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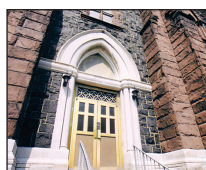
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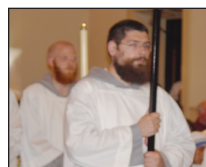
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Preparing for Holy Orders in service of Church

Twelve of the 14 candidates for priestly ordination on May 29 gathered for a group photograph in the garden of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Left to right, front row: Richard Berbary, Amilcar Prado, Yuvan Alvarez, Dave Sison and Jorge Ortiz-Garay; back row: Jerzy Zaslona, Titus Njoku, Basil Lek, Manoel Oliveira, Mariusz Luksza, Michael Donovan and Christopher Isinta. Not pictured: Eric Fuchs and Piotr Maslanka. Biographies of the ordinandi are printed on Pages 16 and 17.

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Our obligation to rescue and restore



Throughout the history of our thriving diocese, diversity of origins has been understood as an expression of God’s love, a sign of the universal Church that transcends boundaries of race and culture. The 1.3 million Catholics who live in the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark hail from virtually every nation on earth, but they profess one faith. We welcome the immigrant, treasure the stranger, invite in the dispossessed.

In the modern world, however, as in times past, boundaries between cultures and disparities in advantage can be exploited for the basest of purposes. This fact was driven home for us once again two years ago when authorities raided a house in Plainfield, Union County, and rescued four young Mexican girls who were being held as slaves for the purposes of prostitution. Even in this jaded age, the crimes that were being perpetrated daily against these children, who had been brought forcibly to our country, shock and trouble the conscience. We can scarcely believe, sons of Adam and daughters of Eve though we are, that any human beings could commit such atrocities.

Regrettably, the events in Plainfield are not isolated incidents. In fact, they are part of a pattern of trafficking in persons that poses an immense worldwide problem with approximately 900,000 people annually being trafficked across international borders. This fact was brought home for me again through a briefing I recently received on the Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Campaign—a new initiative sponsored by the U.S.

Sincerely
in the
Lord

By Archbishop John J. Myers



Department of Health and Human Services. The goal of this initiative is to address the challenge of trafficking in the United States, a despicable trade in which 20,000 men, women, and children are trafficked into this country each year. Our own metropolitan area has been identified, along with Florida and southern California, as one of the three largest destination zones for these criminal enterprises.

With all the genius that evil can muster, human trafficking is built on a web of threat and deceit. Whether the purpose is to supply women and girls for the prostitution mills or to obtain cheap labor, traffickers establish international networks across Mexico and Central America, in Asia and throughout Eastern Europe,

including Russia, to lure impoverished people with promises of jobs and a bright future in America. Once here, the victims are held in bondage by beatings or rapes and by threats of reprisal against their loved ones back home, should they try to escape. Cruelly, many are made to think that their subjugation is their own fault, as their captors hold them in debt bondage, compelling them to sell their bodies or their labor to earn pittance to “repay” the traffickers for transport to the United States.

Because the victims are often in the U.S. without proper immigration status, the traffickers use the threat of exposure

and deportation to instill fear and compel silence. How ironic it is that justice, which calls instead for the redemption and recovery of these victims, is perverted into a threat that forges their chains anew.

In 2000 and 2003, Congress passed legislation designed to break this cycle, to rescue the victims of trafficking, and to restore their freedom. The Trafficking Victims Protection Act is designed to put pressure on the modern slave trade at every point in the process. It authorizes the State Department to identify countries that are making little progress against the traffickers and spurs them to action. It provides new procedures to ensure that victims of trafficking are identified and can obtain immigration designations called the T-Visa and U-Visa that allow them to remain here with the possibility of adjusting their status to permanent resident. Most importantly, the TVPA provides for immediate social service assistance to the victims, who have been induced to see the government and other agencies as their enemies and not as Good Samaritans.

Because of the unique characteristics of our Archdiocese, we occupy a figurative “ground zero” in the fight against trafficking. Mass is celebrated in our 234 parishes in dozens of languages. With each new wave of people, from the first native Americans, to the Dutch and Italian explorers who brought Europe to these shores, to the Irish and German immigrants of the

19th century, to the African Americans who made their way to northern cities to escape the slavery of their era, to the Puerto Ricans and Latinos who have joined our family in recent decades, the rich kaleidoscope of God’s creation has acquired another facet in our communities. Trafficking crimes are pieces of jagged glass in that kaleidoscope, and our faith requires us to act with clarity and compassion to address this scarring presence in our midst.

Our heritage gives us a special responsibility to find and free these hardest of the hard-to-reach. The Church’s active participation in every neighborhood in this region of northern New Jersey offers us a special opportunity. I have therefore asked Catholic Community Services to take full and enthusiastic part in the programs of training and information dissemination that have been instituted under the Campaign to Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking.

It is also vital that everyone—citizens, parishioners, social service workers, police officers and prosecutors alike—keep an eye out for people who may be victims and help get them the assistance they need. Despite the barriers thrown up by the traffickers, these victims do not live in complete anonymity. We may encounter them as we go about our daily business. They may be in the house next door, the commercial establishment across the street, or in one of the sex-oriented businesses that, sadly, exist here in the highest concentration anywhere in the United States.

Learning to identify these victims, to look beneath the surface to see them as victims, will require new habits of observation and action. To further the effort, the Department of Health and Human Services has established a toll-free, 24-hour multi-lingual information and referral hotline for victims and those that may know of a victim. The HHS trafficking website provides in-depth information on trafficking and on identifying and assisting victims: www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking.

As we respond to this challenge, it is especially helpful to remember that Our Lord shared the parable of the Good Samaritan when asked the question, “And who is my neighbor?” Among the many things the parable teaches is that our neighbor is near at hand and that his sufferings are often invisible to us. In this springtime of renewal, let us resolve to come to the aid of those who have “fallen among thieves,” to salve their wounds, and to stay with them until they are healed.

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Stewardship Try to ‘think outside the box’

BY ANDREW KACZYNSKI
Associate Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese

Are you familiar with the saying, “Think outside the box?” It means to be creative, to think of something new. Of course, that’s easier said than done, even in relationship to living the stewardship way of life. As I have written so many times in this space, living the stewardship way of life is all-encompassing; it involves the grateful giving of our time, talent and treasure to Church and community for all of God’s generous gifts to us. Since we should have this grateful attitude in everything we do in this life, I invite you to “think outside the box” and concentrate on some unique ways to be a good steward in your life.

Unfortunately, the term stewardship has a negative connotation for some people. When I speak to people about the subject and ask them what their definition of it is, many respond by saying it’s just another fundraising “gimmick” the Church has developed. That’s not what the Bible teaches us about stewardship, and it is certainly not what the U.S. bishops write about in their pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response*.

While one of the best ways to live as a Christian steward is to give of time, talent and treasure to the Church, not only to help build up the Body of Christ, but also to assist it in our many social outreach programs, it is important to remember that the focus of the stewardship way of life involves a commitment of those three “t’s” to the community at large as well—outside of the Church community.

The Scriptures tell us: “By this we know love,

because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shut up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.” (1 John 3:16-18) “And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment: that we should believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.” (1 John 3:22-23)

In part then, “thinking outside the box” and helping our brethren as John writes can accomplish living the stewardship way of life. While acting in good stewardship toward the Church is of utmost importance for a good steward, one can also strive to do so by giving of themselves in many other simple, yet effective ways outside of the Church, which are pleasing to the Lord.

Here are some of my personal ideas of how the faithful can accomplish this:

- Volunteer some time each month at a local hospital, nursing home or food pantry.
- Write letters to, visit and run errands for the homebound and infirm.
- Devote time to assisting at a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center.
- Help cook, serve and attend to those at a homeless shelter or hot meal distribution center.

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Stewardship is not
a fundraising program.



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Health and housing rights
championed by coalition

Leaders of Catholic hospitals and social ministries throughout New Jersey rallied at the State House May 13 as the Catholic Coalition for a Just Budget called for an increase in the 2005 fiscal budget for critical health and housing programs for the poor and underserved.

Over 200 attended the rally including CEOs, various board and staff members and volunteers. They traveled to Trenton to hear Catholic health and social leaders speak on behalf of New Jersey's poor.

Organizers called for the preservation of the poor's rights to basic human needs and human dignity through health and social programs.

The coalition called for a four percent increase in contracts with organizations that provide community care, increases to charity care funding, restoration of adult enrollment in FamilyCare, elimination of prescription co-payments as well as cuts to Medicaid long term care, and an appropriation of at least \$50 million for state housing vouchers.

The coalition voiced an increasing fear that without these programs, the poor and disabled do not have a safety net for basic care and housing.

Over the last decade, according to the coalition, community provider contracts with the state have failed to cover the cost of care, which on the average has risen 16 percent.

As a result, community provider

organizations have reduced staff and cut programs, while serving a growing population.

Although the proposed 2005 New Jersey fiscal budget includes a much needed increase in charity care, said coalition leaders, it does not reflect the growing burden on hospitals for providing uncompensated care as the number of uninsured and underinsured continue to grow in New Jersey.

Coalition sources noted that not restoring enrollment of single adults, couples without children and parents into the FamilyCare program removes those who do not have company-based health insurance and who do not earn enough to purchase it themselves.

The coalition stressed this causes a greater burden on hospitals already unable to meet the volume of uninsured.

The lack of affordable houses in New Jersey is at an all time high. Housing subsidies are a much more cost effective alternative to homeless shelters. Housing subsidiaries reduce homelessness of low wage earners.

The Catholic Coalition for a Just Budget was organized last year to encompass leaders from Catholic Charities organization, Catholic hospitals, the Catholic Healthcare Partnership of New Jersey, the New Jersey Catholic Conference and other organizations to advocate for the poor and vulnerable.

'Outside the box'

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Assist local environmental groups with cleaning and preserving God's gift of this beautiful world.

Call upon a friend or relative who recently lost a loved one, especially after funeral services when others stop consoling them.

Use your time wisely by assisting at such worthy causes as pro-life organizations, Boys and Girls Clubs and groups such as Make a Wish Foundation, the

American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association.

Of course, these are just a few examples of how you can "think outside the box" and live the life of a model Christian steward. As I wrote earlier, stewardship is not a fundraising program, and I hope that I have shown good examples of this.

However, since the "treasure" portion of stewardship is important to the whole way of life, and if volunteering of your time is limited, why not at least consider financially assisting the types programs and services mentioned here?



Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, center, received an honorary doctorate of human letters from Msgr. Robert Sheeran, president of Seton Hall University, left, and Msgr. Robert Coleman, rector/dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology. At a convocation in early May, the cardinal, who is the archivist and librarian of the Holy Roman Church, addressed nearly 200 seminarians and guests on the subject of the history of papal diplomacy.

Official
Appointments



Archbishop John J. Myers has
announced the following appointments:

Pastor/Bergen County

Reverend Monsignor John W. Flesey,
Director of Continuing Formation of Priests in the Archdiocese of Newark, has been appointed Pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes, effective June 1.

Pastor/Essex County

Reverend Paulo Frade,
Parochial Vicar of the Church of Holy Cross, Harrison, has been appointed Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Newark, effective July 1.

Reverend Luis P. Gonzalez,
Rector of Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Takoma Park, MD and Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, Takoma Park, MD, has been appointed Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Newark, effective July 1.

Reverend John J. Laferrera,
Pastor of the Church of St. Aloysius, Caldwell, has been appointed Pastor of St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, effective July 1.

Reverend Monsignor Ronald J. Marczewski,
Pastor of the Church of St. Adalbert, Elizabeth, has been appointed Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, effective July 1.

Chaplain

Reverend Marc A. Vicari,
Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Sorrows, South Orange, has been appointed Chaplain and Director of the Newman Center for Rutgers, NJ Institute of Technology and Essex County College, all in Newark, and Director of Emmaus House, Newark, effective July 1.

Other

Reverend Leonard Gilman, O. Carm.
has been assigned to assist at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Tenafly, effective June 15.

Releases

Reverend Mark Francis O'Malley,
Director of Emmaus House and Campus Minister at Rutgers, NJ Institute of Technology and Essex County College, all in Newark, has been released from pastoral service in the Archdiocese of Newark for further studies in Ecclesiastical History at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy, effective July 1.

Reverend Wladyslaw Gorak,
Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Stanislaus Kostka, Garfield, has been released from pastoral service in the Archdiocese of Newark to service in the Diocese of Orlando, Florida for a period of three years ending Jan. 15, 2007.

Retirement

Reverend Monsignor Owen J. Hendry,
Administrator of the Church of St. Philomena, Livingston, has been granted retirement, effective July 1.

Reverend Javier Losarcos,
Pastor of the Church of St. Aloysius, Newark has been granted retirement, effective July 1.

Pastor Emeritus

Reverend Leo O. Farley
has been assigned the title of Pastor Emeritus of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City.

Reverend Thaddeus F. Zuber
has been assigned the title of Pastor Emeritus of the Church of St. Mark, Rahway.



Bishop Joseph A. Galante, right, is greeted by Archbishop John J. Myers, prior to Bishop Galante's installation as the seventh bishop of the Diocese of Camden April 30. Bishop Galante succeeds Most. Rev. Nicholas A. DiMarzio, originally from the Archdiocese of Newark, who became Bishop of Brooklyn.

CNS photo

Seventh Camden bishop is installed

BY CARL PETERS
Catholic News Service

(CNS) — "I am Joe Galante." Most Rev. Joseph A. Galante, a priest from Philadelphia, used the simplest and most direct words possible to introduce himself to the 1,400 people who had assembled in St. Agnes Church April 30 to see him installed as the seventh bishop of Camden. Among those present was Archbishop John J. Myers of Newark.

It was a personal statement from a man who holds a doctorate in canon law, has worked in Rome and headed a diocese in Texas, and has given countless print and television interviews as a spokesman for the U.S. bishops on the issue of clergy sexual abuse.

In case there were any doubts, the morning newspapers confirmed his reputation for outspokenness and indicated he would be a decisive administrator.

At a press conference the day before, he said he "absolutely" supported a "zero tolerance" policy concerning priests guilty of sexual abuse. He also repeated his disapproval of Catholic politicians who hold positions contrary to Church teaching and that he would deny Communion to New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey. The governor was invited to the installation but did not attend.

Bishop Galante praised his predecessors, in particular Bishop Nicholas A. DiMarzio, who now heads the Diocese of Brooklyn, and who was at the installation. He also praised the clergy—pointing out that 96 percent of priests are faithful to their vows—Religious and laity of the diocese who are living out their Catholic vocations.

The ceremony began with Archbishop Myers, the installing prelate, meeting Bishop Galante at the doors of the church.



The Ascension:

"[W]hen the Son of Man comes [again],
will He find faith on the earth?"

—Luke 18:8

"He led them out as far as Bethany, and
He lifted up His hands and blessed them.
While He was blessing them, He parted from them
and was carried up into heaven."

—Luke 24:50-51

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Connecting faith-sharing with life

BY SISTER TERRY RICKARD, O.P.
Special to The Catholic Advocate

This past Lenten season, I worked with a small parish outside New York City that was using RENEW's PrayerTime, a lectionary-based faith-sharing program for Lent. Almost half the parish participated.

During Easter, we gathered

to celebrate the blessings of the faith-sharing groups. A young woman named Kristin said she had been invited by another young adult to be part of a small community for Lent. Kristin told us that she had been away from the Church for three years.

Kristin declared, "I have

recommitted myself to God and my Catholic faith." She told us that she had received the sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and Communion on Easter Sunday. The group of largely older adults spontaneously applauded. Kristin came to a new understanding and appreciation of why she was Catholic.

"Why Catholic?" isn't a question that we would have asked a generation ago. If you were born Catholic then, you accepted Catholic beliefs, rituals and traditions.

Today, with the bewildering plurality of religions, increasing intermarriage of people from different faiths, the popularity of self-help and non-Christian spiritualities and the recent Church scandal, this question is being asked in a serious way.

Often organized religions are portrayed as outmoded and restrictive. Christianity today does not have the same cultural and political supports that it had even in our parents' generation. These realities challenge an automatic Christianity or a "cradle" Catholic.

Thomas Groome, in his book *What Makes Us Catholic*, speaks about Catholics of a generation ago being soaked in Old Catholic marinades, where faith and culture were melded into one. This older generation seems to be steadfast in their faith because of this experience, yet still—like younger Catholics—does not always

understand Catholicism as a comprehensive way of life. There seems to be a disconnection between faith and life.

The good news is we all need to choose or re-choose to be Catholic Christians today. Catholics are not born but formed into the community of disciples. Being Catholic is an ongoing process of conversion to the person and way of Jesus Christ. This process is guided and nourished through the teachings of Christ and the sacramental life of the Church.

Recently, I was giving a presentation on Catholicism and one young parent asked, "How do we pass on our faith if we don't know it?" There seems to be a growing number of Catholic seekers who never received a solid grounding in core Catholic beliefs and desire to know the faith they profess, want to profess, or at least can't fully renounce.

If there is anything that distinguishes us as Catholic Christians, it is our sacramental view of life.

For us, the created world is holy, sacred and graced. We find God in the ordinary. We believe the risen Christ chose to give Himself to us in seven special ways—the sacraments.

Water immerses us in the newness of life in Christ. The ordinary elements of bread and wine bring Christ's real presence to us. The symbol of oil becomes an instrument of

strength and healing. When we participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation, we experience the personal presence of God freeing us from sin and empowering us to forgive others.

RENEW International is responding to the need to deepen Catholic identity, foster ongoing conversion and provide solid catechesis through small Christian communities by creating a new adult faith-formation program titled, "Why Catholic? A Journey through the Catechism."

This program provides an opportunity for people of faith to engage in critical conversation about things

that matter. It breaks open the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Scriptures and connects their treasures with daily life, with family life and with the public sphere.

RENEW is also holding a summer institute entitled "Why Catholic?" scheduled for July 8-11 at the Sheraton Meadowlands in New Jersey. The institute will focus particularly on the question of Catholic identity and will invite us to profess, celebrate and live our faith more authentically. We hope to recapture the richness of our faith and pass it on to the next generation of Catholics.

Sister Terry Rickard, O.P., a Blauvelt Dominican, is coordinator of RENEW International's "Why Catholic?" adult faith formation program.



Sister Terry Rickard, O.P.



Left to right, Father Joseph Chapel, S.T.D., Associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics; Rev. Mr. Michael Donovan; Rev. Monsignor Robert F. Coleman, J.C.D., Rector and Dean; Dianne Traflet, J.D., S.T.D., Assistant Dean and Director of Lay Ministry; Father Gerard McCarren, S.T.D., Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology; Deacon William Toth, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Christian Ethics; Julie Burkey; Zeni Fox, Ph.D., Professor of Pastoral Theology, and Rev. Mr. Colin Kay.

Seminary recognizes academic excellence

BY LIESL FORES

Staff Reporter

The Pope John Paul II Medal for Academic Excellence, bestowed annually by Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology (ICSST), on the campus of Seton Hall University, South Orange, to the graduating student or students with the highest grade point average in each of the school's three graduate degree programs, was presented last month to Julie V. Burkey, and seminarians Rev. Mr. Michael Donovan, to be ordained at the end of May, and Rev. Mr. Colin Kay.

Burkey earned a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry, and Donovan and Kay earned Master of Divinity degrees, tying for the highest GPA in their class.

Reflecting on the award, Burkey commented, "The best part was to be able to witness first-hand the dedicated administration and faculty who challenge both seminarians and lay students to grow intellectually and spiritually. And it is here that we learn to work together for the good of our Church.

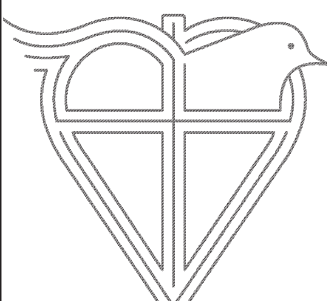
"This experience has given me great hope for the future. And as hope is a subject spoken of often by Pope John Paul II, that will be the focus for me as I accept this honor—with great humility!—named for him," she concluded.

Donovan acknowledged the honor by asserting, "It is my prayer that the knowledge and skills gained at ICSST will help me be a more effective minister to God's people and enrich their lives with the beauty and truth of Christ's Gospel message."

Kay pointed out, "It's not *what* you know. It's *who* you know. All the 'what' that I've learned means very little, unless it helps draw me—and the people I'm sent to serve—closer to 'He Who Is.'"

Past recipients of the award are Father Anthony Figueiredo, S.T.D.; Father Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.; Father Thomas P. Nydegger, M.Div., and Father C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L., all current faculty or administration.

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St. Antoninus Parish, Newark, Catholic Institute of Discipleship to offer Church teachings on same-sex marriage, homosexuality and premarital sex from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mass at noon. Call (973) 623-0258.

May 23

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, parish mission hosted by Father Michael Sullivan, O.S.A., through May 26. The mission talk will be given each night at 7:30 p.m.

May 26

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Orange, Tridium of Prayer, three nights through May 28, 7:30 p.m., in preparation for Pentecost.

Holy Family Parish, Nutley, monthly meeting of the St. Lucy Filippini Sodality at 8 p.m., St. Joseph’s Center.

June 2

St. Joseph Parish, Demarest, organ recital at 7 p.m., given by David Macfarlane, Ph.D.,

to celebrate the first anniversary of the new Johannus organ.

June 3

St. Andrew Parish, Westwood, annual golf classic at the Emerson Golf Club. Cost \$125 includes a continental breakfast, golf cart, gifts and lunch. Call (201) 666-1100.

June 6

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington, 60th anniversary dinner, the first event in a yearlong celebration, at the Wallington Exchange. Call (973) 778-7405.

June 7

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, Rosary Altar Society, Mass for Living Members and installation of new officers at 7:30 p.m. Pot luck supper, 8 p.m.

June 13

Ascension Parish, New Milford, annual parish picnic on school grounds following noon Mass. Call Marguerite at (201) 385-0159 or Anna at (201) 387-2632.

June 19

St. Philomena Parish, Livingston. Father’s Day Choir Prelude Concert and Mass, 4:30 p.m., free. Call (973) 992-0994.

Memorial Day Masses at Archdiocesan cemeteries

The Catholic Cemeteries Office of the Archdiocese of Newark has scheduled its annual Memorial Day Mass at its five cemeteries at 11 a.m., May 31.

Most Rev. Arthur J. Seratelli, Vicar General, will be the main celebrant and homilist at Holy Cross Cemetery, 340 Ridge Rd., North Arlington. At Gate of Heaven Cem-

etry, 225 Ridgedale Ave., East Hanover, Most Rev. Charles J. McDonnell, Regional Bishop of Bergen County, will be the main celebrant and homilist.

The main celebrant at Saint Gertrude Cemetery, 53 Inman Ave., Colonia, will be Most Rev. Bishop Dominic A. Marconi, retired Auxiliary Bishop. Father Henry P. Marciniak will be the homilist.

Father Robert A. Antczak will be the main celebrant and homilist at Holy Name Cemetery, 823 Westside Ave., Jersey City.

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 125 Central Ave., East Orange, will have Father Philip J. Waters as the main celebrant and homilist.

The Masses will be celebrated rain or shine. A canopy and seating will be provided.

‘Save the date’ for Cathedral Basilica’s 50th anniversary commemoration

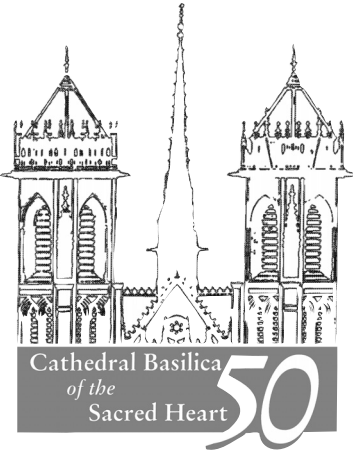
On Oct. 17, the Archdiocese of Newark will mark the conclusion of its 150th anniversary celebration with a special Mass commemorating the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

All people in the Archdiocese—families, parishes, schools and Catholic institutions—are invited to attend the special liturgy scheduled for 3 p.m. in the Mother Church of

the Archdiocese of Newark.

Current plans call for a reception in the Archdiocesan Center to follow the celebration. The day’s activities will culminate with a concert performance in the Cathedral Basilica at approximately 6 p.m.

More detailed information will be announced from the Archdiocesan Center and throughout the parishes, as well as in the pages of *The*



Catholic Advocate. Please save the date on your calendar now.

Local Highlights

Pre-registration

• St. Mary Elementary School, Rutherford, is accepting registration for grades Pre-K-8 for the upcoming school year. Prospective parents and students may visit or obtain further information by contacting the admissions office at (201) 933-8410, via email smes2001@aol.com or visit www.stmaryelementary.org.

Course

• The Felician Reading Center is offering reading improvement courses for primary and intermediate students from June 28 to July 30. Preliminary testing will be conducted, by appointment, through June 10. Call Sister Mary Delphine from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, at (973) 773-0328.

Festival

• A Lithuanian festival will be celebrated June 6, from noon to 4 p.m. at SS. Peter and Paul Parish Center, 216 Ripley Pl., Elizabeth. Call (908) 352-2271.

Theology on Tap

• Father Britto Berchmans, an expert in interpersonal and mass communication, will speak about emotionally intelligent relationships at the next installment of the popular Theology on Tap series, Monday, May 24 at 8:15 p.m. at La Pastaria

Restaurant, 327 Springfield Ave., Summit. Cost \$15.

Blood Drive

• The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a community blood drive at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 403 Spring St., Elizabeth, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• The Knights of Columbus, Rahway, will hold a blood drive on Saturday, May 22, at 80 West Inman Ave., from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., sponsored by the Boy Scouts. Call Charlie Reeseg (732) 382-4533.

Concert

• The Madrigal Singers, directed by Elaine Fiorino, will present “O Heaven! O Earth!” a treasury of Renaissance choral music, at 4 p.m., on Sunday, May 23, at St. Cassian Parish, 187 Bellevue Ave., Upper Montclair.

A reader pointed out some gaps in the history of Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Lodi (*The Catholic Advocate*, April 21, page 11): The new parochial school opened in 1957, the new rectory and convent followed shortly after that and church renovations were ongoing through Father Thomas Lennon’s pastorate. We are grateful that this reader wrote to us with these additional facts.

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Novarcensis:

A Look Back at Our History

109 years ago...

May 24. Our Lady Help of Christians Church, East Orange (now Holy Spirit and Our Lady Help of Christians Parish), dedicated.

94 years ago...

May 30. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Bayonne, dedicated.

91 years ago...

June 1. First Mass celebrated in St. Joseph Parish, Bogota.

87 years ago...

May 20. Our lady of Victories Parish, Jersey City, incorporated.

83 years ago...

May 22. Immaculate Conception Parish, Norwood, established.

77 years ago...

May 20. Most Rev. John J. O’Connor, fourth Bishop of Newark, died.

64 years ago...

May 21. Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Newark.

45 years ago...

May 27. Msgr. John L. McNulty, President of Seton Hall University, died.

38 years ago...

June 1. Most Rev. Peter L. Gerety ordained Coadjutor Bishop of Portland, ME, later third Archbishop of Newark.

Novarcensis means Newark in Latin.



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

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

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Pastoral statement draws wide praise

Editor,

Unlike other recent episcopal “sound bite” statements on the matter, the archbishop’s explanatory pastoral statement places the question within a theological and ecclesial context. I imagine it is a first of its kind in the nation.

The Record (Bergen County), which gave His Grace’s statement front-page coverage, is delivered each morning to the doors of the dorm rooms at NJIT and Rutgers. Aware of the archbishop’s concern for the Church’s apostolate to institutions of higher education, His Grace might appreciate knowing that the pastoral statement was a topic of discussion from students to deans. Even those who disagree could see that the faith and its implications are “reasonable.”

Father Mark Francis O’Malley
Newman Catholic Center
University Heights, Newark

single bishop in this country finds the courage and moral strength to do what Archbishop Myers has done. May God bless him and keep him.

Mary, help of Christians, pray for us.

Howard J. Walsh, Publisher
The Latin Mass Magazine
Ramsey

Editor,

I think Archbishop Myers is “right-on” with this article. I’m glad to see the Church standing up for what’s moral and right, and pointing out the hypocrisy of many of our politicians. The archbishop has my support.

A. Michael Candido
Essex Fells

Editor,

Please pass on my thanks to Archbishop Myers for his pastoral statement “A Time for Honesty.”

God bless him and all those in leadership who stand opposed to abortion.

Steve McVey
Milford, MA

Columns cited

Editor,

Two columns in the May 5 edition of *The Catholic Advocate* were among the best I have ever read.

Mary Costello’s salute to some of the moms was truly poignant and moving emotionally.

Msgr. John Gilchrist’s invaluable lessons of history were very informative and interesting. I am looking forward to his next column continuing the topic about Byzantium and the early Church.

Thank you. Your paper is great. I read it regularly.

Philip J. Weiler, Jr.
Ridgewood

Editor’s note: See Page 8 for Msgr. Gilchrist’s followup column.

We are all called to obedience

Our contemporary culture emphasizes self-determination and self-awareness. It highlights the autonomy of the individual and focuses on the motives of the individual self. Such a society may be inclined to downplay or even ignore the relevance of obedience to our relationships and to our lives.

In the New Testament, when St. Paul urges wives to obey their husbands, we may be tempted to recoil in dismay from what is perceived as an historically conditioned expression that is certainly out of sync with our society and our Church.

Yet the Christian life is correctly imaged as discipleship, requiring its followers to obey the ways and the words of the Master, Jesus Christ, our Leader and our Good Shepherd. The Rich Young man in the Gospel narrative went away sad. He had knelt at the feet of Jesus and called Him his good Master, but then refused to conform his life to the gentle demands of the One Who looked at him with love.

Teachings found in the Scripture

The three Scriptural images of Jesus as Prophet, King and Priest correspond to the threefold mission of the Church: to teach, to rule and to sanctify. In its prophetic role, the Church teaches us the truth about God and our relationship with Him. With royal authority, the Church governs us, leading us as a shepherd leads the sheep to good pastures. Finally, the Church as priest has the mission from God to sanctify God’s people, to help us to be holy.

In his encyclical, *Veritatis Splendor*, Pope John Paul II refers to the virtue of obedience when he says, “The Church and each of her members is called to share in the gift of ruling of the crucified Christ, to share in the responsibility of Him who came not to be served but to serve.”

When we speak of the participation of lay people in the ruling office of the Church, we are speaking both of the people’s rights and of their duties. Relationships within the Church must be based upon the realization that all are children of God and sisters and brothers in Christ. Relations between a pastor and his parishioners should be devoted, truthful, prudent and reverent to one another.

All summoned to participate in Church

In the Code of Canon Law, Canon 212, no. 3 states that lay persons, in accord with their knowledge, competence and importance, have a right and a duty to express to their pastors their opinion on matters that pertain to the good of the Church. They may communicate their opinions on an individual basis or as members of a group.

The expression of the opinions of the people is truly a participation in the governance of the Church, and the Code of Canon Law establishes institutions precisely for the purpose of group consultation, such as the parish council or the diocesan council or the diocesan synod. The bishop and the pastors in turn have the responsibility to receive the opinions of their people and give due consideration to their ideas.

Respect and obedience are an integral part of the participation of the laity in the ruling office of Christ. Canon 212 goes on to say that the Christian people are bound by obedience to follow what their bishop as the representative of Christ, and their pastors, as representatives of the bishop, decide as leaders of the Church. Thus we may understand that the Christian is meant to be at one and the same time both a free person and a servant, in perfect freedom and in total obedience to the will of His Father.

God bless the Class of 2004

On Saturday, May 29 in the majestic confines of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, Archbishop John J. Myers, himself a former vocations director of the Diocese of Peoria, will perform one of the great joys of his episcopal office when he ordains 14 new priests.

Before family, friends and fellow clergy, the new priests will make the humbling, challenging and profound commitment of their lives to the service of God and His church.

Most appropriately, the new priests reflect the cultural diversity that is the strength and pride of the Archdiocese of Newark.

God bless them.

We are grateful to Father James Cafone, past member of the editorial board of *The Catholic Advocate*, for his editorial contribution on this page.

Reconciliation sought between the East and West

We had arrived in Athens for our pilgrimage on May 4, 2001. We were late getting to our hotel at the base of the Acropolis because traffic was tied up due to the imminent arrival of His Holiness Pope John Paul II. Just two blocks from the hotel, a stage and chairs had been set up for a papal ceremony.

On both sides of the street, policemen lined up, holding rifles. The stores remained open, but there were few tourists. When the pope passed our hotel in a convoy of limousines we—our little band of pilgrims from Harrison—were almost the only ones to greet him with applause and cheers. An hour later the same caravan returned, and the aging pontiff waved at us.

The next day our bus stalled in traffic again as it turned into the central square of Athens, which was filled with young people literally sitting on the street to protest the visit of the Holy Father to their country.

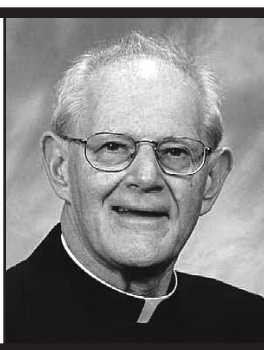
Ancient history in the Middle East is just yesterday. In 1054 “Old” Rome under Pope Leo IX (1049-54) and the “New” Rome, Constantinople, were on a collision course. The Eastern Orthodox Church resented the military and political power of the papacy as well as its spiritual authority. Rome, under a warrior pope, was in the ascendancy. Constantinople, under siege from the Muslims in the east and Catholic military forces in the west, was in decline.

The patriarch of Constantinople at that time, Michael Cerularius (1043-58), was a proud, impetuous and arrogant man. He had accused the Roman Church of 33 heresies. The pope had sent an equally impetuous and arrogant cardinal-legate to Constantinople, Umberto da Silva, who had in his pocket a decree condemning 90 errors of the Greeks.

The two clashed. On July 16, 1054 Umberto marched into the huge church of Hagia Sophia and threw a decree of excommunication on the high altar. The next day Michael reciprocated with his

Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



own bull of excommunication against the Roman legates. Even though these two had only excommunicated each other, it meant that the one, holy, Roman Church was now irrevocably separated from the Eastern Church. They were in schism—which only worsened.

When Pope Bl. Urban II (1088-99) launched the First Crusade in 1096 it is estimated that the West lost 600,000 men. But they conquered what is now Israel and parts of Syria and Lebanon.

However, the Latins like the Greeks faced wave after wave of Muslim invaders. Two more crusades, in 1147 and 1189, saw enormous loss. The Latins blamed Greek Constantinople for not aiding the Christian effort. A Fourth Crusade left from Venice in 1202. The blind Doge of Venice, Dandolo, turned the crusaders loose on Constantinople. They conquered the city on April 12, 1204. An orgy of destruction and looting ensued. The treasures of Byzantium were carried off to Venice. The Eastern Church has never forgotten nor forgiven that outrage—until this day.

This bent old pontiff has done everything possible to repair the breach between the churches.

Popes Paul VI and John Paul II have done everything possible to mend the rift. When our group saw John Paul II on that May day in Greece he was there precisely to offer an apology to the Eastern Church and the Greek world for the events of 1204. The Greek Church received him politely but in a reserved manner. In fact, the pope had come at the invitation of the Greek government—not the Orthodox Church. The apology was not accepted.

This bent old pontiff has done everything possible to repair the breach between the churches: he has urged dialogue; since 1994 he has apologized over and over again for the sins committed by our Church against the East, and recently, he donated a church in Rome to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

In 1995 he issued an encyclical of reconciliation, *Ut unum sint* (That they might be one) and an apostolic letter encouraging appreciation of the East, *Orientalis lumen* (Eastern light).

At any rate, on April 15, 2004, Patriarch Bartholomew finally accepted the pope's apology from 2001. The patriarch said, “The spirit of reconciliation is stronger than hatred.” I guess in Church terms three years are lightning speed. And we should all answer “Amen” in response to the patriarch. Also, he will visit Rome on the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul, June 29.

There is hope for the future. Let's all pray that Pope John Paul II will be granted the dearest wish of his heart—reconciliation between the Churches of the East and West.

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

The healing power of His love and His sacraments

“I have bad news. You have cancer. It has metastasized,” the nurse practitioner told me in May 2003 as I sat in my doctor's office.

The room faded away. One question faced me: Would I live to see my 43rd birthday?

Instantly, I knew I needed to see two specialists: one spiritual, the other medical.

At my parish, I received the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The priest placed oil on my hands and my forehead and prayed for me. Through the sacrament, God gives us strength and courage to face illness, the power to resist temptation, the forgiveness of sins, the union of our suffering with the Passion of Christ, and, if the Almighty wills, bodily healing (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1520).

I met with a highly recommended specialist, who ordered tests. He told me that in all likelihood, I didn't have cancer, but I did face major surgery to remove a huge growth in my abdomen. I took a deep breath and we set a date: July 19, 2003, at Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck.

Shortly before surgery, I met with the same priest for Reconciliation, a sacrament that heals our sins. “Through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your

In God's Hands

By Lisa Haddock



sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,” the priest said.

Never had those words seemed so powerful and so personal, as my very life would be in the hands of medical professionals.

“In converting to Christ through penance and faith, the sinner passes from death to life” (Catechism, 1470). My priest gave me a big hug and the promise of his prayers.

The day before surgery, I received the Eucharist. Receiving “Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus” (Catechism, 1391). Jesus, in a

very real way, was with me.

The next morning at Holy Name Hospital, as I lay tethered to an IV line, a chaplain stopped by to anoint me once more. He encouraged me and offered a loving smile.

Finally, an orderly came to take me to surgery. As I passed a statue of the Blessed Mother, I looked to her and told myself, “Everything is in God's hands now.”

After surgery, my doctor told me the growth was benign. The next morning, a smiling extraordinary minister of the Eucharistic brought me Holy Communion. Never had I been so grateful to receive the Host. That day, I went home.

Occasionally, I take out my hospital bracelet to remind myself of how God sustained me through fear, illness, pain and recovery. He guided me to a good parish and a caring priest, to a talented surgeon and to Holy Name Hospital, with its compassionate nurses and aides and dedicated pastoral staff. He gave me family, friends and a parish who uplifted me with their prayers and presence. And He expressed His love for me through His healing sacraments.

At my final followup exam, my surgeon said, “You healed beautifully, thank God.”

“Amen,” I said.

Lisa Haddock is the former Religion and Values Editor for The Record.

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Eucharist to be major topic of synod

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The recent debate over liturgical abuses and reception of Communion by dissenting Catholics is about to be taken to a global level as the Church prepares for the 2005 Synod of Bishops.

The synod's topic is the Eucharist. In recent days, bishops around the world have received a Vatican-prepared thematic outline that focuses in large part on the rules that govern celebration of the Eucharist—including who should and who should not receive Communion.

The 75-page outline, called the *lineamenta*, has not been released publicly by the Vatican. Catholic News Service obtained a copy of the document in early May.

The outline emphasizes the sacramental and liturgical norms against shared Communion with most non-Catholics. It repeatedly makes the point that the Church does not have the power to give Communion to Catholics living in grave sin, to those "teaching error" or to "persons living an immoral life."

"Communion can be received only in union with the whole Church, after overcoming any separation because of religion or morality," it said. The outline did not explicitly address the question of denying Communion to those in opposition to key Church teachings. Instead, it framed the question in terms borrowed from the early Christian writings of the Didache: "If one is holy, come; if one is not, repent."

The document warned of the potential abuses of "liturgical creativity." It reviewed the Church's rules on such matters as the breaking of the eucharistic bread, the sacred vessels used in Mass, the need for "dignified" music, and placement of the tabernacle, altar and even the celebrant's chair.

One of the biggest concerns voiced by the outline is that many Catholics may see the Eucharist as simply a "fraternal meal" instead of the sacrament of Christ's continuing presence. This would be a "grave error," it said.

In a section of questions designed to provoke reflection and a written response by bishops, the document again focused on abuses. It asked:

— What are the negative aspects in eucharistic worship, and what is the cause of such a "disorienting situation" for the faithful?

— "In an attempt to be personal and avant-garde, do priests manifest any attitudes in their celebration of the Mass which are explicitly or implicitly contrary to the liturgical norms?"

— Do the faithful display a casual approach to receiving Communion?

— Do Catholics adequately understand the difference between the Mass and other liturgies presided over by lay people? Do they distinguish enough between ordained and nonordained ministers?

— Do some elements in eucharistic liturgies lead to "a diminished regard for the real presence" of Christ in the Eucharist?

— How are the norms of inter-Communion applied?

— How is confusion avoided regarding the mystery of the Blessed Sacrament in ecumenical and interreligious meetings?

— What steps are taken in inculturation to prevent "peculiar and strange practices" in liturgy?

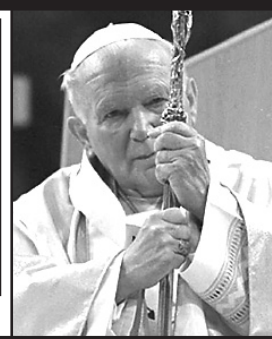
The formal theme of the synod is "The Eucharist: Source and Culmination of the Life and Mission of the Church." The outline included lengthy sections explaining the theology of the Eucharist, drawing heavily from the pope's recent encyclical as well as early Church writers.

The outline asked bishops to supply statistics on daily and weekly Mass attendance and to list ways in which the Church's teaching on the Eucharist is being deepened in their dioceses.

The Vatican asked the bishops to return their response before the end of the year. The responses will provide the basis for a working document for the synod, scheduled for Oct. 2-29, 2005.

The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



God's saving power will conquer death

Dear brothers and sisters,

Psalm 30 (29), sung at the beginning of today's audience, is a hymn of thanksgiving for deliverance from death. The psalmist forcefully contrasts his earlier anguish with the joy of his restoration to life, hope and freedom. His crisis has enabled him to pass from the illusion of self-sufficiency to an abiding trust in the Lord, who remains ever faithful to His promises.

The psalm is an encouragement never to despair of God's saving power, even in the face of death. The Church reads this psalm in the light of Christ's passover from death to life at Easter, which fulfills the deepest desire of every human heart by offering the hope of resurrection and eternal life.

Community and individual in the Catholic Church

Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97; Rv 22:12-20; Jn 17:20-26.

The martyrdom of St. Stephen, recounted by St. Luke (Acts 7:54-8:3), followed a religious debate in which the holy deacon expressed faith in Jesus along with a sharp criticism of those who exercised religious authority in Jerusalem.

Were they merely trying to preserve their own positions or did they hold Israel's best interests at heart? At the Last Supper, St. John recorded that Jesus had warned His disciples that some who opposed them might be in good conscience. "Not only will they expel you from synagogues; a time will come when anyone who puts you to death will claim to be serving God!" (16:2; see 1 Tim 2:12-14).

As we know from events in the Middle East and elsewhere in the recent years, tempers flare quickly in the Mediterranean area and tragedies engulf families and larger communities before reason can prevail. The witness of Stephen (the Crowned One) is described beautifully; he prayed to Jesus as Lord and imitated his Master by interceding for those stoning him. "Lord, do not hold this sin against them" (Acts 7:60; see Luke 23:34).

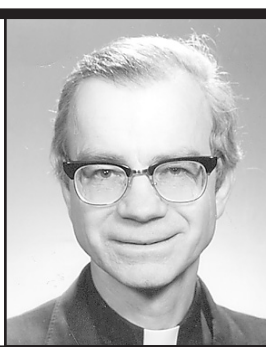
By noting the presence and approval of the young Saul of Tarsus, Luke subtly points to the efficacy of such prayer. From a merely human viewpoint defeat deprives a person's existence of meaning, yet in faith even (or perhaps especially) the undeserved death caused by persecutors may have a powerful impact.

The story of Stephen has inspired Christians throughout the centuries. We should reflect that even this week some are bearing witness to their faith in circumstances that threaten death. Do we give them the basis of assurance that our prayers support them? Do we use our freedom to bear witness to the Gospel's

Sunday Readings

7th Sunday
after Easter
(May 23, 2004)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



challenge in the various situations of our personal lives?

We cannot afford to allow mediocrity to govern our choices because one never knows what test may loom on the horizon.

Trying to identify with Christ and the saints in persecution is a salutary exercise, but we must also examine our use of authority and power. Virtually every ancient religion or political system has had leaders who sought to control others by force or threat of death.

While Catholics have often been among persecuted minorities, some of our predecessors, clerical and lay, have attacked those whose conscience led them in a way that differed from our perception of divine truth.

"Error has no rights" was the argument. But rights adhere to the human person, so are not to be considered merely in the abstract.

Freedom should be linked with a sense of duty and conscience, so one also has the concomitant responsibility "to

seek the truth, especially in what concerns God and His Church, and to embrace it and hold on to it as they come to know it" (Vatican II: *Dignitatis humanae*, Declaration on Religious Liberty, 1).

The Second Vatican Council clarified the seeming tension between the rights and needs of society and those of the individual. It is understood that no one should act contrary to truth and the common good. Societies must legislate to protect the rights of all and, because of the propensity to impose conformity upon minorities, governments should guard the religious and other rights of such groups carefully.

A misplaced zeal was a factor in the 1492 decree of the Catholic monarchs Ferdinand and Isabella expelling all Jews from Spain unless they converted. To rescind the decree five hundred years later, as King Carlos did in March 1992, cannot repair the past but it does lay the foundation for the future.

The great commission to preach the Gospel to all creatures (see Mt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15) should be completed

by a reading of the Gospel chosen for the seventh Sunday of Easter. Presenting the Gospel and arguing for the truth of Jesus' message and work will be effective to the extent that the new commandment (Jn 13:34-35) is lived within the Christian community. The mutual love among the disciples of Jesus should reflect on earth the very mystery of the blessed Trinity.

So Jesus prayed "that all may be one as you, Father, in me and I in you ... that the world may believe that you have sent me" (Jn 17:21).

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

Societies must legislate to protect the rights of all.

Parking lot accident shocks Linden parish

In what Msgr. Bronislaw Wielgus, Pastor of St. Theresa of the Child Parish, Linden, described as a "very tragic accident," an elderly usher apparently lost control of his car Sunday afternoon pulling out of a parking space following a First Holy Communion service, injuring ten people.

One, a 66-year-old Elizabeth woman, died of her injuries several hours later.

According to Linden police, the incident occurred at 4:13 p.m. as the church parking lot was beginning to fill following Mass.

The 72-year-old usher, Andrew Pachana, police explain, was slowly backing his 1986 station wagon out of a parking space when he allegedly struck several pedestrians, including an infant in a stroller, who were behind his vehicle.

Those standing behind the vehicle ranged from two months to 11 years of age.

The driver then placed the vehicle into drive and reportedly accelerated at a high rate of speed. The vehicle, say police, mounted a curb and proceeded into a section of shrubs causing it to go airborne over a monument and landing on and colliding with several people standing in the area.

Officer Mark Evan, who was working security at the school Bingo, was the first officer at the scene and called for assistance. Officer Evan and several other men lifted the vehicle up on its side to free the injured.

Ambulances from Clark, Linden, Rahway, Elizabeth and the Conoco Philips Refinery in Linden responded as did fire units from Roselle and Linden.

Also on the scene were personnel from Medic 10 from Rahway and Medic 42 from Elizabeth.

Three of the most seriously injured were taken to University Hospital, Newark. Three children and one adult were transported to Trinitas Hospital and a child and two adults were taken to Rahway Hospital. The woman who died was at University Hospital and passed away at 9:20 p.m. The two-month-old in the stroller had no visible injuries but was checked as a precaution.

Msgr. Wielgus called the driver a "good person and dedicated family man," adding that the incident was also tragic for him and his family. "We are praying for all the victims," the pastor said.

Fallen officers remembered

Most Rev. Charles J. McDonnell, Regional Bishop for Bergen County and State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, recently celebrated the first Blue Mass for the county's law enforcement community at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Emerson.

The Mass paid tribute to the 38 Bergen County officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty over the past years. A special tribute was paid to

Fairlawn officer Mary Ann Collura who was killed a year ago.

Some 200 officers, eight honor guards and the Fourth Degree Color Corps participated.

The Knights' five state officers, mayors, council members, the Bergen County executive officer and the sheriffs from Bergen and Passaic counties attended. Bergen County also supplied bagpipes and a bugler.



With Bishop McDonnell are, left to right, Wayne J. McCormack, state warden; Thomas P. Ciborski, state treasurer; Domenic Cafarella, council grand knight; W. James White, state deputy; Reginald F. Beckett, state secretary; Jack Romano, district deputy, and Herbert C. Meyer, state advocate.



Archbishop John J. Myers officiated last month at the blessing of a Divine Mercy statue at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Newark. With the archbishop at the blessing were, left to right, Father Fred Pfeifer (behind the archbishop), parochial vicar at St. Francis; Father James M. Sheehan, secretary to the archbishop; Father Jan Sasin, pastor; and Father Miroslaw Krol. To the far left is Sister Clare Ricciardelli, M.P.F., principal. The eight-foot statue, imported from Italy, was purchased through donations.

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Freedom of speech for all

BY MSGR. ROBERT J. WISTER

Special to The Catholic Advocate

The Declaration of Independence spoke of "unalienable rights," among them "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Many Americans wanted more precision in the articulation of rights, and several state conventions, meeting to ratify the Constitution, asked for a "bill of rights" to be added to the Constitution. The first of these states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

The "establishment clause," prohibiting direct government support of religion, has enabled people of faith to be self-reliant in the development of their institutions. They have flourished unlike, if I may be so bold, many state-supported churches elsewhere. The "free exercise clause" enables people of faith to believe what they wish to accept as truth, and to live out that faith commitment in their daily lives. Like all citizens, people of faith also share in the right of "freedom of speech," the right to freely express their opinions. Similarly, people of faith also share the right to ask for changes in the law of the land, "to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

In recent election years, leaders of churches and other religions have been roundly criticized when they exercise their First Amendment rights.

Bishops commissioned as teachers

There are almost as many methods of internal organization as there are religious bodies in the United States. Some may allow each member individually to interpret sacred texts; others rely on a consensus of the opinions of members in determining the tenets of belief. Still others place doctrinal and disciplinary decisions in the hands of elected members assembled in convention. Each has the right to organize as they wish. The Catholic Church places the expression of doctrine and discipline in the hands of the bishops of the Church in union with the bishop of Rome, the pope. The Catholic Church has the right to act in this manner.

Each and every Catholic, who wishes to remain in good standing in the Church, is obliged to give assent to Church teachings as articulated by these official Church leaders. Some of these teachings are presented to the faithful requiring

unqualified acceptance. Others, such as judgments concerning a "just war," are applied according to different degrees of gravity. Still others, for example, the duty to assist the poor and the unfortunate, seek to apply basic Christian principles to a variety of situations.

In forming their consciences, Catholics are obliged, when in doubt, to follow the direction of Church leadership. Should they still find it difficult to do so, they are obliged to enter into discussion with Church leaders before they take the significant step of dissenting from Church teaching. Should they do so, they must accept the consequences of their decision as it affects their relationship with the Church.

Duty and freedom to speak out

As is their right, Catholic Church leaders have developed rules and regulations for the members of the Church to assist them in living lives in accord with Church teaching. All other churches and religious bodies have rules and regulations as well. Within the community of believers, Church leaders have the right to apply these rules to the members of the Church, privately and in public. When members of the Catholic Church publicly take positions contrary to a Church teaching that requires unqualified acceptance, bishops would be remiss in their duty to ignore the fact.

As they respond in the public forum to public remarks of members of the Church, they exercise their right to freedom of speech. Their ordination as bishops does not include abdication of their constitutional rights as citizens. Church leaders and leaders of other religious bodies also may seek, like all citizens, to propose new laws or to change existing ones. The Constitution itself contains a method for its amendment. Thousands of laws are enacted each year, some repealing earlier ones. Courts are known to reverse previous decisions.

Obviously, in an election year, everything is subject to a "political" interpretation. But it is unfair to attempt to silence or demean the motives of any religious leaders who simply are exercising their responsibilities to their congregants. In the final analysis, it is up to the voters, non-believers and believers of the myriad faiths in America, to decide, according to their consciences, whom they wish to elect to office.

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Parish staffs, volunteer leaders meet to receive recommendations

New Energies process moves forward with discussion of principles and directions

In a series of meetings on May 18 and 19, Archbishop John J. Myers and the executive committee of the New Energies Parish Transition Project met with hundreds of representatives from all parishes in the Archdiocese and the entire presbyterate of the Archdiocese to introduce the conversation and response phase of the project and to seek their active participation in this effort to help shape the future of the Archdiocese.

In addition, the pastors and staffs of some 48 parishes in the Archdiocese were notified that they would participate in conversation and response to 22 immediate recommendations made by the Task Force on Parishes. Using 28 guiding principles for quality parish life as the basis for discussion and examination, the people of these parishes, with the assistance of facilitators, will undertake in the coming months a process of evaluating how they should move from the task force recommendations through conversations and responses to decisions and ultimately to implementing change to merge or link their faith communities. (For a list of immediately involved parishes, see Page 13.)

The task force identified the

parishes in this second phase because each requires some immediate action when evaluated against one or more of the guiding principles.

In introducing the idea of change to the people of the Archdiocese, Archbishop Myers has stated, "We approach these recommendations with a high degree of sensitivity to the cultural identity of each parish and its parishioners. However, we must also face the reality of changing populations of Catholics in some areas, aging facilities requiring capital improvements, and the limited financial resources available to the Archdiocese."

"As good stewards," he added, "we have an obligation to search out and implement the best options for parish organization consistent with these realities and the needs of our Catholic people."

Preparation for these meetings, the first public presentations of the task force findings and recommendations, has been underway for several months with a goal toward making them as inclusive and participatory as possible. Following an initial planning meeting on March 15, for example, the task force, auxiliary bishops and deans of the Archdiocese suggested that



representatives of the Reid Group meet with representatives of the different ethnic and cultural groups in the Archdiocese to hear their concerns and invite their participation. The Reid Group, based in Seattle, WA, is a national consulting firm that will assist parishioners in facilitating their conversations and response to the recommendations. These meetings took place during the week of April 26, and the consultants solicited valuable insights from members of the Korean, Filipino, Latino, Polish, African-American, Haitian,

Igbo and Portuguese communities, among others.

The reaction to these meetings was generally very positive. One member of the Filipino community commented to the facilitators from the Reid Group that he felt pleased that the Archdiocese had sought this outreach, because it was important to recognize the concerns of each particular group as the project moves ahead.

Michael Mages of St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Lyndhurst, who attended the meeting of the Polish ethnic community, expressed both concern and optimism. "I was a little skeptical in the beginning, but after we had a chance to talk out loud among the group and with the facilitator, I came away with a better feeling about what's going to happen going forward. I know that many of us had to fight against comments that were made in the secular press, and that there was some misinformation out there. There will be some parishes affected, and that's sad. However, we need to say we can't go on like this. We don't have the same resources we had 40 or 50 years ago. I do see some good results coming from this."

After the meetings this week, each of the groups of immediately involved parishes will begin to meet locally in the coming months with the aid of

facilitators to begin the process of discussing how the recommendations will affect their particular communities. The New Energies executive committee, consisting of Bishop Arthur Serratelli, vicar general and moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese, the regional bishops, and four deans, will consider the viability of all solutions that develop from these discussions that may differ from the original recommendations of the task force.

Msgr. William Harms, coordinator of the task forces on parishes and schools, has emphasized that the project will take many years to implement fully, and that all parishes will undergo self-evaluations to determine how they measure against the guiding principles. "It is our hope that, as they begin talking about possibilities for linking, these immediately involved parishes will come up with solutions or ideas that perhaps we have not thought of. That will be a very good development that could benefit parishes that will begin their discussions in the next phase of the project."

"We hope for a learning conversation with all parish communities, with a view toward moving together to a new and promising future."

(Next issue of The Catholic Advocate: how the schools task force is progressing.)



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Models for Parish Organization

One element that the Task Force on Parishes considered as it was developing principles for conversation was the possible future configurations under which a parish or parishes may be reorganized. Imagine a geographic area with four parishes, for example.

Here are some of the possibilities for those parishes as the parishioners and staffs begin discussing how they can integrate more effectively the 28 guiding principles into their parish life.

1. Each of the four parishes remains independent, with its own pastor.
2. The four parishes are reorganized into two linked situations. In this case, there are now two pastors rather than four, and each pastor is responsible for two independent parish communities.
3. The four parishes remain independent but are clustered into a cooperative working situation. They will share one pastor and staff and as many programs as would be helpful to them.
4. The four parishes are merged into two parishes, each independent and each with its own pastor.
5. The parishes are merged into two parishes, and they choose to collaborate with some joint programs and possibly share some staff.
6. All four parishes merge to form one single independent parish.



The Principles for Parishes

The New Energies Parish Task Force developed 28 principles for parishes to use in examining their future and their activities. These principles, which parish groups received at meetings on March 18 and 19, encompass the full range of parish life and activity in six key areas: spiritual life; educational and formational life; life of service; parish community life; administrative life; and pastoral life ministry.

These principles will form the basis for each parish's examination and effort to work with other parishes in the months to come as the New Energies process continues.

Spiritual Life

Worship

1. Liturgy is a priority in parish life and responds to the riches of the culture and heritage of the parish.
2. Sacramental celebrations reflect the cultural heritage of the people assembled.
3. Structures for preparing and caring for the liturgy are in place and operating.
4. Music is recognized as essential in liturgy and there is financial support.

Evangelization

5. Evangelization is recognized as an essential aspect of the life and mission of the parish.

Stewardship

6. Parishioners give of their time, talent and treasure to support the Church's mission.

Baptismal Call

7. Children, youth and adults are made aware of the various options for professional Church ministry.

Call to Holiness

8. The parish supports and nurtures the spiritual life of the parish community.

Educational and Formational Life

Education and Formation

9. The parish implements a comprehensive plan for the religious formation and education of the entire faith community.

Parish School

10. An essential ministry is to nurture the faith of families through parochial schools either in a parish, co-sponsored or a neighboring school.

Educational Leaders

11. All catechists have appropriate preparation as well as practical experience.

Catechetical Programs

12. The program and materials used in religious education are consistent with Church teachings.

Life of Service

Social Teaching Education

13. The parish provides for the education and formation of its people in the social teachings and tradition of the Church.

Public Life

14. The ministry of the parish reflects political and public dimensions of our faith, encouraging the faithful to work for justice in their own public lives.

Responding to Human Needs

15. The parish focuses on the human needs of its own members and the needs of all the poor and marginalized.

Respect for Life

16. Concern and respect for life is integrated into parochial life.

Ecumenical and Interfaith

17. The parish engages in education for Christian unity and in ecumenical activities.

Parish Community Life

Youth Ministry

18. There is a comprehensive pastoral ministry for youth.

Young Adult Ministry

19. The parish community fosters pastoral ministry with young adults.

Women's/Men's Groups

20. Effective ministry to the women and men of the parish is present.

Family Life

21. There is a comprehensive pastoral outreach to the families who are part of the parish community.

Administrative Life

Finance Council

22. There is a Finance Council in place that consults with the Pastor of major financial decisions, budget development and major maintenance schedules.

Pastoral Council Leadership

23. Pastoral leadership encourages the fullest possible collaboration of clergy, Religious and laity in their common mission.

Financial Stability

24. The parish is able to support its ministerial outreach and maintain the parish facilities.

Pastoral Life Ministry

Ministerial Plan

25. A ministerial plan is in place which ensures that there are competent people prepared to meet the ministerial needs of the parish.

Families Per Priest

26. A parish should have no more than 1,200 registered families per priest and no less than 400.

Professional Pastoral Staff

27. Each parish professional ministerial staff person is fully qualified and approved by the appropriate Archdiocesan Office. Such staff are: Director of Religious Education; School Principal and Teachers; Liturgy Coordinator; Church Musician; Youth Minister.

Parish Staff

28. Parish staff meets regularly to pray together, share their experiences and develop administrative decisions and direction.

Impact on all Archdiocesan Parishes

Every parish in the Archdiocese will be taking part in the New Energies Parish Transition Project by Fall 2004. Some parishes will begin work immediately in response to one of the 22 recommendations made by the Task Force on Parishes. All other parishes will begin reflection and conversation this fall related to the 28 guiding principles.

The following 48 parishes that will engage in conversation and response to the immediate recommendations are listed below.

- Immaculate Conception (St. Mary), Hackensack
St. Francis of Assisi, Hackensack
St. Joseph, Hackensack
- St. Anthony of Padua, Union City
SS. Joseph and Michael, Union City
- St. Rocco, Union City
St. Brigid, North Bergen
- Sacred Heart, North Bergen
St. John the Baptist, Fairview

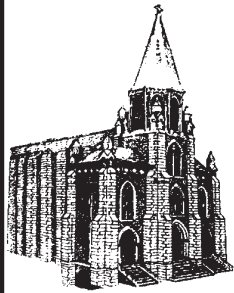
- St. John Nepomucene, Guttenberg
Our Lady of Fatima, North Bergen
- St. Ann, Jersey City
St. John the Baptist, Jersey City
- Resurrection Parish, Jersey City
St. Anthony of Padua, Jersey City
Holy Rosary, Jersey City
- Christ the King, Jersey City
Our Lady of Sorrows, Jersey City
Sacred Heart, Jersey City
- St. Patrick, Jersey City
Assumption and All Saints, Jersey City
- St. Andrew Kim, Orange
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Orange
St. Joseph, East Orange
- Immaculate Heart of Mary, Maplewood
St. Paul the Apostle, Irvington

- Sacred Heart, Irvington
St. Leo, Irvington
- St. Augustine, Newark
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark
- Immaculate Conception, Newark
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Newark
- St. John, Newark
St. Patrick Pro-Cathedral, Newark
- St. Ann, Newark
St. Antoninus, Newark
Sacred Heart (Vailsburg), Newark
- Queen of Angels, Newark
St. Rocco, Newark
- Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo, Newark
- St. Mark, Rahway,
St. Mary, Rahway
- St. Patrick/Immaculate Heart of Mary, Elizabeth
SS. Peter and Paul, Elizabeth
- St. Adalbert, Elizabeth
St. Hedwig, Elizabeth
- St. Bernard, Plainfield
St. Stanislaus, Plainfield



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— Archbishop John J. Myers



St. Anthony of Padua, Jersey City

Jersey City parish celebrates 120 years

BY BRIAN FORES

Staff Reporter

St. Anthony of Padua, Jersey City, is celebrating its 120th anniversary. The Polish parish will hold a jubilee celebration on the weekend of June 12-13, which coincides with the feast of Corpus Christi.

"The date is appropriate because our time-honored and revered 'Miraculous Cross,'—which was the only object not to be destroyed by the 1895 fire—reminds us always that all of us, as a parish community, make up the Body of Christ," explained Father Joseph Urban, Pastor.

Archbishop John J. Myers will be the principal celebrant for the Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving, which will be celebrated on June 12. Father Urban, along with a number of other clergy from around the Archdiocese and beyond, will concelebrate the Mass.

"The bilingual Mass will be steeped in Polish tradition, including young and old dressed as *gorale*—the people and kinsmen from the various mountainous regions of Poland," Father Urban said.

blessing of having a number of long-time parishioners, for whom St. Anthony's has been their parish since childhood. While changes in the downtown areas have caused some parishes to struggle, ours is one that has thrived on these changes. This is greatly attributed to our longtime families, many of whom have begun their fourth generation of belonging here. They not only continue to attend and support the parish, but they have also graciously welcomed and embraced the other non-Polish groups that have moved to downtown Jersey City and have come to join this parish."

Father Urban said that the parish enjoys the presence of Filipino, African-American, and various European-American families, who have been "so warmly embraced" by the Polish community and who have become very active in the various parish ministries.

"Our wonderful parish organizations do so much in maintaining this community of faith, not simply by their presence and material support, but also by ensuring that our programs and ministries include our



A moveable portrait of St. Anthony of Padua with the infant Jesus. During Marian feast days, a portrait of Our Lady of Czestochowa is also displayed.

sion around the nearby streets of the parish at sunrise of Easter Morning, and a traditional blessing of the Easter food. "Other holidays, of course, bring their own traditions, as with the Christmas distribution of *oplatek*, a many centuries-old Polish custom of sharing wafer bread as a sign of good wishes and forgiveness," Father Urban explained.

Father Urban said that in his two years as pastor of St. Anthony of Padua, he has seen the parish enrollment grow from just over 200 families to nearly 400. He takes special pride in this fact, explaining, "We take the example of our Holy Father to 'boldly invite' those who are new to the area as well as those who, for whatever reason, have drifted away from the Church."

It is not uncommon for him to speak of or cite Pope John Paul II—they both share common backgrounds. Both lived their early years under the Communist occupation of their native Poland. Both lost their mothers at very young ages, and then their fathers as young seminarians.

While some inner-city parishes struggle, Father Urban explains St. Anthony's notable growth very simply: "We are all called, by virtue of our Baptism, to put on Christ the Good Shepherd, and to go after the lost sheep of the flock. The results of this have been very worthwhile and fulfilling as our parish now sees an ever growing number of new and returning parishioners—especially young families—of diverse backgrounds," he noted.

Though there is no parish school,

Father Urban said that their CCD program is "ever growing," and has yielded very visible results. "It was just a few years ago that we had to send what was a handful of students to join in Confirmation at neighboring parishes. However, just last month, we had our very own Confirmation class of 45 young people! As this trend continues, we certainly see that the Holy Spirit is truly alive and well in our parish."

Father Urban enthusiastically pointed out that the church was entered onto the National Register of Historic Places last March. "The timing of this recognition, coinciding with the jubilee celebration, is very fitting and appropriate, since St. Anthony is the oldest Polish parish throughout the entire state of New Jersey," he said.

Father Urban, who has served at various locations in Poland, as a missionary in Argentina for six years (mastering Spanish), and throughout the United States, including Lubbock, Dallas, San Antonio and Newark's Ironbound, clearly demonstrates a special fondness for St. Anthony of Padua.

"The beauty and grandeur of the church make it a special added joy to be the pastor here. We see visitors from all over, not only on weekends but also throughout the week. They come to see and pray in what is truly one of the most magnificent churches in the region."

St. Anthony of Padua Parish is located at 330 Sixth St. in Jersey City.



The magnificent pipe organ, in the choir loft, was installed almost four decades ago during the pastorate of Father Edward Majewski. (See history on next page.)

He added that a number of thriving parish groups will be represented, including the Polish Veterans, the Rosarians, the Knights of Columbus, and the Legion of Mary, all dressed in ceremonial regalia.

According to Father Urban, the Mass will also feature the music of the Chopin Singing Society and be followed by a celebration dinner, which will include various civil and clerical dignitaries and a Mayoral Proclamation to commemorate the event.

When asked to describe his flock, Father Urban stated, "We have the

newcomers," Father Urban said. "In just looking at those serving on our Jubilee Committee, for every long-time parishioner, there is a recently-registered parishioner as well. It's fifty-fifty," he added.

Even with the influx of ethnic and cultural diversity, Father Urban explained that many of the parish's traditions are rooted in Polish culture. During the Easter season, the parish held weekly *Gorzkie Zale*—Lenten lamentations sung in Polish—which he said were attended in "inspiring levels."

There was a Eucharistic proces-

Early Polish cultural roots still run deep and wide

The Polish community in Jersey City dates back to 1870. Like other New Jersey Catholics who preceded them, many Poles ferried to New York City to attend Mass. There, they found pastoral service in their own language at St. Stanislaus Church on Stanton Street. Between 1882 and 1884, the Polish community in northern New Jersey worked to establish a Polish parish on their own side of the Hudson River.

In 1884, the Most Rev. Winand Wigger, Bishop of Newark, appointed Father Ignatius Barszcz, O.F.M., pastor of the newly formed St. Anthony of Padua Parish in downtown Jersey City.

Five hundred eager souls joined to erect a small wood-framed church—only 40 by 90 feet in size—on the corner of Sixth and Monmouth Streets. In May 1884, Bishop Wigger blessed the cornerstone, and on Labor Day of the same year, the structure was dedicated.

The Polish community in New Jersey could finally celebrate Mass and receive the sacraments in their own Polish church, as well as pray those prayers and sing those hymns that were revered in their homeland's tradition for almost a millennium.

During the next eight years, the number of parishioners at St. Anthony's blossomed from the charter 500 to almost 10,000. Father Alexander Michnowski, O.F.M., the parish's second pastor, was succeeded by Father Ladislaus Kukowski, O.F.M. It was Father Kukowski who oversaw the construction of the much larger and more magnificent church, which had its cornerstone laid in 1892.

In 1895, this growing parish community welcomed its fourth pastor, Father Boleslaus Kwiatkowski, O.F.M. The same year, the church's interior was destroyed by a raging fire. Since it now fell to Father Kwiatkowski to see to the church's reconstruction, he used the opportunity to enlarge and enhance the church, including



The inscription in the church's original archway honors the parish's founding members.

additional seating for 1,000 people.

The only remnant that remained untouched by the flames was the large wooden crucifix, which had hung over the main altar. Since that great fire, generations of St. Anthony's parishioners



Advocate photos: Frank Wood

The parish's "miracle cross," which survived the 1895 fire, is a source of devotion and veneration by generations of parishioners.

have always revered this "miraculous cross," which is now enshrined in its own side altar of the church.

Also during Father Kwiatkowski's pastorate was the 1898 opening of St. Anthony's School and a convent on the corner of Sixth and Brunswick Streets. The school came under the supervision of the Felician Sisters of St. Francis; there were 26 sisters serving the school at its peak enrollment in 1926. Father Kwiatkowski's long and faithful tenure as pastor ended with his death in the spring of 1934.

In May of that year, the parish welcomed its fifth pastor, Msgr. Ignatius Szudrowicz. For the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the laying of the cornerstone, he made several improvements that continue to this day to be the hallmark of the structure's beauty and charm.

The wooden altars were replaced with marble ones, and marble work was placed in the sanctuary along with a six-foot high wainscoting throughout the interior. A new baptistery was added, along with several mosaics.

These signs of growth and prosperity were overshadowed by the great suffering inflicted upon the Polish people as World War II stripped their homeland and its people of honor and dignity. Yet, Msgr. Szudrowicz continued to minister diligently to them, and in the midst of the uncer-

tainties of war, then-Auxiliary Bishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark, consecrated the church on June 13, 1942. On this 50th anniversary of laying the cornerstone, the parish noted 11,000 members.

Father Leo Godlewski was appointed the sixth pastor in July 1946, but his sudden death one month later led to the appointment of Father Stanley Rosinski as parish administrator. The seventh pastor, Father Leo Hak, was not appointed until 1948.

During Father Hak's pastorate, St. Anthony's High School was opened in 1952. Father Hak obtained the old Public School Number 4 on Eighth Street, a half mile from the church. Initially serving as an annex to the parochial school, it eventually became the site of the high school.

Under his direction, the entire church was renovated in 1955. Father Hak was very active in Polish immigration and naturalization, and he was also responsible for the acquisition of several properties and parcels of land in the downtown area for the parish.

After Father Hak's tragic death in an automobile accident, St. Anthony's saw its first native son become pastor—Father Edward Majewski. Numerous upgrades to the grammar school and the high school were the hallmarks of Father Majewski's pastorate, as was the installation of a magnificent pipe organ.

Modernizations to the schools and the other parish buildings continued under Father Marion Walishowski, who became the parish's ninth pastor in October 1971 and served until his retirement in 1985. His successor, Father Eugene Koch, converted the marble baptistery into a chapel honoring St. Maximilian Kolbe, who had just been canonized in 1982 by Pope John Paul II.

Today, it also contains devotional items associated with Blessed Faustina, who popularized the Divine Mercy Devotion. This remains a regular and popular devotion in the St. Anthony community.

From the late 1980s through the 1990s, Father Gerald Bajek served as the eleventh pastor, and he was followed by an administrator, Father Michael Gubernat. The soaring bell tower—a downtown Jersey City landmark—and the bells themselves, were completely refurbished. Demographic changes within the parish and in the downtown area brought the sale of the grammar school building, which was converted into senior citizen housing.

With joy and renewed vigor, the parish welcomed Father Joseph Urban as its twelfth and current pastor. Father Urban was installed by then-Auxiliary Bishop Paul Bootkoski on Feb. 10, 2002. Known simply and affectionately to his parishioners and to the greater downtown residents and civic leaders as "Father Joseph," his efforts as pastor have brought many young singles and young families to St. Anthony's as returning or newly registered parishioners.

Meet the Pastor



Father Joseph Urban

Age: 61
Date of Birth: February 25, 1943
High School: Krola Zygmunta Augusta (Bialystok, Poland)
College/Seminary/Graduate School: Seminarium Duchownego and the Seminary in Bialystok
Date of Ordination: June 6, 1972 by Bishop (now Cardinal) Henryk Gulbinowicz
Hero: Blessed Teresa of Calcutta
Favorite Saint: Anthony of Padua
Favorite Sport: Soccer
Favorite Food: Corned Beef and Cabbage
Favorite Subject in School: Philosophy
Favorite Movie: *The Passion of the Christ*
Proudest Moment: Ordination
Last Book Read: *Summa Theologica* (many times) by St. Thomas Aquinas
Occupation if I weren't a Priest: Physician

Father Joseph's other passion is his ongoing and tireless effort to continue the restoration of the church to its original grandeur as truly one of the most magnificent churches in New Jersey. During Father Joseph's pastorate, the sanctuary has been graced with several visiting prelates, including Cardinal Henryk Gulbinowicz, the Archbishop Emeritus of Wroclaw, Poland; Bishop Michael Saltarelli, a Jersey City native and now the Bishop of Wilmington, and Archbishop Wojciech Ziemia, who came from Bialystok, Poland, to install Father Joseph as Honorary Canon of the Collegiate Chapter in Krypno on Feb. 1, 2004.

The parish continues proudly to display its Slavic heritage, which has one foot in the West and one foot in the East. Many of the Polish religious traditions are tied to Byzantine traditions. This is experienced in the hymns, the themes of prayers, and the customs that distinguish St. Anthony from other parishes. The Polish spirituality has much to offer anyone seeking to deepen their relationship with God, and there is perhaps no better place to do so than at the oldest Polish parish in all of New Jersey.

Archbishop John J. Myers will celebrate the Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Anthony's on Saturday, June 12 at 4 p.m. A dinner will immediately follow at the Cracovia Polish Home at 196 Main St. in Wallington. Tickets are \$75 per person; the deadline is June 1. Call (201) 653-0343.



Father Yuvan Alvarez

Father Yuvan Alvarez, 30, the 20th of 21 sons and daughters of Maria Concepcion Yepes and Luis Alvarez, was born in Copacabana, Medellin, Colombia, then attended technological school

in Colombia. He attended Caldwell College and Seton Hall University and holds a B.A. degree and Masters in Divinity.

Father Alvarez went to Redemptoris Mater Seminary. He served at SS. Joseph and Michael Parish, Union City, and was a deacon at St. Anne Parish, Jersey City.

"In my final stages of preparation for the priesthood, I give thanks to God for the gift of being in a seminary where I grew in maturity and consequently learned to shepherd the Lord's flock." His "hopes, dreams and aspirations" for his priesthood are "to serve others and share with them the marvelous things that God has done in my life (and) to guide the Lord's flock entrusted to me."

Father Alvarez will celebrate his first Mass at St. Anne Parish, Jersey City, at noon on May 30. Concelebrants will be Father Victor Kennedy, Father Julio Roman, Father Jorge Acosta, Father Gabriel Gomez, Father Jesus Mena, Father Jorge Acosta, Father Jose Parcon and Father John Bauman. Homilist will be Father Kennedy.



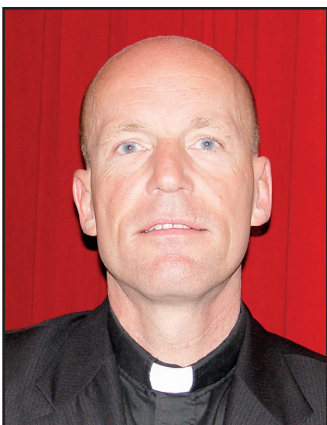
Father Richard Joseph Berbarry

Father Richard Joseph Berbarry, 50, was born in Elmira, NY. He is the son of the late Delcine Mary Melead and the late George Daniel Berbarry. He attended St. John Fisher

College, Russell Sage College, the State University of New York at Albany (SUNY) and Seton Hall University. Father Berbarry earned a B.A. degree from St. John Fisher College, a Master of Arts degree from SUNY and a Masters of Divinity degree from Immaculate Conception Seminary. He served at SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Hoboken; Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Cedar Grove, and the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. He was a deacon at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood.

He said, "I am both excited and humbled at the possibilities of the future. My hopes, aspirations and dreams for the priesthood surround the opportunity it provides me to serve the people of God. God has brought me to the threshold of this opportunity. It is my desire to use all my varied skills and experiences to help turn people toward God and help them grow closer to His presence in their lives."

Father Berbarry will celebrate his first Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Hoboken, May 30, at 1:15 p.m. Concelebrants will include Msgr. Frank Del Prete, Father Joseph D'Amico and Father Michael Andreano. Father Berbarry will be the homilist.



Father Michael Donovan

A native of Hempstead, NY, Father Michael Donovan, 54, is the son of Edward and Helen, deceased. He attended Marquette University, Fordham University Law School and Seton Hall University. He holds a

Juris Doctor degree from Fordham and a Master of Divinity degree from Seton Hall.

Father Donovan attended Immaculate Conception Seminary and served at Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack; SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Hoboken, and St. Joseph Parish, Maplewood, where he was also a deacon.

"I want to dedicate my remaining years to fully serving those in need of love, compassion and forgiveness and imitate Christ in every thing I do," he commented. "The idea of working in a parish excites me and hopefully I will be able to convey my love for God to His people. I see myself as a domestic missionary."

Father Donovan will celebrate his first Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Wayne, on May 29 at 6:30 p.m. Concelebrants will be Father Robert Stagg, Father Gerard McCarren, Father Chris Beirne, Father James Walsh, Father John Quill and possibly others. Father Donovan will be the homilist.



Father Eric Wolfgang Fuchs

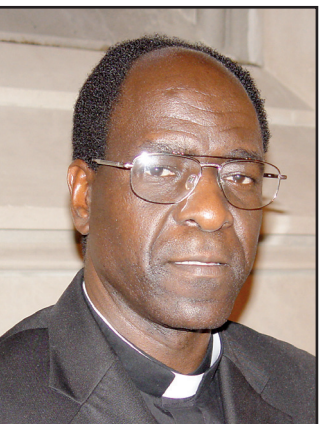
Twenty-six-year-old Father Eric W. Fuchs is the son of Wolfgang and Lydia and was born in Wiesbaden, Germany. He received a B.A. degree from St. John's University, NY.

Father Fuchs served at Most Blessed Sacrament

Parish, Franklin Lakes; Holy Spirit Parish, East Orange, and Pius X Parish, Old Tappan. He was a deacon at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Bayonne.

Saying the priesthood is "the best vocation that exists under heaven," he added "there is nothing I would rather do with my life. My one goal is to get to heaven and to take as many people as I can along for the ride."

Father Fuchs will celebrate his first Mass May 29, 5:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Bayonne. Concelebrants will be friends, parish priests and members of the seminary faculty. Father Thomas Nydegger, Vice Rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary, will deliver the homily.



Father Christopher D. Isinta

The first son of Samwel and Agnes Ogari Insinta, Father Christopher D. Isinta, 51, is from Kisii, Kenya. A religious brother for 29 years before joining the seminary, during which he served as a high school teacher 17 years

and a provincial superior six years, he attended Kenya Polytechnic where he studied electrical engineering.

He studied psychology and education at St. Peter's College, Jersey City, and earned a Master of Divinity degree and an M.A. in theology with a concentration in systematics at Immaculate Conception Seminary. He served at St. Patrick Parish, Jersey City; Immaculate Conception Parish, Montclair; St. Joseph Parish, Oradell, and Immaculate Conception Parish, Secaucus, where he was a deacon. He is a recipient of the St. Peter's Spur Society's Award for Academic Excellence and Service to the Community.

Citing the sexual abuse scandal that has "rocked" the Church in the United States, Father Isinta says he is "determined to go forward and make a difference. I believe this was a 'cleansing' process and soon the priesthood, with the help of Mary, Mother of the Church, will rise more energized and visionary."

Father Isinta will celebrate his first Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Parish, Jersey City, on May 30.

Concelebrants will be members of the seminary faculty and friends. Father Eugene Squeo is the homilist.

"My profound gratitude to God, my family and friends and all the good people of the United States who have assisted me along the way. God bless you all," he said.



Father Basil Lek

The son of Leonard and Mary, Father Basil Lek, 42, was born in Singapore. He studied business administration at the University of South Australia and was a student at Redemptoris Mater Seminary.

Father Lek served at St. Philip Parish, Saddle Brook and St. John the

Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield. He was a deacon at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield.

Says Father Lek, "my hope is to be an instrument of the new evangelization according to the will of God."

Father Lek will be the homilist at his first Mass at 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield. Concelebrants will be Msgr. Paul L. Bochicchio and Father Alfonso Picone



Father Mariusz Luksza

A native of Poland, Father Mariusz Luksza, 42, the son of Wacław and Ludwika, attended the University of Gdansk, Poland, and the School of Theology at Seton Hall University. He studied for the priesthood at Redemptoris Mater Seminary.

Father Luksza served at St. Mary Parish, Tartu, Estonia, and St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City. He was a deacon at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, West New York.

His most "vivid memory" of the seminary is "the brotherhood I found with the seminarians from many different countries." He says too, "another gift I take with me is the experience of the mission in Estonia where I witnessed the return of the people to the faith."

As he enters the priesthood, Father Luksza says "my great desire is to live this vocation being open to God's will."

Father Luksza will celebrate his first Mass at 10 a.m. on May 30 at Our Lady Help of Christians (St. Mary) Parish, West New York. Homilist will be Father Carlo Fortunio, O.P.



Father Piotr Maslanka

Born in Krynica, Poland, Father Piotr Maslanka, 31, is the son of Edward and Janina. He attended the Higher Clerical Seminary in Lodz and the Catholic University of Eastern Africa and holds an M. A. degree. Father Maslanka attended Immaculate Conception Seminary. He served at St. Andrew Parish, Bayonne and St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell. Father Maslanka was a deacon at St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth.

Being in the seminary, he says, has been “critical in my life and in my discernment.” Being a priest, Father Maslanka explains, is “an immensely rewarding role, a life dedicated to serving God and people. I can’t imagine another life where one individual is able to touch so many people at such a deep level so often.” Father Maslanka will celebrate his first Mass at St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth, at noon on May 30. Concelebrants will be Father Joseph S. Bejgrowicz, Father Erlito Ebron, Father Alfred Kowalski, Father Henry Marciniak, Father Janusz Rzgoka and Father Czeslaw Zalubski. Father Krzyszt of Kaczynski is the homilist.



Father Titus Chukwudumueje Njoku

The son of Martin Madu and Antonia Nwaobira Njoku, Father Titus Chukwudumueje Njoku, 44, was born in Amaimo-Ikeduru, Owerri, Imostate, Nigeria. Before coming to the United States he was a member of many religious societies in his Archdiocese in Nigeria. He also worked at the Nigerian maximum security prison for 14 years. He attended Essex County College, Caldwell College and Seton Hall University. Father Njoku earned an associate's degree in liberal arts, bachelor's degree in religion and Master of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry and M.A. in Theology. He was a student at Immaculate Conception Seminary. Father Njoku served at the Veterans Hospital, Newark; New Community Corp.; St. Stephen Parish, Kearny and St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth. He was a deacon at St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell. Father Njoku is a Third Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. “My daily prayer is that my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, particularly the poor, homeless, orphans and those whom the world rejects, may come to know the depth of God's love for them. I pray for the grace of God to be a humble servant all the days of my life,” he said. Father Njoku will celebrate his first Mass on May 30, 10:30 a.m., at St. Mary Parish, Newark Abbey. Concelebrants will be Msgr. Robert F. Coleman, Father Thomas P. Nydegger, Father Anselm Nwagu, Father Eustace Edomobi, Father Lawrence Abara, Father Alex Okoro, Father Emma Ogu, Father Stephen Egwime, Father Ernest Rush, Father Sal DeStefano, Father Marcel Awadun, Father James Cafone, Father Joseph R. Chapel, Father John J. Ibe, Father Linus Odougwo, Father Philip Waters, Pastor of the Newark Abbey and other priests. Msgr. John W. Flesey will be the homilist. Father Luke Edelen is the master of ceremonies and Father DeStefano is the assistant master of ceremonies.



Father Manoel Jackson Guedes Oliveira

Father Manoel Jackson Guedes Oliveira, 34, was born in Januaria-MG, Brazil. He is the son of Jose Santana and Terezinha Oliveira. Father Oliveira has a B.S. degree in mathematics and an M.A. degree in mathematics, both from the University of Brasilia. He attended Redemptoris Mater Seminary. Father Oliveira served at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Newark; St. Francis Xavier Parish, Newark and St. Mary Parish, West New York. He served as a deacon at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. “My hopes and aspirations for the priesthood are to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ (and) how He has given meaning to my life. I want to bring Jesus Christ to those I meet here in Newark and wherever I may find myself,” he stated. Father Oliveira will celebrate his first Mass at noon May 30 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Concelebrants will be Msgr. Richard Groncki, Father Orlando Gonzalez, Father Raul Louis Arce and Father Jose Folque. Father Oliveira will be the homilist.



Father Jorge Ortiz-Garay

Born in Mexico City, Father Jorge Ortiz-Garay, 33, is the son of Jorge and Estela. He attended the University of Mexico and Seton Hall University. He has a law degree and a Masters of Divinity degree. Father Ortiz-Garay attended Redemptoris Mater Seminary. He served at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Union City; SS. Joseph and Michael Parish, Union City, and St. Leo Parish, Irvington. He was a deacon at St. Anthony of Padua Parish. Father Ortiz-Garay said, having had seen “the Gospel fulfilled in my life, my greatest desire is to serve the people of God because this is the basis of the missionary character of every priest.” Father Ortiz-Garay will celebrate his first Mass on May 30 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Union City. Concelebrant will be Father Ilario Crepaz.



Father Amilcar Benito Prado

Father Amilcar Benito Prado, 32, is the son of Gregorio and Teresa. He was born in Leon, Nicaragua. Father Prado attended St. John’s University and Seton Hall University earning a Master of Divinity degree and an M.A. in theology. Father Prado attended Immaculate Conception Seminary. He served at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes; St. James the Apostle Parish, Springfield, and Resurrection Parish, Jersey City. He was a deacon at Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack.

“My dream is like that of Pius X... ‘to renew all things in Christ.’ So that people will deepen their relationship with God and achieve salvation through the ministry of the Church,” he commented. Father Prado will celebrate his first Mass at St. Joan of Arc Parish, Bronx, NY, at 3 p.m. on May 30. Concelebrants will be Father Paul LeBlanc, Father Edward Bader, Father Thomas Nydegger, Msgr. Robert Larkin and Father Anthony Figuieredo, Father Gabriel Piedrahita, M.X.Y. will be the homilist.



Father Dave Thomas Nachura Sison


Born in Quezon City, Philippines, Father Dave Thomas Nachura Sison, 30, is the son of Cecilio and Leah. He attended Marist School, St. Vincent Minor Seminary, Vincentian Hills Seminary and Adamson University. He studied for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary. Father Sison served at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills; St. Joseph Parish Oradell; St. Anne Parish, Jersey City, and St. Joseph the Carpenter Parish, Roselle, where he was also a deacon.

“My hope is that more men will say ‘yes’ to God’s call to the priesthood so that the Good News may continue to be preached to other people. If you have the desire, God will surely use you and do the best for you. He will truly make you the best priest you can ever be,” he said. Father Sison will celebrate his first Mass May 30 at noon at St. Joseph the Carpenter Parish, Roselle. Concelebrants will be Father Paul Lehman, Msgr. Robert Chabak, Father Juancho de Leon, Father George Gillen, Father John Spino, Father Nerva Duque, Father Edgar Abano and Father Edgardo Jocson. Father George Gillen will be the homilist.



Father Jerzy Zaslon

Father Jerzy Zaslon, 35, was born in Ostrow Maz, Poland. He is the son of Janina and Eugeniusz. Father Zaslon studied agriculture at a technical school in Poland. He also attended Montclair State University. He has a philosophy degree, Master of Divinity degree and M.A. degree. Father Zaslon attended Immaculate Conception Seminary. He served at St. Luke Parish, Ho-Ho-Kus; Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Orange, and Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Maywood. He was a deacon at Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington. “I hope to be an effective priest and preacher. I hope to minister at my best to everyone that the Lord will send my way,” he noted. “I hope to always be faithful to the ideals that I learned and the words of the Gospel. I hope that I will not compromise the truth and above and beyond all I will always trust in God’s mercy.” Father Zaslon will celebrate his first Mass at noon on May 30 at St. Luke Parish. Concelebrants include Father Tadeusz Kopczynski, Father James Weiner, Father Paschal Tsiquaye, Father Stanley Gomez, Father James Spera, Msgr. Richard Holmes, Father Joseph Pieteopinto, Father Minhyun Cho and Father Cebin Cionke. Homilist will be Father Jorostow Zaniewski.



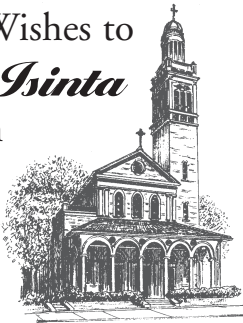
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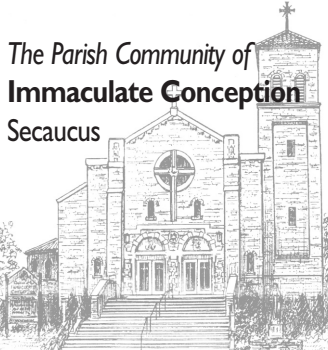
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Archbishop welcomes friars to Newark

BY GREG TOBIN
Editor & Associate Publisher

Since March 10, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal have been established in the Most Blessed Sacrament Friary, Newark, having been invited by Archbishop John J. Myers to bring their special spirituality and charism of service among

the poor into the heart of the inner city.

A Mass of Thanksgiving, with Archbishop Myers as presider and homilist, was celebrated May 1, a gleaming spring Saturday, with 200 supporters of the friary and their family members present. In addition to Father Glenn Sudano, C.F.R.,

the Community Servant of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, the Missionaries of Charity, Newark, participated in the liturgy.

Father Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R., founder of the Franciscan community, sent an audio-taped greeting to the gathering. He is still recovering from a serious injury in January.

Father Bernard Murphy, C.F.R., and Father Mariusz Koch, C.F.R., among other clergy, concelebrated the Mass. Brother Crispin Mary, C.F.R., and a dozen novices, greeted visitors to the once-cloistered monastery.

In his homily, Archbishop Myers said, "So much stress is placed on the universal salvific mode that sometimes we forget" that there are those who consciously reject the Word and choose not to belong to the family of God. The archbishop reflected on the choices people make "when confronted with the Word of God as entrusted to the Church."

He reminded listeners that there is real challenge, real evil in the world, which would "entice us to ignore the authentic Word of God." In his remarks, he also praised the consecrated life, as represented by the friars, vows and their service among the poor, noting the "authenticity of the charism for which we offer Thanksgiving today."

Donations in support of the friary may be sent to Friends of the Newark Monastery, Inc., P. O. Box 147, Larchmont, NY 10538.



The entrance to the 120-year-old once-cloistered monastery, in downtown Newark.



Eileen Helmer, board director, and her family attended the Mass on May 1.

HUD housing voucher directive draws concern

A Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) directive, expected to cause many local housing authorities to lose funds needed to cover current housing vouchers, is the target of an action alert issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Charities USA.

HUD has notified local public housing authorities they will no longer be reimbursed based on actual current voucher costs. Instead HUD payments will be based on the cost of vouchers as of Aug. 1 last year adjusted for inflation.

The Capitol switchboard number is 1 (888) 818-6641.



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Lindsey Newsham had the honor of crowning the statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

Rosary Pilgrimage Sunday celebrated

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Reporter

A Rosary Pilgrimage, hosted by the Dominican Nuns, a cloistered community of prayer, was held at the Rosary Shrine, Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, Summit, in early May. The pilgrimage is celebrated annually on Rosary Pilgrimage Sunday, a tradition the sisters have observed since 1921.

The event began with an outdoor procession led by the Knights of Columbus, New Providence Council, and also included about 40 members of the Our Holy Rosary chapter of the Dominican Third Order, a lay group committed to Dominican spirituality, as well as lay people of all ages. Approximately 150 devotees attended the pilgrimage.

The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary were then recited, led by Father Kieran Fergus, O.P., chaplain of the monastery. Before and after each mystery, the nuns' choir sang antiphons. At the conclusion of the Rosary, the statue of Our Lady was crowned with roses. The crown had been crafted by one of the sisters.

The guest speaker for the event was Father Roger Landry, Diocese of Fall River, MA. Father Landry, a Harvard graduate, did post-graduate work in moral theology and bioethics at the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family in Rome.

"How does Mary help us to hear God's word and put it into practice?" Father Landry asked. "She does it above all through the Rosary... The Rosary is a privileged way we can hear Christ's voice echo in our hearts," he noted.

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Dominican history takes to the stage

It was a look into the history and tradition of the Dominican Catholic experience that had no precedent.

Last month, at the suggestion of students on the Dominican Identity Committee at Caldwell College, it was decided to present a special one-act drama in the Alumni Theater.

The cast included Chris Dombrowski as St. Dominic, Pauline Ongerri as St. Martin DePores and Katie Doster as St. Catherine. Responders were Gina Galiano and Nicole Christian, who was also the producer.

All three key figures in the history of the Dominicans took to the stage to explain their lives and milestones in their respective ministries.

Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D., college president, called the presentation "tremendously uplifting," citing it as a good way to see "what students are experiencing."



Sister Patrice Werner, President of Caldwell College, and left to right, Gina Galiano, Pauline Ongerri, Chris Dombrowski, Katie Doster and Nicole Christian.

HS student's poetry cited

Claire Gilligan, a senior at Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, has earned second place honors (grades 10-12) for poetry in the 23rd Annual Writing Contest sponsored by the New Jersey Council of Teachers of English. The council is a professional association for New Jersey educators in English studies, literacy and language arts.

This year's young winning writers and their teachers were honored at an awards celebration on May 11. Joan Mangan, a member of the English department at Mother Seton, submitted Claire's poem entitled "Life is Full of Extraneous Roots."

The competition is open to New Jersey students from kindergarten to twelfth grade. It generally draws over 1,000 entries in poetry, prose fiction, dramatic scripts, non-fiction prose and science fiction. Two judges, working individually, evaluate each submission. Four judges select the winning entries, which are then published in part or in entirety in an annual anthology.



First grade students at St. Peter School, Belleville, checking on the school's "Mission Thermometer" are, left to right, Dylan Vinuesa, Sammy Lozano, Bryan Sam, Caitlyn Accetturo and Alexis Mayorca. The school, a member of the Holy Childhood Association, donated \$1,868 to the missions. Each grade level is assigned a monthly goal. Class members with the largest donations are designated Missionaries of the Month.

Holy Family student at leadership forum

Jacqueline Genovese, a student at Holy Family Interparochial School, Norwood, was in Washington, DC recently as a participant in the People to People World Leadership Forum. She earned high school credits while studying leadership and exploring some of the nation's most prominent monuments and institutions.

Genovese examined the characteristics of American leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity. Forum delegates also participated in small-group discussions and exercises to experience first-hand how successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus and foster change.

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The mosaic was formally unveiled during ceremonies on Sunday, May 2 before a crowd of over 120 alumni, school family members, faculty, a former principal and former pastor Msgr. Richard Holmes. Students led the participants in song and prayer. Father Dennis Cohan, the current pastor, blessed the mosaic.

Mosaic marks half century of education

As a part of its 50th anniversary celebration, families and friends of Academy of Our Lady, Glen Rock, have honored the Blessed Mother by creating a 10x12-foot porcelain mosaic.

The mosaic was formally unveiled May 2 at ceremonies attended by over 120 persons including alumni, faculty, former principals and former pastor Msgr. Robert Holmes. Students led the participants in song and prayer. Father Dennis Cohan, Pastor, blessed the mosaic.

At the start of school's golden jubilee year, members of the Academy community were invited to join in this historical devotion by purchasing one-foot-by-one-foot tiles that would be acknowledged with their family name or dedication.

"Due to an amazing outpouring of support from the community, the mosaic has not only been a project of joining colored tiles together to create a beautiful image of Our Lady, but it is also a project of bringing individual family's stories together to create a larger story of the first 50 years of the school's history," explained a spokesman.

Examples of these "stories" include the dedication of a tile to the memory of a deceased father by his five (alumni) children. Tiles were also dedicated to the memories of parents and friends

who perished in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"It is the stories of parents celebrating the grade school memories of their children, and it is also the thanksgiving of children for their parent's sacrifice and generosity in providing a Catholic education. Some tiles have simply been dedicated 'to honor Our Lady' and others have been a joint effort by groups of friends or families.

The idea for the project originated with the principal, Patricia Keenaghan. "When the school assumed its new name it became very important for Our Lady to have a presence" said the principal.

The process for the mosaic began a year ago when a member of the committee met with Robert Voegelé of Fischer Tiles. He recommended Colin Sherlow, a mason who specializes in exterior marble, tile and stone work.

Sherlow used a "waterjet" process in the initial stages of the mosaic creation. This process uses high-pressure water with garnet for precision cutting and is ideal for adding realistic dimension to the detailed image.

The entire mosaic, including the grout, was sealed twice and a drip cap was installed to ensure that no water or ice penetrate the top row of tiles.

Memorial 9/11 scholarship awarded

Sandy Awad, a sophomore at St. Dominic Academy, Jersey City, has been awarded a \$5,000 scholarship from the 9/11 High School Scholarship Fund In Memory of Patrick Sean Murphy. She is the second recipient of this annual award.

More than 100 friends and family members contributed time and financial resources to this fund in Murphy's memory. The fund provides need-based high school scholarship awards to students adversely affected by the terrorist attacks.

The fund awards recipients substantial financial assistance, up to and including tuition, to attend a high school in New York, New Jersey or Connecticut.

The co-president Anjali McCormick and the vice president/treasurer Vera Murphy, Patrick's widow, recently visited St. Dominic Academy at the invitation of Awad. She updated them on her academic year, gave a tour of the school, and introduced them to several members of the administration. Both said that



Saint Dominic Academy (SDA) Vice Principal/Director of Students, Sister Mary Lou Bauman, O.P.; Co-President of the 9/11 High School Scholarship Fund In Memory of Patrick Sean Murphy, Anjali McCormick; SDA Sophomore Sandy Awad, and Vera Murphy, Vice President/Treasurer.

Award's application "really stood out" and that "she embodied Patrick's spirit."

Her scholarship would be renewable annually for the remainder of her time at St. Dominic Academy. She plans to continue working toward her life's goal of becoming a doctor.

Awad was formally presented with the scholarship award at

the Patrick S. Murphy Memorial Basketball Tournament last September. An avid basketball player, Murphy coordinated weekly basketball games with friends in New York City and in Millburn, while he was a vice president at Marsh & McLennan.

To contribute or to learn more about the fund, visit www.psm911fund.com.

Efforts beyond classroom recognized

Joseph Haemmerle, Director of Admissions at Bergen Catholic High School, has been recognized by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC).



Joseph Haemmerle

Haemmerle, a 13-year teacher/administrator at the Oradell school, was cited for assisting students in seeking out extracurricular leadership development programs to enhance their educational experiences.

"It's a great comfort to know that tomorrow's generation of leaders can count on educators like Joseph Haemmerle to pro-

vide them with direction," said Mike Lasday, the Council's Executive Director. "We are living in a day and age when learning outside of the classroom is as important as learning within the classroom itself. Mr. Haemmerle understands the need to complement the core curriculum with extracurricular educational experiences."

The Council provides leadership education programs to young people – selected based on scholastic merit, community involvement, and leadership contributions—who interact with today's national and international leaders.

Haemmerle, a 1986 graduate of Bergen Catholic, joined the school's faculty in 1991. He taught U.S. history and religion before being promoted to the

position of Director of Admissions in 1997. He has also been an assistant football coach and founded the school's lacrosse program in 1995.

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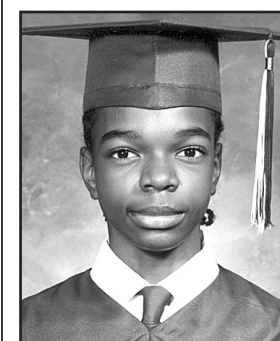
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Religious pilgrimages have profound impact

ARLINGTON, VA (CNS)—As the end of the school year nears, eyes begin to turn toward the freedom of summer and with that the family vacation.

Children are hoping for a trip to Disney World and adults lean toward a relaxing trip to the beach.

But families who choose a retreat or pilgrimage over roller coasters and sunbathing have a chance to strengthen their unity and grow spiritually, according to those who organize religious tours.

"You don't have to take a plane to go on pilgrimage," said Dan Callahan, father of 10 children and owner of JMJ Tours based in Virginia.

Most family pilgrimages are to national sites because of the expense of an entire family traveling together internationally, Callahan said. He also pointed

out the difference between a pilgrimage and a retreat.

"A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to a holy place," Callahan told the *Arlington Catholic Herald*, newspaper of the Arlington Diocese. "It is an escape from day-to-day life to a place of significance. It reminds us we have no fixed place on earth. We are on a heavenly journey."

A pilgrimage focuses on place, while retreats are a time to get spiritually focused. While prayer is often part of a pilgrimage, it is not the main event.

Retreats, on the other hand, are primarily a time to pray and grow closer to God.

It is important to realize that going on any spiritual journey as a family will involve sacrifice, according to Anna Thompson, public relations coordinator with Catholic Familyland in Ohio.

"A person doesn't go on retreat for a vacation or rest and relaxation; they go to experience God," she said. "It's a sacrifice of time to experience an aspect of God."

Dale Sibley, pilgrimage coordinator for the Eternal Word Television Network's studios in Alabama, said, "Many families come during a crisis," such as drug or alcohol abuse, and the presence of God brings healing, comfort and a call to repentance.

Part of such vacations is coming home, with families sharing what they learned or gained with their local communities.

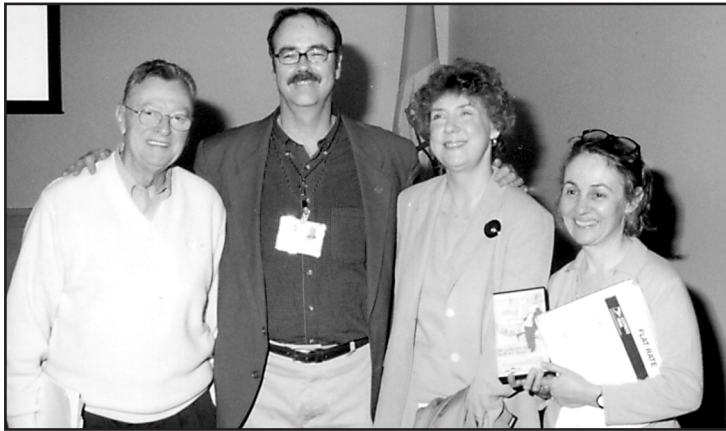
Abilities of disabled explored

As part of an effort to expand the ministry of the diaconate in the Archdiocese of Newark, a special forum on the disabled was held earlier this month.

The instructional night for men in formation for the permanent diaconate, held at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, featured a film on a disabled person, comments from the film maker and a Q&A session.

Addressing the class, Deacon Thomas Smith, Director of the Ministry with the Deaf, said such forums focus on "the beauty of people with disabilities [and] the fullness of their lives."

Stressing the importance and need of "full and direct access," Deacon Smith said the disabled are "ministering to us." It is vital,



Forum participants included, left to right, Deacon Edward Porter, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate; Deacon Thomas Smith, Director of the Ministry with the Deaf; Mary Ryan, and film maker Helen Elliott.

he added, to do away with the attitude of pity towards those with disabilities.

Taking to the podium, Mary

Ryan, who is blind, said, "We are all disabled in one area or areas." Blindness, she stressed, "cannot take away my vision."

Husband joins his deported wife

BY BRIAN FORES

Staff Reporter

The Catholic Advocate reported in its March 10 edition that Marie Lydie Adji Bai was deported to her native Ivory Coast, Africa, taking with her their two youngest children, Wilfried, 3, and Destinee, 5-months old.

Now, her husband, Joel Bai, who remained in the United States with the couple's oldest child, Chris, 5, has traveled to the war-torn country with his son.

The update comes via Father Eugene Squeo, Pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Jersey City, the Bai's home parish.

When immigration officials arrested Bai last March, Father Squeo held a press conference to protest the deportation and criticize the U.S. government for splitting up the family.

Concerned by the political unrest and violence that his wife and children would be exposed to, Bai decided to return to the Ivory Coast, according to Father Squeo.

In a statement issued through

the parish, Bai said, "I can no longer accept the fact that my wife and two youngest children are living in harms' way... We will be reunited as a family and wait together until a time when we can return as a family."

Since Bai's deportation, Catholic Community Services (CCS) and representatives from Congressman Donald Payne's office have been working to secure a waiver that would shorten the 10-year prohibition Bai received for overstaying a visit to the United States in 1997.

State CDA visit shrine

The Shrine of Saint Joseph, Stirling, recently welcomed the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Courts of the State of New Jersey, for a Day of Recollection.

Father Stephen Ernst, S.T., Shrine Director of Retreats, and Marie Boin, Retreat Secretary, planned the day's events, which consisted of Mass, spiritual talks, the sacrament of Reconciliation and lunch.

Using stories, Father Ernst centered his homily on the spiritual and practical implications of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas was founded in 1903 to support the needs of the Church including the promotion of vocations.

To celebrate its centennial, the organization recently published a book titled, *Catholic Daughters of the Americas: A Century in Review*, by Bernard L. Marthaler, O.F.M. Conventual and Carol Dorr Clement, Ph.D.



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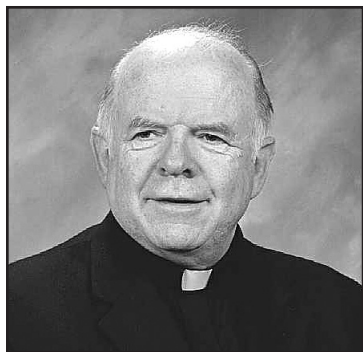
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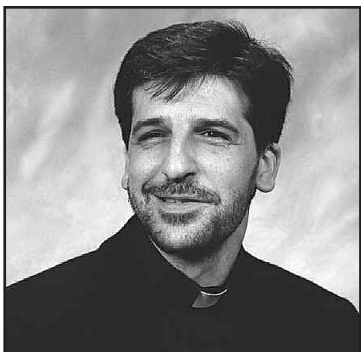
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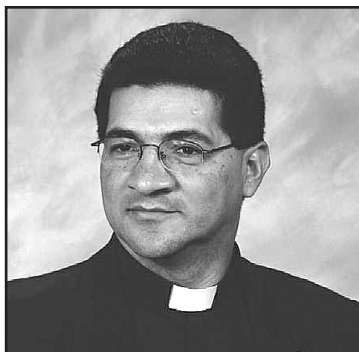
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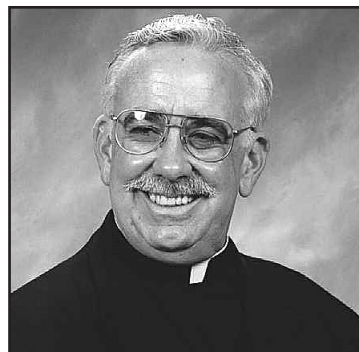
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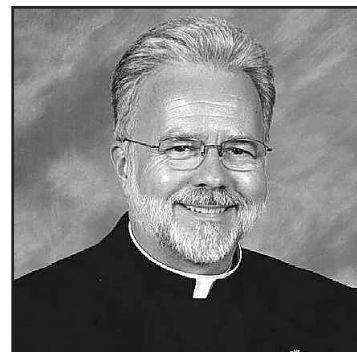
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New pastors are assigned to five parishes

Archbishop John J. Myers has appointed new pastors to parishes in Franklin Lakes, Newark, Livingston and Caldwell.

Msgr. John W. Flesey, Director of Continuing Formation of Priests in the Archdiocese of Newark, has been appointed pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes, effective June 1.

A Jersey City native, he attended Saint Peter's Preparatory School and College. He was ordained in 1969 in Sacred Heart Cathedral after studying for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary.

His first assignment was to St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Plainfield, where he served for 14 years. While there, he completed an M.A. in pastoral counseling from Iona University, New York, and was involved in a program for the renewal of priests.

In 1983, Msgr. Flesey studied for a licentiate in spiritual theology from Gregorian University, Rome. He received his degree in 1988. He returned to serve at Immaculate Conception Seminary.

In 1990, Msgr. Flesey defended his thesis for his doctorate in theology from the University of Saint Thomas, Rome. In December 1996, he was elevated to the rank of Prelate of Honor and given the title of monsignor.

From 1995-2000, Msgr. Flesey served as rector and spiritual director of the seminary before taking a sabbatical year in Italy. He returned to the seminary, and in September 2002 was named Director of the Office of Continuing Formation of Priests.

Father Paulo Frade, Parochial Vicar of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, has been appointed pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Newark, effective July 1.

Father Frade was born in Itaquaquecetuba, Sao Paulo, Brazil. He earned a degree in

geography at UMC – Universidade de Mogi das Cruzes in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He worked in sales, taught in public schools and participated in missionary activities in Brazil prior to entering the seminary.

He studied for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary, where he earned an M.Div. He was ordained in May 1997. His first assignment was as parochial vicar of St. Benedict Parish, Newark, where he remained for two years. In February 1999 he was appointed parochial vicar at Holy Cross Parish, Harrison.

Father Luis P. Gonzalez, Rector of Redemptoris Mater Seminary and Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, both in Takoma Park, MD, (Archdiocese of Washington) has been appointed pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Newark, effective July 1.

Father Gonzalez was born in Ubeda, Spain. He holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and previously taught the subject.

Father Gonzalez attended Immaculate Conception School of Theology while living at Redemptoris Master House of Formation. He served at St. Boniface Parish, Jersey City; Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Maywood, and St. Augustine Parish, Union City. He was ordained in June 1994.

His first assignment was as parochial vicar of St. Mary Parish, Plainfield. In July 1995, he was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Catherine Parish, Hillside and in September was also appointed Assistant to the Rector of Redemptoris Mater. In July 2001 he became the first rector at Redemptoris Mater and pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows in Takoma Park, MD.

Father John J. LaFerrera, Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, has been appointed pastor of St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, effective July 1.

An East Orange native, Father LaFerrera was ordained in 1973 after studies at Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary.

His first assignment was to Immaculate Conception Parish, Newark, where he served 14 years. In 1987, he was appointed parochial vicar of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Newark. Four years later, he was named administrator at St. Aloysius, Caldwell, and in April 1992, pastor.

Father LaFerrera has served as dean of the North Newark Deanery, spiritual director of the Essex County CYO, an advocate of the Archdiocesan Tribunal, chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Belleville Council 835 and moderator of the Holy Name Federation of Essex-West Hudson.

Msgr. Ronald J. Marczewski, pastor of the Church of St. Adalbert, Elizabeth, has been appointed pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, effective July 1.

Father Marczewski attended Saint Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey City, and was ordained in May 1974. He attended Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary.

His first assignment was to St. Adalbert's, and during his five years there, he taught at St. Patrick High School, was active in CYO retreat programs and coordinated the vocation programs for co-ed and boys' high schools.

In 1980, Father Marczewski was assigned to campus ministry at Rutgers University and New Jersey Institute of Technology, both in Newark. From 1982-1990, he was director of Campus Ministry for the archdiocese. In 1987, he earned an M.A. in spirituality from Fordham University.

Father Marczewski was assigned as chaplain to Essex Catholic High School, East Orange, where he served until

1995. During his tenure, he helped design a retreat program on racial awareness.

He was asked to develop an Office of Young Adult Ministry for the archdiocese, and conducted young-adult work full-time until 1997.

In 1996, he also was named administrator of St. Adalbert Parish, followed by an appointment as pastor.

In 1997, Father Marczewski was named executive director of CYO/Youth and Young Adult

Ministries. In 1998, his responsibilities were expanded to include Campus Ministry.

Father Marczewski has also given lectures and hosted retreats. He is part of Project Rachel, a program for post-abortion spiritual counseling, and is chaplain of Knights of Columbus Council No. 253. He has served as liaison for Catholic clergy to the City of Elizabeth's Census 2000 Committee and Catholic chaplain to the NY football Giants.

Father Eustace Edomobi given certification to be a chaplain

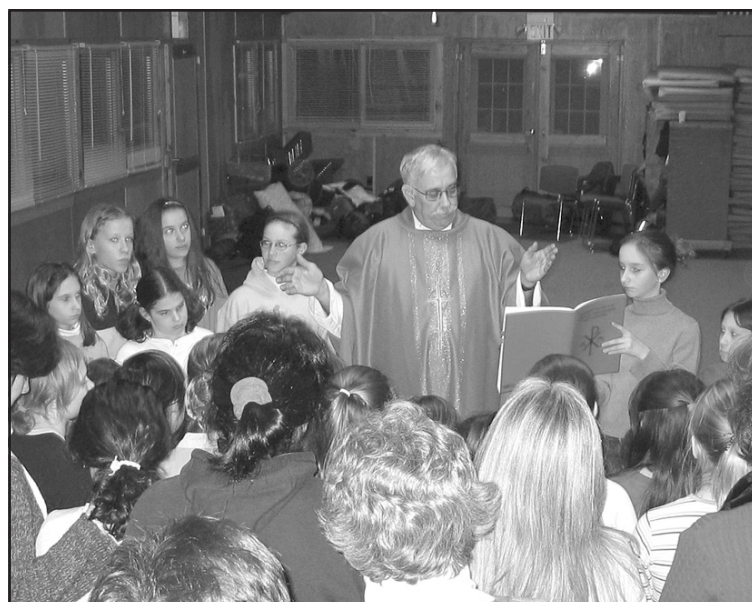
Father Eustace U. Edomobi, an adjunct priest at St. Antoninus Parish, Newark, has been certified as a chaplain by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC).

This certification is granted in the name of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and carries with it ecclesiastical endorsement.

This achievement by Father Edomobi is the culmination of a lengthy period of study and personal development. The NACC standards for chaplains are con-

sidered demanding and are periodically updated by the association.

In announcing the certification, Anita Lapeyre, R.S.C.J., the chair of the Certification Commission, noted, "It is essential for the future of the Church and its ministry to the sick and troubled that we work together to prepare men and women for ministry whose professional competence, measured by high standards, has been demonstrated and assured through the certification process."



Father John LaFerrera, Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, celebrated Mass at the parish's recent mother-daughter camping trip at the Lake Rickabear Girl Scout Camp in Kinnelon.

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A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated at St. Michael Villa by Bishop Dominic Marconi.

Other celebrants were Father Walter Cron, Father James Pagnotta and Father Dominic Fuccile, Chaplain.

Those marking 50 years are Sisters Helen Blendermann, Alicia Cavanaugh, Joan Davis, Margaret Jane Kling, Mary Morris and Jeanne Tierney.

Celebrating 60 years are Sisters Marian James Carberry, Teresa Catherine Carberry, Anne Croghan, Alice Gormley and Thomas Frances Halleran.

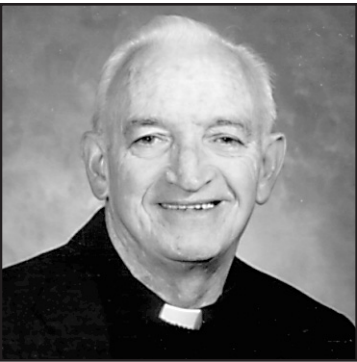
Sister Alicia is an educator who served in California and Kenya, prior to becoming assistant director of the Catechetical Office, Archdiocese of Newark. She now ministers in St. Mary Parish, Nutley. Sister Joan has been a member of the staff of Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township, for more than 25 years.

Sister Helen Blendermann has ministered in Fair Lawn, Edgewater, Paramus and River Edge and serves as Province Treasurer. Sister Margaret served at Holy Name Hospital and St. James Hospital, Newark, prior to ministry in El Salvador and in

Washington, DC. She is a member of the Province Council.

Sister Mary Morris taught in parish schools in New Jersey and California and ministered in St. James Hospital and St. Peter's Medical Center, New Brunswick. She is retired and volunteers with the MS Society of North Jersey. Sister Jeanne, former librarian at Englewood Cliffs College and also at Saint. Peter's College, Englewood Cliffs campus, resides at St. Michael Villa.

Sister Teresa ministers at Cusack Care Center, St. Joseph Home for the Blind, Jersey City. Sister Thomas resides in Pasadena, CA, where she has taught for many years. Sisters Marian James, Sister Anne and Sister Alice are retired and reside at St. Michael Villa.



Father Lawrence J. Miller

Pastor to mark 35th anniversary

Father Lawrence J. Miller, Pastor of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, Bayonne, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving marking the 35th year of his ordination, at noon on Sunday, May 23.

He attended Immaculate Conception Seminary and was ordained May 31, 1969.

Father Miller earned an S.T.B. degree from Catholic University in Washington in June 1969 and a M.Div. in Pastoral Ministry from Seton Hall in 1983.

He served in Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scotch Plains. He was the priest moderator and director of Hudson County CYO and then Union County CYO.

Father Miller has been involved in CYO and Youth Activities the past 25 years.

He was named pastor of St. Mary, Star of the Sea in December 1989. One of the main projects that he felt was necessary was the "Treasure the Tradition" renovation of the church—an \$880,000 project, which was completed in 1997.



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Es Necesario Que Seamos Honestos

Declaración Pastoral por Su Excelencia Reverendísima John J. Myers, Arzobispo de Newark. (El original de esta Declaración Pastoral se publicó en la edición del 5 de Mayo de 2004 de The Catholic Advocate. Esta traducción al español se publicará en dos partes, la primera parte a continuación y la segunda parte en la edición del 2 de Junio próximo).

Nuestros tiempos demandan honestidad. Es posible que valoremos sinceramente nuestra herencia católica, que reverenciemos a nuestros antepasados católicos y que a pesar de ello, no tengamos la fe católica.

La fe es una determinación libre y personal, inspirada por el Espíritu Santo, por la que nos ponemos en manos del Dios vivo y de Jesucristo, Su Hijo y Señor nuestro. Si bien es intensamente personal, el acto de fe es siempre al mismo tiempo eclesial. Esto significa que el acto de fe abraza la Iglesia a la que el mismo Cristo confió Su misión. Según el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica “Quien diga ‘yo creo’ dice ‘yo me comprometo a lo que nosotros creemos’”. En otras palabras, la fe, aunque libre y personal, es también un compromiso para hacer que nuestra fe sea la fe de la Iglesia.

Es siempre una tentación el enfatizar el aspecto personal de la fe con la intención de “reducir” nuestra fe a aquellos elementos con los cuales nos sentimos cómodos en nuestra vida. Pero eso es una gran equivocación. El compromiso con la fe es un compromiso para crecer no sólo más cerca de Jesucristo sino también para continuar creciendo, a veces con interrogantes y esfuerzo, en la fe plena de la Iglesia.

Está claro en la enseñanza constante de la Iglesia, y recientemente expresado en el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, que la protección de la totalidad de la proclamación de la fe en cualquier generación, es una tarea encomendada a los obispos del mundo en comunión con el Obispo de Roma. Con la gracia del Espíritu Santo, los obispos están encargados en cada era y en cada cultura de la proclamación de la verdad del Evangelio y de mantener esa verdad en los buenos y en los malos tiempos.

El Cardenal Christoph Schonborn de Viena ha señalado que quizás las palabras más poderosas del Credo de la Iglesia son aquellas que aparecen en su principio: “Yo creo en Dios Todopoderoso, creador del Cielo y de la Tierra...” Con esas palabras reconocemos que Dios es el creador del universo y de nuestra existencia. Es en el mundo de Dios donde vivimos y es nuestra tarea el llegar a comprenderlo y respetarlo y vivir en ese mundo tal y como Dios lo quiere. Los verdaderos cristianos reconocemos que no está en nuestro poder el definir nuestra propia existencia de una manera absoluta, sino que más bien a nosotros nos toca el descubrir el ser de ese mundo que Dios nos

ha regalado, y aprender a vivir en él con alegría.

Esto también se aplica a la conciencia humana. Cada persona tiene una conciencia y debe seguirla, porque por definición la conciencia es un juicio intelectual mediante el cual decidimos lo que es correcto o incorrecto, lo que debemos hacer o no hacer. Es el juicio final entre las opciones que tenemos para escoger. Es por ello que la conciencia debe formarse con la educación y la oración y debe ser informada con las enseñanzas de Cristo. No podemos formar nuestra conciencia en un aislamiento solitario o simplemente referimos a prácticas culturales o a convicciones. La conciencia sólo puede formarse auténticamente con referencia a la verdad. Verdad y conciencia marchan una junto a la otra. El seguir una conciencia auténtica construye lo verdaderamente humano. El seguir una conciencia sin referencia a la verdad arroja al individuo y a la sociedad a la deriva en un mar de desesperación.

De estos principios resultan muchas consecuencias. Profesamos nuestra fe no como una simple formulación de palabras, sino más bien sobre las realidades que esas palabras representan. Y eso ciertamente es aplicable a los temas del aborto, la eutanasia, la clonación y otros similares que hoy en día llaman la atención del pueblo norteamericano y la opinión pública mundial. Mucho antes de que la ciencia hiciera claro que cada individuo es genéticamente nuevo y único desde la concepción, la Iglesia enseñaba que el aborto es abominable. Y ella todavía enseña lo mismo, aún frente a la tragedia de que en nuestra nación el respeto a la santidad de la vida humana se ha visto disminuido.

No hay derecho alguno más importante que el derecho a nacer y a ser criado con toda la dignidad que un ser humano merece. En esta materia de tanta gravedad, los funcionarios públicos no pueden sentirse excusados de sus deberes, especialmente si ellos se proclaman católicos. Cada católico fiel debe no sólo “oponerse personalmente” al aborto, pero también debe vivir esa oposición en sus actos. En su obra “A Man for all Seasons”, Robert Bolt pone en boca de San Thomas More estas palabras: “Yo creo que cuando un funcionario público reniega de su conciencia personal por razón de sus deberes oficiales...está llevando a su nación por un camino corto hacia el caos.” Tristemente, muy pocos siguen el ejemplo de San Thomas More. Como votantes, los católicos están bajo la obligación de evitar verse implicados ellos mismos en la aborción, que es una de las más graves injusticias. Ciertamente, hay otras injusticias que también deben ser atendidas, pero la injusticia de matar a un inocente es de las más importantes entre todas ellas.

Al mismo tiempo, yo quiero destacar que éste no es

solamente un tema de interés para los católicos, sino un asunto de moral básica de justicia y dignidad humana. Se aplica a todas las personas. Algunos justifican sus acciones diciendo que ellos deben respetar la conciencia de otros. Pero este “respeto” de la conciencia de otros no debe nunca requerir que abandonemos nuestra propia conciencia debidamente formada. La oposición consciente al aborto, enraizada en una aceptación de la santidad de la vida humana, no debe ser sacrificada simplemente porque otros, cuyas conciencias están gravemente equivocadas, decidan injustamente terminar la vida de un niño por nacer.

Ya yo he dicho esto antes, en una previa Carta Pastoral en 1990:

“Aunque todos debemos seguir nuestra conciencia, la tarea de la conciencia no es crear verdades morales, sino percibir las. Es perfectamente posible para un individuo el percibir la realidad moral de una situación en particular erróneamente. Esa persona puede ser sincera, pero está sinceramente equivocada.

“Los católicos que públicamente disienten de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia sobre el derecho a la vida de todos los niños aún no nacidos deberían reconocer que por sus acciones han escogido libremente distanciarse de lo que la Iglesia cree y enseña. También se han separado significativamente de la comunidad católica.

La Iglesia no puede forzar a esas personas a cambiar su posición, pero sí puede pedirles, y de hecho les pide, que admitan honestamente en el foro público que ellos no están en completa unión con la Iglesia.

“Quienes practiquen ese disentimiento, aún en la creencia equivocada de que es permisible, pueden seguir siendo católicos en cierto sentido, pero han abandonado la plenitud de la fe católica. Al expresar esas personas que están en “comunión” con Cristo y Su Iglesia al recibir el Sacramento de la Eucaristía, su acción no es, objetivamente, honesta.”

Declaración sobre la reciente entrega de premios en la Escuela de Derecho de Seton Hall University

Abril 19, 2004

A mediados de la Semana Santa yo fuí informado que un grupo de estudiantes de la Escuela de Derecho de Seton Hall había invitado a Sandra Day O'Connor, miembro del Tribunal Supremo y defensora de “Roe v. Wade”, para que otorgara un premio (o reconocimiento) el viernes de esa semana a la Juez Maryanne Trump Barry. Tanto la Magistrado O'Connor como la Juez Barry no han apoyado en forma alguna la campaña “Pro-life” (a favor de la vida). Yo considero esa acción profundamente ofensiva y contraria a la misión católica y a la identidad de la Escuela de Derecho de Seton Hall, de la Universidad de Seton Hall y de la Arquidiócesis de Newark.

Para quienes se sintieron escandalizados y consternados por esa acción sólo puedo decirles que yo también comparto esos sentimientos. Estoy procediendo a aclarar la situación y a procurar que no ocurra otra vez. Por

consiguiente, estoy revisando todos los aspectos de este asunto para determinar cual es la acción adecuada que debe tomarse.

Mientras tanto, yo les recomiendo a todos encarecidamente que continúen orando y actuando para cambiar mentes y corazones para poner punto final al horror del aborto en nuestra sociedad y en nuestro mundo.

Yo no cumpliría con mi deber en este tiempo de Cuaresma si no les deseara a Ustedes y a sus familias todas las bendiciones de la Pascua y les estimulara para que redoblen sus esfuerzos para orar y participar en la vida de nuestra Iglesia.

*Reverendísimo John J. Myers, Arzobispo de Newark

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Thank you. **C.D.**

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This month the first "ethnic" concert took place, with Irish Tenor Timothy Liam Smith performing selections from "Re-

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The next and last concert for the year will be presented by the OLS parish choir and *Schola Cantorium* on June 13 at 2:15 p.m., followed by Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction for Corpus Christi.

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The new Movement Group at Sacred Heart School, Bloomfield, gave its first performance earlier this month. The group was organized by Barbara Foitnopolous, a professional dance and art teacher at the school. The students participated as part of the school's annual "Visual Art Night Out" program.

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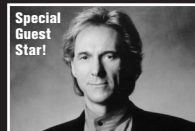
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Members of the state champion Don Bosco varsity football team admire the collage poster and envelope stamped with the day they won the championship, Dec. 9, 2003. Postal officials attended the ceremony.

Ironmen make U.S. postal history

Don Bosco Preparatory School, Ramsey, made history earlier this month when it became the first high school in the nation to have its football team honored by United States Postal Service (USPS).

Postal officials visited the school to unveil a 15x11 inch philatelic collectable item. The matted cachet envelope with a special postmark and photo collage highlights the many accomplishments of this past season's Don Bosco state champs.

Taking to the podium at ceremonies held in the gymnasium were Father John Serio, S.D.B., Principal, Ramsey Borough Council President Howard Cantor, local postal officials and Athletic Director Frank Rezzonico.

"We are glad to be able to recognize Don Bosco Prep and the accomplishments of the 'Ironmen' football team," said USPS Northern New Jersey District Post Officer Operations Manager Edward Sinning. "By honoring the football team, we are also recognizing the efforts of the entire Don Bosco Prep community including the players, students, coaches, teachers, administrators, alumni, the Touchdown Club and especially the parents who

believe in Don Bosco Prep and the excellent education their sons receive here," he added.

Until the Ironmen were honored, USPS philatelic sports mats had featured only professional teams and players.

In December the school was approached by the Ramsey postmaster about development of a collectible team photo collage poster and envelope postmarked with the day Don Bosco Prep won the state crown—Dec. 9, 2003.

Over the following eight months, the school collected photos of the players and parental approval to use them. Over 400 sports mats were printed and sold out the day after the unveiling. An additional 100 will be printed to meet the demand.

It was quite a season for the school's gridiron forces. In addition to the state championship, the Ironmen captured the Parochial Group IV Championship, were ranked the top team by the *Star-Ledger* and second in the nation in *USA Today*. And to round things out, Coach Greg Toal was named the Russell Athletic National Coach of the Year.

Pirates celebrate a super season

There were dual themes of "family" and "tradition" when the Pirate Blue Athletic Fund honored the Seton Hall University men's basketball team at its annual banquet at Mayfair Farms, West Orange.

Pirates head coach Louis Orr spoke about the team's exciting 21-10 season that included an impressive comeback victory over Arizona in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament in Raleigh, NC.

loyal supporter of the program. Tim McLoone received the O. Lawrence Keefe Award for his contribution to the program in the media and communications area.

Dave Popkin, the color commentator for Pirates basketball on WABC and ESPN Radio, was the event's emcee and recapped the highly successful season—including the great home victories against Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Rutgers.

Coach Orr presented NCAA watches to his team, and the new "NCAA 2004" banner that will hang in Walsh Gym was displayed for the fans.

Seniors Marcus Toney-El and Andre Barrett thanked the coaches, staff, players and fans for the great season. "There were ups and downs," said Toney-El. "But it was all worth it and will be something we will all remember."

"I am very proud of our team and everyone else who has helped our program."

- Coach Louis Orr

"I want to thank everyone," said Orr. "It's great to have the support of the extended family. I can't tell you how much it meant to this team to see all of our supporters in the hotel when we were in the NCAA Tournament. I am very proud of our team and everyone else who has helped our program."

Three major presentations followed along with a look back at the Pirate hoops tradition.

John Morton, who was the Pirates star in the 1989 NCAA Tournament championship game when he scored 35 points, brought back memories of that tradition and received the John D. Honey Russell Award. The award is given annually to a former Pirates basketball player, coach or staff member who truly represents the values of Seton Hall.

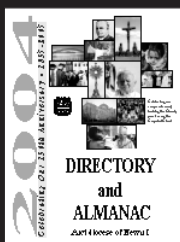
Sid McCready was the recipient of the William J. Eyres Award, presented to a

Free throw titles netted

Two students from the Archdiocese of Newark captured championship trophies in the annual New Jersey Knights of Columbus sponsored Free Throw Contest.

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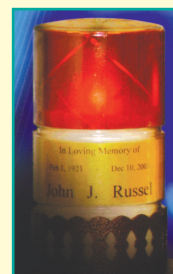
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