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Archbishop John J. Myers prays in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Hillside, the evening of Feb. 11, on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick. The Archbishop celebrated Mass and attended a parish reception afterward to commemorate the third anniversary of the chapel.

Advocate photo-Greg Tobin

Bishops stress Church teaching on Jesus' death

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Reporter

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has published a booklet reemphasizing the Church's teachings on the death of Jesus shortly before the theatrical release of Mel Gibson's controversial film *The Passion of the Christ* on Feb. 25, Ash Wednesday.

"The Bible, the Jews and the Death of Jesus: A Collection of Catholic Documents," includes the Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs 1988 document, "Criteria for the Evaluation of Dramatizations of the Passion."

Nostra aetate (In Our Time), the pivotal Second Vatican Council document, which stated, "Neither all Jews indiscriminately at that time, nor Jews today, can be charged with the crimes committed during the Passion," is also reprinted in the volume.

The American Jewish Committee of New Jersey (AJC) has also published a 41-page resource manual, which includes materials from Catholic, Protestant and Jewish sources on the subject of Passion Plays. The document also contains copies of *Nostra aetate* and the Bishops' 1988 guidelines.

"I think what makes our document stand apart is that it is directed at Christians and Jews collectively," noted Allyson M. Gall, New Jersey Area Executive Director for the AJC. "We hope that they will use it together—so that this can become a teaching moment."

"Things become problematic when taken out of context," Gall explained. "With the bishops' 1988 guidelines, the Church has recognized this. The guidelines make it clear exactly how you should evaluate this type of material," Gall added.

Some guidelines include: Jews should not be portrayed as avaricious, bloodthirsty or implacable enemies of Christ; any crowd or questioning scene, therefore, should reflect the fact that some in the crowd and among the Jewish leaders supported Jesus and that the rest were manipulated by His opponents, as is made clear in the Gospels, and Jesus and His teachings should not be portrayed as opposed to or by "the Pharisees" as a group.

Jesus shared important Pharisaic doctrines that set them apart from other Jewish groups of the time, such as the Sadducees. In Luke, Pharisees attempt to warn Jesus of a plot against Him by the followers of Herod (13:31).

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Cathedral Healthcare System opens Regional Cancer Care Center in Newark

BY GREG TOBIN

Editor & Associate Publisher

With prayer and a blessing by Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, the Cathedral Regional Cancer Center officially opened its doors Feb. 18. Archbishop Myers and other state and local dignitaries attended the opening ceremony and reception at the 15,000-square foot facility.

In his remarks, the Archbishop reminded the audience that Jesus Himself was a healer and the exemplar of the commandment to love the human person. He praised the new center in Newark as an important and "holy" place, where patients can be cured and comforted.

The Regional Cancer Center, which is owned and operated by Cathedral Healthcare System, is located on the campus of Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark and is affiliated with the Department of Radiation Oncology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Donald M. Daniels, Chairman of Cathedral Health Care System, said, "New Jersey has the third highest incidence of cancer in the nation today, and nearly 45,000 new cases will be diagnosed this year alone in this state. The cost financially and emotionally of a diagnosis of cancer to residents is enormous."

He noted, "Individuals today seek the best cancer care and most advanced medical

expertise available. Based on the public need, the Cathedral Regional Cancer Center will now benefit residents by offering a level of cancer care previously only found in a few cities in the metropolitan area and at the same time saving them the cost and inconvenience of traveling to other areas."

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Statistics, history of allegations published by all U.S. dioceses

The study of sexual abuse of minors by members of the clergy commissioned by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in 2002 has been released by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice team who were engaged to research the phenomenon over the past 50 years.

The report covers all 195 American dioceses, and each diocese, including the Archdiocese of Newark, has or will release figures related to allegations, substantiated and prosecuted cases and means of dealing with misconduct by diocesan and Religious priests and deacons.

A report in this edition of *The Catholic Advocate*, a historical accounting of clergy sexual abuse of minors in the Archdiocese since 1950, is printed as a special supplement, beginning on page S1.

The life and times of your Catholic newspaper

As the staff of *The Catholic Advocate* pulled together this edition of the newspaper over the past week, I had reason to reflect upon just how much real news there is in this newspaper.

There is also plenty of news about the Church in our Archdiocese and around the world that simply doesn't make it into print, or that gets only brief space in our pages.

First, the abundance of "real news." We are now in the season of Lent. In addition to announcing the Archdiocesan Lenten regulations (in the Feb. 4 issue of the paper), the *Advocate* announces retreats and Ash Wednesday services, parish and university events galore, as well as breaking stories, local, national and international in scope.

Think of two stories in particular that are on virtually every Catholic's mind today. The John Jay College of Criminal Justice has released its study of the history of clergy sexual abuse of minors in every diocese in the United States over the past 50 years, which has been anticipated for many months. The Archbishop's definitive statement on this study, the facts and spiritual implications for all of us, can be found on pages S1-S4.

Also, Mel Gibson's film, *The Passion of the Christ*, has entered 4,000 theatres across the country within the past 24 hours, to much fanfare and criticism. I personally have rarely heard such "buzz" among fellow Catholics about anything (other than scandals) in the past two or three decades.

We will follow both of these major news stories, as well as others, in the coming weeks.

Your Archdiocesan newspaper is responsible to bring you the information as well as the perspective of sound Church teaching on such important, timely

On the Table

By Greg Tobin



issues. But, as is the case in this issue, there is so much more to report, as well.

Second, why so much "good news" does not see print. This is a function of time and space—literally, column inches in a 28-40 page biweekly newspaper. I, with colleagues and under the direction of our episcopal leadership, must make choices as to what can be "crammed in" to each and every edition of *The Catholic Advocate*.

Fortunately, many of the parishes and schools and other persons and institutions of the Archdiocese freely share information and photographs with our news staff. If the information gets to us, and it is legitimately a part of the life of the Church, we'll try to get it in. Along with advertising that helps to underwrite the cost of the paper, we will fit as much as we can on every page.

There has recently been reporting in local secular papers about the work of the schools and parish task forces, which is a story that will interest all of our readers. Stay tuned to these pages for more information about that.

Third, a note on the role of the Catholic/diocesan press in the local Church. This is Catholic Press Month, a time for the publishers and leaders (that is, the bishops) and the working journalists (we "ink-stained" scribes) to reflect on our mutual roles in the ongoing process of building the Church. We do this in a cooperative, Christian spirit, bringing our professional skills and talents to bear.

We hope that on our part, as the newspaper, we are fulfilling our mission.

In the spirit of Lenten reconciliation and renewal, allow me to share a recent "sin of omission" on my part. I was caught out by the secretary in my own parish's office when I asked a question to which her reply was: "It was in the bulletin on Sunday!"

I begged her not to tell my pastor. (By now he knows, if he is reading this column.) I was abashed not only because it is my responsibility as a parishioner to read my parish bulletin—but because it contained the "real news" and information that I was actually looking for...if only I had opened the pages and read it.

And because it is carefully and lovingly put together for me—for all members of my parish—by fellow believers as part of their ministry. Just as this Archdiocesan newspaper is published for a wider readership, with love and commitment to the Gospel message of Christ.

So, when you read the Archbishop's report to the faithful of the local Church of Newark on the history of clergy abuse of minors, when you scan the events throughout the parishes and read the history of one particular parish in this issue, when you read the news and commentary about the film, *The Passion of the Christ*, know that each is a thread in a seamless garment (not a perfect garment, nor perfectly woven) that is the Church—our Church, our children's Church, Christ's Church, the Church beyond our own time to eternity.

Information as well as the perspective of sound Church teaching on issues.

Stewardship

Opening the door to personal commitment

BY ANDREW KACZYNSKI
Associate Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese

One of the most frequently asked questions about convincing people to adopt stewardship as a way of life is: "How can we get people interested in actually volunteering their time and talent?"

A Stewardship Fair may be the answer for your parish—an event at which each parish organization and ministry sets up a booth or table to inform parishioners what it is all about. A fair puts potential volunteers in face-to-face communication with people who have experience with volunteer activities at the parish.

A fair invites personal commitment and gives potential volunteers a chance to find out what kinds of stewardship opportunities are available to them. The excitement of volunteers rubs off on others who are just in the "thinking it over" stage.

In addition, a Stewardship Fair is a celebration of the participation, contributions and importance of the work of those in parish ministry. It allows all parishioners to recognize with pride the value provided by the parish volunteers.

The festival is a method of focusing attention on the stewardship of time and talent and educating parishioners on the importance of involvement in the life of the Church. Stewardship Fairs can great-

ly enhance the success of your annual stewardship renewal if planned and executed correctly.

There are several reasons for this. Fairs bring people together who are already involved with various organizations.

With proper planning, fairs can attract many new faces from the parish, bringing even more people together at one time.

Fairs provide two things for people that they need: a social type gathering and information about parish life that needs to be known by as many people as possible.

Fairs do not deal with the treasure aspects of stewardship. Instead they focus directly on time and talent.

The ultimate goal of a Stewardship Fair is to increase the levels of ministry, participation and involvement. Making a commitment to the Church will help volunteers to grow in their relationship with God and with each other.

The purposes of a Stewardship Fair are to: Celebrate. A Stewardship Fair is an opportunity to celebrate the life of a parish—its mission, ministries, diversity, character. Showcasing the min-

Fairs bring people together who are already involved.

istries and activities of the parish helps all members witness the vast array of gifts in the faith community, and it encourages them to share their gifts to help foster the parish's mission. The fair should be a festive event.

Spur interest. A fair will increase the likelihood of a parishioner to make a time or talent commitment. This interest may be in a leadership position or in a participatory role.

Increase general knowledge. A fair will help all parishioners in attendance to learn more about what is

going on at the parish. They will feel better about the parish and will thus be more inclined to support it and enhance their membership by utilizing some of the services and ministries.

Enhance mission. Help the ministries and organizations involved increase their effectiveness by developing a greater sense of who they are and what their mission is or should be.

For help in conducting a Stewardship Fair in your parish or for assistance with any stewardship efforts, please do not hesitate to contact the Stewardship Office at (973) 497-4332.



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Consecrated life celebrated

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

Embracing the will of God through the “true gift of self” was a central theme of Archbishop John J. Myers at this year’s World Day for Consecrated Life service. Speaking to Religious men and women from throughout the Archdiocese on Monday evening, Feb. 2 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, the Archbishop thanked God for those in consecrated life and the Religious for their “contribution to the Church.” Looking out into the congregation, Archbishop Myers said he was “extremely pleased” with the many seminarians in attendance. A highlight of the prayer service, attended by family and friends of the local clergy, was the traditional renewal of com-

mitment. Part of the commitment rite states, “I commit myself anew to serve the Church in the apostolate entrusted to my institute.” Referring to the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), Archbishop Myers noted that a person “truly discovers” himself or herself in the “gift of oneself.” One of the greatest gifts of consecrated life, he pointed out, is the “tremendous joy” of giving to the Church and world. Noting the “noble sacrifice” of completely embracing the will of God in consecrated life, Archbishop Myers said Religious “enrich” the life of the Church. The Archbishop also stressed the commitment to Jesus Christ that is central to consecrated life. Saying “we celebrate the gift of consecrated life,” Archbishop Myers stressed



With lit candles the Religious raise their voices in song to celebrate consecrated life.

discovery of oneself through self-giving. “Ultimately,” he continued, “we are children of God.” “Please know,” Archbishop Myers concluded, those in consecrated life can be assured of “continued prayer for happiness and growth in the Church.”

Parish catechesis on liturgy is focus of assemblies

A series of Adult Faith Formation Assemblies will take place next month at strategic locations throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. Sponsored by the Catechetical Office, the assemblies will take place on Thursday, March 11, Saturday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 24, 10 a.m. to noon. Scheduled topics include the Alpha program, Bible study, lay leadership formation and liturgy education. A Spanish language group is also scheduled. The March 11 session will take place at the St. Peter the Apostle Parish, River Edge, and will discuss lay leadership and the Alpha program. Making the presentations will be Gladys Pozza, Pastoral Associate for Catechetics at St. Lawrence, Weehawken, and Julie Burkey, a parish-ioner at St. Peter’s.

Director for Catechist Formation in the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, and the Alpha program led by Barbara D’Arrigo, Director of Religious Education at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Paramus. Also on March 13, Pozza and Burkey will repeat the sessions on lay leadership and the Alpha program at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Bayonne. The Bayonne parish will host the Spanish language session. The March 24 session will take place at St. Helen Parish, Westfield. This will feature presentations on liturgy education by Mary Ellen Mueller, Director of Music at St. Helen’s, and on Scripture from Scratch, by Mary Bertani, a therapist and adult faith formation leader who has led workshops in many parishes

around the Archdiocese. Each session will have two 10-15 minute focus presentations followed by discussion. Liturgy education will concentrate on a plan for total parish catechesis on liturgy involving ministers, congregation, children and adults. Scripture from Scratch is a video-based series on Scripture study published by St. Anthony Messenger Press. Alpha is a ten-week course that explores the basic beliefs of our faith while building community and fostering a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. A flier with complete information, directions and a registration form is available on the web site of the Catechetical Office at www.rcan.org/catechet.

Three sessions are scheduled for March 13. At St. Joseph Parish, Lodi, the topics will be “Scripture from Scratch,” hosted by Elizabeth Foer, Associate

Administrator is named as pastor

Father Beaubrun Ardouin, Administrator of St. Leo Parish, Irvington, since last March, has been appointed pastor, effective Feb. 4. Father Ardouin was appointed spiritual director of the Lay Missionaries of Charity for the Archdiocese two years ago. In August of 2001, he was named associate chaplain of the Supreme Council Columbiettes, for a period of two years, and in July of 2000, was appointed chaplain of the Bloomfield Columbiettes, Ladies Auxiliary Bloomfield Council, Knights of Columbus. He became parochial vicar of Holy Spirit and Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, East Orange, in January 2000. After being ordained in May 1993, he was appointed parochial vicar of Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter, Roselle.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

- Pastor/Essex County

Reverend Beaubrun Ardouin,
Administrator of St. Leo Parish, Irvington, has been appointed pastor, effective Feb. 4.

Reverend Raúl E. L. Comesañas,
Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Newark has been re-appointed to a second six-year term, ending Feb. 1, 2010.
- Pastor/Hudson County

Reverend Kazimierz Kuczynski,
Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Bayonne, has been appointed Pastor of St. Ann Parish, Jersey City, effective Mar. 1.
- Parochial Vicar/Essex County

Reverend Miroslaw Kusibab, C.S.M.A.
has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Casimir Parish, Newark, effective Feb. 2.

Reverend Richard A. Pfannenstiel
has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, effective Mar. 1.
- Parochial Vicar/Hudson County

Reverend Mario Dominic C. Sanchez
has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, North Bergen, effective Feb. 2.

- Other/Bergen County

Reverend Charles I. Anemelu,
Chaplain at Runnells Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights has been appointed Chaplain at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, Englewood with residence at Madonna Rectory, Fort Lee. This appointment was effective Feb. 1.

Reverend James M. Moran,
Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, has been appointed part-time Chaplain at The Valley Hospital, Ridgewood and part-time Chaplain at Pascack Valley Hospital, Westwood with residence at Our Lady of Good Counsel Rectory, Washington Township. The appointment is effective Mar. 1.
- Other/Hudson County

Reverend Thaddeus Stasik,
Pastor of St. Ann Parish, Jersey City, will retire from active ministry Mar. 1.



Bishop Marconi on Prayer

• St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, will host Bishop Dominic A. Marconi for a five-session seminar centering on prayer Tuesdays, starting March 2 and ending March 30. Sessions are 8-9:30 p.m. in the Religions Education Center of St. Aloysius School. Registration limited. Call (973) 635-8777, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Gerety Lecture

• Philip Jenkins, Ph.D., professor of history and religious studies at Penn State University, will lecture March 3 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Archbishop Gerety Lecture Series. His topic will be "Exploring the New Anti-Catholicism." The lecture will be held in Lewis Hall of the Immaculate Conception Seminary on the campus of Seton Hall University, South Orange. It is free and open to the public.

• The fourth annual William Noé Field University History and New Jersey Catholicism Lecture Series opens March 4 at 6 p.m. in the Walsh Library Beck Room, Seton Hall University, South Orange, with Father Rob Carbonneau, C.P. speaking on the topic "New Jersey Catholicism? A View from the New Jersey Turnpike and the Passionist Presence in Union City." Father Carbonneau is historian/director of the Passionist Historical Archives.

Annulments

• Family Life Ministries and the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark will sponsor an Annulment Information Evening, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria of Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights. A canon lawyer from the tribunal will provide the most recent guidelines, theology and requisite for obtaining an annulment

from the Church. Pre-registration not necessary. For additional information call (973) 497-4327.

Benefit Concert

• The College Seminary, St. Andrew's Hall, Seton Hall University, South Orange, will host a benefit concert honoring Msgr. Martin F. O'Brien and Adrian M. Foley, Jr., March 23 at 7 p.m. Kozlowski Hall Auditorium. Call (973) 761-9420.

Marriage Enrichment

• Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark will host a Marriage Enrichment Weekend March 5-7. For reservations or more information, call (973) 857-8184.

Health

• Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, a Stress Management Series session, "Journaling for Stress Reduction," March 9 from 7-8:30 p.m. Fee \$20. Registration and pre-payment required. Call (201) 227-6250.

• Xavier Center, Convent Station, a course on infant massage. Cost is \$50 with a \$20 deposit. Fee includes class, massage oils and special printed material. Call (973) 290-5150 or e-mail xaviercnt@aol.com.

Scholarship Dinner

• Felician College, Lodi, its Alumni Association and Council of Regents, will hold its annual "Magic Moments" Student Scholarship Benefit Auction and Dinner on March 13 at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, advance sale only. Call (201) 559-3315.

Education

• The Studies Program of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark will begin language classes March 2. Classes include ESL, Beginner's Polish and Intermediate Polish. Call (732) 382-7197.

• Felician Reading Center, Lodi, reading improvement courses for primary and intermediate students, through May 6. Call (973) 773-0328 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• The Business Advisory Council and Experiential Learning Office of Caldwell College are co-sponsoring the seventh annual Backpack to Briefcase Day, a career expo, March 10 beginning at 11 a.m. Some 50 employers, including the Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, will attend. For additional information call Judy Casey (973) 618-3536.

Fridays of Reparation

• An organized program, in front of a facility in Hackensack where abortions are performed, begins Feb. 27. It will take place from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at 10 Zabrieski Street at the corner of Main Street.

Cultural

• Seton Hall University, South Orange, will hold Poetry-in-the-Round, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Walsh Library Gallery. Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award recipient Galway Kinnell will read from his works. Reception and book-signing to follow. Free of charge, first-come, first-served seating. Call (973) 761-9000, ext. 5151 or visit www.shu.edu.

Miscellaneous

• The fourth annual Marylawn of the Oranges Spirit of Achievement Dinner will be held March 11 at Mayfair Farms, West Orange. Honorees include Msgr. Michael Kelly, Headmaster of Seton Hall Prep; Kimberly Banks MacKay, Director and Pharmaceuticals Counsel for Novartis; dermatologist Dr. Jeanine Downie; Francis May, a docent at the Newark Museum and Dr. Marjorie Jones, pediatrician. For additional information and tickets call (973) 762-9222, ext. 23.

• The Alumni Association of Caldwell College will hold its second annual Alumni College on March 6 at the Motherhouse. Featured will be a Women's Afternoon of Reflection During Lent. The program begins at 1 p.m.

• The Respect Life Office has scheduled the latest Rachel's Vineyard Weekends, for post abortion healing. A March 12-14 weekend is available by calling (732) 388-8211; a May 21-23 weekend will be held by the Paterson Diocese. Call Marie Ryan at (973) 777-8818, ext. 264.

• Pax Christi of New Jersey will hold its 18th State Assembly on March 13 at Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This year's topic is "Peace Making in a Country Bent on War Making." In addition to a morning and afternoon address, the Assembly will include a noon Eucharistic Liturgy and presentation of the Dorothy Day Peacemaker Award. Fee for the day is \$25, \$15 for students and senior citizens. Continental breakfast and lunch included. For additional information call Joann Vitalo at (732) 988-7756, Father Ron Cioffi at (732) 264-0322 or email genduke@aol.com.

Singles

• St. Phil's Singles, will hike at Watchung Reservation on March 6. Meet at the St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, parking lot at 1 p.m. to car-pool. For additional information call (973) 696-1809.

Essay memorial planned

As a memorial to a friend, Stephen J. Demscak (UC '87), who recently passed away, Allan F. Wright, a teacher at Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains, and author of the book *Silent Witnesses in the Gospels*, is sponsoring an essay contest, in conjunction with the high school. The theme is "Silent Witnesses in Your Life."

The contest, open to all eighth grade students, will award tuition scholarships to Union Catholic in the amounts of \$300, \$200 and \$100 to the top three students. Essays must be 500-750 words, regarding how a person has made an impact on the writer's life and exhibited Christ-like values and behaviors.

The deadline for entries is March 7; awards will be presented May 1. Send three copies of the essay to Mr. Allan F. Wright, "Silent Witnesses in Your Life" Essay Contest, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. For further information call (908) 889-1600.

The Women's Commission of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark invites you to join us for...

BEHOLD, THE LORD IS WITH YOU

A Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 27, 2004

8:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Beginning with Mass

Queen of Peace Parish

10 Franklin Place • North Arlington, NJ



- Opening Mass celebrated by Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark
- 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
- Opportunity for reflection and sharing
- 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



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Eparchy is established

Three years ago, Pope John Paul II established a new Eparchy (diocese), the St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago, and appointed Jacob Angadiath its first Eparch (bishop).

The Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Church is an apostolic church of Eastern tradition. It was established by St. Thomas the Apostle in the southern part of India, called Kerala. The Knanaya Catholics from India are also part of the new Eparchy.

The Eparchy of St. Thomas serves the United States. Bishop Angadiath is the Apostolic Visitor to Canada.

There are about 70,000 faithful who are subjects of the Eparchy.

Since the diocese is new and there are so few parishes or missions, most of the faithful who belong to the Syro-Malabar Rite are members of the Latin Rite parishes.

Those of the Syro-Malabar Rite attending a parish of the Archdiocese of Newark are members of the Eparchy of St. Thomas.

If two members of the Syro-Malabar Rite come to the Latin Rite Church for marriage, their marriage can be blessed only with the proper delegation, which can be obtained by writing to Bishop Angadiath at St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago, 3009 South 49th Avenue, Cicero, IL 60804.

Grant issued

Catholic Extension, which raises funds to support the Catholic Church in poor and remote areas of the country, has sent a \$25,000 emergency grant to help with repairs at a parish in Colorado damaged in an arson fire early last month.

Arriving on the scene early Jan. 9, police found evidence of arson and desecration of elements sacred to Catholic worship.

“We hope that this will help in the effort to repair St. Catherine, which was a vital anchor to this small community,” said Bishop William Houck, President of Catholic Extension.



An aerial view shows St. Peter's Basilica and Square, as well as several other buildings in the Vatican in a 2001 file photo. The Vatican celebrated its 75th birthday as a city-state on Feb. 11, which marks the signing of the Lateran Treaty of 1929. Under the agreements, the Vatican recognizes the Italian state, and Italy recognizes the pope's absolute sovereignty and independence over the 109-acre property.

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February 25

Saint James the Apostle Parish, Springfield, a Women's Lenten Morning of Reflection, presented by Kathy Detlet, D.Min, adjunct professor at Caldwell College. Her topic is "Your Rhythm of Prayer." To be held in the school auditorium, the program begins at 9 a.m., is free and open to the public.

February 27

St. Luke Parish, Ho-Ho-Kus, annual Fish 'n' Chips Dinner, 6-7:30 p.m. in the parish center. Cost \$10 per dinner, \$9 for senior citizens. Call Barbara or Michele at (201) 444-0272.

February 28

St. Antoninus Parish, Newark, a day of teaching and practice of contemplative prayer, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (973) 623-0258.

February 29

St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, Career Resources Ministry, a workshop on networking at noon in the parish center. Call (201) 447-4215 or (201) 652-3130.

Saint Anastasia Parish, Teaneck, in association with the Bergen County Black Catholic Coordinating Team, will celebrate a Lenten Mission with three days of revival and renewal Feb. 29- March 2 at 7:30 p.m. For additional information call (201) 837-3354.

March 1

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, Rosary Society, monthly meeting at 7 p.m.

Church of the Epiphany, Cliffside Park, a parish mission through March 4, conducted by the Passionist Preaching Ministry. Call (201) 943-7320.

The Rosary Society of Our Lady of Visitation Parish, Paramus, will hold its monthly meeting following recitation of the Rosary, Mass and a Novena at 7:15 p.m. Guest speaker will be Sister Anita Constance, S.C., the author of several spiritual

books. There will also be discussion of the society's April 24 retreat at Holy Face Monastery.

March 2

Saint James the Apostle Parish, Springfield, Lenten Lecture Series, with Father John Cecero, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist and professor at Fordham University, will speak on "Taking Charge of Your Life," an exploration of the psychology and power of prayer, at 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

March 3

St. Mary Parish, Rutherford, will begin a Bereavement Support Group from 7:30-9 p.m. in the Madonna Hall beneath the church. Meetings will run every Wednesday through April 7. Reservations required. Call (201) 438-2200.

March 4

Church of St. Elizabeth, Wycoff, Parochial Vicar Father Michael Saporito, will celebrate a healing Mass at 8 p.m. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered to those who request it. Prayer teams will be available for individual needs. For additional information call the rectory at (201) 891-1122.



St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, Ministry of Spiritual Direction, a presentation by Father Richard Rento of the Paterson Diocese, "Making Peace with God, Self and Others," 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the parish.

March 5

Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa will meet at 3:15 p.m. in the Chapel of Saint Peter Hall on the campus of Saint Peter's College, Jersey City, for the recitation of the "Little Office" followed by Mass at 3:30 p.m. Call (201) 413-0123 or (201) 689-1471.

Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest, its annual fund raising gala, An Angelic Evening 2004, 6:30 p.m. at the Florentine Gardens, River Vale. For additional information and tickets call Jeanne Semon (201) 670-0416 or email auction@holyangels.org.

Leadership Council of Sacred Heart School, Lyndhurst, its annual spring ticket auction. Tickets, priced at \$4, will not be sold at the door. No one under 18 admitted. Door open at 6 p.m. For tickets call (201) 933-0783 or go to the school office.

March 6

Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa will meet at the Chapel of Saint Peter Hall for the recitation of the Rosary at 8:40 a.m., followed by Mass at 9 a.m. and the monthly meeting in the Degnan Room of Saint Peter Hall, on the campus of Saint Peter's College, Jersey City. Call (201) 413-0123 or (201) 689-1471.

Academy of the Sacred Heart, Hoboken, will hold a special fund raiser, a Mardi Gras Auction Celebration, from 6 to 10 p.m. in the hall of Our Lady of Grace School, corner of 5th and Willow Streets, Hoboken. Tickets, which will be sold at the door, are available by calling (201) 659-7139.

March 7

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Paramus, a Mass and healing service at 2 p.m. Celebrant Father John F. Campoli, I.V. DEI. For more information call (201) 261-6080.

March 8

St. John the Evangelist Parish, Leonia, a Lenten lecture by Father Lawrence Boadt, C.S.P., on "The Prophet Isaiah and Jesus' Passion and Death" at 7:30 p.m. Registration requested. Call Sister Pat McDermott at (201) 944-4947 or e-mail sjpastoral@aol.com.

The Rosary Altar Society of Church of the Ascension, New Milford, will hold its monthly meeting in the multi-purpose room following the 7:30 p.m. Mass. A representative from the Hackensack Medical Center will speak on first aid.



March 9

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, Rosary Altar Society, its annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show at the Seasons Restaurant, Washington Township. Cost \$30. Call (201) 445-1272.

March 11

St. Mary Parish, Nutley, will host the editor of *The Catholic Advocate*, Greg Tobin, presenting "I Am Patrick" - A Discussion of the Apostle of Ireland" at 7:30 p.m. Call (973) 235-1100.

March 13

Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon at Dorrian's Restaurant, Jersey City at noon. Reservations \$40 per person, and close March 5. Call (201) 656-0220.



March 17

Christ the King Parish, Jersey City, its annual Card Party at the Hi Hat in Bayonne at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For reservations call (973) 375-5329 or (201) 435-7181.

March 19

Don Bosco Preparatory School, Ramsey, will present *Oklahoma*. Show nights are March 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 8 p.m., and March 21 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door. Call (201) 445-6663.

March 21

St. Benedict Parish, Newark, will open its yearlong celebration of the 150th anniversary of the parish with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers at 11 a.m. The parish is seeking alumni and former parish members for the celebration. Call (973) 589-7930 or e-mail stbenedict@intac.com.

Novarcensis: A Look Back at Our History

177 years...

March 2. Site for St. John Church, Newark, the first Catholic church in this area, purchased.

160 years...

March 2. Most Rev. John J. Hughes, Bishop of New York, ordained James Roosevelt Bayley (later the first Bishop of Newark) a priest in New York City.

115 years...

February 15. Parish of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newark, founded.

118 years...

February 23. St. Augustine Parish, Union City, incorporated.

114 years...

February 16. Holy Cross Church, Harrison, dedicated.

108 years...

February 17. Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, second Archbishop of Newark, born in Orange.

March 9. St. Cassian Parish, Upper Montclair, incorporated.

93 years...

February 20. Our Lady of the Valley Church, Orange, dedicated.

52 years...

February 15. Msgr. John C. McClary, former Vicar General and Pastor of St. Aedan Parish, Jersey City, died.

51 years...

February 15. Father (later Msgr.) Albert P. Mooney named first Pastor of St. Catharine Parish, Glen Rock.



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

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

Novarcensis means Newark in Latin

Vocations Reflection

‘The good God is very good’

BY ROBERT GELINAS
Special to The Catholic Advocate

Although my family moved to western New Jersey when I was six, our home parish was always Our Lady of Sorrows, South Orange. I had a blessed upbringing in a loving family that was proud of their Catholic faith and attended Mass every Sunday.

In college my own faith took a back seat to the typical unhealthy life-style that pervades campuses today. While I was lost somewhere in all that, the Lord kept on loving me.

Looking back, I can see that He moved most powerfully during my junior year of college. Studying abroad in England, I shared a flat with seven other students, many from England—plus a girl from California. The two of us became good friends and even dated



Robert Gelinas

for a while. She was an evangelical Christian and spoke very openly about her faith.

I had never been a person who talked about God or faith, but I witnessed a person who had a real relationship

with Jesus Christ, and I saw evidence of her Christian faith in the way she lived. She was the instrument through which the Lord touched my heart.

When I returned home to South Orange that summer I felt a strong call to the sacrament of Reconciliation. I was 22 years old and had been away from the sacrament since my Confirmation. I was frightened, nervous about how the priest would react when I told him...everything. When he lifted his hands in absolution, God touched my heart a second time.

I left the confessional in awe, prayed for my penance, and felt like a new person. During my senior year of college I contacted the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese and began a dialogue with the Vocations Director. I wasn't quite ready to make the commitment to the seminary or to celibacy (I was still dating the same girl), but the seed had been planted deeply in my soul.

During a year of working in New York City at a "dream job," commuting to Penn Station, walking past a Franciscan church and through Times Square, encountering poor and homeless people on my way to and from my "glamorous" Rockefeller Center office, I turned to prayer and daily Mass. I contacted the Vocations Office again and was accepted by Immaculate Conception

Seminary (ICS) in September 1999.

My brother and sister have each gotten married during my time in seminary, and both became parents early in their married lives. Their experience, as well as prayer, study and spiritual direction, have helped me understand and accept my own call to celibacy. Gaining this understanding has allowed me to say "yes" to my vocation to the priesthood in a powerfully definitive way.

After a one-year leave from ICS to work and reflect further on these issues, I returned this past September eager to study and to approach potential ordination to the diaconate. I have been graced with a special peace that results from self-knowledge and a love for God.

As I look back on these past few years in the seminary and beyond—over the previous decade—I can see how the Lord has transformed me, bit by bit, and always hand in hand with Him.

What He has done for me calls to mind the words of my favorite saint, Jean-Marie Vianney: "The good God is very good."

We must uphold Christian morality

Editor,

Governor McGreevey's radio ad about new Saturday hours for the Motor Vehicles Department speaks to an unmarried couple who have lived together for three years.

Coupled with his domestic partnership and stem cell research approvals, we have an uphill fight for Christian morality.

Dolores Collier
Closter

Scheduling conflict

Editor,

As the parents of eight children, we feel that one of the best ways to teach them the value and dignity of human life would be to take them to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life.

However, since they attend Catholic grammar school and high school in the Archdiocese, this event coincides with exams in their schools.

Why not push back exams one week so that the children of our Archdiocese have the opportunity to show their support for life?

Bernadette and Peter Rasmusson
Caldwell

Filling a vital need in our Church

Despite today's media-driven, information-overload age of internet, cable and satellite technology, a dedicated Catholic press—especially the tried-and-true diocesan newspaper—is needed more than ever.

February is Catholic Press Month.

The role of Catholic journalists is to provide the faithful with examples of Gospel values. It is an awesome responsibility taken seriously in every newsroom.

Unfortunately, an increasing component of that responsibility is to be a counterbalance to the secular press which too often treats the Church with benign neglect—at best.

Just look at the appalling absence of coverage of this year's March for Life in Washington, DC. By contrast the march was a lead story in Catholic newspapers across the country. Too often what is important to Catholics is deemed not newsworthy by the so-called mainstream media. That, at times, is insulting.

Regrettably too, it seems the only time the Catholic Church makes headlines is when the negative is sensationalized during a media feeding frenzy. There is much to report—bad news as well as good—with an all too predictably biased result.

The Catholic press provides its readers with news, perspective and opinion that cannot be found anywhere else. We of *The Catholic Advocate* renew our pledge to do our best in this regard for you, our valued readers.

Be there—you won't be alone

Young people, the cliché goes, are the future. That is especially true for the pro-life movement.

The Archdiocese of Newark can again be proud that it was well represented at this year's pro-life march in Washington, DC. Among those making the trip were many students.

Those who joined the march and any young person of high school and college age interested in the effort to defend the defenseless should circle Friday, March 12 on their calendar. That is when a pro-life youth rally will be held on the South Orange campus of Seton Hall University.

Scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the rally will include a keynote speaker, pro-life skits, video presentations, music, witnessing on abortion and Mass celebrated by Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia.

The keynote speaker is known internationally for her presentation on chastity and real love.

Such a rally is important for young people. It will increase their knowledge of the movement. But it will also help them realize they are not alone in their conviction which too often is ridiculed in today's secular culture. Be there!

Respect Life

Too many people? Or too few?

BY MSGR. RICHARD MCGUINNESS
Director of the Respect Life Office

For years we have been hearing about the dangers of over-population. Now, from United Nations sources it seems that world population has been leveling off. It appears that for Europe there is actually a danger of under-population.

For example, it would appear that no European country has a birthrate sufficient to sustain the present population. Best estimates are that by 2050 in Italy, which now has a population of 60 million, they will have only a population of 30 million.

Under-population means fewer jobs, and more older people, mostly retired, who will have to be supported by the work of fewer younger people.

Babies are consumers for many years. They create a need for teachers and

physicians. They create jobs for those who manufacture or sell baby products and food, clothing, books and toys.

Italy and Spain have a birth rate of only 1.1 children. Japan and other countries are facing a shortage of workers. In the United States, the birth rate is 2.2, which is sufficient to sustain the present population.

Even here, much of the birth rate is due to children born of recent immigrants from Hispanic or Eastern countries.

New advances in health services, agriculture, and in energy replenishing programs have enabled us to keep pace with the needs of larger populations. Surprisingly, more babies may not only be the recipients of these new advances but the cause of increased economic upturn.

Controversy sure to make Gibson movie a hit

Sometimes things get out of hand. Human beings can take almost anything and by incendiary rhetoric blow it all out of proportion into a storm of controversy.

Consider Mel Gibson's newly released film, *The Passion of the Christ*. We have had the life of Our Lord depicted in film at least ten times previously—as history or in allegory—beginning with *The King of Kings* in 1927, through *The Greatest Story Ever Told* in 1965.

Except for the awful *Last Temptation of Christ* in 1988, none of them has really caused a ripple on the waters of the cultural life of America.

But this one has caused a firestorm even before it has been released. What is even more amazing is that it uses Aramaic and Latin as its languages. Without the publicity it is very probable that very few people would have bothered to go to see the movie.

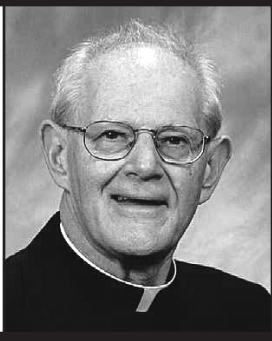
But now it is a sure hit. Thanks to papers like *The New York Times* and magazines like the *New Republic* the gauntlet has been thrown down. Jewish agencies and many Jewish organizations and newspapers are convinced that the film is “anti-Semitic” and will be used for evil purposes all over the world.

They feel it is a betrayal of a Christian-Jewish dialogue that has flourished since the Second Vatican Council (1962-65).

Some things need to be recognized. First, the film is not a “Catholic” film that was produced and paid for by the Roman Catholic Church. Only a few clerics, some car-

Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



dinals and the pope have seen the film. None of them saw the final version before worldwide release.

As of this writing it had not been released (scheduled for Feb. 25). Remember, it is a work of devotion by one devout person.

Secondly, much is in the “eye of the beholder.” People will see the film in various ways. They will view it individually and subjectively, each according to their own nature and situation.

Artists who view the film will evaluate its qualities as an artistic production. (The reviews thus far from those who have seen the work are overwhelmingly positive.) The one complaint seems to be that it is intensely violent.

Scripture scholars will judge the film on its merits as a faithful reproduction of the events of the Passion. For

example, it is certain that they will be skeptical of any insertions into the Passion that came from the visions of the stigmatic mystic Anne Catherine Emmerich.

Of course, Scripture scholars are apt to disagree with each other on anything—that is their tendency. All scholars (not just theologians) are like that.

Devout Catholics will leave the film moved emotionally. They know, as they meditate, each time that they make the Way of the Cross, that it was our sins that crucified Christ and that He willingly died for our sins and rose for our salvation.

Hopefully, other Christians and even non-Christians will be moved by the experience of having seen sacrificial love in its purest form, for after all, the life of Christ is a love story pure and simple.

Personally, I do hope that the film is, as Darío Cardinal Castrillón Hoyos claims, “A triumph of art and faith” that “provokes love and compassion.”

I also recognize very clearly the fears and feelings of my Jewish friends. They do not want a retrogression into a medieval world of wrongful and evil anti-Semitism that was caused by the Passion Plays of the past. They will have to trust that we Catholics are far beyond such distorted religious bias.

May the actual release of the film be the end of all ill will. And, after all, this too shall pass.

[Editor's Note: Coverage of the film, the tradition of the Passion Play and Christian-Jewish debate begins on page 1 of this issue of *The Catholic Advocate*.]

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

The three fundamental elements of Christian marriage

Recent op-ed articles on same-sex marriage in *The New York Times* and other papers provoked me to reflect on the sacredness of marriage.

It led me to read again what the Catholic Church teaches about marriage and why it opposes same-sex marriage and even civil unions.

Many writers on this topic do not make appropriate distinctions about the social, civil or religious consequences of same-sex marriage and the harm it will do.

The Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith pointed out in its July 31 statement titled *Considerations Regarding Proposals to Give Legal Recognition to Unions Between Homosexual Persons* that marriage has three fundamental elements according to the Creator's plan and as found in Scripture. “In the first place, man, was created ‘male and female.’ Men and women are equal as persons and complementary as male and female.” (*Considerations*, §3) This complementarity is fundamental for a permanent sexual union.

Second, marriage is instituted by the Creator as a form of life in which a communion of persons is realized by the couple's sexuality. They physically and spiritually become one body, one spirit. Heterosexual marriage is not about pleasure; it is about the gift of oneself to another that makes two as one.

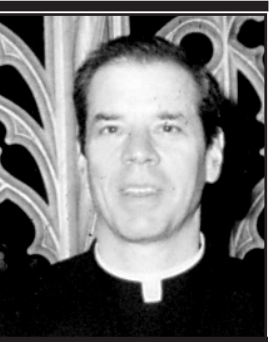
Third, God gives the union of man and woman a special mission of cooperating with Him to bring new life into the world. Married heterosexual couples become co-creators with God.

Marriage conveys a very powerful message. It has done so for thousands of years in all the major religious denominations. Marriage is a sacred vow, a holy union, a sacrament and a vocation.

“The sexual complementarity and fruitfulness belong to the very nature of marriage,” says the Vatican. (§ 3) “Homosexual acts close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity.” (§4)

Pastoral Reflections

By Father Joseph Astarita



Moreover, homosexual marriage closes the possibility of the gift of a new life. If God intended homosexual acts as a legitimate form of sexual expression why did He create man and woman?

There is a lot of explaining to do to children in homosexual marriage that does not exist in heterosexual marriage.

Questions will come to their mind: why are they different? Why don't they have a mother and father like other children do? When heterosexual parents adopt a child, the child questions why he/she is different from others in the family.

However, when heterosexual parents adopt it is within the bounds of the natural moral law; adoption in homosexual marriages is not.

In heterosexual Christian marriages social influences and our materialistic world make it difficult for couples to keep the promises they made in their exchange of vows.

This vow, this promise, is sacred; it is a vow each spouse makes to God and to one another, witnessed by a priest or deacon and the entire community.

The breaking of this vow is one reason why there is so much pain, especially to the children of divorced parents. Same sex marriage, and the higher probability of divorce within such a marriage, will be even more painfully devastating to the children since they have different development.

If the sacred union of heterosexual couples dissolves often in our society what will happen to same sex unions?

There is confusion when writers compare same sex unions to interracial marriage; the latter is very different from homosexuality.

A person is born with color. We have no choice with our race; however, there is choice with our sexual orientation. God always gives us a choice; it is His greatest gift. It is painful at times and one needs to sacrifice in order to live the truth. It is not proven that homosexuality starts at birth. It could be caused from the upbringing or the environment children live in.

The Catholic Church teaches that men and women who have same sex attraction “must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination should be avoided. They are called, like other Christians, to live the virtue of chastity.” (§4)

The Catholic Church teaches and as a priest I witness that marriage creates a strong bonding within families; it takes tremendous soul searching before a couple severs its union. Marriage as a holy union and a sacrament is based on Scripture and the religious experience of many millions of families over thousands of years. With the historical background of marriage that our Creator instituted I would look for ways to strengthen sacramental marriage—not to obscure it.

Father Astarita is a parochial vicar at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Paramus.

God always gives us a choice;
it is His greatest gift.

A comprehensive study of abuse crisis

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—In confronting the clerical sex abuse crisis, the Catholic Church needs to work more closely with scientific experts to identify potential perpetrators and make sure they cannot harm the young, a soon-to-be-published Vatican report says.

The 220-page report, “Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church: Scientific and Legal Perspectives,” represents the Vatican’s first comprehensive effort to examine recent research into the psychological causes and types of abuse, screening procedures, recidivism rates, effects on child victims and the possibility of successful therapy for abusers.

Although cautioning that each case of sexual abuse against minors is unique, it sketched general characteristics of priest-abusers and identified a wide range of possible “risk factors,” including sexual immaturity, narcissistic traits, alcohol and drug abuse, hormonal abnormalities and endocrine disorders.

While drawing on the experience of U.S. bishops in confronting sexual abuse, the report made a case against the U.S. policy of “zero tolerance” for clerical abusers. It suggested that the Church and society are better off when abusive priests are kept in the priesthood but away from children.

The report, to be published by the Pontifical Academy for Life, was based on a Vatican-sponsored symposium of scientific experts held last April. It includes the papers delivered at the symposium, summaries of follow-up discussions involving Vatican officials and the experts and introductory and conclusive chapters.

Catholic News Service obtained a preliminary copy of the report, which was expected to undergo minor editing changes before being sent out to bishops’ conferences in early March.

The report said that while the Church has been rocked by the “terrible phenomenon” of sexual abuse it also has some unique advantages when it comes to preventing future abuse—particularly in using psychological techniques more carefully during the long period of seminary training.

It said that in facing the problem Church leaders need more contact with scientific experts in the field. “This is only a first step. For the benefit of all those who have suffered due to sexual abuse and for the common good, other steps must be taken,” said an introduction by Bishop Elio Sgreccia, vice president of the pontifical academy.

Bishop Sgreccia said some of the data already could be put to good use in the selection and training of seminarians and in the ongoing formation of priests.

The report was highly unusual at the Vatican for its unflinching examination of the clinical aspects of the problem of sexual abuse and for its stated aim of reaching a wide audience. The volume is intended for “all those concerned with preventing and responding to sexual abuse” and was written for nonspecialists, the editors said.

“This is only a first step.”

-Bishop Elio Sgreccia

Jesus’ temptations and our own

Readings: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Romans 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13.

The problem of sin and temptation seems to be ignored by many in our society, or explained as part of a psychological theory that denies free will. However, the public interest focused on the sensational accusations about the rich and famous is perhaps an indication that standards of personal morality have not been eroded entirely.

In each case it seems obvious that “somebody should have known better!”

During the season of Lent, the Church points out the social consequences of sin and “must impress on the minds of the faithful the distinctive character of penance as a detestation of sin because it is an offense against God. The role of the Church in penitential practices is not to be passed over, and the need to pray for sinners should be emphasized.” (Vatican II: *Sacrosanctum concilium, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* §109)

Both good and evil in the moral order are evaluated in the context of our relationship with God and neighbor. To help us appreciate our solidarity with others as God’s people, the liturgy draws upon a description of Temple liturgy from the Book of Deuteronomy. The bond forming individuals into a people transcends the ages.

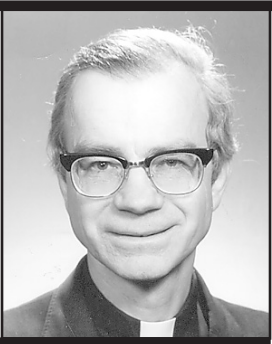
Each generation can identify with those ancestors who wandered from Mesopotamia to Egypt and with Moses and those he led out of slavery into the service of God in their own land. In times of peace and abundance people tend to consider themselves self-sufficient; then they often forget their bond to God and the community.

The offering of first-fruits of the harvest during Temple worship was an occasion throughout the year to thank God for the gifts of land and rain. (Dt 26:10) The tithe was given to the Levite, the stranger, the orphan

Sunday Readings

1st Sunday of Lent
(February 29, 2004)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



and the widow, reminding the farmer of his obligation toward the less fortunate in his midst. (Dt 26:12-15)

The Gospel describes Jesus undergoing the same temptations that we all face in the varied circumstances of life. “We have a high priest who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin.” (Heb 4:15)

Matthew and Luke depict the drama as a three-step contest between Jesus and the devil. The first temptation is to use divine power for self-gratification. The need for life’s necessities, such as food, should be satisfied through the fabric of our human relationships, through the exercise of our natural talents.

In the Lord’s Prayer, the petition for daily bread is in the plural. Jesus’ response adds the perspective of the spiritual order, quoting from Deuteronomy (8:3): “Not by bread alone does one live but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord.”

The desire for power and wealth can replace God as the center of a person’s life and thus constitute idolatry.

The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



God’s saving power revealed in Christ

Dear brothers and sisters,

Each Monday at evening prayer the Church chants the great canticle which opens the Letter to the Ephesians. The canticle is a hymn to the saving power of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

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I welcome all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors present at today’s audience, especially those from England, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Finland and the United States of America. I thank the choirs for their praise of God in song. Upon you and your families I cordially invoke the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus is tempted to gain all the world’s kingdoms with their power and glory. He rejects the temptation to align with forces of evil and uses Deuteronomy 6:13 to express his commitment to the one God. A good end never justifies the choice of wrong means!

Perhaps Luke changed the order of the temptations from that of Matthew (see 4:1-11) so that Jerusalem and the Temple would be the climax of the series (see Lk 2:22 and 41; 9:51). The devil abuses the Scriptures (Ps 91:11-12) to insinuate that the title “Son of God” would permit Jesus to be rescued miraculously if he were to jump from the heights of the Temple.

Do some Christians expect God to do great things for them merely for their self-aggrandizement? The temptation of presumption must be rejected as res-

olutely as the tendency to despair that afflicts some people. Beware of those who make facile use of Scripture! Jesus puts the psalm in the proper context by a basic principle: “You

shall not put the Lord your God to the test!” (Dt. 6:16)

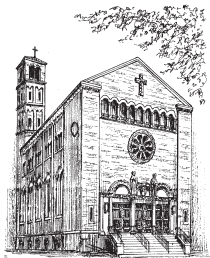
We are obliged to serve God, so it is folly to demand that God rescue us from our own stupidity.

Luke comments that the devil left Jesus, to await another opportunity (4:13); this came through the weakness of Judas Iscariot (22:3). Jesus took a risk in choosing human collaborators, and He continues to do so through the ages.

Are we learning the lessons of the temptations? Does our Lenten penance include an effort to remedy the tragic consequences of sin?

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

The role of the Church in penitential practices is not to be passed over.



SS. Peter and Paul, Hoboken

Meeting spiritual needs of the faithful on the waterfront

BY DAVID PROCH

Special to The Catholic Advocate

SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Hoboken, is a venerable and active faith community, meeting the constant challenge of changing demographics and member turnover.

"It's almost like a campus ministry, in many ways," explained Msgr. Frank G. Del Prete, Pastor of SS. Peter and Paul. "We have many young adults here, and a very active young adult ministry, Catholic Young Adults of Hoboken (CYAH), and they are just really thriving... The bulk of the parish is the young people."

The parish has undergone a dramatic shift from its earlier roots. A German parish started in the late 1800s, it has grown, along with Hoboken, to be a more diverse, youthful community.

"By the late 1920s, the parish was no longer strictly German but a mixture of many cultures and ethnicities," Msgr. Del Prete noted.

However, the large young adult population within the parish and Hoboken comes with a challenge: the continuous exodus of the parishioners to the suburbs as they get married, and the simultaneous influx of more young adults in their place.

"It's a challenge because the stability of a parish in the suburbs just isn't there," Msgr. Del Prete noted.

He also said that many Hoboken residents come to the area without any local family connections. "We just try to provide a place where they feel welcome. This is like a home to them, giving them a good foundation. They might move to

other areas when they get married, but we try to make church an important part of their lives, and hopefully that carries with them as they go to other churches in the surrounding areas.

"I think everyone works together so that we all feel welcome here," he added.

Msgr. Del Prete has noticed the continuing shift in Hoboken towards a single, young adult community, with few families staying in the city. He noted that many of the new homes being constructed are apartment buildings and condominiums, and that residents are staying only a few years. "The living spaces being built are geared more towards young couples without children, or singles. I don't really see things changing that much.

"There isn't the stability, in terms of parishioners spending their lives at a single church, that you would see at another parish," Msgr. Del Prete said. "That's why we approach it more like a campus ministry, trying to guide people who are only going to be here short-term. You need to just keep reaching out to people.

"Take a group like Eucharistic ministers or lectors. There's always a number of them leaving, so you're always looking to replace several of them. You just need to have programs geared towards building a solid foundation [so they] take a positive experience with them when they join another parish," he added.

Therefore, his goal as pastor, with the help of parochial vicar Father Joseph A. D'Amico, pastoral associates Sister Patricia



The church, with its brick interior, seats just under 300 people.

Wormann, O.P. and Sister Susan DiDomenicantonio, I.C.M., and Deacon Primitivo Cruz, is to provide a parish that produces active parishioners for their future parishes.

In that vein, one area where SS. Peter and Paul succeeds is in its Right of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program. An average of 30 adults a year receive one or all of the sacraments.

"[RCIA] is very instrumental in the life of the parish, not just in bringing in new people to the faith, but educating people who are already Catholic," Msgr. Del Prete noted.

"The focus has always been on their relationship with God in the context of the Church," said Sister Patricia. "We really want people who are going to be active members in the Church, and our team tries to promote that attitude.

"We don't refer to RCIA as a program; I call it a process. People think that they take a program, and that's it, it's over. But RCIA is an invitation into a lifelong process of exploring and deepening their faith," she added.

"It's really a matter of, 'What can you do with a short amount of time?' We give them a parish where they can worship, see people their own age, and do many different ministries," Msgr. Del Prete said.

CYAH, which uses SS. Peter and Paul as its base, but does not require that members be parishioners or live in Hoboken, is also instrumental for parishioners in developing their spirituality and outreach within a social organization.

The group organizes a variety of events: outdoor Masses, soup kitchen volunteer nights, fund raisers for local charities, and events for senior citizens, the homebound, children and AIDS patients. It extends an open invitation for any-

one who would like to join the group in its events, and holds a monthly social in the parish rectory, where prospective members can meet current members.

The parish also has an active Spanish-speaking community. Father D'Amico is the coordinator for the group's many events that take place on a regular basis.

SS. Peter and Paul co-sponsors Hoboken Catholic Academy with the other parishes in Hoboken. Msgr. Del Prete believes that the trend of smaller Catholic schools merging and being co-sponsored by several parishes will continue. "Especially in this area, it seems to be working fine."

The parish's CCD program, with 150 students, focuses on sacramental preparation. Brother Kevin O'Loughlin, O.Cap. from St. Ann Parish, Hoboken, is the coordinator.

Marriage preparation is a large ministry at the parish. Msgr. Del Prete, who is the Judicial Vicar of the Marriage Tribunal for the Archdiocese, pointed out that though many of the parishioners do their marriage preparation at the parish, including Pre-Cana and Facilitating Open Couple Communication Understanding Study (F.O.C.C.U.S.) inventory, they hold the marriage ceremony elsewhere. "We normally have about 20 marriages a year, but we also prepare 20, 30, 40 couples for marriage. Some of the couples do feel, since they live in Hoboken and met in Hoboken, that they're going to get married in Hoboken, but many will go home to their families or where they grew up to get married."

Sister Susan, Msgr. Del Prete said, does a "wonderful job" with the outreach ministry, in finding people that are homebound and providing assistance to them.

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SS. Peter and Paul's proximity to New York City attracts many young adults to the area, making up a large contingency within the parish. The church, which is within view of this waterfront, was a site of the movie, *On the Waterfront*.

Advocate photos - Frank Wood

A multi-ethnic parish with deep German roots

Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Hoboken, has a rich history that dates back to the late 19th century.

In 1889, Most. Rev. Winand Wigger commissioned Father Leopold Hofschneider, Pastor of St. Mark's Parish, Rahway, to found a Catholic Church for Hoboken's German community.

Father Hofschneider purchased a house and adjacent lot on Hudson Street. He arranged the rear room of the house to form a "chapel" and celebrated the new parish's first Mass May 19.

In September of that year, the parish school was opened, and in December Bishop Wigger laid the cornerstone for the original church.

In 1902, Father Hofschneider purchased a lot on the corner of Fourth and Hudson Streets, site of the present church. Several lots around the parish were eventually purchased.

Father Hofschneider retired in 1914, and died the following year. His successor, Father Ferdinand E. Bogner, served the parish for 26 years.

Father Bogner oversaw numerous repairs to the school and church buildings. He also brought three Sisters of St. Dominic to serve as teachers at the school, which had 60 students enrolled at the time.

In addition, he led several construction projects, including the building of a new school, completed in 1927, and the current church, completed in 1929.

Father Bogner died in 1941. He was succeeded by Msgr. John A. Weisbrod. At the time of his appointment, the parish was \$500,000 in debt.

Waterfront

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The parish also has a place in cinematic history. In the 1950s, the church building was a filming location for the Oscar-winning movie, *On the Waterfront*, with Marlon Brando. The parish had a downstairs church at the time, and because it was on the waterfront, it was used as a site.

Specifically because of the challenges the parish faces, Msgr. Del Prete noted that "SS. Peter and Paul has strong possibilities for future growth. Our participation in stewardship will ensure the future of our parish's health and life as a faith community. As we move into this future, our parish goal is for each member to become a steward and to give back to God in gratitude for the gifts that God has given to us."

"It's a great town, and a great experience. Hoboken is a great community to be a part of."

SS. Peter and Paul Parish is located on 400 Hudson St., on the corner of Hudson and Fourth Street.



The church, as it appeared four decades ago, is a local landmark.

During his 15 years, Msgr. Weisbrod reduced and eventually eliminated the parish debt while renovating and improving several parish buildings.

In 1956, Msgr. Weisbrod was named pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Newark.

Father Michael W. Dancak succeeded him. Father Dancak died in 1960, and Father Albert J. Hess succeeded him as pastor.

Father Hess oversaw construction of a new elementary school and convent in 1965. He served as pastor until 1977, when Father George A. Ligos was appointed. Father Ligos oversaw several major renovations, including enlarging the sanctuary and improving the church's interior lighting.

Father Robert M. Chabak was named pastor in 1990, a position he held until 1997, when Msgr. Frank Del Prete became pastor.

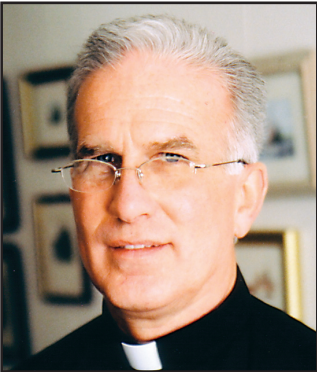
In Msgr. Del Prete's pastorate, air conditioning was installed in the church building, a Saturday evening Mass was started that has become "the most attended Mass in the parish," the young adult ministry that Father Chabak started during his tenure has expanded, and the Pre-Cana program was established.

"SS. Peter and Paul Parish has come a long way since its German roots," Msgr. Del Prete noted on the parish website. "We are a multi-ethnic parish ministering to a variety of people."

"The parish has been an effective sign of the presence of Christ because of the many men and women who have given of their time and talent to serve in the many ministries and organizations that have been a part of the life of the parish."

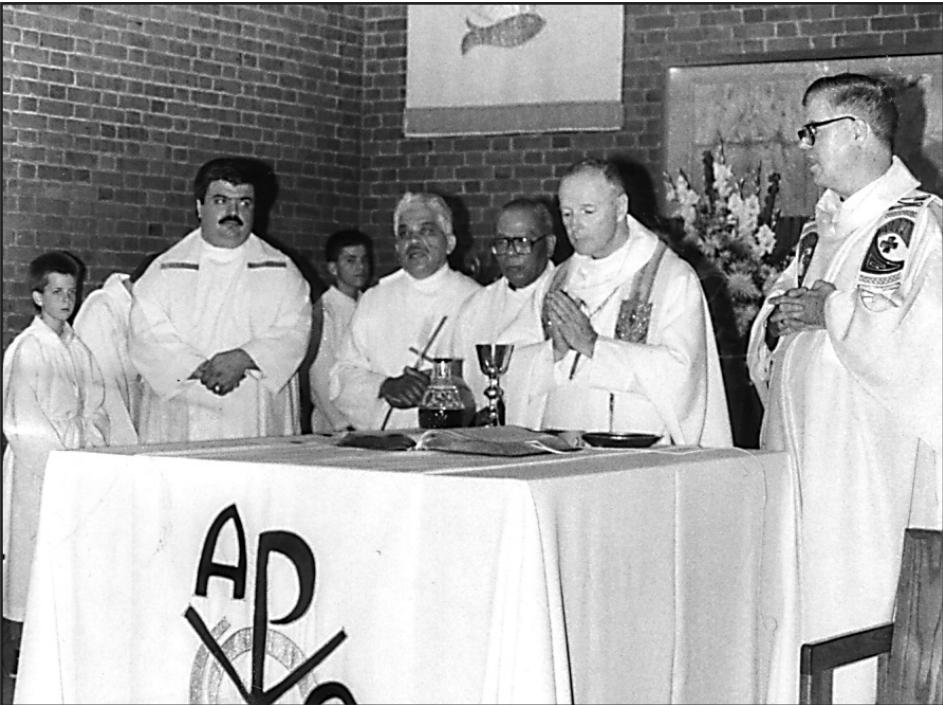
"The past is our heritage. The present is our responsibility. The future is our challenge. We have a rich history of being involved in the life of the parish... This is the time for each of us to think about what we can do to help SS. Peter and Paul grow as a community and to face the challenges as we move into the new millennium," he added.

Meet the Pastor

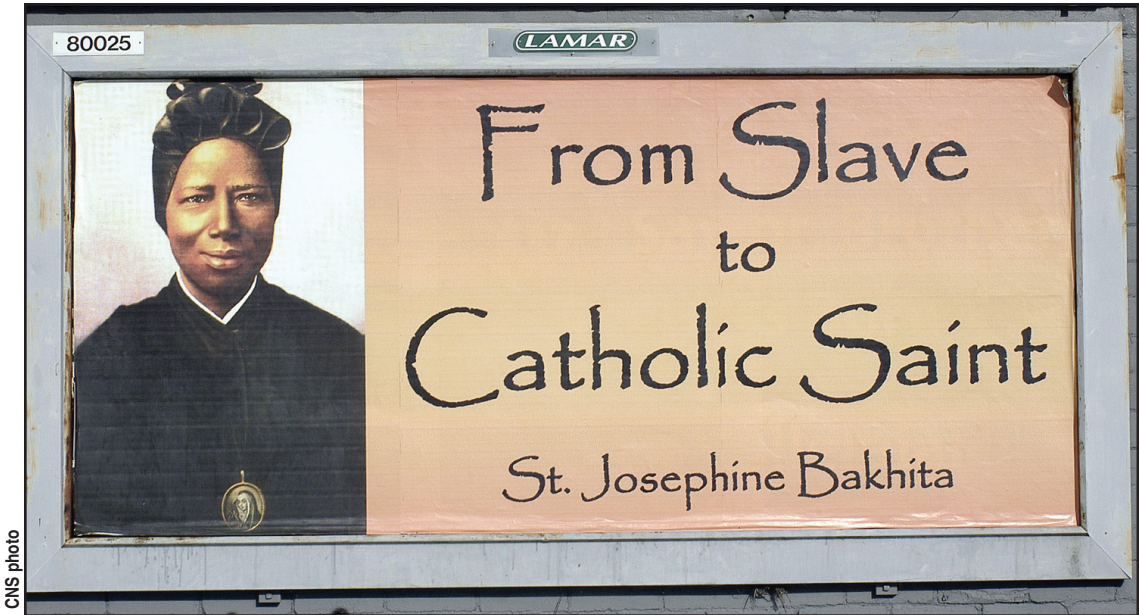


Msgr. Frank G. Del Prete, J.C.D.

Age: 52
Date of Birth: April 29, 1951
High School: James Caldwell High School, West Caldwell
College/Seminary/Graduate School: Seton Hall University; Immaculate Conception Seminary; Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, and the University of St. Thomas (the Angelicum), Rome
Heroes: John F. Kennedy
Favorite Saint: St. Francis
Favorite Sport: Tennis
Favorite Food: Pasta
Favorite Subject in School: Social Studies
Favorite Movie: *Singin' in the Rain*
Last Book Read: *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown
Proudest Moment: Ordination to the priesthood
Occupation if I weren't a Priest: Teacher



Archbishop Theodore McCarrick celebrated the 100th anniversary Mass in 1989. Assisting and concelebrating were, left to right, Father Joseph Buzzerio, Deacon Primitivo Cruz, Father Vicente Declaro and the pastor, Father George Ligos.



A billboard in Springfield, MA, promotes St. Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese slave canonized by Pope John Paul II.

Sainthood sought for former slave

SPRINGFIELD, MA (CNS) — Father George Joyce wants to get the word out about a saint he considers wonderful. To that end, he has put up five billboards that read: “From Slave to Catholic Saint, St. Josephine Bakhita.” The signs promoting the saint can be seen throughout Springfield and Chicopee. The 88-year-old retired priest for almost three years has used personal funds, donations and a


collection to pay for various billboards and posters as a means of evangelization. Father Joyce called it his “last apostolate” because he has been diagnosed with colon cancer. He acknowledged that he seems to have little in common with St. Josephine, at least at first glance. “But Josephine had a great trust in God,” he said. “Her virtue of trust is what binds all of us.”

St. Josephine Bakhita was born to a wealthy Sudanese family in 1869. As a child she was kidnapped by slave traders and given the Arabic name Bakhita by her captors. She was sold several times and even managed to escape once, but was captured and sold again. She died on Feb. 8, 1947, at the age of 78. Her canonization in October 2000 made her the first Sudanese saint. It’s especially appropriate that his billboards about her were up during Black History Month, observed in February, and for her Feb. 8 feast day, Father Joyce said. But once the month was over he planned to continue to spread her message of trust.

‘Spotlight’ explores the catechism in Archdiocese

The Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark has scheduled its latest Spotlight on the Catechism series. The Catechism is divided into four parts, each concerned with a major area of faith. Spotlight on the Catechism offers a series of four courses, one on each of the four parts of the Catechism, that rotate through a number of parish centers. The courses are of general interest to all who might want to learn more about the central teachings of the Catholic faith. They may be of particular interest to parents or those active in parish activities. Catechists in parish religious education programs and teachers in Catholic schools can also fulfill the requirements for doctrinal certification. Courses, offered in each of the four counties of the Archdiocese, will meet 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The topics, locations and dates follow. Spotlight on Faith: Dialogue on Our Understanding of Church, March 3, 10 and 24 at St. Therese, Parish, Cresskill. The presenter will be Flora Hand, Director of Religious Education at Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights. Spotlight on Sacraments: Sacraments of Initiation, March 3, 10 and 24 at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City. Presenter is Father Jack Cryan, Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, and Judge at the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark. Spotlight on Morality: Our Moral Life: Living in True Freedom, March 3, 10 and 24 at Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield. Father Timothy Graff, Pastor of St. Francis De Sales Parish, Lodi is the presenter. Spotlight on Morality: A Call to Deeper Spirituality, March 4, 11 and 22 (two Thursdays and a Monday) at St. Paul Parish, Ramsey. Presenter will be Sister Christine Tobin, S.F.C.C., Director of Religious Education for the parish. Spotlight on Prayer: The Lord’s Prayer, March 3, 10 and 24 at St. Michael Parish, Union. Presenter is Sister Adrienne Bradley S.S.J., Director of Religious Education at St. Anastasia Parish, Teaneck. Registration for each course is \$25 per person. Courses are open to the general public. A certificate is issued for participants after completing each course. For more information, to request a brochure, or to register call Dr. Eugene Tozzi at the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, (973) 497-4288 or email tozzieug@rcan.org. Brochures are available in many parish, religious education and school offices.

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Christian-Jewish relationship explored at SHU colloquium

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

"Christianity is not inherently anti-Semitic" author and scholar Sister Mary Boys declared at a Seton Hall University colloquium late last month.

Hosted by the Sister Rose Thering Endowment for Jewish-Christian Studies, the forum addressed relations between the faith traditions.

Sister Boys, a professor of Practical Theology at Union

Theological Seminary, New York, and an adjunct member of the faculties of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and of Teachers College, Columbia University, used two texts as the basis for her presentation.

Distributed to the audience were a statement on Christians and Christianity from the National Jewish Scholars Project and a pamphlet, "Rethinking Christian Faith in Relation to Judaism, and the Jewish People," from the

Christian Scholars Group on Christian-Jewish Relations.

In the preface of the Jewish scholars' statement, it is noted that since the Holocaust, "an increasing number of official Church bodies, both Roman Catholic and Protestant, have made public statements of their remorse about Christian mistreatment of Jews and Judaism. These statements have declared, furthermore, that Christian teaching and preaching can and must be reformed so that they acknowledge God's enduring covenant with the Jewish people and celebrate the contribution of Judaism to world civilization and to Christian faith itself."

Citing the "difficulty" of preparing such documents, Sister Boys said one of the "most controversial" provisions of the scholars' statement says that Jews and Christians worship the same God.

"Another point of debate," she went on, is the contention that Jews and Christians "seek author-

ity from the same book." What is important in exploring that topic, Sister Boys stressed, is "the same tradition of interpretation."

Controversy has also swirled around the conclusion that "Nazism was not a Christian phenomenon." Jews feel, said Dr. Boys, that "lets Christians off too easily."



Sister Boys

About the statement's point, that a "new relationship" between Jews and Christians "will not weaken Jewish practice," Sister Boys noted this has "pushed" the faithful to "learn about their tradition." Another byproduct, she continued, is that this is a "great counterpoint to secularism." Such a situation also helps in the recog-

nition of "where the borders lie," she said.

Turning to the pamphlet, Sister Boys, who was among the authors, said it was prepared in an effort to "energize a conversation."

Several of the pamphlet's 10 points were cited by Sister Boys. Ones dealing with God's "enduring covenant" with the Jewish people and its consequences for Christian understanding of salvation and the belief that Christians should not "target" Jews for conversion were described by Sisters Boys as the "most controversial."

A third contention, affirming the "importance" of Israel "for the life of the Jewish people," is significant, said Sister Boys, because of the "link" of the land to Judaism and its importance for Christians.

Sister Boys also spoke about the Mel Gibson film *The Passion of the Christ*.

Explaining she feels "obliged" to see the film, Sister Boys said "the marketing of Jesus Christ is to me a scandal." She expressed concern over how Jesus is portrayed and lamented what she saw as the film's "publicity team's manipulation of Christian leaders, especially the pope."

'What will Jesus want of you?'

The Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Newark will host "What Will Jesus Want of You?" on Wednesday, March 10 at the Archdiocesan CYO Center, 499 Belgrove Dr., Kearny.

The day-long program is divided into separate sections.

High school students will attend the 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. session. The period from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. is for grammar

school students. Religious education individuals will attend the 4 to 6 p.m. session while 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. has been designated for young adults.

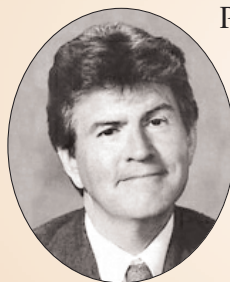
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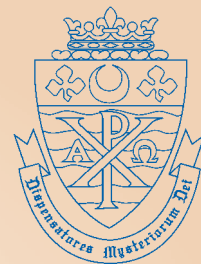
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"Exploring the New Anti-Catholicism"

a presentation by Philip Jenkins, Ph.D.



Philip Jenkins, Ph.D., is a Distinguished Professor of History and Religious Studies at Pennsylvania State University. His lecture will discuss examples of hostility against Catholicism, as explained in his recent book, *The New Anti-Catholicism: The Last Acceptable Prejudice*. In emphasizing the various and numerous examples of this prejudice in the media, the entertainment industry, and the political and academic arenas, Dr. Jenkins notes that such prejudicial views are tolerated in our society; indeed, anti-Catholicism seems to be a popular and "acceptable prejudice."



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Combining the pragmatic, the spiritual is a calling

BY LISA HADDOCK
Special to The Catholic Advocate
Julie V. Burkey has a calling: To help others find their mission in life.

To that end, the River Edge resident will present “Finding the Work You Love: A Workshop to Help You Do It” on the campus of Seton Hall University, South Orange, on Feb. 28 from 2 to 5 p.m.

The Office of Lay Ministry at Seton Hall’s Immaculate Concep-

tion Seminary School of Theology (ICS) is sponsoring the event, which is open to the seminary’s lay students and alumni. It is the brainchild of Dianne M. Traflet, J.D., S.T.D., ICS assistant dean and director of lay ministry.
“Julie is indeed motivated and inspires motivation; but she is able to do so successfully because of her wonderful spiritual depth, one that gives testimony to her knowledge and love of her Christian faith,” said Traflet. “This type of

workshop is not merely a job for Julie, but a ministry.”
The workshop will combine the pragmatic and the spiritual: résumé writing and networking will be covered, but participants will also pray, discuss and meditate together. Burkey is clearly at home in both arenas. With more than 20 years of executive-search experience in the pharmaceutical field under her belt, she is on the verge of receiving a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry.

The seminary’s lay students, Burkey points out, are often employed in secular fields. “They feel a calling to work in the Church,” she said. “Some of them haven’t made up their minds.”
Burkey once found herself in the same position when she began her theological studies. “I


held: For work to be spiritually satisfying, it must use our talents, provide for our families, and contribute to the common good.
“When one of those things is missing, there’s a big hole, and people are running around in circles. And people are just not willing to do that anymore,”

For work to be spiritually satisfying, it must use our talents, provide for our families, and contribute to the common good.

started with an attraction and a very high interest,” she noted, but no clear path. She found herself drawn to the topic of work and spirituality. Over time, Burkey, who runs her own business, found herself pursuing a master’s degree and wanting to serve within the Church.
Three years ago, Burkey launched the Work/Life Ministry at her parish, St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge, with the encouragement of her pastor, Msgr. Robert H. Slipe. The Chicago native is currently running her third five-week workshop “Job Hunting and Career Management: A Spiritual Approach.”

Knowing of Burkey’s parish-level experience, Dr. Traflet invited her to present the workshop.
Burkey preaches the same message wherever the workshop is

said Burkey, whose philosophy is influenced by *Laborem exercens*, Pope John Paul II’s 1981 encyclical on human work, and the teaching of William J. Toth, Ph.D., an assistant professor of Christian ethics at Seton Hall.
“In the courses I’ve run here at St. Peter’s, I’ve had several people in high-profile professions, not out of work, but desperately in need to find some connection to their faith and their life in the Monday-through-Friday world.”
She urges Christians to remember that “Jesus was born into a businessman’s family. Church and faith are not just a Sunday thing.”
And the key to finding your own calling? “The more you learn to listen, the more you learn that God is guiding you to do certain things,” she said.



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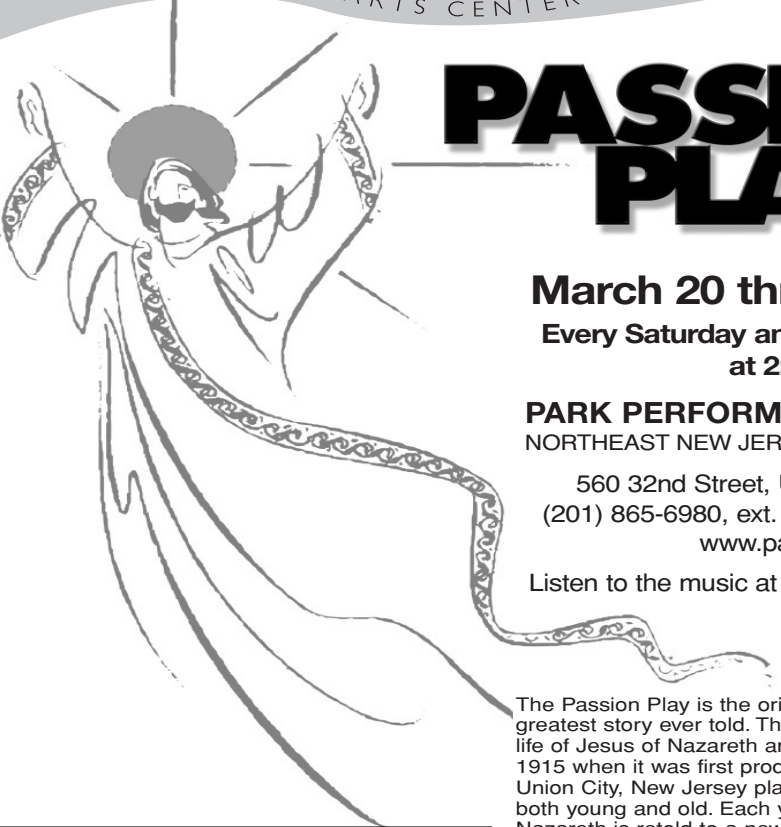
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Yankee captain blasts an academic home run

New York Yankee star Derek Jeter and his family have made a commitment to Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington, that is surely a grand slam.

A little over four years ago, the Jeter family, through Derek's Turn 2 Foundation, started the Connors/Jeter Scholarship Fund.

The fund was started to help exceptional, well-rounded students and to memorialize the late, great Sonny Connors. A total of ten different Queen of Peace students have received scholarships from the fund.

As agreed back in 1999, the Jeter family met with Queen of Peace Principal Sister Mary Elizabeth, Queen of Peace President Charles O'Sullivan and Pastor Msgr. William Fadrowski in December, to review and evaluate the scholarship fund. At that meeting, Charles and Dot Jeter, Vice President and Executive Director respectively of the Turn 2 Foundation, expressed complete

satisfaction with the results of the first four years of the scholarship fund and endorsed the students and faculty of Queen of Peace.

O'Sullivan announced the Jeters' decision on Feb. 1 to renew the Turn 2 Foundation's support of the Connors/Jeter Scholarship Fund and the desire to help it grow to a permanent self-funding program. Dr. Jeter formally confirmed to O'Sullivan that the Foundation would make a \$175,000 donation to Queen of Peace High School. The donation will be made with seven annual payments of \$25,000 each, the first of which was made in January. It is believed to be the largest single commitment ever made to Queen of Peace by one family.

"The outstanding and generous gift to Queen of Peace High School has significant and long reaching consequences," explained O'Sullivan. "The Jeters' gift will not only provide assistance to many outstanding

young men and women but also serves as a vote of confidence to our outstanding faculty and staff and hopefully as a "primer" for new forms of financial aid for our students."

In keeping with the traditions of the Turn 2 Foundation's mission, the Connors/Jeter Scholarships are awarded to students meeting financial need guidelines, with a strong academic record and a verbal commitment to a healthy lifestyle (including no alcohol or drug usage). Scholarship awards are typically \$1,000 per academic year and are renewable each year based on the student's progress. In addition to the scholarship award, students selected will participate in the Turn 2 Foundation's leadership program.

Students at Queen of Peace can make themselves eligible for the Connors/Jeter scholarships by completing the financial aid application available through the admissions office.



At the scholarship meeting were, center, Dorothy Connors, the wife of the late Sonny Connors, a longtime Queen of Peace employee for whom the fund is named, Derek Jeter's sister Sharlee and Jeter. The Connors are grandparents of Sharlee and Derek.

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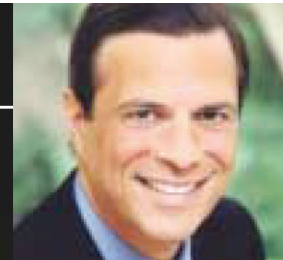
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Active participation was a major part of the NJPAC professional teacher workshop, "A Celebration In Song." Teachers sang, danced, played instruments and used props to illustrate how the arts can be used to teach lessons in any discipline.



Advocate photo- Liesl Fores

Workshop evokes 'sweet' music

BY LIESL FORES
Staff Reporter

Teachers from the Archdiocese of Newark recently attended a New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) professional development workshop, a program run by the theater's Arts Education Department. "A Celebration in Song," con-

ducted by Dr. Byerte Johnson, published author and African-American historian, used the musical repertoire and style of renown a capella group Sweet Honey in the Rock to illustrate how the singers "tell stories of the triumphs and struggles of African-Americans throughout history, in song."

It was an interactive workshop in which participating educators sang, danced, played instruments, acted and used costumes in order to experience firsthand how to implement such activities into their own lesson plans, especially for social studies and history.

Though the workshop was mainly intended for teachers of grades 6-12, many of the ideas and principles covered can be applied to younger students.

Melissa Lucido, kindergarten teacher at Our Lady of Grace School, Fairview, said bringing music and dance into the classroom is a wonderful idea for youngsters.

"I can incorporate this kind of activity into the classroom to enliven the lessons. I can put this into anything," she noted, mentioning reading in particular.

When asked what her favorite part of the workshop had been,

Lucido replied, "Getting up, singing and moving, doing everything that we're doing—not being confined."

Accompanying Dr. Johnson, who played Sweet Honey in the Rock numbers on the piano, was percussionist Clem Farrar and students from the East Orange School District, where Dr. Johnson is an educator, who also helped dramatize many of the songs.

Dr. Johnson, who does these workshops biannually at NJPAC, among other places, commented that the most important thing teachers should take away with them is "enthusiasm of teaching any subject, but the arts in particular."

She explained that these types of workshops are important because they are "reinforcement to teachers."

Robyn Hillary Jackson, a protégée of Dr. Johnson's who assisted her in class, observed that the broader a teacher's perspective is of life and history, the greater the impact can be. "Pulling together the best of ethical and traditional history of many cultures is what helps us to make a better human race."

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Arts education takes the stage at NJPAC

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Each year, NJPAC extends a special priority opportunity for school districts to register early for SchoolTime Performances and other Arts Education Department programs before they are made available to the general public. This is the first year that the Archdiocese of Newark has participated in a School District Partnership with the NJPAC Arts Education Department.

Sister Louise Cababe, O.P., Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum and Testing, Archdiocese of Newark, is the district liaison for this school-based partnership and has facilitated the involvement of the 13 Catholic schools in the highly successful program.

Participating schools are Holy Trinity Interparochial, Mountain-side; Our Lady of the Lake, Verona; Our Lady of Lourdes, West Orange; Our Lady of Czestochowa and Resurrection, Jersey City; Queen of Angels, Sacred Heart (Vailsburg), St. Lucy and St. Mary, Newark; St. Augustine, Union City; St. Genevieve, Elizabeth; Saint Joseph, Maplewood, and St. Joseph the Carpenter, Roselle.

"This partnership is one means of providing Catholic school students with the opportunity to participate in the unique experiences that NJPAC provides," Sister Louise said. "Their programs are age appropriate and enjoyable, giving students an experience different from movies, TV and video games."

Sister Dominica Rocchio, S.C., Ed.D, Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Schools, Archdiocese of Newark, added, "I am grateful to NJPAC for providing enrichment to our Catholic school students. It is never too early to introduce children to the wonders of music and drama."

Another component of the NJPAC School District Partnership enables educators to attend professional development workshops at a reduced registration fee. Educators from the Archdiocese recently attended an Arts Education Department Professional

Development Workshop.

Additionally, schools within the Archdiocese have enrolled in residency programs for theater and early childhood instruction. During the Fall 2003 semester, Saint Vincent Academy, Newark, participated in a Theater Academy Residency for drama/improvisation for the first time.

"The impact of the dramatics class on the school was subtle at first," said teacher John Hogan, "but it has blossomed to the point where the students who developed the 'Empowered Cinderella' story are looked at as the holders of a wonderful secret. It is now the stage, and not merely the gym, which is a place of excitement and interest at our school."

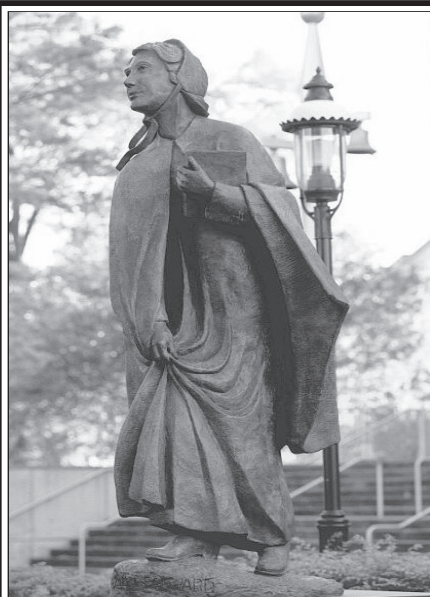
The NJPAC Teaching Artist who conducted the residency at Saint Vincent's is Newark-native and parochial school graduate Donna Holmes. In addition to her instructional work, Holmes' credits include narrating for New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's "Heroes & Heroines" family series, and playing the role of Bernice in Newark's African Globe Theater's production of August Wilson's *Piano Lesson*.

St. Rose of Lima School, Newark, will also participate in an Early Learning Through the Arts © Residency during the winter 2004.

NJPAC School District Partnerships allow a school district to obtain discounted tickets to SchoolTime Performances, comprehensive Teacher Resource Guides for each performance, and discounted rates to professional development workshops.



Mary Help of Christians Academy, North Haledon, was well represented last month at the 31st March for Life in Washington, DC. Proudly unfurling their school's banner in front of a monument are the 95 students who made the trip. The students were joined by young people from across the country to protest the U.S. Supreme Court controversial 1973 decision that made abortion legal.



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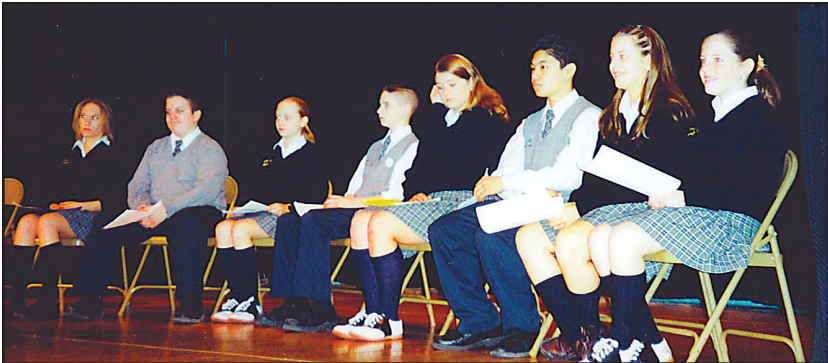
Our Catholic schools celebrate... 'A Faith-Filled Future'



Schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark were busy during Catholic Schools Week late last month. In the top photos, left, Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Vicar General visited Our Lady of the Lake School, Verona. Among the students he spoke with were, left to right, John Carter MacLean, Luke Regan, Jacqueline Collins, George Wallden and Elizabeth Oser. Hudson County Regional Bishop David Arias, right photo, went to Saint Aedan School, Jersey City. Greeted by the bishop were, left to right, James Garvin, Joshua Balasa, Aliana Reyes and Katrina Rue. In the middle row of photos, left, Father Larry Fama of St. Helen Parish, Westfield, speaks with students from nearby Holy Trinity Academy. In the right hand photo, also at St. Helen's, students gathered proudly around a banner proclaiming the theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week. In the bottom photo, left, Bergen County Regional Bishop Charles McDonnell, who visited Garfield Catholic Academy, greets Donna Carella, whose older sister Diana is in kindergarten.



In the top row of photos, left, Heritage Day was a popular event at St. Peter Academy, River Edge. Among those participating were, left to right, Katie Lim, Anna Park, Patrick Varelas, Steven Cannon, Kirsty Rice and Taylor-Leigh Ulisse. In the photo at the right, winners of the Academic and Fun Olympics at St. John the Apostle School, Springfield, take time for the camera. In the second row photo, third graders at St. Joseph School, Oradell, adroitly demonstrate square dancing skills they learned during Catholic Schools Week. The third row of photos, left, Alexa Salcito, Christopher Osnato, Alicia Palmieri, David Thornton, Sarah Palenik, Billy Zhang, Ariel Vollero and Erin Monaghan give a Forensics demonstration at St. John the Apostle School, Clark/Linden. In the photo at the right, Pre-K students at St. Joseph School, East Rutherford, left to right, Luke Maffia and Matthew Rodriguez, along with parent Audrey Kimak, took part in a breakfast honoring local police, fire and EMT personnel. In the bottom photos, left, students at Academy of Our Lady, Glen Rock, left to right, Kate Mackie, Sarah Brennan, Mollie O'Keefe and Lauren Reers, at a special "snow tubing" event. In the right hand photo, eighth graders at St. Paul of the Cross School, Jersey City, Jesse Gebhardt, Nicolette Pippis, Anthony Marmora and Heather Rae Stafford, took part in "Tea and Cookies" for their fellow students and guests of Pre-K through third grade.



Property administrator named

BY WARD MIELE

Managing Editor

Seeing it as a "chance to be at the center of the action," Steve Belloise crossed the river in November, leaving the Archdiocese of New York for the Archdiocese of Newark.

In a sense the new Director of the Office of Property Management Administration, formerly Plant Services, was coming home. He has been an Emerson resident and parishioner at Assumption Parish the past eight years.

Belloise and his 12-member staff are responsible for archdiocesan construction projects over \$25,000, the sale and leasing of land, some 1,000 buildings, and all classroom space.

Belloise, who holds an MBA



Steve Belloise

from Columbia University, spent nine years with the Archdiocese of New York as a consultant to its building commission. He was responsible for projects in addi-

tion to being business manager and handling administrative duties.

Part of the move to Newark, he notes, was the opportunity to have "more responsibility." In fact, noticing the myriad of real estate matters crossing his desk, Belloise is studying for his real estate license.

With the many building projects underway at any one time in the Archdiocese, Belloise feels his knowledge of the industry and the bidding process will come into play. On the administrative side, he has instituted a "comprehensive" data base in order to monitor each and every project.

Reflecting on the three months he has spent so far with the Church of Newark, Belloise, the father of three sons says, "I really enjoy it." He has been especially struck by the "friendliness" of archdiocesan employees.



During the school's Advent Liturgy, Msgr. Richard McGuinness, Pastor of St. John the Apostle Parish, Clark/Linden, presented the teachers with certificates from Archbishop John J. Myers. The certificates were for completing courses required to become archdiocesan catechists. With Msgr. McGuinness and Principal Sister Donna Marie O'Brien are, left to right, front row, Sister Donna Marie, O.P.; Jacqueline Halleck, Eileen Esposito, Msgr. McGuinness, Patricia Lettini, Sharon Osnato, Charlene Quackenbush and Arlene Panico; second row, Dorothea Magyar, Susan Luciano, Sister Jane Marie Smith, O.P., LeighAnn Gregory, Jane Kiernan, MaryLou Lanigan, Irene Abline and June Butchko. Missing are MaryAnn Chohey, MaryAnne Arlotta and Debra Grouss.

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"Be Prophets of Life, Love and Joy" is co-sponsored by the Salesians of Don Bosco, the Pro-Life Committee of Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Orange, and Seton Hall University.

Mary Beth Bonacci is an internationally known speaker on chastity and real love. In 1992 she addressed 10,000 teenagers in Mexico and a year later 75,000 at World Youth Day in Colorado. She is the author of two books and has developed a video series. Bonacci has a master's degree in theology from the John Paul II Institute at Lateran University and was awarded an honorary doctorate in Communications from the Franciscan University, Steubenville.

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New Planned Giving team looks to future

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

David L. Osborne, M.A., M.B.A., joined the Development Office of the Archdiocese in January as Director of Planned Giving and Major Donors. He came to Newark from Omaha, NE, where he had been Director of Catholic Life and Development at Christ the King Parish and served on the stewardship council of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

He heads a group that includes another new employee, Deacon Robert A. Baker, Sr., Associate Director, and Isabel Kitzman, Office Coordinator. All three began their new assignments at the same time.

The three work together to create new ways for Catholics to express their faith by giving resources in support of the Church's mission. Osborne noted that "the Church's mission is primarily fulfilled at the parish level, though each parish is intimately connected with a diocese. It is in the parishes that Catholic stewardship and development activities must ultimately be enhanced."

At Christ the King Parish, Osborne created a 30-member development council that aided the pastor and other consultative bodies, such as a school board and finance council, by helping parishioners enhance their support of the parish's mission.

In Osborne's experience, the parish is on the "front line" of the battle to advance the overall mission of the Church since the parish has the most direct contact with the faithful, and thus the most opportunities to impact their lives.

His first impressions with the Archdiocese of Newark are expressed with admiration of his colleagues. He is impressed with

the "dedication of people here at the chancery to take their faith to heart and put it into action by serving the Church." Similarly, he sees great strengths in his new home Archdiocese, in its diversity and "wonderful cultural heritage, a strong bond for each group in the way it practices and celebrates the Catholic faith."

Having earned both a master's degree in theology from Franciscan University, Steubenville, OH, and an M.B.A. from Mount Saint Mary's College and Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, before working for the Church in Omaha, Osborne previously operated an investment and insurance planning practice. With his experience, he has plans to "re-evangelize and re-catechize the faithful about the principles of steward-

ship and development, and the joy of giving to help build the Kingdom of God."

Deacon Bob Baker, a Jersey City resident, came to the Archdiocese after nine years as pastoral associate of Saint Nicholas Parish in his hometown.

Baker described his job as "searching, shaking the trees and beating the bushes" to find resources for the Church of Newark.

It is a "constant, never ending" quest, he noted.

What attracted him to the job, Deacon Baker explained, is the "potential for growth" and his "love of the larger Church." Having worked at the parish level, Deacon Baker stressed, is a big advantage in his new position.

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David Osborne

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Movie: *Tea with Mussolini*." A discussion will follow. The \$25 cost includes supper.

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Xavier Center, Convent Station, will present "Women and the Questions of Lent" on Feb. 28 from 1 to 5 p.m. Cost is \$25 with a \$10 deposit required.

The Xavier Retreat and Conference Center is located on Convent Road, on the grounds of Convent College and Academy of Saint Elizabeth.

To register or for additional information call (973) 290-5100 or email xavierent@aol.com.

St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, is the site of a Deanery 12 Cornerstone for Women program March 26-27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Archdiocesan CYO

Center, Kearny. The cost is \$60.

Registration deadline is Feb. 28. Call 435-3170 or 434-3656. Both are in the 201 area code.

Two events are scheduled at the Benedictine Center, Elizabeth.

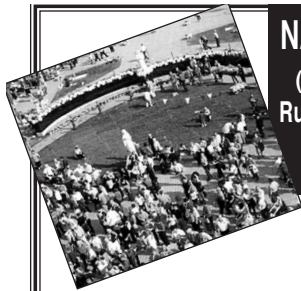
"Benedict's 12 Steps to Inner Freedom," a weekend retreat for women, will be held at the St. Walburga Monastery Feb. 27-29. Cost \$75.

On that Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the conferences are


open to men and women. The \$20 cost includes lunch.

"Eucharist: What We Do and Why We Do It," the first in a free Lenten lecture series, presented by Msgr. Raymond Kupke, Ph.D., Pastor and Archivist of the Paterson Diocese, will be held at the St. Walburga Monastery on Feb. 29 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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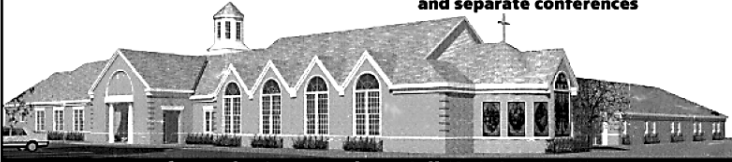


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In the 8 o'clock community (the Early Christian Community), the Hospitality Committee hosts the continental breakfast on Hospitality Sunday, the first Sunday of the month. They greet students arriving for retreats at the shrine and adults coming for Days of Renewal.

When thousands of people converge on the grounds for the annual festival every September, the Hospitality Committee extends a warm welcome for a day of relaxation and fun. The New Year's Day Committee has prepared and served a brunch to over 150 people from the three shrine communities for the past two years. Invitations were also extended to those who would be alone.

Individuals offer a ministry to the sick, where they visit the ill who are homebound or in the hospital. Others transport people who are in need of rides to Mass, to shopping centers or to the doctor's office. Future plans for the Early Christian Community include retreats at Camp Trinita and healing services.

In the 10 o'clock community (the Christian Community), the ministry to the homeless has been ongoing for 15 years. Working

with the Interfaith Council for Homeless Families (ICHF), the Christian Community has provided a home for up to 15 people, four weeks a year.

Community volunteers set up the rooms and beds, welcome the guests, provide meals, help with homework, provide recreation for the children, transport to the laundromat and offer emergency assistance.

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-Father Thomas A. Judge

Recently, the Christian Community was involved in another outreach activity to reduce homelessness in the area. The ICHF was given a run-down home in Morristown for a homeless family.

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a family of two adults and eight children by cleaning, sheet rocking, painting, refinishing floors, hanging curtains and installing window blinds.

For 24 years, the Service Auction held every March, has provided a venue for people to help financially support young people "off the hill," who would otherwise not be able to afford Catholic education.

Primary recipients included students in Newark, Paterson and Montclair. At the same time, the auction continues to help build community by offering fun activities, beautiful items and useful services for all Community members to share and enjoy.

The cycle of giving continues—students from Immaculate Conception High School, Montclair, have worked at the festival for the past two years to help fill volunteer gaps.

In 1999, Christian Community members became concerned by the ravaging destruction of Hurricane

Floyd to the Bound Brook area. Seeking a way to relieve the suffering of the area's people, they chose to help stock the food pantry at the Bound Brook Reformed Church.

Once a week, Community members drive to the church laden with canned goods collected from donors in the Shrine Chapel building. The food is then distributed to the needy and/or used for the Wednesday night dinner offered to the hungry in the area.

For the recently formed 5 o'clock community (the San Jose Community), a Mass is said in Spanish every Sunday afternoon in the chapel. The third Sunday of the month is designated Latin Family Sunday, when following Mass, there is a potluck dinner served, music played and fellowship offered to people from many different countries.

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Photos, clockwise from upper left: Winners of the Art of Hope contest: Giselle Angelica Costa, 13, Bernadette Oldfield, 10, and Jacqueline Castillo, 6. Archbishop Myers with, left to right, Donald M. Daniels, Chairman of Cathedral Healthcare System, and Phil Besler, President of Besler and Co., Inc., and Jennifer Besler, granddaughter of Stella Gusgekofski for whom lobby is named.

A 'holy' place

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At the ceremony, Daniels introduced Jennifer Besler, the eldest granddaughter of Stella Gusfekofski, for whom the lobby was dedicated, and in whose name a substantial donation was made by the Besler family.

Three winners of the Art of Hope contest for local elementary schools were presented: Jacqueline Castillo, age 6, of Robert Treat Academy Charter School, Newark; Bernadette Oldfield, age 10, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Tenafly,

and Giselle Angelica Costa, age 13, Holy Rosary Academy, Union City.

The winning entries were on display in the lobby of the center.

Featuring the latest in medical and radiation oncology, the Regional Cancer Center offers a wide range of services and treatments, including diagnostic services, follow-up care, patient and community education and cancer prevention programs.

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advances in nuclear medicine and MRI scanning provide powerful tools in the fight against cancer.

The center will also offer important ancillary services, including an on-site pharmacy, a phlebotomy laboratory, social services, a nutritional center and valet parking.

Also present at the ceremony was Eddy A. Bresnitz, M.D., M.S., a senior assistant commissioner of the State Department of Health and Senior Services and the State Epidemiologist. Dr. Bresnitz presented a proclamation from the state declaring the Regional Cancer Center open and fully operational.



Center names new directors of radiation, oncology

The Cathedral Regional Cancer Center, owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Newark's Cathedral Healthcare System and affiliated with the Department of Radiation Oncology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, has appointed Lincoln K. Pao, M.D. and Gunwant Kaur Guron, M.D. as the new medical directors of radiation and medical oncology, respectively.

Located on the campus of Saint Michael's Medical Center, Newark, the \$15 million, 15,500 square foot Cathedral Regional Cancer Center provides patients with state-of-the-art cancer treatment.

Board-certified in radiation oncology, Dr. Pao is one of the leading Radiation Oncology physicians in the Northeast. He comes to the Cathedral Regional Cancer Center from Saint Barnabas Hospital, New York, where he held the position of chief of radiation oncology for the past two years.

A graduate of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and the University of Pennsylvania College of Arts of Sciences, Dr. Pao conducted his internship at Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center, and his residency in radiation oncology at New York-Presbyterian Hospital / Columbia University Medical Center, where he was also chief resident. He is Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Already familiar with the Cathedral Healthcare System and Saint Michael's Medical Center, Dr. Guron joins the Cathedral Regional Cancer Center after many years as the medical director of hematology/oncology and director of immun-oncology laboratory at Saint Michael's.

A native of India, she received her M.B.B.S. (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery) with a specialty

board in obstetrics and gynecology from Gandhi Medical College in Bhopal, India.

Since arriving in the United States in the mid-1980s,



Dr. Gunwant Kaur Guron

Dr. Guron was an internal medicine resident at Cooks County Hospital in Chicago, and did her fellowship work in hematology/oncology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia

University Medical Center.

"The new Cathedral Regional Cancer Center is honored and privileged to have such well-respected and experienced physicians as Drs. Pao and Guron to direct our new cancer center," said Donald Daniels, Chairman and CEO, Cathedral Healthcare System. "With our advanced technology already in place and through the leadership and expertise of our medical and ancillary staff, we look forward to becoming a leader in oncology services and care throughout the region."

"This affiliation is an exciting opportunity for the Department of Radiation Oncology," says Dr. Peter Schiff, Chairman of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. "It allows us to bring state of the art treatment to a larger number of patients and extends our ability to offer patients opportunities to participate in clinical

trials at Columbia.

In addition, the outstanding medical physicists at Cathedral will now enjoy the support of



Dr. Lincoln K. Pao

the larger medical physics group at Columbia. We look forward to working with the Cathedral Regional Cancer Center, particularly with Drs. Pao and Guron, to provide the best care to their patients."

Komen grants presented

Several facilities of Cathedral Healthcare System are among 29 grant recipients named by the New Jersey Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The Archdiocesan recipients are the Greater Orange Breast Initiative, which provides breast cancer outreach, education and screenings; and Columbus Hospital, Saint James Hospital and Saint Michael’s Medical Center, all in Newark.

“These grants flow out of our Community Needs Assessment conducted in 1999 and updated annually. It ensures that our grant funds are distributed to organiza-

tions and agencies that best address the breast health needs of women and men in our communities,” said Mary Hess, Director of the Komen Affilicate Grant Program.

New HIV test arrives

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Foundation director named

Nadine Brechner has joined the Trinitas family as Director of the Trinitas Health Foundation.

She will provide leadership for all fund raising activities at Trinitas Hospital.

Brechner received a B.A. in Elementary Education from the University of Maryland, and a master’s degree in City and Regional Planning from the Rutgers University, Department of Urban Planning and Policy Analysis.

She worked previously as the executive director of development for Union County College. Brechner also served as associate executive director of Middlesex County College Foundation, and as a consultant in fund raising to several colleges.

Laureate Award

Leon Smith M.D., Chairman of Medicine at Saint Michael’s Medical Center, Newark, is a recent recipient of the Laureate Award from the American College of Physicians.

Speaking at the presentation ceremonies, Dr.

Smith explained how doctors can recognize and treat bioterror agents. He is one of a small number of doctors in the United States who is a Master of the American College of Physicians. It is the highest rank in medicine bestowed by one’s peers.


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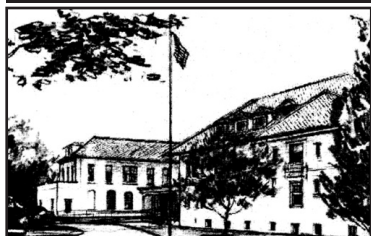


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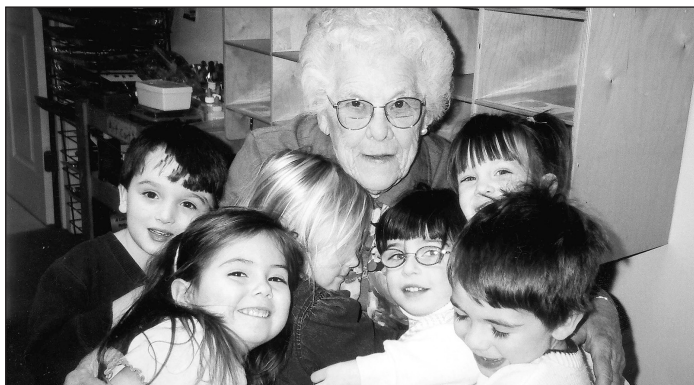
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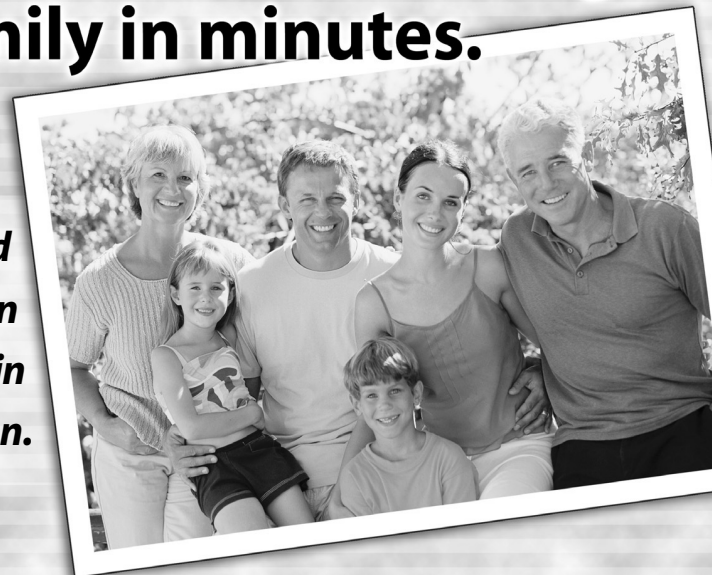
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Father Jack Donohue, second from left, a chaplain at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville, was honored recently on the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. A plaque was presented by Richard Salhany, vice president of operations at the hospital. On hand were fellow chaplain Father George Joseph and Father Dan Mena, Director of Pastoral Care.

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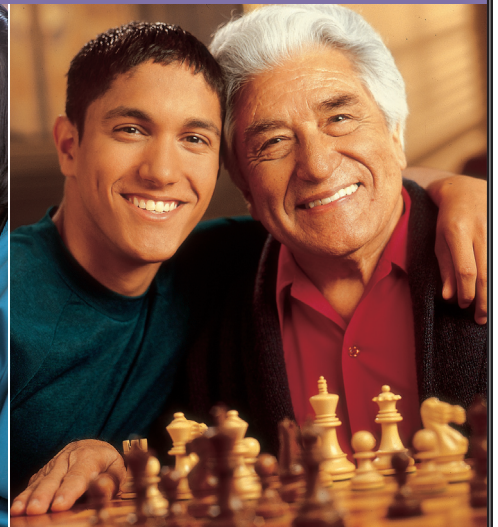
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The Color Guard from Assumption Parish, Bayonne, led by Frank Perrucci, right, taken recently in ceremonies marking the 62nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Three survivors, Frank Wasniewski, left; Al Merdo, seated, and James Evans, to his right, all of Jersey City, were honored guests at ceremonies held on the Jersey City Waterfront. Assemblywoman Joan M. Quigley, center, provided a wreath which was thrown into the Hudson River at 7:55 a.m. to mark the exact time of the attack. Second from the left is Mayor Glenn Cunningham and third from right is former Mayor Anthony Cucci who fought with the U.S. Marines in Okinawa. On the right is William Druback who fought with the 101st Division during the Battle of the Bulge.

Faith despite sickness a ‘gift’

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The example of Catholics who, despite sickness and suffering, continue to express faith in the saving power of Christ is a precious gift for the Church, Pope John Paul II said.

Marking the Feb. 11 celebration of the World Day of the Sick, the pope said: “Human existence is always a gift of God, even when it is marked by physical suffering of any kind. It is a gift which the Church and the world must value.”

The Catholic Church’s main celebration of the day was being held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France, which was connected by satellite with Pope John Paul for his weekly general audience from the Vatican.

In his audience talk, Pope John Paul said that from a human point of view “suffering and sickness can appear to be absurd realities.”

But, he said, when suffering is seen in the light of the Gospel, “one is able to gather its deep salvific meaning.”

The Gospel message is that Christ suffers for and with all people, taking their pain and making it part of the path to salvation and new life, the pope said. “Those who suffer must never be left alone,” the pope said, and he thanked family members, medical professionals and chaplains who dedicate their lives to caring for the sick.

“It is a great act of love to take care of one who suffers,” he said.

The pope prayed that Our Lady of Lourdes would watch over all who are sick, who are old or who are left alone. “Soothe their suffering, dry their tears and obtain for each one of them the strength needed to accomplish God’s will,” he prayed.

After an evening Mass Feb. 11, Pope John Paul joined hundreds of sick people and their caregivers in St. Peter’s Basilica.

The 83-year-old pope thanked the sick “for the prayers and sacrifices you generously have offered for me” and promised they were in his prayers, too.

Pope John Paul said the 2004 World Day of the Sick not only focused on the healings and spiritual blessings thousands of people have found during a pilgrimage to Lourdes, but on the fact that Mary is honored at Lourdes under the title of “the Immaculate Conception.”

Later this year, the Church will mark the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX’s proclamation of the dogma that Mary was conceived without sin.

“Looking at Mary, our hearts open to hope because we see what great things God does when, with humility, we make ourselves available to do his will,” the pope told the sick people.

Mary the Immaculate, he said, “is a stupendous sign of the victory of life over death, of love over sin and of salvation over any illness of body or spirit. In her is the promise of what God wants to give every human creature: fullness of life, joy and peace.”

Retiring pastor to be honored

Father Ted Stasik, who has served as pastor of St. Ann Parish, Jersey City, the past 11 years, will be honored for his upcoming retirement at a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, Feb. 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Father Stasik, who will retire March 1, was a student of

Pope John Paul II and ordained by the Holy Father when he was Archbishop of Krakow, Poland.

Previously Father Stasik served as pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Hackensack, and was parochial vicar at St. Michael Parish, Lyndhurst.

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A highlight of Catholic Schools Week at Garfield Catholic Academy was Grandparents' Day. The students were able to show off their school. A particularly popular stop was a student exhibit of what is being taught in the classroom. Many grandparents took considerable time to closely study the many displays.

Interaction a top priority

Heath Village, Hackettstown, is a retirement community that stands above the rest.

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residents interact. The involvement of Heath Village residents can range from limited to a regular basis.

For those with a green thumb, Heath Village is the place to be. Residents can plant flowers, herbs or vegetables around the patio perimeter or apartment foundation. Each spring the Grounds Department prepares the designated areas for planting. One can also join the Flower Tender group which maintains the greenery in the Heritage Room, the facility's lobby, and dining room.

Pets of the canine and feline variety call Heath Village home in growing numbers. There are an abundance of walks and trails to exercise one's pet. The enclosed patios are ideal locations for bird watching.

"As one researches and compares retirement communities with their future home, keep in mind that there are many similarities, but the few unique variations may make a huge difference in a person's future happiness and well being," said Janice Cipiriani, Director of Marketing and Housing.



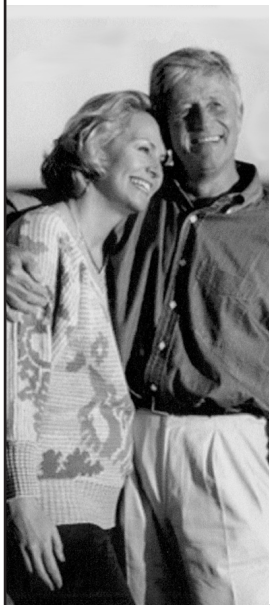
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Sheriff speaks in Ridgewood

Bergen County Sheriff Joel G. Trella spoke recently to members of the Seniors for Adult Ministry of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood.

Sheriff Trella explained the precautions seniors can take to avoid scams and identity theft and provided basic safety tips on how to prepared in an emergency.



Left to right, Program Chairman Jean Dziobkowski, Secretary Fran Davey, the sheriff, President Sandra Shields and Vice President Rita Foote.



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'Passion'

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Father Lawrence Frizzell, Director of the Institute for Judaean-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, noted, "The Passion Play is concerned with the Paschal Mystery—the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. The potential for bigotry is a cheapening of the faith experience. Christians should focus on our own sinfulness and need for redemption.

"Because of the manner in which the people who collaborated in the death of Jesus has been linked with the condemnation of Jews in a contemporary situation, our Jewish neighbors have suffered the repercussions of a misplaced Christian piety.

"Matthew 27:25 states that the crowd said, 'His blood be upon us and upon our children.' This has been generalized to include all Jews. The Church teaches that the statement definitely should not be applied to all Jews now, or all Jews at that time. The Jewish people made up 10 percent of the Roman Empire, and many Jews would not have even had the opportunity to encounter Jesus," Father Frizzell explained.

In general, the film contains far more graphic violence than any-

thing depicted in the Gospels. Concern over this lies in the extra-biblical sources Gibson used for his script, namely, material from *The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ*, from the meditations of Ven. Anne Catherine Emmerich, an 18th-century mystic and stigmatic.

The article in the AJC manual, "Dramatizing the Death of Jesus," which Father Frizzell co-authored, evaluates an early version of Gibson's script, pointing out similarities between a number of scenes and the Emmerich writings—Jesus' cross being constructed at the orders of the high priest in the courtyard of the temple; servants of the high priest bribing fellow Jews to demand Jesus' death and even paying some of His crucifiers; scenes of the brutalizing of Jesus not present in the Gospels, and Pilate stating that he fears the high priest is planning a revolt against Rome.

Father Frizzell said, "In different times through history, in different cultures and contexts, Christians may have not been

getting along with Jews, say, in the marketplace or elsewhere. In these instances, people imported religious justifications to add weight to preexisting cultural prejudices."



In a scene from *The Passion of the Christ*, Jesus (Jim Caviezel) is approached by His mother Mary (Maia Morgenstern) as He carries His cross to the crucifixion.

Father Kevin Ashe has been directing the Passion Play at Park Performing Arts Center, Union City, since 1983. According to Father Ashe, the annual event—which has been ongoing since 1915—is the oldest such production in the nation.

When Father Ashe began directing the play, he worked to adapt the script with a "sensitive approach to religious and social issues."

"As Catholics, we bring a lot of context that was never in the play," Father Ashe said. "After realizing that, we made it very clear that

Jesus was Jewish. Costuming comes into play here. We have one scene where the men wear yarmulkes. We know that this was not part of the dress of the day, but we take the artistic liberty to make

it obvious that these men are Jewish," he noted.

Father Ashe went on to explain that often, to the non-Christian, the message that a Passion Play gave was that "everyone who is against Jesus is Jewish. No one says that his followers are also Jewish.

"The portrayal of the role of Pontius Pilate is also extremely important. It often looks like he didn't want to execute Jesus, and

that he was pressured by the high priest to do so. We know from history that Pontius Pilate was a brutal ruler who was there to suppress the Jewish people, that he appointed Jewish leaders to keep control of the people, and that he murdered a countless number of Jews," Father Ashe explained.

Once it opens, Paramus Catholic High School will be taking senior religion students in the Faith and Media class to view the film.

The Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies, Seton Hall University, will host a special two-

part lecture on the topic, "The Passion of Jesus: From Gospel to Gibson," on Sunday, March 14, from 2-4:30 p.m. in Kozlowski Hall. "The Challenging Religious Drama of the Passion for Christians," by Rabbi Asher Finkel, and "Catholic Piety and the Passion of Christ in Art and Drama," by Father Frizzell, will be presented. Call (973) 761-9751.

Also, there will be a special screening of *The Passion of the Christ*, on Feb. 27, at Loews Mountainside Theater, Route 22 East, Mountainside, at 8 p.m., hosted by the Knights of Columbus, St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills. Tickets are \$10. The Knights are asking for donations to sponsor seminarians, priests and Religious for the event. Call (973) 379-3912.

For more information, visit the USCCB on the web at www.nccbuscc.org, the AJC at www.ajc.org, or the Park Performing Arts Center at www.parkpac.org.

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POR EL PADRE RON ROLHEISER, O.M.I.

Cuando yo era un Profesor a tiempo completo, por algún tiempo actué como Decano del Departamento de Teología y un día recibí una llamada telefónica del párroco de una de las iglesias locales. La conversación fue algo como esto: “¿Es usted el Decano del Departamento de Teología?” “Yo realmente estoy sustituyendo al Decano, que está tomando unas vacaciones.”

“¡Por Dios, sus estudiantes son un dolor de cabeza! ¡Ellos toman un par de asignaturas, regresan, y quieren cambiarlo todo en nuestra parroquia! Ellos no encuentran nada bien: se lamentan de todo, de cómo llevamos la liturgia, de mis sermones, de nuestras prioridades parroquiales y de nuestra eclesiología en general. Yo no niego que ellos tienen razón la mayor parte de las veces, pero ese no es el punto. Pero su arrogancia es destructiva. ¿No les enseñan ustedes ninguna compasión?”

Eso fue un verdadero reto: ¿No les enseñan ustedes ninguna compasión?

La verdad debe estar siempre unida a la compasión. El crecimiento en nuestras vidas, bien sea intelectual, espiritual, psicológico, profesional o moral, no debe llevarnos nunca a la arrogancia, al elitismo o a la falsa conclusión de que ahora que estamos “libres” y llenos de sabiduría, nos lleguemos a creer que estamos rodeados de gente ignorante y desagradable.

Por el contrario, mi crecimiento genuino debería llevarme a un crecimiento paralelo en compasión, respeto, caballerosidad, y en la capacidad de comprender mejor el punto de vista de quienes no concuerdan con nosotros.

Jesús nos enseñó eso cuando nos recomendó decir siempre la verdad en forma de parábolas, para que cuando habláramos no causáramos más daño que bien. En síntesis, lo que Jesús nos dijo fue que la verdad no debe ser como un

gran martillo para golpear, y que tener la verdad no lo es todo. Nuestra verdad debe ser correcta, pero además, tenemos que controlar la fuerza con la que la presentamos.

Para que la verdad nos haga libres, debe venir siempre acompañada de una dosis de compasión, porque si no, nuestra verdad puede causar más divisiones dentro de la comunidad, y además resultar en amarguras personales.

Un ejemplo puede ser útil. Imaginemos un matrimonio en el que, en un momento dado, uno de los cónyuges empieza a orientarse en forma que el otro no comparte. Con frecuencia esto resulta en divorcio o, más a menudo, en mucha amargura y resentimiento para el cónyuge que desea crecer en una forma nueva con la que no está de acuerdo el otro, dejando al primero con la idea de que está comprometido a seguir unido a alguien “que no lo entiende y que no le da ningún apoyo a lo que él quiere hacer, convirtiéndose en un obstáculo para su crecimiento y felicidad”.

Y lo que ocurre en un matrimonio ocurre también en cualquier familia, comunidad religiosa, parroquia o grupo de amigos. En algún momento, uno u otro miembro comienza a orientarse en forma que se convierte en una amenaza para los otros.

¿Qué debe hacerse? ¿No seguir por ese camino, para preservar la paz en la familia? ¿Seguir adelante, sin pensar en las consecuencias?

Ciertamente, no hay una solución enteramente feliz en esas situaciones pero una buena parte de las tensiones se pueden aminorar si se hace un esfuerzo para crecer en compasión.

Un poco de sabiduría es peligroso. Eso es verdad para todos nosotros y algunas veces (quizás la mayor parte de las veces), nuestro esfuerzo personal para lograr mejores resultados, ilustración, santidad, justicia, o mejoramiento en nuestra iglesia está cargado de bastante ilusión y grandiosidad y precisamente por eso necesitamos un poco

del freno que un socio, un familiar o un grupo de amigos nos pueden ofrecer.

Y aunque eso es verdad, todavía hay algo más.

Cada uno de nosotros oye de vez en cuando llamadas personales que, si no les prestamos atención, nos dejan frustrados a nosotros y a nuestro Creador. Recibimos esas llamadas de Dios, de nuestros carismas personales, de las circunstancias, de las injusticias que vemos a nuestro alrededor y aun de nuestros demonios interiores, que nos empujan por caminos que no son bien recibidos por nuestros socios, nuestros familiares, nuestras parroquias, nuestras comunidades o nuestros amigos.

Si no respondemos a esa llamadas, nos merecemos el castigo bíblico reservado para quienes escondían sus talentos; por el contrario, responder apresuradamente, sin la compasión adecuada, es convertir nuestra verdad en un martillo con el que golpeamos a nuestra comunidad. Es siempre una decisión difícil y siempre arriesgamos el causar un poco de amargura.

En la mayoría de los matrimonios, familias, parroquias, comunidades y grupos de amigos, hay una ley no escrita, de la que no se habla, pero que es inalterable: “Usted puede crecer hasta aquí, pero no puede pasar más allá”. Y eso no siempre es malo, porque aunque parezca que nos reduce a todos a un común denominador, también nos obliga a no crecer en formas que no están suficientemente pensadas, balanceadas y hasta peligrosas.

No es fácil crecer sin causar tensión. Y por eso es muy importante que cualquier crecimiento en la verdad irradie igualmente un crecimiento equivalente en compasión. Debemos, como Jesús nos enseñó, decir la verdad en parábolas.

Para ser verdaderos cristianos debemos traer amor al mundo

POR MONSEÑOR JOHN GILCHRIST

Párroco de Holy Cross en Harrison, N.J.

En diciembre nuestro Santo Padre escribió una carta que recibió poca atención en el mundo secular. Estaba dirigida a dos personas, al Cardenal Lubomir Husar, Obispo Bizantino de Lvov, y al Arzobispo del rito Latino de Lvov, Marian Jaworsky. El Papa decía que deseaba unirse espiritualmente a todo el pueblo Ucraniano recordando a las víctimas de “la tragedia” e invitando a los jóvenes a recordar los eventos del pasado para que nunca mas se repitieran sufrimientos similares.

La tragedia a la que se refería el Santo Padre era el hambre intencionalmente creada por Joseph Stalin y sus comunistas para destruir a los campesinos de Ucrania al principio de la década del 1930.

Todo comenzó entre el 1929 y el 1930, cuando Stalin atacó a los “Kulaks”. Estos “Kulaks” eran agricultores de clase media que fueron fusilados o deportados a los Urales o a la Siberia. Cuando los comunistas completaron la “limpieza” de los kulaks en Ucrania, comenzaron a imponer a los campesinos cuotas de producción de granos que eran imposibles de cumplir. También se negaron a entregarles las semillas necesarias, y como si esto fuera poco, les quitaron todos los alimentos. Durante tres años la gente se moría de hambre mientras grandes cantidades de granos se podrían en los almacenes. El número de muertos como resultado de esas medidas fue mayor que el que sufrieron todas las naciones como resultado de la Primera Guerra Mundial.

El objetivo era el genocidio de los Ucranianos y su sustitución por los Rusos. Todo esto se cuenta en detalle en un

libro titulado “Harvest of Sorrow” por Robert Conquest. Mientras tanto, el mundo entero, incluyendo la Liga de las Naciones, los poderes Europeos y los mismos Estados Unidos, optaron por ignorar la tragedia y no hacer nada. Pero Hitler no lo olvidó: él se dio cuenta del éxito criminal de Stalin y decidió hacer lo mismo con los judíos cuando se le presentó la oportunidad.

También ocurrió otra terrible tragedia a principios del Siglo Veinte. En 1914 Shiek-Al-Islam, el líder espiritual de los Musulmanes Sunni, proclamó una cruzada contra los infieles y los enemigos de la fe en Turquía. Con esa excusa el ejercito turco comenzó una aniquilación completa y sistemática de los Armenios en Turquía. Se les forzó a refugiarse en el desierto donde fueron masacrados o murieron de hambre.

El Santo Padre dice en su carta, en sus propias palabras, lo que dijeron los Judíos: “¡Nunca otra vez!, ¡Nunca otra vez!” La falta de humanidad de los seres humanos, unos con los otros, está bien documentada durante el pasado siglo. Es nuestro deber que el mundo del futuro se vea libre de tanta crueldad.

Tenemos el deber de ser verdaderos Cristianos, es decir, traer amor al mundo. De lo contrario nosotros también sufriremos la carga de nuestra culpa ante el trono de Dios.

Un comunista escribió una vez: “Moscow no cree en las lágrimas”. Nosotros sí debemos creer en las lágrimas, en la compasión, y ciertamente debemos tener la valentía de luchar y de morir, si necesario fuere, por los pequeños de este mundo. Como bien se ha dicho, lo único que hace falta para que el mal prospere es que la gente buena no haga nada. Debemos recordar el pasado para poder cambiar el futuro.

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Signing on the dotted line are, seated from left, Tom Rodger, Luke Schade, and Leo Ferrine. They were joined by Principal Kevin P. Cuddihy, left; Father James F. Keenan, S.J., President, and Head Coach and Athletic Director Rich Hansen.

Letters of intent signed

Three seniors from St. Peter's Prep, Jersey City, have signed letters of intent to play football at the college level.

Signing were Leo Ferrine, University of Notre Dame; Tom Rodger, Harvard University and Luke Schade, Lafayette College.

The Marauders of St. Peter's finished the season 10-1, earning a place in the Group IV Parochial A state semi-finals, and captured the Hudson County Interscholastic Athletic Association championship for the fourth year in a row.

During his senior year at St. Peter's, Ferrine had 26 catches, 15 touchdowns, four interceptions and three fumble recoveries. He was selected as a member of MSG's tri-state area All-Heisman team, and the NJ-NY Governor's Bowl.

Ferrine, a resident of Springfield, was named to the 1st Team All-County (Hudson), and the 2nd Team All-State, All Groups, in 2003.

Tom Rodger, a 6'3", 255 pound lineman from Glen Ridge, anchored a veteran Prep offensive line as a two-year starter.

He earned 1st Team All County (Hudson), All Conference and All Area honors, as well as the 2nd Team All State, as an offensive tackle. Rodger served as co-captain of the Marauders this year.

Jersey City native Luke Schade, a 6'3", 260 pound member of the St. Peter's line, was a co-captain with Rodger. He was named to the 1st Team All County (Hudson) as an offensive lineman and as a defensive lineman. Schade finished the season with 41 tackles, 9 for losses, recovered two fumbles and recorded six sacks.

IC Seminary benefit golf outing slated

The 24th annual Cornerstone Golf and Tennis Outing to benefit Immaculate Conception Seminary (ICS), the Archdiocesan house of formation for priests, will be held Monday, June 28 at the Essex County Country Club, West Orange, it has been announced.

This year's honoree is William F. Koonz, Sr., owner of Koonz Sprinkler Supply. Last year's honoree was Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese of Newark. The event benefits the Hon. Roger W. Breslin, Sr. Seminarian Aid Fund.

The fund provides non-academic financial aid for seminarians in need.

Early registration is being offered by the outing committee, closing March 31. For further information on the annual event, please contact Steve Vlasac (973) 378-2661 or email vlasacst@shu.edu

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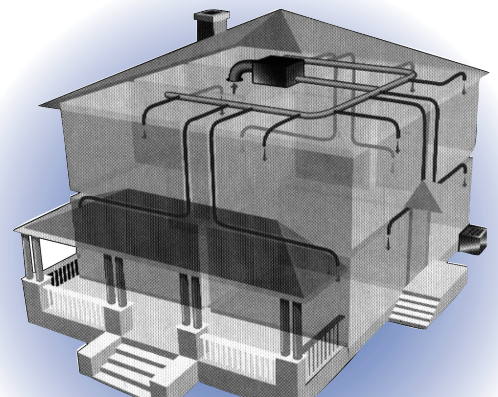
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Awards presented to Archdiocesan scouts, leaders

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

The virtues fostered through commitment to Boy Scouting were cited by Archbishop John J. Myers at the annual Catholic Scouting Awards Sunday service.

Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, their adult leaders and family members filled the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart,

Newark, earlier this month for presentation by the Archbishop of the Ad Altare Dei Award, Pope Pius XII Award, Father Junipero Serra Award, Light of Christ Award, Parvuli Dei Award, Pope Paul VI National Unit Award, Pope John XXIII Award, the Order of the Golden Bow Award and, new this year, the Order of the

Sword of Saint George Award.

Archbishop Myers made special mention of scouting's commitment to the virtuous life. The Archdiocese, he told the scouts, is "so proud of you and grateful to those assisting you."

Scouts, he added, are not too young to make such a commitment.

Archbishop Myers mentioned

too the virtue of love for God and other people. Scouts learn about such love through their various service projects and training, he explained.

If the high ideals of scouting are followed, he went on, some will notice and learn from their example. But, at the same time, he explained, scouts should not be surprised if others will not

accept what they are doing and even ridicule them. A culture exists today, Archbishop Myers lamented, that rejects "God's sovereignty over the world."

Scouting, the Archbishop emphasized, prepares young people for life. "Our world desperately needs your example and witness. I thank you for that," he added.



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At the annual Catholic Scouting Awards Sunday, Archbishop John J. Myers congratulated each scout as he presented him with his award. Earlier in the service, Boy Scouts listened intently to the Archbishop.

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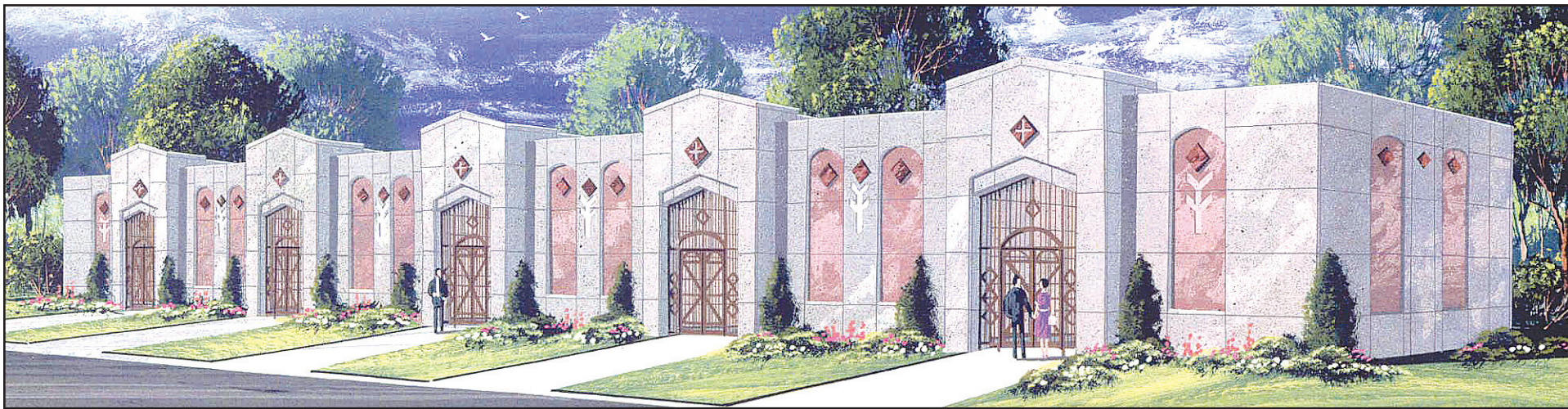
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New mausoleum will meet true need in Hudson County

A shortage of burial space for Catholics in densely populated Hudson County will soon be resolved when ground is broken for a new mausoleum at Holy Name Cemetery, Jersey City.

The 68-acre facility on West End Avenue is owned by the Archdiocese of Newark and run by the Office of Catholic Cemeteries.

The actual date of the groundbreaking will be announced. Once groundbreaking takes place, sales will begin.

When it opens, the new mau-

soleum will solve a problem that has existed since 1975 when the two Catholic cemeteries in Hudson County no longer had available grave space. Right now the closest alternative is Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

Designed by Minnesota-based Granit-Bronz, the new structure will contain 1,280 crypts and 400 niche spaces.

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1898 and is one of the world's largest, fully integrated quarries and manufacturers of granite building stone and memorialization products.

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Visual interest will be achieved through rhythmic repetition of forms and accents.

Decorative elements will include semi-circular and diagonal forms. The predominate motif will be diagonally placed with a repeating square and raised panel of polished Carnelian granite.

Entombment alcoves will be secured and accentuated by ornamental gates of fine lines and geometric tracery.

For the granite crypt and niche fronts the builders will use polished Plum Rose granite.

All graphics will be of a sandblasted motif. A Christian

Cross will be sandblast-etched in a diagonal panel above the entombment alcoves.

Opened in 1866, Holy Name Cemetery is the final resting place for more people than the current population of Jersey City. Among those entombed there in a family crypt is former Mayor Frank Hague.

The cemetery, noted Andrew Schafer, Director of Catholic Cemeteries, is "literally the archives of Hudson County."

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The Archdiocese of Newark's historical accounting of clergy sexual abuse of minors

February 25, 2004

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Second Vatican Council taught much about what is required of bishops, priests and lay men and women in their duty to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. Today, I want to reiterate and make it very clear that I stand with the bishops of our country, the priests of this Archdiocese and all priests in these United States, as well as with all those dedicated men and women who continue to give so much of their time in Catholic parishes, schools and institutions. As a bishop I am called to serve in a particular way in the work of Christ. The priests of the Archdiocese share this work with me. "Priests by virtue of their ordination to the priesthood are united among themselves in an intimate sacramental brotherhood. In individual dioceses, priests form one priesthood under their own bishop." (*Presbyterorum ordinis*, 8). "All presbyters... participate in and exercise with the bishop the one priesthood of Christ and are thereby constituted prudent cooperators of the episcopal order." (*Christus Dominus*, 28). I am grateful to the men who have been faithful cooperators in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I know how difficult these last two years have been for the good priests who are serving so well and faithfully in our parishes and institutions. Unfortunately I know too that some bishops and priests share in the guilt of the abuse of young people entrusted to the Church. The news media has painted with a broad stroke and all bishops and priests have become suspect. Given all this, however, I believe that we are now at a time where we can begin to find healing for victims of abuse, for those accused, and for all the faithful.

Throughout the past two years, many of us have asked the obvious question—"How could this have happened in our Church?"

It is a question that has required much thought and research to find the answer. We can only eliminate the sin of sexual abuse of minors in the Catholic Church if we understand the scope and beginnings of the problem. As difficult and painful as it is, we must confront the actual cases, the causes and results, and the costs—physical and emotional—of the Church's past history if we are to prevent abuse in the future.

This has not been easy to do. Most reports of abuse by members of the clergy have come to the attention of the Church only recently—since the onset of the crisis in early 2002. At the time these crimes were committed, and for years afterward, few came forward to the Church or, for that matter, to law enforcement.

It is primarily for this reason—the long delay in reporting—that the Archdiocese has had to reconstruct many incidents to determine or verify facts—so that we could learn the truth of particular allega-



tions and take appropriate actions. I regret that it has taken so long, but I felt most strongly that it was critical for everyone—victims, those accused, and you—to receive accurate information about any incidents that have occurred here in the Archdiocese over the years. Long before the beginnings of this crisis, my predecessors and I, and the priests, religious and lay people who have assisted us, have been reasoned, deliberate and comprehensive in our examination of any charge against Church personnel. It is important that we used this approach because many victims and those accused have asked us to maintain confidentiality. I am sure you can appreciate this desire on the part of anyone who is trying to deal with the mental anguish of talking about having been abused, as well as those who are facing an accusation.

But it is important to note here that, in large measure, men and women who have come with information also have wanted the Archdiocese to maintain their confidentiality and anonymity. We have done so to the extent we have been able under the laws of this state.

That is why, throughout the past two years, we had not published the names of any priests or victims, or discussed details of specific cases. We have, however, shared all of this information with law enforce-

ment authorities, and will continue to do so.

We also had not published any specifics about our investigations to date because, until very recently, the majority of allegations were still being investigated by the Archdiocesan Review Board or were in process of being forwarded to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Time to Share Information

As each diocese in the United States has struggled with examining its particular cases of allegations, the Catholic Bishops of the United States realized that we needed to take a nationwide look at this problem. For that reason, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops chose to gather all available information on cases of abuse by clergy over the past 50 years. In doing so, it was our hope to gain understanding, and to have a true basis for addressing the problem in the long term.

Experts from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York undertook this study. As you read this letter, the Conference has released its results, a comprehensive compilation of the experience of all Catholic dioceses in the United States. It presents for the first time anywhere the many different elements of this issue, including the number of allegations against clergy, how the Church has dealt with these cases, and the financial cost to the Church throughout the United States.

To our knowledge, it is the first such study of its kind dealing with sexual abuse by any single group, profession or subset of society.

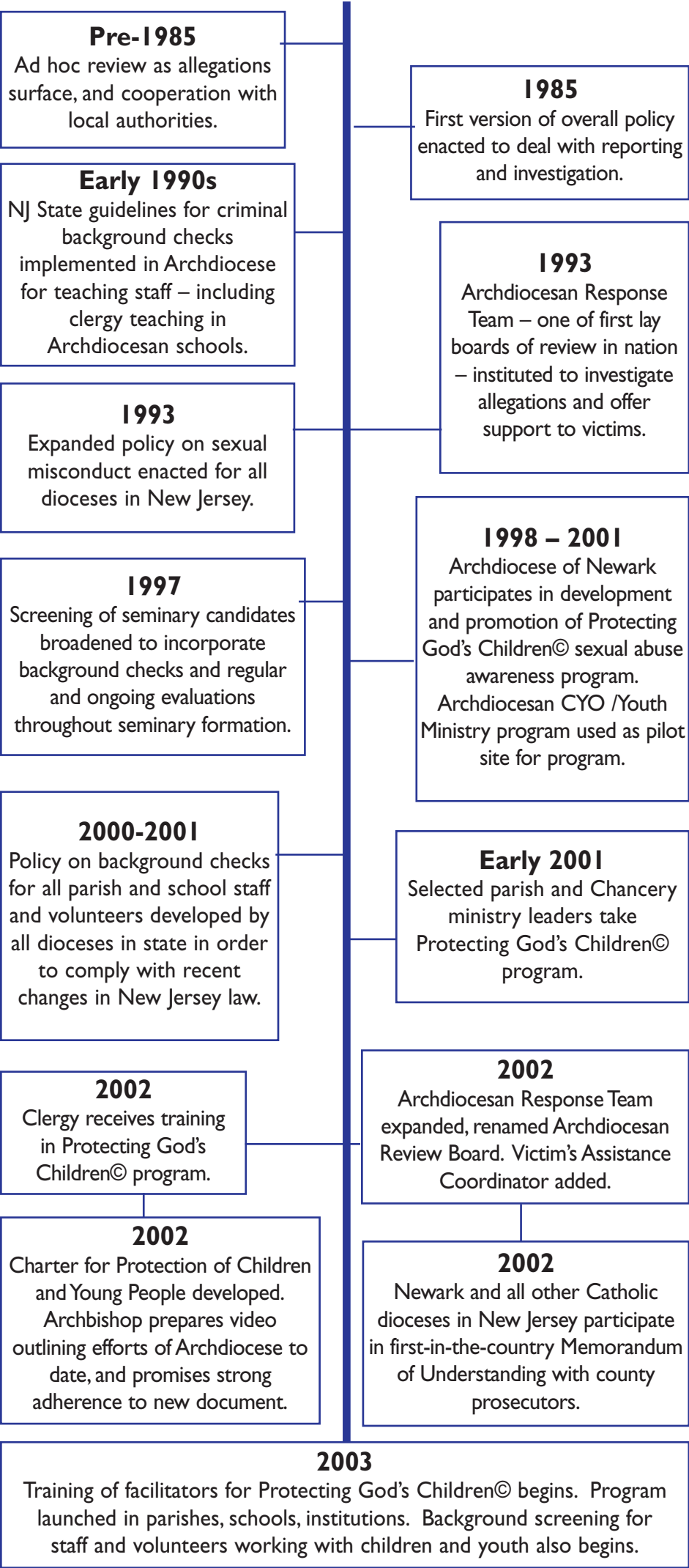
The Archdiocese of Newark participated in this study, and I want to present to you today the information we provided to the John Jay study team.

Less than Two Percent of Clergy Offended

Over the more than 50 years covered by the John Jay study, some 3,130 diocesan and adjunct priests, religious priests and deacons have served in the Archdiocese of Newark. In that same period, 91 allegations of sexual misconduct with minors have been brought to our attention. Some 71 diocesan, adjunct and religious priests and deacons have been accused of misconduct while serving in the parishes, schools or institutions located in the four counties of the Archdiocese. Of this number, 52 were priests of the Archdiocese or adjunct priests from other dioceses on temporary assignment in the Archdiocese. The remaining 19 were members of religious congregations.

Of this total, 20 have returned to ministry following an investigation by the Archdiocese and/or local civil authorities. Another 13 priests were deceased at the time the Archdiocese originally received the alle-

Actions Taken by Archdiocese of Newark in Response to Sexual Misconduct



gation, so a thorough investigation was not possible. Nine priests are no longer part of the Archdiocese and their faculties to function as priests have been removed.

Six priests have retired without faculties to function as priests. Another six, who are members of religious communities, have been referred to their congregations and are not permitted to serve in the Archdiocese.

Allegations against the remaining 17 priests are either still under investigation by the Archdiocese and/or civil authorities, or have been referred to the Congregation for Doctrine of the Faith. These men remain out of ministry.

The 51 priests no longer in ministry represent only 1.6 percent of the clergy who have served. This number includes those who are deceased.

I agree with you completely that it is unacceptable to read of even one allegation against a member of the clergy. And our efforts to date to remove those who have offended are strong, determined and relentless. I reiterate to you today my pledge that no one who offends will remain in service in this Archdiocese.

This problem which we have faced is a problem present in society and in fact, most sexual abuse occurs within families. It is sad that this problem has even affected those who work in the Church and has cast a pall over the tremendous good work the Church does every day. We cannot forget the blessing that we have long known here in the Archdiocese: the overwhelming number of men who have served this local Church of Newark as priests, and the lay people dedicated to serving their local parishes, have been faithful and committed to helping young people by providing safe places for education and recreation.

Most Cases of Abuse Decades Old

One of the most confusing and disheartening aspects of the crisis is the prevalence of reports in the media that seemed to infer that abuse by clergy was a constant and growing issue. Our experience in the Archdiocese over the 50-year period of the study indicates the opposite, however. The majority of the cases, while reported only recently, are actually decades old.

Those of you who have attended the Protecting God's Children© sexual abuse awareness program here in the Archdiocese know the historical reasons why abuse has gone unreported: shame, fear of not being believed, fear of retribution, to name a few. We know that sexual abuse does not occur in the open, and is rarely seen. We also know that, historically, we did not know the warning signs. That does not excuse us from acting responsibly and justly now. In line with the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Catholic dioceses of New Jersey and the New Jersey Attorney General, all information about these allegations has been provided to the county prosecutors in the four counties of the Archdiocese. We would hope that all other religious and secular youth-serving organizations in the state undertake similar public commitments. In instances where prosecutors can take action against someone for sexual abuse, we pledge to cooperate to the fullest extent. We also pledge to be compassionate to those who come forward with accusations, offering counseling and support so that they can begin healing.

Payments Primarily for Counseling Support and Treatment

The Archdiocese also reported to the John Jay Study that since 1950 payments for claims counseling, legal assistance and case related payments to individuals who had brought allegations to its attention, and clinical or psychological services for those priests accused of misconduct, totaled some \$2.2 million. The largest portion of this figure, \$705,510, was for medical and psychological treatment for priests accused of sexual misconduct. The next highest portion, \$704,265, was for claims payments arising from allegations. Another \$628,929 represented legal expenses for both the Archdiocese and people who came forward with allegations. A final \$149,338 represented voluntary payments by the Archdiocese for victim counseling in matters involving actual or alleged sexual abuse of minors.

All monies for these payments came from insurance-related funds of the Archdiocese, and not from direct contributions of parishioners or from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

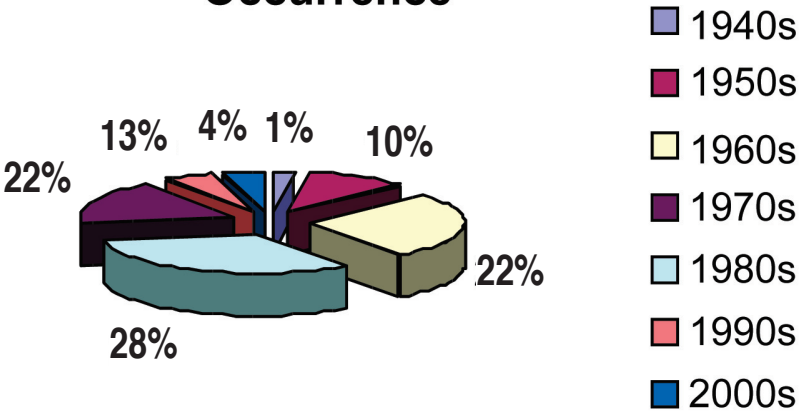
Next Steps

I have already restated our commitment to you, the people of the Archdiocese, that sexual abuse will not be tolerated in the Archdiocese of Newark. In doing so, we stand on very strong ground in our efforts over the decades. From our initial policies in the mid 1980s, to more formal policies, to our participation in drafting and implementing a comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding with the New Jersey Attorney General and county prosecutors, we are committed to obeying all current and future laws dealing with sexual abuse.

We are also committed to pursuing all appropriate options available under the law of the Church to assure that those who offend never return to ministry.

The Archdiocese was one of the first dioceses in the country to implement a lay review board to examine allegations and recommend actions to take. Over the 11 years of its existence, committed Catholic lay men and women

Abuse Allegations by Decade of Occurrence



with extensive law, law enforcement, medical, clinical and psychological expertise have been my representatives—the face of the Archdiocese—to those who have come forward, and to those who have been accused. Their confidential and comprehensive inquiries into each matter, and their recommendations about appropriate actions, have served you, the people of the Archdiocese, and me well. I thank them for this important service.

We further strengthened the Review Board in the past couple of years through the addition of a retired New Jersey State Supreme Court Justice as a consultant, and a full-time healthcare professional as a victim’s assistance coordinator. Although we characteristically have provided counseling and support victims,

tions. The Archdiocese has instituted support services for parish staffs when a pastor must step down because of an allegation to assist them through their difficult time. Similarly, the Archdiocese provides a professionally led support group for clergy who have been accused. Before the onset of the crisis, the Archdiocese had offered the Protecting God’s Children© sexual abuse awareness program to ministry leaders at the parish level. All clergy, includ-

the victim’s assistance coordinator has ensured that victims and their families receive important psychological support as soon as they enter the Review Board process.

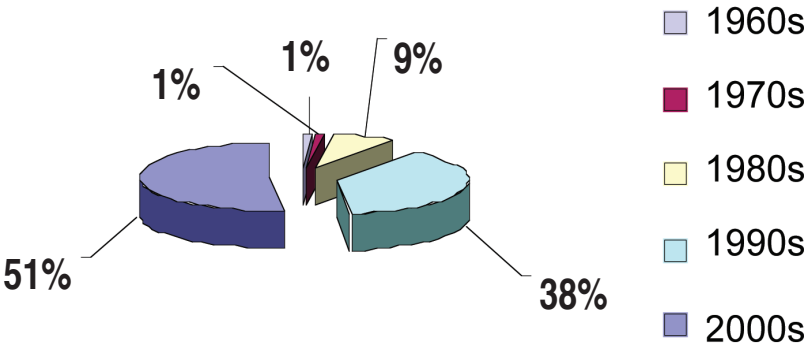
In addition to the victim’s assistance coordinator, victims have the opportunity to participate in a professionally led victims’ support group funded by, but independent of, the Archdiocese.

The idea of support services—the start of healing—goes well beyond the needs of those with allegations

ing myself, have taken the program. It is now offered as a regular part of training for every staff member and volunteer working with children and young adults at parishes, schools and institutions. We estimate that close to 20,000 individuals in the Archdiocese have participated in this training to date. In the months to come, we will encourage parishes to offer this program to the entire parish community and to neighboring communities in order to address the issue of sexual abuse on a more global scale.

Background screening for all staff and volunteers is now a standard element in recruiting and training at parishes, schools and institutions serving children and youth. Although we understand the sensitivities of this step, it is critical in our efforts to assure a safe environment in the Archdiocese.

Abuse Allegations By Decade Reported



Total Clergy Serving in Archdiocese 1950-2002 (3130)

 = 25 Clergy



Of this number...

71 Accused of Sexual Abuse



Of this number...

13 Deceased at time Allegation was Received



9 No Longer Considered Priests



6 Referred to other Dioceses or Religious Communities



6 Retired with No Faculties to Act as Priests



17 with Allegations Still Under Review



20 Investigated and Returned to Ministry



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

To report an allegation of misconduct, call the Office of the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Newark at 973-497-4009, and the appropriate New Jersey County prosecutor:

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In addition, New Jersey state law requires that anyone with knowledge of abuse of a minor call the Division of Youth and Family Services Hotline – 1-800-792-8610.

Most important, if you suspect that a child is in imminent danger from abuse, call 9-1-1- immediately.

Healing Based in Faith

It is easy to say, “Had we known, we could have done something” to combat the past incidents of sexual abuse of minors by clergy in this Archdiocese. We know now, and we are taking decisive action with respect to both state and Church law.

We must work to heal the wounds created over the years, and to prevent their recurrence in the future. I know from personal experience—meeting with victims, sharing their pain, extending our sincerest sorrow and pledge of justice—that this is a first critical step on the long road to restoring trust in the Church.

I ask for your help as we walk this road of healing. Your prayers and support for our efforts are critical as we address the long-term effects of abuse on the victims.

I also ask for your prayers for those who have

offended. While they can never again serve in the Church, they remain our brothers.

As I have said so often, the overwhelming majority of clergy who have served this local Church of Newark during the past 50 years have been good men of faith. Because they, too, have been wounded, they need to be healed as well. I am proud and honored to serve this local Church with them, just as I know you are proud and honored by the way they have served you in your times of difficulty and joy. This has been difficult for me because of the special role I have as Bishop. I know full well my responsibilities to investigate any accusation, and to fulfill my promise that we will provide safe environments for all young people. Yet I also feel keenly the pain that my brother priests experience when anyone has been accused. Please pray for them.

In March 2002, at the celebration of the annual Chrism Mass, I urged us to consider that we follow

One who was completely innocent and unjustifiably crucified. And yet, He forgave those who crucified Him. It is our faith that we may join our own sufferings with His in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Today, I again urge each of us to bring this suffering and anguish—the pain of our past—to the Altar. In union with Christ, we can be confident that all suffering, pain and embarrassment will be transformed by the grace of God into gifts for His Church and for the world.

With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely in the Lord,

John J. Myers

✠Most Reverend John J. Myers

