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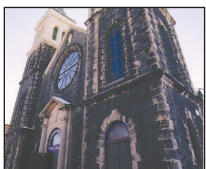
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Hospital Center at Orange closes

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

Ultimately, the dollars and, patients were not there to justify keeping the Hospital Center at Orange (HCO) open any longer.

In a reluctant decision last month, Cathedral Healthcare System ceased operations at the aging facility it took over seven years ago.

The primary reasons behind the closure, HCO Board of Trustees Chairman Harold G. Sterling, Esq., explained in a letter to the Department of Health and Senior Services in Trenton, were "declining utilization, an antiquated physical plant and sharply increasing financial losses."

In 1997 what was then known as Orange Memorial Hospital was a "free-standing" facility. Even at that time such status was diminishing statewide.

According to Denise Santiago, Vice President of Communications for Cathedral Healthcare, Orange Memorial "courted several suitors" including the Archdiocese. Because of Cathedral Healthcare's mission, it could "not turn away from providing medical services to the community," she noted.

The buildings, Santiago pointed out, are "antiquated." Some of the 11 buildings date back 125 years. The patient care area alone is 75 years old. The physical plant, Sterling noted in his letter, "is about twice as large as needed given its current level of clinical activity."

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Defending the defenseless, Jan. 22



Advocate photo- Tony Callanese

BY LIESL FORES
Staff Reporter

Approximately 2000 buses pulled into the nation's capital Jan. 22, filled with people—a large percentage of them high-school and college-aged—geared up to defend the lives of those they say can't speak for themselves: unborn babies.

Protecting and honoring the sanctity of human life and overturning the 1973 Supreme Court decision of Roe vs. Wade, which made

abortion a constitutional right, are the main goals of the March for Life, sponsored by the March for Life Fund.

This year, more than 100,000 people made the trip to Washington, DC for the 31st annual event.

While there were special events taking place in the city since the previous day—including a youth Mass and rally at a local sports arena, featuring a rock band and hip hop-singing priest,

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African-American evangelization thrives in Archdiocese Martin Luther King's visit to Newark recalled

BY MARY A. WARD, PH.D.
Special to The Catholic Advocate

Queen of Angels Parish, an example of evangelization in the African-American community, is a story of the conversion of non-Catholics to the Catholic church; however, it is also the story, and one which still continues today, of the opportunity of the larger church to be evangelized from within.

Queen of Angels and its five missions, including St. Peter Claver, Montclair, and Holy Spirit, Orange, and the virtually simultaneous founding of Christ the King, Jersey City, in 1930, were all examples of a call for renewal and conversion of European-American Catholics.

Over the last almost 75 years, African Americans in the Newark Archdiocese have been part of the steady movement toward a

greater understanding of themselves as Catholics. The evolution of black theology since the 1960s continues to challenge European-American Catholics to listen to and live the Gospel more completely by aligning themselves with their suffering, and by actively listening to their faith experience.

The Queen of Angels story involves the response of diocesan clergy in the Newark Archdiocese to the appeal from African-Americans for a way to live their faith more completely for themselves in a church of their own.

The Newark Archdiocese was directly involved with the evangelization of black people in the archdiocese through the Mission to the Colored, which reported directly to Vicar General John Duffy and his successor, Thomas H. McLaughlin, in the 1930's.

From its beginning and throughout its history, Queen of Angels has had a strong lay aspect, although there have been periods of more intense and pervasive activity than others. The greatest periods of evangelism, innovation, and social activism were when lay, religious, clerical and episcopal levels worked together in a concerted effort. The peak periods were from 1930 to 1940 with Father Cornelius Ahern as pastor, and from 1958 to 1970 under Msgr. Thomas Carey.

Ahern and Carey lived and worked in two different eras, one in the Great Depression pre-World War II America, and the latter during the era of civil rights and black power movement. Ahern's view of himself as a priest was that of a father to his people. Ahern believed that the Catholic rectory was the Father's house where his people could go when life became unbearable. There, the father of Christ's "prodigal son"

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‘Active, prayerful’ committee absolutely critical



BY ANDREW KACZYNSKI

Coordinator of Stewardship for the Archdiocese

I am often asked what is the most important element of stewardship that a parish should have in place. My answer is always a Stewardship Committee. An active, prayerful Stewardship Committee is absolutely critical to a parish for the ongoing education and commitment of parishioners to the stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

Members of a Stewardship Committee should:

• Be spiritually motivated. It is important that members be people of prayer who are concerned about parishioners’ relationship with God, not solely about the needs of the Church.

• Exemplify and live out stewardship. Members should consist of those who are already personally committed to stewardship as a way of life. They may not call it stewardship, but they live it. Those committed to stewardship volunteer their time and talent in various parish and community activities.

• Envision where stewardship can take the parish. It is important that all members of a Stewardship Committee have the same general understanding of

stewardship before they join the committee and more specifically after they join and are educated. One of the best ways to do this is to read and study the U.S. Bishop’s Pastoral Letter on Stewardship, *Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response*.

• Be comfortable talking about sharing time, talent and treasure, and their relationship to our faith.

• Be willing to implement accountability in reporting back to parishioners on all aspects of the stewardship efforts in the parish.

• Have personal qualities that propel success. Members should be accountable people who do what they say they are going to do when they say they are going to do it, and who are

persistent, optimistic, organized, patient, creative and willing to share their faith with others.

The responsibilities of a Stewardship Committee should include, but are not limited to:

• Conducting an annual renewal of stewardship which not only educates and reinforces the message of stewardship but also encourages parishioners to make a commitment of time, talent and treasure to the parish.

• Recruiting individuals, both adults and children, to share their personal testimonies about stewardship with

the parishioners. These lay witnesses should take place during the annual renewal.

• Preparing and keeping current a time and talent list or catalog of parish activities and organizations. It is a good idea to also distribute this document when a family registers with a parish.

• Ensuring that those who volunteer are contacted and asked to become involved.

• Evaluating the parish stewardship efforts and awareness efforts on an annual basis.

• Publicizing stewardship thoughts throughout the year in the parish bulletin and newsletter, if one exists.

• Developing a welcoming program for new parishioners.

• Encouraging clergy to refer to stewardship in their homilies, when appropriate.

• Making sure that stewardship is being taught to children in the parish school and religious education program.

It is important to remember that stewardship is not a one-time or short-lived program. Positive results will not happen immediately. They take time, commitment, and the continual promotion of stewardship as a way of life.

If your parish needs assistance with any stewardship efforts, please do not hesitate to contact the Stewardship Office at (973) 497-4332.

Stewardship is not a one-time or short-lived program.

Commentary

Pope Pius XII: A defender of the Eternal City

Like numerous popes before him, Pius XII (1939-58), as Bishop of Rome, was thrust into the role of protector of the city.

As the fierce fighting of World War II drew ever closer, Pius became profoundly alarmed that the battle for Rome would leave it in smoldering ruins. He felt full responsibility for shepherding the city and his diocesan flock to safety. He agonized over what he could do to safeguard Rome, with all its venerable Christian shrines and its vast repository of art, architecture and archeology.

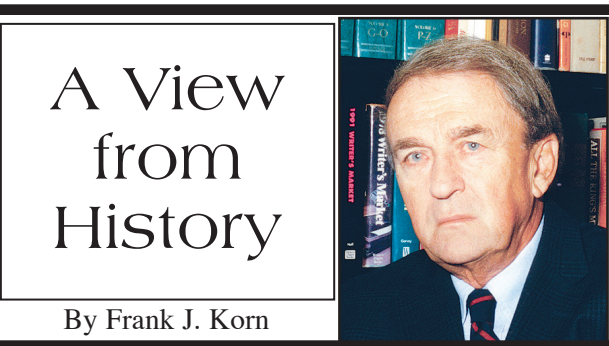
He had good cause for concern. In storming up from the south, the U.S. and its allied armies would crush German occupation forces at such places as Salerno, Cassino and Anzio but would also leave total devastation in their wake. Rome would soon find herself in the crosshairs of both Allied and Nazi artillery.

Through the customary diplomatic channels Pius exhorted German and Italian authorities to demilitarize Rome by transferring their command posts, their ammunition depots, and their barracks full of troops to a site somewhere beyond the ancient walls. This, he hoped, would lessen the threat of bombs pouring down on the Italian capital. His pleas went unheeded.

Still he repeatedly and frantically implored all the combatant nations to regard Rome as an “open city” and spare it the harm suffered by so many other cities and towns. Rome was, he emphasized, the patrimony of all the world’s peoples. Any damage to it would mean a grave loss to all of civilization.

Through frequent correspondence with President Roosevelt the pontiff appealed to the Allies to ensure that no harm came to his beloved hometown. (Pius had grown up as Eugenio Pacelli in an apartment building almost within the shadows of the Vatican.)

His main concern, though, was the people. When the Gestapo menaced the city’s Jewish population, the chief rabbi was summoned and ordered to deliver one million



lire in cash along with a hundred pounds of gold within twenty-four hours. Failure to comply would spell doom for the entire Jewish community.

The rabbi appealed directly to the pope who quickly instructed the Vatican treasurer to raise whatever sums of money and amount of gold were needed.

Pius then directed all convents, monasteries, and rectories to offer asylum to multitudes of Jews. The Vatican itself and the Papal summer residence out in Castelgandolfo became places of refuge. Even foreign Jews who somehow managed to make their way to Italy from all points of war-torn Europe learned through the grapevine to count on the pope.

Pius had chosen a course of deeds rather than words—a course that was careful, prudent, and responsible.

During the Nazi occupation of Rome, food and other basic supplies became scarce. Papal soup kitchens and emergency ration outlets were set up in the neediest quarters of the city.

On July 19, 1943 the weary pontiff’s greatest fears

were realized when Rome was bombed for the first time. The objective of the Allied bombers had been the marshaling yards of the Tiburtine district, but a number of civilian sites were accidentally hit, including a hospital, a cemetery and the sixth century Basilica of San Lorenzo.

At once Pius had himself driven to ground zero where he brought comfort and reassurance to his frightened townsmen. He walked among the injured and the bereaved and then mounted a pile of rubble. With his eyes fixed on the heavens he knelt there and prayed. Before leaving, he imparted his blessing upon the crowd.

Seven weeks later, on Aug. 13, Allied bombers struck again, seeking to shake the enemy’s will to resist. Again the pope was among the first on the scene, this time in the Lateran section not far from the Basilica of San Giovanni. Again he consoled the wounded, comforted the grieving, and distributed alms to those left homeless. On the drive back he sobbed in deep sorrow, his white cassock splotched with grime and blood.

The city was liberated from the iron grip of the Nazis on June 5, 1944. Miraculously, Rome had come through the crisis with relatively little harm. Later that day tens of thousands of Romans spontaneously poured in to St. Peter’s Square to hail Pius XII as “Defender of Rome.” At war’s end, leading figures from the world Jewish community, including Golda Meir, expressed their gratitude to the pope for the way he dealt with an almost humanly impossible set of circumstances.

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Msgr. Andrew Cusack, 71

BY GREG TOBIN
Editor & Associate Publisher

A diocesan priest who touched the lives of thousands of fellow clergymen throughout the United States and the world, Rev. Msgr. Andrew T. Cusack, Ph.D., died Jan. 19 in his home at the New Jersey Shore.

Cusack was the founder and director of the International Institute for Clergy Formation, which is headquartered at Seton Hall University. He was 71 years old.

He received a B.A. in philosophy from Iona College, New Rochelle, NY; an M.Div. from Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora, NY; an M.A. in theology from St. Bonaventure University, NY; a Professional Certificate in Guidance and Counseling from Fairfield University, CT, and a Ph.D. in Counseling-Psychology from St. John University, Jamaica, NY.

He also did post-doctoral study in psychiatry at the Alanson White Institute of

Psychiatry, New York City.

Ordained May 21, 1960 for the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, he was pastor of two parishes in Connecticut, director of guidance and athletics at Stamford Catholic High School, and vicar for clergy and Religious of the Diocese of Bridgeport from 1971 to 1987.



Msgr. Andrew T. Cusack, Ph.D.

He received permission from Bishop Walter Curtis to leave his last parish assignment as pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Riverside, CT to start his work in the Archdiocese of Newark in October 1987. Msgr. Cusack was also a member of the board of governors of the Newman Institute in western Ireland, among his many charitable, academic and family activities.

The institute holds two to three sessions each year, during the summer at San Alfonso's Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ, in the winter at various locations in Florida, and at other times in Killarney, Ireland.

The call to welcome, justice and racial harmony

BY ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS PETER L. GERETY
Special to The Catholic Advocate

I invite you to come with me in imagination way back to Oct. 28, 1886. A large crowd of thousands of people has assembled at the entrance to the harbor of New Jersey and New York on what was then Bedloe's Island for the dedication of the Statue of Liberty. It had been constructed in France and had arrived just a few months before as a gift of the French people to the United States in recognition of the friendship established during the American Revolution.

Ever since that dedication day the Statue of Liberty has stood facing the ocean sea as a thrilling symbol of welcome to the millions of immigrants who have come to America looking for freedom and opportunity—and finding it. But on that same dedication day in 1886 if Lady Liberty had turned around and let her gaze wander over large sections of these United States, she would have found millions of citizens of this “Home of the Brave and Land of the Free” who had been here generations upon generations and yet were not free.

They were the African-Americans from whom just a generation before the bonds of slavery had been broken as a result of the bloody Civil War.

But that heavy yoke had not yet been truly lifted. Emancipation was far from complete. In many states in the South, for those who dared to make a false step towards liberation, lynching was a regular threat; schooling for their children was deliberately kept extremely poor, and right of the voting franchise was denied. The judicial system was rigged against them, only the lowest possible forms of employment were available to them and every aspect of social life, including the churches, was rigidly segregated.

Even in the North things were pretty bad. Hotels and restaurants turned them away; opportunities for good jobs or for advancement were practically non-existent. The Armed Forces were segregated. Liberty and justice for all was a sad joke for blacks in this country.

Why bring all this ancient history up today? First of all, we must never forget that racism has been a terrible blot on the history of the United States. Secondly, if things seem very different today, then we can learn from the past a fundamental lesson on how change can come about and harmony can be achieved. Thirdly, from all that, it will be obvious that our prayers today must include an examination of conscience for each of us individually and for our institutions, and even the Church itself.

It took a long time, a full century, but finally a revolution happened in this country—it bears the title, The Civil Rights Revolution. It took place in the 1960's, when the patience of African-Americans finally gave out and they themselves took matters in their own hands. It took enormous courage.

Almost forty years have passed and we would be blind to believe that all remnants of interracial injustice or tension have been removed. Many salutary changes have taken place, in education, in employment, in housing and in so many other aspects of our social life—no question about that.

But now I raise a few questions for our Catholic parishes. Are we welcoming parishes? Do we only grudgingly open our doors to people irrespective of race or color? Do we really strive to make our welcome warm and sensitive? Do we reach out to those who are poor, or lonely, or abandoned? So frequently they are of a different race. Are we really Christian in our desire to breakdown those barriers of race that still linger?

We pray for racial harmony today, but

The clergy institute bases its mission of ongoing priestly formation on Pope John Paul II's document, *Pastores Dabo Vobis* (“I Will Send You Shepherds”), focusing on human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation. At the institute priests, young and old, in various stages of their ministries, spent a week or more in a retreat setting, teaching and learning from each other under Msgr. Cusack's deft and loving direction.

Internationally renowned speakers and guests at the institute have included Cardinal Avery Dulles, S.J., Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington, D.C., Archbishop John J. Myers of Newark, Father Benedict Groeschel, C.F.M., and scores of American and foreign cardinals, bishops, diocesan and Religious clergy, Religious women and lay scholars.

During its first 13 years of existence, the institute has hosted nearly 10,000 priests in total, representing every diocese and archdiocese in the U.S., as well as numerous Religious communities.

For nine years Msgr. Cusack also served as director of formation for Immaculate

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let us realize that God uses us as His instruments in bringing that about. And it will not happen unless we fully renew in our hearts our understanding of the full meaning of the Incarnation, the coming of the Son of God among us to be our Savior, our model, our great teacher. Can we doubt—as we look at His cross and see Him with His arms outstretched—that He is Savior of all irrespective of race or anything else that divides us human beings?

Festering wounds of racial injustices are His wounds. The hurt of any one of His brothers or sisters is His hurt. We must be convinced of that and ready to act upon it. The secret of racial harmony rests in our minds and hearts. Its root is in our vision of faith and in our willingness to act on it. We must be willing to push for the elimination of all forms of discrimination based on race wherever that accursed thing exists. Our Church organizations can do so much in this regard. Complacency is the enemy of racial harmony.

“Do you not know,” says Saint Paul, “that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” (Cor. 3: 16) We are bearers of God to our brothers and sisters. We are His instruments in that reconciliation meant to make us one. What a responsibility we have in the huge task of making racial harmony a reality.

Corrected 2003 financial report

Please note that we are reprinting the Archdiocesan financial report for 2003 on page 16 of this issue. There was an error in the report when it was printed in *The Catholic Advocate* of Jan. 21, which has now been corrected. Our apologies to those who carefully and accurately prepared the report and to our readers.



Pope John Paul II discusses the conflicts of the world with Vice President Dick Cheney during a private audience at the Vatican Jan. 27. It was the pontiff's highest-level audience with a U.S. official following the Iraqi war.

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Pope and the vice president discuss worldwide conflicts

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Vice President Dick Cheney's first meeting with Pope John Paul II came at a time when U.S.-Vatican relations are in a rebuilding phase following the war in Iraq.

Cheney met with the pope in a private audience Jan. 27 and later held talks with the Vatican secretary of state, Angelo Cardinal Sodano. The discussions dealt primarily with the current situation in Iraq, the Middle East and international terrorism.

The pope and other Vatican officials argued strongly against the U.S. decision to invade Iraq, but in recent months they have focused on the need for cooperative reconstruction rather than on past differences.

As the pope said in his speech to diplomats Jan. 12, the international community needs to help Iraqis "retake the reins" of their country and establish a real democracy. He and his aides have emphasized the role of the United Nations in this process and in the larger task of "collective security" throughout the world.

The pope and other Vatican

experts also have made increasingly strong statements against international terrorism, underlining the need for more effective curbs against terrorist groups. But there remains a fundamental difference between the Vatican and the United States over the concept of pre-emptive or "preventive" war as a tool against terrorism.

Before the invasion of Iraq, Vatican officials repeatedly rejected the idea that nations could wage war without responding to a specific act of aggression and without the explicit backing of the United Nations or international treaties, in order to eliminate a potential threat of terrorism.

"On the concept of 'preventive

war,' the position of the Holy See has not changed at all," Archbishop Giovanni Lajolo, the Vatican equivalent of a foreign minister, said Jan. 24 in a response to questions by Catholic News Service. The Vatican does recognize that the use of force to prevent acts of terrorism can sometimes be legitimate, as an extension of the principle of self-defense, but the threat must be specific and well-defined. Cheney and his Vatican counterparts also discussed the Israeli-Palestinian question, but Vatican officials believe that serious new peace initiatives by the United States probably will come only after the 2004 presidential elections.

World Marriage Day February 8

The roots of this event began in 1981 in Baton Rouge, LA when couples encouraged the mayor, governor and bishop to proclaim St. Valentine's Day as "We Believe in Marriage Day."

The effort was so successful that it was presented to and adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter's national leadership. In 1983, the name was changed to "World Marriage Day," designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday of February. In 1993, Pope John Paul II imparted his Apostolic Blessing on the annual event.

The permanent theme for World Marriage Day is, "Love One Another," based on the commandment given by Jesus in John 14. It describes the simple but challenging way God wishes His people to live.

Judy Miller, Director of the Archdiocesan Family Life Ministries, sent information packets with sample prayer services and liturgies to celebrate World Marriage Day to all parishes.

"World Marriage Day focuses attention on the strength and blessings married couples bring to society, their Church, their families and to each other. It is a day to celebrate love and commitment to this holy sacrament and all the possibilities it represents. May God bless each and every marriage and family on this special day," commented Miller.

'Life is a miracle' theme

For the 16th year, the Pro-Life Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark, along with the Respect Life Office, is sponsoring an essay and poster contest. The theme for this year's contest will be "Life is a Miracle!"

Individual schools and/or

parishes should judge their top three winners in each category, post them around the church or school and publish the winning essays in the parish bulletin or newsletter, and submit them for final judging to the Respect Life Office.

The categories are divided as follows: for the poster contest—grades 1-4 and grades 5-8; for the essay/poetry contest—grades 5-6 and grades 7-8, and high school. From these entries, the commission will choose the top four winners in each category. The winners will receive cash prizes.

For the poster contest, entries must be submitted on oak tag, with dimensions no larger than 22 inches high by 28 inches wide. All entries must include the student's name, grade and school on back of poster.

For the essay/poetry contest, students should write an entry depicting the theme for their age group. The commission would like the children to focus on the sanctity of human life, and how all human life is a miracle, from conception to natural death.

For high schools, each student received a pro-life newsletter, "Lovematters.com," in September from Archbishop Myers, which can serve as an excellent resource.

There is no rule as to exact length—at least one written page would be the shortest. All winning essays/posters must be submitted by Feb. 17 to the Respect Life Office, 1805 Penbrook Terrace, Linden, NJ 07036 by Feb. 16. For more information, call (732) 388-8211.

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- A keynote address by Dr. Alice Von Hildebrand, internationally-known philosopher and author of *The Privilege of Being a Woman*
- Prayer-filled, inspirational music by Katy Feeney
- Faith-filled witnesses by women of the Archdiocese
- Meditative recitation of the Stations of the Cross

Registration and coffee break will take place after Mass.

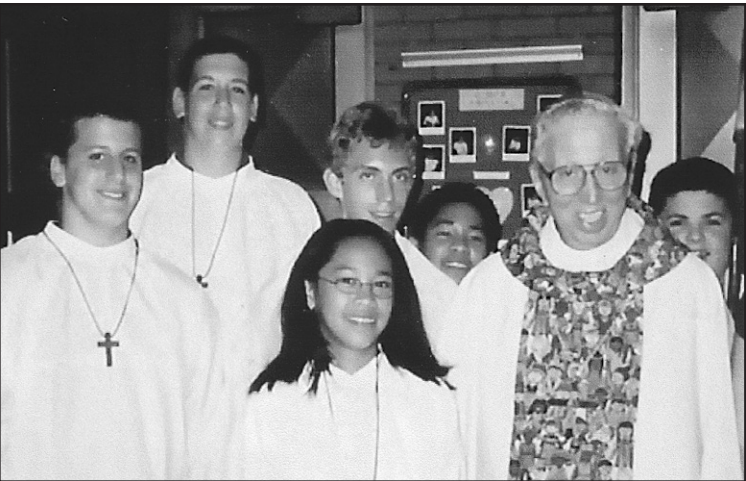
A box lunch will be provided for all participants.

The cost for this day is \$20 per person for registrations received before or on March 17th.

Cost is \$25 per person for registrations received after March 17th.

For more information please contact the Chancellor's Office at (973) 497-4010 or log onto: www.rcan.org/womcom





St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth, recently celebrated its annual Altar Server Mass of Recognition for Union County. Retired Bishop Dominic Marconi was the main celebrant. Each server received a certificate of appreciation from Joseph Dunn, President of the Serra Club of Union County. With Bishop Marconi are, left to right, front row, Anthony Weiland and Ailema Paguntalan. In the back row are Frank Szczepanik, Kevin Carpenter, Chris See and Anthony Cocuzza.

Lourdes this year’s site of World Day of the Sick

The 12th World Day of the Sick will be celebrated in Lourdes, France on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Each year World Day of the Sick takes place in a different continent. Lourdes was selected because this year marks the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

In his message for World Day of the Sick, Pope John Paul II said, “Christ suffers with us, giving us the possibility of sharing our afflictions with Him. Joined to the suffering of Christ, human suffering becomes a means of salvation.” His Holiness goes on to note, “Pain, accepted with faith, becomes the door by which to enter the mystery of the redemptive suffering of the Lord: a suffering that no longer takes away peace and happiness because it is illuminated by the splendor of the resurrection.”

Stressing that “our time has made great steps forward in scientific knowledge about life,” the pope in his message points out, “Every authentic advance in this field can but be encouraged, but as long as it always respects the rights and the dignity of the person from his or her conception.”

Caldwell College to mark Black History Month ’04

The Caldwell College Educational Opportunity Fund Program (EOF) will celebrate Black History Month on Wednesday, Feb.11.

From noon to 1 p.m. in the Alumni Theatre there will be a dramatic presentation, “A Visit to the Past.” In addition, 75 artifacts of African-American culture will be displayed in the lobby of the Alumni Theatre from noon to 3 p.m.

“This enlightening and inspirational program will take you from Africa through the diaspora, the Harlem Renaissance and the civil rights movement up to today’s current issues. Come join the EOF program for an hour of stories and songs that will stir the soul with storyteller Michelle Wilson and musician and vocalist Barbara Yates,” said a spokesman.

Pageant held

Admission is free. For information, call Andrei St. Felix at (973) 618-3240 or afelix@caldwell.edu

Students at St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Plainfield, held a Christmas pageant last month.

The students were from the Polish Supplementary School established two years ago.

After the pageant, a traditional Polish “oplatek” followed. Father Frank Rose, administrator of the parish, and Father Krzysztof Lebdowicz began the tradition.

For the third consecutive year, the pageant was choreographed by Dorota Jastrzebska.

The Polish Supplementary School operates in the church facilities offering Polish language and cultural lessons.

Mother Teresa saved their lives

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

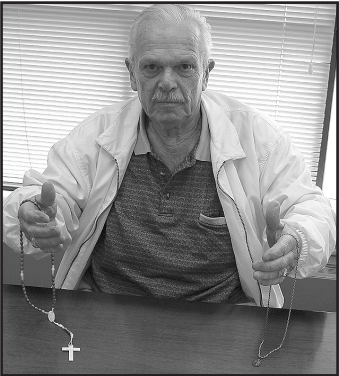
The recent beatification of Mother Teresa was an emotional experience for a Roselle couple who is convinced the future saint saved their lives.

It was during the early summer six years ago when health problems were plaguing Joseph Miller, a parishioner at St. Joseph the Carpenter Parish, Roselle.

The year 1997 had not started out well. A fever that lasted several weeks led to a diagnosis of an abscessed liver. His gall bladder then burst. While recovering from that surgery, it was learned he had an aortic aneurysm.

His wife, an administrative assistant at the local parish, had undergone cancer surgery five years earlier.

The Millers were among 30



Joe Miller with the medal and Rosary given to him by Mother Teresa.

faithful attending a service in Plainfield in which Mother Teresa participated.

Mother Teresa, recounted Miller, placed her hand on his stomach and blessed it. It is an experience, he recalls with equal emotion, “you never forget.”

Remembering that moment, Miller described himself as “in another world....Speaking and being with Mother Teresa was one of the greatest feelings I have ever had in my entire life.”

Reflecting on Mother Teresa’s beatification, Miller stresses, “People do not realize the power she had to make other people well.”

During their audience with Mother Teresa, the Millers were given a miraculous medal and Rosary that she blessed. It is that blessing, the Millers are convinced, that saved their lives. Miller went home that day, put the medal on a chain around his neck and has never removed it.

When she met Mother Teresa, said Mrs. Miller, she “immediately felt at peace...It was a wonderful, wonderful feeling.”

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February 7

St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, a Night at the Races Fund Raiser, 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Admission is \$10. Call (201) 433-6365.



February 10

St. Mary Parish, Nutley, hosts a bereavement group Tuesday nights through March 9. Call Patricia at (973) 235-0234.

February 13

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, will host Bergen County Sheriff Joel G. Trella, who will speak to the Seniors for Adult Ministry group at 1 p.m. in the church basement. Call (201) 752-4498.

February 15

Immaculate Conception Parish, Montclair, will host organist Ian Tracey for a concert at 4 p.m. Admission is \$20, students and seniors \$10. Call (973) 744-5650.

St. Paul Parish, Ramsey, a candlelight vigil and living Rosary honoring Our Lady of Lourdes, 7:30 p.m.

February 17

St. Catharine Parish, Glen Rock, will begin a six-session bereavement support group from 10 a.m. to noon in the Pastoral Center. Call Gladys at (201) 652-8837.



February 24

St. Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, will hold bereavement support groups for eight weeks at 7:30 p.m. Call (201) 891-6708.

March 6

St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, will celebrate Mass and host a Lenten Choir Prelude Concert at 4:30 p.m. Call (973) 992-0994.

March 20

Academy of St. Aloysius, Jersey City, an "All You Can Eat" beefsteak dinner in the school auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30. Call Margaret at (201) 433-8877.

Novarcensis: A Look Back at Our History

167 years ago...

January 30. St. Peter Parish, Belleville, incorporated.

140 years ago...

February 7. Father Titus Joslin became first Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Montclair.

130 years ago...

February 9. Father (later Bishop) Winand M. Wigger named first resident Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Church, Summit.

118 years ago...

February 2. St. Augustine Parish, Union City, founded.

115 years ago...

February 5. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, and St. Rose of Lima Parish, Newark, incorporated.

99 years ago...

February 14. Sacred Heart Parish, Jersey City, incorporated.

98 years ago...

February 9. Blessed Sacrament Parish, Newark, formed.

89 years ago...

February 2. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Montclair, incorporated.

February 8. Sacred Heart Parish, Haworth, incorporated.

76 years ago...

February 12. St. Catherine of Siena Church, Hillside, dedicated.

73 years ago...

February 5. Queen of Angels Parish, Newark, incorporated.

50 years ago...

February 12. Queen of Peace Church, North Arlington, consecrated.

33 years ago...

February 14. Msgr. James A. Hughes, former Vicar General and Pastor of St. Aloysius Church, Jersey City, died.

Novarcensis means "Newark," in Latin.



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

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

Local Highlights

Anniversary

• St. Stephen's Parish, Kearny, will install a walk to celebrate the parish's 100th anniversary. Inscribed bricks can be purchased. Call the rectory at (201) 998-3314 or visit www.ststephenchurch.com and click "Centennial" for more information.

'Theology on Tap'

• Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, the 20/30 Ministry, Theology on Tap: Christian Accounting, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mason Jar Bar and Restaurant, Mahwah. Call (201) 327-3055.

Retreats

• Carmel Retreat, Mahwah, a directed/private retreat, Feb. 15-20. Cost is \$255 for a directed retreat and \$230 for a private retreat; an Ash Wednesday retreat on Feb. 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Call (201) 327-7090.

Sacred Women

• Xavier Center, Convent Station, will hold "Women of Memory – Women of Wisdom" on Feb. 14. Bring up to 10 photos and any memorabilia. Cost is \$60 and includes lunch, \$20 deposit required. "Women of the Gospels" on Feb. 8, 15 and 22 will be from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per session, \$25 for all three. Registration and \$5 deposit required. Call (973) 290-5100 or e-mail xaviercnt@aol.com.

Annulments

• An Annulment Information Evening will be held Feb. 11 at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark. Pre-registration not necessary. For more information, call the Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327.

Health

• Caldwell College will hold several events in recognition of National Eating Disorders Week. Feb. 23-March 1, a "Great Jeans Giveaway" to benefit Broadway House in Newark, a residence for people with HIV/AIDS; a showing of the movie *Real Women Have Curves*; informational events; and a presentation by recovering bulimic Gail Schoenbach. Call (973) 618-3905.

Bereavement

• Sacred Heart Parish, Rochelle Park, will conduct a Bereavement Support Group March 4-April 29 from 7-8:30 p.m. Registration encouraged. Call (201) 843-8368.

Spiritual Direction

• St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, Ministry of Spiritual Direction, will hold "From the Darkness of Addictions and Attachments to the Light of Freedom and Grace," presented by Anna Graziano, C.S.D., Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Offering is \$25. Call (973) 338-9538.

Open House

• College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown, Women's College will hold an open house and financial aid workshop Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 1-800-210-7900, visit www.cse.edu/openhouse or e-mail apply@cse.edu.

Reunion

• St. Aloysius High School will hold a reunion for the Class of 1959 at the Casino in the Park, Jersey City, on May 22. Classmates or anyone who has information about classmates can call Peter Finnerty at (201) 768-2259 or e-mail at finnertypj@aol.com.

Blood Drive

• St. James Hospital, Newark, will co-sponsor a blood drive Feb. 4 from 12:30-6 p.m. Call 1-800-NJ-BLOOD for more information.

Miscellaneous

• Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, a gift auction on Feb. 6 at 6:15 p.m. Admission \$7, advanced sale tickets \$5 and can be purchased at the school office any weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Socials

• The St. Vincent's Nursing Home Auxiliary will hold its annual St. Valentine's Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 12 at Victor's Chateau, Little Falls. Reservations \$25 a person. Call (973) 239-7797.

• Caldwell College, its annual Casino Night, Feb. 28 from 7-11 p.m. Pre-registration admission \$25 for adults and \$20 for senior citizens and students, admission at the door is \$30 for adults and \$25 for senior citizens and students. Call (973) 618-3547 or (973) 618-3211, or e-mail dmdowd@caldwell.edu.

• St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, its singles group, will bowl at Hanover Lanes, East Hanover, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. Call (973) 340-4001 for reservations. The parish will hold a Sweetheart Dance in the school gym Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Call (973) 340-4001.

• Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, the 20/30 Ministry, will cook and serve a meal at St. Cecilia's Homeless Shelter, Englewood, Feb. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Space limited. Call (201) 327-3055, ext. 37.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

Archdiocesan Agency/Ministry

Very Reverend Kenneth Herbster, V.F.,

Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Grace, Hoboken and Administrator of the Church of St. Joseph, Hoboken, has been appointed Minister for Priests in the Archdiocese of Newark for a five-year term, while remaining Pastor of Our Lady of Grace and Administrator of St. Joseph. This appointment was effective Feb. 1, and ends Feb. 1, 2009.

Other/Essex County

Reverend Bernard Fernando, Chaplain at Mountainside Hospital, Montclair and St. Vincent's Nursing Home, Cedar Grove retired from active ministry Feb. 1.



Parochial Vicar/Hudson County

Reverend Armando Crisostomo, Jr.

has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Church of Holy Rosary, Jersey City, effective Jan. 1.

Other/Union County

Reverend John J. Paladino, Chaplain at Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield has been appointed to residence at St. Anne Rectory, Garwood, effective Jan. 1.

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Stand up for faith

Editor,
It was a sad day in New Jersey when Catholic legislators sponsored and passed—and a Catholic governor signed—the Human Stem Cell Research Bill (which includes research using human embryonic stem cells) and the Domestic Partnership Bill.

It’s sadder still because local Catholics (at all levels of the Church) shirked their responsibility to defend life at all stages of development and to defend the sanctity of marriage.

Vatican Council II reminded Catholics to live their faith in the world. This includes effecting moral legislation to aid the human race to live most fully the life God has given us. Instead, local parishes remain silent for fear of offending certain people.

How many priests incorporated into their homilies the immorality promoted by these two bills due to their anti-Catholic values? Any courageous priest can connect the Sunday Mass readings to events of the day. How many pastors asked their parish-ioners to contact legislators and request that practicing Catholics be represented?

Was notice of these two bills placed in every church bulletin? Did I miss an op-ed piece in the secular press by a bishop, giving the Catholic view on these matters? Did priests or heads of Catholic organizations publish letters in the secular press?

Many Catholics were taken by surprise and didn’t completely understand the purpose of these bills or what the Catholic posi-

tion was and why. Why wasn’t the New Jersey Catholic Conference statement on these two bills required to be in every church bulletin before the vote took place?

Many local Catholics have been poorly taught. Some are confused while others who are strong-willed never try with open hearts to allow the Holy Spirit to lead them to the truths of the faith. If the local Catholic Church is to remain faithful to the teachings of Christ and His Church, it must engage the world, change some minds, save many souls and build a solid foundation of faith for the generations to come.

Albert T. Marotta
Bloomfield

No coverage

Editor,
The media gave no coverage to the thousands of people who went to the March for Life, Jan. 22, in Washington, DC to defend innocent life against the depraved evil of abortion!

Journalists continue to be biased on an issue that sharply divides our nation.

Sadly, the media is once again being unfair to its journalistic pledge of reporting all news honestly, fairly, and letting the people decide its value.

Journalists have a duty to our nation—it’s their responsibility to honor it!

Bernard Kiernan
Fort Lee

Respect Life

More than just another march

BY MSGR. RICHARD MCGUINNESS
Director of the Respect Life Office

Wind and very cold weather did not deter over one hundred thousand people from all over the United States from journeying to Washington, DC to join the annual March for Life.

They came, teenagers and college students, mothers and fathers wheeling their babies in carriages or holding them in their arms.

There were elderly and handicapped people asking not to be considered as candidates for euthanasia. There were Catholic priests, sisters and brothers who marched along side the Orthodox and Byzantine churches, Baptists for Life, Lutherans for Life, Presbyterians for Life, Episcopalians for Life, as well as members of other Christian communities.

Along the way it began to feel like a religious procession, as various religious groups prayed or sang hymns, or recited the rosary. One could hear Byzantine prayers, Latin, Spanish and English hymns (to me, it seemed that the Lutherans seemed to have the best singing).

There were banners and placards asking for a greater respect for life, the removal of the Roe vs. Wade decision.

Some carried placards for the end of abortion, euthanasia and capital punishment. The sign I was most moved by was carried by an 11 year old boy, which

said, “I was adopted, not aborted.”

Another sign proclaimed, “A man’s best friend has more rights than a man’s offspring.” Many carried signs that said, “A woman deserves better,” a theme stressed by the Knights of Columbus.

A large number of young adults and teenagers identified themselves as “Rock for Life.”

It was a peaceful, prayerful March. There were a few small groups of pro-choice people near the Supreme Court building, but I saw no incidents of any kind.

I was impressed by the distances that many traveled to be part of the March. They came from Arizona and New Mexico, North Dakota, Michigan and Minnesota, from every east coast state. The Floridians probably suffered the most from the cold. All five dioceses of New Jersey were well represented, including seminarians from Immaculate Conception and students from Seton Hall.

One person who works in Washington told me, “We hate to see this march—not because we disagree with it but because having such a large march ties up traffic and subways.”

I thought to myself, “That was a real compliment to all those who take the time and effort to promote a genuine respect for human life!” My own impression was that there were a larger number of marchers this year than last year. Let’s pray that next year’s March for Life will be even greater!

Lenten regulations issued for 2004

The Archdiocese of Newark has issued this year’s regulations for Lent. Ash Wednesday this year is Feb. 25.

1) The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one full meal is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2) The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially,” or as whole, is a serious obligation.

3) The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4) The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, Feb. 29, to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 6.

*Canon 920, paragraph 1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

Catholics: a wary eye on Trenton

A comprehensive, realistic and focused legislative agenda has been issued for this year and next by the state’s bishops.

Working through the New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC), their public policy arm, the bishops are ready to meet the challenges of the early 21st century in the Garden State and beyond.

Formulated in consultation with the NJCC’s Public Policy Committee, the bishops have taken unequivocal and forceful positions on human life, children and families, social justice, health and the environment, the economy and employment, and homelessness. (The complete agenda appears in this issue of *The Catholic Advocate*).

Working with the faithful in the most densely populated state in the nation, much of which is concentrated in the inner-city, the bishops deal with each one of those issues on a daily basis.

In this complex modern world, the bishops are probably unlike their predecessors of bygone eras in having a “legislative” agenda. But today the work of being a good and effective shepherd necessitates getting involved in the public arena. The bishops did not ask for such an awesome responsibility, nor are they afraid of it.

Archbishop Myers said it best, explaining that the legislative agenda “outlines the current major public concerns of the Catholic community.”

It is a challenge the bishops cannot be expected to tackle alone. Each one of the issues outlined in their agenda needs the support of the Catholic community it aims to help. Catholics throughout the state must become involved in the political process. They must hold their representatives accountable. Too much is at stake.

The bishops and their flock are a formidable combination Trenton cannot and will not ignore.

Sharing the gift of the priesthood

Msgr. Andrew T. Cusack, renowned as a “priest’s priest,” who died in January, was a gift to the Archdiocese of Newark.

A certified clinical psychologist who served as a pastor, high school counselor and vicar in his native Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, Msgr. Cusack had a special place in his heart for his fellow priests.

In 1987, in what was a pioneering effort, he founded and became director of the International Institute for Clergy Formation at Seton Hall University.

Each year the institute holds several week-long sessions, in a retreat setting, focusing on human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation. In its first 13 years, the institute’s programs drew nearly 10,000 priests from every diocese and archdiocese throughout the U.S. and many Religious communities.

Msgr. Cusack was also known for inspiring homilies, insightful counseling and wide spiritual direction.

There is no greater legacy than having touched countless lives for Christ. Msgr. Cusack did just that.

To be truly Christian means bringing love to the world

In December the Holy Father wrote a letter that was little noted by the secular world. It was a letter to two men—Cardinal Lubomir Husar, the Byzantine bishop of Lvov, and the Latin rite Archbishop of Lvov, Marian Jaworsky. The pope said that he wished to spiritually join everyone in the Ukraine in recalling the victims of “the tragedy” and inviting young people to remember past events so that similar suffering is never repeated again.

The tragedy to which the Holy Father was referring was the deliberate famine created by Joseph Stalin and his communists to destroy the peasants of the Ukraine in the early 1930’s.

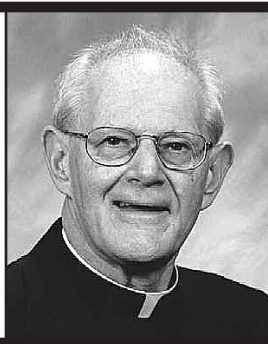
It began in 1929-1930 when Stalin attacked the “Kulaks.” These “Kulaks” were middle class farmers. They were shot or deported to the Urals or to Siberia. When the communists completed “dekulakization” of the Ukraine they began to impose impossible demands upon the peasants for grain quotas. Then they refused to give them seeds. Finally, they took away their food. For three years the people starved while huge stores of grain rotted at train depots.

The numbers who died as a result of these actions were higher than the total number of deaths for all countries in World War I.

The object was genocide and replacement of Ukrainians by Russians. It is all carefully documented in a book entitled *Harvest of Sorrow* by Robert

Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



*The striped pants diplomats
around the world
talked and talked and did nothing.*

Conquest. Meanwhile, the world, including the League of Nations and the European powers and the United States, chose to turn their heads and ignore the tragedy. However, Hitler did not. He took careful note of Stalin’s murderous success and decided that he was free to do the same with the Jews.

There was another awful event in the early twentieth century. In 1914 Shiek-Al-Islam, the spiritual leader of the Sunni Moslems, announced a “jihad” against infidels and enemies of the faith in Turkey. With that the Turkish army began a systematic and complete annihilation of all Armenians in Turkey. They were driven into the desert to be slaughtered or allowed to starve to death.

It was not a secret program. The world’s press covered it extensively. Yet the striped pants diplomats

around the world held conferences and talked and talked and did nothing.

There is a book entitled *The Burning Tigris* by Peter Bolakian that tells the entire sad story of the Armenian genocide, which was completely accomplished.

Both books have multiple pictures of horrifying atrocities. The saddest of all are the images of starving children. One eye witness of the Ukrainian famine wrote this: “In the terrible spring of 1933, I saw people dying of hunger. I saw women and children with distended bellies, turning blue, still breathing but with vacant eyes.”

The fact is that children, Armenian, Ukrainian, Jewish, Ethiopian, or Sudanese, all look alike as they are starved to death.

The Holy Father in his letter, in his own way, was echoing the cry of the Jews. “Never again! Never again!” Man’s inhumanity to man is well documented over the past century. It is our task to see that the future world is free of such cruelty.

It is for us to be truly Christian—that is, to bring love to the world. Otherwise we too will bear the burden of guilt before the throne of God.

A communist once said, “Moscow does not believe in tears.” We must believe in tears, compassion, and yes, we must have the courage to fight and to die if necessary for the little people of the world. As it is said, all that is necessary for evil to thrive is that good people do nothing. We must remember the past in order to change the future.

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

Compassion and truth are taught and learned

Back when I was still teaching full-time, I was, for a period of time, the acting dean at a theological college. In that role, I received a phone call one day from one of the local parish priests. The conversation went something like this:

“Are you the dean of theology at the college?”

“Well, I’m filling in for the dean who’s on sabbatical.”

“God, your students are a pain! They take a couple of courses, come back, and terrorize the parish! Nothing’s ever right for them. They roll their eyes at everything: how we do liturgy, my preaching, the parish’s priorities, and our ecclesiology in general. I don’t doubt they’re right most of the time, but that’s not the point. It’s their arrogance that’s destructive. Don’t you teach them any compassion?”

There’s a challenge: Don’t you teach them any compassion?

Truth must always be yoked to compassion. Growth in our lives (be it intellectual, spiritual, psychological, professional, or moral) should not lead to arrogance, elitism, or the false judgment that we, now so free and enlightened, are stuck among the ignorant and unwashed.

Rather, any genuine growth should lead to a concomitant growth in compassion, respect, gentleness, and the capacity to be more understanding of what’s in opposition to us.

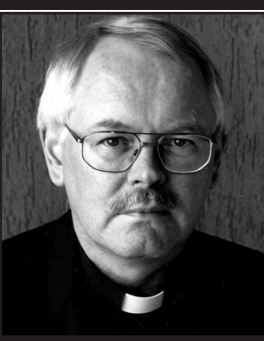
Jesus said as much when he instructed us to speak our truth in parables, lest our speaking cause more harm than good. In essence, what Jesus tells us is that truth is not a sledgehammer, and simply having the truth is not enough. Our truth must be right, but so, too, must our energy.

For the truth to set us free it must come with an equal dose of compassion; otherwise, our being right will only lead to more divisiveness inside the community and lots of personal bitterness.

An example might be helpful. Imagine a marriage

Spiritually Speaking

By Fr. Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I.



within which, at a point, one partner begins to grow in ways that the other partner cannot share.

Often this leads to divorce or, more commonly, to a lot of resentment and bitterness in the partner who is trying to grow in a new way and now is left with the feeling: “I’m stuck with someone who doesn’t understand or support what I’m doing and is an obstacle to my growth and happiness.”

What’s true inside a marriage is true inside all families, Religious communities, parishes, and circles of friendship. At a certain point, one member or the other begins to grow in a way that becomes a threat to the others.

What’s to be done? Stop going down that path for the sake of peace in the family? Plow on ahead, regardless of consequences?

There is no fully happy solution here, but some of the tension can be undercut if there is an equal effort to grow in compassion.

A little learning can be a dangerous thing. That’s true for all of us, and sometimes (perhaps most times) our personal quest for achievement, enlightenment, holiness, justice, or straightening out the church is fraught with more than a little illusion and grandiosity, and we need precisely the type of grounding that a partner, a family, a parish or a circle of friendship is so willing to provide.

And, while that’s true, it’s not the whole story.

Each of us, too, hears deep personal calls which, if not responded to, will leave both us and our Creator frustrated. We are being called always by God, personal charisma, circumstance, injustice around us, and the demons inside us to grow in ways that will not always please our partners, our families, our parishes, our communities, and our friends.

Not to respond is to incur the biblical wrath reserved for those who hide their talents; but, conversely, to respond badly, with less than proper compassion, is to make our truth a sledgehammer that drives the community apart. It’s a tough choice, and we risk a certain bitterness either way.

A marriage partner, a family, a parish, a community, or a circle of friends functions in a double way.

On the one hand, it’s a floor, a certain safety net that keeps us from ever falling too low. It protects us so we can’t free fall into any kind of major degeneracy.

In every family and community there’s a certain unconscious support that won’t let you fall too low. But, there’s also a certain ceiling, a roof, which defines how high you can grow.

In all but the very best marriages, families, parishes, communities and friendships, there’s an unwritten, unspoken, unalterable law: “You may grow this far, but no further!” And that’s not always bad. While it threatens us with being leveled to a common denominator, it also, as we saw, challenges us not to grow in ways that are one-sided, half-baked, and self-delusionary.

It’s not easy to grow and not cause tension. And so it’s important that any new growth in truth radiate an equally new growth in compassion. We must, as Jesus says, speak our truth in parables.

Father Ron serves in Toronto and Rome as the general counselor for Canada for his Religious order, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Promoting Christian unity a priority

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II said Christian unity has been a constant concern of his pontificate and “continues to be an exacting priority of my ministry.”

Marking the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan. 25, the pope said Christian unity “is a gift to welcome and develop in an increasingly profound way.”

Because Christ prayed that His followers would be one, efforts to promote unity are an obligation, he said during his Sunday Angelus address.

But Christ’s prayer also is a promise that should sustain Christians as they work for unity and a “healthy reproach” when they are tempted to give up in the face of new challenges and obstacles, the pope said.

Representatives of Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant communities in Rome joined Walter Cardinal Kasper, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, for an evening prayer service.

Choirs from the Benedictine community at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, from a Lutheran parish and from the city’s Ethiopian Coptic community provided a mix of musical styles as the representatives prayed for greater unity among themselves and within their own communities. Christians in Syria, charged with preparing materials for the 2004 prayer week, chose as the week’s theme “My peace I give to you,” from the Gospel of St. John.

During the service at the Basilica of St. Paul, Cardinal Kasper prayed for peace in the Middle East and said that “peace will have the last word” because God has promised that it will.

“On the cross, Christ laid the foundation for peace and

nailed hatred, violence and enmity,” the cardinal said. “He endured violence, but did not respond with violence. Rather, He prayed for His persecutors. And He called His disciples to be peacemakers like He was.”

“In the face of the urgency of this message of peace, our hearts are filled with sadness and shame because the image that our world and even our churches send is very different,” he said.

Cardinal Kasper told the congregation that Christians cannot restore the unity of Christ’s church with their own efforts, saying they must be guided, strengthened and blessed by the Holy Spirit.

“Certainly, from a strictly human point of view there are reasons for concern and for being disheartened,” he said, with new differences arising over ethical and moral teachings, signs of a new “confessionalism” among some

Christians and fears among others that Christian unity has already gone too far.

Cardinal Kasper said the fact that the week of prayer ends each year on the feast of the conversion of St. Paul is a reminder of the most basic requirement in the search for Christian unity: conversion on the part of each individual.

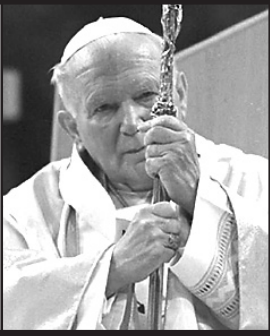
“The Second Vatican Council’s Decree on Ecumenism said clearly that there cannot be ecumenism without conversion, without a purification of memories and of hearts, without a change in our thinking, our language and our behavior,” he stated.

“We are used to speaking about the conversion of others, but conversion must begin with us,” he said. “Ecumenism encourages us to exercise self-criticism.”

“Peace will have the last word.”

- William Cardinal Kasper

The Pope Speaks



Pope John Paul II

God comforts the righteous

Dear brothers and sisters,

Psalm 11 (10) speaks of the Lord on His throne on high who is attentive to all that is done on earth. The psalm states clearly that God is not indifferent to right and wrong. God is good, and while He condemns vigorously all injustice He also comforts the righteous during their trials. He is their savior and in His presence they will have peace. This hope has sustained many believers in their difficulties and given courage to countless martyrs.

I offer a warm welcome to all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors here today, including groups from Finland, Ireland and the United States. Upon you and your families I cordially invoke joy and peace in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Isaiah had a prophetic vision of the Messiah

Readings: Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

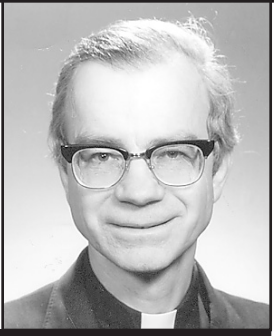
How do we perceive our relationship with God? Does the beauty of a sunrise or a rainbow inspire a prayer of thanks for the wonders of creation? Indeed, divine goodness, mercy and righteousness should be perceived through the veil of creaturehood. “All the earth is filled with God’s glory!” But some people are oblivious to the ways in which God’s power and wisdom permeate all reality. Many would miss as well the insight that we must live conscious of the challenge to conform our lives to the divine Model of excellence. “Be holy as I, the Lord your God, am holy!” (Lev 19:2). So a continuing education is necessary for all.

The ancient Israelites recognized that personal and community existence is bound by space and time. Their laws governed the rhythms of life by careful designation of specific times and places for worship. Moreover, coming to worship involved a transition from secular to sacred with prayers and ceremonies that called for an examination of conscience. Thus pilgrims to the Temple in Jerusalem were challenged: “O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy mountain?” (Ps 15:1). The person was expected to live with integrity in day-to-day existence, dedicated to the one God and honest in human relationships (see also Ps 24:3-6). The drama of worship in the Temple evoked an awareness that we live in God’s presence, called to reflect the divine image in the fabric of our lives. Thus, in the year 742 B.C., an aristocrat of Jerusalem named Isaiah was overwhelmed by the divine majesty in the Temple. He perceived two mysterious seraphim, aflame with intensity of their love, worshipping

Sunday Readings

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(February 8, 2004)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



in humble modesty and awe before the Creator and King of the universe. They proclaimed God’s supreme holiness, because triple repetition of a term in Hebrew conveys the notion of the superlative. Complete separation from all that is tainted is essential to the concept of holiness in Hebrew, so Isaiah expressed his sense of human sinfulness. “Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips...” (Is 6:5). Well aware of the truth that no one shall see God and live (Gn 16:13; 32:31), Isaiah acknowledged his unworthiness. No doubt he had recited a prayer of confession as he entered the Temple, but now the transcendence of God took on a deeper meaning.

God never leaves the honest, humble person to wallow in a sense of inadequacy. There is work to be done, and that is why Isaiah was privileged to know God-and-himself in a new way. Important as our own prayers and ablutions are when we enter God’s presence, divine action is necessary for us to be transformed. The Israelites used water and fire for purification, so Isaiah

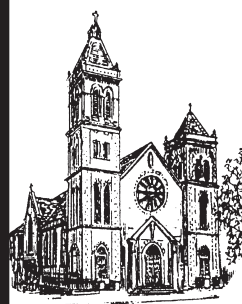
experienced cleansing by an incandescent coal from the altar of incense. Words interpret the experience: “Now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged” (6:7). Then he is capable of responding to the divine commission to teach and admonish, uplift and guide the rulers and people of Judah.

The sublime vision of Isaiah has exerted a powerful influence on Jewish and Christian liturgy and spirituality. We all recognize that this text is the source of the “Sanctus” of the Mass. How many have noticed the priest or deacon bowing in prayer before proclaiming the Gospel? “Cleanse my heart and my lips, O Lord, as you cleansed the lips of the prophet Isaiah, so that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel.” An awesome responsibility is the mission of continuing Christ’s work! Do pray that God’s servants be ever more worthy of the task.

The Gospel might occasion a smile. Simon, the experienced fisherman, hears a carpenter telling him how to make a catch! How many of us would have ridiculed the advice of an outsider? But Simon had already seen the carpenter rebuild the lives of the afflicted, so he obeyed. What was his reaction to the marvelous catch? “Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man” (Lk 5:8). In the midst of the mundane he recognized that Jesus manifested God’s holiness. There was no dramatic act of purification at this point, but the assurance of divine care. “Do not be afraid!” These words, heard by Zechariah (Lk 1:13), Mary (1:30) and the shepherds at Bethlehem (2:10), prepare for a commission of service. “From now on you will be catching people!” But first the fishermen became learners at the feet of the Master so that they could draw others to the flame of divine love.

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Saint Joseph of the Palisades

Magnitude of West New York community

BY DAVID PROCH

Special to The Catholic Advocate

Most Rev. David Arias, O.A.R., D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and Pastor of St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, his staff of fellow priests, lay staff and volunteers face unique challenges in ministering to their parishioners.

That is due, in large part, to the sheer number of parishioners.

St. Joseph of the Palisades is possibly the single largest parish in the Archdiocese, encompassing 3,000 registered families, roughly 30,000 people and utilizing three separate locations for the 15 weekend Masses.

The main church building itself is split into a main church and a lower church. Masses are also celebrated at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel and Cor Jesu (an additional chapel located on the first floor of the parish high school).

The parish boundaries run from 50th Street in West New York (Hudson County) to the border of Bergen County, and from Bergenline Avenue to the Hudson River. Parishioners come from West New York, Guttenberg, North Bergen and other neighboring areas.

The parish is divided mainly into two groups: English-speaking and Spanish-speaking communities.

"We try to serve both the best we can. All our priests here are bilingual," explained Bishop Arias.

"There are a variety of groups and organizations, and we have 78 employees on the payroll and over 400 volunteers involved in the workings of the parish."

Bishop Arias, in addition to the staff, is assisted by several priests: Father Richard Carrington is the parish administrator; parochial vicars are Father Randy Guillen and Father Ordanico de la Pena. Father Jose Fernandez and Father Augustin Pedrosa, S.M., both from Spain, serve as adjunct clergy.

Catholic education is a large part of the vitality of the parish. There are 700 students in the parish grammar and high schools, and 800 children in the CCD program. Bishop Arias noted that three-fourths of the grammar school students are parishioners and two-thirds of the high school students as well.

"In terms of religious education, we only spend one Sunday [a week] with the children," said Father Pedrosa, Co-Director of Religious Education. "Father Jose (co-director) and myself are working to make the message of faith a deeper, more

realistic one. But the parents of the children should be involved for religious education to be truly successful, and that is something we all work towards."

The English-speaking section of the religious education program is coordinated by Father Guillen and Peggy Schiebel.

Each school has an advisory board, made up of school administrators and parishioners, and the parish priests teach religion at the two schools in addition to checking in on the overall well being of the school.

"The high school has always been a parish-owned school, and over the years, especially recent years, we've grown in leaps and bounds, and that would not have been possible without the help and support of the parish," said John Toomey, Director of Development at the high school. "One of the main ways the parish supports us is through collections for our scholarship fund. Through the parish-

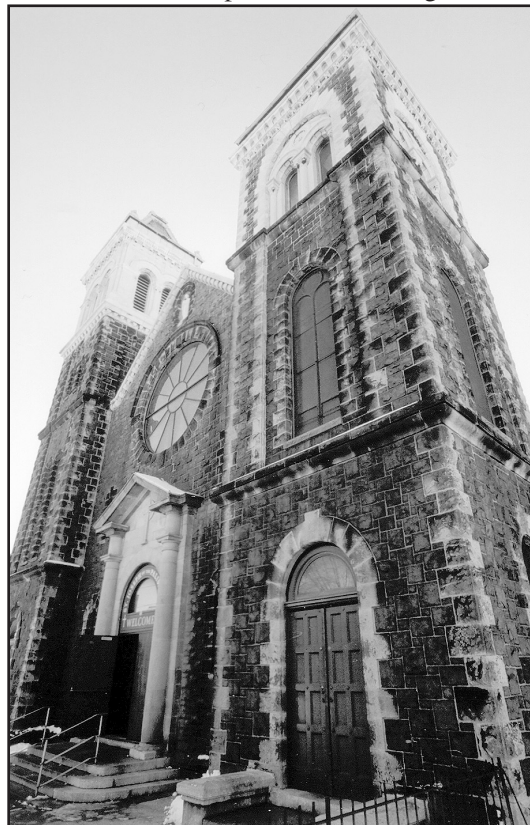
"Everything is a challenge," he asserted. "Evangelization is a challenge, catechesis is a challenge, maintaining unity with the diversity of the parish is a challenge, main-

sion pastoral plan, in which any activity in the parish fits into one of six categories: Christian formation, such as CCD and RCIA; evangelization; spirituality, both liturgical and devotional; marriage and family; youth ministry, and social concerns.

"Everything in our work as a parish falls into one of these dimensions," said Bishop Arias.

Some of the ministries offered at the parish include marriage counseling, baptismal preparation, Bible study groups, children's CCD catechesis, RCIA for adults, Confirmation preparation, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, altar servers, music ministry (the parish has four choirs), sick visitors, social concerns, parish food pantry, pastoral and finance councils, spiritual life committee, church environment committee, Rosary Altar Society, Catholic Daughters of America, St. Jude and St. Anthony committees, school advisory board and home-school association, the Evangelization Team and the Prayer Group.

The parish also maintains a detailed website, with Mass schedules, available ministries, histories of



A view of St. Joseph of the Palisades Church from the outside, home to one of the largest parishes in the Archdiocese.



The main church is attached to a chapel and the rectory, comprising one large building that encompasses half a city block. Adjacent to the rectory is a statue of St. Joseph holding the Child Jesus.

ioners' generosity we can offer many more scholarships to our students.

"The parish administration, Bishop Arias and Father Carrington—their support has been invaluable in the many ways that we have grown," Toomey added.

When asked if it is difficult to minister to so many people, Bishop Arias noted, "There is always more you can do, but we do our best to serve all of those who want to be served."

your best."

In his ten years as pastor of St. Joseph, Bishop Arias noted he has seen an increase in the Hispanic population and a simultaneous decrease in the English-speaking community, but the spiritual life of the parish has continued to be strong. The parish is also stronger financially, its \$1 million debt paid off in full. All the parish buildings have been renovated.

The parish follows a six-dimen-



Seating for the main church is about 500; the lower church holds roughly 600.

taining the two schools is a challenge, and trying to serve this very large community is a challenge. Of course, when you take a challenge, you do

the schools and parish, and a detailed description of the pastoral plan.

"The website seeks to carry information to every person of good will about the activities provided by this parish... At the same time, it reflects the dedication and commitment of a great number of our parishioners, who are involved in so many ministries, on behalf of all people. Thanks to this new technology in communication, we are able to share with everyone the Good News brought to us by Jesus Christ," Bishop Arias states in his welcoming message on the website.

The parish takes several steps towards maintaining unity. The parish council is bilingual, and members of both the Spanish and

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Photos: Frank Wood

Since founding, St. Joseph has welcomed immigrants

St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish was founded by the request of Bishop James Bayley in 1863.

The Passionist Fathers had just arrived in New Jersey, and Bishop Bayley asked that a priest be placed in Guttenberg to minister to the area's German population. The first priest to serve St. Joseph's was Father Stanislaus Parezyk.



Ethnic pride permeates the Hudson County parish throughout the entire liturgical year.

Sunday Masses were celebrated at first in the home of Mrs. Jane Minnix and later in the town hall and a schoolhouse on Franklin Avenue. Bishop Bayley dedicated the first church in 1866. The rectory was constructed in 1869. Father Eusebius Sotis was the first resident pastor.

Father Michael J. Kirwin became the first diocesan priest to serve as pastor. He served for a year. Father John M. Giraud was named pastor in 1877. In the 1880's, a combination school-convent was built for the Sisters of St. Francis, by then-pastor Father Francis O'Neill.

Ministries

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English-speaking community are active participants. The parish also holds several bilingual Masses throughout the year, and an annual international food festival. Every year, the parish holds a special Thanksgiving food pantry, where turkeys and other food are collected and distributed to the needy. A regular food pantry operates monthly through the year.

"Many times, you see at the English-speaking Masses a good number of people of Hispanic origin attending. So, there is harmony in the parish," Bishop Arias noted.

St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish is located at 6401 Palisade Ave. in West New York. The Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel is located at 7615 Broadway in North Bergen, and Cor Jesu is at 5400 Broadway in West New York. The parish website is www.saintjosephchurch-wny.com.

During Father O'Neill's pastorate, the demographics of the parish shifted from a large German population to include more of the Irish immigrants. At the same time, Our Lady Help of Christians/St. Mary Parish was established for the German population of the area.

Father Joseph H. Hill succeeded Father O'Neill in 1890, and was succeeded in turn

by Father A.M. Kammer in 1898. Father Kammer oversaw the parish relocation to West New York. The old church was turned over to St. John Nepomucene Parish, and the lower church of St. Joseph's was built in 1903. The parish school moved to West New York shortly thereafter. The high school was completed in 1909.

Father William Keyes was named pastor in 1911, a position he held for 36 years.

Father Keyes oversaw the conversion of the school auditorium into extra classrooms and the completion of the upper church, dedicated by Bishop John J. O'Connor in 1913. In the 1920s the current grammar school was completed.

The former grammar school was converted into the high school and opened in 1931.

In 1934, Father Keyes was named a domestic prelate, with the title of Monsignor. Three years later, he was named an archdiocesan consultor.

Msgr. Keyes died in 1947. His successor was Father Joseph P. Connor. Father Connor redecorated the church and chapel, in addition to remodeling the rectory and convent. The convent was enlarged to accommodate 37 sisters.

After Father Connor's death in 1953, Msgr. John F. Weigand was named pastor. After a parish survey indicated the need for more facilities, Msgr. Weigand led the purchase of the Astor Theater, North Bergen. The theater was converted into the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, still in use by the parish. Sunday Masses began at the chapel in 1954. A new rectory and school were opened later that year.

Two years later, ground was broken for the new St. Joseph High School. In 1958, the building was completed. The schools were organized into the St. Joseph's Catholic Center, which included the grammar school, separate high schools for boys and girls, and an auditorium-gymnasium.

The new high school also contained the Cor Jesu Chapel, which the parish uses for Masses today.

Parish parking was also expanded, the convent was enlarged and additions made to the church building. Msgr. Weigand ended parish fund-raising activities during his pastorate and instituted tithing as a parish responsibility in 1960.

In 1969, Father Gerald Walsh succeeded Msgr. Weigand as pastor, and served for six years.

In 1970, St. Joseph's opened a Spanish office in its parish center to minister to the more than 300 Spanish-speaking members of the congregation.

In 1975, Father Michael Feketic was named pastor. During his time in that position, the parish bulletin was studied to make it more effective in meeting the needs of the people. In 1982, the upper level of the main church was severely damaged by a fire. It was repaired and renovated in 1983.


In 1988, Msgr. Ronald Rozniak became pastor, a position he held for a year until Msgr. Peter Cheplic was named pastor.

During Msgr. Cheplic's pastorate, monies were raised for maintenance and upgrades to the main church, the Cor Jesu Chapel, Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel and the parish schools.

In 1994, Auxiliary Bishop David Arias was named pastor. When he learned of the assignment, Bishop Arias said, "I was surprised Archbishop McCarrick asked me. I didn't expect it, but I accepted it gladly. I want to take care of the pastoral needs of the people."

In his time as pastor, Bishop Arias has overseen the renovation of the parish buildings, the elimination of the \$1 mil-

Meet the Pastor



Bishop David Arias, O.A.R., D.D.

Age: 74
Date of Birth: July 22, 1929
High School: Saint Rita School, San Sebastian, Spain
College/Seminary/Graduate School: University of Saint Rita, San Sebastian, Spain; Our Lady of Good Counsel Seminary, Granada, Spain, and Teresiano of Rome
Heroes: Queen Isabella of Spain
Favorite Saint: Saint Augustine
Favorite Sport: Soccer
Favorite Food: Seafood
Favorite Subject in School: History
Favorite Movie: *The Sound of Music*
Last Book Read: *The Decline and Fall of the Catholic Church in America* by David Carlin
Proudest Moment: Ordination to the priesthood
Occupation if I weren't a Priest: None

lion debt and the increase of the Hispanic population. The spiritual life of the parish continues to be strong, he noted.

(See the article on the 100th anniversary of the church building in the Aug. 27, 2003 issue of The Catholic Advocate.)



In 1985 a procession of the Palms was held in conjunction with Our Lady Help of Christians/St. Mary Parish and St. John's Lutheran Church, both of West New York. From left are Father Leonard J. Jordick, Parochial Vicar; Pastor Ronald J. Miller of St. John's; Robert Morrison, an acolyte at St. Mary's; Father Kenneth Jones, Pastor of St. Mary's, and Deacon James Redstone of St. Mary's.

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Hospital

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At the time of closing estimates were that HCO would incur \$2.5 million annually in costs it would not otherwise face if the facility were not aging, inefficient and oversized.

Turning to utilization, Santiago said that less than 10 percent of the local population was using HCO. The remainder were going to 10 other hospitals all within a 6.2 mile radius.

Another factor, Santiago said, is that HCO's length of stay was twice that of the state average. According to Sterling's letter, the average Medicare stay at HCO was nearly 10 days.

Still, as recently as April of last year, plans to replace HCO's aging physical plant with a new facility on Cathedral Healthcare's nearby St. Mary's Life Center site were progressing. HCO spent nearly \$2 million in preparatory plans. The Cathedral Healthcare Board of

Governors had also voted to dedicate the St. Mary's campus to the new HCO project.

It was not long after that, however, that regulatory changes at the federal and state levels dealt those plans a substantial fiscal blow.

In June of last year, Washington changed Medicare reimbursement rates that, Santiago noted, which would mean HCO would be providing the same level of care but losing some \$14 million. Some 70 percent of HCO's revenue was derived from Medicare.

Similarly, two months later the state also changed its reimbursement structure for charity cases, meaning HCO would lose another \$3 million.

In addition, in June of last year HCO convened a Community Strategic Planning Committee in an effort to continue medical services in the Oranges. An initial idea was some type of merger with East Orange General resulting in a free-standing facility. Another approach was a physician takeover.

It was determined, Santiago

explained, that such a takeover scenario was not financially viable. Projections were for a \$3 to \$7 million loss by the fifth year of operations.

As of the Jan. 18 closure, HCO had stopped taking in new patients and had transferred those who were being treated at the time. For the "foreseeable future," Santiago stressed, the emergency room will continue to operate around-the-clock.

In addition the obstetrics clinic and Greater Orange Breast Initiative program, both at 280 Henry St., Orange, will continue to operate.

Arrangements have been made for HCO employees to be given preference in filling vacancies at other Cathedral Healthcare facilities.

Assistance will also be given to those who want to find work outside of Cathedral Healthcare.

The HCO Board of Trustees will also work with outside groups in support of efforts to redevelop the hospital campus.

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Despite the closing of the Hospital Center at Orange, medical care remains available in the Newark area at St. James Hospital, Columbus Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital, Newark, all members of Cathedral Healthcare System; as well as Newark Beth Israel; Clara Mass Medical Center, Belleville, and Mountainside Hospital, Montclair.

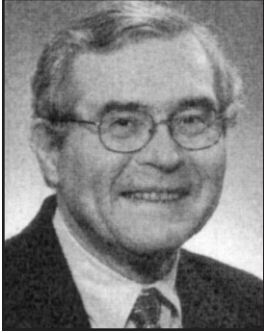
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'Rainbows' help young people to heal the hurt



Father McGovern speaks to the group at the closing of the latest session.

Rainbows, a peer support group for children who have experienced a loss, has come to St. Michael's Parish, Cranford.

"We are happy to support Rene Faller and her efforts in helping children recover and process losses in their lives, especially focusing on their relationship with God," explained Father John P. McGovern, Pastor.

Rainbows recently completed its six consecutive week program at St. Michael's with a prayer and forgiveness program, "Celebrate Me Day."

Rainbows is a program

designed to assist children from 3-14 who have experienced a loss such as a death, divorce, separation, abandonment or sibling separation in dealing with the issues raised. Rainbows had operated for the benefit of all Union County children in need, but since Sept. 11, 2001, it has found new purpose.

Endorsed by the Cranford Board of Education, Rainbows has operated for some time with a program in a local school, meeting Tuesday evenings. However, in public schools the issue of the children's relation-

ship with God could only be addressed if raised by the children. Some parents requested a location that would enable the program to address the children's feelings about their loss and relationship with God directly.

"We understand that a loss can effect the relationship a child may have with God and wanted to provide a place for those feelings to be explored and healing to occur," explained Father McGovern.

Rainbows has enjoyed support from Cranford over the years with contributions from the Cranford Jaycees, the Municipal Alliance and the College Women's Fund, to name a few.

"We are always out of money at the end of a program," according to Faller, "but the money is always there to begin a new program."

Volunteers from the community are screened and trained by the Rainbows program, which is international in scope. The most recent program graduated 43 participants. The next starts Feb. 5 at St. Michael's.

For further information on Rainbows, call Faller at (908) 276-4064 or Barbara Needham at (908) 259-1909.

New autism program for youngsters from CCS

Preschoolers in New Jersey with autism now have the opportunity to participate in a new program offered by the Education Division of Catholic Community Services (CCS) of the Archdiocese of Newark.

The new program offers services for up to 24 students with autism and their families from public school districts who are referred by their local districts.

Using classroom space in the Education Division's Little Schoolhouse Abbott Preschool Program, Elizabeth, the new program will provide daily opportunities for preschoolers with autism to

engage in school activities with typically developing peers.

In addition, a six-week extended school year program will be offered to help students continue to progress throughout the summer months.

"The goals of the program for preschoolers with autism at the Little Schoolhouse are to enable students with autism to function meaningfully and as independently as possible in a typical school setting and in the community," said Robert Baroska, Jr., Principal of the Education Division of Catholic Community Services. "We seek to provide exemplary

services throughout northern New Jersey to preschool children with special needs, their teachers, families and those who serve and support them."

Catholic Community Services has the second-oldest special education program in the United States and has been involved in special education for nearly 40 years. The new program for preschoolers with autism at the Little Schoolhouse is the latest addition to CCS' six special education schools.

"Catholic Community Services is committed to the belief that effective inclusive early childhood education works best when

schools, families and the community work as one," said William Shlala, Superintendent of the Education Division at Catholic Community Services. "We believe that by providing normal classroom experiences for children with autism at an early age, we enable them to form friendships with their typically developing peers to better prepare them for future integrative experiences in school and the community."

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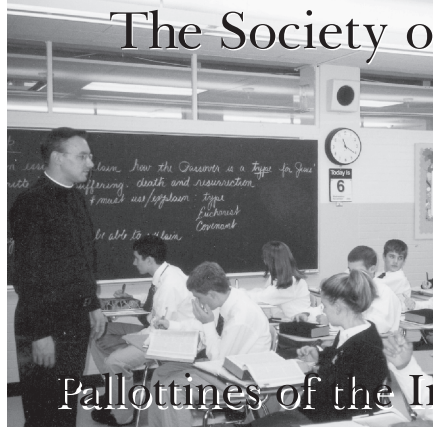
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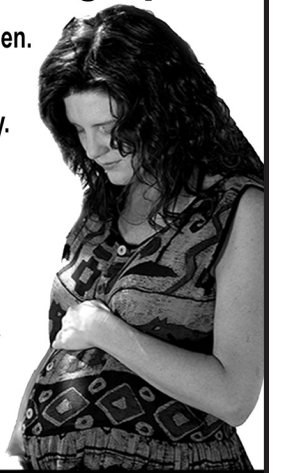
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Schools' merger makes the grade

BY LIESL FORES

Staff Reporter

After existing as independent institutions for 136 and 76 years, respectively, Saints Mary and Elizabeth Academy, Linden, opened its doors in September for the first time as a merged school.

According to Sister Joan Ferruggiaro, S.S.J., Archdiocesan Assistant Superintendent for Cluster 1 Elementary Schools, Father Michael J. Feketie, Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Rahway, and Father Benedict M. Worry, O.S.B., V.F., Pastor of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Linden, approached the Archdiocesan Schools Office with concerns about waning financial resources and student enrollment in both communities.

After several meetings with the pastors, and subsequently with teachers and parents, the Schools Office accepted the pastors' recommendation that the two schools be combined.

Understandably, reactions to the merge reflected "real concern," particularly on the part of parents, staff and teachers, stated Eileen Sullivan, former principal of St. Mary School and now principal of

the Academy (St. Elizabeth's Sister Maureen James Fahey, O.P. having retired in June 2003). Explaining that as with any situation in which one is "going into the unknown," she noted that there was some apprehension over how things would work out.

Deciding that the St. Elizabeth school building was the best choice as far as accommodating students and requiring less construction (St. Mary's is considering different options for the use of its former school buildings—an additional facility was constructed in 1925), the Archdiocesan Plant Services Office set to work this past summer.

Fortunately, indicated Sullivan, no construction or major renovation was needed.

A bigger challenge, however, was determining the staffing situation. All teachers were asked to reapply for positions, a process which included presenting of résumés, interviews and careful review of certification and other credentials. Though ten teachers had to be laid off, their names were given to the Archdiocesan Schools Office for consideration

for other opportunities.

While student population at St. Elizabeth's remained intact for the most part, says Sullivan, about 85 percent of students from St. Mary's registered at the new school in Linden, the other 15 percent opting for Rahway-area public or parochial schools.

Other matters that had to be addressed were how to discern between two sets of textbooks, how to join two activity programs—the best way make Saints Mary and Elizabeth Academy a "combination of both schools," Sullivan stressed.

However, she assures that overall the transition has gone well and had very good results. Several programs have either been introduced or enhanced at the new school, including forensics, student council, drama club and computer classes, in which a private company provides the school with computers and lessons.

Pointing out that "the kids have taken to the merger the best," Sullivan quickly added, "The teachers have worked hard to make it smooth. We've gotten positive comments from the parents."



Eighth-grade winners in the annual Scholastic Olympics held at Roselle Catholic High School display their awards in front of the new school sign. Left to right are Alex Makarucha, third place in art; Robert Rosales, third place in religion, and Katrina Delgado, third place in science.

'Evening of Reflection'

The Newark Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) will hold an Evening of Reflection on Feb. 23 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield.

"NPM is a membership organization composed primarily of musicians, musician-liturgists, clergy and other leaders of prayer devoted to serving the life and mission of the Church through fostering the art of musical liturgy in Catholic worshiping communities nationwide," explains spokesperson Eileen Ballone.

The speaker for the evening will be Sister Mariene Milasus, O.S.B., a member of St. Walburga Monastery, Elizabeth, and a monastery liturgist. Sister Mariene is also an adjunct professor of liturgy/music at Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange. She holds a master's degree in liturgical music from Catholic University, Washington, DC.

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Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark Chancery Office
Condensed Financial Information

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,261,667
Accounts and loans receivable, net	8,896,331
Contributions receivable	2,870,342
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,035,759
Investments:	
Custodial	164,552,674
Endowment Funds	87,325,013
Temporarily Restricted	9,901,568
Other Funds	12,080,648
Total investments	273,859,903
Property and Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$27,046,841	25,551,857
Total assets	\$ 316,475,859

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY
AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Change in unrestricted net assets	
Operating support and revenue:	
Operating support and revenue	\$ 25,405,811
Operating expenses	29,286,481
Deficiency of unrestricted operating support and revenues over expenditures	(3,880,670)
Non-operating items	5,704,812
Increase in unrestricted net assets	1,824,142
(Decrease) in temporarily restricted net assets	(933,534)
Increase in permanently restricted net assets	1,662,056
Increase in net assets	2,552,664
Net assets at beginning of year	133,733,020
Net assets at end of year	\$ 136,285,684

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 7,217,257
Accrued operational subsidies to parishes	8,420,244
Custodial funds	164,552,674
Total liabilities	180,190,175
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted net assets	
Undesignated	200,000
Designated for program and support service	38,859,103
Total unrestricted net assets	39,059,103
Temporarily restricted net assets	9,901,568
Permanently restricted net assets	87,325,013
Total net assets	136,285,684
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 316,475,859

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ (6,741,865)
Net cash used in investing activities	6,411,710
Cash flow from financing activities	2,161,610
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,831,455
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	2,430,212
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 4,261,667

A Summary of the Sources and Uses of the Operating Fund



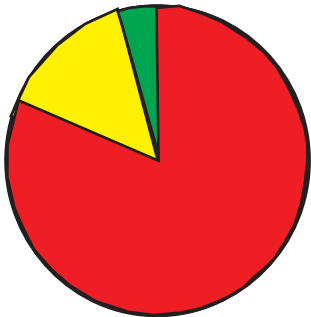
Support and Revenue \$25,405,811

38%	Assessments	\$ 9,552,604
31%	Archbishop's Annual Appeal	7,993,909
10%	Interest and Investment Income	2,433,633
9%	Miscellaneous Revenues	2,328,764
7%	Endowment Revenue	1,876,568
5%	Cemeteries Assessment	1,220,333
		\$ 25,405,811

Operating Expenses \$29,286,481

		Endowment	Others	Total
83%	Program Services	\$24,342,340	\$1,876,568	\$24,342,340
14%	Management and General	4,097,233	4,097,233	4,097,233
3%	Fund Raising	846,908	846,908	846,908
		\$29,286,481	\$27,409,913	\$29,286,481

Operating Expenses
Source of Funds



Program Service Detail \$24,342,340

39%	Pastoral	\$9,377,313
21%	Educational	5,076,651
17%	Priestly Ministry and Formation	4,076,577
14%	Health Care and Social Services	3,378,617
6%	Other	1,477,766
3%	Public Affairs and Information Services	955,416
		\$24,342,340



As illustrated in the chart above, the program services and support provided to the pastors, priests and people of the Church of Newark during fiscal 2003 amounted to 83% of the total expenditures of the operating funds of the Chancery Office.

State's bishops issue 2004-05 legislative agenda

The New Jersey Catholic Conference, composed of the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, is one of the means by which the Bishops address matters of public policy. The Bishops receive recommendations concerning these issues from a Public Policy Committee comprised of members from each diocese and from the various areas of the Church's ministry, such as social services, education and health care.

The Conference staff interacts with the state and federal governments, monitors matters of concern to the Catholic Church in New Jersey, and advocates for the Catholic Church's position in these matters. The Conference works with other religious entities as well as civic and private sector organizations on matters of concern to the general welfare of the state's citizens.

Because a fundamental tenet of Catholic social teaching is that each human life is sacred, particular emphasis must be placed on the dignity and rights of the family and its members. This truth is the basic principle by which all of the actions of government must be judged. Therefore, we support those legislative and policy efforts which support and enhance life. Our special concern for those who are vulnerable because they are unborn, young, old, disabled, poor, hungry, homeless, or ill is rooted in the Scriptural message which calls us to speak on their behalf and to alleviate their pain, suffering, and anxiety by direct action.

HUMAN LIFE

The sanctity of human life, which begins at conception, is the gift of a loving God. We support the right to life of unborn children because they are fully human. We support legislation which bans partial-birth abortions and oppose any "health" exception amendment. We oppose in vitro fertilization and artificial insemination because children have the right to be born from the loving union of a mother and a father. We oppose experimentation on, and utilization of, unborn children, their tissues, and embryonic stem cells obtained from induced abortions. We believe that society by its laws should protect human life at every stage of its existence and support a constitutional amendment which gives the Legislature the right to regulate and restrict all forms of abortion and its funding. Consistent with our view of human life, we oppose "right to die" legislation which would lead to the legalization of suicide or euthanasia. Also, we oppose the death penalty and any law which would facilitate the imposition of the death penalty. We support legislation which vindicates the rights of unborn children who are killed or injured outside the context of abortion.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

When the family unit functions well, all of society benefits. Children are among the most vulnerable members of the family. As we seek to help children, we must support families, because children's lives are nurtured or neglected, enhanced or diminished, by the quality of family life and because the family is the primary, indispensable, and essential unit of society. Therefore, we support policies that maintain and promote marriage and strengthen the family. We oppose same sex unions and domestic partnership legislation. We support full funding and reforms for child protection. We support needed expansion of child care, but only when safety and

quality are assured. We support parental notification of abortion for minors and programs to prevent abuse of persons of all ages.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Poverty is a lack of financial resources, but it also entails a more profound kind of deprivation, a denial of full participation in the economic, social, and political life of society and an inability to influence decisions that affect one's life. Poverty assaults fundamental human dignity. Therefore, we seek solutions that enable the poor to help themselves through education, training, and employment. Participation in the life of society is the key to justice for the poor. We also believe that society has a responsibility to help those who cannot care for themselves, and it is for this reason that families and children in need should be guaranteed assistance.

Because racism is an evil that dehumanizes our society, we support efforts to dispel all forms of racism. We applaud the courage and perseverance of immigrants and their contributions to New Jersey's economy and culture. We oppose denial of public benefits to immigrants or their children who are in need of assistance.

HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Health care is a basic human right. We support health care reform which guarantees universal access to comprehensive quality care, equitable financing and genuine respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. Special priority should be given to fully funding the health care needs of the poor, the immigrant, and the severely and chronically mentally ill. We support expansion of subsidized health insurance for children and the working poor. Adequate funding for charity care must be assured. Health care policy must ensure respect for the religious and ethical values of consumers and individual and institutional providers. We oppose inclusion of abortion in standard health care benefits packages. We support care to pregnant women and their unborn children as fully as care for those who are terminally ill, disabled, or elderly. While we support a continuum of services for people with HIV/AIDS and their families, we reject decriminalization of the sale of hypodermic needles and government funding of needle exchange programs. Counseling in prevention of and treatment programs for substance abuse, teenage pregnancy and suicide are necessary components of any health care system. While we support health services to students in schools, we oppose the distribution of contraceptives in school-based clinics or the referral to other agencies for abortion or contraception.

The health and well being of people, especially children and the elderly, is intrinsically linked to the quality of our land, air, and water. For example, the impact of toxins in our environment is connected to rising rates of cancer, asthma and other respiratory diseases in our state. We believe we have a moral responsibility to care for God's creation.

ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT

The growing wage gap between high skill and low skill jobs contributes to the economic disparities between workers who are prospering and those who are struggling or left behind. One of the current issues in our economy is the rise of part-time and temporary employment and jobs with low wages and

few, if any, benefits such as health insurance. We believe the economy should serve people and not the reverse. Therefore, we endorse the right to jobs and just and living wages and the right to organize as defined in Catholic social teaching. We support programs such as job training and adult literacy that help low income workers move into jobs with wages and benefits that enable their families to live in dignity. We support non-discrimination laws and protection for migrant and sweatshop workers.

EDUCATION

Quality education in all schools is a goal we affirm by our support for full funding of all state aid programs for public and nonpublic schools, including those intended for compensatory education, aid for students with disabilities, and nursing services. In order to reinforce the fundamental rights of parents, we support government initiatives to fund the education of children in schools of their parents' choice, including such models as tuition tax credits, education tax savings accounts, and vouchers.

We affirm the right of all students to be secure in their school environment. We support financial assistance from the government to maintain all school buildings as hazard free, so that the economic burden of complying with civil environmental regulations will not erode the financial base of nonpublic schools. We recognize the necessity for a school transportation system responsive to the needs of all students. State appropriations for nonpublic school transportation should provide greater availability, more efficient service, and expansion of current mileage limits.

We emphasize the importance of providing opportunities for all students to participate in state and federal technology initiatives. We oppose legislation which discriminates against any student for reasons of religion, special needs, or school attended, and we seek the enactment of legislation inclusive of all students. We urge removal of all barriers that homeless children face in gaining access to an adequate education.

In all schools, we recognize the value of the teaching of authentic family life education which prepares children for their role as parents and which honors the dignity of the individual from conception to natural death. Additionally, we support family life education that emphasizes an abstinence-based curriculum.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Housing is a basic human right. The lack of affordable housing is especially pressing in this state which is the most expensive in which to live. Consequently, the path to end homelessness leads us to support development of housing, especially rental units, affordable to low and moderate income persons. We also support increased funding for rental assistance, for transitional housing and emergency shelters for the homeless with accompanying social services. All sectors of society must do more to meet our common responsibility for housing, including group homes for children and persons with developmental disabilities and mental illness.

The New Jersey Catholic Conference calls upon public officials to address these issues which affect the common good of all people. The response to this call must be grounded in the recognition of each individual's dignity and in the protection of all human life.

Bloustein scholars abound throughout Archdiocese

The Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Newark has released a list of this year's Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars.

They are students who place in the top 10 percent of their class and have a minimum combined SAT score of 1260, or are ranked first, second or third in their class, as of the end of their junior year.

Nearly 4,300 Distinguished Scholars for the 2003-2004 academic year will receive award offers of \$1000 annually.

The Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars of the Catholic Secondary Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark are (in alphabetical order):

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Megan Duff
Barbara Galle
Vanessa Gererelli
Liz Grefrath
Alessandra Preziosi

Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi

Danielle Delgiodice
Joelle Palummieri
Nicole Thessen

Saint Joseph Regional High School, Montvale

Kevin M. Bell
Jesse R. Brawer
Robert J. Kafafian

David J. Kasper
David J. Obbink
David Poulse
Stephen A. Santora

Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington

Radha Bakshi
Jefferson Gee
Kathleen Grusenski
Anthony Lacetola
Matthew Legath
Christian Santamassino
Elizabeth Stroedecke
Kathryn Waksmundzki

Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell

Priyanka Abeyasekera
Michael Coyne
Mark Durney
Victor Esau
Thomas Janz
Octavian Jordan

Stephen Kenny
Andrew Krivak
Miguel Lopez
Steven Marconi
Stephen Odea
Jimmy Payaply
Alexander Sanchez
Mark Savino
Josh Shajan
Christopher Solga
Andrew Suh
Patrick Thompson
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Paramus Catholic Regional High School

Colin Calamaras
Danielle Curran
Lauren Hughes
Suzanne Janusz
Ewa Slodownik
Kevin Tyjer
Donna Vudragovic

Don Bosco Preparatory High School, Ramsey

Timothy Bush
Matthew Ennis
Ryan Gonska
William Gonska
Michael Hodum
Richard May
Joseph Pescatore
Daniel Sarrow

Anthony Segna
Johathan Stanisz
Daniel Turcil
Gregory Wyka
Michael Zboray
Kevin Zetterstrom

Saint Mary High School, Rutherford

Laura Bogdanski
Julian Gandia
Joanna Weirzbicka

Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township

Katherine Andronaco
Kathryne Badura
Caitlin Hemmer
Samantha Maresch
Laura Micheles
Samantha Pacamorra
Alison Riccardi
Melissa Ruees
Erin Ruitenber
Alexandra Saïtes
Devin Servidio
Anne Shoemaker

ESSEX COUNTY

Mount Saint Dominic Academy, Caldwell

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Nicole Benevenia
Mary Ladany

Emilia Moscato
Bianca Tylek
Kristen Viola
Kate Zatta

Immaculate Conception High School, Montclair

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Diana Melendez

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Saint Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark

Darrell Lopina
Donald Meisch
Hashabiah Nelson

Saint Vincent Academy, Newark

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Johathan Brzezanski
Joseph Cavanaugh
Nicholas Di Norscio
Christian Diaz
Christopher Herbst
Thomas Keller
Matthew Kraushar
Michael Lorenzo
Noel Mariyampillai
Joshua Markman
Peter Mattia
Francis Ortega
Matthew Pontoriero
Kerry Renz
Terrance Robinson
Nicholas Wegman
Zewde Yeraswork

HUDSON COUNTY

Holy Family Academy, Bayonne

April Canete
Katherine Cannella
Courtney Kildosher
Christina Tunnell

Marist High School, Bayonne

Christian Adan
Ron-Marvin Alcantara
Ronan Calibuio

Academy of the Sacred Heart, Hoboken

Desiree Johnson
Tatiana Sierra
Kristen Tarabokia

Academy of Saint. Aloysius, Jersey City

Sejal Brahmhatt

Melanie Cardona
Uruj Sheikh

Hudson Catholic Regional High School, Jersey City

Luigi Cendana
Daniel Rodrigo
Steven Torre

Saint Aloysius High School, Jersey City

Leah Cruz
Patricia Sewak
Tricia Tirella

Saint Anthony High School, Jersey City

Todd Lawson
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Erin Hughes
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Marisa Krohn
Roanne Schneider
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Saint Mary High School, Jersey City

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Margaret Ramos

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John Brunda
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Denis Eagan
Daniel Jamison
Alexander Ju
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Daniel Kiczek
Brian Lang
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Timothy Maher
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Meredith Palenik
Jessica Ribeiro
Cristina Santos

Benedictine Academy, Elizabeth

Andreia D. Cost
Laura Parente
Christina Santos

St. Mary of the Assumption High School, Elizabeth

Giselle Sedano
Antonia Ortega-Rocha
Stephanie Rengifo

Saint Patrick High School, Elizabeth

Stephanie DiFonzo
Carene Petrie
Sylvie Saintus

Roselle Catholic Regional High School, Roselle

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Amanda Brennan
Matthew D’Agostino

Michelle Dawidziak
Anthony Desimone
Nicholas Dimakos
Noriel Esteron
John Foster
Daniel Kennedy
Jill Kropa
Patricia Moniz
Katie Potchney
Matthew Salmi
Rita Santora

Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains

Amanda Ballate
Christopher Boyar
Nathalie Cortex
Alexandria Farawell
Christina Iafe
Brian Navoa

Joseph Torella
James Yeager

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, Summit

Colleen Kling
Alison Pasciucco
Kristen Patteson
Lauren Petrozziello
Rita Schmidt
Kathleen Tumelty

Oratory Preparatory School, Summit

Christopher Esposito
Brendan Hughes
Brian Lee
Patrick Kennedy
John Schlegel



The Newark Rotary kicked off the 2003-04 school year’s Dictionary Project at Saint Michael School, Newark. From left to right, past president Richard Russo, school principal Linda Cerino, past district governor Bob Pityo and current president Irene Daniels were on hand to give out brand new dictionaries to third graders. The endeavor, which was begun in New Jersey by Pityo to support literacy, will see the distribution of 6,000 dictionaries to third graders in all parochial, chartered and public schools in Newark and public schools in Irvington. Students receiving their new books are, left to right, Asia Lugo, Myles Sepulveda, Michelle Jiron and Junior Jativa.

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CCS program offers assistance to immigrant children

BY MEAGHAN E. TUOHEY-KAY, ESQ.
Special to The Catholic Advocate

Each year nearly 5,000 unaccompanied children arrive in the United States. These children come to the United States fleeing sweatshops, the sex trade, or abusive homes. They come searching for family members or because they know that America is the "home of the free."

The Immigration Assistance Program at Catholic Community Services assists immigrant children who are the victims of abuse by helping them to gain lawful immigration status. Once these children have gained lawful status, they become eligible for many social and economic benefits, including health care and higher education.

Without status, these children will live as "illegal immigrants," or worse, be deported to the countries from which they fled abuse.

In order to remain in this

country legally, children need the assistance of qualified legal counsel. Immigration laws are complex and the sections dealing specifically with children are particularly esoteric. At Catholic Community Services, our Immigration Assistance Program has experience in dealing with a wide range of immigration issues affecting children.

Certain children may qualify for Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) status. This immigration status permits children who are victims of abuse, neglect or abandonment to become lawful permanent residents (i.e., obtain a "green card").

A child is eligible for SIJ status if he/she is dependent on a child welfare agency or a non-parent adult for care, and that dependency is on account of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. In the past, CCS has sought SIJ status for developmentally delayed children

who were abandoned by their parents and children who have fled incest.

Our program also accepts referrals from the Division of Youth and Family Services regarding immigrant children in their care.

In addition to SIJ, many children also qualify for political asylum. This relief is for individuals who have suffered past persecution or have a well-founded fear of future persecution based on their race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a social group.

This application must be made within one year of arriving in the United States and requires a great deal of evidence. As a result, many children are unable to present a clear case for asylum. A child may not be able to articulate why his or her family was targeted and may suffer more profoundly from post-traumatic stress.

Attorneys for children who have suffered trauma need specialized training to elicit the complete story from their

clients as well as an in-depth knowledge of asylum law in order to fully present a case.

Many children present in the United States are not only the victims of abuse but may have also been smuggled here as part of a human trafficking ring. These children are held in forced labor situations, frequently involving prostitution.

A relatively new form of relief, called a "T visa," is intended for victims of trafficking. However, this form of relief is rarely used due to the secretive nature of the crime of trafficking and the hesitancy of victims to come forward.

By focusing on children who are the victims of abuse, the Immigration Assistance Program at Catholic Community Services is providing help and creating hope to the most vulnerable in our society.

This article is meant to give general information and not intended to provide specific legal advice. If you have any questions about your immigration status you should speak to a qualified attorney.

Ms. Tuohey-Kay is the Managing Attorney of the Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Assistance Programs at Catholic Community Services.

Speaking contest eyes governmental issues

An area high school student with exceptional public speaking skills will soon earn \$10,000 when the Guarini Center for Governmental Affairs at Saint Peter's College holds its third annual Oratorical Contest.

Metropolitan area high school

students are eligible to enter the contest that will be held on Saturday, March 6 on the College's Jersey City campus.

Registration deadline is Feb. 6. Interested students should contact Laura Cristiano at 973-226-0660, x 14 or lauracrist@aol.com.

Speakers, in a speech no longer than 10 minutes, will "identify the most important challenge facing the United States in the 21st century." Three preliminary rounds will conclude with the finals where the top six students will split \$19,500 in total cash prizes, with the winner taking home \$10,000.

Last year's competition attracted more than 125 students from 75 area private and public high schools. Karen Pormento, now a senior at St. Mary High School, Jersey City, captured the top prize.

"Saint Peter's College and the Guarini Center have combined to give a great opportunity for many of the area's brightest and best students to showcase their ability to express themselves," said Honorable Frank J. Guarini, a former United States Congressman who founded the Guarini Center. "Public speaking is such a valuable asset, and it has become evident to me over the past couple of years that the younger generation has not lost the art."

Rules of the contest are strict and follow the National Catholic Forensic League bylaws. Speeches, which will be judged on originality and interest, must be memorized and composed only by the student delivering it. Visual and audio-visual aids are not permitted.

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Office of Black Catholic Affairs reaches out to everyone

BY LIESL FORES
Staff Reporter

“Bringing Black Catholics together” is a “major role” of the Archdiocesan Office of Black Catholic Affairs, asserts Tracey Battles, Director.

The department’s mission is “To provide leadership in coordination programs for Black Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark and to unify the diverse group of Catholics who are members of the Black community.”

The office, which was founded by Archbishop Peter Leo Gerety in 1981, serves as “a resource for different offices and parishes in the Archdiocese that serve Black Catholics,” noted Battles, adding, “We really connect with a lot of parish-

es.” Battles, who works with Deacon Marshall Andrews, Coordinator, says, “We’ve been lucky enough to have people come in and volunteer...to help support the office.”

With 24,000 African-American Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark, they have their work cut out for them.

“You have to develop a relationship with pastors, parishes and other offices,” Battles explains. Acting as a liaison to the Archdiocese for parishes and parish leaders, he also interacts with other Archdiocesan offices.

“We work with Family Life Ministries, the Worship Office, the Schools Office and the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children,” he mentioned in particular.

Some annual events include a Mass and celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Queen of Angels Parish, Newark, the site of a visit by the late Civil Rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Another is a prayer service for St. Josephine Bakhita, the first African woman to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church in the 21st century.

There are also various workshops on relevant topics throughout the course of the year.

Last year the office coordinated visits from choirs at different high schools to come and sing at the chancery building for Advent, Black History Month and Lent.

And this past August, the department organized a day of

reflection for Black Catholic women at Seton Hall University. The theme was “Behold the Virtuous Woman,” which explored the spirituality of women in the Church. Three hundred-ten women from throughout New Jersey attended.

The event ended with a Mass celebrated by Father Anselm Nwadrugu, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Newark.

Encouraged by the turnout, Battles emphasized, “We want this to be an annual event.

“We try to make sure there’s a spiritual aspect to anything we do,” he added.

Other important events include an annual dinner with Black clergy and a breakfast meeting with African-American deacons twice a year.

Battles points out that there are four “men of color” serving as administrators or pastors in the Archdiocese: Father Beaubrun Ardouin, Administrator, St. Leo Parish, Irvington; Father Josephat Kato Kalema, O.C.S.O., S.T.D., Administrator, St. Rocco Parish, Newark; Father Anselm Nwadrugu, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo, Newark, and Father Peter Batts, O.P., Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Jersey City.

In addition, there are nine African-American deacons in the Archdiocese, including Deacon Andrews, all ministering at different parishes.

Battles, who is treasurer for the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators and on the Board of Trustees for the National Black Catholic Congress, makes sure that the Archdiocese is represented at important and pertinent events and organizations.

This year, the Archdiocese of Newark will host the annual meeting for the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators taking place at the Gateway Hilton in Newark in September.

The Office of Black Catholic Affairs is also the Archdiocese’s representative for organizations such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Describing in his own words the office’s role, Deacon Andrews explains that the department is “a catalyst for bringing to

the Archdiocese contributions of significant people in the African-American population, in terms of gifts, knowledge and past experience, in order to enable all of us—African-Americans and non-African-Americans—in the Archdiocese to understand the richness of diversity and how it relates to Scripture. That’s one of the biggest contributions.

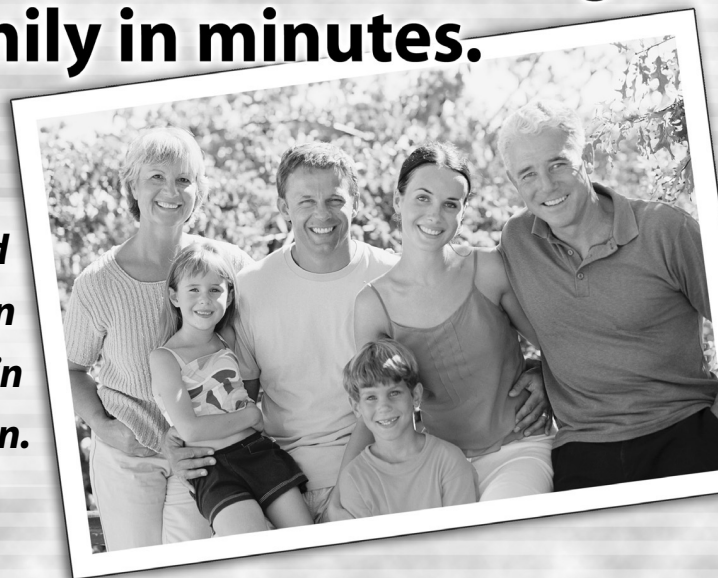
“Our department serves as an entity to bring all of us—everyone in the Archdiocese—the story of the Gospel. That’s most important. Our mission is not just to African-American people... it’s for everybody. [It’s] bringing the story of the living Bible to the Archdiocese as we live day by day. When we receive the Eucharist, we are accepting

God’s love for all people. We need to be constantly reminded of this. And all departments at the Archdiocesan center do this,” he concluded.

Battles assures that despite challenges such as budget cuts, Black Catholic Affairs “continues to bring a vital ministry and have an important role in the Archdiocese.”

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Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on his last visit to Newark, March 28, 1968, one week before he was killed in Memphis, Tennessee. From the Queen of Angels Parish archives.

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Evangelization

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lived and waited for your return if you strayed off the path. He knew and loved you so well that he welcomed you home “when the world and its people would cast you aside.”

About 30 years later, around 1967, Carey spoke about the Church in a much different way, that indicated the change of times. In an unpublished paper responding to the question, “What can be done by the Church for the problems of the inner city?” he identified what he called the attitude of paternalism that “creates an atmosphere where leadership cannot grow.

“The first contribution the Church can make to the solutions of problems of the inner city must be the resolution that we will have a supportive rather than a directive role...We will support the black community in the cities of our Archdiocese by giving them the tools to solve their own problems...Blacks can do it; we should support.”

Both Ahern and Carey established a tone in the parish that engendered respect for the people and invited and encouraged

their involvement, but ways that were adapted for the times in which they lived.

By the time the 1967 riots occurred, Queen of Angels was one of the busiest places in Newark. It was the Mecca to which white Catholics turned for answers to the questions why did the riots happen and what could be done to change things. The process of providing answers involved Willie Wright, a black parishioner and convert to Catholicism, inviting whites to tour Newark’s inner city to discover the reality of living there. The experience, which was well attended, led to a Day of Understanding, which provided a forum for brainstorming for viable steps to take toward change.

From that day, Operation Understanding was organized, an interracial, inner city-suburban coalition that worked on several fronts to improve the lives of the Newark community. A Palm Sunday march was planned for April 7, 1968, to again tour the inner city, but to also show a solid front of brother and sisterhood among both urbanites and suburbanites, blacks and whites. When Jewish organizations expressed an interest in the march, the name was changed to the Walk for Understanding.

As a result of the tragic death of Martin Luther King on April 4, 1968, 25,000 people came together on April 7 for the Walk for Understanding throughout the inner city of Newark. King had visited Queen of Angels not long before that, and the parish served as the Newark headquarters for his Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the

Poor People’s Campaign.

Just months earlier, riots broke loose expressing anger, despair and frustration in the face of poverty, discrimination and oppression. But on that day, arising out of the constant evangelizing of others and themselves, Queen of Angels gave birth to a day that proclaimed that people of whatever class or color contained within themselves the potential for love and understanding. On a

day when other cities throughout the United States burned, people came and walked quietly through the South Ward and listened to Msgr. Carey speak of the great modern prophet, Martin.

Excerpt from “Queen of Angels: An Example of Evangelization in the African-American Community” by Mary A. Ward, Ph.D., the Archbishop Gerety Lecture at Seton Hall University, Nov. 12, 2003.

African culture, art and spirit celebrated

The Society of African Missions (SMA) and, African Art Museum, Tenaflly, are conducting Celebrate Black History Month, a series of free Sunday afternoon family programs at the SMA American Province Headquarters.

“Come enjoy the food, music, dance and spirit of African culture and learn about important issues facing Africa today. Each week will offer a cultural entertainment program and a Mission Moments segment, giving brief insights into current challenges facing Africa from the perspective of an SMA missionary,” said spokeswoman Linda Telesco.

The schedule of events includes: Feb. 8, SMA Main Hall, 2:30 p.m. Mission Moments: AIDS in Africa; 3 p.m. An Introduction to African Dance Class, 45 minutes. African dancer/teacher Juanita Hameed will lead an introductory-level class in West African

dance. Hameed is co-director of the Hameed African Dance & Drum Ensemble of Teaneck, where she also teaches dance in community education programs. She will be accompanied by a drummer from the Ensemble.

Feb. 15, African Art Museum, 2:30 p.m. Mission Moments: African Debt & Attempts to Resolve It; 3 p.m. An Afternoon at the Museum & Movies, 60 minutes.

Feb. 22, SMA Main Hall; 2:30 p.m. Mission Moments: Women in Africa; 3 p.m. African Drumming With Adisa/Workshop, 45 minutes.

Storyteller/musician Adisa Bankole will lead an African drumming workshop.

Feb. 29, SMA Main Hall, 2:30 p.m. Mission Moments: Civil Strife in Africa & Its Social Consequences; 3 p.m. The African-American Spirit in Song, 45 minutes.

The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Archbishop issues mandatum to Felician College's faculty

Full-time faculty members in the Religious Studies and Graduate Religious Education programs at Felician College have received the mandatum from Archbishop John J. Myers of the Newark Archdiocese.

Requirement for the mandatum dates back to the promulgation of the 1983 Code of Canon Law. Canon 812 states that faculty teaching Catholic theological disciplines at Catholic colleges and univer-

ed them to Archbishop Myers.

Dr. Henchy noted that receiving the mandatum is in keeping with Felician College's commitment to serve the wider Church community. Felician offers a fully online M. A. in Religious Education Degree (33 credits), a Graduate Certificate in Religious Education (18 credits), and a post-master's Certificate in Religious Education (18 credits). The graduate student body is made up of directors/coordinators of religious education, parochial grade and high school religion teachers, pastoral associates, religious education volunteers, youth ministers, clergy and vowed Religious from 25 states.

Felician offers a ministerial discount of up to 50 percent to qualified persons in paid or volunteer ministry. Felician also offers a 24 credit face-to-face undergraduate certificate program in religious studies both on-campus and at three on-site locations in Bridgewater, Edison and Old Bridge.



Left to right: Dr. Dolores Henchy, Chair, Online Graduate Programs in Religious Education; Dr. Donald Casey; Brother Kevin Smith, O.S.F., Ph.D.; Rev. Dr. John O'Neill, IV; Dr. Mara Kelly Zukowski, Chair of Undergraduate Religious Studies, and Dr. Gerard O'Sullivan, Dean of the Division of Arts and Sciences.

Under the Holy Father's 1990 apostolic constitution on higher education, *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* (From the Heart of the Church), all faculty of Catholic theological disciplines at Catholic colleges and universities must hold the mandatum, acknowledgement by the local bishop that a professor of Catholic theology has pledged to teach within the doctrinal norms and guidelines of the Magisterium of the Church.

sities should seek the mandatum from their bishops.

Dr. Dolores Henchy, Chair of Felician's online M. A. in Religious Education program, gathered faculty letters requesting the mandatum and forwarded them to Bishop J. Arthur Serrattelli, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, who present-



Father Joseph F. Barbone, Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Bayonne, cuts the ribbon at the school's Rev. Joseph F. Barbone Library. On hand for the ceremony were religious education students and program director Nordie Pacheco; life-long parishioner Mayor Joseph V. Doria; City Council President Vincent LoRe; Damian Adrisano of the Bayonne Chapter of UNICO; Deacon William Giordano; Parochial Vicar Father Javier Cabezas, and several parishioners.

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They said to him, Rabbi,
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"Come and see,"

He answered.

John 1:38-39

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following
after Jesus
as a Priest,
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A veces no es bueno ser demasiado amable y cortés

POR EL MONSEÑOR RICHARD MC GUINNESS
Director de la oficina Respeto a la vida

Ser amable generalmente significa ser educado y bondadoso, tratando de no ofender a los demás. Pero si alguien dice mentiras de tí, y tu no haces nada para aclararlo, otros pueden pensar que lo que se dijo de tí era cierto. Podrías perder tu buen nombre y reputación. Tienes el derecho y el deber de rectificarlos, para protegerte. Si alguien dice que la carne contaminada no es peligrosa de comer, cuando tú sabes que lo es, y no lo dices, otros pueden sufrir enfermedades graves y aun morir por tu silencio. Si alguien dice que el aborto es simplemente remover un pedazo de tejido, no un diminuto ser humano, y no decimos nada, en vez de rectificarlo, porque queremos ser “amables”, entonces estamos fallando en defender

el derecho a la vida de pequeños niños que no pueden hablar en defensa de ellos mismos. Cuando fallamos en hablar en contra de los que sienten que las vidas de los ancianos, personas con defectos físicos o mentales o con enfermedades terminales no merecen estar vivos, puedes de la misma manera crear la impresión de que está bien “exterminarlos” como si fueran animales. Fallar en hablar por el derecho a la vida de otros, por miedo a ofender al prójimo no está bien. Indica falta de valor, falta de compasión para aquellos cuyas vidas están en peligro por nuestro silencio. Cuando estemos ante Dios para ser juzgados, no se nos va a preguntar si fuimos amables. Se nos preguntará, ¿ “Por qué no hablaste y dijiste la verdad, y defendiste a mis pequeños amigos y a mis amigos desvalidos?” ¿Cuál será nuestra respuesta?

Observaciones pensamientos mientras desempeño un importante deber cívico

POR MONSEÑOR JOHN GILCHRIST
Párroco de “Holy Christ” en Harrison, N.J.

En este momento estoy sentado en un lugar en el que preferiría no estar. Estoy en el Salón de Juicios del Tribunal del Condado de Hudson. No es que me estén juzgando a mí. Yo he sido llamado a servir como jurado, o para ser más exacto, voy a servir en un Gran Jurado. Ciertamente este es un deber cívico. Pero para cualquier persona ocupada esto es un inconveniente o, por lo menos, una carga de las peores. Pero esto es un esfuerzo requerido por la administración de justicia. Y si yo, como sacerdote, trato de “zafarme” de esta obligación, es posible que lo logre, pero ¿cómo voy a poder predicar sobre nuestras obligaciones para con la sociedad? Cuando uno se adentra en lo que es nuestro sistema de justicia, es como estudiar la naturaleza humana. Probablemente la mayoría de los ciudadanos creerían encontrar una situación como las que nos enseñan en los episodios de “law and order”, con hombres y mujeres acusados de crímenes batiéndose en duelo con los fiscales acusadores. Infortunadamente, al menos para mí, el sistema judicial es más bien como una confirmación del pecado original. Raramente yo me encuentro con la maldad misma, es decir un tipo de crimen frío, calculado, duro, que emana de un alma satánica. Más bien lo que encontramos es un desfile de seres humanos patéticos, cogidos en infracciones pueriles o añiñadas de la ley. Cualquier maestro, por lo menos a nivel de Bachillerato, reconocerá los tipos de gentes que pasan por nuestros tribunales. Son los “niños y niñas malos” que pasaron por nuestras aulas y salones de estudio y que nunca supieron aprender ni supieron crecer. Por ejemplo, en los tribunales de problemas familiares vemos a las jóvenes, llevando a rastras a varios niños, que se han enredado con valentones que han llegado a ser sus amantes o sus esposos. Estos hombres parecen creer que ellos son “los dueños” de esas mujeres y que por eso las pueden maltratar con impunidad. Las órdenes que expiden los tribunales para tratar de evitar esos resultados, son ya parte habitual de sus vidas.

También tenemos los tribunales de divorcio, donde adultos discuten como niños sobre problemas monetarios de mantenimiento y custodia de los hijos. Los jueces se convierten en árbitros entre gente que se acusan unos a otros como cuando los niños eran llamados ante el superior de la escuela para aclarar lo que había pasado entre ellos. En el tribunal que atiende los conflictos entre los dueños de casas y sus inquilinos encontramos los dueños que están tratando de desalojar a los inquilinos o de sacarles más dinero. Y también vemos a los malos inquilinos que maltratan y destruyen las casas y a lo mejor ni pagan los alquileres. Este tipo de tribunal es una pesadilla para los jueces. Pero en todo caso esto casi siempre se reduce a los esfuerzos de algunos para tratar de abusar de otros buscando una ganancia personal. En el Gran Jurado, los jurados solamente tienen que decidir si el caso debe ir a juicio o no. El 95% de los casos presentados son abiertos y cerrados. Gente tonta e irresponsable hacen cosas que no debían hacer. Ellos juegan a los “policías y ladrones” con policías jóvenes y terminan viéndose enredados en el sistema. En los jurados ordinarios, donde hay un juicio ante el tribunal, la mentira es el pan nuestro de cada día. Con algunos testigos uno puede decidir fácilmente cuando están mintiendo, porque no pueden evitar el movimiento de sus labios. Son iguales que los niños sorprendidos con la mano en la caja de los dulces. Es increíble como tergiversan la verdad. La peor parte de todo esto es que personas irresponsables le cuestan al resto de la sociedad una fortuna en impuestos. Cuando se suman los gastos del enjuiciamiento, la sentencia y el encarcelamiento, los gastos consecuencia de su falta de sentido común son enormes. Me parece estar oyendo a Isaías: “Justicia, la justicia prevalecerá entonces”. Y también oigo a Puck: “Qué tontos son estos mortales”. También pienso en Nuestro Señor crucificado por estos mismos tontos mortales. Y me maravillo al pensar que nuestro Divino Creador cree que nosotros, los seres humanos, somos dignos de Su sufrimiento. Pero eso es lo que hace a Dios, Dios: Su Divina Compasión por todos nosotros, aun los más rebeldes.

Se reafirma la oposición a la pena de muerte

(CNS) – Proclamando que Dios es el único que tiene el derecho a tomar la vida humana, el Obispo Paul G. Bootkoski de Metuchen le dijo a los miembros de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, en Whitehouse Station, que el hombre acusado del asesinato del anterior párroco de esa iglesia, el Padre Florian G. Gall, no debería recibir la pena de muerte si era condenado. El Padre Gall, que había servido a la parroquia por 20 años, y había sido el vicario episcopal para el Condado de Hunterdon desde 2001, fue uno de las posibles 40 personas supuestamente asesinadas por el enfermero certificado de 43 años Charles Cullen de Bethlehem, PA. Cullen está acusado de dar al Padre Gall una dosis fatal de digoxin, un medicamento que disminuye el ritmo del corazón. El Padre Gall murió el 28 de Junio de fallo del corazón en el Centro Médico de Somerset, donde Cullen estaba trabajando en ese tiempo. En una homilía en una Misa el 21 de Diciembre, el Obispo Bootkoski dijo a los parroquianos de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes que él había venido para “ver como se podían consolar unos a otros.” El Obispo Bootkoski enfatizó, “ Dios es el autor de la vida”, y señaló las tragedias que surgen cuando las personas toman la vida humana en sus propias manos. “Este hombre (Charles Cullen) es acusado de querer ser Dios, de decidir por él mismo quien vivirá y quien morirá,” él dijo. “Esta misma manera de pensar está en nuestras leyes, particularmente con esta nueva ley aprobada que, en efecto, permite la clonación con los humanos.” Tomar la vida de Cullen no es lo que la Iglesia enseña, el Obispo dijo. ¿Es ese el mensaje del Evangelio? Tú tomaste la vida de Florian, ahora vamos a tomar la tuya?” Reconociendo que es una reacción natural y muy humana para buscar venganza, el obispo le recordó a la congregación de Dios que Dios no se vengó sino que mandó a Su único Hijo para redimir a los pecadores. “El Catolicismo es una religión fuerte, dura,” el obispo añadió. “El perdón es la base de nuestra fe. Por eso somos llamados a ser compasivos, a amar a aquellos que pecan contra nosotros.” La pena de muerte no ha sido descartada, aunque el defensor público de Cullen, Johnnie Mask, ha dicho que el acusado no brindará más cooperación a la investigación que se está llevando a cabo a no ser que los fiscales esten de acuerdo en no pedir la pena de muerte. Culllen le dijo a los fiscales a mediados de Diciembre que él era responsable por tantas como 40 muertes que tuvieron lugar en 10 facilidades médicas de New Jersey y de Pennsylvania en sus 16 años de carrera de enfermero. El Oispo Bootkoski sugirió que una sentencia de cadena perpetua, sin indulto, sería un castigo más apropiado para Cullen si era culpable. Refiriéndose a las circunstancias que rodeaban la muerte del Padre Gall, el Obispo Bootkoski enfatizó que el plan de Dios no es siempre sabido o comprendido. “Quizás este era el plan de Dios para Florian, que aun en su muerte tenía un ministerio que cumplir,” él dijo. “Cuando se estaba muriendo, hizo saber sus sospechas y el efecto del dominó tuvo lugar. Su muerte ha salvado a muchas más vidas.” A pesar de la trágica pérdida de su pastor, la comunidad de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes tiene mucho que agradecer, por lo que el Obispo Bootkoski dijo. “Tenemos que agradecer al Padre Gall el renacimiento aquí en esta parroquia, por hacer a Jesús real,” él dijo. “Y debemos dar gracias a Dios por el regalo de nuestra fe, el regalo de nuestra comunidad y el regalo de FlorianGall.”

Hospice charity ball set Feb. 21

The annual charity ball benefiting the Center for Hope and Palliative Care, Linden, will be held Feb. 21.

L'Affaire Banquet Center, Mountainside, will host the charity ball from 7:30 p.m. until midnight.

This year's honoree is Arthur Hynes, owner of Hynes Jewelers, Cranford. He will be the first recipient of the Coloney-Hudson Award.

The business, explains Robert J. Coloney, President and CEO, provides the Center with fund raising and advertising opportunities along with promotion of its mission.

The charity ball, notes Coloney, "has always been a tremendous draw since its inception in 1985. Over 400 individuals attend this event annually, which has enabled us to care for over 10,000 terminally ill people and their families."



BY ALAN DELOZIER

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Professor Blood and the Wonder Teams

Dr. Charles "Chic" Hess (Newark: Newark Abbey Press, 455 pages) ISBN 0-9664459-4-5

In the first few lines of his preface, author Dr. Charles "Chic" Hess expressed that "...Professor Ernest Blood [is] not a name one easily forgets nor, as it turns out, a man one easily forgets..." which accounts for part of the motivation in writing this story. This statement also proves prophetic for the reader of *Professor Blood and the Wonder Teams*, who will be treated to a top-notch work of scholarship on one of the most pivotal, yet forgotten figures in the annals of sports history.

Legendary coach courted success

Physical education instructor and basketball coach Ernest "Professor" Blood was a successful court tactician who taught his players a bold and innovative style of offensive play which resulted in a world record 159-game winning streak over the course of his five years at Passaic High School in New Jersey.

Blood's "Wonder Teams" courted popularity not only in the Garden State, but were an early proponent of intersectional play when they contested secondary schools from New England, New York and Pennsylvania along with various colleges and club squads around the region. Civic pride swelled to a fever pitch, but with success came criticism from school officials and political intrigue at the tail end of Blood's tenure in Passaic and prior to his stint as coach at West Point and later with the St. Benedict's Prep five of Newark.

He won more than 1,000 con-

tests in the course of his career as a head coach, but he sought more than anything to prepare his players for victory in the "game of life," which ultimately became his greatest accomplishment.

The book itself is an extremely well-researched and highly readable history highlighting the early years of scholastic basketball in New Jersey. Dr. Hess possesses the rare ability of combining a scholarly work with the depth of a mini-encyclopedia into an intriguing biographical study featuring scores of data, quotes and antidotal information about Professor Blood and his contemporaries both on and off the court.

The prose is also interspersed with game-by-game summaries, box scores and many images to compliment the text from an overview of the socio-economic history of Passaic right down to a detailed schematic of the high school basketball court



Ernest "Professor" Blood

where the "Wonder Five" created their legend.

Overall, Dr. Hess is to be congratulated for this well-balanced, thoughtful and passionate tribute to a true basketball pioneer.

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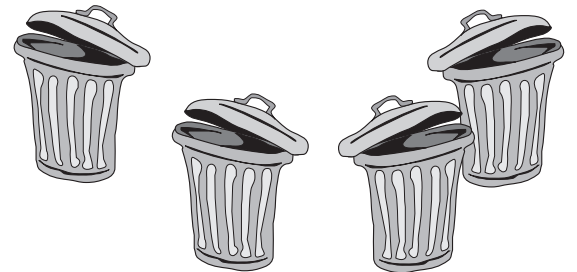
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The sixth grade girls' basketball team at St. Mary's, Dumont, were winners of this year's Christmas Tournament sponsored by their school. Team members include, left to right, bottom row, Jaclyn McClinton, Maggie Wilson, Emily Emmet, Charissa Paquet, Katie Sylvester and Jaclyn Hrnica. In the top row are Nicole Sigtermans, Emily Jabel, Jennifer Capazzi, Chelsea Schwerzler, Melissa Hanna, Lisa Boettger and Coach Ray Schwerzler. Missing is Elizabeth McLaughlin.



OLS 'February Frenzy' nears

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, will hold its annual "February Frenzy" basketball tournament for ten consecutive days Friday, Feb. 13 through Sunday, Feb. 23.

The OLS Tournament is the oldest and longest-running grammar school tournament of its kind in this area.

Many students who have played in the tournament have gone on to play at the high school and college level. Our Lady of Sorrows' graduate Brevin Knight is a former Stanford University All-American and plays in the NBA as point guard for the Washington Wizards.

This year 15 schools from Essex, Morris and Union counties will compete. Some schools have entered teams from 3rd grade to 8th grade.

The student-athletes will be competing for one of the three coveted awards given at the OLS Tournament.

These three awards are in memory of outstanding alumni of Our Lady of Sorrows School: the Lt. Brian Daly Conlan, U.S.M.C. Most Valuable Player Award; the Staff Sgt. Peter S. Connor, U.S.M.C. Sportsmanship Award, and the Lt. John Richard McDonough, U.S.N. Best Defender Award.

These awards are given to the players that throughout the tournament have shown the best overall performance, provided the best example of sportsmanship on the court, and shown the best defensive efforts, regardless of whether it was for a winning or losing team.

A February Frenzy pep rally for the student-athletes and their families will be held Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. in the school gym.

For additional information visit the OLS School website at <http://www.ourladyofsorrowschool.org/> for complete game information.

Paramus Catholic H.S. 'air bubble' is a first

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

As part of an ongoing effort to accommodate growing enrollment rolls, Paramus Catholic High School will soon be the first school in the state with a hot air-filled bubble structure to accommodate its students' activities.

With a 72 percent increase in enrollment from 838 six years ago to 1,434 now, the high school was in need of a practice gym. Paramus Catholic is the largest private school in New Jersey.

The foundation is under construction. That should take several weeks. Once it is done the bubble can be inflated.

The school has already completed several other capital projects, including 20 classrooms, a weight room-training field house, the latest technology, science labs and 1,500-capacity bleachers.

The bubble project, explains School President James Vail, was part of a "to do list." It became

obvious, he explained, that the additional students and subsequent activities, particularly during the winter, required additional space. Space problems meant that some activities to go off-site.

The bubble is 35 feet high and covers four tennis courts, roughly the length of two football fields. There is no frame. One of the student activities that the bubble will accommodate is the school's largest program, cheerleading and dance. It will be used from November through April.

And the projects are not yet finished. As Vail describes it, the school is experiencing an "overwhelming response" of some 1,800 applicants for the next freshman class. On the drawing board are an additional four classrooms, prayer chapel and elevator.

Next year's enrollment is estimated at 1,500.

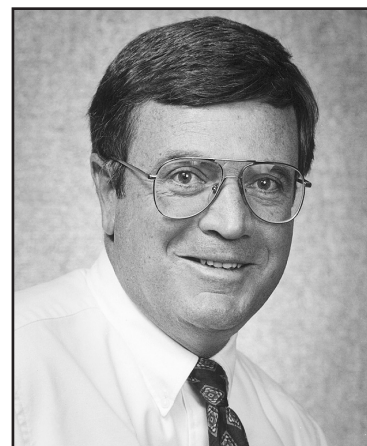
Seton Hall Prep AD honored

Seton Hall Prep Athletic Director Joseph Walsh has been selected by the New Jersey Football Officials Association as the recipient of their highest honor, the William Dioguardi Memorial Award.

The annual award is given to a non-member of the group who has made a significant contribution to interscholastic football in the state.

He received the award at the association's Dec. 4 awards dinner at the Brownstone in Paterson.

Walsh has been Athletic Director at the West Orange prep school since 1978. He was New Jersey Athletic Director of the Year in 1991. He began his career at Seton Hall in 1970,



Joseph Walsh

following his graduation from Boston College. He taught English and math and was Dean of Students before taking on his current position.

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March

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attended by an estimated 14-20,000 people, mostly teenagers—the journey for 19 individuals who gathered at St. Mary Parish, Nutley, from that community and other local parishes, began before 7 a.m. on a cold and dark morning.

Asked why she was venturing out this morning, Donna Valenti, parishioner at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Montclair, replied, “Our presence will bear witness to the truth of the sanctity of life and hopefully will touch the hearts of our fellow Americans.

Fred Minor, a parishioner at Holy Family, Nutley, asserted, “We need to let others know how we feel...People react to numbers. I’m going down to be a part of those numbers and to express what everyone there is expressing—that life is sacred.”

Once the bus departed just after 7:30 a.m., Father George Sharp, Parochial Vicar at St. Mary’s and coordinator of the trip, led the group in the Rosary.

Defending all life

Besides being a forum to speak out against abortion, Father Sharp stressed that the march draws attention to other issues as well.

“This is very important right now because of the many other assaults on life,” he said, naming in particular embryonic stem cell research bills and the practice of euthanasia. “Life is not seen as precious itself. The dignity and sacredness of each individual is not understood or accepted...It lies in the spirit, the soul...It’s what makes a person a person.”

Maureen Jones, a parishioner at St. Mary’s, was attending the march for the first time. “I’ve always been pro-life, but I’ve never done anything beyond donating money to [pro-life] causes. I thought it was time,” she explained.

At a rest stop in Maryland, the parking lot, rest rooms and fast food restaurants flooded with people descending from countless buses.

According to Joe, the bus driver for the St. Mary group, the previous two stops were much too crowded already—all filled with more buses headed to Washington.

Once at the site of the Ellipse, in front of the Washington Monument, the small group enthusiastically joined the thousands of people listening to President Bush deliver remarks

from New Mexico via a live telephone feed and speeches given by other pro-life legislators and religious leaders.

“Above all, we must continue with civility and respect to remind our fellow citizens that all life is sacred and worthy of protection,” affirmed President Bush.

Standing on one corner was a group of students from Central Catholic High School in Reading, PA. The teenagers seemed excited about the notion of being at a place where there were so many people from around the country. “It’s really cool coming down and seeing people from all over,” said Laura.

However, this wasn’t the only reason they were energized. All asserted they were pro-life, and that’s why they were at the march.

On the move

After the rally, formation of the immense crowd began for the march to the Capitol and the Supreme Court. Masses of people awaited their designated moment to fall into line onto blocked-off Constitution Avenue.

In the meantime, groups rallied each other by singing and cheering. A young man with blue hair from Rock for Life, a division of the Youth Outreach Program of American Life League, roused the multitude by using his bullhorn to get people on one side of the street to chant “Pro!” while the other side followed up with “Life!”

Jason Jones, director of the national organization, told *The Catholic Advocate* that the march is an opportunity “for activists to get to meet each other from all over the country.”

As the march began at 1:45 p.m., the breadth of people present became apparent. A constant stream of faces and signs passed from places as far away as California, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio and Rhode Island, and as nearby as Maryland, New York and New Jersey.

People in wheelchairs, using seeing-eye canes and pushing baby carriages processed alongside myriad youths and young adults, some leather-clad with pink or green hair and multiply-pierced, others dressed in jeans, sweatshirts and school jackets. Parents, grandparents and children walked together with clergy, Religious and seminarians.

Some members of the Knights of Columbus St. John’s Council 1345 from Bergenfield and Dumont cheered on marchers as they passed. The group has been coming for 31 years.

Joe and Camille Sbarra, parishioners at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Heightstown (Diocese of Trenton), were marching with their adopted son, 11-year-old Joseph. Both mother and son stressed, “Babies should be adopted, not aborted.”

“Adoption is the option. Abortion is not a choice,” added Mr. Sbarra.

Certain groups recited the Rosary as they made their way while others chatted with one another about pro-life issues. Some walked in silence, letting their signs speak for them.

After reaching their final destination, marchers who wished to visit legislators in their offices to drop off letters or sign petitions in protest of abortion and the Roe vs. Wade ruling waited on long lines.

Father Thomas P. Nydegger, Vice Rector at the Archdiocesan Immaculate Conception Seminary, who stood with his companions outside the federal buildings, pointed out that the seminarians have been coming as a group for more than 15 years.

“It’s a great trip and a pilgrimage for life. We pray, march, have fun and make a full day of it...We pray that we have a positive effect in support of life,” he noted.

On the way home, some of the group from St. Mary’s discussed their observations.

“It was my first time but it won’t be my last,” declared St. Mary parishioner Peggy Guiliano. “It was an absolutely wonderful turnout and a very peaceful demonstration.”

“I feel personally fulfilled. It was a pilgrimage,” commented Joe Mangano, a parishioner at St. Francis Xavier, Newark.

People of all ages, people from all over, people who attended for the first time and people who have been going for years—that is who made the march what it was. People defending the sanctity of life—that is what the march is about.



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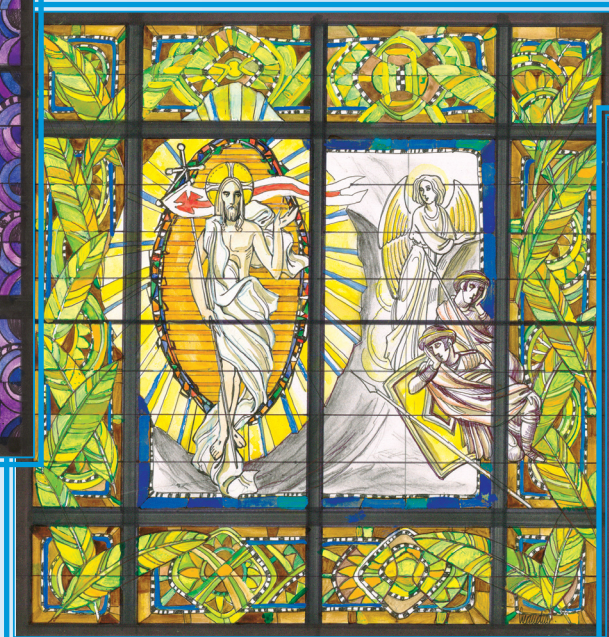


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Foreman Thomas Melito refurbished the cross. A new “INRI” inscription

plaque was made by Victor Ascensao, while Pedro Hernandez worked on the hands, feet and arms.

The cross is made of hemlock wood, and the Christ figure is bronze.

“Many thanks to Tom, Victor, and Pedro for a job well done. It is great to see their gifts and talents in action. Many visitors to Maryrest Cemetery have missed the Calvary scene,



and I am sure they find great comfort in the restoration,” said Andrew Schafer, Director of Catholic Cemeteries.



The craftsmanship of, left to right, Pedro Hernandez, Thomas Melito and Victor Ascensao, made the restoration possible.



The refurbished crucifix, back where it belongs, is a welcome sight.



Victor Ascensao puts the finishing touches on the base of the crucifix.



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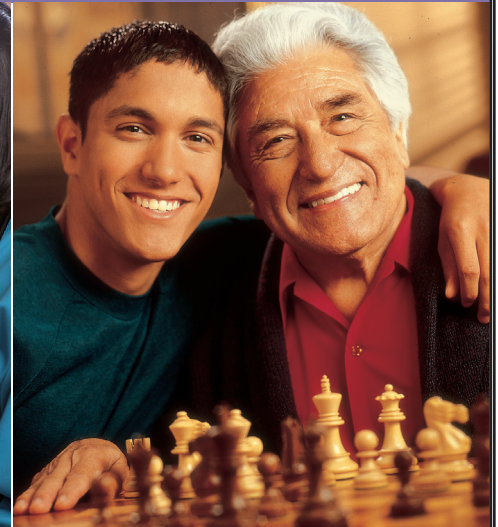
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