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West Orange Police Officer Andrew McCrone with daughters Skye, 5, and Hannah, 4, outside the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, prior to the 11th annual Mass for Law Enforcement, known as the Blue Mass, celebrated Nov. 4 by Archbishop John J. Myers. A story and additional photos appear on Page 18.

Advocate photo-Ward Miele

Eucharist source of renewal

NEW YORK (CNS)—Cardinal Avery Dulles, S.J. said in a lecture Nov. 10 at Fordham University, NY that Catholics are entering the 2004-05 Year of the Eucharist with an awareness “the church is in dire need of renewal.”

The cardinal said many Catholics are igno-

rant of Church teachings, and a few even reject the teachings.

As a resource for renewal, he called for an emphasis on the Eucharist, and seeing in it the same marks used by the creed in describing the church as one, holy, catholic and apostolic.

He also recalled that the Year of the Eucharist, announced by the pope last spring, began Oct. 17 and is scheduled to conclude with a synod of bishops dealing with the Eucharist in October of next year.

Regarding catholicity, Cardinal Dulles said the Eucharist must be celebrated “in union with the local bishop, the pope and the Catholic Church throughout the world.”

He said some Catholics contend that the Church was not constituted hierarchically from above but by the action of believers from below, and that every local community has the right and power to designate one of its members as presider at Mass.

But the eucharistic prayers of the Roman Missal, he said, show that “every legitimate Eucharist is celebrated in union with the whole body of bishops and the pope, for otherwise it would be deficient in catholicity.”

In conclusion, Cardinal Dulles said the “prevalent secular and democratic culture” tricked people into thinking they did not need the kind of connections represented by that fourth mark of the Church.

“But the Eucharist reminds us that grace and salvation come from on high, and that they are channeled through Christ and the apostles,” he said.

Immaculate Conception celebration Mass Dec. 8

The universal Church will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8. A special Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, at 8 p.m. will mark the occasion in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Our Lady, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is Patroness of the United States, the archdiocese, Seton Hall University, Immaculate Conception Seminary and a number of archdiocesan parishes and institutions, warranting special observance in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Because of the historical significance of this anniversary, at the liturgy a commemorative medalion will be presented to each parish as a means of recognizing and fostering devotion to the Mother of God. Parish groups, organizations or societies with devotion to Mary will be inscribed on a certificate to be presented that evening as well, and every attendee will receive a Miraculous Medal lapel pin.

The Mass, open to everyone, is being offered in gratitude to the Immaculate Mother of God for the many blessings that have come to our country and to the Archdiocese of Newark through her intercession. It is also an opportunity to recommit to the maternal patronage of Our Lady and to renew our devotion to her.

Breast cancer center opens in Newark area

The Connie Dwyer Breast Center at Saint Michael's Medical Center, Newark, has opened its doors.

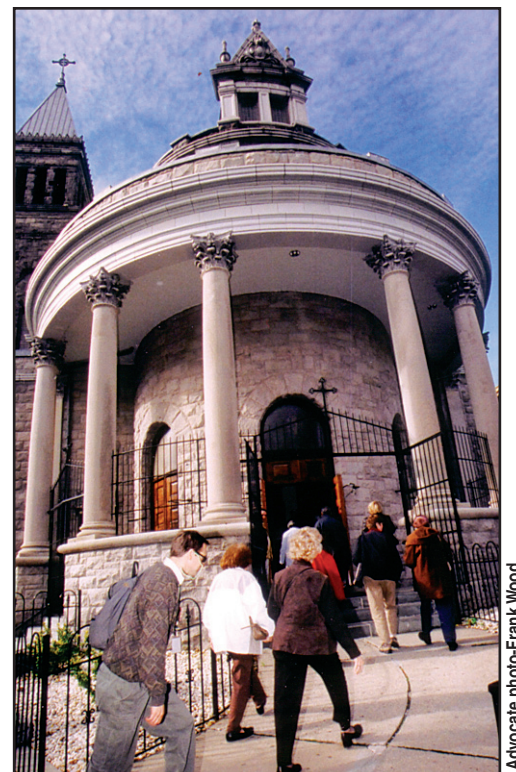
Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, was on hand last month to bless the new 3,500 square foot facility, which offers programs for breast cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and community outreach, in particular to black and Hispanic women in the Newark area.

Center founder M. Michelle Blackwood, M.D., F.A.C.S., a board certified breast cancer specialist and surgeon, believes there is a disparity in access to care for these women. She has asserted her goal to improve their chances of survival and provide excellent medical care in a warm and welcoming environment.

The \$2 million center houses the latest technological advances and is one of just a few sites in New Jersey that offers digital

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First Heritage Tour



Advocate photo-Frank Wood

The inaugural Heritage Tour 2004 recently brought visitors to St. Columba Church, Newark, on a beautiful Saturday morning. See photos on Page 13.

A dangerous profession in a dangerous world

Archbishop Myers delivered this homily at the annual Blue Mass honoring law enforcement professionals and their families, Nov. 4, the memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

Once again, you take time out to come here to pray and to reflect, to be comforted and inspired by the Word of God, to give thanks in the ultimate action of thanksgiving, the Eucharist. As we come together, we turn to Scripture knowing that God's Word will give us insights into our lives and into the mystery of our God working in our lives.

Today, God speaks to us through St. Paul (Rm 12:3-13) and through St. John (Jn 10:11-16). St. Paul, writing to the Church in Rome, describes the unity of the Body of Christ, the various roles and ministries of the members of the Church. He writes, "For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though we are many, are one body in Christ, and individually parts of one another."

In a similar way, we can view all of humanity as one, for all of us are God's children, each created by a loving Father. As in the Church, there are diverse roles in human society. The role you have accepted is "to protect and to defend."

In St. John's Gospel account, Jesus tells us that He is the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd is one who does not flee when danger threatens the flock. The Good Shepherd is ready to lay down His life for His flock.

Where everything and everyone is a target, you bear a very heavy burden.

Shortly after I became Archbishop of Newark, I stood in this pulpit and looked over a sea of blue. That occasion is engraved in my mind, in my heart. On that somber day we remembered and prayed for the 37 Port Authority Police officers who lost their lives in the cowardly and evil terrorist attacks of September 11. Outside this cathedral the tattered but not-defeated flag from the World Trade Center flew in mute testimony to their sacrifice.

On that day we honored your brothers and sisters who, like Christ, the Good Shepherd, willingly sacrificed their lives for others.

Since that terrible day, we have understood more acutely

Sincerely in the Lord



BY ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. MYERS

ly and painfully the responsibilities of those whom we celebrate in this annual Blue Mass. We understand what it means to provide for the common good, to protect and to defend. We understand all too well what it means to risk one's own life because of the deep, deep convictions of a profession that calls upon its member to go beyond themselves to help their fellow men and women.

You have assumed a courageous and dangerous role in our society. It is a role that includes the willingness to put the lives of others ahead of your own. Your task always has been to protect and to defend average citizens, young and old, rich and poor, from those who would do them harm.

To protect and to defend. It sounds so simple, doesn't it? But you know better than I that it is much more complex and dangerous since the terrorist attacks.

Danger has always been a part of the lives of law enforcement officers. The honor role of those killed in the performance of their duties, whom we remember in a special way today, and the wail of the pipes is testimony to the dangers you face every day. The presence among us of six

Newark police officers and one sheriff's officer who have been wounded in the line of duty in the past year is a clear reminder of the reality you face every day. Some of them were wounded within just a few blocks of this cathedral.

You have the responsibility to protect and to defend the lives of our citizens and non-citizens, at the risk of your own. The helpless and the defenseless depend on your skill, your training, your instant response, your bravery and your self-sacrifice. This responsibility is much broader than ever before.

In our uneasy world, where terrorist murderers may strike at any moment, you are called upon to be more vigilant than ever before, to watch not only for the obvious potential evildoer, but to discern the secretive and well-trained terrorist.

In a world where churches, elementary schools and restaurants are targets, this responsibility is no longer limited to the obvious targets. Where everything and everyone is a target, you bear a very heavy burden. A significant part of your task is continual preparedness. The emergency preparedness teams have been working and planning to ensure the safety of our citizens in the face of faceless forces that seek not only to do us harm, but to kill our families, our children.

I am very aware of your work. On more occasions than ever before, events in this cathedral, events where people peacefully assemble to worship God, must be protected from possible dangers. I have seen you here as you ensure our security and I gratefully pray every day for your safety. I also am aware that there are some of you protecting us whom I do not see.

An often forgotten part of the burden of a law enforcement officer is the daily stress that working round the clock shifts, and the very nature of police work itself, brings on the family. It is my sincere hope that you find ways to alleviate these tensions so that you may fully enjoy the joys of family life that are taken for granted by those whom you serve.

Today, I pray for you in a special way, asking Our Lord and St. Michael the Archangel, patron of law enforcement officers, always to be at your side, to protect and to defend you against the enemy, seen and unseen. I pray that you will be given the strength to overcome the great stresses that are part of your lives every day. Most of all, I pray that every day, at the end of your shifts, you return safely to the loving arms of your families.

God bless you, each and every one!

Stewardship

The call to evangelize is heard in different ways

BY ANDREW KACZYNSKI

Associate Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese

After recently rereading U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' seminal pastoral letter on stewardship (which I often quote in this column) I was reminded of the obligation that each of the faithful has to evangelize. In fact, the bishops' wording with regard to evangelization makes it a requirement of the baptized. They wrote:

"Every member of the Church is called to evangelize, and the practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization. As stewards of the mysteries of God (cf. 1Cor 4:1), people desire to tell others about them and about the light they shed on human life, to share the gifts and graces they have received from God, especially knowledge of Christ Jesus, 'who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption' (1 Cor 1:30).

"Human beings, says Pope Paul VI, 'have the right to know the riches of the mystery of Christ. It is in these...that the whole human family can find in the most comprehen-

sive form and beyond all their expectations everything for which they have been groping' (Evangelii Nunitandi, 53)."

For a long time in my own life when I heard the word "evangelization" the image of someone standing on a street corner, quoting verses from the Bible and telling people of their need to convert to Christ would leap to mind. I would think to myself that I'd never be able to do something like that—I realize the challenge of the Church that we must evangelize.

Through the years, though, I came to realize that evangelizing others about my faith doesn't necessarily mean standing on a street corner with my Bible in hand. The work of evangelization does not have to be that "extreme."

There are many simple, yet effective ways we can live out our call to do this work.

We can inspire others about our faith by example, by

how we act, or by just simply letting people know how our faith enhances our spiritual life.

One woman I know from my parish used to deliver a copy of our weekly bulletin to her neighbor whom she knew was Catholic yet did not attend Sunday Mass. It took a couple of years, but that neighbor now attends Mass regularly, even though the woman who used to bring her the bulletin has long since moved out of the community.

The practice of good stewardship is in itself a means to accomplish the work of evangelization. If we are generous in sharing our time, talent and treasure with the Church and the community through our gratitude for what the Lord has given us, others will see that we are doing it for the love of the Lord, and that should prove to them that our faith is the most important thing in our lives.

By doing so, we can inspire them to live the same way.

There are many simple, yet effective ways we can live out our call.



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Several parishes receive OK on recommendations

The New Energies Parish Transition Project reached a milestone last week when Archbishop John J. Myers approved responses from a number of parishes affected by the recommendations of the Task Force on Parishes. The archbishop acted following consultation with the presbyteral council.

Archbishop Myers has also approved the appointment of internal consultants to assist in parish transitions, the executive committee, chaired by Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., approved two new conversation partners, and announced the formation of an Ethnic Community Advisory Board.

Archbishop Myers is required by canon law to consult with the presbyteral council before making final decisions on parish mergers, linkages or closings. Such a consultation took place Nov. 3.

The archbishop's decisions follow recommendations by the executive committee concerning the first responses from 13 of the 48 parishes engaged in the New Energies Project.

The executive committee reviews and discusses each response and either approves or amends it as a recommendation for final decision by Archbishop Myers, or returns it to the parishes with a request for additional work and an additional response.

Each cluster of parishes responding to a recommendation has been given a specific timeline for the conversation and response phase.

Since an initial response is expected no later than halfway through the timeline, parishes with an 18-month period are expected to have an initial response in by March 2005, or nine months from July 2004. Parishes with a 12-month conversation and response period are expected to have an initial response by next month.

The first decisions reached by Archbishop Myers are as follows:

- Accepted the response from St. Patrick Pro-Cathedral and St. John, Newark, that the two parishes be linked. Msgr. Neil J. Mahoney will be the pastor, while Msgr. James Finnerty will become pastor emeritus in residence at St. John's Rectory.
- Approved the recommendation to sell the surplus parish property of Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo, Newark, with the proceeds reserved for the future sustenance and maintenance of the parish. Each decision regarding property and funds will not be finalized until after being reviewed by the college of consultants. The name of the parish will remain as is. All Masses and pastoral activity will take place at Blessed Sacrament.
- Approved the merger of the parishes of St. Bernard of Clairvaux and Saint Stanislaus Kostka, Plainfield, to

be known as the Church of SS. Bernard and Stanislaus.

Approved the request of St. Antoninus Parish, Newark, to be affirmed as a charismatic community within the archdiocese.

In addition, the executive committee took the following actions:

Approved the request of the Parishes of SS. Peter and Paul, Elizabeth, to enter into conversation with St. Adalbert and Saint Hedwig, both in Elizabeth, concerning a potential merger.

New Energies Update

Approved the request that St. Joseph Parish, East Orange, enter into conversation with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Orange, with the possibility of merging at St. Joseph's.

The next executive committee meeting, chaired by Bishop da Cunha, is scheduled for Tuesday Dec. 14. More responses from parishes in the New Energies Project will be reviewed.

In other actions, the archbishop has confirmed the selection of eight internal consultants to facilitate conversations within each cluster of parishes. Those chosen for this important role are Mary Bertani, Zeni Fox, Rev. Richard Kelly, Jennifer Leitner, Diane Pew, Rev. Bob Tooman, Gene Tozzi, and Sister Elizabeth Vermaelen.

These consultants bring both experience and prayerful enthusiasm to the New Energies Project. They will work with the Reid Group, a national consulting firm with significant experience in Catholic dioceses, parishes and schools, to assist in the movement from recommendations to conversation and response. A half-day meeting involving the Reid Group and the internal consultants was held Thursday, Nov 11.

Mindful of the challenges faced by ethnic communities and national churches in responding to the recommendations of the New Energies Project, Archbishop Myers approved the development of an Ethnic Community Advisory Board to assist the consultants in understanding and responding to the unique needs of these communities.

With the help of Msgr. William Reilly, multi-cultural affairs coordinator, a meeting was held in September with representatives of seven communities. The Reid Group consultants met with more than 50 representatives from as many ethnic communities as possible Nov. 10.

The role of the board will evolve as the ethnic communities bring their experience and advice to the consultants and help parish communities live out the project goals.

The goals remain as stated in May by Archbishop Myers.

- To enhance quality parish life, both territorial and national, throughout the Archdiocese;
- To support increased understanding of and action on the 28 principles related to quality parish life;
- To strengthen the presence and ministry of the Church in urban and suburban areas;
- To increase collaboration between and among leaders, parishes and the whole Archdiocese of Newark;
- To act as good stewards of all human, financial and facility resources;
- To build a greater sense of unity within the rich ethnic, cultural and age diversity present within the local Church.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

Parochial Vicar

Reverend Armando Crisostomo, Jr.
has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, effective Nov. 1.

Chaplaincy

Reverend Bryan J. Adamcik,
Parochial Vicar of St. Stephen Parish, Kearny, has been appointed chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Bergen County Federation, effective Nov. 30.

Reverend Reinerio B. Agaloos,
Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Parish, Rahway has been appointed chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Rahway Council #1146, effective Oct. 28..

Very Reverend Kevin E. Carter, V.F.,
Pastor of St. Nicholas Parish, Jersey City has been appointed honorary chaplain for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department, effective Oct. 29.


Chaplaincy

Reverend Donald P. Sheehan,
Pastor of St. Matthew Parish, Ridgefield, has been appointed chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Walsh Council 3550, Palisades Park, effective Oct. 19.

Reverend Fabio Venturini,
Parochial Vicar of the St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Union City, has been appointed chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Consejo Santa Rosa de Lima 6209, Union City, effective Oct. 20..

Other

Reverend Michael A. Andreano,
Vice-Chancellor and Assistant to the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, has been appointed to residence at St. John Rectory, Orange, effective Nov. 1.



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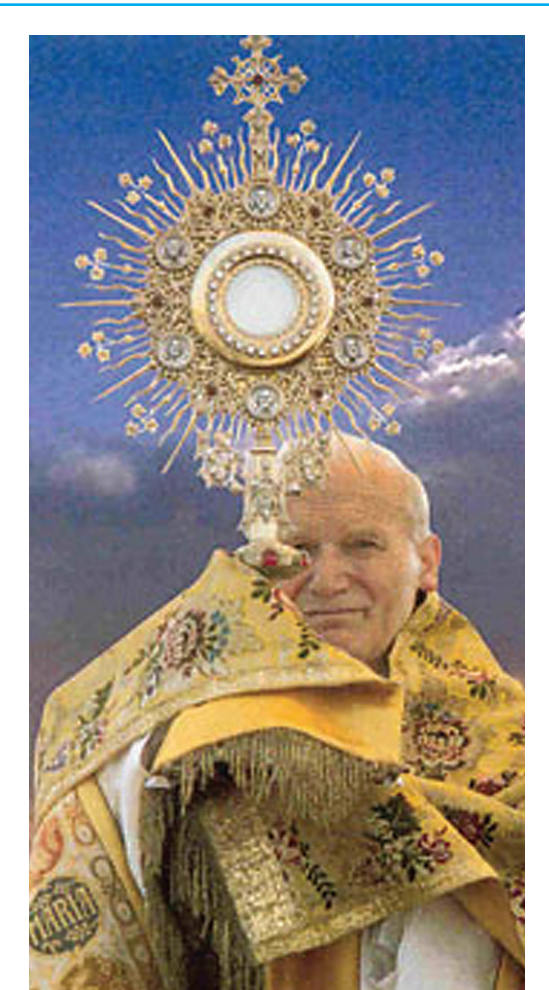
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Finding Christ in sick and dying

BY LIESL FORES
Staff Writer

Working alongside doctors, nurses, administrators and other staff, members of the pastoral care department at Saint Michael's Medical Center, Newark, are there to accompany the sick and dying during this critical time in their lives, as well as their families.

Iris Camacho, parishioner at St. Michael Parish, Newark, has been a pastoral care volunteer at the center for over two years.

After receiving training from senior volunteer Bill McAndrews, Camacho began bringing Communion to patients at the hospital, praying with them, and talking with and listening to them.

Training covers theological issues (for example, what it means to be an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist and the responsibility that this entails), as well as practical and health issues, such as how to communicate effectively with hospital staff in order to act as a liaison if necessary for the patient or his or her family, and being aware of medication and physical conditions.

The pastoral care department ministers to anyone who requests its assistance, regardless of religious background.

Camacho says she can relate to patients, having been sick herself. "These people are looking forward to seeing us," she said. "They're so happy when I walk in the room. ... It gives them a big lift."

Recently, Camacho has taken on more responsibilities at the hospital, coming in three days a week, and coordinating work for the Missionary Sisters of Charity, who volunteer on Saturday. She often has to juggle other obligations, like caring for her two grandchildren, to fill in gaps in the schedule as well.

However, she gets tremendous spiritual satisfaction from her work with the pastoral care department.

"It's such a wonderful feeling when I do the Lord's work. I see Jesus Christ in the people I go to visit. I come out of there with a swollen heart, full of pride and love for the job I do," Camacho asserted.

Deacon José Class, who was ordained in 2003, has been doing pastoral care work for eight years. He is a full-time staff member in the pastoral care department at Saint Michael's.

Having also received his training from McAndrews, Deacon Class described some of the lessons he has learned throughout the years.

"Whatever occurs in the setting



Deacon José Class, member of the pastoral care department at Saint Michael's Medical Center, Newark, visits with a patient.

stays there," he said, adding that when he feels the need for some guidance, he speaks with his mentor, Msgr. Manuel A. Cruz, director of pastoral care for Saint Michael's and the archdiocese.

Deacon Class stressed, though, that there is an openness within the entire department. "We look at each other as family."

Discussing his interaction with patients, he pointed out that some of them have no family or friends

to visit them, and sometimes they don't speak English, making communication with others difficult. Getting them to smile can be a challenge, he said, noting that often they "are so depressed."

"When I see a patient, it gives me a special reward," he remarked. He encourages people to visit the sick, to experience this "special feeling" while giving support to them and their families.

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November 25

St Patrick Parish, Elizabeth, annual Thanksgiving luncheon, noon-2 p.m. Free. Call Jennifer Costa, (908) 353-7700, ext. 331.

November 27

St. Michael Parish, Cranford, collection for St. Nicholas Gift Giving Tree, beginning after 5:30 p.m. Mass until Dec. 12. Call (908) 276-0360.

November 29

St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, Advent lecture series on faith, with Father James M. Cafone, assistant professor of Religious Studies at Seton Hall University, 7:30 p.m. Second session, Dec. 6. Call Deacon Joe Francione, (973) 992-0994.

December 2

Christ the King Parish, Hillside, Rosary Society Christmas auction at 6 p.m. Cost \$5. No one under 18 permitted. Call (908) 686-0722.

St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, learn about English as a Second Language (ESL), 7:30 p.m., with Sister Joan Sullivan. Call (973) 226-0209, ext. 8.

St. Paul Parish, Ramsey, Mass and healing service, 8

p.m. with Father John F. Campoli of Institute Voluntas Dei. Call (201) 327-0976.

December 5

St. Anne Parish, Jersey City, Communion song and meditation at all weekend Masses with Vince Ambrosetti, and concert 7 p.m., Sunday, followed by light reception. Call Beth Seborowski, (551) 655-7771.

December 6

St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, Advent lessons and carols with Gerard Chiusano, director of music at Holy Angels, Little Falls, 7:30 p.m. Call Colleen or Barbara, (973) 227-0055 or Rita, (973) 882-HYMN.

December 8

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield, Radio City Christmas Show trip, 8 p.m. Cost \$80. Call (973) 772-2295 or (973) 546-0760.

December 11

St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, Advent Choir Prelude concert and Mass at 4:30 p.m. Free. Call (973) 992-0094.

December 12

St. Margaret of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry, festival of lessons and carols. Free-will offering. Call (201) 641-2988 or Eileen Ballone, (201) 843-1097.

St. Joseph Parish, Bogota, annual festival of lessons and carols, 5 p.m., followed by dinner/reception. Free-will offering. Call (201) 342-6300.

December 18

St. Peter Parish, Belleville, Christmas party, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Adults, \$8; children, \$4, in school auditorium. Call (973) 751-2002.

Local Highlights

Spiritual

• The Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Theresa will attend a Triduum of Masses in the Chapel of St. Peter Hall, 2652 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, Dec. 3, 3:30 p.m., Dec. 4, 9 a.m., and Dec. 5, 10 a.m., with related events occurring after Masses.

“Signs and Wonders in St. John’s Gospel” will be presented on Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Caldwell Dominican Motherhouse, 1 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell, with Sister Maura Campbell, O.P. Cost \$25. Contact the Lumen Center, (973) 403-3331, ext. 25, or email lumencenter@caldwellop.org.

• The monthly meeting of the St. Lucy Filippini Sodality of Holy Family Church, Nutley, will be held on Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. in the St. Joseph’s Center, including the preparation of Thanksgiving baskets.

Christmas Party

• A Camp Fatima Christmas Party for all children and adults with special needs will take place on Dec. 12, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1034 Jeanette Ave., Union, 1-4 p.m. Call Sister Ann Dominic, O.P., (908) 686-5271 or write to Sister Ann, 1211 Orange Avenue, Union, NJ 07083 by Dec. 1.

Fundraisers

• St. Michael Parish, Cranford, MOM (Ministry of Motherhood) is hosting its first annual Christmas craft fair Nov. 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 100 Alden St., including a bake sale and visit from Santa.

• Sparrow Wines & Liquor and F.A.I.T.H. Services (Franciscan Aids Initiative to Help) at St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken, will host their annual Holiday Wine Tasting, Nov. 19, 7-10 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2 Exchange Pl., Jersey City. Call (201) 792-6161 or (201) 659-1500.

• St. Vincent’s Nursing Home Auxiliary will hold its “Sleigh Bell” luncheon on Dec. 2, at Mayfair Farms, West Orange, 10:45 a.m. Cost \$40. Call Pat Braun at (973) 744-4619 before Nov. 19.

• Immaculate Conception Parish, Norwood, will hold a Christmas sale, Nov. 17-20, 6-10 p.m. Call (201) 768-1600.

• The Newark Archdiocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Archdiocese of Newark to its annual Christmas luncheon, Dec. 4, at the Rock Spring Club, West Orange, 12:30 p.m. Articles for the special auction may be viewed starting at 11:30 a.m. Call Audrey, (201) 659-5723, Etta, (973) 676-4725 or Clarinda, (201) 945-3855.

• The Christmas Fair at St. Francis Gift Shop, 253 Knickerbocker Rd., Tenafly, will take place on Nov. 19-21 and Nov. 26-28, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call Sister Trinity, (201) 568-0478.

• The Parents’ Guild of Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, will sponsor at craft fair on Dec. 4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call (732) 382-1952.

• The Friends of Caldwell College will sponsor the 30th Annual Craft Show and Sale, Nov. 20-21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the student center. Call Jane, (973) 226-2885 or Linda Havel, (973) 228-1453.

Performances

• The Cathedral Concert Series will present an organ recital by Mark Pacoe at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, on Nov. 21, 4 p.m. Suggested donation \$15. Call (973) 484-2400 or visit www.cathedralbasilica.org.

• Concerts at Caldwell College will sponsor the Caldwell College Choir and Wind Ensemble at the Christmas Spectacular, Dec. 3, 8 p.m., in the student center auditorium. Cost \$12, \$10 for students. Call (973) 618-3520 or 618-3326.

• A Christmas concert featuring Father Alphonse Stephenson and the St. Peter by the Sea Orchestra, with guest soloist Valerie Muller, will take place on Dec. 5, 3 p.m., at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes. Cost \$60 for concert; \$125 for concert and reception at Indian Trail Club, 5:30 p.m. Contact Virginia, (973) 754-4406.

• Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, will present *The Sound of Music* on Nov. 18-20, 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 21, 2 p.m. Cost \$10; \$5 for seniors and children under 12. Call (732) 382-1952, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., weekdays.

• Carmel Retreat, Mahwah, will offer Handel’s *Messiah* on Nov. 28, 2-6 p.m., with guide, Father James Boyce, O.Carm, music professor at Fordham University. Cost \$40, includes dinner. Call (201) 327-7090.

Workshop

• The New Jersey Catholic Schools’ Marketing Council presents an informative one-day workshop, “World-Class Marketing on a Shoe-String Budget” on Nov. 29 and 30, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., for principals, pastors, marketing and development professionals, board members and interested parents, at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, New Jersey. Cost \$20 in advance, \$30 same day. Contact Trish Fitzpatrick, (973) 497-4258 or by email, fitzpapa@rcan.org.

Blood Drives

• The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor community blood drives at St. Michael’s Medical Center, 286 M.L. King Blvd., Newark, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., on Nov. 30, and Our Lady of Peace Parish, 111 South St., New Providence, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., on Nov. 20.

• Catholic War Veterans, Post 1612, will sponsor a blood drive on Nov. 20, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at 18 West 23rd St., Bayonne. Call Mary at (201) 433-3100, ext. 16, or visit www.pleasegiveblood.org/donate, and enter the sponsor code 9w52. Bring proper ID.

Holiday Food and Toy Drive

• The Garwood Knights of Columbus are collecting canned and dry food goods for needy families, as well as new, unwrapped toys for children of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, who are suffering from life threatening illnesses. Donations can be dropped off after 4 p.m. at 37 South Ave., Garwood. Make monetary donations payable to Garwood K. of C. Call (908) 789-9809 after 4 p.m.

Singles

• The Catholic Alumni Club of North Jersey will be joining members of Amicus/Singlez for their annual Que Pasta holiday party, Dec. 12, in Saddle Brook. Cost \$30. RSVP by Dec. 6. Call Mike, (973) 248-0352 or Loretta, (201) 794-9487.

• Singlez (www.singlez.org), will hold a pot luck dinner and games night on Dec. 4, 8-11:30 p.m. at the Newman Center of Montclair State University, Upper Montclair. Bring \$10-range wrapped gift marked “boy” or “girl” for toy drive for needy children. Call Mike (973) 248-0352.

Seminars

• The Alberto Italian Studies Institute at Seton Hall University, South Orange, will host Real Stories: Discrimination and Defamation in the History of Italian Americans, on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Kozlowski Hall. Comedian and actor Joe Piscopo will be master of ceremonies for the afternoon sessions and moderate panel discussions on the entertainment media and politics. The event is free and open to the public. Seating limited. Call (973) 275-2926 or email to connelwi@shu.edu.

• The Xavier Center, Convent Station, will host a program on “Helping Haitians Help Haitians,” Nov. 20, 1-4 p.m. Call (937) 290-5100 or email XavierCenter@scnj.org.

Adoption

• Catholic Charities will hold a free informational meeting on international adoptions, Nov. 18, 7-9 p.m., at 499 Belgrove Dr., Kearny. Call (201) 246-7378.

Scholarship Exam

• Benedictine Academy, Elizabeth, will hold a scholarship exam for prospective fall 2005 ninth graders Dec. 5, 9 a.m., at the school. Call (908) 352-0670, ext. 104.

Open House

• Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, will hold an informal open house Dec. 7, 7:30-9:30 p.m., for sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls and their parents. Call (732) 382-1952.

Alumni Dinner

• Thomas C. Murray and Tony Nacle-rio, former faculty members, will receive the first lifetime achievement award at the 24th annual Essex Catholic High School Alumni Dinner Nov. 19, at the Chandelier Restaurant, Belleville. Call Bert Tobia (973) 882-8275 or email bert@tobiahillyer.com.

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.

A fresh start as Advent approaches

Advent begins this year on Nov. 28, the Sunday immediately after Thanksgiving. Thus the new liturgical year opens, and Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ, is anticipated. (On Page 1 of *The Catholic Advocate* we report on the special commemoration of the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Dec. 8.)

Remember, too, that we have begun the celebration of the Year of the Eucharist, proclaimed by the Holy Father in his apostolic letter of Oct. 7, *Mane Nobiscum Domine* (“Stay with us, Lord”).

So, we are entering a season—and a year!—of very special opportunities for worship, prayer and service.

The Gospel of St. Matthew (Cycle A) will guide us through the coming liturgical year. Tradition holds that Matthew’s book comes first in the New Testament because it was the earliest Gospel (though subsequent biblical scholarship has challenged this position). We will hear throughout the year how Jesus fulfilled the Hebrew Scriptures and ful-

filled the ancient covenant of God with His chosen people.

Regarding Advent, it may be well to remember that, despite the fears of our age—fears of terrorism, evil and the unknown—Christians have walked this path before, many times, throughout two millennia. The Church invites us, as did Jesus, to “Stay awake! You do not know on which day your Lord will come. (Mt 24:40)”

Throughout the season, as we wait “in joyful hope” for the birth of the Savior on Christmas, we are called to unity, holiness, faith and fraternity with our Catholic family, and we are called to pray for peace on all the earth.

For further information about Advent and the entire liturgical year, see Sourcebook for Sundays and Seasons: An Almanac of Parish Liturgy by Paul Turner (2005 edition), published by Liturgy Training Publications, copyright © 2004, Archdiocese of Chicago. Some material in this commentary is taken from the Sourcebook.



Heritage Tour '04 is enjoyed, praised

Editor,

If I made a list to thank everyone responsible for the Heritage Tour, there would be little space left to tell you how very much I enjoyed this day. It was well organized, very informative and an experience I will never forget.

The beauty of the statuary, the glorious windows, and the breathtaking mosaics—all created and dedicated with love to our God—was awesome.

Every church we visited was a

monument well worthy of preservation, and I encourage the archdiocese to continue having such tours.

The tangible evidence of such a memorable day, i.e., the bag with so many useful items, such as the booklet containing highlights of the churches we visited, and the delicious lunch, was very much appreciated.

However, receiving that stunning book of the history of the Archdiocese of Newark was the highlight in a day of wonder for me.

Thank you and all who worked on this tour from inception to realization. God bless each and everyone.

Mary R. Porreca
Bloomfield

Editor,

I cannot tell Joseph A. Vancio, organizer of the Nov. 6 Heritage Tour of the Archdiocese of Newark, how much I enjoyed it.

Not only were the churches magnificent, but everything was planned to a “T” and went so smoothly. Lunch was also very enjoyable. I am looking forward to the spring tour.

From what I have seen of the tour book, it is also a work of art.

I thank the tour organizers for their hard work and planning.

Vincent Romano
Montclair

Corrections

Note that the correct number for the Human Trafficking Hotline is (866) 999-9007, and the location of the newly dedicated Bishop Francis Center for Immigration Services is 976 Broad St., Newark 07102. The phone number at the center is (973) 733-3516.

Donald M. Daniels is the chairman and chief executive officer of Catholic Health and Human Services Corp. We apologize for the misspelling of his name in the Nov. 4 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*.

Compassion for AIDS victims continues

If it were not for the Archdiocese of Newark, awareness of the severe plight of those afflicted with HIV/AIDS would not be as strong as it is. Over a decade ago the Church of Newark originated AIDS Compassion Sunday.

Following the success of the effort launched locally, the National Catholic AIDS Network in 2002 undertook development of guidelines and information to assist dioceses and local parishes for observance of AIDS Compassion Sunday.

A moveable observance, many parishes throughout the country will mark AIDS Compassion Sunday near Wednesday, Dec. 1, World AIDS Day.

Both days are intended to bring compassionate awareness to and offer prayers for the many victims of AIDS, the dreaded disease that knows no geographic, ethnic, social or economic boundaries.

Christian compassion is the foundation of the battle against AIDS and the support for victims and families. It is a battle that can and will be won with such efforts as AIDS Compassion Sunday playing a vital role.

Many Americans remain in poverty

Incredible as it may seem, nearly 35 million Americans, one in eight of our fellow citizens, live in poverty. This weekend those who call the Archdiocese of Newark home can join the rest of the nation and do something about that terrible statistic.

On Saturday and Sunday in parishes throughout the Church of Newark, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) will hold its annual collection. Since 1979, CCHD has been working for the nation’s poor and low-income residents in a combined effort to develop strategies to break the debilitating cycle of poverty.

What CCHD has been doing the past 34 years is impressive and deserving of the financial support of the faithful nationwide.

Their programs help to turn around dangerous and rundown neighborhoods, improve schools, help families find safe and affordable places to live and help the poor find gainful employment.

CCHD funds hundreds of local projects with the unique attribute of having been initiated and led by the poor. In fact, CCHD is the country’s largest private funder of projects that empower the poor while working to eliminate poverty and the injustice that often goes along with it.

This weekend’s collection is the primary source of funds for CCHD. Be generous. It will be money well spent.

A question box about faith and practice

Today’s Question: What is the “Gospel” of Jesus Christ? I know gospel means “good news” or message, but what is the good news?—Tom Blake

While most of us think of the Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John when we hear the word “Gospel,” the “Good News” is what is contained within these books. It is perhaps most clearly summarized in John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish, but might have eternal life.”

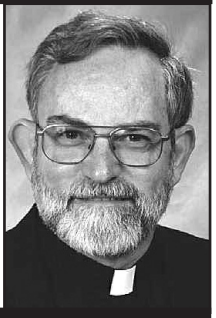
At the essence of evangelization are “the proclamation of salvation in Jesus Christ and the response of a person in faith, which are both works of the Spirit of God.” (10) “There is no true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God are not proclaimed.” (11)

“The continuing story of salvation in Christ involves each of us one by one as well as society itself.” (16) Each must experience a change of heart. The Gospel

must then “overflow from each heart until the presence of God transforms all human existence... We must let our faith shine on the world around us, radiating the love of Jesus by the everyday way we speak, think, and act.” (17) Living the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount will have a more profound effect on others than merely speaking about them.

What’s the Matter?

By Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz



Quotes above are from “Go and Make Disciples,” A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States—U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1992, 2002.

The Catholic Advocate welcomes questions from its readers about our Catholic faith and how it is practiced. Email your questions or comments to us at advnews@rcan.org.

Winners and losers of the Cold War are obvious

This past June, as the great and the good gathered in Washington for President Ronald Reagan's funeral, Mikhail Gorbachev, last leader of the late, unlamented Soviet Union, had a chat with the *Washington Post's* Robert Kaiser. In a rhapsodic front-page article, Kaiser suggested that Gorbachev offered a "rigorous historical analysis" of the end-game of the Cold War. I beg to differ.

Fifteen years ago, on the night of Nov. 8-9, 1989, a stunned world watched the breaching of the Berlin Wall—the symbolic centerpiece of the "Revolution of 1989." On this anniversary, it's important to understand that Mr. Gorbachev was talking nonsense when he told Kaiser, "I think we all lost the Cold War..."

Why?

First, in order to keep faith with the past. Soviet communism was the worst political plague in human history. Its lethality was comprehensive: the murderous revolutionary "ethic" of Lenin and Feliks Dzerzhinskii (founder of the Cheka/KGB) was bad enough; its institutionalization in the GULAG camps, an integral part of the Soviet economy, won the Soviet regime the grisly distinction of having killed more human beings than any previous despotism.

To suggest that this monstrosity and the (sometimes not-so-glorious) democracies that finally prevailed over it were both "losers" in the Cold War demeans the sacrifices of the victors and, worse, the memories of those who perished in the camps or had bullets fired into the backs of their heads in the Lubyanka prison and the killing fields of the Katyn Forest.

It's also important to remember who won and who lost the Cold War for the sake of the present.

The Catholic Difference

by George Weigel



A common trope these days has it that America was "never so united" as during the good old Cold War years. That's not how those of us who were denounced

as warmongers remember, say, the 1980s: we remember that a lot of the people now proclaiming that "we were all Cold Warriors" were nothing of the sort. They were appeasers. And it's no accident that these same people tend to

appeasement today, in the face of a new global threat to peace and freedom.

Those who told me that I should stop agitating about religious freedom in the Soviet Union because the most important thing was to prevent nuclear winter shouldn't be allowed the luxury of asserting their retrospective fortitude in the face of a great moral and political evil. Why? Because one way they might conceivably re-examine their mistaken notions of the present is to revisit candidly their fecklessness and misjudgments in the past.

Pope John Paul II ignited a revolution of conscience in east central Europe.

It's just as important to remember who won the Cold War, and how, for the sake of the future. A lot of factors converged to make "1989" possible: western rearmament policy, Soviet economic and financial incapacity, ideological pressure on the Soviet Union and its satellites, the new communications technologies.

But the key to the whole business—the key to understanding why "1989" happened when it did and how it did—is to remember that Pope John Paul II ignited a revolution of conscience in east central Europe in June 1979.

Here was a case when hard power (the deployment of Pershing II and cruise missiles in western Europe) successfully worked hand-in-hand with soft power (the awakened consciences of Solidarity in Poland, Civic Forum and Public Against Violence in Czechoslovakia, Lutheran congregations in Germany, independent Baptists in Romania, and all the rest).

That the job got done without the usual 20th century approach to great social change—mass violence—seemed a miracle. If it was, it was a miracle of conversion, as changed consciences created a distinctive kind of resistance politics that Soviet power couldn't handle.

"1989" was completed in 1991 by the implosion of the Soviet Union. And it seemed for a moment that a new world order was at hand, with humanity freed from the great power rivalries that had riven the planet since 1914. It wasn't to be.

Yet there are important lessons to be learned from the Cold War and the moral steadfastness that produced its remarkable end-game, whose 15th anniversary we now mark. Learning those lessons begins with remembering who won, who lost, how, and why.

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

Historical perspective on U.S. Church situation

Sometimes it is easier to keep quiet than to say something. Sometimes it is very foolish to go where angels fear to tread. However, unless people are aware of our history, they do not see things clearly.

Therefore, let me offer a historical word about a most neuralgic subject. It won't help anything, necessarily, but at least it will perhaps give a backdrop to current events.

All over the United States, wherever there are big older cities that were Catholic urban centers, archbishops and bishops are faced with a large number of aging parishes. Many of them cost a great deal of money to maintain. They have very few active, resident parishioners, and there are not enough priests to staff them.

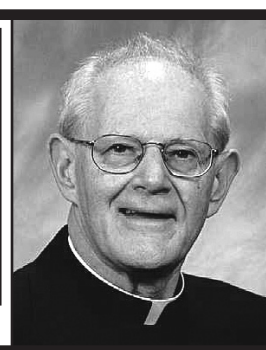
This is the result of demographic change. Catholic immigration from Europe has all but ceased. Many non-Christians are coming into the country. The Catholic population, while still the same percentage of the country as it has been for generations—23 percent—has grown to about 67 million people. The Catholic immigrants in our archdiocese are primarily Hispanic, and America and the Catholic Church are fortunate to have these faithful Christian brethren with us.

Nevertheless, in the cities, there is still a surplus of nearly empty churches, ones that used to be filled on Sunday. When the suggestion is made that some of them must be merged or even suppressed (the canonical term), there is an understandable emotional reaction. Boston, for example, is in turmoil. There are vigils, marches and petitions over the issue. It has not come to that here.

It has not come to that here, in large measure due to the process we have in place to discuss and discern the proper course of action in the case of any given parish.

Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



These language—or ethnic—parishes were a necessity when they were founded. But when they were created, the Church, in her wisdom, foresaw the time when they would no longer be necessary.

Those churches had a "built-in obsolescence." Here are the Archdiocesan Statutes for Newark from 1941 concerning language parishes. These statutes demonstrate that such parishes were designed only for a specific time and a purpose:

"Statute 64. According to an instruction of the Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith, April 26, 1897, and the interpretation of the same issued by the Sacred Congregation of the Council, Jan. 15, 1938, children of immigrants, if born in America, when emancipated from parental control, are not obligated to go to the

church to which their parents belong, but have the right to affiliate with the territorial parish of the place where they reside. The immigrants themselves who know the English language have the right to become members of the territorial parish where they have their residence, nor can they be obligated to subject themselves to the jurisdiction of the pastor of the church erected for the people speaking the language of their nation.

"Statute 65. Priests assigned to a language parish and especially the pastor should use the proper language of the parish in their sermons that the people be well instructed."

These statutes are no longer in effect. (Nor is Statute 67, which obliges every pastor to have a telephone in his rectory!) However, the implied meaning is this. The first generation should go to the language parish in order that they be properly instructed and be able to participate fully in the religious, cultural and educational life of the parish.

The second generation has an option. They can attend the ethnic parish or the territorial parish.

The third generation is certainly an American one. They should, and in fact were suppose to, attend the

territorial parish if they did not understand the ethnic language.

Next time I will discuss what actually occurred.

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

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Holy lives reflect God’s glory

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—By living holy lives, Christians can be true works of art, reflecting God’s glory and attracting others with His beauty, Pope John Paul II said in a message to members of the pontifical academies.

The pontifical academies, including the academies of sciences, social sciences, life, fine arts and archaeology, held their annual joint meeting Nov. 9 at the Vatican and discussed beauty as a means of evangelization.

Pope John Paul told the members that beauty “has accompanied the prayer, the liturgy and the life of families and Christian communities” for 2,000 years.

Architecture, paintings, sculptures, music, literature and plays “help us understand through the language of beauty and symbols the profound harmony that exists between faith and art, between human creativity and the work of God, author of every authentic beauty,” the pope wrote.

But for beauty to reveal its full splendor, he said, “it must be united to goodness and holiness of life.”

By living holy lives, Pope John Paul said, “God’s children make the luminous face of the good, marvelous and just God shine in the world.”

The pope asked the artists, scholars and scientists to “increase your love for everything that is an authentic expression of human genius as well as a reflection of divine beauty.”

He also said that by recognizing human creativity and human beings as created in the image and likeness of God, the promotion of beauty also could serve as a support for dialogue and peace between peoples.

“God’s children make the luminous face of the good, marvelous and just God shine in the world.”
—Pope John Paul II

Cardinal Paul Poupard, president of the Pontifical Council for Culture and head of the academies’ coordinating committee, told participants the day would be devoted to “beauty as a privileged path for announcing the Gospel, transmitting the faith and forming persons.”

The cardinal, citing Pope John Paul’s 1999 “Letter to Artists,” said that all people are called to support and promote beauty.

“The theme of beauty is as old as the world,” he said. “In creating, God made things not only good, but beautiful.”

Even when art is not explicitly religious, the cardinal said, when it is beautiful it can be a bridge to a religious experience because it lifts people’s minds, spirits and imaginations toward the source of all beauty and goodness, which is God.

During the meeting, the academies awarded their annual prize to the Benedictine monks of Keur Moussa Abbey in Senegal.

The monks were honored for “their work of inculturation of Gregorian chant and music, adapting it to the typical instruments of Senegal.”

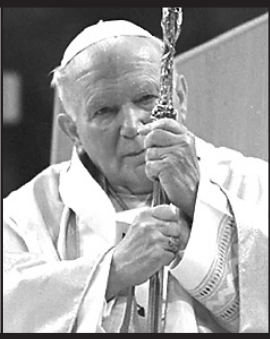
The monastery, near Dakar, was founded in 1963 by monks from the Benedictine abbey at Solesmes, France. The monks are famous for their Gregorian chant.

The monks in Senegal have fused Gregorian chant with the music and rhythms of the kora, which is a Senegalese lute, camel-skin drums, flutes and the balafon, which is similar to a xylophone.

Like their French confreres, the Keur Moussa monks have recorded several albums.

The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



Trust in the Lord

The gentle words of the psalm we listened to earlier are like a strong and serene song of praise, and they show us how we should live: “In God alone is my soul at rest. He alone is my rock, my stronghold.”

In marked contrast with this firm trust in the Lord are idolatrous attachments: love of violence, greed, covetousness, viewed as means for acquiring power and prestige.

Yet those who understand the fallen nature of humanity and the limits to which creatures are subject will shun these false values. They will build their lives around genuine trust, centered on the Lord, who is the source of joy and peace.

I extend a special welcome to the English-speaking pilgrims here today, including groups from England, Ireland, Japan and the United States of America. Upon all of you I invoke the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and I wish you many blessings during your stay in Rome.

Royal dignity in the suffering of the Messiah

Readings: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23: 35-43

During an intense election campaign in England, a graffito appeared on the wall of a university town: “No man is worthy to lead other men.” Extreme pessimism such as this would foster anarchy, but a sense of humility as candidates approach the challenges of government would indeed be salutary.

From early times the people of Israel acknowledged God alone as their King. “The Lord shall reign forever and ever” (Ex 15:18). After Saul had disappointed God, Samuel was sent to Bethlehem and was guided to anoint the youthful David to show divine election (1 Sm 16:1-13). Acknowledging that he was but God’s servant, David was victorious over Goliath and gained the people’s favor (1 Sm 17:1-18:7).

Ever respectful of Saul as God’s anointed one, David did not try to usurp the throne but waited patiently for the divine plan to unfold. Through the prophet Nathan, David heard marvelous assurances. “Your house (dynasty) and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever” (2 Sm 7:16).

The king would represent the chosen people before God and experience divine favor and guidance. “I will be a father to him and he shall be a son to me” (2 Sm 7:14).

Although the Davidic dynasty was swept away in the Babylonian Exile, and Zerubbabel was not able to restore it, the prophets and psalmists continued to instill the people with hope for an ideal king in the future. Anointed by God and therefore to be known as messiah, this ruler would bring the justice and order that lead to true peace.

Fifty years or so before the time of Jesus this theology was expressed in prayer:

“Lord, you are our King forever and ever... You, O Lord, chose David to be king over Israel, and you made an eter-

Sunday Readings

Feast of Christ the King
(November 21, 2004)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



nal oath... that his kingdom would not come to an end in your sight... Behold, O Lord, and raise up for them their king, the son of David, at the time you know, O God, to rule over Israel your servant” (Psalms of Solomon 17:1, 4, 21).

The evangelists Matthew and Luke drew upon prophetic teachings to elucidate the Church’s understanding of Jesus and his mission. He is Son of God and descendant of David. St. Luke stressed the royal character of Jesus’ work from his account of the Incarnation: “He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end” (1:32-33).

Gabriel’s message to Mary echoes the prophecy of Nathan and other teachers in ancient Israel. When the evangelists described how Jesus entered Jerusalem astride a donkey, they recalled the words of a later prophet: “See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek and riding on a donkey...” (Zech 9:9). Luke recorded that the

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disciples proclaimed: “Blessed is the king who comes in the Name of the Lord” (19:38, see Psalm 118:26).

Because many Jews of the time hoped that God would send the Messiah to deliver their land from Roman oppression, Jesus had to combat inadequate notions of his mission.

So Pilate asked Jesus if He claimed to be King of the Jews (Lk 23:3), a title that would sound treasonous to a servant of the Empire.

Does anyone ever stop to reflect on the impact of verbal abuse on those who are suffering physically or mentally? Three categories of people lash out at Jesus during His final agony. The leaders of any community should be sensitive to the affliction of the poor, but for many a criminal is beyond pity. Innocent or guilty, the accused stands condemned.

The titles “messiah” and “elect” should bespeak evident signs of God’s favor, yet Jesus was like many teachers who bore the brunt of a negative reaction to their instructions (see Psalm 22:8-9; Wisdom of Solomon 2:12-20). Virulent prejudice may come from those assigned to execute justice in society.

How many in our day have been stripped of their sense of dignity in prison or on the scaffold?

Luke alone tells of the repentant thief, who is moved in compassion to defend the innocence of Jesus. Then he implicitly accepts the truth of the title on the cross of Jesus. He begged for the clemency that belongs to royal privilege. “Jesus, remember me when you enter into your reign!”

The reply is one, which we all hope to hear as we face death: “This day you will be with me in paradise.”

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

Parish swings doors wide open to Northern Bergen

BY BRIAN FORES

Staff Writer

Msgr. Donald E. Guenther has been pastor at St. Elizabeth, Wyckoff, for a year. In that short time, he has witnessed a parish richly blessed with faith, community spirit and an eagerness to contribute to the mission of the church in many ways.

"From day one, I was felt extremely comfortable, and embraced by the people," Msgr. Guenther noted. "I vaguely knew about the good work, and the kind of parish St. Elizabeth's was," he added.

If Msgr. Guenther had any cause for concern, it was because the pastor who preceded him, Msgr. Thomas M. O'Leary, served at St. Elizabeth's for 16 years. "I was following a man who gave so much of his effort and dedication to the parish, I just felt I had to continue his good work the best I could."

"It was not easy at first, coming here, it was a bit of culture shock for me," he explained, referring to his former parish, Immaculate Conception, Secaucus, where he served for seven years. Turning the focus back to St. Elizabeth, he noted, "It's been a wonderful year, I couldn't have asked for a better place to be, or for better people to serve."

The people of St. Elizabeth's represent a variety of nationalities, including people of Irish and German decent. A total of 2,800 families are registered at the parish. "It is a growing community," he said, explaining that the quiet town is home to some 15 churches and one synagogue.

Msgr. Guenther is a member of the Wyckoff Clergy Association, which meets monthly.

He said that the parish holds a "welcoming meeting" once a month, inviting people to come to register at the parish immediately following Mass, rather than come to the parish office. "When this program was started, we used to go to people's homes, but now we have them come here, so that they can see what parish life is and should be about."

Msgr. Guenther said he gives a presentation at these meetings, detailing the parish's identity, mission, community and ministries. He said an average of five to ten families register a month, but that September's numbers were exceptionally high. "We had over 20 new families sign up," he said enthusiastically.

He commented that the parish has registered parishioners from



The façade of St. Elizabeth's, adorned with flowers and wreaths in anticipation of the upcoming Advent season, welcomes the faithful.

Mahwah, Ramsey, Allendale, Ridgewood, Midland and other nearby towns. Speculating on why St. Elizabeth might have such a large draw, he offered, "Every parish has it's own flavor... Perhaps its our open-door policy... and warm and friendly atmosphere."

Marie Tully, a St. Elizabeth parishioner of 30 years and editor of the parish newsletter, "Revelations," further explained, "People in this area tend to look around more for a parish that fits their needs, and aren't necessarily tied to area in which they live. Another draw might be our excellent parish school..."

St. Elizabeth Interparochial School, which serves both St. Elizabeth's and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Oakland, has approximately 280 students in Pre-K through Grade 8. Constance McCue, in her second year as principal, was the social studies chairperson for three years before that, and has spent a total of nearly 20 years in Catholic education.

McCue explained that the school is celebrating its 50th anniversary year, which will conclude with a special gala in February.

"We are on the cutting edge of technology," McCue emphasized. "We just renovated our entire technology program. We have over 100 computers in the school, including 35 laptops."

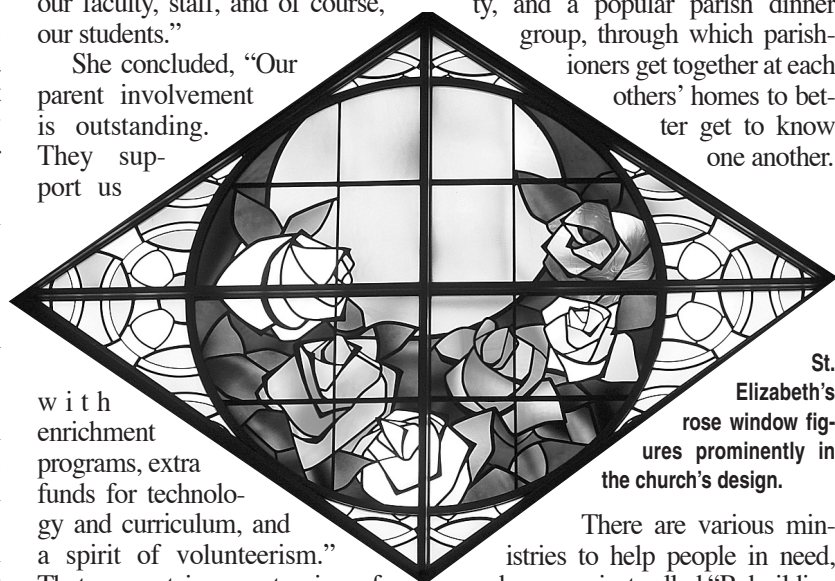
Other salient features of the school curriculum include an information literacy program, "what used to be called library science," McCue explained. "By the time our students leave here, they will have acquired research skills that they'll use in high school and college," she said proudly.

In addition, there are two full-time specialists on staff, devoted to

helping challenge students "across the curriculum," whether ahead or behind of the curriculum, a stable faculty and staff, most of whom have been with the school at least 15 years, as well as successful sports and arts programs.

"Our reputation is very good with high schools," she said, "due to the commitment and dedication of our faculty, staff, and of course, our students."

She concluded, "Our parent involvement is outstanding. They support us



with enrichment programs, extra funds for technology and curriculum, and a spirit of volunteerism."

That support is an extension of the total parish's support for the school, Msgr. Guenther pointed out, as the majority of parents are also parishioners.

Father Fernando Po, parochial vicar, who has a doctorate in sacred liturgy from the Pontifical Athenaeum of St. Anselm, Rome, is familiar with that spirit of volunteerism.

He noted, "This parish is very active and dynamic, especially with regard to the liturgy... They are very eager with regards to all this, and they find the life of the church very important in their lives."

A shining example of the sense of involvement at St. Elizabeth's is the parish music ministry, run by

Manfred Knoop. At this year's Christmas concert, the parish's 60-voice choir will perform Handel's *Messiah* on two separate nights. The concert will also feature selections by the parish's children's choir.

"Every two years, the choir takes a trip," Msgr. Guenther explained. "This coming summer, they will be taking a cruise up the Danube, from Budapest to Prague, singing at different cathedrals along the way!"

Another ministry close to Msgr. Guenther's heart is the parish's van ministry. "We have the Christian Healthcare Center in town. Every Sunday, parishioners volunteer to take our two vans there and bring patients to the 10 a.m. Mass. It's wonderful to see the vans pull up, and the parade of wheelchairs that follow. That is also the family Mass, and it's a wonderful witness for the children, and all, to see."

Overall, the parish is bustling with activity. A newly published parish guide lists some 80 ministries and groups.

Msgr. Guenther reports a religious education program with some 1,200 students enrolled. Marlene Malenda has supervised this program for over 20 years and has led the Women's Cornerstone Group for 12 years.

There is a "Care of Grounds" initiative, where parishioners volunteer to beautify the church and its property, and a popular parish dinner group, through which parishioners get together at each others' homes to better get to know one another.

There are various ministries to help people in need, such as a project called "Rebuilding Together." The objective is to spend a day at the home of a needy family, bring supplies, and help make repairs.

A council of ministries coordinates and oversees the functioning needs of the various ministries, a Men's Cornerstone Group and other ministries guided by Michael Burck, director of lay ministries; a health ministry, led by Dorothy Mawhinney, the parish nurse, and a youth ministry directed by Dan O'Mullane. There are other ministries, such as the baptismal preparation team and the Pre-Cana group, that also serve the parish.

Msgr. Guenther also mentioned

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Saint Elizabeth, Wyckoff



Franciscans sustained the parish throughout much of its history

At its founding in the 1800's, the Township of Wyckoff was part of Franklin Township, which then encompassed Wyckoff, Franklin Lakes, Oakland, parts of Ridgewood and a part of Midland Park. Mostly Dutch farmers populated the town at that time. The farms of the area were particularly noted for their apple trees, as well as grapes, corn, potatoes and oats.

The arrival of rail service to the town in 1870 brought changes to the area. A growing number of residents began to travel by train to other cities such as Paterson and New York for their daily business. Catholics who lived in the outer reaches of the Wyckoff area often traveled to Paterson or to Ridgewood to attend Sunday Mass. A group of about eight Catholics who lived closer to what is known as the center of Wyckoff attended Mass in any building that happened to be available—whenever they could find a priest.

The five-year period from 1898 through 1903 was marked by an increase in the number of Catholics. Father Paul T. Carew, who also conducted services for the Ramsey and Hohokus churches, was saying Sunday Masses at that time.

On Nov. 28, 1902, the parish was incorporated and Father Carew became the first pastor of the Wyckoff congregation—a mission church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood.

With the help of Judge Thomas Fuller of Paterson, a building program and solicitation drive was inaugurated. Father Carew directly supervised the construction of the church at Everett and Clinton Avenues. The dedication and first Mass took place on July 12, 1903.

A period of darkness soon followed for the parish. Within a few years, the little church's existence was threatened by a national financial crisis.

The Catholic people of Wyckoff, along with their neighbors, struggled to preserve their homes, and to feed and clothe their



This side altar and stained glass window capture the contemporary feel of the church.

families. It proved too great a task for them to pay off the debt on St. Elizabeth's—the church was closed and scheduled to be sold.

The person who transformed defeat into success was Father Francis Koch, O.F.M., director of the Church Extension Society. On April 4, 1909, Father Koch celebrated Mass in St. Elizabeth's Church and announced that the note against the church (\$1,175 in debt and interest) had been cancelled.

In July 1909, Most Rev. John J. O'Connor, the fourth Bishop of Newark, officially turned the Wyckoff mission over to the care of the friars.

In 1911, Father Seraphin Geegan was transferred from Saint Bonaventure, in Alleghany, NY, and placed in charge of Wyckoff as pastor. Under him, St. Elizabeth's facilities were greatly improved.

In 1913, Father Ferdinand Hackman, who had been a professor of philosophy and Church history at Croghan, New York, was named pastor. In his pastorate, the parish bought additional land adjoining the church property.

In 1915, Father Maurice Vollmer received the first appointment of his priesthood as pastor of St. Elizabeth's. Father Vollmer served until 1917. Father Hackman was then recalled to the parish.

In the fall 1920, Father Damian Kehr replaced Father Hackman as pastor. During Father Kehr's administration, the church was extensively repaired and the interior beautifully redecorated.

Father Kehr was succeeded by Father Ivo McElroy in 1935, who remained in charge of St. Elizabeth's until 1940.

Father Fergus Fitzsimmons succeeded Father McElroy. Under him, the parish purchased a piece of property opposite the

church, for the purposes of renovating it into a small school. No formal building took place at that time.

In 1944, Father Benignus Harkins became pastor of St. Elizabeth's, remaining there until 1960. Father Harkins launched the St. Elizabeth's building committee in January 1952.

Acreage at the corner of Wyckoff and Greenwood Avenues was acquired and groundbreaking for the new St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church-Auditorium and School took place in September 1953.

On Oct. 31, 1954, Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, the second Archbishop of Newark, and Father Celsus Wheeler, O.F.M., Minister Provincial of Holy Name Province, headed the list of dignitaries at the dedication of the new church-auditorium and school.

Father Harkins was succeeded in 1961 by Father Colman Dunn, and in 1964, Father Claude Lenehan assumed the pastorate, serving until 1967.

Father William Abbott became pastor in 1967 and served the parish through 1972. During his pastorate, Father Abbott founded the parish council in 1971.

Working with the new parish council, he approved plans to convert the church-auditorium into a conventional church. The project was completed on Christmas Eve 1971.

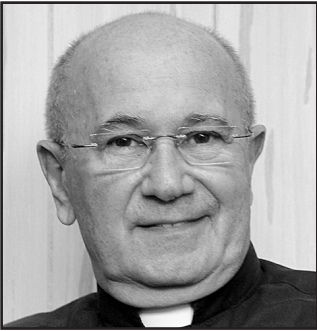
In 1973, Father Abbott's term expired and for the next three years, a team ministry of Franciscan Friars administered the parish. In July 1976, Father Warren Louth was appointed pastor. During his pastorate, St. Elizabeth's was among the first parish's to implement a RENEW program, in September 1978. In 1979, Father Reginald Redlon was appointed pastor.

In 1983, the Franciscans announced that they felt that with their limited resources and personnel, they could no longer serve all the parishes under their care. St. Elizabeth's was among the group that



Members of the St. Elizabeth's Choir outside St. Thomas Church, Leipzig, September 1999, admiring a statue of composer Johann Sebastian Bach, who spent most of his life in the town.

Meet the Pastor



Msgr. Donald Guenther

Age: 68
Date of Birth: Dec. 30, 1936
High School: Seton Hall Preparatory School
College/Seminary/Graduate School: Seton Hall University, B.A. in Classical Languages; Immaculate Conception Seminary, Mahwah
Date of Ordination: May 26, 1962
Hero: Archbishop Emeritus Peter Leo Gerety
Favorite Saint: Joseph
Favorite Sport: Baseball
Favorite Food: Meatloaf, well done
Favorite Subject in School: History
Favorite Movie: *The Shawshank Redemption*
Last Book Read: *John Adams* by David McCullough
Proudest Moment: When my father saw me ordained
Occupation if I Weren't a Priest: History teacher

would now be served by diocesan priests.

Father David Ernst was appointed pastor. While there, the archdiocese approved the hiring of an architect and recommendations were made for reconstruction, but everything was put on hold when the parish was informed that Father Ernst was battling cancer.

He died in April 1988. Father Thomas O'Leary became the new pastor.

In April 1989, a revised building plan calling for a new church, expanded school, gym and meeting facilities, was sent to the Archdiocese for approval. The parish hired Community Counseling Services to assist in raising the \$2.9 million needed for the project. By Christmas of 1989, building pledges exceeded two million dollars.

In 1991, with the arrival of students from Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Oakland, St. Elizabeth's School became an interparochial school of the archdiocese.

Archbishop McCarrick presided at the formal dedication of the new church on Sept. 18, 1992. The parish hall and gymnasium were dedicated in January 1993 and the parish library opened in 1994.

In October 2003, Msgr. Donald E. Guenther was named pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish.

Materials for this history were taken from The Church of Saint Elizabeth 1902-2002.

Doors are open

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that the spiritual life of the parish is a very active one. A weekly Holy Hour has been recently inaugurated in addition to the monthly one to commemorate the Year of the Eucharist.

There are also bi-monthly liturgies coinciding with both liturgical feast days and civic holidays.

Searching for words to describe the spirit of the parish, Msgr. Guenther noted, "I think the vitality, commitment and dynamic involvement of our parishioners is what attracts people to St. Elizabeth's. People feel very welcome here, they feel they can share their life and faith, and genuinely be a community... not just a parish, but a very active and faith-filled community."

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Essex - Bloomfield

December 29, 9:00 AM
IHOP
1129 Broad St.
Cross St./Watchung Ave.

Union - Linden

November 30, 9:00 AM
Colosseum Diner
1932 E. St. George's Ave.
Cross St./Park Street

Union - Roselle

December 10, 9:00 AM
Cavalier Diner
2401 N. Wood Ave.
Cross St./St. George's Ave.

Union - Union

December 21, 9:00 AM
Huck Finn Diner
2431 Morris Ave.
Cross St./Burnet Ave.

Bergen - Hackensack

November 29, 9:00 AM
The Arena Diner
250 Essex Street
Cross St./Polifly Road

Bergen - Fairlawn

December 9, 9:00 AM
Land and Sea Diner
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Bergen - Englewood Cliffs

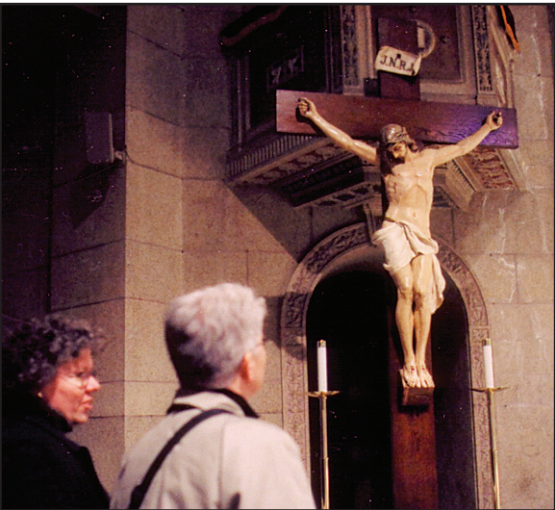
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Bergen - Paramus

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The inaugural Heritage Tour 2004 of the Archdiocese of Newark took place Nov. 5 and 6. More than 150 people visited six historic churches to view architectural and artistic gems. The churches are St. Patrick Pro-Cathedral, Sacred Heart (Vailsburg), and St. Columba, Newark; St. John, Orange, and St. John the Baptist and St. Aloysius, Jersey City. Msgr. Robert J. Wister of Seton Hall University served as tour guide, and Joseph A. Vancio, director of Stewardship and the Office of Research and Planning, organized the first-ever archdiocesan event.



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Connie and Bob Dwyer, of Short Hills, and their family donated \$500,000 to the Breast Center. Mrs. Dwyer noted the importance of this facility, the sole one of its kind in the Newark vicinity, stressing its mission of commitment of care to all women.

For more information call (973) 877-5189 or visit www.cathedralhealth.org.



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Left to right: Henry J. Amoroso, Esq., vice chairman and COO of Catholic Health and Human Services (CHHS); Donald M. Daniels, chairman and CEO of CHHS, chairman of Cathedral Healthcare System; M. Michele Blackwood, M.D., founder and director of the Breast Center; Archbishop Myers, and Connie and Bob Dwyer, benefactors of the new facility.

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Christmas concert Nov. 28

The Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Newark will present a Christmas concert, featuring soprano Valerie Sue Muller and pianist David Maiullo, on Sunday, Nov. 28, 7 p.m., at Saint Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff.



Valerie Sue Muller

Muller is an artist who has appeared with such companies at the New York Grand Opera, New Jersey State Opera, Opera Northeast, Rome Festival Opera and Jerome Hines' Opera Music Theatre International.

Maiullo has played at Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, Tully Hall and the Merkin Concert Hall as well as throughout this country and Europe.

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Bishop Dominic A. Marconi, left, blessed Rosaries presented by Richard Finan, general superintendent of Catholic Cemeteries, right, and Andrew Schafer, executive director of Catholic Cemeteries for the Archdiocese of Newark, far right.

São Rodrigues, a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Elizabeth, with her niece, 8-month-old Isabella Rivera, attended the dedication of the new chapel.



Advocate photos - Brian Fores

New chapel, mausoleum dedicated

In commemoration of All Souls on Nov. 2, Most Rev. Dominic A. Marconi, retired Regional Bishop for Union County, celebrated Mass and dedicated the new chapel/mausoleum at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Newark.

The Mass was concelebrated by Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, and Father Eugene Bettinger, O.Carm., of St. Joseph Parish, Demarest.

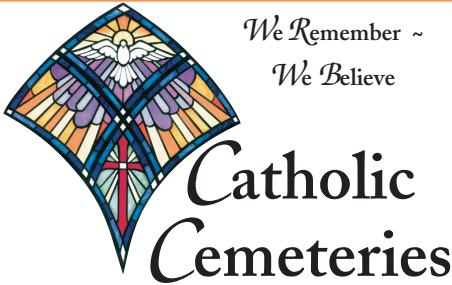
Msgr. Arnholz noted, "It is good to be here... despite seemingly overwhelming obstacles." He credited all those involved in the construction of the new chapel/mausoleum, including Andrew Schafer, executive director of Catholic Cemeteries for the Archdiocese of Newark, and Kathy Collura, Mt. Olivet Cemetery Director and her husband, Ben, "who have stayed with this project from start to finish."

Msgr. Arnholz continued, "By lovingly entrusting the bodies of our beloved dead to the care of a Catholic cemetery, we affirm the dignity of the human body and our belief in the body's eventual resurrection to eternal life."

St. Francis' life workshop topic

To celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, the New Jersey Catholic Coalition for Environmental Justice (NJCEEJ) held a workshop on St. Francis's spiritual view of creation at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit

For further information about NJCEEJ, contact Kay Furlani, (973) 497-4341 or email: furlanca@rcan.org.



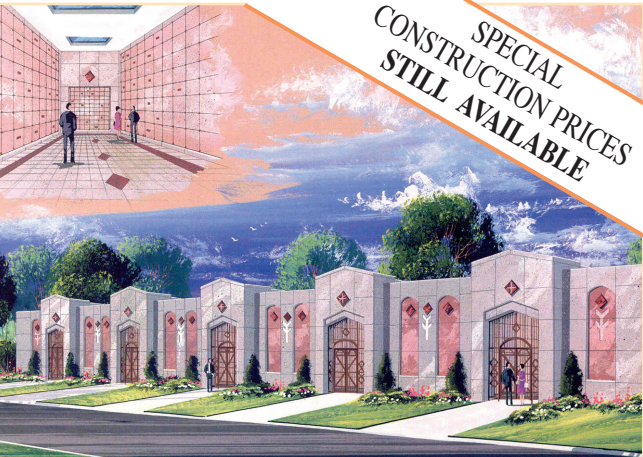
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Seminary celebrates 14th anniversary and new rector



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Father Renato Grasselli, pictured at left with Father Robert Emery, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, (far left), was installed as rector of Redemptoris Mater the Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary, Kearny, by Archbishop John J. Myers. More than 250 attended the Mass, at which Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety and Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus David Arias, O.A.R. concelebrated, assisted by priests and deacons, as well as seminarians. A reception and dinner for invited guests followed in the Redemptoris Mater refectory. The seminary also celebrated its 14th anniversary on this occasion, Sunday, Oct. 31.



Union City church marks two major milestones

The parish community of St. Rocco, Union City, welcomed Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, as it marked the 90th anniversary of the parish's founding and the 40th anniversary of the Pope John Paul II Social Center. The pastor, Father Manuel D. Rios, greeted the archbishop, who presided at a Mass in both English and Spanish for the assembled congregation, which numbered over 200, filling the compact, beautifully maintained church.



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A view of the new altar and sanctuary platform which was wood and is now marble.

Remodeled St. Philip the Apostle is called 'a very prayerful place'

St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, recently completed major renovations, which began last August, under the auspices of the Office of Property Management of the Archdiocese of Newark. Improvements were many: the vinyl tile floor in the church was replaced with a ceramic tile floor; the wooden altar platform was replaced by a new platform with a marble surface; the original pews (1956) were completely refurbished and refinished in a darker shade; a new public address system was installed in the church; the ceilings and interior walls were painted in a new decorative style, and a great deal of carpentry work was done to enhance different aspects of the church structure. The parish employed John Pierce of Elizabeth to develop the interior designs for the project.

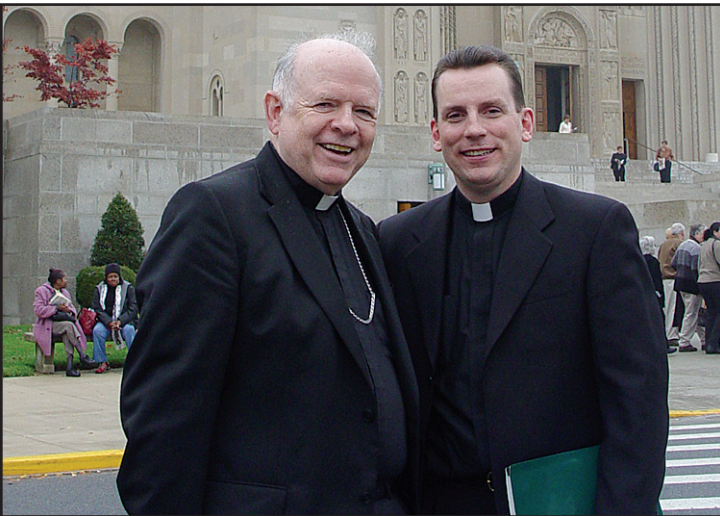
The contractors were the Marble Factory for the installation of the ceramic and marble floors, Victor Zucchi & Sons for the painting, the Keck Group for the work on the pews and the Monte Brothers for the new PA system. Deacon Philip Salerno and a group of parish volunteers did the carpentry work. Deacon Salerno also coordinated the project for the parish. Father Robert McBride, pastor, said, "Everyone in the parish is very happy about the way the church looks today. It is brighter, more spacious, and even more beautiful than it was before. I believe it creates a very prayerful place for the celebration of the liturgy. I am very grateful to all those parishioners who supported this project so generously, and to all who had any part in bringing this project to completion."

3,000 on a pilgrimage to shrine in DC, Oct. 30



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Six busloads of the faithful from the Archdiocese of Newark braved the autumn chill and interstate highway traffic to attend a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, led by Archbishop John J. Myers and all the Auxiliary Bishops of Newark, as well as hundreds of clergy and Religious. On the same day at the National Shrine a funeral Mass was held for the late Cardinal James Hickey, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, DC.



Flesey is installed

Most Rev. John W. Flesey, ordained as an Auxiliary Bishop of Newark in August, was installed last month as pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes. Archbishop John J. Myers, presider at the installation, offered congratulations to the new pastor, who was warmly welcomed by his new flock.



Advocate photos- Frank Wood

Archdiocese salutes fallen officers

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

With the families and colleagues of four officers killed in the line of duty during the past year in the pews, Archbishop John J. Myers celebrated the 11th annual Mass for Law Enforcement Nov. 4 in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

Addressing a Cathedral Basilica full of law enforcement personnel from throughout New Jersey, as well as state and county officials, Archbishop Myers cited the four fallen men: Officer John Samra, Clifton Police Department; Officer Arthur Ohlsen III, Dover Police Department; State Trooper Bertram T.

Zimmerman III and Sgt. Kenneth Brown, Atlantic City Police Department.

Telling the officers “the role you have accepted is ‘to protect and to defend,’” Archbishop Myers recalled his first Blue Mass immediately following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. “Since that terrible day, we have understood more acutely and painfully the responsibilities of those whom we celebrate in this annual Blue Mass.”

He concluded by saying, “I pray that every day, at the end of your shifts, you return safely to the loving arms of your families.”

(The text of the archbishop’s homily appears as his Sincerely in the Lord column on Page 2 of this issue of The Catholic Advocate)



Archbishop Myers greets Acting Gov. Richard Codey after the Blue Mass.



The color guard snaps to attention for the playing of the national anthem prior to the start of the Blue Mass.



Belleville Police Chief Joseph Rotunda salutes the flag during the anthem.

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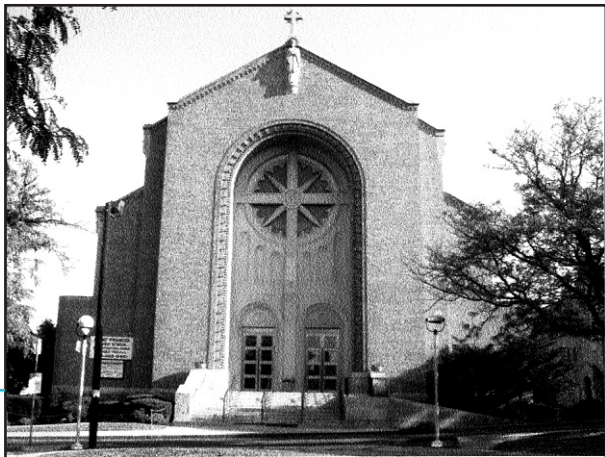
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Faith formation

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS)—San Jose Bishop Patrick J. McGrath told participants at the 2004 Faith Formation Conference that “Jesus taught the kingdom by doing simple things. ... We do justice when we do as Jesus did.” He said the goal of the conference was to teach young and old “how to bless one another always.”

Prayers for dead

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II encouraged Catholics to offer spiritual support through prayers at Mass to their deceased loved ones. Speaking at a noon blessing at the Vatican Nov. 7, the pope said early November marked an important time of popular piety dedicated to the remembrance of the departed. “We pray for them with trust, knowing that, as Jesus confirms in today’s Gospel, God ‘is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him all are alive,’” he said.

Pope expresses concern

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II conveyed deep

concern over a new eruption of violence in Ivory Coast, where nine French soldiers and a U.S. civilian were killed in early November. The pope made the remarks before praying the *Angelus* from his apartment window above St. Peter’s Square Nov. 7. The same day, Ivory Coast President Laurent Gbagbo appealed for calm after two days of anti-French riots. The pope said he wanted to express his “worry at the serious news coming from Ivory Coast.”

Sharing knowledge

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Scientific researchers always should value the sharing of knowledge over competition and financial gain, Pope John Paul II said. He made the remarks Nov. 8 in a talk to members of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, who were meeting in a plenary session devoted to the theme of science and creativity. The pope said that, in a sense, scientists are called to be “co-creators” with God as they use their knowledge and skill to shape the cosmos in harmony with a divine plan.



Pope John Paul II speaks to Iraq's interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi during a recent private audience at the Vatican. The pope encouraged Allawi to pursue democracy and religious freedom in Iraq.

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Resurrection School and Parish, Jersey City, were recently designated a peace site with the dedication of their World Peace Prayer Society Peace Poles. The ceremony took place at the school. Madelyn Hoffman of New Jersey Peace Action presented the dedication statement and Acting Mayor L. Harvey Smith presented a City Proclamation. Eighth grader Angelica Baquiran spoke. Marking the occasion too was Sister Mary Anne Rattigan, S.C., a former eighth grade teacher at the school who is now the assistant general superior of the Sisters of Charity, Convent Station.



Stowaway's status uncertain

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

Salim Yassir, the 28-year-old stowaway from the Gaza Strip that had been held at the Elizabeth Detention Center since 2000, has been released by the government, according to Father Eugene Squeo, of the Jubilee Interfaith Organization (JIO) and of Assumption Parish, Jersey City.

The case was originally reported in the Aug. 11 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*.

Yassir's release came after final arguments were filed on Sept. 13. On Sept. 9, the JIO sponsored a protest in front of the Federal Building, Newark. Some two-dozen individuals turned out on Yassir's behalf, including representatives from the Arab-American and Islamic communities.

Last July, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, ruled that the government's reasons for detaining Yassir were no longer valid and remanded the case to the U.S. Federal Court, Newark, which had rejected an earlier claim for his release.

Despite the victory, immigration officials tried to have Yassir deported, placing him on a cargo ship bound for the United Kingdom.

The attempt failed after attorneys from Wallenius Lines, the shipping company upon whose ship Yassir arrived illegally in the U.S. in 2000, objected to the action. They contacted Yassir's attorneys, who had no idea of the attempt.

Because the United States has no repatriation agreement with Israel regarding Palestinians, the U.S. cannot deport him. In 2001, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that such detainees could not be held indefinitely, but only temporarily, if there was a strong chance that they could be returned to their native country.

In the case of Yassir, his lawyers have attempted unsuccessfully to gain him admittance to at least 15 different countries.

Father Squeo said that Yassir's release required some conditions, namely, that he remain living at Christ House in the Bronx, that he stay within a 20-mile radius from there, and that he wear a tracking device. He added that his lawyers have applied for work authorization for Yassir.

While his lawyers are still looking for a country for Yassir, Father Squeo noted, "I would hope that longer he remains here, that eventually, there'll be some recourse for him. ... I would hope he'd be able to stay and establish a life here."

Father Squeo concluded, "His spirits seem to be great. We were standing outside yesterday, in front of Christ House... just having the trees there on that street, and seeing the stars... it was a great thing."

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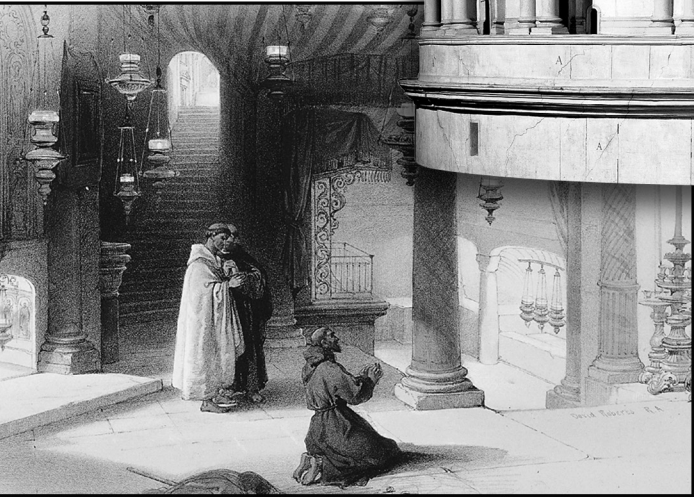
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Kristen D'Ercole, fifth grade teacher at Holy Family Interparochial School, Norwood, visits Theodora Turrin, Sylvia Gonzalez and Olivia Contreras as they enjoy their new Reading Garden, cultivated by their teacher over the summer. The garden includes a park bench and plants atop a wide bookcase.

Opera singer takes stage at Marylawn

Lori Brown Mirabal, a world-renowned opera singer, music educator, and scholar at Columbia University, recently addressed the students of Marylawn of the Oranges, South Orange, as at part of the school's speaker series.

The series is intended to present the all-girl student body with role models who will inspire and educate the students by sharing their life stories.

Mirabal explained she had received a grant from Oprah Winfrey that made it possible for her to attend the Manhattan School of Music where she earned a master's degree in voice performance.

Upon graduation, she landed a full scholarship and living stipend to the Juilliard Opera Center program in New York.

Over the years, Mirabal has worked with such legendary opera and music theater luminaries as Placido Domingo, Luciano



Lori Brown Mirabal
Pavarotti, Hal Prince and Cab Calloway. She has been invited to perform all over the world, and has been the recipient of several awards.

She emphasized the importance of education noting she is pursuing a doctorate in music education at Columbia University.

Mirabal sang arias from *Porgy & Bess*, as well as *Show Boat*.

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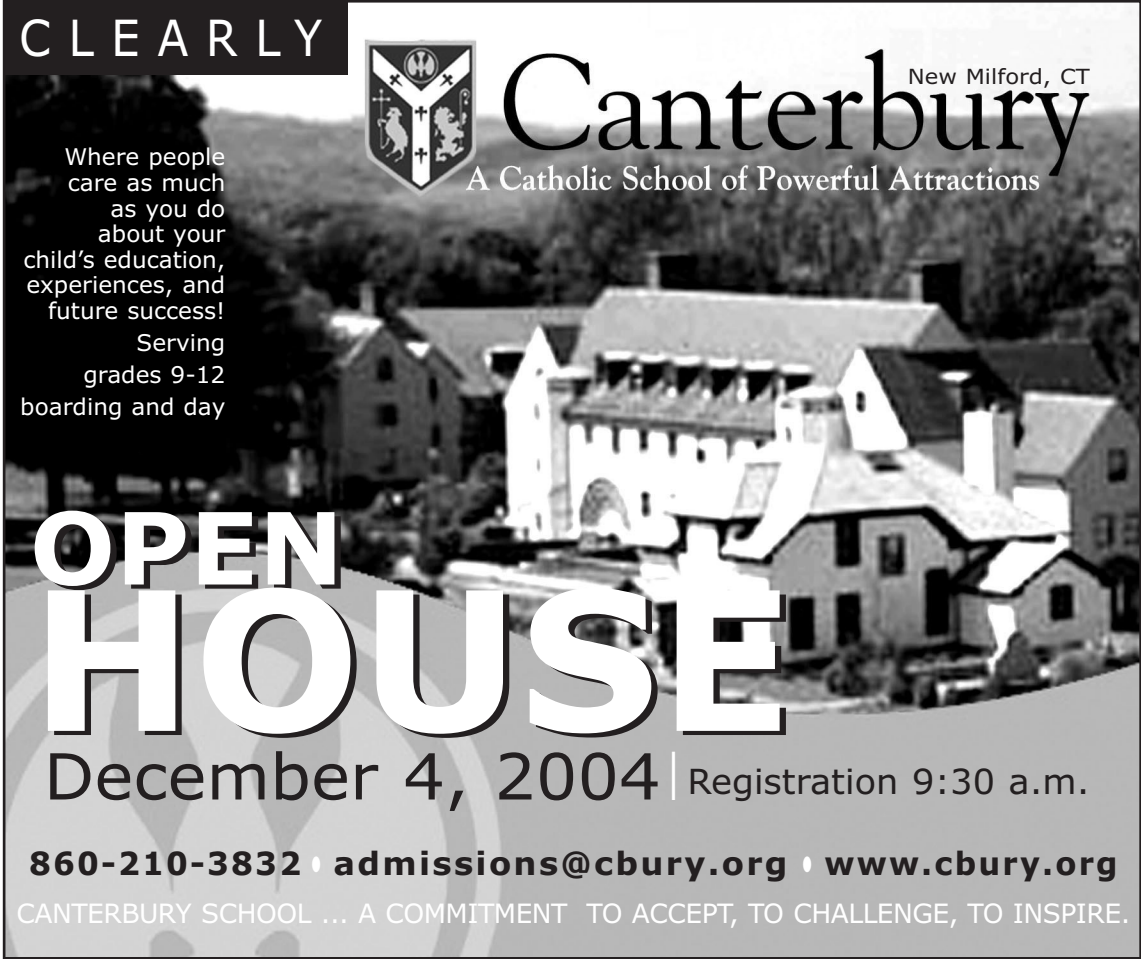
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Finding Christ

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Besides visiting with patients and listening to their problems, Deacon Class emphasizes that an important part of his ministry is to “bring them closer to God, give them faith, the Lord’s words.”

He also helps with training and is part of the Code Blue Team, which responds when a patient has moved into a critical or final stage. If the person is Catholic, a team member ensures that he or she receive the sacraments if requested. If the patient is not Catholic, team members can sim-

ply offer support and their presence to that individual and his or her family.

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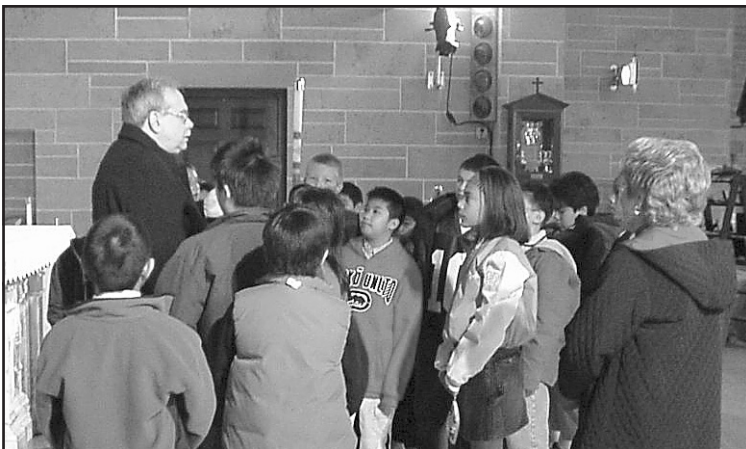
“The volunteers speak volumes of what it is to respond to God’s call. They’re there because they want to be, because they have

faith. ... I know the volunteers believe in the words of St. Vincent de Paul (in a homily to the Daughters of Charity), that if 12 times you go out to visit the sick and poor, 12 times you have found Christ.”

For more information about pastoral care or volunteering call (973) 877-2572.

Pray for him

John Santoro, father of Father Michael C. Santoro, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Jersey City, died Oct. 31.



Father Robert Laferrera, pastor of St. Mary Parish, Dumont, recently gave the school’s fifth grade students a tour of the church. All of the K-8 student body has similar tours in celebration of the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Rome. Students learn while enjoying the tour.

Fr. Tobias, teacher, chaplain

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 4 for Father Humphrey (Edward) Tobias, O.F.M., 88, who died Sept. 29.

A graduate of St. Francis College, Burlington, WI, Father Tobias entered the Franciscan Order of the Assumption (BVM Province) in 1940, attended St. Mary of the Angels Seminary, Green Bay, WI, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1948 in Green Bay.

Ministering as an educator at

various provincial schools in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and New York, he also spent seven years as a missionary in the Philippines, working as a professor and the superior of missions. Father Tobias taught at Felician College in Lodi from 1971-1993, where he served as chaplain as well.

His last assignment before retiring was as chaplain at St. Ann Nursing Home in Milwaukee. He remained there until 2001.

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Future of Church in their hands

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

Calling it "an important day," Auxiliary Bishop John W. Flesey was the main celebrant of a Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart honoring the accomplishments of the Youth Ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark.

In his homily, Bishop Flesey, noting the role of the Holy Spirit, called the day indicative of "what kind of leaders" the Church will have in the future. That future, he stressed, "is in the hands of the next generation."

Saying God accomplishes "every work through you," Bishop Flesey told the young people "we gather for you.... Keep your hands in the hands of Christ."

The parish youth and parish adult recognition awards had the most recipients.

There were recipients from each county for the Eagle of the Cross and For God and for Youth awards.

Eagle of the Cross is the

highest award conferred on high school youth by the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry and the archdiocese. It goes to young people who "selflessly serve their peers and youth ministry with unwavering commitment and dedication."

This year's recipients are

*"We gather for you. ...
Keep your hands in the
hands of Christ."*

—Bishop John J. Flesey

Josephine Russo, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood; Kimberly Gerechhoff, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Nutley; John Santopietro, Saint Henry Parish, Bayonne and Matthew Boyle, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scotch Plains.

For God and Youth is the equivalent award for adults. Awards winners include Natasha Rodriguez, Most Holy Name Parish, Garfield; Helen

Cozzarlli, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Nutley; Monica Velasco, Saint Michael and Saint Joseph Parish, Union City and Janice McEwen, Saint Mary Parish, Rahway.

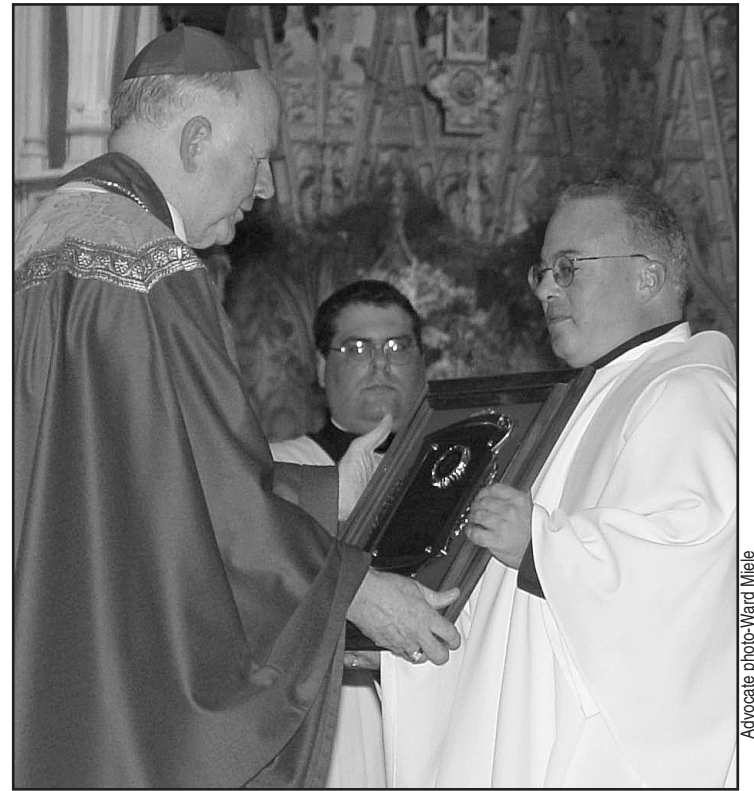
Boyle and Velasco made brief comments.

Boyle cited the "opportunity to develop" his skills but stressed the most important element of his involvement with youth ministry was the nurturing of his faith.

Velasco called her work with youth ministry a "special time" in her life. She issued a challenge to the young people to "continue to give back to the Church." Addressing parents, Velasco urged them to "get involved in some capacity."

Final recognition was with the Monsignor John J. Kiley Award, which goes to a member of the clergy or Religious "in gratitude for exceptional service and dedication to youth."

The 2004 recipients are Msgr. Ronald J. Rozniak, pas-



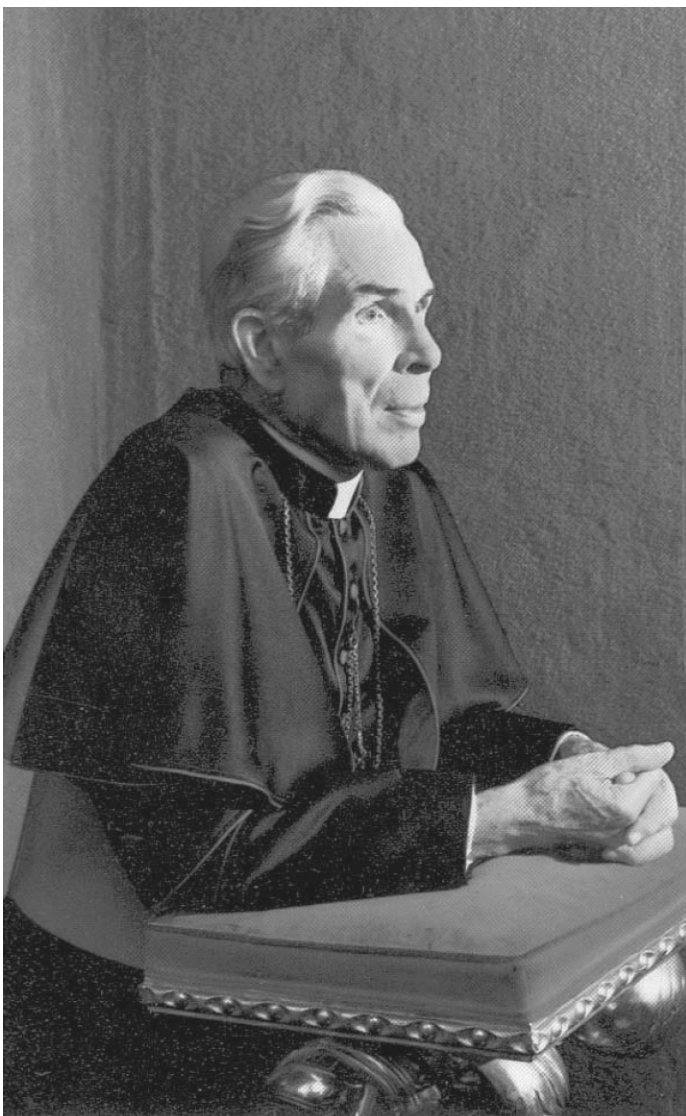
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Bishop John Flesey presents Father Richard Kelly with his award.

tor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood; Father Victor P. Kelly, pastor, St. Anne Parish, Jersey City and priest administrator of the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, Kearny and Father Richard J. Kelly, pastor, Saint

Aloysius Parish, Jersey City.

The past 16 years, Father Kelly said, have been "filled with joy and happiness." Much of what a priest does on a daily basis, he explained, has a lot to do with working with young people.



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A prayer for the Thanksgiving Day table

Sign of the Cross
Leader: The eyes of all hope in you, Lord
 And you give them food in due season.
All: You open your hands and every creature is filled with your blessing.
Blessing Hymn
 (Old Hundreth)
 Be present at our table, Lord
 Be here and everywhere adored.
 Thy creatures bless and grant that we
 May feast in Paradise with thee.
 We thank thee, Lord, for this our food.
 For life and health and ev'ry good;
 By thine own hand may we be fed:

Give us each day our daily bread.
Concluding Prayer
Leader: Let us pray.
 Blessed are you, Lord:
 You have fed us from our earliest days.
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All: Teach us to acknowledge always
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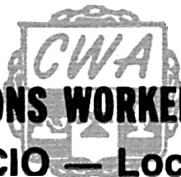
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Food for thought

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Although an emphasis on food always increases around the Thanksgiving holiday, Brother David Andrews, C.S.C., head of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, thinks this focus should be year-round.

He is not talking about a constant food fest either, but of help-

ing people develop a deeper awareness of where their food comes from and to make conscious decisions to support farmers and food companies that do not exploit workers.

This kind of food consciousness is growing, he said, and has been fueled, in part, by the campaign "Eating Is a Moral Act," sponsored for the third year by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, based in Iowa.

The campaign's message that people need to think before eating—and not just for health rea-

sons—is striking a chord for many Catholics.

To get the message to the local level, Brother Andrews has worked with a number of Catholic school superintendents and food service directors urging them to buy school lunch food from local farms.

Students at Jesuit-run Gonzaga College High School in Washington, DC, hardly a school within a farming community, are also getting the connection that all foods don't originate in a prepackaged, processed form.

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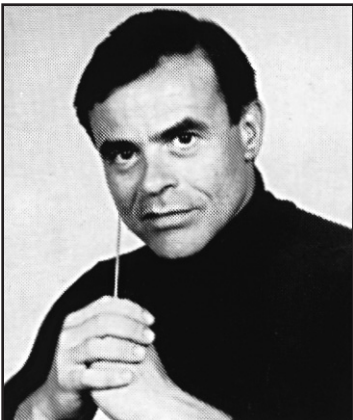


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There is always hope

With its new administration and information center opening in Scotch Plains, the Center for Hope Hospice & Palliative Care has expanded to better meet the needs of the terminally ill patients and families of Union County.

The Center for Hope's co-founders are the late Peggy Coloney, R.N., and Father Charles Hudson. A quarter century ago they recognized the need for holistic supportive services for individuals with end of life concerns.

"Today the greatest challenge in presenting hospice and palliative care services to the community, is helping people understand that hospice care is about choices. Hospice is not only for the dying patient, and earlier participation offers many benefits," explained a spokesman.

At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Robert Coloney, president,

spoke about how a hospice/assisted-living facility offers a unique alternative for those terminally ill individuals who are not able to remain in their own homes for whatever reasons.

More than 100 people died on the waiting list for the 25-bed unit and the need to begin construction on the 30-bed unit in Scotch Plains was imperative to meet the needs of the western part of Union County.

"The philosophy of hospice care and the concept of hospice assisted living are aligned in that they both advocate the individual's right for autonomy and self-directed care," said Coloney.

Global challenges met

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Globalization has led to the spread of infectious diseases and to the re-emergence of once-dormant diseases, particularly in the developing world, said speakers at a Vatican conference.

Population increases, global

warming and easy travel are all contributing to the ease with which infectious diseases are spread, said speakers at the workshop, "Interactions Between Global Change and Human Health."

The conference was held Oct. 31-Nov. 2 at the Pontifical

Different perspectives on achieving wellness

Immaculate Conception High School, Montclair, will host a breakfast seminar, "A Woman's Path to Health: The Mind, Body & Spirit Connection," Saturday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Mayfair Farms, West Orange.

The \$50 ticket is a tax-deductible donation to the students.

Keynote speaker is Elissa J. Santoro, M.D., a pioneer in breast care and breast surgery. She is the director and founder of the Breast Care and Treatment Center, Livingston.

Dr. Santoro believes in treatment "from a woman's perspective with the emphasis on empowering women to be in charge of their health."

She will be joined by Susan J. Weinstein, R.N., director of

Women's Health Education at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Weinstein will explore alternative therapies and relaxation techniques to achieve a balance of mind and body. Sister Kathleen Quigley, S.C., an ecumenical spirit retreat leader, will address nurturing the spirit to achieve wellness.

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Academy of Sciences.

"We're worrying about a sick world becoming even sicker," said Andrew P. Dobson, epidemiology professor at Princeton University.

Besides well-known diseases like AIDS, malaria and cholera, "there are more new diseases than we are able to keep up with," Dobson said.

Sicknesses thought to be under control, such as malaria and tuberculosis, are coming back, he said.

Successes in keeping certain diseases in check are mostly confined to developed countries, with poor areas still vulnerable to emerging and resurging infections, Dobson explained.

Mahendra M. Shah, a senior land-use expert at the International Institute for Applied System Analysis in Laxenburg, Austria, said that instead of a coalition against terrorism, the international community should organize a "coalition against hunger, poverty and diseases."



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'Catholic environment' leads to conversion at the age of 96

Joseph Sythoff, 96, approached Father Anthony A. Spano, chaplain of Villa Marie Claire, Saddle Brook, and said, "I married a Catholic girl and raised my children Catholic. Now, I want to become a Catholic, too."

A resident of Villa Marie Claire for the past year, Sythoff is a retired flight instructor and pilot who began flying WWI-era airplanes at Roosevelt Field in the 1920's. He later flew during WWII for the U.S. Air Force Southeast Training Command, as a corporate pilot for McFadden Publications, New York, and then for American Airlines as a flight instructor at LaGuardia Airport.

Born in New York City, Sythoff married his wife of 61

years, Jeane (now deceased), and together they raised two daughters.

While his wife and children were practicing Catholics, Joseph said, "I just never gave religion a second thought." Living for the past year at the Villa Marie Claire, a home for senior citizens operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Peace, near his daughter, Carol, he felt inspired. "Just being in this wonderful Catholic environment," Sythoff explained, led him to request conversion and baptism.

Father Spano, S.D.B., 89, former director/president of Don Bosco Preparatory School, Ramsey, and now adviser to the school's Office of Advancement, celebrates daily Mass at the Villa.

When he was asked by Sythoff to give him religious instruction, Father Spano arranged individual classes over several months in an abbreviated timeframe.

Father Spano, a Salesian for over 70 years who celebrated his 60th jubilee as a priest a year ago, noted, "I feel that it was the Holy Spirit that wanted him to come in to the Church. It was as a result of the spiritual warmth of the Catholic environment, which he was experiencing while at the Villa Marie Claire that inspired him to join the Catholic faith."

Father Spano, who concelebrated the Mass with Father Louis J. Molinelli, S.D.B., the director/president of Don Bosco Preparatory School, commented, "In the many baptisms I performed when I was associated with a parish, I baptized many infants. But in the early Church, it was not so. It was the norm to baptize only adults, but it changed over the ensuing years. Joseph is the oldest 'infant' who has ever approached me to be baptized. No matter what, he is still God's invited child!"

Just after the Gospel and homily, Sythoff approached the altar, joined by two acting witnesses, his daughter, Carol Russo of Saddle River, and Sister Bridget O'Shea, C.S.J.P., managing administrator of the Villa Marie Claire. Father Spano was the officiating minister of the sacrament of baptism. During Mass, Sythoff also received his First Holy Communion.

After the religious ceremonies were over, Sythoff said, "It was one of the most wonderful experiences I ever had in my life."

Editor's note: At press time it was learned that Mr. Sythoff had passed away several days after his baptism.



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Key findings note that Catholic safety net hospitals are a major source of care for the uninsured and underinsured, that they provide a wide array of important services that go beyond traditional measures of charity care and are under extreme financial pressure because of increased demand for charity care, reduced payments from Medicare and Medicaid and continued pressure from private payors.

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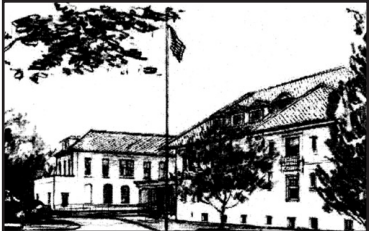
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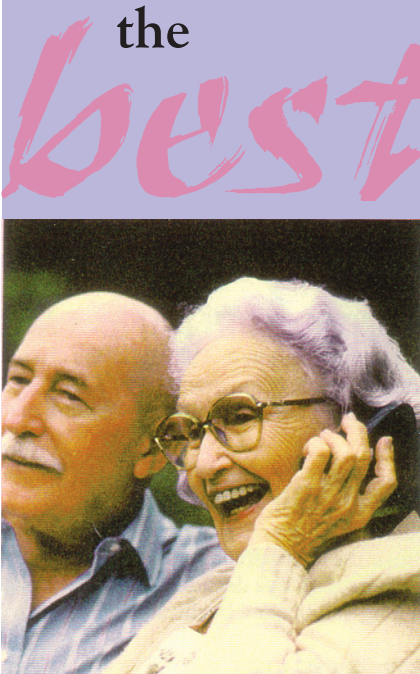


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