic relic, containing a fragment of wood from Christ's crucifix, was awarded to the parish in 1907 when its name was changed from St. Pius to Holy Cross.

More than a century serving with fidelity and love of Christ

Holy Cross Parish has a history that is as rich and varied as the town and people who have helped build and support it. Known as St. Pius Parish in 1863, the parish was first built on the corner of Jersey and Third Streets on land purchased by Father (later Bishop) Bernard J. McQuaid. Priests and Sisters of Charity from St. Patrick Cathedral, Newark, served this new parish.

In 1871, Father James J. McGahan was appointed the first resident pastor of St. Pius Parish, Harrison. It was Father McGahan who saw the need for a larger church for the ever-growing parish, and purchased the property on Harrison Ave., from Isaac Halsey of Newark for \$15,000. The cornerstone of this building was laid in 1873, but the church was never completed because of the depression and the untimely death of Father McGahan.

From 1873 until 1886, St. Pius Parish resided in the church on Jersey and Third Sts. The fourth rector of St. Pius, Father Maurice P. O'Connor was responsible for the construction of a new church. In 1886, the old foundation was removed and a new foundation laid for the beautiful Gothic church now known as Holy Cross. On Aug. 15, 1886, the cornerstone was put in place and the slow process of building a church as large as Holy Cross was under way.

Although the church was dedicated on Feb. 16, 1890, it was not until 1900 that all the artisans and craftsmen completed their work of decorating the interior, installing electricity, and putting the finishing touches on the church building. Each year saw beautiful additions to the church. In 1902, the marble altar to Our Lady was given by the parishioners as a gift to Father O'Connor on the occasion of his silver jubilee. At the same time, two wings were added to the school.

In 1903, Father O'Connor donated the beautiful Carrara Marble statue of the Immaculate Mother in memory of his mother. It was also in this year that the Jubilee Altar was completed. After thirty years of dedicated service to Holy Cross, Father O'Connor passed away and Father George L. Fitzpatrick was appointed to replace him. Father O'Connor's dedication and love for Holy Cross were well documented.

Father Fitzpatrick's first project was to build a new school for his parish. Over twelve hundred students anxiously awaited it construction on the corner of Jersey and Fourth Streets. The cornerstone was laid in 1915. The building contained 26 classrooms, offices, a teachers' room, an auditorium with balcony, meeting and recreation rooms in the basement, as well as a four-lane bowling alley. The first class graduated from the auditorium in 1916.

Father Fitzpatrick's concern for the parishioners was evident in his founding of the Vincentian Society on Jan. 14, 1915 to take care of the worthy poor of the parish. He also opened a day nursery to care for children of mothers who had to work.

Additions to the church continued. In 1920, the marble sanctuary was installed and included the Communion rail, pulpit and baptismal font.

Before his death, Father O'Connor had expressed his wish for spires and chimes for Holy Cross. In 1928 and 1929, twin towers enclosing the chimes were added to the church under Father Fitzpatrick's direction.

In 1934, Pope Pius XI elevated him to the rank of a domestic prelate (now called prelate of honor) with the title Right Rev. Monsignor.

On April 26, 1941, Msgr. Fitzpatrick



Holy Cross Parish, as pictured in 1968, during its 100th anniversary.

died and Father William A. Costelloe, a curate at Holy Cross, was named pastor. Father Costelloe saw a need for a new convent for the Sisters of Charity, and in 1948, the building was constructed.

Msgr. Costelloe served Holy Cross for 34 years, and was known for his selfless dedication to the sick, poor and unfortunate. He died on Dec. 14, 1963. Msgr. Harold V. Fitzpatrick became pastor in February 1964. He pledged himself to the parishioners and to Holy Cross, and they, in turn, supported him wholeheartedly.

Msgr. Fitzpatrick had the side entrance to the church and the church hall on Church Square constructed as one of his first projects. This enabled the parish to establish the Senior Citizens of Harrison and East Newark.

It was the unselfish dedication of Father James Glancy that made the senior citizens the strong and vital group it still is today.

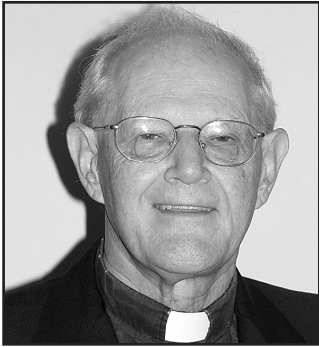
Msgr. Fitzpatrick also redecorated the church for its 100th anniversary celebration in 1968. In 1972, Msgr. Fitzpatrick retired and Father Edwin J. Paulmenn was named pastor. Father Paulmenn served Holy Cross for nine years. During his service, Holy Cross School suffered a serious threat from fire; but, because of his dedication to the school, the students returned in September to a "new and improved" school.

In August 1981, Father Paulmenn retired, and Father Hugh A. O'Donnell became Holy Cross's next pastor. He was elevated to Monsignor on March 17, 1986 by Archbishop Peter L. Gerety at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newark.

Msgr. O'Donnell led Holy Cross into a new decade with dedication foresight. He established the Restoration Fund, which raised over \$400,000 to help restore and improve the church building.

In October 1993, Msgr. John J. Gilchrist

Meet the Pastor



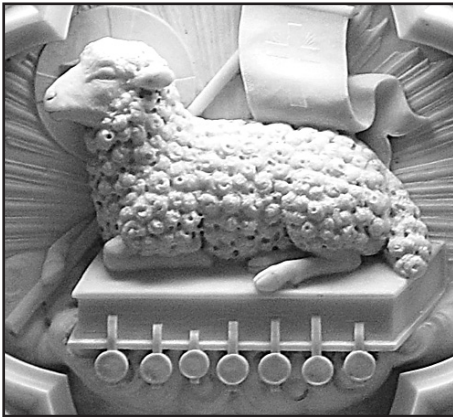
Msgr. John J. Gilchrist

Age: 75
Date of Birth: Sept. 20, 1929
High School: Belleville High School
College/Seminary/Graduate School: Seton Hall University; Immaculate Conception Seminary; M.A. in Bible Theology from Immaculate Conception Seminary (1978); M.A. in Judao Christian Studies (1982).
Date of Ordination: 1957
Hero: Father Anthony T. Bentivoglio ("parish priest, friend")
Favorite Saint: Jude
Favorite Sport: Swimming
Favorite Food: Pasta
Favorite Subject in School: Languages
Last Book Read: *New Testament Apocrypha*, Vols. I and II by Edgar Henneke
Proudest Moment: Ordination
Occupation if I weren't a Priest: Doctor

was named pastor of Holy Cross. His pastorate has seen major renovations in the church building and school building (including a new computer lab), the acquisition of new books and other materials for the school, and the establishment of a Chinese Mass.

He has also initiated a number of spiritual endeavors, including adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday, a St. Jude novena in September/October and special Lenten and Advent programs.

Materials for this history were taken from the Holy Cross Parish 125th Anniversary booklet.



The Lamb of God, whose symbolism appears in the Book of Revelation, is depicted in the center of the main altar.



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AJC honors sister for courageous life

The American Jewish Committee (AJC) has awarded Sister Rose Thering its Jan Karski Moral Courage Award for her "lifelong commitment to Christian-Jewish relations, her unwavering, inexhaustible support for Israel and her relentless opposition to anti-Semitism."

"*Shalom haverim!* Peace, my friends. Indeed I stand with you today and always," Sister Rose said in April 2002 during a rally for Israel in Washington, DC.

"This is the spirit of Sister Rose, an acknowledged international Christian leader in the fight against all forms of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism," said Allyson Gall, NJC's New Jersey Director.

"Sister Rose has remained a vigorous champion of these causes through the years, and has been a remarkable inspiration, an authentic role model for thousands of Christians and Jews," said Rabbi James Rudin, AJC's senior interreligious advisor. "She defined her generation of Catholics, and she changed history."

In the 1960s, Sister Rose, in cooperation with AJC, conducted a groundbreaking study of text books used in Roman Catholic schools. As a direct result of her study, significant positive changes were made in the books regarding Jews, Judaism and the Holocaust.

"I thank the American Jewish Committee for everything you have done in helping us to come to our senses," said Sister Rose.

Sister Rose taught at the Institute for Judeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University for more than 30 years. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she founded the National Christian Leadership Conference for Israel, a broad based membership group that builds Christian public support for the security and survival of Israel.

She led scores of study missions to Israel, whose participants always included Christian leaders from the U.S. and Canada, including Catholics, Protestants and Eastern Orthodox. She was a national leader in the Soviet Jewry campaign and participated in a hunger strike to emphasize her commitment to freeing Soviet Jews.

This is the second time AJC has awarded the Jan Karski honor, named after the man who devoted and risked his life so that the cries of Polish Jews during World War II would not go unheard. Per Ahlmark, the Swedish politician, author, humanitarian and lifelong friend of Israel and the Jewish people, received the inaugural award in May at AJC's Annual Meeting.



Offering their congratulations to Sister Rose Thering, seated at left, are, Robert Cowen, American Jewish Committee (AJC) of Metro New Jersey, co-president, and standing, left to right, Sylvia Steiner of the AJC board of governors; David Elcott, AJC's United States Interreligious Affairs director; Ilene Cowan, AJC of Metro New Jersey co-president, and Rabbi James Rubin, Senior Interreligious adviser of the American Jewish Committee.

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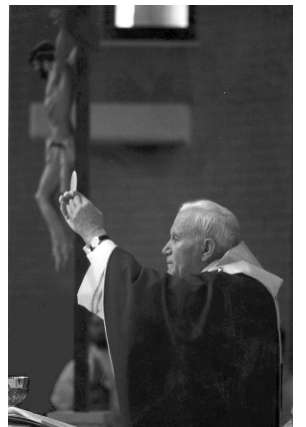
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Judith Hiemer Van Wie and husband James review the display board. The original sketch for the St. Agnes window is in the background.

Windows shine through

The stained glass windows at St. Agnes Church, Clark, were featured at a recent international exhibition of stained glass, part of the annual conference of the Stained Glass Association of America held this year in Boston.

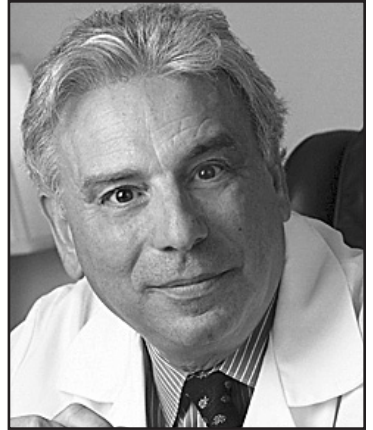
Select members were invited to create presentation boards highlighting recently completed works that were on display at the conference. Pictures of the presentations are now part of the Association's archives.

The stained glass windows were completed last year by Hiemer & Company Stained Glass Studio, Clifton. They depict a theme of martyrs developed by Msgr. James Choma, following consultation with Msgr. Richard Groncki of the Archdiocesan Worship Office. Part of the reasoning to use the martyr theme was that St. Agnes was a martyr. Msgr. Choma worked with Father Dominic Ciriaco, who was a parochial vicar at the time. Martyrs from throughout Church history are included.

The large facade window depicts the Church's patroness, Saint Agnes.

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Foundation pays tribute to surgeon

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Dr. Caputo, a pediatric surgeon, will be honored for more than a quarter century serving the children of Newark, the state and worldwide.

Dr. Caputo has been in the forefront of revolutionary techniques that have restored and improved the eyesight of thousands of children.

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Dr. Caputo shares his expertise around the world focusing on developing countries through Project Orbis International.

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Concert Oct. 17

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Joining Archbishop Myers at the podium are, left to right, Brother Robert J. Wickman, F.S.C., headmaster; Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., deputy superintendent of schools; Edward McDonnell, director of alumni/development; Michael Farrell, chairman of the board of trustees, and Dr. Albert DeGaeta, president of the Oratory Foundation. Father Nicholas Figurelli is speaking.

School renovations receive blessing of the archbishop

Oratory Preparatory School, Summit, welcomed over 400 parents to its annual Back-to-School program.

Parents had opportunity to visit each class that their sons are taking. Faculty provided descriptions of course content, means of student assessment and teaching methods.

The afternoon concluded with a liturgy of the Word for the purpose of blessing the school's renovations. The blessing was conducted by Archbishop John J. Myers.

A high-point for the parents was the unveiling of the school's new Smart Board technology. Smart Boards are interactive white boards that are linked to teacher and student wireless computers, and provide dramatic ways to show information in the classroom. They can also be used to download a wide variety of information from the Internet.

The installation of Smart Boards in every classroom is part of a larger renovation project that took place over

the summer. This project included the replacement of the façade and windows of the main building and upgrading of the electrical system throughout the campus. Classrooms received an extensive makeover, including new ceilings, lighting, floors, cabinetry and furniture for our faculty. This completed the renovation of the instructional space, which began in the summer of 2003 with the redesign of science labs and new student desks.

Archbishop Myers noted in his remarks that the school has earned an enviable reputation in recent years with improvements to its physical plant, expansion of its college preparatory offerings and renewal of its opportunities in campus ministry. The archbishop made special mention of the hard work of the school's board of trustees, administration and faculty, and the generosity of the parent and wider donor community in advancing the place of the school in Catholic education.

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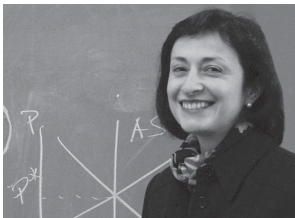
Joining the principal, Frances Alberta, on the first day of school at St. Joseph School, East Rutherford, are students, left to right, (back row) Nicole Duarte and Vanessa Thompson, second row, Catherine DePaula, Nicolette Fillipone and Matthew Askin and, (bottom row), Robert DeLeasa, Joseph Mayerchak, Zachary Bednarczyk and Alex Jennerich.



Students at St. Elizabeth School, Wyckoff, made the first day of school a fashionable one with new uniforms, part of the 50th anniversary celebration.



Father James White, Campus Minister at Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, distributes Communion during a year-opening Mass that celebrated the beginning of the school's 50th year of operations. Several celebratory events will take place during the coming year, culminating with an anniversary dinner Sept. 17, 2005 at the Marriott Glenpointe, Teaneck.



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Bergen Catholic High School seniors, Brad Hartung and Thomas Brown, left and right, top photo, and Chris Gilmore, bottom photo, participated recently in the Big Brothers afternoon mentoring program. The program is organized and staffed by junior members of the Blessed Edmund Rice Scholars, groups of outstanding students from each grade who perform community service projects.



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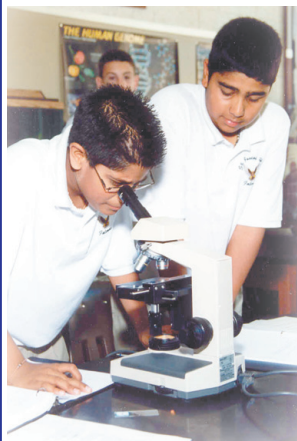
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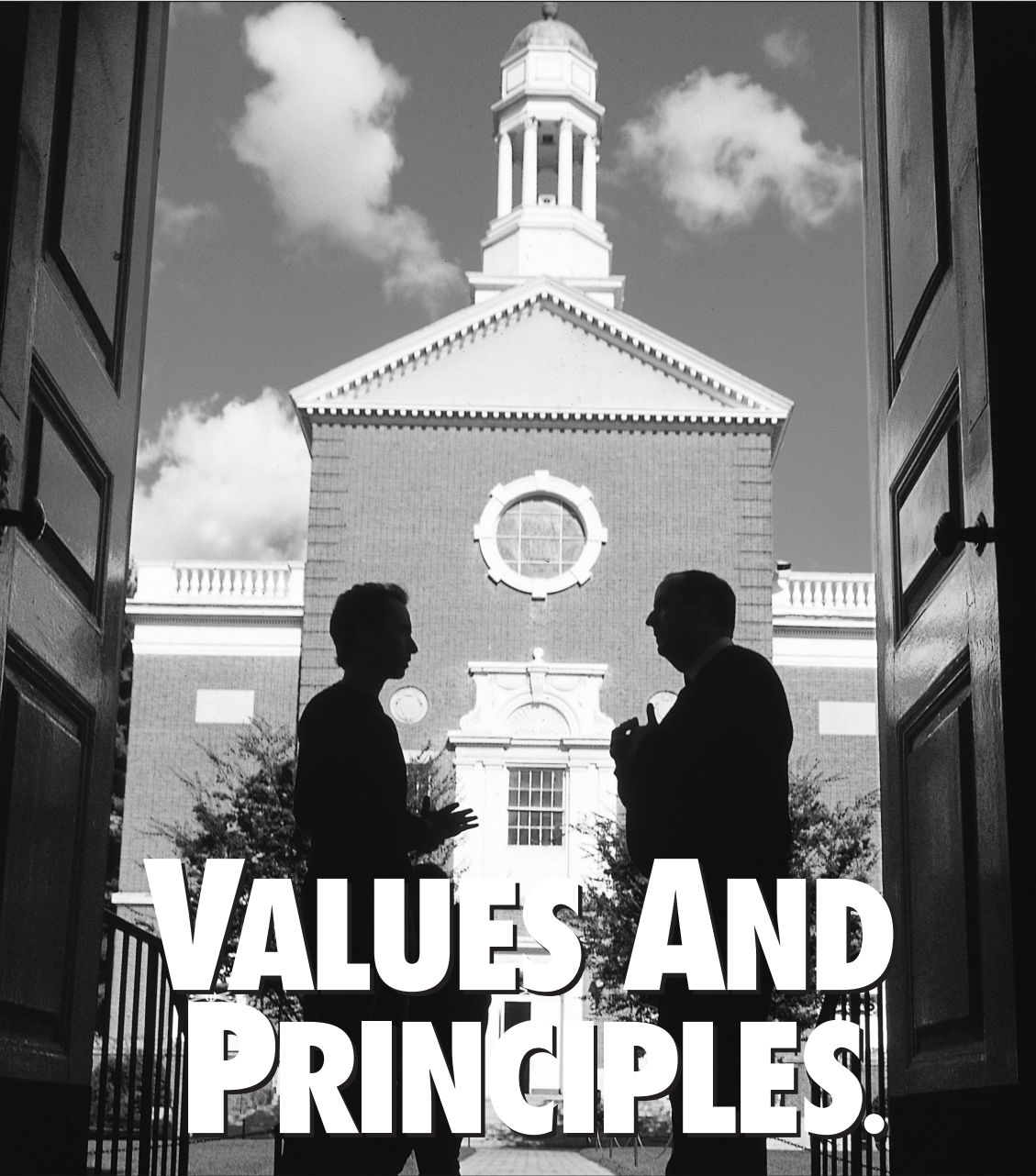
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Changes in key administrative posts at Don Bosco Prep

Don Bosco Preparatory School, Ramsey, begins the new school year with key changes in its administrative team.

Father Louis J. Molinelli, S.D.B., a 1979 graduate of Don Bosco Prep and the former principal of St. Petersburg Catholic High School in Florida, is the 20th director/president. John Stanczak has been promoted to principal. He had been the school's assistant principal of academics the past three years. Father Louis Konopelski, S.D.B. has been promoted to succeed Stanczak.

Father Konopelski is a former math and technology teacher at the school. Father Molinelli succeeds Father Steven Shafran, S.D.B.

The director/president is the overall administrator of the school, responsible for the Religious community of priests and brothers, who make up part of the faculty and who reside at the school.

Father Molinelli, a Mahwah native, is excited about returning to his alma mater. "It is now my privilege to give back to the community that helped form me. He was assistant principal and coordinator of youth ministry from 1995 to 1998.



He earned an M.A. in educational administration from Boston College in 1994, an M.A. in sacred Scripture and a M.A. from the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, OH, in 1989 and 1990, respectively. He completed his B.A. degree in philosophy and mathematics at Don Bosco College, Newton, formerly operated by the Salesian order.

Completing his six year term, Father Shafran has been asked to remain at the school and oversee the completion of the school's \$8 million capital and endowment campaign. He has been designated as the executive

director of advancement.

Before serving as assistant principal of academics, Stanczak was assistant principal of Albertus Magnus High School in Bardonia, NY. He was chairman of the theology department at Bergen Catholic High School, Paramus, from 1997 through 2000. He also taught theology at Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington, from 1994-1997.



Father Louis J. Molinelli, S.D.B.

Stanczak earned a dual MA/M.Ed. degree in theology/education from Boston College in 2001, with highest distinctions. Valedictorian of the class of 1994 at Seton Hall University, Stanczak majored in theology and minored in philosophy.

Father Serio, S.D.B., principal of Don Bosco Preparatory School for the past two years, has been promoted to director of education for the Salesian schools in the Eastern Province of the United States and has also been asked to take Father Molinelli's position as principal of St. Petersburg Catholic High.

Father Konopelski received an M. A. in education from Seton Hall as well as a master's in computer science from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. He earned his B.A. in computer science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed as a captain at the Pentagon.

Prior to studying for the priesthood in 2000, he joined the Peace Corps and spent two years in Gambia, West Africa, where he taught math at St. Peter's School in Banjul state.



Taking part from St. Vincent's were, left to right, Tempestt Hutchinson, Esther Osagoie, Joanne Gedeon, Tamara Merentie and Uchechi Ekwegharri.



Participants from St. Benedict's were, left to right, Anmad Kerr, Emerson Tronchin, Josiah Johnson, Kevin Chambers and David Arroyo.

Leadership through dialogue

Students from St. Benedict's Preparatory School and St. Vincent Academy, Newark, recently attended the National Conference for Community and Justice, New Jersey Region (NCCJ-NJ) Anytown peer leadership training program.

Each summer the NCCJ-NJ, formerly known as the National Conference of Christians and Jews, sponsors three one-week Anytown programs through the organization's Youth Leadership Institute.

"Anytown" brings together high school students of diverse backgrounds from throughout the Garden State. Its mission is to encourage dialogue between student leaders of different heritages

and beliefs and help them to know and better understand and know each other. Doing so, it is hoped, will enhance student and adult interrelations through their various communities. About 70 students from some 14 schools attend each session.

"Developing such understanding and mutual respect is especially important in New Jersey, the most densely populated and one of the most diverse states in the nation," explained a spokesman.

"Anytown," the spokesman added, "helps build tomorrow's leaders who must recognize diversity as a reality in today's society."

Participants leave with an action plan that will be utilized in their home, school and community.

CSE taps faculty member

Linda L. Baratte, Ph.D., adjunct faculty member of the College of Saint Elizabeth (CSE), Morristown, and well-known presenter at CSE Center's annual Spirituality Convocation, assumed the reins of the Center for Theological and Spiritual Development on Sept. 1.

A member in the department of philosophy/theology at the College of Saint Elizabeth since 1996, Dr. Baratte served as director of campus ministry from 1994 to 1999.

She has conducted numerous retreats, workshops and staff development presentations throughout the Diocese of Paterson and the Archdiocese of Newark.

Dr. Baratte holds a doctoral degree in religion and religious studies from Fordham, where her research focused on the life and work of noted Catholic author and peace advocate, Eileen Egan. Egan, who died in 2000 at the age of 88, was honored by the College of Saint Elizabeth with the Catholic Woman of Achievement Award in 1997. Dr. Baratte holds a master's degree in pastoral ministry from Boston College with a concentration in liturgy and worship.

She has been a board member of the CSE Summer Institute from 1999 to the present and is a member of the Board of the Summit Area Baby Center. She has co-chaired the Social Concerns and Justice Committee of St. Teresa Parish, Summit, and works with Summit Helping Its People.

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Maryknoll essay contest opens

This year's Maryknoll Student Essay Contest is under way.

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The 500-700 word essay will describe how people reacted and the impact speaking out had on the situation and/or people involved.

Entries must be postmarked no later than Dec. 1. Winners will be notified in mid-February.

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Cathy Pietraszek, the college counselor and adviser at Canterbury School, New Milford, CT, prepares high school juniors for college application process.

Marylawn grad returns Oct. 8 to perform

Returning to her roots after 45 years, Monica Jakuc, a graduate of Marylawn of the Oranges Academy, will be in concert at the Academy's Jerome Hines Auditorium on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

As a student at Marylawn, Jakuc was a child prodigy with her musical and learning skills, graduating before she was old enough to drive. She spent many afternoons as the accompanist to the glee club. Her education continued at Catholic University of America, Washington, DC for her undergraduate studies, then to the Julliard School, New York, for her M.A.

Most of her professional life has been at Smith College, where she chaired the music department for many years.

Jakuc has also maintained a busy concert schedule herself, in addition to creating two CD's. Her latest CD, *Fantasies for Fortepiano*, will be available this year.

The concert is free and open to all. Marylawn is located at 445 Scotland Rd., South Orange.

Looking back while eyeing the future

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

Although they have left the old neighborhood, ties to their student days at St. Rose of Lima School, Newark, remain strong.

Through a unique combination of nostalgia, chance and hard work, the St. Rose of Lima Alumni Association has been thriving the past several years, involving former students from across the nation.

How the association got started and is now quite active is best described by the driving force behind the phenomenon, Susan Kemka of Florham Park.

The genesis of the effort, Kemka explains, was the warm memories of growing up in the Roseville section of Newark during the 1950's and early 1960's. "It was a very close knit community."

Looking back on her school days, Kemka says fondly, "Everything happened at St. Rose School; everyone gravitated to it."

About four years ago an Internet search about the school and neighborhood gave way ultimately to a chat room named after a popular stop along Orange Street, the neighborhood's main thoroughfare.

The Bodholt's Diner chat room soon took off.

Following a flurry of correspondence, several graduates met at another popular eating spot, Dickey Dees, in the spring of 2001.

On the spur of the moment it was decided to visit the school. To

their surprise, Kemka notes, "nothing had changed" physically.

That experience led to the first alumni gathering in 2002. In conjunction with the school's Imperial Lancers Drum and Bugle Corps, an entire weekend was planned. At a Friday Mass, two priests who were at the parish four decades ago concelebrated along with three St. Rose alumni who became priests. It was that get-together that got the ball rolling on the St. Rose Alumni Association.

While sharing memories and comradeship is part of the association, its primary purpose is to raise funds for the school and its students.

Among the activities the alumni association has established are a teacher appreciation day, Project Graduation, providing DVD equipment for each classroom, recognition of the priests and an alumni picnic.

Among the distinguished alumni are Joseph Deehan, retired CFO of the McCormick Spice Co., track star Jerry Krumeich, Father John Washington, who in World War II gave up his lifejacket along with two other clergy and went down after their ship had been torpedoed, John Schick, former finance director of Revlon, Chicago White Sox second baseman Bob Molinaro and former ABC Radio executive Richard Lorenzo.

Sister Anita Marcellis, whose first mission was at St. Rose of Lima School from 1951-60, taught the third, fourth and sixth grades.

"I liked it very much. I was very happy there," explains Sister Anita, who said the students were "well-behaved" and are "very loyal" to the school. She feels the primary reason for that loyalty is that St. Rose of Lima provided "a good education and has a good reputation."

Pointing out that she taught many of the association members, Sister Anita says, "I hope I had a hand in their development."

A major event is coming up later this month. Oct. 15 Mass will be celebrated followed by a luncheon and tour of the school. The following day at the College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown, many sisters who taught at St. Rose of Lima over the years will be honored.

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All of the academy’s graduates have been accepted into college the past nine years. The school’s students have scored well on advanced placement tests, allowing them the advantage of gaining college credit early in their higher education careers. This year Benedictine Academy initiated an SAT/PSAT review for students in all grades, knowing how vital it is that preparation for the tests begin as early as possible, which naturally improves their performance on the actual test.

Benedictine Academy has also been awarded grants over the years to help fund technology, scholarships and other programs.

Student motivation and success are advanced by many factors, Sister Germaine O.S.B., president and principal, include, she “commit-

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Fritz, dent and notes. These explained, ment to academic quality, a dedicated faculty and staff, emphasis on values, traditions and faith, and finally, an environment permeated by structure, safety and discipline.”

Located near the Hillside border, Benedictine Academy attracts students from Union and Essex counties. The student body reflects many ethnic cultures including Caucasian, Portuguese, Filipino, African-American, African, Hispanic, Asian, Muslim and Indian.

“Our mission is to provide college-preparatory education to young women of various ethnic, socio-economic and religious backgrounds,” Sister Germaine pointed out. “We aim to offer our students the opportunity to enrich their own lives and the lives of others as ethical and responsible citizens who learn Christian values, achieve academic excellence, and become dedicated leaders, all in the Benedictine tradition,” she noted. Celebrations include an alumnae/student varsity basketball game and a special Catholic Schools Week celebration in January) an alumnae cocktail reception at the Benedictine Sisters’ monastery guest house in Elizabeth in March, and an alumnae dance to be held in the fall of 2005 at the Elizabeth campus.

The school is also hoping to garner special acknowledgement from the city of Elizabeth for its “Heritage of Distinction, Future of Promise” legacy. A special annual appeal challenge gift campaign to build support for the school’s “Building for the Future” Endowment Fund is also planned.

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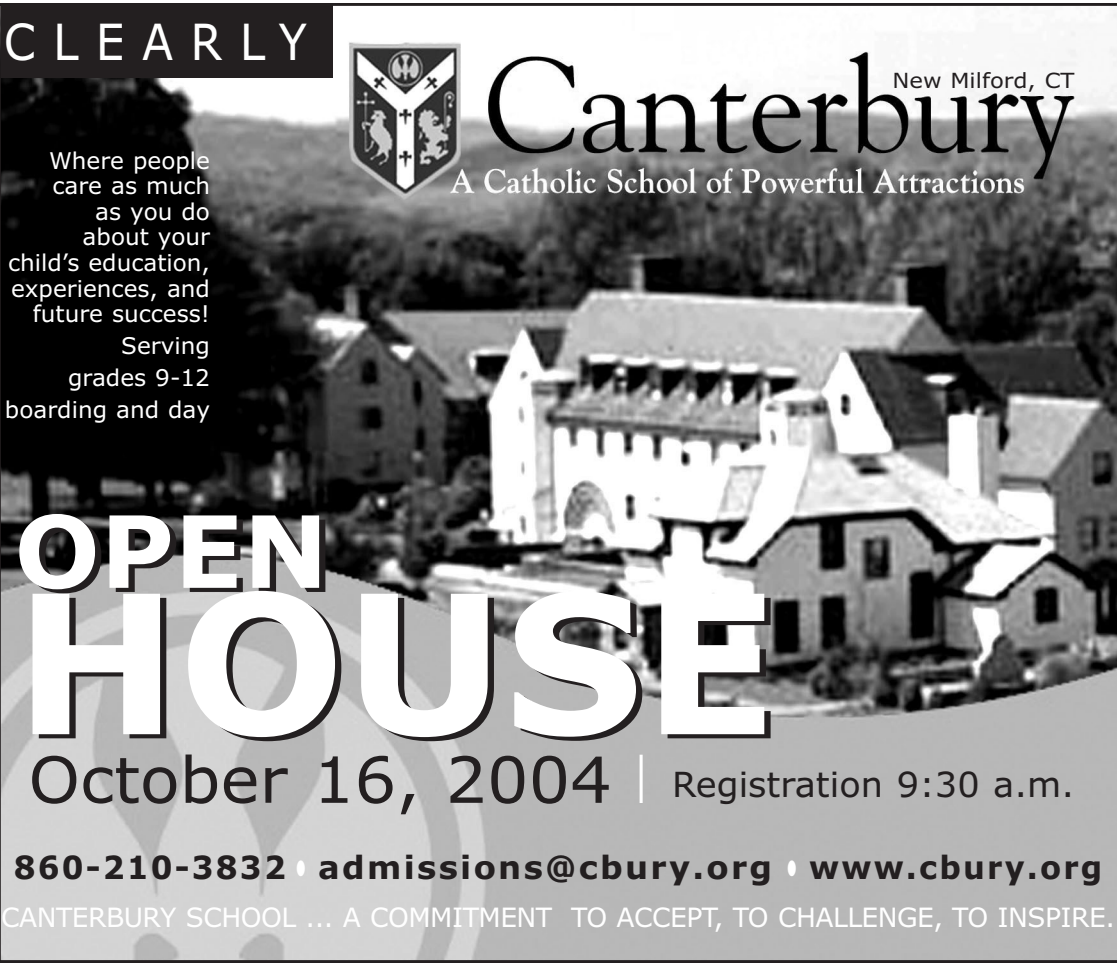
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The annual Homecoming and Fall Festival at Felician College brought together alumni, prospective students and the community

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Felician students, faculty and

staff volunteered at many of the booths, which included a poetry reading and a karate demonstration. Prospective students and their parents attended an informational open house in the morning, followed by tours of both the Lodi and Rutherford campuses.

The homecoming and festival event began with a walkathon to benefit the Rutherford Community Pantry and the Rutherford Social Services Department. In addition, a teacher-education workshop was held on campus during the afternoon.

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Church family celebrates a new pastor

BY JULIE BURKEY

Special to The Catholic Advocate

The recent installation of Father Michael Saporito as pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Maplewood, has led me to reflect on the meaning of this very special celebration.

The highlight is the Mass of Installation, much of which is taken from the Book of Blessings. I couldn't help but think how appropriate that is, since it is a day to give thanks for the blessing of a good priest, both for a particular parish and the whole Church of Newark.

This is a very public event, one that recognizes the importance of the role of pastor, as emphasized by the presence of a bishop as celebrant (or his designee), in this case the Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and Vicar for Essex County.

However, the most significant sign of reverence for the new pastor is the congregation gathered to celebrate this awesome event with the honored man.

At this liturgy we see represented the entire spectrum of the priest's human family: his very proud biological family; long-time priest friends and

colleagues; former parishioners, now called friends, from all of the parishes he has previously served, and his new parish family, who look to him with faces reflecting the hope and anticipation felt deep in their hearts.

What a tribute to the new pastor! What a tribute to the vocation of priest!

Yet, the emphasis of this

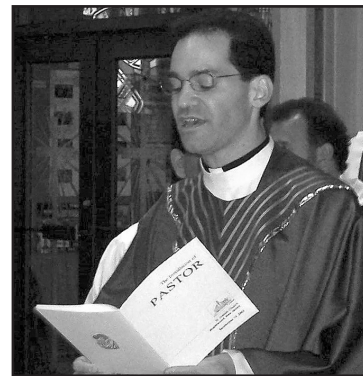
day is not all on the pastor, himself, but is equally shared with the community he is to serve. The message in a story related by Bishop da Cunha in his homily put it this way: St. Joseph's parishioners do not now belong to Father Michael's church; rather, Father Michael is now a member of the St. Joseph community. And with that membership

comes grave responsibility.

The bishop addresses the new pastor and admonishes him "to be a loving father, a gentle shepherd, and wise teacher of your people" so as to "lead them to Christ." In this short sentence lies the mandate of all pastors.

Let us keep them in our prayers.

Julie V. Burkey is the pastoral associate for Stewardship and Evangelization at St. Joseph Parish.



Father Michael Saporito at his Mass of Installation as pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Maplewood.

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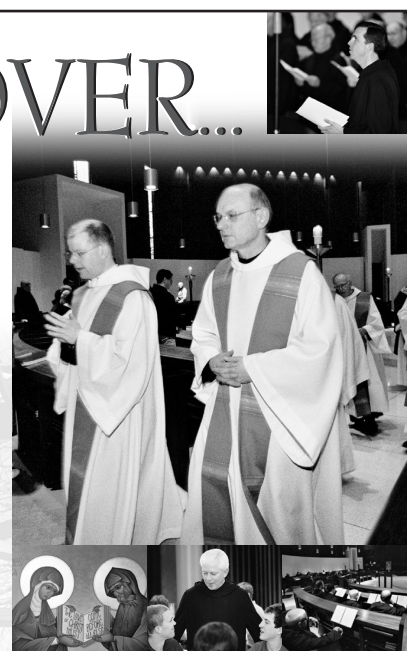
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Sister Mansueta Dolalas, R.V.M., from the Archdiocese of Newark, and her niece, Sister Marlene Dolalas, R.V.M., who was visiting from the Philippines, renewed their vows—an annual occasion—during Mass on Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption of Mary, at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth. Father Jose Saltarin (back), parochial vicar, was the main celebrant; Msgr. Robert J. Harrington (sitting), pastor, concelebrated.



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Anniversary celebrated

More than 180 Sisters of Christian Charity gathered recently to celebrate their founding day 155 years ago and the silver, golden and diamond anniversaries of several members.

Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Kenneth E. Lasch.

At the offertory of the Mass, the jubilarians renewed their vows as Sisters of Christian Charity.

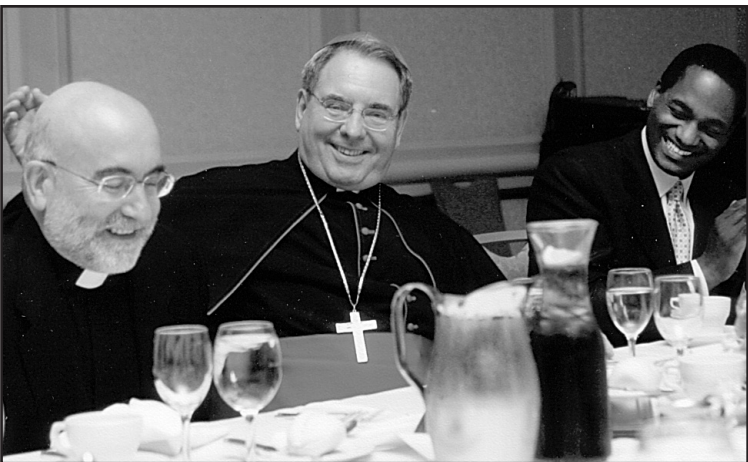
The day concluded with a ceremony of blessing and recommitment for the new apostolic year.

In the spirit of their foundress, Pauline von Mallinckrodt, the sisters were urged to become “women of fire,” on fire with the love for God and neighbor.

Throughout the course of the day, special remembrance was given to the anniversary of the founding of the congregation.

Today the Sisters of Christian Charity carry on their ministry in the areas of education, healthcare, social work, homemaking and pastoral ministry in North and South America, Germany, Italy, Vatican City and the Philippines, numbering 720 sisters worldwide.

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Archbishop Myers, center, is joined at the gala by Father Matias Diaz, rector of the seminary, and honoree Reggie Davis of Wachovia Bank.

Seminary mission is cited

Archbishop John J. Myers presided at the seventh annual gala dinner to benefit Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Kearny.

Held at the Sheraton Hotel in the Meadowlands, the dinner brought together over 300 persons including pastors and priests from throughout the archdiocese.

Organized by the Family of Nazareth, Inc., the gala honored Reggie Davis, CEO of Wachovia Bank for the Atlantic Region.

Gloria Burgos was given an award on behalf of the Neo-Catechumenal Way for its involvement with the New Evangelization called for by Pope John Paul II.

Burgos has coordinated Neo-Catechumenal communities in the United States in the building of Domus Galilaea, a center of retreat and learning where pilgrims in the Holy Land can meditate and study Scripture.

The goal of the gala is to support the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary which, through the Neo-Catechumenal Way, recruits prospective seminarians in this country and around the world regardless of their means. The seminary has no permanent source of income.

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Novices begin spiritual journey

Two young women were received recently into the novitiate of the Sisters of Christian Charity, Mendham.

Martha McCray, of Columbus, OH, a former juvenile detention officer at Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center, came to Mendham two years ago and is now being received into the congregation of the Sisters of Christian Charity as a novice.

She will now be known as Sister Rosemary, taking the name in honor of Our Lady of Knock, a tribute to her Irish heritage and her great love for Mary, Mother of Jesus.

In response to the question, what are your sentiments as you take this next step, she said, "I came to help others—simple as that. But somewhere along the way I realized that the opposite was happening. God, in His divine wisdom and mercy had brought me into Religious life to help and heal me. Over the last two years I have come to see that serving others can only come through sacrificial love, and that kind of love can only come through a deep and personal relationship with Christ. He is the wellspring of that love."

Elizabeth Kovacs was also received into the novitiate and given the name Sister Elizabeth. She came to Mendham from Allentown, PA.

In her reflection on what this next step means to her, she stated, "As time went on [during her ini-

tial stage of formation], I learned more about what it means to be a Religious and had time to reflect upon the impact that consecrated persons have in our Church and in our world today... Am I good enough to do that? Am I ready to accept this daunting challenge?

"Through the grace of my retreat, God has prepared me to accept His call to follow Him. I willingly and wholeheartedly answer His invitation with a resounding 'yes.'"

In the novitiate, these young women will be introduced to the closer following of Christ through the vows lived in community according to the aim and spirit of the congregation.

At the same time, Celice Gonzales entered into the second phase of her pre-novitiate.

She came to Mendham from St. Augustine Parish, South, Brunswick.

In her reflection on the coming year, she looks forward to assisting the new entrants in acclimating themselves to convent life. On a much deeper level, however, she notes, "This will be an important year for me. It will be a time in which I will try to be more open to let God work in me, to let God transform me. I will try my best to put things in God's hands rather than in my own."

During this stage of formation, she will live in the Religious community and follow the daily schedule of prayer, religious conferences, study, work, recreation, community projects, personal enrichment and some type of apostolic ministry.



Sister Elizabeth and Sister Rosemary in the Shrine of Blessed Pauline, foundress.



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Born in Jersey City, Msgr. Duffy was a graduate of Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington. He was ordained at St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, Newark, in 1948 by Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh.

His first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Aidan Parish,

Jersey City. He ministered there for more than 20 years, also working as archdiocesan associate director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith from 1970-72.

In 1972, Msgr. Duffy was appointed archdiocesan director of the Society, serving on the national board, and in 1978 he was named national treasurer.

He remained director until his retirement in 1997.

Sister Rose Carmel, 83

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 30 for Sister Rose Carmel Waide-lich, S.C., 83, who died Aug. 26.

Sister Rose entered the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in 1938. She received a B.S. from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, and an M.A. from Fairfield University, CT.

Her assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included teaching at the following

schools: St. Charles Borromeo, Newark; Immaculate Conception, Elizabeth; Sacred Heart, Rochelle Park, and St. Michael, Union City. She also served as principal at St. Augustine School, Union City (where she later returned to teaching and working as librarian), and St. Paul School, Ramsey.

After 65 years of ministry, Sister Rose retired to Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, in 2001.

Pray for them...

Ethel Smith, mother of Bishop John M. Smith of the Diocese of Trenton, died Sept. 26.

Fouad Younan, eld-

est brother of Bishop Joseph Younan, Syriac Catholic Bishop of the United States and Canada, died Sept. 22 in Damascus, Syria.

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C.G.

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L.V.

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J.F.

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Los obispos de Newark visitan al Santo Padre

(Traducción del reportaje publicado en la primera página del Catholic Advocate del 22 de septiembre último)

El Muy Reverendo John J. Myers, Arzobispo de Newark, hizo la visita “ad limina” al Vaticano del 5 al 13 de septiembre último. Los principales de todas las diócesis tienen que consultar con el Papa y con los miembros de la Curia Romana cada cinco años, reportando sobre el estado de sus respectivas diócesis.

Acompañando al Arzobispo estaban también los Muy Reverendos Thomas A. Donato, John W. Flesey y Edgar da Cunha, obispos auxiliares de la arquidiócesis, así como los obispos retirados Dominic Marconi y David Arias.

Tal como fue reportado en la prensa secular (The Star Ledger de septiembre 16), los obispos encontraron al Pontífice con sus 84 años de edad luciendo bien y “muy alerta”.

“Él no está en su mejor momento respecto a la salud”, dijo el Arzobispo Myers, “pero con su enfermedad de Parkinson yo entiendo que uno tiene sus altas y bajas aun en el mismo día. Yo me entrevisté con él un día en que estaba bastante bien”.

(En el Catholic Advocate del 22 de septiembre se publicó una traducción de la homilía que predicó el Arzobispo Myers a sus hermanos obispos durante esa visita al Vaticano).

Entre los otros obispos de la Región III, comprendiendo New Jersey y Pennsylvania, que también se entrevistaron con el Papa, estaba el Cardenal Justin Rigali, Arzobispo de Philadelphia.

Los otros obispos de New Jersey que también estuvieron presentes fueron el Muy Reverendo John M. Smith, de Trenton, el Muy Reverendo Paul Bootkoski, de Metuchen, el Muy Reverendo Arthur J. Serratelli, de Paterson y el Obispo retirado de Paterson, Muy Reverendo Frank Rodimer.

Durante la semana, los obispos tuvieron varias reuniones en distintos departamentos del Vaticano. En su encuentro con la Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fe, la mayor parte de la discusión se enfocó en los procedimientos para el tratamiento con los sacerdotes acusados de abusos, declaró el Obispo Donald W. Wurl, de Pittsburgh, a Catholic News Service.

El Obispo de Allentown, Pennsylvania, Edward P. Cullen, dijo que los funcionarios del Vaticano responsables de los asuntos doctrinales, hicieron un excelente trabajo aclarando los procedimientos. Él también declaró que los obispos recibieron un fuerte apoyo en relación con sus esfuerzos para resolver las necesidades de las víctimas de los abusos sexuales.

El Santo Padre recordó su peregrinaje pastoral a Newark en 1995 cuando habló con el Arzobispo Myers. Dirigiéndose a los obispos norteamericanos el 11 de Septiembre, en el tercer aniversario del ataque terrorista a los Estados Unidos, el Papa Juan Pablo II declaró que como consecuencia del escándalo de los abusos sexuales, los obispos norteamericanos debían estar dispuestos a considerar un estilo de gobierno en que se compartan las responsabilidades con los católicos laicos. Un sistema de consultas no debe considerarse como un abandono de la autoridad episcopal o como una concesión a los principios de la democracia, sino como una necesidad para fortalecer la eficacia de los obispos, dijo el Papa.

La verdad contra la propaganda: un viejo dilema

POR MONSEÑOR JOHN GILCHRIST

Sin ninguna falta de respeto para el excelente y honorable equipo de The Catholic Advocate, voy a recordarles un viejo y conocido chiste: “Un mozo de limpieza (“a porter”) es un individuo que se encarga de sacar la basura y un reportero (“a reporter”) es un individuo que trae la basura de nuevo”. Esto se refiere a los periodistas de chismografía. (el chiste se basa en un juego de palabras que funciona bien en Inglés, pero no en Español).

Y, desde luego, siempre hay la pregunta de cual es la verdad. Yo recientemente estuve en una convención en la que el Comisionado del Trabajo de New Jersey afirmaba que el Estado de New Jersey había logrado incrementar su fuerza de trabajo creando 70,000 nuevos empleos en el último año, y además, que la economía de New Jersey era la cuarta en tamaño en la nación y finalizó afirmando que la economía del estado había crecido sin interrupción durante los últimos 15 meses.

Inmediatamente después el siguiente orador, un político, declaró que “esta es la peor depresión que hemos sufrido desde 1930. La Administración del Presidente Bush ha exportado al extranjero todos los buenos trabajos. Estamos en un economía fallida”.

Como Pilatos, necesitamos preguntar: ¿Cuál es la verdad? También necesitamos preguntar ¿Qué es simplemente propaganda?. Es difícil saber cual es la respuesta a estas preguntas.

Por ejemplo, me han estado haciendo esta pregunta: ¿Ha

leído usted The Da Vinci Code?. Mi respuesta tiene dos partes; primeramente “Si, yo tengo una copia de ese libro”, pero agrego “No, yo no pierdo mi tiempo en leerlo”. Y la razón para ello también tiene dos partes: el libro es pura ficción y yo no tengo tiempo para leer ficción. Además, es una ficción difamatoria porque pretende ser verdad cuando realmente no son más que tonterías. Y eso lo sé porque he leído los comentarios del libro y conozco las fuentes en que el autor pretende basar su verdad.

Ese libro está en la misma categoría que otro libro recientemente publicado: “The Bible Code”, en el que un reportero judío afirma que la Biblia tiene una clave (“a code”) y que una vez que la podamos descifrar, nos ayudará a predecir, como el famoso libro de Nostradamus, los sucesos del futuro, todos, desde luego, malas noticias.

La Iglesia Cristiana no vino a este mundo desprovista de una literatura fantástica. Mientras escribo este artículo tengo en mi mesa dos enormes volúmenes llamados “Old Testament Pseudepigrapha” que contienen, si he contado bien, 65 libros. La palabra “pseudepigrapha” significa que una persona escribió un libro pero otra persona aparece como su autor.

Ellos son magnífica literatura y arrojan mucha luz sobre el mundo anterior a Jesús. Pero sólo unos cuantos de esos libros “pasaron el grado” en la Iglesia Católica como Sagradas Escrituras y todos los demás no fueron incluidos en nuestra Biblia.

Todo el mundo sabe sobre los manuscritos del Mar

Muerto. Algunos de los manuscritos son ciertamente parte de las Sagradas Escrituras. Pero otros simplemente se refieren a los monjes Escenos. Y otros se refieren a otras comunidades. No son parte de las Escrituras. Y sin embargo, han sido la fuente de muchísimas especulaciones.

También tengo sobre mi mesa dos grandes volúmenes titulados “New Testament Apocrypha”. Si los conté bien, contienen unos 60 Evangelios, Actos y otros relatos que pretenden ser escritos auténticos de los apóstoles y de otras santas personas de los tiempos de Jesús.

La palabra “apócrifo” originalmente significaba “escondido” o “secreto”. La Iglesia los rechaza todos aunque se hayan originado en los primeros tiempos de la Iglesia.

También tengo a mano dos volúmenes del “evangelio” de Nag Hammadi, descubierto en el Alto Egipto en 1945. Si estoy en lo cierto, contiene unos 64 “evangelios”. La mayoría son horribles, llenos de sexo y de blasfemias.

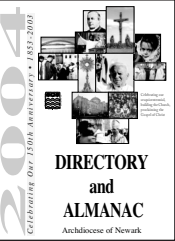
Así que ahí lo tienen ustedes. Yo tengo todas las lecturas que pudiera necesitar. Para la próxima vez, déjenme darles una muestra de estos escritos, lo que les permitirá conocer las fuentes de las que autores como el del Código Da Vinci saca sus fabulosas leyendas.

(Monseñor Gilchrist es el Párroco de Holy Cross, en Harrison)

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A unique perspective on cloistered life

BY LIESL FORES
Staff Writer

Amata Means Beloved
Sister Mary Catharine Perry, O.P.
(New York: iUniverse, Inc., \$10.95. 108 pages)
ISBN: 0-595-30024-3

Sister Mary Catharine Perry, O.P., a cloistered Dominican nun of the Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, Summit, has written her first book, *Amata Means Beloved*.

The novel begins with Emily Barone, soon-to-be Sister Maria Amata, as a young postulant entering a newly built monastery.

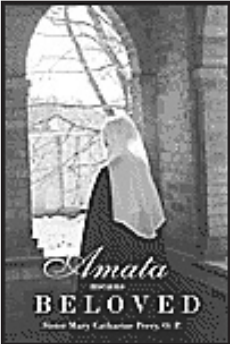
Though eager to embrace the community of sisters she has chosen to live with and especially to dedicate herself to Christ, the protagonist discovers that she—like any other person—can and will experience aggravation and frustration.

More importantly, Sister Maria Amata realizes her own fault in not being able to forgive the man who murdered her brother.

As the story follows her through her first three years at

the monastery, she grapples with her purpose as a cloistered nun—to devote her life to praying for others and to become closer to Jesus—and must figure out whether this is what God wants of her or if she is trying to escape her own pain and fears.

Giving a unique perspective on the cloistered, contemplative way of life (“I’m the only nun who has written a novel about the life I lead. I guess you could say I have the inside scoop,” she said in a recent interview with Susan Manning, www.amatameans-beloved.8m.com), Sister Mary Catharine Perry also ties in current events, such as the attacks on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, and other modern elements, like the fact that one of the cloistered sisters used to be a fashion model.



Amata Means Beloved is a quick, enjoyable read that may surprise readers with its frankness about the humanity of cloistered nuns, yet conveys their commitment to each other and their sincere vow to put God before all else, so that they may serve Him.

“The women who enter monasteries are not pre-packaged saints, but human beings who struggle with problems, fears and the need to grow in maturity and love just like everyone else,” commented the author.

Sister Mary Catharine entered the monastery in 1991. She made first profession in 1993 and solemn profession in 1996. She has published articles in *Our Sunday Visitor*, *Our Daily Visitor*, *From the Housetops* and *First Things*.

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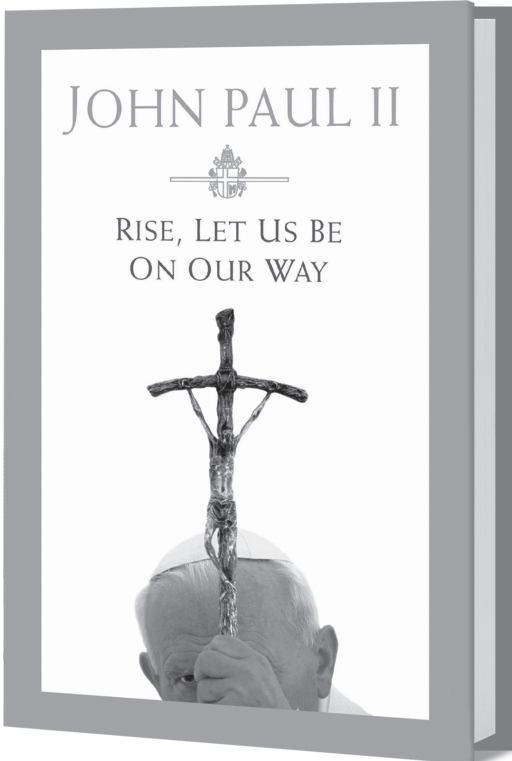
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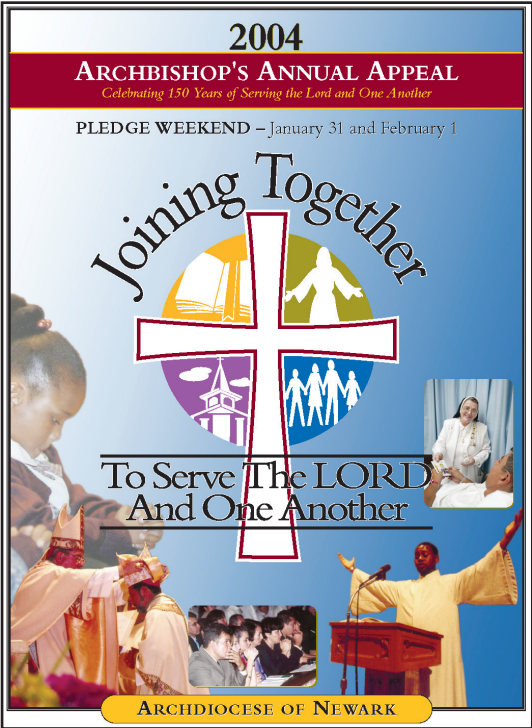
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tending to the sick, and a Catholic school student hard at work, among others.

"The poster focuses on Church and community," said Carla L. Gonzalez, Director of Development, pointing to the motto, "Joining together to serve the Lord and one another." She said the motto reflects the mission of the Archdiocese of Newark and the Development Office.

"The entire Development Office was instrumental in putting the logo together... Everyone gave feedback," Gonzalez said, adding, "The mission of the AAA is not just a job for us. We take pride in the fact that the poster successfully conveyed the message of the AAA."

Deacon Joseph Dwyer, Vice Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Newark, noted, "I am very proud of Carla and her group for their achievement. Most importantly, they have once again demonstrated a commitment to the archdiocese and the vision of the archbishop. The message of the Development Office continues to stress the priority of service to the pastors while keeping operational costs under budget."



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA) poster that won top place in the poster category at the recent International Catholic Stewardship Conference in New Orleans, LA.

Trenton march

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into legislation and political action, and Father Michael Manning, M.D., coordinator for Respect Life Ministries of the Diocese of Trenton.

Members of the New Jersey legislature, including Sen. Peter Inverso (Mercer), have been invited to address the assembly on the importance of maintaining a steady and active involvement in the political process and advocacy efforts to influence legislation.

"It's an opportunity for solidarity between the bishops of the state, who will be concelebrating Mass. Secondly, it's an opportunity for solidarity of parishes in New Jersey," said Msgr. McGuinness. "The law should protect life from beginning to end. ... There's a real need to show respect for life."

For more information about participating in the Faithful Citizenship and Witness for Life March on Oct. 18, contact Michelle Krystofik at (732) 388-8211.

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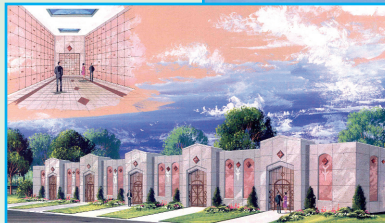
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