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Friars of Renewal begin ministry among the poor, will restore and revitalize 120-year-old monastery

BY GREG TOBIN

Editor & Associate Publisher

The Most Blessed Sacrament Friary, Newark, formerly the Monastery of St. Dominic, has been formally turned over to the care of the Friars of the Franciscan Renewal. After a signing ceremony at the chancery office of the Archdiocese of Newark on Tuesday, March 9, the friars moved in to the venerable structure that has housed Dominican sisters for more than a century.

The ministry of the new friary will be twofold, according to Father Bernard Murphy, C.F.R., the novice master, and Father Mariusz Koch, C.F.R. It will be a house of formation for novices and a center of outreach for the poor of the immediate community.

There will be a Holy Hour every day, restoring the longstanding tradition of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that was an integral part of the Dominican sisters' lives and apostolate. The friars also plan to make the house available for private retreats by clergy and Religious of the Archdiocese.

A total of 16 friars plan initially to reside at the renamed house, most of them novices.

At the invitation of Archbishop John J. Myers and the former chancellor, Sister Thomas Mary Salerno, S.C., the Friars of the Franciscan Renewal, most of whom are based in the Archdiocese of New York, looked into the possi-



On "moving day," novices move into the Most Blessed Sacrament Friary. Left to right, Brother David Mary, Brother Cuthbert Mary, Brother Crispin Mary (assistant novice master), Brother Tobias Joseph, Brother Pascal Maria, Brother Paul Raniero, Brother Antonio Maria, Brother Joachim Joseph and Brother Sebastian Maria.

bility of expanding their presence in Newark.

A committee of lay people was enlisted to form a non-profit corporation, which became a working board of trustees entrusted with fiduci-

ary responsibility and ownership of the property.

Alberto Luzarraga, president of the corporation, an attorney and parishioner of St. Rose of
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Pro-life youth rally attracts record turnout



Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli celebrated the closing Mass at the pro-life youth rally.

Attendance exceeded all expectations at a pro-life youth rally held earlier this month at Seton Hall University.

Designed for young people of high school and college age, participants came from the Archdiocese of Newark, the dioceses of Paterson and Methuen and beyond.

Salesian Father Steve Ryan, Vince Riveccio and Andrea Zimmerman, who began organizing the rally some three months ago, had expected about 250 students to attend. The actual turnout came in at almost 800 young people. Taking part as well were 25 priests and 100 volunteers.

"It was exciting to see so many of our young people stand up for the truth about the sanctity of human life," said Father Ryan.

A full day was scheduled for the Choose Life rally on SHU's South Orange campus.

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

Both a skit and personal witness were used to present the message of chastity.

The high school and college students heard about the Church's teachings on life issues, and how to "build" a culture of life.

The Archdiocese of Newark supplied the largest contingent of 135 students from St. Patrick High School, Elizabeth.

The rally attracted students from beyond the boundaries of the Garden State. A group of 81 young people traveled from a national leadership retreat in New York. Among them were students from as far away as Florida and Louisiana. Final figures show that students from 27 high school were at the pro-life rally.

Giving the keynote address was international speaker on chastity and real love Mary Beth Bonacci whose address was marked by enthusiastic applause.

To close the rally, Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, celebrated Mass. He said, "God endows every individual with life...we must refuse to manipulate human life."

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Advocate photo - Ward Miele

The Gospels and the charge of anti-Semitism

During Pope John Paul II's Holy Land pilgrimage in 2000, I had breakfast in Jerusalem with an immensely learned and kindly rabbi, an American who had moved to Israel and was the friend of an NBC colleague.

The rabbi, author of a beautiful Jewish defense of natural family planning, admired the pope greatly and asked what I thought John Paul had in mind for the next phase of Catholic-Jewish relations.

I said that the pope was grateful for the achievements of the post-Vatican II period, which had cleared out the accumulated rubbish of centuries, and now wanted to move the conversation to a new, theological level.

The rabbi seemed uncomfortable. I asked whether I had just heard alarm bells going off in his mind; he smiled and said that I had. Why, I asked. Because, he replied, the kind of theologically enriched dialogue John Paul II envisioned was impossible.

When I asked why that was the case, he replied, without rancor, "Because your sacred text is anti-Semitic."

The obvious next question was what that meant, and the rabbi, again without rancor, cited the Gospel of John and its references to "the Jews" in their confrontation with Jesus.

I replied that contemporary biblical scholarship had taught us that parts of the Gospel accounts were formulated in the polemical context of a bitter family quarrel, a deep and passionate disagreement that eventually led to the "parting of the ways" between what became Christianity and what became rabbinic Judaism. Moreover, I suggested, the phrase "the Jews" in John's Gospel couldn't be read as if this

were the minutes of a 1928 blackballing in an upscale New York men's club.

The rabbi seemed struck by this way of putting it, but then said that, while he accepted what I just reported, surely this was not the way the majority of Catholics read the New Testament.

I assured him that, when the people of my parish heard "the Jews" during the Good Friday liturgy, they weren't hearing what he feared they heard. The rabbi seemed intrigued, if not completely persuaded, and the conversation moved on to other matters.

I've thought about this exchange a lot recently, because some of the more intemperate reactions to Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* suggest that my Jerusalem interlocutor's fears were not idiosyncratic.

Were I to meet the Jerusalem rabbi again, I'd suggest that he—and indeed everyone who shares his fears—take the trouble to read a small book by the Anglican biblical scholar, N.T. Wright, *The Challenge of Jesus*.

In *The Challenge of Jesus*, Wright explains that Jesus conducted his ministry at a time of greatly heightened messianic expectation in the Roman-occupied Holy Land. The

expectation was not of an imminent end of the world, but of a liberation of the Jewish people from their bondage.

Some expected this liberation to come through a purified Temple cult; others, through a rigorous observance of the Mosaic law. Jesus's proclamation of a different kind of liberation—one that was breaking into history right now through His message, His gathering of disciples, His distinctive way of living Israel's faith, and, ultimately, Himself—was a profoundly disturb-

The Catholic Difference

By George Weigel



ing challenge to some among His people.

To recognize that Jesus, a Jew, was perceived as a threat, and in some instances a mortal threat, by some of His people is not to indulge in anti-Semitism; it's to recognize historical fact.

The settled teaching of the Catholic Church—which does not date from the Second Vatican Council but was vigorously expressed by, among others, the 16th century Council of Trent—is that the sinfulness of all humanity was the cause of the death of Christ.

Vatican II made a related, if more specific, point by insisting that the Jewish people could not be held corporately responsible for the death of Christ; that some Christians had held this was a defect of their faith, not an expression of core Christian conviction.

An extraordinary number of people are talking about the meaning of the death of Jesus of Nazareth these days. Jews and Christians alike might read Dr. Wright's book as a primer for continuing the conversation in a way that advances, rather than retards, the Jewish-Christian dialogue.

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The sinfulness of all humanity was the cause of the death of Christ.

Stewardship

We are called personally to cooperate with God

BY ANDREW KACZYNSKI

Associate Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese

Stewardship is defined as the employment or use of one's time, talents, and possessions. Cooperation is defined as a working together toward a common end—joint action.

These two definitions present an interesting combination to living as a disciple of Christ. We have heard the definition of stewardship and have been promoting the practice of sharing our wealth of time, talent and treasure. Individually, however, have we made the most important connection that we are cooperating with God?

Or, perhaps, it has just been a mental exercise in church-based philanthropy, making us feel good. What is the common end?

As we continue our Lenten journey and move rapidly toward the Easter Mystery, the action on the part of God becomes more and more evident. Jesus was the ultimate steward. He managed the gifts entrusted to Him. He followed His Father's will even to the cross. He loved others that we might consider unlovable.

He willingly died that you and I might have eternal life. How have we worked together with Christ toward that common end?

St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622) wrote the following description of our cooperation with God in *An Introduction to the Devout Life*:

"In all you have to do, rely wholly on God's providence through which your plans will succeed. Nevertheless, strive quietly on your part to cooperate with God's designs. You may be sure that if you have great trust in God, the success that comes to you will always be that which is most useful for you whether it appears good or bad in your own judgment. Imitate little children

who with one hand hold fast to their father while with the other they gather strawberries or blackberries from the hedges.

"So too if you gather and manage the goods of this world with one hand, you must always hold fast to your heavenly Father's hand and turn toward Him from time to time to see if your actions and occupations are pleasing to Him.

"Above all, watch that you never let go of His hand and His protection, thinking that in this way you can gather more. If He should forsake you, you will not be able to go a step further without falling to the ground. What I mean is that in ordinary activities and occupations that do not require strict, earnest attention, you should look at God rather than at them.

When they are of such importance as to require your whole attention to do them well, then you should look from time to time at God, like mariners

who, in order to arrive at the port they are bound for, look at the sky above them rather than down at the sea on which they sail. Thus God will work with you, in you, and for you, and afterwards your labor will be followed by satisfaction."

When we challenge ourselves to cooperate with others in many of the tasks of life, whether they are at

home, at work, or at play, we begin to realize that all of our actions are in cooperation with God. He is patiently holding onto us awaiting our response to His gentle touch.

The Gospel story of the Prodigal Son certainly indicates how God is longing for us to be in His presence. When we are close to God we need to be grateful for His guidance. When we have strayed we need to acknowledge our need to be loved, admit our sinfulness, and return to the Father.

At times we have worn both brothers' shoes. The hope is that we find the steadfast, rock solid support that God is always offering us, and see His direction for us in all our experiences as we cooperate with Him.

Don't practice good stewardship to make yourself just feel good. Do it knowing that you are cooperating with God's divine plan.

Jesus was the ultimate steward.



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Msgr. Kevin, ministered to retired priests

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 18 for Msgr. Edward F. Kevin, 73, who died March 13.

A native of Jersey City, Msgr. Kevin was a graduate of Saint Peter's Preparatory School. He received a bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University and attended Immaculate Conception Seminary.

He was ordained in 1956 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newark, by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland and celebrated his first Mass at his home parish of St. Aeden's, Jersey City.

In his 47 years serving the Archdiocese of Newark, Msgr. Kevin ministered in many parishes, including St. Mary's, Dumont; St. Philomena's, Livingston; St. Gabriel the Archangel, Saddle River (parochial vicar and pastor), and St. Catharine's, Glen Rock (pastor).



Msgr. Edward F. Kevin,

Other assignments included serving as the first director of the newly established Archdiocesan Office of Development from 1976 to 1977. In May 1979 he was elected the first president of the new Alumni Association of Immaculate Conception Seminary and later was appointed to the seminary's Board of Overseers.

The designation of Prelate of Honor was bestowed upon him in 1986 by Pope John Paul II, raising him to the rank of "monsignor."

Msgr. Kevin served several terms on the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and in 1991 he was appointed director of Ministry to Retired Priests, a position he held until 2002.

In 1991 he was also appointed director

of St. John Vianney Residence for retired priests in Rutherford. He later became a member of the Advisory Board for the Office of Continuing Formation of Priests.

At his retirement reception in 2002, Msgr. Kevin thanked those with whom he had worked in the Ministry to Retired Priests, adding that though the job had challenges, it had been a "tremendous privilege."



In attendance at the recent Gerety Lecture by Philip Jenkins, author of *The New Anti-Catholicism: The Last Acceptable Prejudice*, were, left to right, Auxiliary Bishop David Arias, O.A.R.; Auxiliary Bishop Charles J. McDonnell, and Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety, who founded and funds the lecture series. The event was held in the chapel of the Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange.

Administrator named pastor

Archbishop John J. Myers has appointed Father Kenneth Evans pastor of Assumption Parish, Roselle Park, effective March 3. Father Evans had been serving as administrator at the parish since 2002.

Born in Norristown, PA, Father Evans is a graduate of Saint Peter's College, Jersey City. He served eight years in the Newark Archdiocesan youth department, and as youth minister at Sacred Heart Parish, Haworth, before entering Immaculate Conception Seminary in 1982.

He was ordained at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, in 1986, and appointed parochial vicar at St. Genevieve Parish, Elizabeth, as his first assignment.

Subsequent assignments as parochial vicar took place in Sacred Heart Parish, Lyndhurst, from 1990-94; Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scotch Plains, from 1994-2000, and Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, from 2000-02.

Novarcensis: A Look Back at Our History

136 years...

March 31. St. Michael Parish, Jersey City, incorporated. (Merged with Parish of the Resurrection, 1997.)

117 years...

March 23. Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, incorporated.

109 years...

March 21. SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Elizabeth, incorporated.

108 years...

March 21. St. Nicholas Parish, Jersey City, founded.

100 years...

March 23. St. Stephen Parish, Kearny, incorporated.

80 years...

March 23. Ground broken for St. Venantius Church (now St. Venantius/St. Andrew Kim Parish), Orange.

74 years...

March 25. Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Newark, incorporated as St. Joseph Parish (Spanish and Portuguese).

54 years...

March 26. St. Luke Church, Hohokus, dedicated.

51 years...

March 21. St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church, Plainfield, solemnly blessed.

9 years...

March 22. Msgr. Martin A. Piasecki died at age 103, the oldest diocesan priest in the history of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Novarcensis means "Newark" in Latin

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

Pastor/Union County

Reverend Ken Evans,

Administrator of the Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park has been appointed Pastor of Assumption Church, Roselle Park, effective Mar. 3.

Parochial Vicar/Bergen County

Reverend John B. Martin,

Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Newark, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Presentation Church, Upper Saddle River, effective Apr. 15.

Parochial Vicar/Union County

Reverend Robert W. Kunze

has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Bartholomew Church, Scotch Plains, effective Mar. 13.



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.

Faith-culture tensions

WASHINGTON (CNS)—By their nature, faith and culture will always be in dynamic tension, panelists said at an interdisciplinary discussion at the Catholic University of America March 16. Jesuit Cardinal Avery Dulles, S.J. who lectured earlier that day on the role of Catholic universities in the evangelization of culture, noted that culture is a “capacious” term with many senses.

While Pope John Paul II is often quoted on his contrasts between a “culture of life” and a “culture of death,” he said, the pope has spoken and written extensively on the meaning and importance of culture in many other contexts.

When the pope denounces a culture of death, he added, “he really is opposed to anti-culture.”

Catholic University professors in theology, canon law, civil

law and philosophy addressed issues of faith and culture from their respective fields during the colloquium. Cardinal Dulles, who teaches at Fordham University, New York, and University of Notre Dame law professor M. Cathleen Kaveny responded to the presentations.

Ethics discussed

ROME (CNS)—As an international group of physicians met to discuss ethical dilemmas in treating patients in a persistent vegetative state, they were asked first to consider more basic questions such as the meaning of human life, suffering and death.

When medical treatment is useless, the focus must turn toward helping the patient die a “good death”—not in the way proponents of euthanasia propose, but in the sense of dying with the sure hope of eternal life, said Msgr. Marco Frisina, Director of the Diocese of Rome’s liturgy office.

The priest, who also is a biblical scholar, was the opening speaker at a March 17-20 conference on life-sustaining treatments for patients in a vegetative state.

The conference, which brought together more than 350 physicians and ethicists from 42 countries, was sponsored by the

Pontifical Academy for Life and the World Federation of Catholic Medical Associations.

‘Code’ probed

WASHINGTON (CNS) — *The Da Vinci Code*, a best-selling book by Dan Brown, stirred up controversy with its assertions that the Gospels didn’t tell the true story of Jesus and claims that Jesus married Mary Magdalene and appointed her to lead a feminist spiritual movement. *De-Coding Da Vinci: The Facts Behind the Fiction of The Da Vinci Code*, a new book published by *Our Sunday Visitor*, examines these claims and countless others in the best seller and points out what it describes as factual and historical inaccuracies. The best seller, published last year, begins with the premise that Leonardo da Vinci used his art to communicate secret knowledge about the Holy Grail. It then claims that early Christians did not see Jesus as divine and also criticizes the Church for keeping secret thousands of texts that detail Christ’s humanity.

De-Coding Da Vinci, which will be in bookstores in April, was written by Amy Welborn, a columnist for *Our Sunday*

Visitor and formerly for Catholic News Service. It asserts that Brown’s novel contains a mixture of “a number of different strands of speculation, esoteric lore, and pseudo-history published in other books.”

Policies targeted

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) — New York Cardinal Edward M. Egan told participants who attended an annual lobbying day at the New York state Capitol that, “with God’s grace, we will come away from this day having made a difference in many lives.”

The cardinal was one of several speakers who addressed Catholics from eight dioceses at the March 9 Public Policy Forum in Albany sponsored by New York State Catholic Conference.

He told participants that they were there to “speak on behalf of those who are frequently without voices,” such as the poor, the imprisoned, those struggling against violence and persons without health care. The forum included several speakers and then time for the participants to meet with their legislators.

Pope grants private audience to lead actor of ‘The Passion’

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — U.S. actor Jim Caviezel, who plays Jesus in *The Passion of the Christ*, had a private audience March 15 with Pope John Paul II, the Vatican said.

Caviezel, a Catholic, along with his wife and in-laws met the pope before attending a screening of the film for Vatican officials and other Catholic prelates in Rome, said Father Ciro Benedettini, C.P. Vice Director of the Vatican press office.

The Passionist priest, Father Benedettini said he found the film “disturbing.”

Cardinal Walter Kasper, a former professor of Christology and president of the Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, also attended the screening, but declined to talk to reporters about the film.

The March 15 screening was held in the 430-seat auditorium of the seminary of the Legionaries of Christ.

The Legionaries were scheduled to host two more screenings March 16 for students from other seminaries in Rome.

The film opens to the public in Italy April 7.

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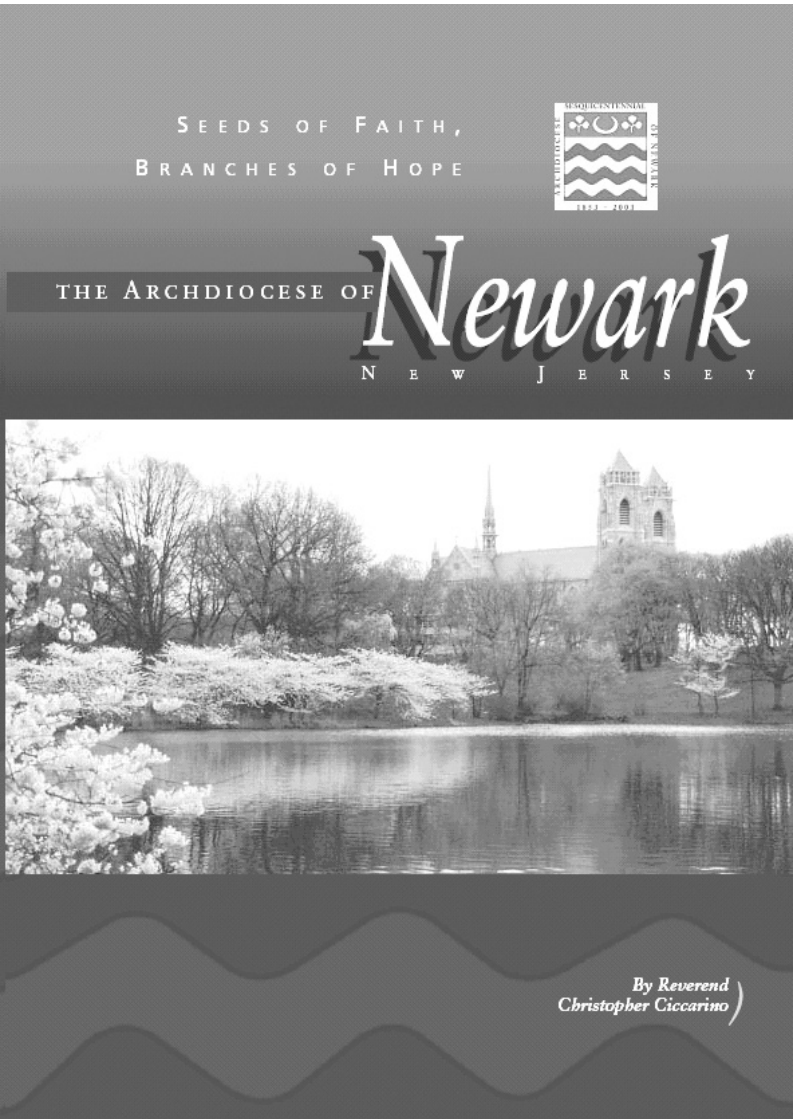
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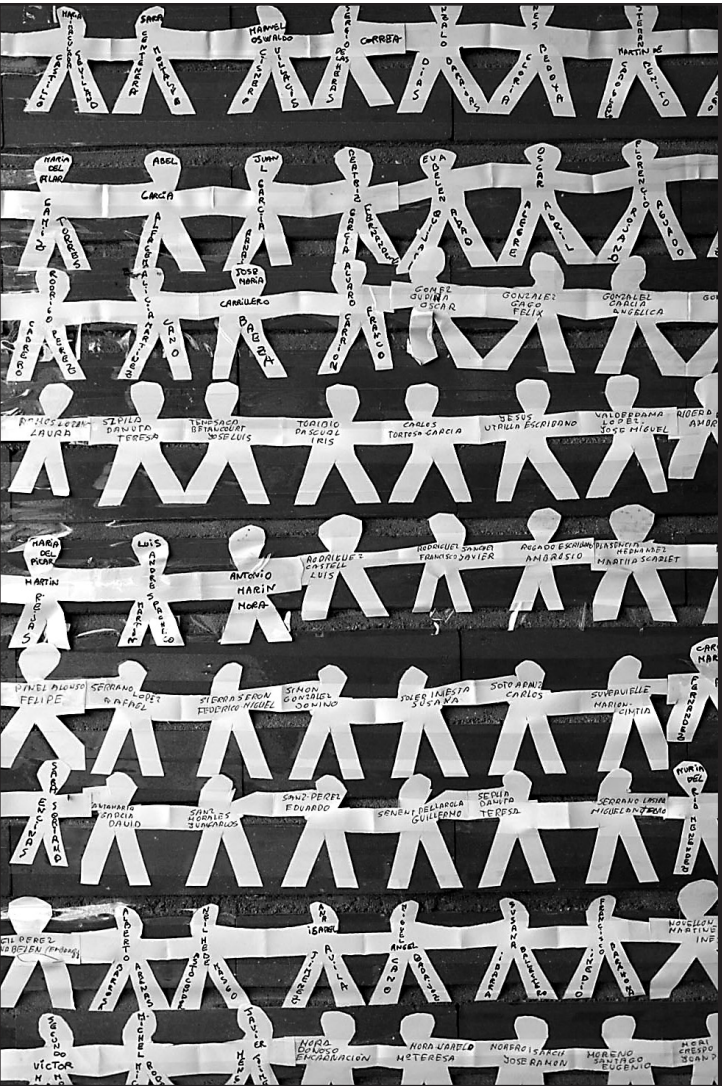
VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Although much has been said about Europe’s decrease in ordinations and Mass attendance, some religious experts say the Church should be more cautious when looking at so-called “worrisome” statistics.

“It’s not easy to say what’s happening is ‘good or bad’ based on numbers,” said Father Peter Fleetwood, Deputy Secretary-General of the Council of European Bishops’ Conferences.

“Not many people go to church, period, and nowhere has church attendance gone up,” he said. “But if you read history correctly, people actually never went to church,” he added.


Father Fleetwood said Church reforms in piety in the late 18th and early 20th centuries introduced the idea of having Mass and Communion every day. This led to more frequent attendance, which peaked in the 1920s.

“The norm before then was that people went [to Communion] once a year. So actually, what we have now is a declining period from an unusually active time in the 1920s,” he said.



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Rows of paper dolls representing the victims of the Madrid train bombings line a wall in the city's El Pozo train station March 16. At least 200 people were killed and more than 1,500 injured in the March 11 terrorist attacks.



The Abbot must so accommodate himself to each one's character and intelligence that he will rejoice in the increase of a good flock.

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Pontiff's milestone

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — With zero fanfare, Pope John Paul II passed another milestone March 14, when his pontificate became the second-longest in recorded Church history.

If the pope noticed the event, he did not let on. He marked the day by praying the *Angelus*, as usual, with several thousand faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square.

Throughout his reign of 25 years and five months, he's never commented as the duration of his papacy surpassed those of almost all his 261 predecessors.

According to the Vatican press office, the pope had headed the Church for 9,281 days March 14—one more than Pope Leo



Father Miroslaw Krol, Parochial Vicar at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Linden, and president of the John Paul II Foundation of New Jersey, along with 40 members of his group recently had a private audience with Pope John Paul II in Rome. In a speech the Holy Father expressed gratitude for support given to the foundation. Father Krol was "thrilled" with a gift from the pope, presented after the audience, of his *zucchetto*, the small white skull-cap worn by the pontiff.

XIII, who held the papacy in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The 31-year, seven-month pontificate of Pope Pius IX is the longest to be verified by historians.


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(Genesis 3:19)

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March 25

Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee, a discussion of the film, *The Passion of the Christ*, from 7:30-9 p.m. Call (201) 567-4128 or (201) 947-0989.

March 26

Church of the Epiphany, Cliffside Park, a Lenten Soup Supper from 5:30-7 p.m. in Ferretti Hall. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:30 p.m. Call (201) 943-7320.



Our Lady of Sorrows School, South Orange, Tricky Tray at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Call (908) 468-0422 or (973) 761-5725.

March 27

Knights of Columbus, Mother Seton Council 5427, Washington Township, a testimonial dinner at the Council Hall honoring Kay Coppola, Bill Kroepke, John and Marge Macchione, Carl Mittlehammer and Joe Shewciw. The dinner will start at 7:30 p.m., cost per person is \$35. Call (201) 664-0422.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, a talk by Dr. Ray Guarendi on his book, *Back to the Family*, at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per couple, dinner is included. Call (908) 273-6098, ext. 103 or email dav-eobrien@st-teresa.org.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ridgefield Park, Home-School Association, “An Evening with Mike Byrne and His Green Derby Boys” for their Irish Wake Show at

7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advance. Call (201) 679-3893 or visit www.stfrancisrp.org/school.

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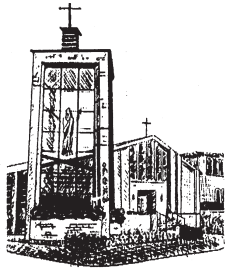
St. Joseph Regional High School, Montvale, Spring Craft Show and Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3. Call (201) 391-2099 or visit www.saintjosephregional.org.

Parish of Our Lady of Fatima, North Bergen, Spring Craft Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call (201) 869-7244.

St. Mary Parish, Nutley, Lenten Missions, led by Father Paul Schweizer, O.Carm., of Carmel Retreat, Mahwah, at 7 p.m. Missions are also scheduled for March 30 and 31. Call (973) 235-1100.

March 30

Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, a discussion of the movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call (201) 327-1313, ext. 14.



March 31

Sacred Heart Parish, Rochelle Park, a Mass and healing service at 7:30 p.m. The celebrant will be Father John F. Campoli, IV. DEI.

Holy Family Parish, Nutley, St. Lucy Filippini Sodality, monthly meeting at 8 p.m.

April 1

St. Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, a Healing Mass at 8 p.m. Father Phil Latronico of the Community of God’s Love will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will also be administered. Call (201) 891-1122.

April 5

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, Rosary Altar Society, monthly meeting following Rosary and Novena at 7:30 p.m., and prayer service at 8 p.m.

April 18

St. John the Evangelist Parish, Leonia, Mercy Sunday prayer service with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:45 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation to follow. Call (201) 947-4545.

Local Highlights

Spiritual

• The Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa will meet April 2 at 3:15 p.m. in the Chapel of Saint Peter Hall, on the campus of Saint Peter College, Jersey City, for the recitation of the Little Office followed by Mass at 3:30 p.m. They meet again April 3 at 8:40 a.m. for recitation of the Rosary, followed by Mass and the monthly breakfast meeting in the Chetwood Room of Dineen Hall. Call (201) 689-1471 or (201) 413-0123.

• First Friday-First Saturday All-Night Vigils will be held from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. April 2-3 at St. Antoninus Parish, Newark; May 7-8 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Nutley; June 4-5 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Montclair, and July 1-2 at Holy Spirit/Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, East Orange.

• St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, will hold a Holy Hour for Life and Special Intentions March 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Health

• Cathedral Healthcare System will sponsor events during Deep-Vein Thrombosis (DVT) Month at St. James Hospital, March 29 at 11 a.m., and St. Michael’s Medical Center March 26 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both hospitals are in Newark.

• Felician College, Lodi, Division of Nursing and Health Management will hold information sessions April 19 for its School Nurse/Health Educator Certification and Bachelor of Science in Nursing Completion Programs for Registered Nurses from 4:30-7 p.m. Call (201) 559-6055.

• Knights of Columbus, Linden, will hold a blood drive March 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 1-800-BLOODNJ.

Seminar

• St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, will host Father Michael T. Mannion for a Project Rachel Seminar April 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (732) 388-8211, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., to register.

Lectures

• Seton Hall University will host John Polkinghorne, author of *The Faith of a Physician*, addressing the topic “The Universe in a Trinitarian Perspective” March 31 at 5:30 p.m. Call (973) 275 2175 or e-mail savnermt@shu.edu.

• Saint Peter’s College, Jersey City, will host NYFD Battalion Chief Rochelle “Rocky” Jones for a lecture as part of the college’s Women’s History Month celebration. Call (201) 915-9140.

• Seton Hall University, will present Heidi Stokes, a graduate student in Museum Professions, to discuss “Looking at the Art and Function of Books from the Seton Hall University Archives and Special Collections Center” March 31 at 6 p.m. The event is part of the Msgr. William Noe Field Lecture Series.

Trips

• The Polish Cultural Foundation, Clark, has scheduled a bus trip to the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, DC for April 23-25. In addition to visiting historical sites, the trip includes attending Sunday Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Reservations are due by April 1. For additional information call (732) 382-7197.

Reunion

• The Alumnae Association of Mary-lawn of the Oranges Academy of South Orange will hold its annual Reunion Brunch at the Rock Spring Club in West Orange on March 28 at 11:30 a.m. This year’s honoree will be Beth Dulley. Tickets are \$30 per person. Call (973) 275-1800 or (973) 313-1843.

Plays

• Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, will present *The Wizard of Oz* March 25, 26, and 27 at 7:30 p.m. and March 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for senior citizens and children under 12 for the March 25 and 26 shows. Call (732) 382-1952.

Lent

• Friends of the Adorno Fathers will sponsor a spaghetti dinner April 2 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Adorno Father Center, Ramsey. Donation is \$10 per person. Call (201) 694-6978 or (201) 368-3677.

• St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, will have a lector and the parish choir featured on “The Sunday Mass” April 4 and 18. Check local television listings.

Fundraiser

• Knights of Columbus, Mother Seton Council 5427, Washington Township, will hold a fundraiser April 22-25 for the developmentally disabled at the Washington Town Shopping Center and key intersections in the area.

Miscellaneous

• Felician College President Sister Theresa Mary Martin will be interviewed on “One-on-One” on CN8 March 28 at 7:30 p.m.

• Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, the Alumni Mothers’ Club, will present the “Bobby Byrne Show” March 27 at 7:45 p.m. Call (201) 368-8727 or (201) 967-7748.

• Singers are invited to join the Massed Choir from the parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark for a performance May 18 at 8 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica. For more information, call John Miller at (973) 484-2400, or visit www.rcan.org/worship/NPMnewarkchapter.htm.

• The Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest, will collect narratives of alumnae to be published in a special 125th anniversary book. In all, 125 stories will be chosen. The only criteria are that the woman be a graduate of Holy Angels and has used her gifts and skills to make a difference. Forward all narratives to Patricia Mihalio, AHA Public Relations Office, 315 Hillside Ave., Demarest, NJ 07627 or email pmihalio@holyangels.org.

• The annual Inter-Faith Brotherhood/Sisterhood Brunch will be held March 28 at the Marriott-Glen Pointe Hotel, Teaneck, 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Dr. Ingrid Mattson. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call (201) 945-3500.

• Seton Hall University will host Poetry-in-the-Round on March 30 at

7 p.m. in the Walsh Library Gallery. Author and poet Grace Paley will present her work and answer questions. Call (973) 761-9000, ext. 5151, or visit <http://artsci.shu.edu/english>.

Support Groups

• The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark will hold an eight-week training program for Bereavement Support Group Facilitator Certification. Sessions begin at the end of March and run through May. Tuition is \$125 per participant. Call (973) 497-4327.

Discussion

• Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest, will host Erika Harold, Miss America 2003, for a discussion of women’s issues on March 29 at 9 a.m. For additional information call (201) 768-7822 or visit www.holyangels.org.

Retreats

• Carmel Retreat, Mahwah, will present “Sabbath Sunday: A Circle of Friends” March 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. “From Bethany to the Temple” April 2-4. Cost is \$175/single, \$140/double. “Remember Me: A Seder Meal” April 5 from 6-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$55 per person and includes supper. Call (201) 327-7090.

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Child Study Team can target potential problems

For more than 20 years, the Child Study Team of Catholic Community Services has offered evaluations to non-public and public school children, beginning as part of the Mount Carmel Guild.

We provide Child Study Team assessments under contract to public schools to students placed in private and parochial schools. Children who evidence “potential educational disabilities” may be referred for a diagnostic assessment.

Additionally, the Child Study Team provides independent evaluations when requested by parents and school districts for students in attendance in public schools when the parents and school district disagree about the results of a school district evaluation.

Assessments may include psychological evaluations, learning evaluations, speech and language evaluations, hearing testing and social work interviews.

Before administering a basic Child Study Team evaluation, a conference is held with parents and teachers to discuss the child’s development, performance and educational needs. Following the meeting, an evaluation may be initiated.

If it is necessary to better understand a child’s educational strengths and weaknesses and learning styles, additional evaluations may be undertaken, possibly including neurologi-

cal evaluation, auditory processing testing and psychiatric evaluation.

If at the conclusion of an evaluation conducted in a private or parochial school a student is believed to be in need of special education services, a meeting will be held with the parents and school to determine if services are needed and to develop an educational plan.

Meeting Their Needs

By Susan Campbell



For students evaluated as part of an independent evaluation requested by the public school district and parents, a comprehensive report is provided to the school so that the public school district and parents can work collaboratively in determining the appropriate services a child needs.

The Child Study Team provides services at our sites in Newark or Cranford or at the school the child attends. We also accept self-referrals.

The Child Study Team is available to respond to any inquiries regarding our services. For more information, call (973) 596-3967.

Ms. Campbell is the coordinator of the Child Study Team at Catholic Community Services.

Respect Life

Pilate asked Christ, ‘What is truth?’

BY MSGR. RICHARD MCGUINNESS
Director of the Respect Life Office

Whether he was serious about this question, or whether he was being cynical, we don’t know. What we do know is that the answer to that question was standing right in front of him.

Jesus, courageous and unafraid, was then and for all time, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Christ never tried to be popular, to win people over by telling them what they would like to hear. He told it like it is: “Divorce is wrong.” “You must love your enemies.” “You must forgive seventy times seven.”

He was not afraid to speak the truth to the leaders who would lay the law down for others, but not follow it themselves.

Today, we belong to the one Church that keeps on teaching the truths that Christ taught. Our Church

continues to say artificial birth control is wrong, abortion is wrong, premarital sex and extra marital sex is wrong.

It proclaims the holiness of sexuality and the sanctity of the marital embrace.

It proclaims that sexual activity may not be separated from love and openness to life, that the marital embrace is reserved to those who are willing to commit themselves only to each other and to God in a life long commitment of love, fidelity and openness to life.

This is the truth, whether it is popular or not, whether people wish to believe it or not. We do not belong to a Church that conducts polls to see whether what it teaches is popular.

We belong to a Church which unashamedly tells the truth—the truth Christ taught—as it is.

Reforms, morality sought

Catholics in New Jersey cannot be happy with significant portions of Trenton’s proposed fiscal package for next year, and the state’s bishops pulled no punches in pointing out those concerns.

Earlier this month the New Jersey Catholic Conference, representing the bishops of the Garden State, appeared before the Assembly Budget Committee. The planned 2005 spending plan received mixed reviews at best.

The comments of William F. Bolan, Jr., NJCC’s Executive Director, were presented to the committee. Bolan was blunt.... While the proposed budget contains funding for several vital services for the “poor and vulnerable,” there are also line items the bishops are opposed to on moral grounds. Moral parameters seem to have been in short supply during the work budgetary process.

Targeted by the bishops are creation of a stem cell research institute, inadequate health care coverage for those who need it most, the need for “comprehensive far-reaching” reform of child welfare, the call for an additional \$100 million in the New Jersey Family Care program which provides affordable health care for very low income families and a look at the “administrative tactics” used to keep eligible adults from keeping their health coverage.

The issues raised by the NJCC can easily fall off the political and legislative radar screen. The state’s bishops are there to make sure that does not happen.

New Jersey’s Catholics should join forces with the bishops in voicing their concern. It is after all their tax money.

A man of quiet compassion

The quiet comforting presence of a “priest’s priest” will be missed throughout the Archdiocese of Newark with the passing of Monsignor Edward F. Gavin.

Active at the parish and Archdiocesan level, Msgr. Gavin touched the lives of all of those lucky enough to have known him. His spiritual example and guidance were prolific and immeasurable.

Perhaps his greatest joy, despite its challenges, was his final assignment as director of the Ministry to Retired Priests.

It was a position he held for just over a decade prior to his retirement from active ministry two years ago. He called the ministry a “tremendous privilege.”

Monsignor Gavin’s work was his life, and for that we are all grateful.

‘One nation under God’

Regardless of religious affiliation, the statewide effort of the Knights of Columbus to show public support for keeping “one nation under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance should gain wide acceptance.

Earlier this year State Deputy James White asked each council to donate a pennant containing the well-known phrase, to be flown under the American flag in front of every municipal complex in the Garden State.

The Knights of Columbus in New Jersey, and nationally, have a personal stake in keeping those four fine words in the pledge. It was the Knights who were on the front lines in obtaining Congressional and Presidential approval of adding “one nation under God” a half century ago.

Complacency is not an option.

Letters to the Editor

The Catholic Advocate welcomes letters from readers. Due to space and time limits, there is no guarantee that a letter will run. Readers’ opinions do not necessarily represent the opinion of the newspaper or the Archdiocese. All letters must be typed, and are subject to editing. Include name, address and daytime telephone number.

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The one sacrifice of our Lord's Body and Blood

In the previous issue of *The Catholic Advocate* I took the liberty of sharing with you my own vision of the Passion of Our Lord and its implications for me as I celebrate Mass. My devotion arises from St. John himself who presented Jesus to us as the Paschal Lamb who "takes away the sins of the world."

It was more than 25 years ago that my friend Rabbi Asher Finkel opened my eyes to the liturgical dimensions of the Passion of Jesus. Since then other scholars have begun to see the implications of the Temple rituals of the Jewish people in the life of Our Lord. In particular Father Dennis Hamm, S.J., has been studying the cultic background of St. Luke's theology.

During the second Temple period the most important liturgical event in the Temple of Jerusalem was the daily "Tamid" or "perpetual" sacrifice.

Each day at dawn two priests carefully examined two male lambs. These had to be perfect in order to be sacrificed so they were carefully inspected.

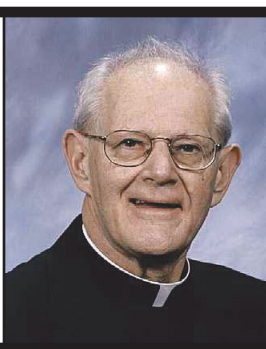
Each morning and again at the ninth hour one of the lambs was sacrificed "with its head to the south and its face to the west. He that slaughtered it stood to the east with his face to the west." (Mishnah, Tamid 4:1)

The order of events seemed to be this. The high priest entered the holy place of the inner Temple to offer incense. The high priest came out on the steps and all the people prostrated themselves. The high priest pronounced Aaron's blessing over the crowd. Then the blood of the lamb was poured out at the four corners of the altar.

Following this, there were offerings of oil and wine as trumpets sounded and the choirs sang. The lamb parts were offered as a holocaust.

Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



This was so powerful an offering that there was a legend among the Jewish people that, if a pilgrim stayed in Jerusalem overnight, his sins were forgiven by virtue of that daily sacrifice.

Hamm points out that St. Luke was very familiar with the Tamid sacrifice. He seems to indicate the Tamid sacrifice appears implicitly in at least six places in Luke/Acts.

The first time was when Zechariah was offering the afternoon incense at the hour of prayer—the ninth hour—3 p.m. (Lk. 1:25) By the time of Jesus, the priests took

turns for the various cultic actions. That is why Zechariah was doing what previously only the high priest did at the hour of prayer.

Another occasion was when Jesus, after His resurrection, led the Apostles to the town of Bethany, raised His hands and blessed them, and was taken up into heaven (Lk. 24:50-53). Scripture scholars have long recognized that Jesus was acting in the same manner as the High Priest Simeon II did at the Tamid service in the Book of

Sirach (50:20-21). However, this could also have been a reference to the Yom Kippur service.

But for me the most important references to the daily sacrifice are in St. Luke's account of the Passion.

It is no coincidence that Our Lord stands before the priests and scribes at daybreak. There he is interrogated and examined at the exact same time that the lambs were being examined in the Temple.

It is no accident that, in St. Luke, Jesus hangs on the cross from the sixth to the ninth hour (3 p.m.), when He dies. It is no accident that in St. Luke Our Lord cries out, "Father, into Your hands I place My spirit," for these are the words of Psalm 31:6, the psalm used at the evening prayer.

Listen to a scholar, Herman Hendrickx, who writes: "Jesus who died at the ninth hour recited this prayer at the moment the trumpets were sounding for the evening prayer. At the end of which was precisely, 'Into Your hands I commend My spirit.'"

Perhaps Hendrickx is pushing his thesis too far. But the connection with the Tamid sacrifice is real.

So, for me personally, as I read St. Luke I envision Jesus during His Passion standing meek and humble of heart as He is being examined, and then, like the daily sacrifice, offering His life for us sinners. Today the Tamid sacrifice of the Temple is long gone. It has been replaced by thousands of priests all over the world who offer each day the one sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Our Lord.

This one sacrifice of Calvary represented each day continues to purify us all.

O Jesus, what a glorious mystery You have given us. You are nothing less than our own perpetual sacrifice that stands before the eyes of God. All praise to You, Lamb of God!

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

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The link between the Exodus and the Christian life

Readings: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11.

The structure of Jewish and Christian liturgy includes the dimension of history at the core of every celebration. Only by understanding our roots in the past manifestations of God to His people can we express trust that divine goodness shapes our lives now.

Only in knowing the pattern of divine action in the past can we hope for the triumph of God over evil now and in the future.

The teachers of the remnant who survived the destruction of Jerusalem in 587 B.C. knew that the people were devastated by their experience. They sought to rebuild the faith of Israel by assuring them that the Creator of the universe was the Lord who could redeem them from misery and slavery.

The Lord himself declared, "I am the Lord, your holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King" (Is 43:15). At this time Israel lived among the Babylonians, who believed that creation resulted from the victory of their chief god, Marduk, over an evil dragon.

Belief that creation was constituted from the tainted body of this dragon led to conclusions unacceptable to Israel because it implied that matter was evil. However, the myths of neighboring cultures had a powerful appeal! Thus, the prophets boldly adapted that story to the historical order, so that their symbolism and power over the imagination could be utilized for a positive purpose.

The Exodus was such a momentous event in the history of Israel that it took on cosmic proportions for later generations.

In prayer, the desperate people should call on God to awake and to act as in times long past to rescue Israel:

Sunday Readings

5th Sunday of Lent
(March 28, 2004)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



"Was it not you who crushed Rahab (a monster, symbol of Egypt), who pierced the dragon? Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep... for the redeemed to pass over?" (Is 51:9-10).

In the passage read this Sunday, the victory over Pharaoh's army at the sea of reeds is recalled. Those who stubbornly opposed the divine plan for Israel were defeated in a decisive manner. (See Ex 15:1-18 for the song celebrating this triumph.) Through the prophet God promises an event that will be even more marvelous. The desert would be transformed so that the people could return without difficulty to the land where they would serve their God in freedom.

Although the people are told to forget the events of the past as insignificant compared with the future deliverance (Is 43:18), the Exodus remains for Jews and Christians as the paradigm from which all subsequent

acts of redemption are understood. Thus the New Testament writers interpret the work of Jesus, especially his death-and-resurrection, in terms of exodus (Lk 9:31), the Passover Meal (Lk 22:7-12), the Lamb (Jn 1:29) and the unleavened bread (1 Cor 5:6-8).

St. Paul considered his knowledge or experience of Christ Jesus to surpass by far all God's other gifts. The entire purpose of life and the mystery of death itself must be understood in light of Christ's Paschal Mystery. To share the fullness of life, which is communion with the living God, the faithful unite with Christ's death; then they will participate in the resurrection of the dead (Phil 3:8-11).

John the Baptist and others expected the Messiah to vanquish evil in the world by an act of judgment before the Kingdom of God could be inaugurated (Lk 3:16-17, see Is 11:4). The fourth Gospel makes a clear statement that Jesus came not to judge but to save the world (Jn 12:47), reserving judgment until the second coming. The case of the woman caught in adultery illustrates this salvific emphasis in Jesus' ministry.

By outwitting the woman's accusers, Jesus delivered her from judgment in court and, in forgiving her sin, He challenged her to make a new response to life.

The same mercy and forgiveness is extended to us during the season of Lent, a special time for appreciating the sacrament of Penance. Then we will be able to appreciate the Paschal Mystery more profoundly.

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

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Easter lily bound for Holy See

JERUSALEM (CNS) — Israeli scientists are hoping to send a bouquet of specially raised Madonna lilies to Pope John Paul II for Easter.

The pure white lily, whose Latin name is *Lilium candidum*, is traditionally known as the flower the angel Gabriel gave to Mary at the annunciation. It can be seen in Renaissance paintings depicting the event, said Michele Zaccai, a botanist at Ben Gurion University’s Institute for Applied Research, who led the team that helped the flower bloom for the Easter season.

Normally the plant, which grows naturally in two locations in Israel—Galilee and near Mount Carmel in the North—blossoms in late April and May, Zaccai said.

It is likely that during the time of Jesus the *Lilium candidum* also grew near Nazareth, Zaccai said. The Madonna lily also grows in Lebanon, Syria, Turkey and Greece, she said.

The flower is characterized by a late blooming period and is difficult to grow.

For those reasons, the *Lilium longiflorum*, whose origin is in Japan, became known as the more popular Easter Lily, she said.

Lilium candidum bulbs are sold in specialty garden shops or grown in gardens but are not sold as cut flowers, Zaccai said. Because the wild *Lilium can-*

didum is a protected species in Israel, Zaccai works with bulbs purchased from nurseries.

Zaccai said her department has a few dozen plants that have begun to bud and should be in full bloom by Easter.



A Madonna Lily in bloom in a greenhouse at Jerusalem University.

The scientists are working through the Israeli Foreign Ministry to arrange delivery of a small bouquet of the flowers to the Vatican in time for Easter April 11. The cut flowers have a vase life of about two weeks since the buds do not bloom simultaneously, she said.

“It is an important flower. It is a very, very pure white and has a beautiful scent,” she said. “It is connected to all that is pure and celestial.”

Zaccai said the researchers are interested in gauging the interest of the Catholic world in the flower. “We want to see if people will be happy to have this flower from the Holy Land,” she said. “We want to see if this plant moves people as a cut flower.”

Zaccai’s team is working to preserve the lily in Israel. She said that in time she hopes to work with scientists in other countries to help preserve the flower there.

“It is usually a very rare flower. It is not something that you see a lot,” she said.

The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



The ‘perfect presence’

Dear brothers and sisters,

At the heart of Psalm 20 (21) is a hymn of gratitude for the past and present favors God has granted us. It speaks clearly of the long-awaited Messiah-king, a concept which, when adopted in the Christian liturgy, takes on a significant Christological meaning.

The Bible metaphorically describes the king as the Son of God who assists the Lord as an administrator of justice. Because of His important mission, God surrounds Him with his benevolent light and with His blessing. Christ, the true Messiah-king, is the Son of God in the fullest sense and is therefore the perfect presence of God in the midst of humanity. Christ is truly the light and the life in whom we find hope in the promise of eternal life.

I am pleased to greet the English-speaking pilgrims present at this audience, especially those from England, Wales, Denmark, Japan, Canada and the United States of America. Upon you and your loved ones, I invoke the Lord’s blessings of health and joy.

Meeting the ‘Father’ is the chance of a lifetime

Once upon a time there was a young man who heard about a huge party that was to be given in a few months’ time. All the people he respected most, as well as many of his friends, were invited to the party, but he hadn’t been invited.

He didn’t quite know what to do; he wanted to go very badly, but he wasn’t really familiar with the man who was hosting the event. He had heard of him, of course, since he was quite a wealthy, influential man in the area, but the young man wasn’t personally acquainted with him.

This young man asked several of his friends if they would finagle an invitation to the party for him, but they responded that they really couldn’t do that, that he had to ask for an invitation himself. They all told him the man was very approachable and gracious; they were sure the man, an older gentleman, would invite him if only the young man would ask him.

Well, the young man was somewhat shy and wasn’t sure how to go about asking for an invitation; it felt very forward of him just to call up the man and ask to be invited to the party. But the more he heard about the party, the more he wanted to go.

The party was to be held at the man’s summer home, right on the ocean, and it wasn’t just an evening party, but a week-long affair, where all the guests were actually house guests of the wealthy man for the entire time the party was going on.

There was to be delicious food and, on top of all this, there was going to be great entertainment. Famous singers, poets, writers, comedians—they would all be there, mingling with him around the pool, playing golf.

The young man couldn’t believe what he was hearing. This was truly the chance of a lifetime!

The young man continued to talk to his friends about

Over the Coffee Cup

By Mary Costello



the party, asking them how he could get an invitation, and when he did, he started to hear other things about the man who was hosting the party—wonderful things.

All his friends raved about what a wonderful person he was, how he took care of everyone he knew, how he intervened for them and got them better jobs, how he made sure their families were healthy.

Why, they said, he did everything he could to make life easier for everyone he knew. “Boy,” the young man thought, “that’s the kind of friend to have.”

Finally someone suggested that the young man simply call the older gentleman. This man, a close associate of the gentleman who was giving the party, said the man, while undeniably very influential, was a gracious person who was really quite approachable.

So he did. The young man just picked up the phone, and while he didn’t come right out and say he wanted to be invited to the party—his mother had

taught him better manners than that—he did say he’d like to meet the older man.

The man realized immediately what the young man wanted and instead of saying, “Well, you just want to meet me so I’ll invite you to my party,” he was indeed gracious. He said he would truly love to meet the young man and invited him to join him for a meal at his house.

When the two men met for dinner, the older man explained to the younger man that this was, in reality, his father’s party. Out of respect for his father, he never invited anyone to his party that he didn’t know very well. So he asked the young man to come to visit him every week for the next few months before the party, so they could get to know one another.

He suggested that they talk daily, either on the phone or in person, so they could learn a little more about each other, their personal likes and dislikes.

He stressed to the younger man that he was only carrying on a family tradition; he had promised his father that he would only invite people to the party who were his close friends.

Everyone who came to the party was to be presented to his father. “But,” he said, “don’t worry a bit about that. If you are a close friend of mine, my father will love you, too.”

Finally, after days and weeks of daily conversation, it was time for the great event. And the gentleman said, “Come, blessed of my father, enter into the joy prepared for you.”

Mary Costello is a freelance columnist.

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St. Pius X, Old Tappan

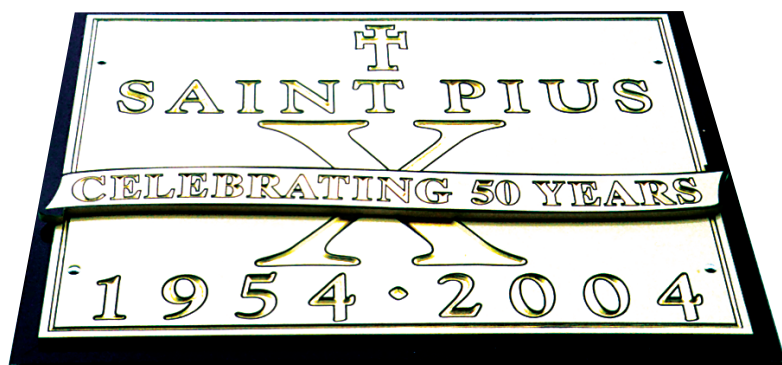
Doing God's work attracts the faithful

BY DAVID PROCH
Special to the Advocate

Fifty years of service in the communities of Old Tappan and River Vale are being celebrated at St. Pius X Parish.

The parish began its celebration of the anniversary in February and has plans for a parish mission, outdoor festival, a Mass for the anniversary on June 12, a dinner-dance and a Cornerstone retreat. The events will run throughout 2004.

St. Pius X, while based in Old Tappan, also serves the River Vale community, which does not have a Catholic parish of its own. Father Patrick M. Mulewski, Pastor of St. Pius, noted that the parish tries to extend an invitation to the residents of River Vale who are looking for a worshipping community.



A new sign donated by the Rosary Society commemorates the parish's 50th anniversary. It is made of metal, with gold lettering and beige background, and hangs prominently in front of the church building.

"We do have a number of parishioners already who come over from River Vale," Father Mulewski said. "Because they don't have their own church over there, we try to deliver the message of evangelization as much as possible."

Father Mulewski described the 900-family parish as a mix of younger and older families. "It's always been a very community-oriented parish," he noted. "It's a very social parish, which I think is one of the reasons we attract people who move into the area. When I've asked parishioners how they feel things have changed in the area, one of the first things they say is that the population has grown, and the number of young families who have moved in has increased. We have a lot of children here at the parish as well."

"I find it to be a very strong community with a strong faith in Jesus Christ. There's always a spirit of giving that permeates. The parishioners are always willing to participate in parish activities and work with one another... They just really enjoy



The parish center is a five-year-old modern construction, which houses the main church. From the "narthex," or gathering area, outside the church, one can see the altar and tabernacle, which are in the center of the room. The circular shape of the room and seating arrangement allow both to be seen from all angles.

ioners with regards to their memorial contributions towards the building of the parish center. All the promises that were made, he's honored them all.

"My wife and I are charter members of the parish," said Deacon Hodges, who has been a deacon at St. Pius for over 20 years. "We were both here at the beginning, when it was a town of less than 1,000 people. So we're both part of the fixtures."

Deacon Hodges noted that he and his wife began their ministry in the 60's, with the Christian Foundation for Ministry (CFM) program and the Pre-Cana conferences. "We liked what we heard at those meetings, and we became more and more involved in the spiritual growth of the parish."

Deacon Hodges also was the

parish coordinator for the first RENEW program at St. Pius in 1978, three years before he was ordained a deacon. Since his ordination, he has worked extensively with marriage preparation, baptism preparation, ministry to the sick and the Social Concerns ministry. He had a hand in initiating many of the programs currently running at the parish, including the Cornerstone movement.

"My wife and I may not have stayed with all of the programs that we helped start, but we always left someone capable to keep these ministries going," he said, noting that he still serves in several of them.

Some of the ministries that stand out at St. Pius include the education ministry, Social Concerns, a "really active" youth ministry and a liturgy ministry. "We're really blessed with our liturgy and music ministries. I feel they're both excellent, from the leader of songs to the choirs and lectors. They really help immensely with our celebrations of Mass on Sundays," Father Mulewski said.

The parish's Social Concerns ministry runs a food pantry, in addition to working with the Inter-Religious Fellowship, the Hackensack Shelter, running a number of food and clothing drives, and a soup kitchen, which cooks every Monday and sends the food to Mother Teresa's Kitchen in Newark.

The parish also gives assistance to St. Leo Parish, Irvington, around Christmastime. And the youth groups volunteer their time and efforts for the Children's

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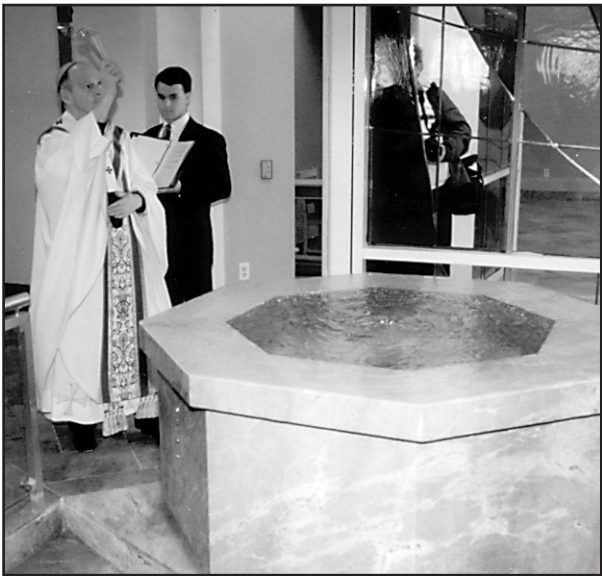
The altar reflects the parish's Lenten theme: the desert. Parishioner Kathy Mancini designed and coordinated the scene using leather baskets, branches and twigs.

Advocate photos- Frank Wood



In 1981, a “church” with a roof and sides of index cards bearing the names of families registered in the parish was constructed by Deacon Frank Rumolo, his daughter, Gina, Warrant Demarest and others to mark the Feast of the Holy Family. The structure served as a visual aid for Deacon Rumolo’s homily in which he stressed “you are the Church.”

A highlight of the parish’s half century in the Archdiocese of Newark was the dedication by Archbishop Theodore McCarrick of a new parish center in the spring of 1999. The \$3.1 million project included a new church, priests’ residence, classrooms for catechism instruction and a conference room. Part of the service includes Archbishop McCarrick blessing the baptismal font.



Advocate photos- John Healy

New center anchors spiritual, Church life

St. Pius X Parish has become a vital part of the Old Tappan community in its first 50 years.

In 1954, Archbishop Thomas J. Boland officiated at the parish’s inaugural Mass, where the name was changed from Mission of Our Lady of Refuge to St. Pius X. Father Michael W. Dancak was installed as the first pastor.

For the first 16 months, daily Mass, parish devotions and the sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation took place in the rectory chapel. Sunday Mass was celebrated at the Old Tappan Fire Hall.

A church building was purchased in 1955. The church opened at the end of the year after repairs were completed.

Father Francis J. Ballinger succeeded Father Dancak in 1956. At that time, the parish served over 200 families.

Father Ballinger served four years. Father William T. Lynch was named pastor in 1960.

During his 17 years, Father Lynch led the parish in developing a religious education program, which expanded from under 100 students to over 400, and the founding of the Parish Council in 1976.

Father Donald A. Cooper was named pastor in 1977, a position he held for four years before being succeeded by Father Francis T. Malone in 1981.

Father Malone served the parish for five years. Father Joseph H. Murphy was appointed his successor, first as administrator and then pastor, in 1986.

Father Murphy led the formation of a building committee to plan for a new church and parish center. Planning and fundraising took over 11 years.

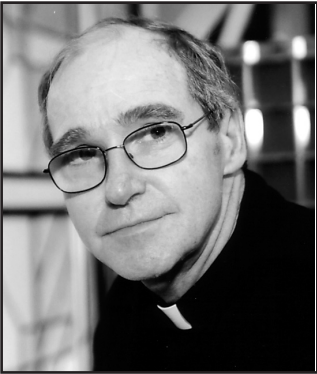
The parish center at St. Pius X, which houses a main worship space, a four-room apartment for the resident priests, 10 classrooms, a small chapel for daily worship and a gathering foyer, was completed in 1999.

In the meantime, extensive renovations were made in the church building, in 1992, including painting, new lighting, new fans, new carpeting, roof repair, and a new sound system, with speakers, a VCR and television.

Father Murphy also led the parish in the transition from the Pastoral Council to a Council of Ministries, and the development of a Parish Finance Council.

In 1991, the parish became a co-sponsor of the Interparochial School of the Holy Family in Norwood, along with St. Anthony Parish, Northvale, Our Lady of Victory Parish, Harrington Park, and Immaculate Conception Parish, Norwood.

Meet the Pastor



Father Patrick M. Mulewski

Age: 52
Date of Birth: April 3, 1951
High School: St. Anthony’s High School, Jersey City
College/Seminary/Graduate School: Seton Hall University, Immaculate Conception Seminary
Heroes: Pope John Paul II
Favorite Saint: St. Anthony
Favorite Sport: Tennis
Favorite Food: Steak
Favorite Subject in School: Literature
Favorite Movie: *The Sound of Music*
Last Book Read: *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom
Proudest Moment: Ordination
Occupation if I wasn’t a Priest: Teacher

“He was a good spiritual director,” noted Deacon Richard Hodges, who served during Father Murphy’s pastorate. “He helped a lot of people in that sense.”

Father Murphy’s tenure as pastor came to a close shortly after the opening of the parish center. He was succeeded by Father Patrick M. Mulewski, who has served as pastor the last five years.

God’s work

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Needs Society, running fundraisers and collecting gifts for needy children.

St. Pius co-sponsors a grammar school, Holy Family Interparochial School in Norwood, with St. Anthony Parish, Northvale; Immaculate Conception Parish, Norwood, and Our Lady of Victories Parish, Harrington Park.

“I think the school ties in very nicely with the work of the parish,” Father Mulewski noted, adding that 25 families within St. Pius have children enrolled. “The children are always welcome here, especially during Catholic Schools Week, and the parish tries to help the school when any fundraisers come around.”

The parish also conducts a large religious education program, with over 450 students, running from first grade to sophomore year in high school. “I

find it very helpful for us,” noted Father Mulewski of the duration of the program. “One, it keeps the kids here in the parish. Two, I’ve found that a good number continue on in different ministries after Confirmation. Some of them also remain very active in the youth groups.”

When asked what makes St. Pius unique, Father Mulewski said, “There’s a willingness here to do God’s work... All you have to do is ask someone to head up a committee or program, and you always get a yes. We just had, for Ash Wednesday, a meatless meal, and we had 100 parishioners show up. It was all prepared by a couple of the parish women out of the goodness of their hearts, and it’s a nice way to go through the Lenten season.

“People often say we’re small, but we’re big in heart,” he added.

St. Pius X Parish is located at 268 Old Tappan Rd in Old Tappan.



Father Mulewski, looks on as Gwen Smyth, CCD teacher for second graders, gives a lesson on the Eucharist. The program runs from first to tenth grade with 450 students.

Advocate photo- Frank Wood

Venerable parish's pipe-organ receives needed refurbishing

A 50-year-old organ at a nearly 100-year-old Jersey City parish will be cleaned, refurbished and good as new thanks to a Catholic publishing company in Portland, OR.

Oregon Catholic Press (OCP), a Catholic Church-owned publisher, granted a cash award for \$10,000 to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, as part of its annual OCP Parish Grants Program.

"It just sounds like a 50-year-old instrument," said Rasaan Burke, Director of Music at the parish and the hands and feet behind the giant Wicks pipe organ.

"The placement of the organ was never quite right, and it was never completed. Through the course of 50 years, there is some damage, space issues and cleaning that needs to be done."

The organ will be completely cleaned and refurbished—and just in time. The parish will soon host a concert featuring the Renaissance Street Singers, from New York City, who hope to use the organ. The music programs of the parish, which include a concert series, frequently serve as evangelization tools.

The church, founded in

1905, originally served a mostly Italian community. Now the congregation is close to 50 percent Hispanic.

"The different populations of the parish each bring their own strength," said Father Michael Santoro, Pastor. "Everyone feels a very strong bond to the parish and we are working on building the liturgies. The parish has not had a great history of liturgical development, but the quality of music is beginning to expand," he added.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel just purchased copies of *Unidos en Cristo/United in Christ*, a bilingual missal, which they hope will enhance its bilingual liturgies.

A 12-voice choir sings for one of the Sunday Masses, with a cantor and organ accompaniment.



Advocate photo - Frank Wood

Msgr. John Gilchrist, Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, labor supporter and columnist for *The Catholic Advocate*, was the clergy honoree at this year's annual Friends of Brian Boru, Inc. Offering his congratulations is Paul H. Reilly, Sr., the group's president. Brian Boru, Inc., is one of the oldest Irish-American societies in the City of Newark, Essex County and New Jersey.

"We support active congregational participation," said Burke. "I try to select music that appeals to the community and that is sing-able."

"The timing of this grant is perfect," said Father Santoro.

"Jersey City has gone through a revitalization, starting down at the waterfront, so the parish is beginning to grow a little again. We look forward to inviting more people to experience the parish and parish life here."



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The annual Nine day NOVENA to the DIVINE MERCY commences on GOOD FRIDAY, April 9, and culminates on SATURDAY, April 17. Pope John Paul II has proclaimed the 2nd sunday of Easter as DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. Devotions will be held at Churches and Chapels throughout Bergen County.

Our Lord gave Sister Faustina instructions about what she was to do on each day of this Novena. (Diary, 1209)



1. I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fount of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever graces they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death.
2. On each day you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy...You will do this in this life and in the next.
3. On each day you will beg My Father on the strength of My bitter Passion for graces for these souls.

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- 1st Day - April 9, GOOD FRIDAY - Abortion Clinic, Englewood10:45 AM
Intention - "ALL MANKIND ESPECIALLY SINNERS"
- 2nd Day - April 10, HOLY SATURDAY - Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wash. Twp.3:30 PM
Intention - "THE SOULS OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS"
- 3rd Day - April 11, EASTER SUNDAY - Bergen Pines Chapel, Paramus4:30 PM
Intention - "ALL DEVOUT AND FAITHFUL SOULS"
- 4th Day - April 12, MONDAY - St. Joseph, Oradell.....7:00 PM
Intention - "DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD AND DO NOT YET KNOW ME"
- 5th Day - April 13, TUESDAY, St. Elizabeth, Wyckoff.....7:00 PM
Intention - "SOULS WHO HAVE SEPARATED FROM THE CHURCH"
- 6th Day - April 14, WEDNESDAY, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood7:00 PM
Intention - "MEEK AND HUMBLE SOULS AND LITTLE CHILDREN"
- 7th Day - April 15, THURSDAY, St. Luke, Ho-Ho-Kus7:00 PM
Intention - "SOULS WHO ESPECIALLY VENERATE & GLORIFY MY MERCY"
- 8th Day - April 16, FRIDAY, Church of the Assumption, Emerson7:00 PM
Intention - "SOULS WHO ARE DETAINED IN PURGATORY"
- 9th Day - April 17, SATURDAY, Bergen Mall Chapel, Paramus12:00 NOON
Intention - "SOULS WHO HAVE BECOME LUKEWARM"

Girl Scouts' role models cited

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

The importance of their formative years in scouting was emphasized by Archbishop John J. Myers at the annual Girl Scout Awards Sunday service earlier this month.

Girls Scouts and Brownies

from throughout the Archdiocese, along with their leaders and family members, filled the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, for presentation of a myriad of awards.

Many times, the archbishop explained in his homily, the

questions of what a person is like and their future arise.

"In the long run," he said, "know we will share the light of Jesus Christ."

Archbishop Myers cited the scouts' parents and leaders to whom the girls are their "pride and joy [and are] loved."

In scouting, the archbishop continued, the girls are learning how to become "the women they want to be." He cited the many role models in their lives.

That future, Archbishop Myers cautioned, requires that one possess certain values.

Among them, he said, are trustworthiness, working hard and being truthful. All the time, he stressed, the girls must ask themselves if they are doing what God wants.

He reminded the congregation that Jesus has shown who He is and what He is like in the transformation. "Jesus loves you," the archbishop declared.



Advocate photo-Ward Miele

Girl Scouts and Brownies from throughout the Archdiocese attended the awards service at the Cathedral Basilica in which Archbishop Myers officiated.




Advocate photo-Ward Miele

Candidates for admission into the College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, St. Andrew's Hall, left to right, Rashed Espejon, Craig Jandoli and Maciej Mateusz Sasko, recently visited the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, to meet with Archbishop John J. Myers, second from left, and Father Brian Plate, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark.

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St. Luke's	Ho Ho Kus	4,384.00
St. Paul's	Ramsey	10,950.00
DEANERY #1 TOTAL		\$100,567.23

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O.L. of Mt. Virgin	Garfield	1,411.00
O.L. of Sorrows	Garfield	370.00
Sacred Heart	Rochelle Park	1,505.00
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St. Francis de Sales	Lodi	1,089.00
St. Joseph's	Lodi	1,793.00
St. Leo's	Elmwood Park	2,315.00
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St. Joseph's	Hackensack	406.00
St. Margaret's	Little Ferry	2,316.00
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PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Epiphany	Cliffside Park	\$1,914.00
Holy Rosary	Edgewater	997.00
Holy Trinity	Fort Lee	5,544.00
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St. Nicholas	Palisades Park	990.00
DEANERY #6 TOTAL		\$22,023.40

DEANERY 7		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Assumption	Wood-Ridge	\$3,323.00
Corpus Christi	Hasbrouck Hts.	3,638.00
Imm. Conception	Secaucus	2,057.00
O.L. of Mt. Carmel	Lyndhurst	1,322.00
Queen of Peace	North Arlington	4,370.00
Sacred Heart	Lyndhurst	2,463.00
Sacred Heart	Wallington	3,249.00
St. Joseph's	East Rutherford	2,200.00
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St. Michael's	Lyndhurst	884.00
DEANERY #7 TOTAL		\$29,556.37
BERGEN COUNTY TOTAL		\$280,527.50

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DEANERY 8		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Holy Family	Union City	\$303.89
St. Mary/Help Chr.	West New York	309.00
Our Lady of Fatima	North Bergen	1,158.00
Our Lady of Libera	West New York	402.70
Sacred Heart	Cliffside Park	1,205.00
St. Anthony of Padua	Union City	1,210.00
St. Augustine's	Union City	2,320.65
St. Bridget's	North Bergen	221.00
St. John Nepom.	Guttenberg	552.00
Sts. Joseph's/Mchl's	Union City	2,068.00
St. Joseph of the Pal.	West New York	1,005.00
St. Rocco's	Union City	504.00
DEANERY #8 TOTAL		\$11,259.24

DEANERY 9		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Our Lady of Grace	Hoboken	\$1,275.00
St. Ann's	Hoboken	261.00
St. Francis	Hoboken	1,825.00
St. Joseph's	Hoboken	340.00
St. Lawrence's	Weehawken	1,767.00
Sts. Peter & Paul	Hoboken	3,568.22
DEANERY #9 TOTAL		\$9,036.22

DEANERY 10		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
O.L. of Mt. Carmel	Jersey City	\$572.00
St. Aedan's	Jersey City	945.00

St. Ann's	Jersey City	545.00
St. Anne's	Jersey City	1,866.00
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St. Nicholas	Jersey City	1,132.00
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DEANERY #10 TOTAL		\$8,301.00

DEANERY 11		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Holy Rosary	Jersey City	\$300.00
O.L. Czestochowa	Jersey City	1,212.00
St. Anthony's	Jersey City	252.00
Resurrection	Jersey City	1,803.90
St. Bridget's	Jersey City	
St. Boniface	Jersey City	
St. Mary's	Jersey City	
St. Michael/St. Jude	Jersey City	
St. Peter's	Jersey City	
DEANERY # 11 TOTAL		\$3,567.90

DEANERY 12		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Assumption/All Sts.	Jersey City	\$372.15
Christ the King	Jersey City	130.00
O.L of Mercy	Jersey City	3,054.00
O.L. of Sorrows	Jersey City	350.00
O.L. of Victories	Jersey City	1,102.00
Sacred Heart	Jersey City	668.45

St. Aloysius'	Jersey City	3,420.00
St. Patrick's	Jersey City	558.00
St. Paul's (Grnville)	Jersey City	1,658.00
DEANERY # 12 TOTAL		\$11,312.60

DEANERY 13		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
O.L. of Mt. Carmel	Bayonne	\$2,365.00
O.L. of the Assump.	Bayonne	1,187.00
St. Mary Star the Sea	Bayonne	2,746.00
St. Andrew's	Bayonne	1,631.00
St. Henry's	Bayonne	3,601.00
St. Joseph's	Bayonne	1,166.00
St. Michael's	Bayonne	642.00
St. Vincent De Paul	Bayonne	1,605.00
DEANERY #13 TOTAL		\$14,943.00

DEANERY 14		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Holy Cross	Harrison	\$1,201.00
O.L. of Czestochowa	Harrison	513.00
O.L. of Sorrows	Kearny	770.00
St. Anthony's	East Newark	225.00
St. Cecilia's	Kearny	1,723.00
St. Stephen's	Kearny	3,636.23
DEANERY #14 TOTAL		\$8,068.23

HUDSON COUNTY TOTALS		\$66,488.19
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DEANERY 15		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Blessed Sacrament	Roseland	\$4,755.00
Notre Dame	North Caldwell	5,018.00
O.L. of the Lake	Verona	7,223.00
O.L. of Lourdes	West Orange	1,407.10
St. Aloysius'	Caldwell	5,968.00
St. Catherine Siena	Cedar Grove	5,830.00
St. Joseph's	West Orange	2,777.00
St. Philomena's	Livingston	7,318.00
St. Raphael's	Livingston	2,401.00
St. Thomas More	Fairfield	2,732.00
DEANERY #15 TOTAL		\$45,429.10

DEANERY 16		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Holy Family	Nutley	\$4,851.00
Imm. Conception	Montclair	175.00
O.L. of Mt. Carmel	Montclair	1,150.00
O.L. of Mt. Carmel	Nutley	2,507.00
Sacred Heart	Bloomfield	2,568.00
St. Anthony Padua	Belleville	932.00
St. Cassian's	Upper Montclair	3,503.00
St. Mary's	Nutley	2,784.00
St. Peter's	Belleville	1,568.05
St. Peter Claver	Montclair	800.00
St. Thomas Apostle	Bloomfield	8,355.43
St. Valentine's	Bloomfield	1,590.00
DEANERY #16 TOTAL		\$30,783.48

DEANERY 17		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
St. Andrew Kim	Orange	\$1,765.00
Holy Name	East Orange	827.00
Hoy Spirit/Hlp Chris.	East Orange	679.90
O.L. of Mt. Carmel	Orange	391.00
O.L. of the Valley	Orange	869.00
St. John's	Orange	1,116.00
St. Joseph's	East Orange	600.00
DEANERY #17 TOTAL		\$6,247.90

DEANERY 18		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Imm. Heart of Mary	Maplewood	\$304.00
O.L. of Sorrows	South Orange	4,686.50
Sacred Hrt. of Jesus	Irvington	461.00
St. Joseph's	Maplewood	3,504.00
St. Leo's	Irvington	556.00
St. Paul the Apostle	Irvington	459.00
DEANERY #18 TOTAL		\$9,970.50

DEANERY 19		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Imm. Conception	Newark	\$457.00
O.L. Good Counsel	Newark	707.00
Srd. Heart Cathedral	Newark	608.00
St. Francis Xavier	Newark	1,760.00
St. John's	Newark	278.00
St. Lucy's	Newark	987.00
St. Michael's	Newark	501.00
DEANERY #19 TOTAL		\$5,298.00

DEANERY 20		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Bl. Sacrament/St. Charles	Newark	\$642.00
Queen of Angels	Newark	393.00
Sacred Heart	Newark	1,137.00
St. Ann's	Newark	50.00
St. Antoninus	Newark	440.00
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St. Rocco's	Newark	359.00
St. Rose of Lima	Newark	410.00
St. Stanislaus	Newark	331.00
DEANERY #20 TOTAL		\$4,629.00

DEANERY 21		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Epiphany/Holy Trinity	Newark	\$532.00
Imm. Heart of Mary	Newark	610.00
O.L. of Fatima	Newark	275.00
O.L. of Mt. Carmel	Newark	866.50
St. Aloysius's	Newark	1,010.00
St. Benedict's	Newark	879.00
St. Casimir's	Newark	389.00
St. James	Newark	303.90
DEANERY #21 TOTAL		\$4,871.40

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DEANERY 22		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Little Flower	Berkeley Hts	\$4,001.57
O.L. of Lourdes	Mountainside	2,704.00
O.L. of Peace	New Providence	12,660.00
St. James	Springfield	1,857.00
St. Rose of Lima	Short Hills	16,827.00
St. Teresa's	Sumit	12,305.61
DEANERY #22 TOTAL		\$50,355.18

DEANERY 23		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Assumption	Roselle Park	\$1,536.00
Christ the King	Hillside	1,936.25
Holy Spirit	Union	4,001.00
St. Anne's	Garwood	411.00
St. Catherine's	Hillside	1,058.00
St. Joseph's	Roselle	2,462.00
St. Michael's	Union	2,702.00
St. Michael's	Cranford	5,500.00
St. Theresa's	Kenilworth	1,285.00
DEANERY #23 TOTAL		\$20,891.25

DEANERY 24		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Holy Family	Linden	\$265.00
St. Agnes	Clark	6,465.00
St. Eliz. of Hungary	Linden	2,009.00
St. John the Apostle	Linden	4,485.50
St. Mark's	Rahway	1,037.00
St. Mary's	Rahway	2,390.45
St. Theresa Ch. Jesus	Linden	1,874.00
DEANERY #24 TOTAL		\$18,525.95

DEANERY 25		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Blessed Sacrament	Elizabeth	\$1,086.00
Holy Ros./St. Mich.	Elizabeth	1,098.00
Imm. Conception	Elizabeth	1,800.00
Imm. Hrt. of Mary	Elizabeth	
O.L. of Fatima	Elizabeth	419.00
St. Adalbert's	Elizabeth	604.00
St. Anthony Padua	Elizabeth	950.00
St. Genevieve's	Elizabeth	4,316.00

St. Hedwig's	Elizabeth	767.91
St. Mary's	Elizabeth	1,208.00
St. Patrick's	Elizabeth	
Sts. Peter & Paul	Elizabeth	718.00
St. Thomas Aquinas	Newark	97.00
DEANERY #25 TOTAL		\$13,063.91

DEANERY 26		
PARISH	CITY	AMOUNT
Holy Trinity	Westfield	\$

Students, staff join forces to improve school environment

BY WARD MIELE

Managing Editor

Built 75 years ago, St. Mary High School, Rutherford, was beginning to show its age. Not any more.

When Dr. Robert Berckes, known as "Dr. Bob," became principal last summer, one of the first things he did was to speak with the pastor, Father Michael J. Kreder, about the condition of the school. It was obvious that work was needed.

For the new principal, refurbishing the venerable structure became a priority.

It was not long before 30 five-gallon drums of blue and white paint, in honor of the Blessed Mother, were donated by the father of school nurse Brendan Murray.

Painting began in June. The walls had been a rather unattractive green and yellow.

With the end of the school year, Dr. Berckes quickly received helping hands from the dean, several students, guidance counselors, priests and administrators.

Soon members of the teaching staff saw what was going on and picked up cans of paint and brushes and painted their classrooms.

Steve Hogan, who teaches religion to juniors, took on the messy job of stripping and staining all the doors on the first and second floors.

All the classrooms have been named for saints.

Rounding out the volunteer forces were members of the girls' basketball team. July all of the painting was finished.

The revitalization of the school building includes more than painting. A nondescript video room was turned into a

student TV studio. Parent Edward Dolan, who is in the tile business, donated a new blue and white floor for fittingly enough, St. Edward.

The effort also attracted the attention and talent of two alumni who received St. Mary's diplomas two years ago. Joseph Miklovic and Steve Kochik refurbished the nurse's room vestibule and built a room for the Drama Club.

Rounding out the massive undertaking was the sprucing up in January by the students of their respective locker rooms.

Student Ryan Swetis, reflecting on the project, explained that he and classmate Matthew Merli approached the principal about "making the school a better place."

"Now as members of the St. Joseph's Club, we have already painted the boys locker room and are eager to begin working on whatever tasks the principal has for us to complete."

The girls basketball team, pointed out student Toni Roseli, "came together as a group to paint the third floor halls during the summer." The girls, she said, are "proud of the fresh, new look our hard work has



Using a significant donation and contributions, the St. Edward Cafeteria at St. Mary High School, Rutherford, has received an upgrade, featuring new blue and white flooring and folding tables with attached benches. The new tables are much easier for the wrestlers to break down to clear the area for practice. Sophomores enjoying the new look are, left to right, Victoria Petruzzella, Kyla Coppola, Hailey Brooks, Meredith Faye-Hamilton, Kaitlyn Baker and Elissa Hernandez.

given our school. We are now part of the St. Joseph's Club and we are looking forward to whatever else we can do to improve our school community."

When asked to volunteer their spare time, noted students Steven Cuccinelli and Michael McGarry, they "jumped at the chance." The pair were among

the group that worked on a book room, the computer platform for the Technology Department, the boys locker room and hung a gym divider curtain.

Cuccinelli and McGarry saw their efforts as contributing to their school and setting "an example in the footsteps of Christ."

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Noted author explains the writing process

Mary Higgins Clark, best-selling mystery writer, spoke recently to students at Saint Joseph Regional High School, Montvale.

Clark met with students who have read her best-selling novel *A Stranger is Watching* in their English class, as well as those interested in creative writing.

Her presentation centered on the writing process: how an idea

grows into a successful novel. Students also gained some insight into the demands of a career in writing and had an opportunity to question the author about different elements of her craft.

Renowned as the "Queen of Suspense," Clark is the author of more than two dozen books including *Stillwatch*, *Where are the Children*, *The Cradle Will Fall*

and her most recent bestseller, *The Second Time Around*.

Clark has a long association with Saint Joseph's, dating back to the late 60s, when her sons Warren (1969) and David (1972) graduated. She has supported many of the school's fundraising efforts, including its ongoing Profiles in Excellence capital campaign.



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Prior to her presentation, the author reviewed the status of Saint Joseph's capital campaign, Profiles in Excellence. With Mrs. Clark are, left to right, Principal John R. Job and students James Burns, Dean Duchak, Ethan Pickett and Andrew Giuliani.

SHU president honoree at scholarship dinner

Msgr. Robert Sheeran, President of Seton Hall University, will be honored April 28 at the 20th annual Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) dinner.

To be held at Mayfair Farms, West Orange, cocktails will be at 6 p.m. followed by dinner an hour later.

Kevin Moriarity, Executive Director of SFIC, said, "Our scholarship dinner is very important for our organization and the children we serve. It gives us the opportunity to honor a special person who has made a major contribution to education in New Jersey, and it gives hundreds of individuals, businesses and foundations the opportunity to join in our work."

Catholic schools have become the accepted path out of poverty for inner-city children living in the Garden State. SFIC helps families through scholarship assistance for Catholic schools.

SFIC has funded 35,000 Catholic elementary and high school scholarships at a cost of \$19 million over the past two decades.

Priest, teacher, administrator and alumnus, Msgr. Sheeran was named SHU president in December 1995. During his tenure, a top priority for him has been the classroom.

Seton Hall has in place a comprehensive program to integrate technology into the learning environment.

Msgr. Sheeran has also focused the University's attention and resources on a model of student development that seeks to create a learning community and not merely a place to go to school.

The identity of the South Orange-based university as a Catholic institution is crucial to this year's SFIC honoree.

Msgr. Sheeran returned to his alma mater almost a quarter century ago as rector of Saint Andrew's Seminary and a member of the executive committee cabinet. He was named assistant provost in 1987.

Archbishop John J. Myers is among the events chairmen.

The reply deadline for the dinner is April 15. For additional information call (973) 497-4579.



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Lima, Short Hills, said, "The Friars are prohibited by their constitution from owning real property."

A group of benefactors, primarily from St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, and St. Rose of Lima formed Friends of the

Newark Monastery, Inc.

Father Murphy also noted that the local Knights of Columbus have been instrumental in securing the mortgage on the building, backed by the guaranty of the Archdiocese.

Father Koch, who was ordained as a priest of the

Archdiocese of Newark in 1969 and has served in numerous positions, including vocations director, took his final vows as a member of the Franciscan community last summer. He will be in charge of the evangelization effort in the friary.

Other members of the corporation board of trustees include, Father Murphy, vice president, Teresa Luzarraga, treasurer;



At the chancery office of the Archdiocese of Newark, left to right, Father Mariusz Koch, C.F.R. and Father Bernard Murphy, C.F.R., both Friars of the Franciscan Renewal; Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark; Alberto Luzarraga, President of Friends of Newark, Inc., and Sheri A. Rickert, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Bishops' Holy Week Schedule

The bishops of the Archdiocese of Newark have released their Holy Week schedules. (All times p.m., except when otherwise noted.)

Archbishop John J. Myers

All at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

Palm Sunday- noon Mass,

Monday, April 5- 8:00 Chrism Mass

Holy Thursday- 7:30 Mass

Good Friday-

8:00 Stations of the Cross with Choir

Holy Saturday- 8:30 Vigil

Easter Sunday- noon Mass

Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety

All at Saint Anne Parish, Garwood

Palm Sunday- noon Mass

Holy Thursday- 8:00 Mass

Friday- 8:00 Mass

Holy Saturday- 8:30 Vigil

Bishop

Arthur J. Serratelli

Palm Sunday- 10 a.m. Mass, St. Margaret of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry

Holy Thursday- 7:30 Mass, St. Luke Parish, Ho-Ho-Kus

Good Friday-

noon Seven Last Words, St. Joseph Parish, Jersey City;

3:00 Liturgy,

St. Joseph Parish, Maplewood

Holy Saturday- 8:00 Vigil,

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes

Easter Sunday- 10:30 a.m. Mass,

Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes

Bishop

David Arias, O.A.R.

All at St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York

Palm Sunday- 10 a.m. Mass (English); 1:00 Mass (Spanish)

Holy Thursday- 7:00 Mass

Good Friday- 2:30 Procession of the Stations of the Cross;

5:00 Liturgy (Spanish);

8:30 Seven Last Words (Spanish)

Holy Saturday- 8:00 Vigil (English)

Easter Sunday- 10 a.m. Mass (English); 1:00 Mass (Spanish)

Bishop

Charles J. McDonnell

All at Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack

Palm Sunday- 11 a.m. Mass

Holy Thursday- 7:00 Mass

Good Friday- 3:00 Mass

Saturday- 8:30 Vigil

Easter Sunday- 12:30 Mass

Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.

Palm Sunday- 11 a.m. Mass, St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth

Holy Thursday-

11:30 a.m. Holy Hour, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield;

7:15 Mass,

St. Francis de Sales Parish, Lodi

Good Friday- 7:30 Mass,

St. Michael Parish, Newark

Saturday- 8:00 Vigil,

St. Joseph Parish, Maplewood

Easter Sunday- 1:00 Mass,

St. Michael Parish, Newark

Bishop

Dominic A. Marconi

Saturday, April 3- 5:30 Vigil, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Hillside

Palm Sunday- noon Mass, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Linden

Holy Thursday- 7:30 Mass, Our Lady of Pity, Staten Island

Good Friday- 7:30 Mass,

St. Margaret of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry

Holy Saturday- 7:30 Vigil,

St. Paul Parish, Ramsey

Easter Sunday- 9 a.m. Mass,

St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth

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Catholic social ministries' issues explored at national forum in DC

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Reporter

"The event brings together Catholics from throughout the nation to discuss social issues of concern to the Church," explained Catherine Furlani, Director of the Office of Human Concerns for the Archdiocese of Newark.

Furlani recently represented the Archdiocese at the annual Catholic Social Ministry Gathering, Washington DC, hosted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

According to Furlani, about 700 representatives from dioceses throughout the country attended, including 13 sponsoring national Catholic organizations.

In a press release, the bishops—as part of their overall statement—call the Church and those working in the area of social justice to "recommit our nation to overcoming poverty, hunger and deprivation, end war and terrorism, hatred and despair, defend fundamentally against the violence of abortion as well as the vengeance of executions, call on Congress... to help poor families leave poverty and dependence to live in dignity [and] promote human rights and development around the world as an essential strategy in efforts to combat global terrorism."

The bishops cited global poverty as a major concern: "The U.S. gives subsidies to large agribusinesses. The result is an overproduction of products on the market which leads to lower

prices and less economic viability for small-scale farmers around the world," Furlani said.

One such issue affecting farmers on the domestic level is the Agricultural Job Opportunity, Benefits and Security Act of 2003, commonly known as the Ag/JOBS bill, "which would offer a number of undocumented agricultural workers an opportunity to legalize their status and would establish labor protections in an industry which is notorious for violating the rights of workers," the bishops' release states.

Reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF) was an important issue that took center stage. The bishops are asking the government to provide \$5.5 billion in new mandatory child care assistance for working parents. "The bishops believe that recipients should not have to work more hours than they presently work. Many are single parents, barely spending any time with their children," Furlani said.

"In addition, education and training for participants should be counted as genuine work, and incorporated into their hourly work requirements, not exceed them," Furlani added, explaining that the provision would help parents—especially those with young children—advance their education without neglecting their home life.

A host of other issues were addressed, including safe and affordable housing for the poor, HIV/AIDS relief and international trade.



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Secretary of State tour targets breast cancer

New Jersey Secretary of State Regena Thomas toured the Cathedral Regional Cancer Center at Saint Michael's Medical Center, Newark, recently to promote the importance of annual mammograms as a healthy way for women to live fuller, safer lives.

Following her tour, Secretary Thomas addressed an audience comprised of representatives of Cathedral Healthcare System, state and local officials, cancer survivors, their families and guests.

She stressed the importance of providing not only encouragement to get timely mammograms done, but also of finding sources of help for the uninsured and underinsured to get access to the medical care they require.

Women 40 years of age and older were encouraged to get yearly mammograms and to learn how to do monthly self-examinations. Women under 40 years of age with a family history of breast cancer also were told

to get yearly mammograms to safeguard their health.

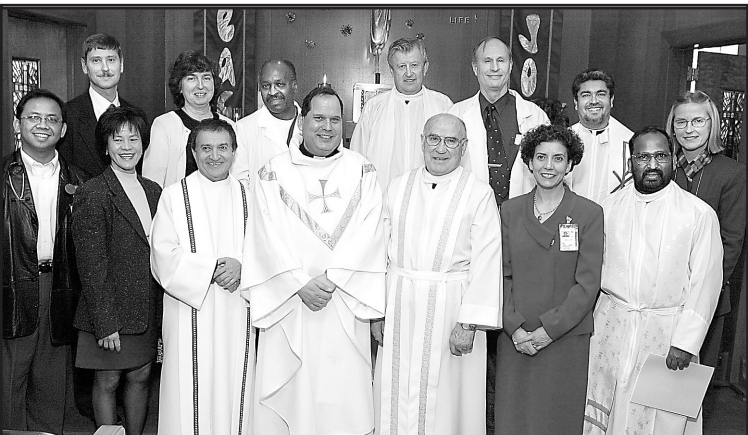
Louis P. Amato, President and CEO of Cathedral Healthcare System, stated that the newly opened Cathedral Regional Cancer Center would be a great asset to residents of Newark and surrounding suburbs in providing cancer screenings, mammograms and follow-up care. Cathedral

Healthcare System established the facility in response to the high incidence of cancer in New Jersey. He added that the facility is equipped with the latest and best in medical technology and is staffed by renowned medical experts.

Michele Blackwood, M.D., Director of Saint Michael's Medical Center's Breast Center, accompanied Secretary Thomas

on the tour of the new facility.

She said, "This is a fine opportunity to stress the importance of breast care for all women. At the Breast Center, we are committed to delivering the highest level of treatment for both the body and mind, and we encourage all women over the age of 40 to have regular breast exams and mammograms."



The World Day of the Sick was marked locally with Mass concelebrated at Saint James Hospital, Newark. Participants, from left, front row: Dr. Winston Umali, Dr. Loreta M. Uy, Father Rene Lima, Saint Benedict Parish, Newark; Msgr. Manuel Cruz, Archdiocesan Director of Hospital Ministry, principal celebrant; Father Javier Losarcos, pastor, Saint Aloysius Parish, Newark; Céu Cirne-Neves, administrator of Saint James Hospital, and Father Arokiasan Irudayahathan, chaplain of Saint James Hospital. Second row, from left: Dr. Martin Estok Jr., Dr. Patricia Masone, Dr. Cleve Dawson, Father Clement M. Krug, Pastor, Saint James Parish, Newark; Dr. Daniel Masone, Father Antonio F. Da Silva, Our Lady of Fatima Parish Newark, and Colleen Aurori, vice president of operations, Saint James Hospital.

New lab will service Cathedral hospitals

Cathedral Healthcare System has opened Consolidated Care Laboratories, a modern, state-of-the-art, 15,000 square foot clinical facility. It will serve Saint Michael's Medical Center, Saint James Hospital and Columbus Hospital, all in Newark, as well as Saint Mary's Life Center, Orange, affiliates of Cathedral Healthcare System, doctors' offices, and other medical establishments in the area.

Housed at Saint Michael's Medical Center, the new laboratory is on the sixth floor of the Mount Carmel (Annex) Building.

Donald M. Daniels, Chairman and CEO of Cathedral Healthcare System said, "The opening of the new Consolidated Core Laboratories is another significant milestone in efforts at Cathedral Healthcare System to establish system-wide improvements that will benefit our patients, physicians and the communities whom we serve."

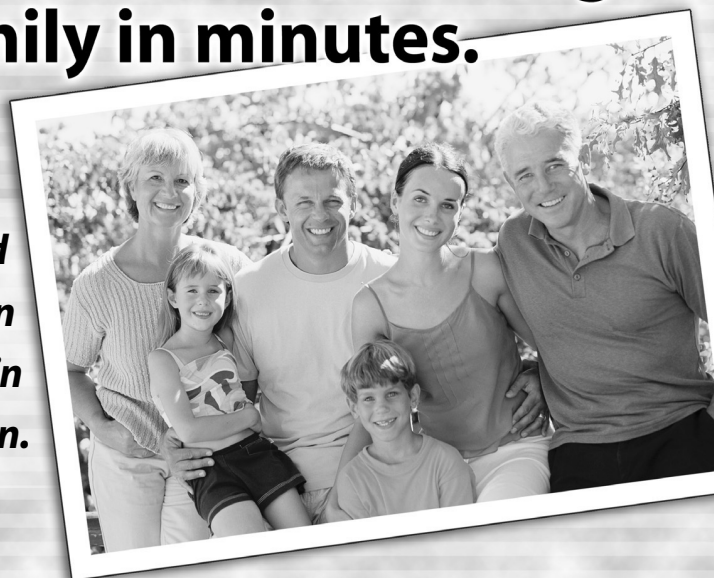
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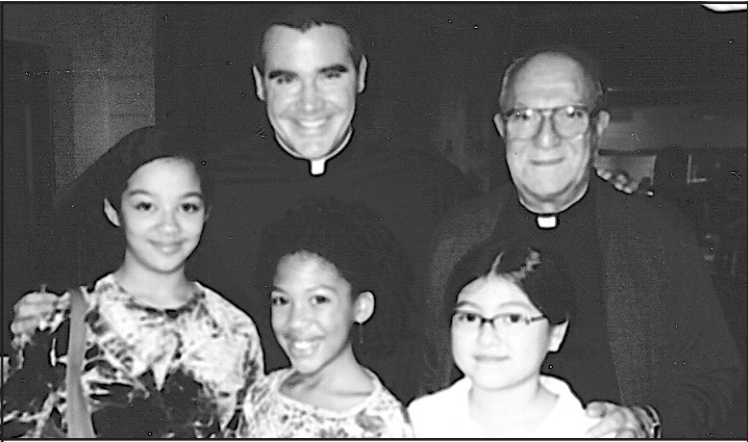
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Father Gerard Lewis, O.F.M.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 1 for Father Gerard Lewis, O.F.M., 76, who died Feb. 25.

Before Father Lewis became a priest, he was married and had four children. His wife passed away in 1976, when his youngest child was 20.

After studying at various colleges in New York and Immaculate Conception Seminary when it was in Darlington, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1985.

His assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included serving as parochial vicar at St. Anne Parish, Fair Lawn, from 1986 to 1993. He also served as parochial vicar at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Hewitt.

In 1996 Father Lewis was transferred from St. Anthony Residence, Boston, to the Holy Name Friary, Ringwood.

Father Lawrence Pafchik, O.F.M.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 21 for Father Lawrence F. Pafchik, O.F.M., 89, who died Feb. 17.

Father Pafchik was received into the Franciscan Order in 1936 and ordained in 1942.

His assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included serving as parochial vicar at Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Jersey City, and as a member of the Provincial Mission Band with residence at St. Joseph Parish, East Rutherford. He retired in 1992 and was a member of the Infirmary Team at Holy Name Friary, Ringwood, from 1993 until the time of his death.

Father Eugene Walter, S.D.B.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 19 for Father Eugene Walter, S.D.B., 51, who died Feb. 15.

Father Walter entered the Salesians of Don Bosco in 1971, made his Religious profession in 1973 and graduated from Don Bosco Seminary, Newton, in 1976. He was ordained in 1983.

His assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included ministering at Don Bosco Preparatory School, Ramsey, from 1990-1993.

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Sacred Heart Council 2842, Rochelle Park, has scheduled a pro-life program for March 25 at Sacred Heart Parish.

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Preparation for a second marriage equally important

BY LIESL FORES
Staff Reporter

Addressing the special aspects of a second marriage, a growing phenomenon in the Church, the remarriage ministry, under direction of the Family Life Ministries Office, focuses on a retreat that helps prepare couples in the Archdiocese of Newark for the unique journey upon which they are about to embark.

For couples in which one or both people have been married before, and that marriage ended due to the death of a spouse or through divorce and subsequent annulment (a process handled through the Archdiocesan Metropolitan Tribunal), the Remarriage Preparation Program is highly recommended.

It is a "weekend experience," said Father Richard G. Francesco, J.C.L., the chaplain of the ministry, though he explained it is actually an overnight gathering from Friday evening to Saturday evening.

While this specific program is not mandatory, some remarriage preparation program is required by the Archdiocese.

Retreats take place about three times a year and are run by Father Francesco and three "team couples," coordinated by Thomas and Carole Mazzucco, who have all been on the weekend themselves and have become involved in the ministry.

There is a limit of 16 couples for each retreat, but the average is usually 12.

Several themes are discussed in the program, some by Father Francesco, the others by team couples.

The healing of memories is one topic Father Francesco presents. "There are good and bad memories. With the good, sometimes memories can be so idealized that the new spouse can't live up to this. With the bad, [it's about] learning from the past and being at peace," he explained.

The other topic the chaplain covers is making transitions. Prefacing this by saying that these people have already been through a transition in that they were married before and now they're not, Father Francesco noted that this issue entails "making a leap of trust again and the risk involved" and helps participants bring closure to the former relationship.

Secondly, he continued, making transitions involves "honestly taking responsibility."

"Marriages do end for reasons," said Father Francesco. However, especially in cases of

divorce and annulment, he pointed out that there is a tendency to blame the other person. Regardless of why that marriage ended, "you were still a part of the decision to marry that person," he stressed.

And so careful consideration must be given to the decision-making process, he said. "No one can predict whether a marriage will last until death, but there are ways of looking at the decision-making process. If the process is good, the decision is likely to be good, and if the decision is good, the marriage is likely to be good," he asserted.

Father Francesco, who is a judge on the Metropolitan Tribunal, which reviews and decides upon cases for annulment, depicted a common occurrence revealed during hearings.

"So many times when talking to family and friends [of the person seeking annulment], they say, 'I knew there was a problem, but I didn't want to say anything,'" for fear of interfering.

"But I say the opinions of people close to us are ones that should inform us," he assured. "So I encourage people prepar-

ing to ask their parents, their brothers and sisters and friends."

Barbara Dellanno, a member of one of the team couples who speaks at retreats with her husband Ralph, described the themes discussed with groups: one's past, step-parenting or considering the possibility of children, friendship, handling conflict, sexual love, marriage as a sacrament and money/handling financial matters.

After each talk, participants are presented with related questions. They go off individually for 20-25 minutes to answer them in writing and then come back to "share their reflections with each other" as a couple, explained Dellanno.

"This is a chance for the couple to talk. The purpose is to make sure issues that can cause problems in a marriage are addressed," she added.

When asked which subjects she thought were most impor-

tant, Dellanno emphasized that while they're all significant, step-parenting and handling conflict are crucial.

"Children are a source of joy and conflict in any marriage. In a situation where someone is becoming an instant parent, there are so many more challenges," she noted.

"People are looking for some advice from people who have gone through this... Families can blend, but it takes time, patience, and we say, 'Here are some things you can do, here are some things that are productive.'"

Going on to handling conflict, she remarked, "Sometimes problems in the first marriage were that conflicts were not identified or resolved. The people who are at these weekends don't want their second marriage to fail. This talk gives them effective ways to handle conflict."

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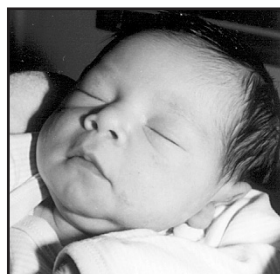


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Remarriage

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"The popular wisdom is that you've already been married, so you don't need to prepare. But this is a new relationship, a new beginning, and it has special needs" insisted Father Francesco.

Judith Miller, Director of the Archdiocesan Family Life Ministries, agrees.

"Couples who are one or both marrying for a second time have special needs that should be addressed as they prepare for their new marriage. Studies show that couples who communicate expectations of their marriage before the wedding have a higher success rate in their

matrimony," she commented. "This program is designed to help them do that."

Father Francesco also mentioned that they are looking for couples who are remarried and interested in becoming involved in this ministry.

Dellano said she and her husband benefit from being a part of the team. "It's time away from the kids and jobs to focus on the topic of marriage," she explained, noting that examples they use in discussions are from experiences in their own relationship. "We always feel like it brings us closer."

For more information on the Remarriage Preparation Program or the remarriage ministry, call Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4324.



Former and current members of the Remarriage Preparation Team, photographed in December 2002 with their children. Standing, left to right, Father Richard Francesco, Barbara Dellanno, Keith and Debbie Pishna, Elisabeth Lynch, Barbara and John Contini, Pat and Tom Duemig. Seated, left to right, Rod and Joan Dundorf, Tom and Carole Mazzucco, and Ralph Dellano. Linda and Dave Darby have joined the remarriage ministry team since.

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The "girls"—now in their 60s, many of them grandmothers—graduated from the Academy of the Holy Angels (AHA) in 1955, back when the school was an imposing landmark in Fort Lee.

AHA has been relocated to Demarest, and the Fort Lee campus lives only in memory. But

Connie Schenck English, Joan Zimmerman Majtenyi and a few others are hoping to locate as many of the 63 graduates of '55 as possible.

"With our 50th anniversary year coming up, I just got nostalgic about Holy Angels," said English, of Geneseo, NY, explaining her initial impetus to look up her classmates. Visiting the school's website, she found email addresses for four members of the Class of '55 and got busy on-line.

Her efforts, together with help from the four, have yielded contacts with close to a dozen '55 grads scattered around the globe from Oregon to Italy, as well as sparking interest in a reunion. Those interested can visit www.qn.net/~majtenyi.

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Couples celebrate ‘gift of marriage’

BY LIESL FORES
Staff Reporter

Couples celebrating their 25th and 5th wedding anniversaries, as well as a few celebrating 40, 20, 10 and 6 years, recently commemorated the occasion with a liturgy at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

Archbishop John J. Myers concelebrated the Mass with Msgr. Richard J. Arnholts, Archdiocesan Vicar for Pastoral Life; Father Michael M. Walters, Pastor of Holy Spirit/Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, East Orange, and Father Thomas J. Ciba, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Nutley.

The Archdiocesan Office of Family Life Ministries begins preparing for the annual celebration in January, sending an information packet to all pastors, which includes a registration form to be printed in church bulletins. Couples marking a milestone anniversary may enroll through their parish to take part in the Mass.

“It’s a wonderful witness to the faithfulness of marriage,” Msgr. Arnholts said of the liturgy.

“On a personal note,” he continued, “I’ve been ordained now for 31 years, so I see people [whom I’ve married] from past parishes. It reminds me that the priestly ministry touches people’s lives...It’s a great reminder of things that we’ve done as part of our lives that we consider complete, but for the married couples their lives are still going on. They benefit from the sacrament of marriage, and we had something to do with that.”

In his homily, Father Walters said to the couples, “In the sacrament of marriage, you stand on holy ground.”

Explaining that a sacrament gives grace, he went on, “You come to this church to testify that you have found grace, in the presence of God and in one another. This allows you to stay strong in your marriage.”

Describing marriage as “a gift,” he pointed out that it is “never something to be taken for granted...It is always something toward which you work.

“I invite all of you to look at your relationship and not be satisfied, but to reach for more...to deepen your relationship with one another and the Lord,” Father Walters added.

Asking them to join hands and touch their wedding rings, Archbishop Myers gave the couples a special blessing during the liturgy.

After the Mass, all couples were invited to come up and receive a pin blessed by the archbishop. They had also received a special certificate upon entering the Cathedral Basilica.

Terryann Foertsch and her husband Joseph, parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Newark, celebrated their 25th anniversary.

“I’ve waited every five years, and they’ve always told me I had to wait until my 25th. Well, it’s 25, and here I am!” she said.

Mr. Foertsch added that it was something he was looking forward to.

Celebrating five years of marriage, William and Deborah Armonaitis are planning to take a vacation, but also wanted a spiritual reminder of “why we got married,” said Mr. Armonaitis. “In this day and age it seems special and unusual to make it to five years,” he remarked.

“People look to celebrate milestones in their lives: 25th, 50th, 60th anniversaries are a huge milestone—they’re signs of success,” asserted Judith Miller, Director of Family Life Ministries.

Emphasizing that fifth anniversaries are just as important as the 25th, she noted, “Younger families need to have a sense of accomplishment [in order to] look toward the future. Celebrations always give strength to our relationships because they reflect the positive. This is what a young family builds on.”

Masses celebrating 50th wedding anniversaries will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on March 28 and May 2 at 3 p.m.



Advocate photos- Liesl Fores

Couples celebrating their 25th and 5th wedding anniversaries, along with families and friends, filled to capacity the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, for a special liturgy with Archbishop Myers, mid March. Some participated in the Mass by bringing up the offertory gifts. Each couple received a certificate and a pin, blessed by the archbishop.



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World Champion manager uses power of prayer

(CNS) — On a recent winter morning, before he was to be honored by the New Jersey Sportswriters Association as Man of the Year, Jack McKeon did what he does virtually every day of his life—he went to Mass.

McKeon, who led the underdog Florida Marlins to the World Series title over the New York Yankees last November, grew up in South Amboy.

He attended St. Mary Elementary School there and graduated from St. Mary High School, now called Cardinal McCarrick High School, before going on to a long and fruitful career in professional baseball.

Last year, at the age of 72, he became the oldest manager to win a World Series title.

He's getting ready to start another year with the Marlins, and he will continue to honor his faith, he said in an interview with *The Catholic Spirit*, Metuchen's diocesan newspaper.

On that winter morning, McKeon returned to St. Mary Church, the parish of his youth.

Two days earlier he spoke to students from his grade school and high school alma maters. He then went to Washington the same day to join his team at the White House to meet President Bush.

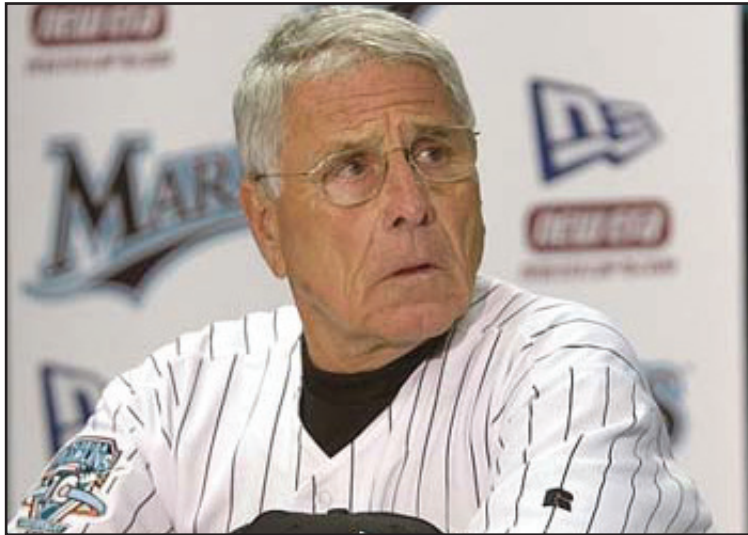
That evening he returned to New Jersey for a benefit dinner for Cardinal McCarrick High School.

"I grew up in a Catholic environment with my parents, and I went to a Catholic grammar school and high school," said McKeon, who now lives in North Carolina.

"I have attended church on a regular basis and when I got into professional baseball I kept going.

"I have a tremendous faith in the power of prayer, I really do. I go to church every morning and I feel good.

"When I get to the ballpark I feel relaxed and good. You have



Florida Marlins' manager Jack McKeon responds to questions at a World Series news conference, during his team's 2003 championship run.

to manage a bunch of players and you have some difficult times in certain situations, and I think it's a blessing—your prayer."

McKeon first became a major league manager in 1973 with the Kansas City Royals. He also managed the Oakland Athletics, San Diego Padres, Cincinnati Reds and the Marlins.

He came out of retirement last season when the Marlins fired Jeff Torborg.

McKeon helped lead the Marlins out of their funk and into the National League playoffs, where they beat the favored San Francisco Giants and mounted a remarkable comeback to stun the Chicago Cubs before surprising the American League champion Yankees in six games.

"I just put the players out there and let them know you have trust in them. And if a guy goes 0-for-12, you don't take him out, you stay with him," McKeon said.

He also became a role model for senior citizens around the country.

"I think I helped start a trend," McKeon said. "Years ago, they slipped back and brought back these young guys and got rid of the guys with all the wisdom.

Now they realize they shouldn't penalize experience."

He said he's received many letters from senior citizens around the country telling the grandfather of nine just how inspirational he has been.

"They tell me that I've energized them and how I inspired them, and half of them want to go back to work," McKeon said. "I made them realize they should live their life.

"Get out and be active. Be part of the community. Do something to help others."

McKeon told the St. Mary and Cardinal McCarrick students to be "tough and take control of your life." He said when he was growing up he never tried to do anything that would embarrass his parents or his friends.

"Don't be afraid to tell your parents you love them," McKeon added. "Tell your teachers you love and appreciate what they're doing.

"You're going to run into a lot of temptation and have to make a choice—to study or run around, get involved in drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or just not care about yourself or school.

"I've been around a long, long time. I tell the ballplayers who are your age and beyond, 'It doesn't pay.'"

He said, "We want you to be leaders. Say 'no' to drugs. Say 'no' to alcohol. Be selective about friends. Get friends that have the same desire, determination, dedication that you have, not people who will lead you astray. They are losers."

McKeon also told the students not to be afraid to pray because prayer can be a powerful tool in life.

Before he was hired by Florida, he was unemployed for two years, but attended Mass every day and prayed to St. Therese, the Little Flower, asking her to intercede to help him find another job in baseball. On Mother's Day, he received a call from the Marlins asking him if he would be their manager.

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"I could not stay by myself. Somehow my sister found out

about Canterbury Village in West Orange, and I fell in love with it, said Burns." She did not want to move but her sister convinced her to try a one month respite stay to see if she liked it. Much to her surprise, she did.

Canterbury Village is an assisted living resident for senior citizens that has been in existence over a century. Originally known as the House of the Holy Comforter, recent additions have expanded today's modern facility to a capacity of 40 residents.

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Canterbury Village is open to all faiths. A Rosary service is held there monthly by the Altar Society of St. John Parish, Orange; the Comboni Fathers from Montclair celebrate Mass weekly, and there are monthly visits from Father George Faour, Administrator of St. John's, who distributes the Eucharist and celebrates Mass.

Canterbury Village accommodates men and women. The monthly fee includes meals served in a dining room along with laundry and housekeeping services. There are also wellness checks under a nurse's supervision and recreational activities. Respite stays of two weeks or more can be arranged.

For additional information and to arrange a tour call (973) 736-7404. Canterbury Village is at 33 Mount Pleasant Ave.



Helen Burns is right at home in Canterbury Village, West Orange, where she has lived the past two years. The residence holds spiritual services.

Sheriff to speak

Bergen County Sheriff Joel G. Trella will address the Rosary Society of St. Francis de Sales Parish, Lodi, April 7 at 8:15 p.m. in the rectory.

Sheriff Trella's topics will include local homeland security and identify theft issues.

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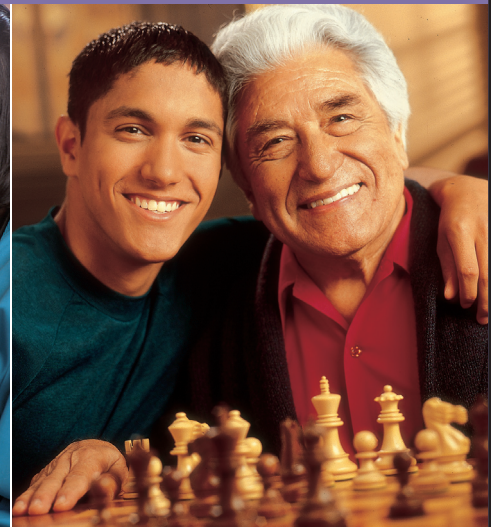
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A scene from *Haunted by God*.

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Haunted by God, a unique professional theater performance, will be staged on Palm Sunday, April 4, 2 p.m., at St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden.

Featuring Lisa Wagner, of Chicago's Still Point Theatre Collective, *Haunted by God* is about Dorothy Day, the co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement.

Day spent 47 years living with the poor and challenging acts of war.

In 1933, Day co-founded the Catholic Worker movement with Peter Maurin, a French Catholic visionary.

In 1997, Cardinal John O'Connor of New York presented to the Vatican the name of Dorothy Day to be considered for canonization.

Tickets are \$5 each and \$10 per family. For further information, contact John Lyp at (908) 276-4246 or email johnlyp@hotmail.com.

'Jesus Story' at Felician

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Presented by the Passion Play Drama Ministries of Hasbrouck Heights, the play is a musical/drama presenting the passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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Photos capture key moments

BY GREG TOBIN
Editor & Associate Publisher

The Passion
Photography from the Movie The Passion of the Christ
Foreword by Mel Gibson
(Tyndale House: Wheaton, IL, \$24.99)
ISBN 0-8423-7362-4

A stunning, beautifully printed book, *The Passion: Photography from the Movie The Passion of the Christ*, offers more than 125 stills from the film, as well as a brief forward by director and co-screenwriter Mel Gibson.

Like the movie itself, the book conveys a powerful message of suffering suffused with hope—and with very few words: mostly some well-chosen Scripture quotations.

If you have not yet seen *The Passion of the Christ*, the book is a valuable introduction to the film, and may help to answer questions about the nature of its depiction of Jesus' violent death for the sins of mankind. If you have seen the motion picture, the photos in the book will bring back some of the moving, spirit-infused

moments that have caused the-atergoers of all faiths and generations to experience the Passion in a new way, many for the very first time.

Well represented are images of the Blessed Mother, Mary Magdalene, the Beloved Disciple, Peter (Cephas), Pilate, Caiaphas, Simon of Cyrene, Veronica, and many others. There is only one indistinct shot of the Evil One, which is unrepresentative of the film on screen.

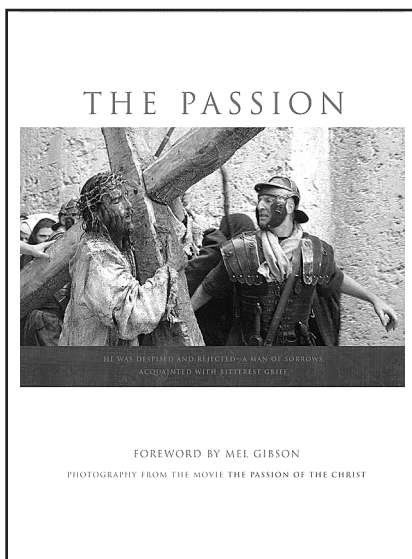
The Eucharistic content of the Gibson film has been noted by Catholic commentators and is present in the photo book for those who look for it.

Further, there are fewer images of graphic violence, though some pictures—such as Judas' hanging—are by nature of their subject, disturbing.

This book can be appreciated and shared by a family who wishes to

discuss the film, share their experience viewing it or prepare to see it. It is priced inexpensively for a product with relatively lavish production values.

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Los primeros pasos de una larga jornada

POR EL ARZOBISPO JOHN J. MYERS

En las últimas semanas se han reportado varias informaciones sobre el futuro de las parroquias y las escuelas en nuestra Arquidiócesis. Si bien esos reportajes han sido descritos o comentados enfocando cómo estamos procediendo en nuestro estudio para el futuro, se ha hecho un hincapié desmedido en ciertas especulaciones sobre el futuro incierto y catastrófico que pudiera resultar. Quizás eso sea bueno para vender periódicos o para atraer oyentes a la televisión, pero no presenta un cuadro verdadero de lo que sucede.

Hace un par de años dos grupos de sacerdotes diocesanos, Religiosos y laicos comenzaron un estudio de las parroquias y las escuelas parroquiales en nuestra Arquidiócesis. Yo les pedí específicamente que comenzaran esta auto-examinación para poder determinar la mejor manera de atender a las necesidades espirituales y educacionales en nuestra Arquidiócesis en el nuevo siglo que acaba de comenzar. Pero como ustedes podrán imaginar, teniendo 235 parroquias y 170 escuelas parroquiales en nuestra Arquidiócesis, esta va a ser una empresa monumental.

El grupo de trabajo en las parroquias incluye párrocos, vicarios parroquiales y laicos muy comprometidos en los aspectos sacramentales y operacionales de las parroquias, y el grupo de trabajo en las escuelas parroquiales incluye padres de alumnos, administradores de las escuelas, maestros y párrocos responsables del gobierno y operación de ese ministerio educacional de nuestra Arquidiócesis.

Ambos grupos incluyen gente en la mejor posición para saber que es lo que está funcionando bien y que es lo que no está funcionando tan bien, así como que es lo que todos los católicos esperamos de esas dos instituciones que son tan importantes para todos nosotros.

Newark no está solo en este proceso de auto-examen con vistas al futuro. Muchas otras de las diócesis grandes de esta nación están haciendo un esfuerzo similar, entre ellas New York, Chicago, Los Angeles y Dallas, por mencionar algunas.

La razón principal es la gente. En los últimos 30 años el aspecto de nuestra Arquidiócesis ha cambiado una vez más. Nosotros hemos sido siempre una diócesis cambiante, con olas de inmigrantes católicos entrando en nuestra sociedad y buscando un lugar adecuado para establecerse, junto a los otros que ya estaban aquí. Lo que somos hoy es el resultado del esfuerzo de esos grupos que querían vivir su fe. Debemos estarles muy agradecidos por la fortaleza que le dieron a nuestra Arquidiócesis a través de los años, construyendo parroquias y escuelas para servir a quienes querían orar y encontrar una educación de calidad basada en la fe.

Nosotros hemos sido testigos de tremendos movimientos de gentes, unos entrando y otros saliendo de nuestra Arquidiócesis en los años recientes. Muchos de los grupos de inmigrantes originales se han mudado a otras áreas de la Arquidiócesis o del estado cuando se han asimilado a nuestra sociedad, pero las parroquias y las escuelas que construyeron han perdurado y es una triste verdad, pero es frecuente que poca gente en esas áreas disfruten al presente de los beneficios que esas parroquias y escuelas les pudieran brindar.

Por más de un año los grupos de trabajo han estado laborando muy quietamente y bajo oración. El verano pasado ellos me presentaron un resumen de sus conclusiones, recomendándome una serie de directrices o pautas, para comenzar a considerar con las parroquias y escuelas con vista al futuro. Las pautas sugeridas han sido sorprendentemente simples. Por ejemplo, pedirle a las parroquias que examinen la profundidad de la participación en la vida sacramental; el entrenamiento que tienen y lo comprometidos que están quienes participan en el trabajo pastoral; la calidad y la profundidad de la responsabilidad de la comunidad y de quienes están a cargo de extender a otros su ayuda; los ministerios esenciales de educar en la fe y de apoyar la educación basada en esa fe, y la posibilidad que tiene esa comunidad de sufragar todos esos servicios tan esenciales.

Las directrices relacionadas con las escuelas parroquiales van encaminadas a asegurar la calidad y el profe-

sionalismo del personal y su administración; ofrecer programas competitivos; adherirse a las enseñanzas y tradiciones de la Iglesia; gobernarse ellos mismos en forma que incluya la participación de los padres y de la comunidad y que asegure la habilidad para sostener esos ministerios.

Yo tengo la esperanza de que las parroquias y sus escuelas estudien estas pautas y directrices en los próximos meses y las consideren como una oportunidad para comenzar conversaciones entre ellos. ¿Cómo podemos nosotros, o cómo debemos nosotros cambiar, o unirnos o crear algo nuevo para permanecer vitales en las vidas de la gente de la Arquidiócesis? No solo por el bien de las personas a las que servimos al presente, sino también por las que podremos servir en los años futuros...Y ¿Qué pasos debemos tomar para reafirmar nuestra misión como lugares de oración y de educación basada en la fe?

Esta es una larga jornada, y ahora solamente estamos dando los primeros pasos. Los grupos de trabajo han estado laborando para completar sus tareas y poder presentar sus recomendaciones a grupos de parroquias y escuelas en los próximos meses.

Con su ayuda, esperamos recibir de la gente de esta Arquidiócesis muy valiosas sugerencias sobre la forma en que las parroquias y las escuelas puedan adaptarse para satisfacer las necesidades de los católicos y de los miembros de nuestra comunidad que valoran los servicios que podrían recibir en el futuro. Sigue siendo mi intención que este proceso, que va a necesitar varios años para ser completado, continúe con la guía y participación de la gente de la Arquidiócesis. No se tomará ninguna decisión sobre las parroquias o sus escuelas en el vacío o sin una completa consideración de todas las opciones que sean productivas y estén disponibles.

Dejemos las especulaciones a los periódicos y a los reporteros de la televisión. Nosotros debemos concentrarnos en renovar esta Iglesia local de Newark para la gente de hoy y de mañana.

El Cordero de Dios fue el sacrificio por todos nosotros

POR MONSEÑOR JOHN GILCHRIST

En este tiempo de Cuaresma, cuando nosotros los católicos nos preparamos para la gran fiesta de la Resurrección, nosotros también, por necesidad, debemos meditar sobre la Pasión de Nuestro Señor. Para nosotros, los sufrimientos de Cristo son un antecedente necesario para su resurrección. Jesús “fue entregado por nuestros pecados pero resucitó para nuestra salvación” (Rom 4:25).

Muchas personas este año estarán concentradas en los sufrimientos físicos de Jesús. Yo no dudo que la película de Mel Gibson será la causa de que millones de personas experimenten la Pasión en una nueva forma.

Sin embargo, yo quisiera compartir con ustedes un profundo sentido espiritual del sacrificio de Jesús. Para hacerlo, si me lo permiten, yo quisiera que ustedes vean mi propio entendimiento personal de lo que ocurrió el Viernes Santo.

Cada día en la Iglesia de Holy Cross yo salgo al altar y antes de comenzar la Misa hago allí una genuflexión. En el frente del altar hay esculpido un bello cordero. Cada día yo contemplo esa imagen, entonces levanto la vista y veo el crucifijo dorado que está precisamente detrás del altar.

Cada día, sin fallar, antes de celebrar el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa, recuerdo que Cristo es el verdadero cordero sacrificado por nuestros pecados. Yo recuerdo las palabras, “Fue oprimido, y él se humilló y no abrió la boca. Como un cordero al degüello era llevado, y como oveja que ante los que la trasquilan está muda, tampoco él abrió la boca” (Is. 53:7).

No es por accidente que nosotros vemos a Jesús como el Cordero Pascual. San Juan definitivamente quiere que nosotros lo veamos a Él como el Cordero Pascual.

San Juan sabía el margen de tiempo de los otros Evangelios. Pero él deliberadamente escogió presentarnos a Jesús sentenciado a muerte al mismo tiempo que arriba en el Templo, miles de ovejas comenzaban a ser sacrificadas para el Passover (la Pascua de los Judíos). Los historiadores Josephus y Philo describen la escena. San Juan explícitamente fija el día y la hora. Era el día de la “Preparación para el Passover y la hora era el medio día”. Ese era el momento del sacrificio de los corderos en el Templo.

Mas aún, San Juan nos dice que en la cruz se usó el hisopo para tocar los labios de Jesús. En Exodo 19:36 el hisopo era usado para rociar la sangre del cordero en el marco de las puertas de los Israelitas y así protegerlos del angel vengador. Y lo prescrito en la ley con relación al Cordero Pascual fue cumplido “Sin romper ninguno de Sus huesos” (Ex 12:46). Ningún hueso de Jesús sufrió fractura.

Oh Jesús, Cordero de Dios, qué gentil y considerado Tu fuiste cuando estabas frente a Pilatos. Qué voluntad tuviste cuando diste Tu vida por mí. Y qué maravilla el hacer posible que podamos recrear Tu sacrificio cada día de mi vida durante la Santa Liturgia. Cordero de Dios, que quitas los pecados del mundo, ten misericordia de todos nosotros.

(Monseñor Gilchrist es el párroco de Holy Christ en Harrison, N.J.)

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¿Ha usted considerado seguir a Jesús como un sacerdote, hermana o hermano...?

San Juan 1:38-39



The Knights of Columbus throughout New Jersey have launched a statewide program to support keeping “one nation under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance. Each Grand Knight has asked the mayor of his community to fly a banner with the phrase below the American flag in front of the town hall. The banner is already flying in Westwood. The phrase has been part of the Pledge the past five decades when the Knights of Columbus across the nation were instrumental in having it approved by the Congress and President.

Proposed '05 NJ state budget draws scrutiny of bishops

The New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC), speaking on behalf of the state’s bishops, has given Trenton’s proposed 2005 budget mixed reviews.

The lawmakers heard March 10 from Marlene Laó-Collins, Associate Director of Social Concerns for NJCC.

Laó-Collins cited the position of William F. Bolan, Jr., NJCC Executive Director, that “this budget is mixed, containing funding for some very important services to the poor and vulnerable, but also containing funding for a facility that we oppose on moral grounds.”

It was noted too that the proposed state budget contains funding for the creation of a stem cell research institute that the bishops vehemently oppose. It also includes, the NJCC

pointed out, inadequately health care coverage that affects low income families and some of the poorest and most vulnerable citizens of our state.

The bishops support the inclusion of \$125 million to reform child welfare. The blueprint recently released represents a comprehensive far-reaching proposal to reform child welfare.

“If the legislature is truly committed to protecting children that enter the doors of the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) then they have a moral obligation to adequately fund this proposal,” said Laó-Collins.

As it has done in the past the NJCC testimony reiterated the fact that “the Catholic bishops of New Jersey are opposed to Governor McGreevey’s budget proposal which would provide a \$6.5 million state grant for creation of a stem cell research institute in New Jersey.”

During the legislative process, the bishops consistently opposed the human embryonic stem cell research legislation on the basis that creation and destruction of human embryonic stem cells violate the sanctity of human life.

The bishops do support research on adult stem cells, which can be retrieved without

harming the donor.

The bishops go on in the statement, “One may wonder whether the high cost of ‘therapeutic cloning,’ has made venture capitalists reluctant to invest in human cloning biotechnology. No doubt this factor prompts the biotechnology industry to seek to fund its efforts with public funds. The bishops firmly believe that taxpayers should not have to pay to subsidize research to which many of them have strong moral objections.

The NJCC also urged the legislature to add \$100 million to the New Jersey Family Care program, an affordable health care coverage for very low income families.

Although the budget proposal states there will be full funding of the Family Care program, the NJCC said, it does not restore enrollment benefits to single adults, couples without children and parents. Enrollment for these populations was frozen in 2001 and 2002.

Another “troubling factor is the dramatic reduction in the number of adults who were allowed to remain in the program,” it was noted.

NJCC also urged the legislature to look into the administrative tactics used to prevent eligible adults from keeping their health care coverage.

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With the help of teacher Maribel Cruz, students at St. Michael School, Newark, left to right, Alexandra Rodriguez, Laura Cubano, Anthony Pescoran and Sean Grundy, record the school’s latest Holy Childhood Association money figures. The school has been a long-time HCA participant and rates among the top schools in the Archdiocese in donations.

Pirates capture NCAA bid

Seton Hall University is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its men's basketball program this season, and it looks like one for the history books.

The Pirates, with a berth in the NCAA Tournament, erased a 14-point Arizona lead to win in the opening round 80-76. In the second round, however, taking on top-ranked Duke, Seton Hall dropped a 90-62 decision. En route to the "Big Dance," the Pirates knocked off nationally ranked powers Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Providence while also playing a near-perfect game at the Continental Airlines Arena last month against intrastate rival Rutgers before a season-high crowd of 15,253.

The complete history of the program is chronicled by Alan DeLozier's book, *Seton Hall Pirates - A Basketball History*.

The Seton Hall Athletic Department has come up with a wide variety of special promotions for the centennial season. The most unique element was a season-long contest where one fan won season tickets for Pirates basketball for the next 100 years. The fan will be able to pass the tickets on as a family legacy during the 100-year term. In keeping with the theme, the second prize winner received 100 tickets to the opening game of the 2004-2005 season.

The contest, which was run on www.shupirates.com was cross-promoted by www.NJ.com, ESPN radio, newspaper ads, a grassroots campaign of local appearances by the team mascot and with an in-arena booth. The winners were selected at the final home game of the season against Georgetown where the Pirates rolled to a

75-48 victory behind Andre Barrett's 25 points.

"Jeff Fogelson, our Athletic Director, wanted to do something unique and have some fun with loyal alumni and fans who are supporting our program," noted Seton Hall Senior Associate Athletic Director Keith Meyers. "The contest is part of an integrated program where we produced a 100th anniversary hardcover book, a historical computer screen saver, special merchandise, and a series of 100th anniversary television features for our broadcast outlets and for use on the scoreboard in the arena, plus a host of special events and appearances. It has all seemed to click, and the performance of the team has made it a very nice season."

One of the highlights of the centennial season was the return of over 40 former Seton Hall players to the home game versus arch-rival Rutgers on February 7th. Former Pirates stars such as Mark Bryant, Jerry Walker, Nick Werkman, Glenn Mosley and Dan Callandrillo were introduced at the game and many of them participated in a half-time game.

"We came up with a great tag line for the season," said Meyers. "It's Not Just Another Season...It's History." That has really characterized what has happened in 2003-2004 for our program."

Meyers assembled an internal team over a year ago to put his centennial plan into action. He also utilized the services of Positive Impact, a sports and entertainment consulting firm in Lyndhurst, to help with the execution.

"This will have to be another chapter to the history book," said Meyers.



Four seniors at Don Bosco Prep, Ramsey, have signed letters of intent to play college football. On hand were, left to right, Athletic Director Frank Rezzonico; Head Coach Greg Toal, National Athletic Coach of the Year; Eric Cumba, OL/DL, University of New Hampshire; Brian Toal, RB/DE, Boston College; Marquise Liverpool, WR/DB, Boston College; Mike Teel, QB/DB, Rutgers University, and Father John Serio, Principal. The Don Bosco team won the state title with a perfect 23-0 record.

Academy paces play

The eighth grade boys basketball team from Aquinas Academy, Livingston, recently competed in two tournaments.

At the Good Shepherd Tournament in Nutley, the Academy forces played five games and finished in third place.

Pacing play were Brian Hunter, Mamas Afxentiou, Miguel Cardona, Kevin Fiory, A.J. Infante, Dennis Burke, Brian and Bob Goodacre, Lacombe Antoine, Brendan Campi, Michael Verniero, Carroll Alston, Pat D'Uva, Sean and Ryan Dowd, Jesse Benicaso, Mitul Ajvalia and Justin Brandao. Hunter and Afxentiou were named to the All-Tournament Team.

In Caldwell the Trinity Academy Tournament saw the Aquinas Academy top a tough St. Joseph's squad from East Orange for the title. Key to the triumph was the pressing defensive work against a tall front line. Taking charge on defense were Cardona, Hunter, and Burke. Clutch shooting was turned in by Afxentiou and Cardona while the interior play was highlighted by Fiory and Brian Goodacre.



St. Mary High School, Rutherford, has made its mark in the wrestling ranks this season capturing the league, county, district and state titles. The roster this season includes, left to right, top row, Joseph Regina, Robert Medel, Brian Innis, Mike Schmedding, Chris Innis, Vincent Cevetello, Matthew Meo with Athletic Director Frank Venezia. In the middle row are David Greenwald, Beau Ryan, Sunni Talawar, Marco Malpica, Louis Cevetello, Robert Cannici and Justin Storie. The bottom row includes Pastoral Minister Father Chuck Hartling, Principal Dr. Bob Berckes, Jim Grant, Matthew Dombrowski, Dan Luzzi, Bill Rosen, Anthony Sancillio and Albert Alvarez.

Queen of Peace H.S. to honor 12 athletes

The Athletic Hall of Fame Committee of Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington, has selected a dozen alumni for induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame on April 16.

Special recognition will be given to the 1980 boys soccer team for winning the state championship in its first year competing on the varsity level.

This year's female inductees include: Geraldine McDermott, (91), Barbara (Bator) Kondratowicz, (89), Nicole Paone, (89),

Kathleen Szalkiewicz, (90) and Martine Verrier, (89).

Male inductees are: Jim Smith, (63), Anton Becker, (77), William Bellenger, (91), Randy Pearce, (78), Michael Sabato, (89) and the late Tom "Pete" Dimler, (58).

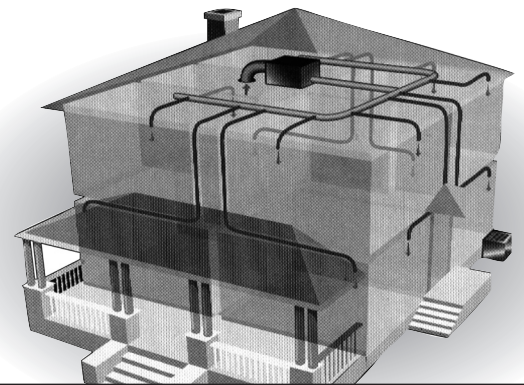
Induction rules allow nominations for former athletes, coaches and honorary inductees who have made outstanding contributions to Queen of Peace athletics after their graduation.

The Hall of Fame Class of

2004 includes Al Tramutoli, (66), who has been selected for his contributions as a football player, football and softball coach and as an "honorary" inductee for his many years of dedication to QPHS athletics.

Tickets priced at \$75 can be purchased by mailing a check payable to: Queen of Peace Athletics, Hall of Fame Committee, 191 Rutherford Place, North Arlington, NJ 07031. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the "Save the Alamo" project.

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Labor, business honored at benefit for local youth

BY LIESL FORES
Staff Reporter

The Archbishop's Annual Labor and Business Recognition Reception to benefit the Youth and Young Adult Ministries/CYO Athletics of the Archdiocese of Newark raised \$190,000.

For 11 years, this fundraiser has honored outstanding leaders in New Jersey's business and labor communities, bringing labor and management together in a cooperative spirit to support and assist programs and facilities for the youth of the Archdiocese, as well as benefiting state residents through collaborative efforts.

This year's honorees were, for business, Joseph Azzolina, President of Food Circus Supermarkets, with 12 stores and 1300 employees in southern New Jersey, and an assemblyman in the state legislature, representing Monmouth and Ocean counties; and, for labor, Richard Dressel, Business Manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 164, based in Paramus, with more than 3900 members.

In his acceptance speech, Azzolina, who also rose to the rank of captain in the U.S. Navy, having served during the 1983 Beirut Crisis on the *USS New Jersey* as well as in World War II and the Korean War, and is now retired from the military, commented, "I enjoyed serving my country. I enjoy serving my legislature. And I enjoy serving people—it's all about people."

Noting that his company is like a family, he went on to thank Archbishop John J. Myers and the labor leaders for the award, calling it "a great honor."

Azzolina added, "There's nothing more important in this society than serving the children of God...That's what this event is about."

"I'm proud to be the business leader of Local 164," asserted Dressel, a member of the local since 1970 and business manager since 1996. Expressing gratitude for his fellow workers, he noted, "I'm surrounded by the greatest people."

Dressel has overseen the construction of one of the country's most prestigious training centers for electrical workers and has secured crucial construction contracts for the local.

His community outreach efforts have been recognized by Habitat for Humanity, the Colleen Giblin Foundation, and the Borough of Oakland (his place of residence), among others. He also serves on numerous construction and labor boards.

"It touches your heart to see what this foundation does," said Dressel of the Archdiocese's Youth and Young Adult Ministries/CYO Athletics, calling such causes the "driving force" behind his work.

Msgr. John J. Gilchrist, Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, was also honored for his continued work throughout the years with labor unions and for workers' rights.

Addressing the crowd, Msgr. Gilchrist said, "Go home tonight, put your head on your pillow, thank God and say, 'I did something

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Left to right, Richard Dressel, Father Richard Corbett, Joseph Azzolina and Archbishop Myers hold up a check for \$190,000, raised by the event to benefit the Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministries/CYO Athletics.



Honorees Richard Dressel and Joseph Azzolina receive their awards for leadership in the labor and business fields, respectively, from Archbishop Myers at the 11th annual Archbishop's Labor and Business Recognition Reception, held at Mayfair Farms, West Orange, earlier this month.



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Members of various departments at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, were among the many attendees at the Business and Labor Reception. Left to right, Father James Sheehan, Deacon Joseph Dwyer, Jr., Roseann Vazquez, Patricia Rusillo, Nancy Barckett and Gerri Ricci (Youth Retreat Center, Kearny).

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Justice concerns paramount

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Since the mid-1990s, in an effort to practice what they preach about social justice, Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Newark have asked prospective vendors of school uniforms to certify that the clothing not made under sweatshop conditions.

The effort spread to the Philadelphia and Chicago archdioceses, and now to eight dioceses in New York. The New York dioceses are using in some of their schools a series of new state laws aimed at eliminating sweatshop-made goods from public schools and colleges.

"Almost all of our vendors were obtaining their uniforms from reputable firms."

The efforts were discussed during a recent workshop, "Clean Clothes! Promoting Worker Justice Through Anti-Sweatshop Campaigns," at the annual Catholic Social Ministry Gathering in Washington, co-sponsored by three agencies of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and 10 national Catholic organizations.

Catherine Furlani of the Archdiocese of Newark said the Archdiocese in 1996 asked its schools to send in the names of the vendors they use for school uniforms. That list came to 11 vendors; the 2003-04 list has nine vendors.

The vendors were sent a questionnaire asking about, among other things, the manufacturers who made the clothing and contractors who supplied it.

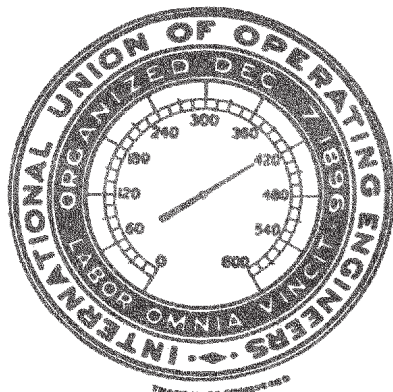
Furlani said the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor, at the Archdiocese's request, investigated the manufacturers to confirm their compliance with Labor Department regulations.

"To our surprise and delight, almost all of our vendors were obtaining their uniforms from reputable firms here in the United States," Furlani said.

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good for the boys and girls of the Archdiocese.’”

Archbishop Myers, in his remarks, said, “To make a civil society, everyone must work together.”

Pointing out that for young people, “it’s not easy to find a place in society,” he stressed that the proceeds from the evening go to “funding for programs...to help prepare people for the future.

“Thank you for being here and for your support. Thank you for your generosity and leadership in the state,” said the archbishop. Noting that this is his third time hosting the event, he added, “I think I can now call myself a New Jerseyan.”

The Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministries/CYO Athletics serves thousands every year through spiritual, educational and recreational activities.

“We are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for young people to grow physically, emotionally and spiritually,” commented Father Richard R. Corbett, Executive Director. He expressed his gratefulness to the evening’s honorees and attendees who helped contribute by their presence and support to the ministry’s many programs.



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Opening the ceremonies for the evening were the Hudson County Fire and Police Pipes and Drums; the Patriotic Fife and Drum Corp of Holy Cross School, Harrison, led by Joseph and Thomas Gilchrist, and the Local 164 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Bagpipe Band. Also processing and holding the colors were Girl Scout Troop 559 and Brownie Troop 1190, Bloomfield, and Boy Scout Troop 142, Nutley. Master of Ceremonies was Thomas P. Giblin, International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 68.

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Joseph Azzolina, resident of Middletown, is President of Food Circus Supermarkets, operating 12 stores with 1300 employees in southern New Jersey. A self-made entrepreneur, he opened his first supermarket in Middletown in 1956. He currently serves as a member and director for the Food Marketing Institute in Washington, DC.

Mr. Azzolina enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 18 and served during World War II, the Korean War and the 1983 Beirut Crisis on board the *USS New Jersey*. Though he retired as a captain in 1986, he remains active in Navy affairs, including recruiting efforts.

Beginning as the Chairman of the Republican Party in Middletown, Mr. Azzolina has served a total of 16 years in the New Jersey Legislature over four decades. He has



Richard Dressel

Richard "Buzzy" Dressel is Business Manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 164, Paramus, with more than 3900 members serving Bergen, Essex and Hudson counties.

A third generation electrician, Mr. Dressel began as an apprentice electrician in 1969 and furthered his training and skills through advanced degrees of certification.

Since 1996, Mr. Dressel has been overseeing all business-related activities for IBEW Local 164. Under his leadership, a modern, state-of-the-art training facility was constructed in Paramus, providing men and women with hands-on training by experienced veterans of the electrical industry in the latest technology.

He has overseen the securing of electrical and telecommunications contracts throughout New Jersey's leading construction projects, including the recently opened Secaucus Junction, the Goldman Sachs Building in Jersey City and the Newark Bears Arena.

Mr. Dressel serves as a delegate for the Building Trades Council in Bergen, Hudson and Essex counties; as an executive board member for the New Jersey State AFL-CIO; board member for the New Jersey Board of Electrical Contractors; executive board member of the Bergen County Workforce Investment Board, and member of the IBEW Voice-Data-Video National Task Force.

He has been honored by the Bergen County Habitat for Humanity as Builder of the Year, the Colleen Giblin Foundation as Humanitarian of the Year, the Borough of Oakland and is a past recipient of IBEW's Life Saving Award.

Mr. Dressel lives in Oakland with his wife and two children.



Monsignor John J. Gilchrist, Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, is surprised with a special recognition, honoring him for his work throughout the years with labor unions and for workers' rights.



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Dear Archbishop Myers:

What possibly can the son of Italian immigrants say after that inspiring Labor/Business event by your Archdiocese at Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

Everything about the Archbishop's Labor and Business Recognition Reception was superb. You were able to bring together the foundation of America's free enterprise system - Business & Labor - without which there would be no economy: No American businesses, no jobs, and no government and charitable organizations. Without working taxpayers and business revenues, there would be no USA, as we know it.

Your Labor-Business partnership event should be replicated thousands of times across this great country. We are blessed with genuine leaders like yourself setting the example for all citizens of these United States.

The honor you and your Archdiocese bestowed on me, as this year's Business Leader was certainly a rewarding and humbling experience. The essence of this annual fundraising event (quarter-million dollars for 2004) is that you 'Can't have one without the other.' Business needs labor, and labor needs business. They can only work together, as one, much like a family.

As the President and founder of Food Circus Supermarkets (Foodtown), I take pride in giving our customers the best 'team members' in New Jersey-the United Food & Commercial Workers, AFL-CIO.

I cannot thank you enough for all the good work you've done for the children of God in your Archdiocese. I will continue to work and live up to the ideals of your benevolent organization.

Thank you, from my heart, for giving me one of the greatest experiences of my life as an entrepreneur, legislator, Navy captain and, especially, a family man with a business, with a "labor family" working side-by-side helping to make America the greatest nation the world has ever seen.

May the Lord watch over all of us.

Respectfully,

Assemblyman Joseph Azzolina
United States Navy Captain (Ret.)



Joseph Azzolina

served twice in the Assembly and was re-elected to another term in November 2003.

A graduate of Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA, Mr. Azzolina also attended New York University's Graduate School of Business Administration. He is the father of six children; his seventh child passed away in 1976 at the age of seven.

Some of Mr. Azzolina's community honors include several Man of the Year awards from various organizations; Triple Career Citation, awarded by the Academy of Food Marketing; Angel Award, from the Monmouth Center for Vocational Rehabilitation; Good Samaritan Award, 1992, from New Jersey Easter Seals, and State Businessman of the Year, 1998, from the Association of Retired Citizens, for hiring 40 mentally and physically challenged employees.